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TWO CRITICS OF ROBERT E. LEE.

Every man has the right to his opinion and the right to express his opinion, but he must take the consequences. Virginia papers are just now scoring Gen. Longstreet for certain strictures upon Gen. Lee which the old Confederate soldier makes in his new book "From Manassas to Appomattox."

What these criticisms are we do not know nor having seen them in print, but Gen. Longstreet is being commended for daring to assail the beloved Lee, and is charged with being prompted by motives of spite, because Lee had pointed out what he conceived to be Longstreet's defects, although he never stinted to render his under-chief-in-command honor when honor was due. Lee is said to have said shortly before his death to Governor Carroll, of Maryland, that Longstreet was a brilliant soldier when once engaged, though the hardest man to move in the army. Procrastination appears to have been Longstreet's failing, a conspicuous instance of which is said to have been his refusal to attack Meade at Gettysburg at daylight on the 24th of July. Longstreet, it is said, has never forgiven Lee, and hence could never accord the Confederate leader his dues as one of the world's greatest military chiefs.

But in strange contradiction to the aged Southern soldier is the opinion of a distinguished Northern man, Theodore Roosevelt, who has also been writing a book, "The Life of Benton." In it he pays the highest tribute to the Southern soldiers, maintaining that they were superior to the Northern soldiers, at least during the first years of the war, as the military spirit had been kept alive at the South, while at the North it had died out and a "timid bourgeoisie type of men developed, measuring everything by a mercenary standard."

At the head of this splendid Southern soldiery, Roosevelt places Robert E. Lee as the peerless commander and says: "The world has never seen better soldiers than those who followed Lee, and their leader will undoubtedly rank as, without any exaggeration, the very greatest of all great captains that the English-speaking people have brought forth; and this, although the last and chief of his antagonists may himself claim to stand as the full equal of Marlborough and Wellington."

This is indeed high praise coming from such a scholar and thinker. However much he may be disliked and criticized by his political opponents, Mr. Roosevelt will be generally admitted to be a sternly conscientious man. Therefore his opinion is the more valuable.

These opinions of Longstreet and Roosevelt regarding Lee, appearing by a coincidence at the same time, offer food for reflection. They will both, doubtless, play their part in going to make up the history of the war. It is, however, as identified by the Herald, "the wedding dress of Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt. [By permission; copyright, 1895, by James Gordon Bennett; all rights reserved]." The column and a half of "stuff" describing the rig is introduced by flaming, large-type lines of a "sore-head," thus: "Wedded in a Gown of Cream: Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt's Satin Bridal Costume Will Be That in Which She Will Be Presented to Queen Victoria: Rare Point Lace Flouncing: Arranged in Four Rows of Horizontal Trimming, Crossed by Spray of Orange Blossoms: Train in Double Box Pleats."

The dress does not appear to be strangely different from the bridal costumes that ordinary, obscure brides are wedded in every day—it has balloon sleeves and a dust-scraping train, etc. Why should it be printed, taking up a whole half page of one of the leading newspapers of the world? It does seem from this point of view to be a sad commentary on the good taste of one of the rich and aristocratic families of the county to give "permission" for such minor details of a family affair to be flashed before the world with so much display; a sad commentary on the judgment of a peerless newspaper that it can waste so great an amount of space over an event of this nature; but the saddest commentary of all that the taste of the public is so perverted that it devours with avidity column after column of such trivialities. Why should American readers rave over a petticoat and pampers and half-spooled son of a dead duke and a girl who inherited the chin that her grandfather hunted for? We do not mean to make any mean or hateful comparisons, but to us the romantic love affair and the approaching wedding of the beautiful and spirited Virginia girl, Miss Irene Langhorne, to the young New York artist, Charles Danes Gibson, who is carving out fame and fortune for himself with his pencil, is infinitely more interesting than the mercenary linking of a title and a fortune, the prosaic mating of an earl and an heiress.

RAISING AND GINNING COTTON.

