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WILL CELEBRATE FOR A WEEK

Carnival of Historic Scenes Re-Enacted on the Hudson.

HUDSON AND FULTON HONORED

Characters and Scenes Presented in Week of Pageants—World's Greatest Assemblage of War Vessels.

New York, Special.—Henry Hudson, who melted from view 300 years ago into those Arctic mists from which two American discoverers have but lately returned, walked his quarter deck again Saturday, and in sea-boots and plumed hat surveyed the changes aloft and ashore that make his second visit to these shores scarcely less memorable than his first. His reincarnation—or to be strictly accurate, his impersonation, Saturday—the reproduction of his ship, the Half Moon, and their 20th century tour of seeing New York are expressions of those recurrent themes of historical contrast and instruction by pageant in which the central idea of the Hudson-Fulton celebration germinated. With New York harbor and Manhattan Island for a stage, the play opened Saturday for a week's run, and will for another week show to lesser cities and towns along the route that Hudson traveled.

Hudson and Fulton.

Fulton's name follows that of Hudson on the programme, as the reproduction of the Clermont followed the reproduction of the Half Moon on the waters of the harbor. The two little ships, once so mighty with achievement, made their rounds Saturday of the warships assembled to do them honor, with 1,000 merchant ships and pleasure craft trailing behind them in a parade 15 miles long; saluted the national and the international flags of peace; were officially received by the city and the Hudson-Fulton commission in the afternoon with the other visiting notables, and then at night repeated the course over a river white as day with the glare of the hundreds of search light from on shore and afloat, before they anchored.

On Sunday with more than three score of the picked fighting ships of eight nations, swinging at anchor in the Hudson river, sight-seers at the Hudson-Fulton celebration looked upon the most impressive assembly of foreign warships that has probably ever been seen in American waters. Riding in the river between Forty-fourth street and Spuyten Duyvil, besides the 50 vessels of the United States Atlantic fleet under Rear Admiral Seson Schroeder, the foreign navies are represented by sixteen fighting craft in all. Great Britain has four, Germany has four also, France has two, Italy has two, Mexico has one, Argentina has one and Cuba has one.

Their massive hulls tugged lazily at their anchorages represent the highest development in construction from the great shipyards on the Clyde and the best efforts of the German naval constructors.

Swift cruisers with triple expansion engines and long rakish lines like greyhounds of the ocean; massive battleships mounted from turrets to the fighting tops with batteries of the highest type, swift torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, wonderful submarines—every type of fighting ship known to the United States and eight other navies, four of them world powers, are in this impressive assembly.

The program for Monday included aeroplane flights by Wilbur Wright and Glenn H. Curtiss from Governors Island and the opening of various commemorative exhibits throughout the city.

Millennium Did Not Come.

West Duxbury, Mass., Special.—The end of the world, arranged as the finale in the strange drama enacted here during the past few days, not having occurred as scheduled, most of the actors Saturday left the theater of their activities. Hereafter they will wait in their homes, with the same implicit faith, the rendering of the last act.

Strange Electrical Phenomenon.

New York, Special.—Gripped by the mysterious "aurore" telegraph wires practically all over the world were paralyzed Saturday. From early morning until night, communication was erratic and at times cut off entirely between certain points. Old telegraph operators called it the "aurore," for brilliant northern lights usually follow such an electrical phenomenon, but instead of watching for the display, they bent their mind and energies to untangling the snarl and adjusting their instruments.

PROF. COON NOT CORRECT

Supt. Joyner Makes Correction of Statement That Caused Reproach to the State.

Raleigh, Special.—Superintendent of Education J. Y. Joyner has issued his statement in refutation of the charges of Superintendent C. L. Coon, of the Wilson public schools, made in Atlanta before the Conference for Education in the South that North Carolina was likely spending only \$402,658 on her negro schools, leaving \$26,539 of the North Carolina funds paid by negroes that did not reach their schools, his figures being based on the 1908 statistics.

In an elaborate statement Superintendent Joyner insists that negroes that year received twice as much for school maintenance as they paid into the school fund, the exact figures being \$253,979 paid in and \$460,015 expended for negro schools. Superintendent Joyner insists that Prof. Coon, who was for some time connected with the State Department of Education, erred in his estimates of the proportion of poll tax and other sources of the school fund revenue which are not designated as to race sources. Sharp and unjust criticisms of a number of Northern papers elicited Mr. Joyner's statement.

