

THE FORT MILL TIMES.

Established 1891.

FORT MILL, S. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1922.

\$1.50 Per Year.

THE CITY OF GOLD.

Story of Magic Rise of Johannesburg, South Africa.

"Johannesburg is among cities the 'stormy petrel' of South Africa, just as truly as it is the 'city of gold,'" says a bulletin issued by the National Geographic society in regard to the region in which striking miners and revolutionists were recently opposed by the infantry, cavalry, tanks and airplane of the South African government.

"The city was born of the great gold discovery known to the modern world," continues the bulletin, "and rose to the stature of a city in the space of a few years practically 'on the diggings.' It is almost on the crest of 'the Rand,' the 50 mile ridge of gold-bearing conglomerate from which the world's greatest stream of gold has flown since 1906, when production passed that of all North America.

"Before the World war the annual recovery of gold from the Rand reached 175 million dollars and by 1920 the output had again climbed to 138 millions, an amount which represented roughly half of the entire world production in that year. In 1921 the peak so far attained was reached when gold valued at 200 million dollars was taken from the Rand.

"Johannesburg is situated midway the Rand, with a number of suburbs strung out on the slopes of the Ridge. Much of the tremendous wealth that has come out of the reef has flowed abroad, a fact, incidentally, which is responsible for much of the bitterness among the white miners and the Boer farmers. But some of the millionaires and sub-millionaires have spent lavishly in the country, and these expenditures, as well as the millions spent in operation, have enriched Johannesburg. Excepting three cities near the Mediterranean, which may be considered as belonging to a separate civilization, Johannesburg is the metropolis of Africa. It has a population of more than 250,000, of which 150,000 are white.

"It is a city of many substantial buildings, some of them of many stories, resembling more nearly American structures than those of Europe. Wide asphalted streets, theaters, luxurious clubs, and the finest hotel south of the equator are other features that go to make Johannesburg an up-to-date city. In the suburbs are many fine residences, and the country club will compare favorably with similar institutions of any of the six continents.

"But despite its opulence, Johannesburg still has some of the earmarks of a mining camp. In the sumptuous clubs booted prospectors are to be seen side by side with carefully maneuvered financiers. The iron-roofed shack of the early days has not entirely disappeared; gambling halls and grog shops can be found with ease by miners in the city to spend their earnings in the traditional way of the mining camp. Nor is the city, for all its public improvements and architecture, entirely a 20th century white man's community. More than 100,000 African natives live within its limits. Motor cars predominate in the traffic, but the heavy Boer wagon, has not entirely been thrust out of the picture.

"Turbulence has been the lot of Johannesburg since its birth in 1885, and many of its problems have pivoted around the mine owners and laborers. The Boer war really grew out of the discovery of gold on the Rand and the influx of thousands of Englishmen. The illstarred raid of Jameson was directed against Johannesburg, and at the same time the city was seized from within by the British mine operatives. Just before the outbreak of the World war there was an uprising of the white miners around Johannesburg similar to the recent one, but the difficulties were patched up because of the greater conflict.

"The obtaining of labor for the Rand mines has always been a problem of considerable proportions. With the mines working at capacity something over 250,

"CLEAN UP WEEK."

Town Offers Boys and Girls Cash Prizes for 'Trash Piles.'

Boys and girls of Fort Mill are in position not only to earn cash prizes offered by the town for taking part in the general 'Clean Up Week' campaign announced a few days ago by A. C. Lytle, mayor, but will also have the satisfaction of aiding materially in the promotion of the health and cleanliness of the community by responding to the following proclamation of the mayor:

"For the protection and preservation of the health of the community in general, and for the sake of the sightly appearance of the streets and premises of the citizens, I have designated the week beginning Monday, April 17, as 'Clean Up Week,' and urge upon all citizens their hearty cooperation in the work of making Fort Mill a clean town.

"Citizens are urged to collect all unsightly trash and garbage on their premises and place it near the street in order that the town's wagons may remove it. The wagons will begin to remove such trash on Monday following 'Clean Up Week,' April 24.

"Prizes will be given to boys and girls collecting the largest piles of trash as follows:

"First principal prize for town, \$5; second principal prize for town, \$2.50; Ward 1 prize, \$2.50; Ward 2 prize, \$2.50; Ward 3 prize, \$2.50; Ward 4 prize, \$2.50.

"I have appointed the following committee to inspect the piles of trash collected and award the prizes: Mrs. A. O. Jones, F. M. Maek, Mrs. J. L. Spratt, Miss Minnie Garrison, N. L. Carothers."

Not Strong for de Valera.