The Cotton Single was before the War. Then, New-England Cotton was a Factory Laborer—Mr. Tompkins' Address at Atlanta. Friday was the last day's session at Atlanta of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association, and the Constitution, in his report of the day's proceedings says: "Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, N. C., next entertained the association with a brief, original description of the cotton in the South. In spite of foreign competition the South had a clear monopoly of the world. The spinning of raw cotton is a country where the mountains and the gulf stream. Mr. Tompkins described the various scenes on the plantation, incident to the cultivation of cotton. He gave a description of the anti-bellum plantation and the method of baling cotton. The bales were much better than those on an account of the number of laborers in the field. Now the farmers of the country as a rule were in straitened circumstances, and this explains its inferiority. He described the process of ginning cotton at the present day as contrasted with that in operation before the war. He was not able to say whether or not colored labor could be successfully used in a cotton factory. In a cotton seed oil mill, however, they could be worked to very great advantage. He would like to see the experiment tried. In speaking of Southern cotton mills he thought the South could fairly compete with the North in the manufacture of cotton yarns and believed the South could manufacture articles just as good as those of the North. He was making rapid progress and would soon eclipse the record of New England. In reply to a question, Mr. Tompkins said that he believed the negro had not been a success as an independent farmer. They were good as blacksmiths, mechanics, and as independent workers. No colored man in the South was ever thrown out of business on account of race prejudice. Mr. Tompkins said that cotton seed oil was sent to Italy to make olive oil; to Maine to make sardines and to the West to be used in the manufacture of lard. After the list of papers was exhausted a number of topical questions were discussed by the members of the association. In behalf of Charlotte, N. C., a cordial invitation was extended to the association by Mr. H. S. Chadwick, president of the Manufacturers' Club, to hold their next regular session in Charlotte, N. C. The invitation was warmly seconded by Mr. D. A. Tompkins. A resolution was adopted by the association thanking the people of the South for the many courtesies enjoyed by the association during their Southern trip. The president then declared the meeting adjourned sine die.

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FRESH ARMENIAN OUTRAGES.

A Muselman Mob, Armed With Rifles, Pillage and Burn a Village and Commit Horrible Atrocities. CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 28.—Private advices from an Armenian source, of the occurrence of a terrible massacre near Balboura, on the road between Erzerum and Trebizond. These reports allege that 500 Muselman lancers, armed with Henry-Martini rifles and supported by the Turkish inhabitants, made an unprovoked attack upon the Armenian inhabitants of several villages, and it is further alleged that a number of young men and women were burned alive in the massacre and that many were outraged and killed. After the churches had been desecrated the Muselman mob pillaged the villages and stole all the other property of value they could carry off. It is stated upon the same authority that over 150 Armenians were killed. The inhabitants of these villages had made application beforehand to the Governor of Balboura for protection against the raids of the Muselmans, but the Governor had refused to do so. It is said that the names of the ring-leaders in this outrage are known to the authorities. Later Armenian advices from Erzerum state that several hundred Armenians were killed in the recent disturbances there. The Turkish version speaks of fifty having been killed. A dispatch from Trebizond says it is reported that Turks have attacked the Armenians in the mountains of Gumush Dagh, near that city.

PLANT'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Three Trainloads of Employees Presented to the Aged Magnate's Transportation Lines. ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 28.—Three trainloads of employees of the Plant Railroad and Steamship Company, came here today to celebrate the seventy-sixth birthday of President H. B. Plant. Mr. Plant's railroads and the express companies, of which he is the head, ramify of the whole South. His railroads extend from the States of the South to the Atlantic coast, his steamship lines extend from Nova Scotia to Havana and Jamaica, and his express companies circle in the South ever since the American States. The celebration was a conspicuous figure in transportation circles in the South ever since the American States. The celebration was a conspicuous figure in transportation circles in the South ever since the American States. The celebration was a conspicuous figure in transportation circles in the South ever since the American States.

A NEGRO BURGLAR IN WASHINGTON.

He is a Sneak Thief from North Carolina, and is Held in Default of \$6,000 Bail—Mistaken From. WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—A letter received here to-day from Mr. Robert Ransom states that a negro burglar had been indisposed from a cold for several days, but would be well in a few days. There was no news of importance otherwise. A young negro named John Adams, or Joyler, who says he is from North Carolina, was before the Criminal Court here to-day on charge of burglary. He was found Saturday night at a private residence waiting under a bed to perpetrate a robbery and was arrested. It is said he is a burglar who has robbed several persons here, and that he is wanted for larceny at Greensboro. In default of \$6,000 bail, he was sent to jail. Mr. M. S. Hoover is able now to sit up awhile in bed, although weak and suffering pain, and to converse with his friends. He says he is recovering slowly and can see out of both eyes, but keeps them bandaged most of the time. Mr. William Little has returned here from the funeral of his brother at Wadesboro. Mrs. Allen, of Waynesville, is visiting her father and mother here. Arrived: G. W. Hinshaw, Winston; W. F. Trogen, North Wilkesboro; M. Patton, Gavia Dorch.