Pardoned But Retaken.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Kitchin has had William Lawder, of Morganton, whom he pardoned in April, arrested, and the prisoner must show cause why his pardon should not be revoked, or he will resume his term. Lawder was convicted at the March term, 1908, of Burke Superior Court, of selling spirituous liquor without license, and sentenced to jail in three cases for terms aggregating eighteen months. On April 10, 1909, Governor Kitchin granted him a pardon on condition that he remain law abiding and of good behavior. It has since been made to appear to the Governor by affidavits and otherwise, that he has repeatedly violated the conditions of his pardon by being convicted and fined for selling liquor without license. The Governor has, therefore, issued a warrant for his arrest and will thoroughly investigate the matter. Final action will be taken when the facts are fully ascertained.

Ground to Death By Train.

Wake Forest, Special.—Until 5 o'clock Sunday morning the body of Luther Henson, a white man, about 30 years of age, who was probably killed by a Seaboard train between 2 and 5 o'clock, lay beside the railroad track within a half mile of the station awaiting the arrival of Coroner Separk from Raleigh, who after investigating stated that as the man was killed within the corporate limits that it was not within his jurisdiction. However, he stated, it was apparent that he was killed by a train. Intoxication seems responsible for the tragedy.

Awarded \$17,000 Damages.

Asheville, Special.—The jury in the Superior Court Friday afternoon in the case of T. E. Curtis, administrator, against the Southern Railway, returned a verdict finding for the plaintiff and awarding damages in the sum of \$17,000. The suit grew out of the killing at Ridd, October 17, 1907, of B. Allen Bryant, who six weeks before the accident was married here to Miss Marie Curtis. The defendant appealed and hope for a new trial on a part of Judge Adams' charge to the jury.

Cursed the Magistrate.

Wilson, Special.—Arthur Barnes, a sewing machine agent, was summoned before Magistrate A. T. Barnes, Saturday afternoon at Lucama to show why he should not pay balance due on a horse and buggy he had purchased. During the trial the young man cursed the magistrate, whereupon he was fined ten dollars and committed to the Wilson jail for five days for contempt.

Defrauds Cotton Brokers.

Raleigh, Special.—A young white man perpetrated a fraud on Barbee & Co., cotton brokers, here Thursday afternoon, through which the brokers lost \$600. He sold one bale of cotton to Barbee & Co., which was sent to the official weigher, whose certificate the young man proceeded to raise from one to eleven bales, thereby making a statement call for \$656.

Woman Given 15 Years.

Lenoir, Special.—At the Watauga Superior Court in session last week at Boone, a white man by the name of Bill Baldwin was convicted of murder in the first degree, for killing Policeman Miller at Blowing Rock, the 6th day of last July. At last reports no sentence has been passed, but the matter will be taken to the Supreme Court.

Jane Bennette, who killed a young man by the name of Farthing with a hoe, was also tried and found guilty of manslaughter. She was sentenced to serve 15 years in the penitentiary.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

The Invitation Extended.

Charlotte, Special.—The interdenominational committee appointed to secure for Charlotte the Laymen's Missionary Convention for the State of North Carolina met at the Young Men's Christian Association Monday night and decided to tender an enthusiastic invitation for the great gathering. It was reported that the required \$1,500 necessary to secure the convention had been pledged by the various churches. An executive committee was appointed to arrange all details and do such preliminary work as is deemed necessary, consisting of Messrs. S. S. McNeill, chairman; Howard A. Banks, secretary; H. H. Peasley, representing the Episcopalians; J. A. Durham, the Baptists; J. H. Ross, the Associate Reformed Presbyterians; J. D. Barrier, the Lutherans; Dr. A. J. Crowell, the Presbyterians, and Mr. J. B. Ivey the directors of the Y. M. C. A.

Innocent Man a Victim.

Lenoir, Special.—Charlie Pendergrass, a young man of the Valmead suburb, was probably fatally cut there Sunday night by Joe Helms, an employe of the Moore cotton mill. A boy named Keller knocked at Helms' door, saying that he wanted to talk with Helms' girl. As there had been some trouble before, Helms' wife ordered the caller away, and as he was leaving the house he fell over a stump and was overtaken by Helms with a knife. Mrs. Helms cried out not to hurt the boy, as he was not the one. Simultaneously Pendergrass was passing and Helms turned on him with the knife, disemboweling him by a wound 12 inches long. Helms is in jail here awaiting the outcome. Pendergrass was an innocent passerby and great indignation has been aroused over the matter.

African Cure For Pellagra.

Durham, Special.—J. S. Orcoerde-Terry, a native African, graduate of Cambridge, Eng., and medical missionary studying here, declares in a newspaper article that the natives of Africa cure 90 per cent of pellagra by herbivorous treatment, and he gives the formula. The doctors have taken his suggestion and are working upon some of the Durham cases to see what efficiency there is in the remedy. Terry says the doctors cure 65 per cent of the African cases, while the natives have still better luck. The African says he has followed the best British doctors into the afflicted homes in his country and that they have not regarded the disease as one of great danger.

