



Illustrated with scenes from the author's own travels in the mountains of the West.

Natives and Missionary. We made several short stops on our journey and arrived early in the morning at beautiful and picturesque Samba Falls, which as the river was nearly at flood height, looked very imposing, nestling as it does amongst the mountains. Soon everything was bustle at the big Evelyn town which covers both sides of the river and mounts up on each side of you as if it were perched on rocks and dangerous looking crags.

Miss Hasken took great pleasure in visiting the natives and soon made friends with them. In her visits to the various parts of this mountain town she was generally followed by an admiring throng of youngsters and women and she took great delight in knowing their reasons for having so many wooden idols some of which are quite large and grotesque whilst some of them are even hideous and specter like. I would explain what they were and she would always smile when I told her they were there to ward off evil spirits diseases and ill luck of all kinds.

In fact these people are about the most superstitious race you could meet and were all advocates of voodooism in its worst forms. Once in a while a human skull would be placed near a house as a fend off for witches which were generally supposed to be women.

Their White Sister. After she had visited the villages, she produced her drawing material and made some splendid sketches of the winding river and the lofty



Armed only with crude clubs, the little party fought its way out of the savage clutches of the blacks.

hills beyond and she presented me with one which I sent to England. These were the first sketches of this most dangerous country and were highly valued by all who saw them. They were charcoal sketches in black and white. The witch doctors were very much disturbed as they often asked me what was the white lady doing. This I explained to them but I could see they were very dubious.

Miss Hasken also made a short trip above the falls and told me that some day this would make a grand spot for a mission station but in reality it was such a stronghold of witchcraft that it was then about the most dangerous spot she could have thought of in Africa. She was,

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he waved us adieu and went off on his expedition. His fleet of large canoes, which were all flat-bottomed were well manned by Okandas and Okotas and followed the north bank of the river and these people are great singers and kept beautiful time and melody and this sweet savage music we could hear till they disappeared as it was carried seaward by the light river breeze. This expedition was the means of adding a very large country to France.

Plans For Revenge. Sinclair and I now argued the feasibility of following him up and establishing trading outposts in the best localities, this I agreed to do. I made several more trips to the sea and always contrived to meet Nina. She was more than willing to be carried off, by force if necessary as the poor lass longed for freedom and had begun to realize her position. She had studied English in her spare time and could write fairly well, but I was careful to put nothing in them which might disagree with her captors, should any letter miscarry and fall into their hands.

But she always told me to watch myself as the Black Encomi would take any chance to kill me, as they were determined to get even with me for opening the river up and especially for the fight I had won, and although they might not dare to attack me openly to always beware. If anything happened whilst I was away she would always let me know if possible.

I asked her if there was any likelihood of my being attacked from the Jish house or in the village but to this she answered no she did not think so as I was always too well armed, and they feared the more than they loved me, and especially the witch doctors who always were glad of my enormous presents to them, and they all said I was not really a bad man but was naturally fond of fighting. She said they really had thought I would leave the ship to save myself and they even had agreed to let me go free if they captured me. My resistance was a great surprise to them and especially as they had so many killed. (To be continued.)

Belwood Section Events Of Week

Mrs. Martha Ann Couch Dies At Age 70 Years. Mr. Wellmon Is Better. Personals.

(Special To The Star.) Belwood, May 22.—Mrs. Martha Ann Couch, born Feb. 25, 1861, died May 4, age 70 years, 3 months, 9 days. She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined the Cool Springs Baptist church. Later, when the church was organized she moved her membership to Pleasant Hill church. She was a faithful member until death. Her husband, James Couch, preceded her to the grave eight years ago. She is survived by her two sons, Mr. Zero Couch of Belwood and Mr. Hugh Couch of Wilkie county, 9 grand children and a host of friends. Mrs. Couch lived a quiet, simple life but to know her was to love her.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dorgan Greene has been quite sick for sometime but is improving.

Miss Madeline Porter spent Wednesday night with Miss Mae Willis.

Misses Annie Richards and Effie Wellmon spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Wright of Beams Mill.

Mr. Pink Wellmon, who has been in the Lincoln hospital for some time is slowly improving.

Misses Mary Lou and Estelene Boggs of Statesville and Miss Mabel Warlick spent the week with Misses Ethel and Lillie White.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Willis and children and Mr. Mack Willis of Lincoln spent Sunday afternoon with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Willis.

Mrs. Walter Chapman visited Mrs. Roscoe Peeler Monday afternoon.

Misses Hazel and Annie Richards spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Richards of Fallston.

Misses Ruth and Vera Hartman and Pansy Queen visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warlick of Lawndale last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Sam Starnes spent a few days last week with her mother in Rock Hill, S. C.

Miss Katie Merrel Richard is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Allen Murray at Beams Mill.

Mrs. Clarence Warlick of Vale spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. B. C. Turner and Mr. Turner.

Messrs. Roy Goodman, S. A. Peeler, Roy and Eliza Dayberry spent Saturday in Bridgewater fishing.

Mr. Joe Short spent last week with his daughter Mrs. Will Hyder and Mr. Hyder of Bessemer City.

Miss Vera Hartman spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Raymond Warlick of Lawndale.

Mr. Franklin Richards is spending some time with his sister, Mrs. Loyd Guess of Vale.

Mrs. Dewey Devine of Fallston visited Mrs. Dorgan Green Friday afternoon.

Cherokee County Hard Hit By Hail Storm

Plan Relief Organization To Help Farmers In Stricken Area.