Pat Rogers, native Irishman, who has made his home in Fort Mill for many years, says a little of de Valera, leader of the south Ireland forces opposing the free state government, goes a long way with him. Pat says he thinks the best thing for Ireland to do is to accept the leadership of Michael Collins, whom he regards a good man, and that the country should be satisfied for the present with the concessions recently made her by England. It would be a fine piece of work for Ireland, Pat added, if somebody bumped off de Valera.

War Medal for Dozier.

According to the Rock Hill Herald, the Portuguese government has awarded a war cross to Maj. J. C. Dozier, along with a diploma containing the citation of the war department. The presentation was to have been made at Fort McPherson recently, but Maj. Dozier was unable to attend. The medal and diploma were therefore mailed to him in Rock Hill.

Maj. Dozier was awarded the American congressional medal of honor for conspicuous service he rendered in France while a member of the Fort Mill company.

The Rev. J. C. McMullen Dead.

Many of the older citizens of Fort Mill learned with regret a few days ago of the death of the Rev. John Calvin McMullen, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Winona, Miss. Mr. McMullen was a brother of the late Mrs. A. R. Banks and was a frequent visitor to Fort Mill about 40 years ago while he was pastor of a church in Chester county. He is survived by a number of children, three of whom, two daughters and a son, are missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian church in China.

000 workers are needed. The local negroes preferred work on the farms and among the livestock of the Boers. White men in sufficient numbers could not be obtained, nor could the owners afford to pay exclusively white men's wages. At one time 50,000 Chinese coolies were imported, but their presence caused much trouble and in 1910 the last of them had been sent back home. In recent years tens of thousands of negroes from Portuguese East Africa have been brought in to supplement the local negroes that could be induced to work and the 25,000 more or less skilled white workers."

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Items of General Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

With the exception of the Helen all the cotton mills of Rock Hill are now running on full day time, it was stated Saturday, and the indications were they would be able to keep the pace indefinitely.

At the cooperative marketing meeting in the court house Friday Dr. J. B. Johnson made graceful acknowledgement of the broad liberality that was exhibited by the York county banks in agreeing to put up the money that enabled the pushing of the cooperative marketing work in the county and his statement was received with applause.

J. R. Rector, white man, who has been in jail for some time past charged with disposing of mortgaged property, abandoning his wife, carrying a pistol and violation of the compulsory school attendance law, was released last week when a brother who lives in Gastonia, N. C., came to his aid. Rector paid \$100 fine in disposing of the mortgaged property case, \$20 in the pistol case, \$10 in the violation of the compulsory attendance law matter and gave bond to support his wife.

People of Tirzah plan to hold another large agricultural picnic in Oates' grove this summer and they plan to have something on a much larger scale than they had last summer. Receipts from the picnic were more than sufficient to pay all expenses and it is understood that there is still some money in the treasury of the picnic association. Hon. J. Skottowe Wannamaker of St. Matthews, president of the American Cotton association, has written that he hopes the people will decide to hold the agricultural rally this summer as usual and that he hopes to be present.

Request that the South Carolina tax commission reduce real estate values in York county 20 per cent in the assessment for 1922 is made by J. T. Crawford of McConellsville, chairman of the York county board of equalization, in a letter to the State tax commission in Columbia. The request to the commission follows a resolution passed by the county board last Friday when the members of the board were unanimously in favor of such a reduction. (In his letter the chairman of the county board points out that while a good many of the counties will make reductions themselves the York county board decided to leave the matter up to the State commission.)

Dr. Hayden of the State board of health inspected the children in the white and colored schools of Yorkville for vaccination. It was said that Dr. Hayden found a number of children in the 10th and 11th grades of the white school who had not been vaccinated and about 100 children in the negro school. An inspection of the school at the Cannon mill showed that all children there were vaccinated. Dr. Hayden told the school authorities that he would give them until Monday to have all children vaccinated. He insisted that town council pass a special ordinance requiring vaccination of all school children, and this the council proceeded to do, although the rules of the local board of health already provided for vaccination.

Although 50 working days' time has already been lost on the Boyd's Ferry bridge project on the Catawba river between York and Mecklenburg counties because of the unfavorable weather conditions, employees of the Hardaway Construction company, in charge of the undertaking, are quite confident that it will be completed within the 150 days' working time which remains for them. They admit, however, that it is largely a matter of how the river behaves. Five times already has the stream overflowed the banks and filled up the great shafts being sunk in order to provide a foundation for the mighty piers that are to be the main support of the 1,300 foot bridge. Several times it has been necessary to take several feet of river mud and debris out of those shafts with great suction pumps.