Can't Collect Damages.

Raleigh, Special.—A unique legal point has been decided by the Supreme Court in the case of Godette vs. Gaskill from Craven county. Mr. Jesse P. Godette brought suit against S. B. Gaskill for damages, alleging that in a former suit by Mr. Godette against one Bowen, S. B. Gaskill had been a witness for Bowen and because of his false testimony, Mr. Godette had lost his suit. He therefore brought suit against Gaskill to make him pay what he had failed to recover in his suit against Bowen. The trial judge held that Godette was not entitled to any damages against Gaskill and ordered a judgment of non-suit. The court held that Gaskill could be prosecuted for perjury only.

A Case of Pellagra in Buncombe.

Asheville, Special.—What is regarded by the medical profession as a well-defined case of pellagra has been found at Gorman's Bridge near this city. The patient is William Sharpe, an old man who lives the life of a hermit. A local physician stated that the case was unmistakable.

Ninth Death From Pellagra.

Charlotte, Special.—The ninth death from pellagra since the prevalence of the disease in this community was announced, occurred Thursday, the victim being Ella Boyce, colored. The woman was 20 years old. All the cardinal symptoms noted in previous cases were present. There are now six cases under treatment in Charlotte.

Tower Gives Way—Two Linemen Hurt.

Lexington, Special.—While stringing wires on the Southern Power Company's tower Monday afternoon a support gave way under two men and they fell to the ground. Lineman Osby, of Harrisburg, sustained a fracture of the wrist and was otherwise hurt; Lineman P. A. Daily, of Columbia, was slightly hurt but malked to the camp. Osby was brought here. His hurts are not considered dangerous. The men belong to Fishers' gang of workmen.

RACING SWINDLERS INDICTED

Victims in Eighteen States Lost \$500,000.

Sheriff, Police Chief and Prosecuting Attorney Got \$75 a Week, Said Letter to Chief of Band.

Council Bluffs, Iowa.—James C. Maybray and eighty-four associates were indicted by the United States Grand Jury for the Southern District of Iowa on a charge of conspiring to defraud through the use of the United States mails. With the exception of Maybray and three or four others, none of those indicted was in custody. It was stated that the list includes many persons known in criminal annals in all parts of the country, and that nearly every name is followed by from one to four aliases. Each of these alleged confederates, it is charged, had a number, which is given as one of the aliases credited to the defendant.

Although specific amounts are not mentioned in the indictments, it is authoritatively stated that the amounts lost by the alleged victims of Maybray and others named will exceed half a million dollars. The sums lost run from \$1500 to \$30,000, the latter sum having been placed on a fake horse race, according to the evidence at hand, by a Missouri banker. Victims in eighteen States, the Territory of Alaska, and the Dominion of Canada are named in the indictment, indicating the wide range of territory over which Maybray and his associates are alleged to have plied their vocation.

As a basis of operation they used, according to the indictment, the cities of Council Bluffs, Davenport and Burlington, Iowa; St. Louis, Little Rock, Seattle, Denver and New Orleans, to which places, it is alleged, victims were taken by the numerous "steerers."

In setting out the specific instances in which violations of the postal laws are charged, the indictment includes copies of many sensational letters said to have been exchanged between Maybray and his associates, which refer to alleged "deals," and name various sums of money as having changed hands as a result of the operations of those mentioned in the indictment.

One letter is from Polk City, Iowa. It is signed by B. R. Marts, and incloses \$1000 "to apply as forfeit money on our deal pending." A letter from Samuel Suter, of Cass Lake, Minn., says: "I have made my check on the bank up there for \$5000."

In a letter written a few days later the same man informs the person who received mail from postoffice box 4, which was Maybray's box, that the location referred to is only twenty minutes' ride from the heart of New York City, and that the "fixing" could be done for \$75 a week, "which will cover everything, that is, the Sheriff, the Chief and the Prosecuting Attorney."

KILL NEGRO AFTER CHASE.

Texas Posse Rounds Up Murderers After a Six-Day Chase.

Houston, Tex.—A man hunt here, which lasted six days, has ended in the apprehension of the fugitives. Sheriff Gibson, of Brazoria County, and his posse of six picked men surrounded a thicket near Sandy Point in which Steve Hayes and Charles Delaney, negroes, were hiding, and dashed in to seize them. Hayes was shot dead while firing on the posse. Delaney threw down his gun, surrendered and was rushed here to escape being lynched. Hayes had murdered Armour Morrison; Delaney had killed Tut Hardin. Hayes, Delaney and a negro named Cooper overpowered Jailer Barbee in the Angleton jail, locked him in Delaney's cell and escaped. Cooper is still at large. In the course of the long chase the posse killed two negroes.