Gaffney Ledger. Cutting a swath more than half a mile in width, a hail, rain and wind storm swept destruction across the lower section of Cherokee county from the Wallace Thompson mill on Thickety creek to beyond the home of D. B. Hughes, a distance of some eight miles, about 11 o'clock Tuesday night. Crops, gardens and growing vegetation of all kinds were either wiped out or severely damaged. Numbers of out-houses and a few barns were destroyed. Window panes in many residences were smashed out, and the roofs of numbers of dwellings were badly damaged.

Hail stones were piled knee deep in drifts at many points throughout the area yesterday, it was reported by persons who visited the scene.

Two mules in the barn of Mr. Hughes were so badly hurt that at least one will have to be killed to put it out of misery, it was reported yesterday. The barn was completely destroyed, and Mr. Hughes' home was damaged to such extent that the family had to take refuge in one room.

The destruction appeared to be of greater proportions than that inflicted last summer by a hail storm which swept over part of the same section.

Upon news of the size of the disaster reaching Gaffney yesterday several suggestions were advanced for helping the people in the stricken territory.

Hall Inspects Area. Hon. W. S. Hall, prominent local attorney, made a tour of the hail storm section yesterday morning. Upon returning to Gaffney he described conditions he observed as follows:

"The destructive storm of wind, rain and hail of Tuesday night left ruin in its wake from the Wallace Thompson mill on Thickety creek as far down as the home of D. B. Hughes. On many farms hardly a vestige of crops remain. Grain crops were beaten into the ground, while corn and cotton were obliterated entirely. Gardens were destroyed, orchards injured and lands washed away by the terrific rainfall.

"People in this section have suffered a real misfortune, and will need assistance. Now is a fitting opportunity for real charity and a practical religion to prove their value.

"I have given five dollars to one family and subscribe ten dollars more to aid these people in their distress.

"I suggest that the following persons collect information and distribute funds collected among those who have suffered loss: J. C. Garner, Walter Webster, A. S. Goude-lock and D. B. Hughes.

"I am sure The Ledger will gladly receive donations and turn them over to the committee."

Meeting This Afternoon. Dr. H. L. Frieze, city health officer, after hearing Mr. Hall talk about the conditions he observed, yesterday suggested that a general meeting be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of forming an active local relief organization.

He suggested that farmers and landowners who have completed planting volunteer the use of their machinery, stock, and workmen to go into the stricken territory immediately to replant the destroyed crops. If time is taken to attempt to get government or other relief, the season will be too far advanced for replanting, he pointed out. Dr. Frieze said he has five planters, a number of workmen, and about 60 bushels of cotton seed he will give to the cause himself.

Dr. Frieze asked that all who will participate in such a movement, and the farmers of the stricken area meet together at the old court house at 2 o'clock to make arrangements for immediate action.

Local Farmer Out To Get Big Yields

Vance Royster, one of Cleveland county's best known farmers, is laying his plans to produce his usual high yields of cotton and corn. He was in my office on May 14th to purchase his supply of Chilean nitrate of soda.

Mr. Royster, who has been farming for 25 years, says that the use of good fertilizer is one of the best ways to keep down the cost of crop production. As the acre yields increase the cost of a pound of cotton or a bushel of corn is invariably reduced. He has found that soils in this community are low in nitrogen and as a result he has obtained outstanding increases from the use of quick-acting nitrogen. He has used Chilean nitrate since 1908.

Mr. Royster has 125 acres under cultivation. This year he will plant 75 acres of cotton and 50 acres of corn. Better get yours too. C. C. FALLS, Dealer. adv.

Again a Bride



Helen Twelvetrees, screen actress (above), who recently secured a divorce from Clark Twelvetrees, has become the bride of Frank Woody, Hollywood realtor. She said her second voyage on the matrimonial bark does not mean that she will abandon her career in motion pictures.

Plenty of Democrats are trying to take away Mr. Raskob's leadership, but still no one threatens to relieve him of the party debt.—Washington Post.

Upper Cleveland News Of Interest

(Special To The Star.) Casar, R-1, May 22.—Farmers are not working their crops quite so much at present due to the recent gully washing rains. Lightning struck near Lee's Chapel Wednesday, but no damage done.

Large crowds attended memorial services held at Zion Sunday and at Lee's Chapel in the afternoon.

Mr. Clayton had a wreck with his truck Monday near Bolin Gap but did not damage it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hunt and son Clem attended memorial services at Palm Tree Sunday.

Mr. A. W. and John Whisnant went on a fishing trip to First Broad river Tuesday and caught about twenty fish.

Mrs. Eliza Weaver of Lawndale R. F. D. visited her son Mr. Vernon Weaver Friday and Saturday.

Miss Daphne Hunt attended prayer meeting at Risgah Sunday night.

Mrs. Zero Mull visited her daughter Mrs. Onsey Hoyle of Casar on Tuesday night.

Among those calling at the home of C. W. Self Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Dayberry of Shelby and Mr. Jim Brackett of Henrietta.

Misses Jessie Pearl and Winnie Whisnant spent Wednesday afternoon with Lucille and Nina Self.

Mrs. Myrtle Whisnant motored to Dr. J. F. Whisnant's at Henrietta Monday to have dental work done.

Mrs. A. C. Brackett of Casar spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Dull Whisnant.

Mrs. Alice Morris of near Casar has been spending some time with her mother Mrs. W. K. Hunt.

Miss Mattie Blankenship spent the week end with Leola and Mary D. Price.

Mrs. Lonnie Price spent the week end with her sister Mrs. Zona Blankenship of Golden Valley section.

Mrs. Renna Bradshaw of Casar spent Wednesday with her sister Mrs. Zero Mull.

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