OLD FORT SUMTER.

Famous Civil War Fortification Now Lighthouse Station.

Yesterday, April 12, was the 61st anniversary of that day when in the early morning hours in a small room in Montgomery, Ala., an operator flashed a message the disastrous consequences of which were felt around the world. It was an order from President Jefferson Davis of the Southern Confederacy to Gen. Beauregard, in command of the Confederate forces at Charleston, to fire upon Fort Sumter.

The decision to fire upon Fort Sumter came after the refusal of the Washington government to withdraw the troops stationed there, under the command of Maj. Anderson. At daybreak of April 12, 1861, from a battery stationed on James island was fired the shot that ushered in the four years of strife of brother against brother. So well was the shot aimed that it burst directly above the fort, but did little harm. For two hours the shelling of the fort continued, the fire of the battery at Fort Moultrie across the mouth of the harbor from Sumter having joined that of the battery on James island; but through all this time there had come no response from Sumter. Maj. Anderson afterwards stated that he was saving his ammunition.

At exactly 7 o'clock Sumter began firing and kept it up during the entire day, the shots alternately directed upon the James island battery and that of Fort Moultrie. The engagement is said to have been the first of its kind on record of two forts so near together battling with each other.

In the city of Charleston the excitement was intense and along the waterfront crowds were gathered anxiously watching the conflict. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon word came that no one was even hurt. No battle ever so fiercely waged ever had such harmless results so far as life was concerned. Old Fort Sumter is now a lighthouse station.

Baseball Team Organized.

A baseball team to represent Fort Mill this season was organized a few nights ago with Alfred O. Jones as manager. A. C. Lytle, G. W. McKenzie, S. R. Cook, D. P. Brown and T. N. Reeves compose the finance committee of the club. As yet no games have been arranged for the team, as it was found necessary to do considerable work on the grounds, thereby delaying the opening of the season. New uniforms for the players have arrived and it is expected that the team will not only make a natty appearance when it goes on the diamond for its first contest, but that it will furnish lovers of the game the same grade of high class amateur ball to which they have been accustomed for several years.

Faces Serious Charge.

Walter Reid, negro track worker for the Southern railway, was bound over to court a few days ago by Magistrate J. R. Haile to answer to an indictment charging him with assault and battery with intent to kill. He is charged with shooting a negro girl on the farm of Dr. T. S. Kirkpatrick, a few miles from town. Reid ran away following the shooting, but was arrested by officers in Charlotte, N. C., who held him for the Fort Mill authorities.

Bryan Not Senate Candidate.

In a statement issued in Miami, Fla., Tuesday William Jennings Bryan announced finally that he would not be a candidate for the United States senate from Florida, saying that at his age he could not turn from the "enjoyable" work of fighting for Democratic principles and policies as a comonomer to "personal politics."

Boll Weevil Bulletin.

Congressman W. F. Stevenson writes The Times from Washington that he has for distribution among the farmers of this section a number of copies of farmers' bulletin No. 1262, "The Boll Weevil Problem," which can be had by writing him. The bulletin is said to contain much valuable information on the subject.

HAPPY OVER RASCALITY.

Young Man Steals From Negro Woman and Leaves Whistling.

"Let me tell you how a smart young rascal beat an old negro woman out of \$2.50 in Fort Mill some years ago," yesterday said a citizen of the town to The Times. "The young fellow came here from Georgia, he said, in search of work. It did not take him long to find a job and a boarding house and in a few days he employed an old negro woman to do his washing. At the end of the week she brought in his clothes and he pretended to be so well pleased with the quality of the work that he agreed to give the old woman \$2.50 if she could change a \$5 bill. She got together the \$2.50 in change, most of it in quarters and dimes, and handed it to the apparently generous young man. He then gave her a \$5 Confederate note, which she accepted with many thanks, not knowing that it was worthless. The young man tucked the bundle of clothes under his arm and the last seen of him in Fort Mill was a few minutes later when he passed out of sight going toward the North Carolina line whistling. "He seemed happy over having beaten the old woman out of the \$2.50 and the worth of her work; but in addition to that he had conveniently forgot to pay his board bill.

"Later in the evening the family with whom he had been staying discovered that he had stolen from the home three smoothing irons, a rooster and a washtub, which inquiry developed had been sold to a negro woman in the neighborhood for 65 cents. The smoothing irons were recovered by the owner, but the woman had eaten the rooster and had accidentally knocked the bottom out of the washtub. I have often wondered what penitentiary finally became the permanent residence of that young rascal."

Plenty of Civil Business.