RASMUSSEN SAILS NORTH.

He is to Cross-Examine the Eskimos Who Were With Dr. Cook. Copenhagen, Denmark.—The steamer Hans Egede, on which Dr. Cook returned to civilization, started for Greenland. She will return in November with Kund Rasmussen, who is to cross-examine Dr. Cook's Eskimos. The authorities of the Copenhagen University have directed Dr. Pechule and Ellis Stromgen, professor of astronomy, to examine Dr. Cook's observations and records. Minister Egan will go to the United States in November for his vacation.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Colonel George Harvey's collarbone was broken in an automobile accident at Manahawkin, N. J.

Y. Uchida, Japanese Ambassador to Austria, is to succeed Baron Takahira at Washington, D. C.

Justice William J. Gaynor was nominated for Mayor of New York City by the Municipal Democracy.

Prince and Princess Kuni of Japan were the guests of Dr. Takamine at Merrilwood Park, Sullivan County, New York.

Professor Baldwin, of Johns Hopkins University, has resigned to take practical charge of Mexico's educational system.

Dr. J. G. Schurman, returning from abroad, asserted that England and America were far behind Germany in scientific research.

Wu Ting-fang was a guest of honor at a dinner in New York City to Chas. R. Crane on the eve of his departure as Minister to China.

John Bigelow sent a letter to the Hudson-Fulton Commission protesting against the celebration and refusing to lend his support to it.

Dr. Norman Hansen, a prominent Danish physician, says that Dr. Cook told him that Commander Peary took forcible possession of his (Dr. Cook's) house and supplies at Annotok.

Senator Dewey said that he would leave Europe for New York in time to take part in the mayoralty campaign, and denied a report that he would make his home in California.

Bliss Perry, author of "Walt Whitman," "The Amateur Spirit," and editor of the Atlantic Monthly, sailed from New York City to serve as American lecturer for the year 1909-10 at the Sorbonne and the Provincial Universities of France.

Gold Found in Carolina.

Hickory, Special.—Placer deposits of gold, which promise rich returns, were discovered in Catawba County, near here, on what is known as the Abels farm. On hearing that gold was being dug up on the place Messrs. Campbell and Stroup, who recently purchased the farm, made investigation, panning out the gravel of a tiny stream which traverses the place. Twenty tiny nuggets of pure metal were found in a short time.

Killed By Train.

Roxboro, Special.—Mr. John Woody son of Mrs. John F. Woody, who for several years past has been living here, was killed at Mayberry, W. Va., Sunday. He was en route to Coaldale, where he held a position. He was fixing to board a freight when he was run over by a freight which came up behind him unnoticed. The remains were interred at Bethel Hill, his old home.

Pellagra in Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The first genuine case of pellagra that has appeared in Forsyth county was discovered here Tuesday. The victim is a negro woman and is an inmate of the county home. She has been examined by several physicians and her condition pronounced very critical and all agree in the diagnosis of pellagra.

The estimate now is that 3,000 persons lost their lives in the great Mexican floods.

FEMININE NEWS NOTES.

Grace Van Studdiford, an actress, sued her husband for divorce.

Six towns and cities of Colorado have elected women as treasurers.

Mary Elizabeth Crochran was found dead in her Staten Island home.

Miss Kate Cary's coaching parade at Lenox, Mass., was declared a success.

Bessie J. Starr was non-suited in an action against W. L. Albee, a wealthy Buffalo man.

Miss Meredith, daughter of George Meredith, has demonstrated in England her ability to lead a municipal orchestra.

Dr. Mary Wolfe, superintendent of the State Hospital at Norris'own, Pa., has under her supervision more than 800 patients.

Mrs. Nelson Morris, widow of the wealthy banker of Chicago, died at Fontainebleau, France, from an automobile accident.

Miss Gertrude L. Sawyer has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Free Baptist churches at New Portland and East New Portland, Me.

The National Association of Retail Milliners, meeting in Chicago, said women ought to throw away the peach basket and other freak hats.

Mrs. Florence Forbes, of New Decatur, Ala., one of the foremost poultry breeders of the South, was elected vice-president of the Tri-State Fair Association.

Professor Frances Spire Potter, whose paper read before the Buffalo convention for equal suffrage attracted much attention, is the mother of four children.

Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Equal Franchise League, called on Mrs. Belmont at the new suffrage headquarters, in New York City, and the union between the former rival factions was formally ratified.

FAMILIAR SCENES.

"Yes; I'm just back from Europe."

"Did you see any towns abroad that reminded you of home?"

"Oh, yes. In Venice everything was flooded, and in Pompeii the streets were all dug up."—Washington Herald.



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