Mrs. Ellen Savage Waddell, wife of Col. A. Waddell, of Wilmington, died Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. She was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Timothy Savage, and sister of Mrs. Z. Lattimer and Mrs. Henry Savage, of New York. The funeral took place on Sunday morning from St. James' church.

NEGRO LABORER COTTON MILLS.

Mr. D. A. Tompkins Expresses an Opinion on the subject, but in reply to the talk of the Northern manufacturers in regard to colored labor he says: "It is impossible for me to come to a conclusion as to whether the colored people would make successful mill hands or not. Nobody, not even those who know and love the colored people best, has ever had the courage to try the experiment. I believe in laboring as many friends among colored people as any other average man, and yet I would not like to try the experiment of a cotton mill with colored men loaded with the full consent of all my associates or stockholders to lose money in the experiment, if it should turn out that way. Nothing, but experiment can, in my judgment, ever determine the question. In order to determine it would be well to have a number of persons to subscribe \$1,500 each for a mill to be operated by colored people until by losses it should be determined that the experiment was a failure, or by success it should be demonstrated to be practicable. This is a fair proposition and it respects the sentiment of the Southern mill men. They are perfectly willing to employ both races, but they are waiting for the question to be settled by the experiment without running too great a risk. Colonel Tompkins is one of the most liberal and enterprising manufacturers in the South, and his views are those of a conservative business man who has no prejudice to hamper him in the solution of the question. He says that much of his wheat comes from Mitchell and other near by counties. His flour is almost all on trade when service at reasonable rate. Colonel Tompkins is one of the most liberal and enterprising manufacturers in the South, and his views are those of a conservative business man who has no prejudice to hamper him in the solution of the question. He says that much of his wheat comes from Mitchell and other near by counties. His flour is almost all on trade when service at reasonable rate.

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MARTIN IN DANGER OF LYNCHING.

The Murderer of Marshal Shultz Threatened by Mob. SANDUSKY, O., Oct. 28.—Lee Martin, the murderer of Marshal Shultz, of Tiffin, is safe in the county jail here. Sheriff Shlessman, of Sandusky county, and a deputy from Seneca county. After the exciting and tragic events of Saturday night at Tiffin, it was decided to be unsafe to allow Martin to remain in the jail there, and he was taken to Fremont, being smuggled out of the jail there. After he had been jailed there a mob of 500 persons assembled and threatened to storm the jail. After consulting Judge Greene, of Fremont, Sheriff Shlessman decided to bring the prisoner to Sandusky. A number of persons had driven over to Fremont on Saturday night, and there was a mob on the platform at the depot. Martin was placed aboard an east-bound train. The mob was angry and threatened to storm the train. Martin was taken safely to Norwalk and thence to the jail here. Later in the evening about 100 militiamen arrived in box cars attached to a freight train on the Big 4 road, but upon learning that there was no disturbance here, they returned to Tiffin. The Trouble Subsidized at Sandusky. SANDUSKY, O., Oct. 28.—Adjutant General Kinley received the following message from Adjutant General Howe this morning: "The night passed without any demonstration. The guard has been withdrawn from around the court house and placed about the jail only. Court convened this morning and two of the men were killed. They were Henry Mitchell, Jr., and Christian Matz. It is not probable that there will be any further trouble, though the friends of the dead men threaten vengeance to the guards who fired upon the mob, and the dead men's friends say they will lynch Martin if they can get him."

TO AUTHORIZE A BOND ISSUE.

The Constitutional Convention is Considering the Floating of \$500,000 State Bonds at 4 1/2 Per Cent. COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 28.—When the constitutional convention re-assembled this morning, it began to run through the calendar. The article on jurisdiction was passed to a third reading, including the anti-bonding provision, but the vote whereby the article was adopted was sooner considered, and the matter was still considered when the recess came, the matter of authorizing an issue of State bonds to enable the counties of the State to do business on a cash basis. The bonds are to be floated at rates of interest not greater than 4 1/2 per cent, and cannot be sold at less than par. The counties are to pay back the amount of the bonds to the State. The issue will be for about half a million dollars.

THE TIMES REPORT UNFOUNDED.

No Truth in the Rumors Regarding the Russo-Chinese Treaty. LONDON, Oct. 28.—The Foreign Office confirms the statement made by the Graphic to-day that the recent dispatch from Hong Kong to the Times telling that the Russo-Chinese treaty in no respect resembles the actual facts and clinches this by adding that the Times dispatch is absolutely without foundation. The battleship Texas has been found too large for the Brooklyn dry dock, and it is feared no dock will be found large enough.

Highest of all Leaving Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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