There is very little doing these days on the criminal side of Magistrate J. R. Haile's court, but he has numerous civil cases to be attended to, according to a statement he was heard to make yesterday. Recently he has served attachment papers on a number of persons who were attempting to move their household goods out of the State and he finds much other civil business to be transacted for merchants and farmers of the community.

Lost Fine Cow.

Frank Shaw, farmer, who lives on the place of Senator S. E. Bales in Lancaster county, three miles from Fort Mill, had the misfortune to lose Sunday afternoon a fine cow which fell into a branch and was drowned in less than six inches of water. The cow fell headforemost into the little stream, the banks of which were steep and about four feet high, and was unable to get out.

Death of Baby.

Janie Lee, year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Archie of Pineville, N. C., died at the Archie home Thursday, April 6, following a week's illness. The little body was brought to Fort Mill and after services conducted at the home of Mrs. Bettie Archie by the Rev. J. W. H. Dyches, was interred Friday afternoon in the city cemetery.

Democrats to Meet.

The various Democratic clubs of York county will meet Saturday, April 29, to reorganize for the campaign this year. New club officers will be elected, along with delegates to the county convention and each club will select a member of the county executive committee. The present officers of the Fort Mill club are Frederick Nims, Jr., president, and J. R. Haile, secretary and treasurer.

Doctors Meet in Rock Hill.

Rock Hill is preparing to entertain the annual session of the South Carolina Medical association which meets in that city on Tuesday evening, April 18, and lasts for three days. Between 300 and 400 physicians are expected to attend the meeting.

TAKES CASE TO COURT.

A. M. Cohen to Seek Redress for Being Shot by Officers.

A. M. Cohen was able to return to his home in Fort Mill Sunday after spending two weeks at a Rock Hill hospital as a result of a wound he received in his right leg Sunday morning, March 23, when he was shot by a party of officers, in charge of Sheriff Fred E. Quinn, who were in the upper section of Fort Mill township in wait for a liquor automobile they expected to pass that way en route to Fort Mill and Rock Hill from Charlotte, N. C. Mr. Cohen was returning to Fort Mill from Gastonia, N. C., in his car and refused to stop when the officers hailed him. Then the shot which struck him in the leg was fired. He is able to get about only on crutches and yesterday said he thought it would be some time before he would be able to use his leg.

According to a statement Mr. Cohen made to The Times Wednesday afternoon, it is his intention to bring both criminal and civil actions against the officers who were in the sheriff's party at the time he was shot and also to enter suit for damages against the county. He said he had engaged Judge Mendel L. Smith to represent him in the prosecutions and that he expected to swear out warrants in a few days, probably next week, for the arrest of each of the officers, charging assault and battery with intent to kill. The officers composing the sheriff's party were: Sheriff Fred E. Quinn, Magistrate Black of York township, State Constable Horace Johnson, Police Officer V. D. Potts of Fort Mill and Magistrate's Constable J. H. Patterson of Fort Mill.

Interested in Fort Mill Road.

Chester autoists and the public in general will be glad when that stretch of road in Fort Mill township, York county, from Catawba river to the North Carolina line is placed in first class condition, says the Chester News. Parties being en route to Charlotte always take the "quivers" when they see a cloud because they well know that if a rain catches them between Pineville and Fort Mill that it means serious trouble. Last week during the heavy storm it is said that a score or more of automobiles got stuck between Fort Mill and Pineville. If this stretch of something like ten miles was in good condition no one would have any fear of a trip to Charlotte in a rain or immediately following one.

Check Written by Cox.

A check drawn by James M. Cox, former governor of Ohio and Democratic nominee for the presidency in 1920, proved an object of interest to many Fort Mill people at the First National bank. The check was drawn in favor of the Southern railway and was for \$57.75. It was sent to the Fort Mill bank for collection by F. E. Ardrey, ticket agent for the Southern at Aiken, and is supposed to have been in payment for passenger transportation for Governor Cox and his family from Aiken to their home in Dayton, Ohio.

Cantata at Methodist Church.

The congregation of St. John's Methodist church is anticipating with much pleasure the Easter cantata to be given by the choir Sunday evening at 7:30. An invitation is extended the public to be present for the exercises, which will be the most elaborate yet undertaken at St. John's in celebration of Easter.

The Fort Mill colored graded school, of which E. L. Avery was principal, closed Wednesday evening for the summer months. The session ended with public exercises which began Sunday.

One nice thing about bobbed hair is that there are no rats in it. Another trouble about trying to run down a lie is that sometimes it turns out to be true. The man who lets the hypocrites keep him out of church may wake up some day to find himself in a place where everybody is a hypocrite.