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TALE OF HOROR.

Men and Women Beaten on Certain Islands.

HORRIBLE PICTURE

By Gen. Plenaer, Who Says He Has Seen Children Beaten Until Their Blood Covered the Ground Around Cocoa Plantations. Plea to Portuguese Government to Have It Stopped.

At Washington a vivid description of atrocities alleged to be perpetrated upon slave laborers on cocoa plantations on the Islands of Principe and Saint Thome, Portuguese West Africa, was given in an address on "Children's Lives in Africa," by Gen. Joubert Plenaer, of South Africa, of the international congress on the welfare of the child under the auspices of the National Mother's Congress.

"The atrocities I have witnessed in Portuguese West Africa have taken such a hold upon me," declared Gen. Plenaer, "that I cut myself loose from all my business and leaving my family thousands of miles away, I have consecrated my life to the freeing of the men and women that are daily being done to death and the little children that I have seen beaten until the blood flowed to the ground."

The speaker said that he had formed an association with the intention of petitioning the Portuguese government on behalf of the slaves to establish missionary settlements to civilize and Christianize them and to act as a guard over the slave trade and to report the atrocities to the association.

"This seems to me," he said, "the only effective way of putting a stop to this iniquity." He asked for the support of the Mother's Congress in his mission of humanity.

After stating that "the cruelties meted out to those degraded human beings on the mainland were beyond description," General Plenaer continued: "children are torn from the breasts of mothers and sold as slaves. Slaves in the employ of their task masters are beaten to death, men and women and children are mutilated. Often a native has been done to death he is quartered and the different portions of his body are hung on the trees to terrorize the other natives."

ANOTHER SENATOR DEAD.

Senator Bryan of Florida Passes Away in Washington.

United States Senator Wm. James Bryan, of Florida, died at Providence Hospital in Washington Sunday morning of typhoid fever. It was only seventy-three days since he took his seat as the successor of the late Senator Stephen R. Mallory, who died December 23, and thirty-three days of that time was spent in his fight against disease.

In Mr. Bryan the Senate loses the seventh member by death since the adjournment of the 59th Congress on March 4 a year ago. They were the two late Senators from Alabama, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Pettus; Mr. Mallory, of Florida; Mr. Lattimer, of South Carolina; Mr. Proctor, of Vermont; Mr. Whyte, of Maryland, and Mr. Bryan. Curiously enough, the last two were the oldest and the youngest members of the body. Mr. Whyte was 84 years old and Mr. Bryan less than 32.

ASSISTANT OBSERVERS WANTED

Weather Bureau Service Offers Opportunity to Young Men.

An opportunity is offered young men to become assistant observers in the United States Weather bureau through the civil service, as examinations will be held by the civil service commission on April 15th, proximo, at the following places in South Carolina on that day: Charleston, Columbia and Greenville.

The position pays \$750 with the prospect of rapid promotion after the probationary period of six months has ended. Application for information in relation to the examinations, and for admission to the same, should be addressed to the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Robber Injured.

A dispatch from Asheville to The State says in an effort to make a quick "get away," after he had broken into and robbed the Arden post-office, William Miller, a young man from South Carolina, attempted to board a moving freight train, but fell beneath the wheels. One foot was cut off and he is otherwise badly injured.

THEY ARE NEEDED.

SOUTH CAROLINIANS BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Delegations from Columbia, Orangeburg and Sumter Present Claims of Their Towns.

The Washington correspondent of The News and Courier says Columbia, Orangeburg and Sumter, through their representatives, had a hearing Thursday before a sub-committee on buildings and grounds with reference to securing Federal appropriations for public buildings in those places. These delegations were composed of the following: From Sumter, R. I. Manning, Marion Moise, Geo. D. Shore, E. T. Reardon, Dr. J. A. Mood and W. H. Seal; from Columbia, B. F. Taylor, Geo. D. Huggins, Willie Jones, Dr. Cain, F. H. Hyatt, Micah Jenkins and T. B. Stackhouse; from Orangeburg Mayor J. W. H. Dukes, R. H. Jennings, J. W. Rowman and A. D. Webster. These gentlemen were met upon arrival at Washington by Representative Lever and showed every possible attention.

At 10.30 o'clock the hearing began. While the arguments put forth by the different speakers were in the main the same, they differed in a few particulars. Messrs. Manning, Moise and Shore, who spoke in behalf of Sumter, called attention to the fact that their town was the best in the State, which statement was at once challenged by Columbia and Orangeburg. They said all they wanted was for the members of the committee who had this matter in hand to go there and they would see that their town was entitled to better post-office quarters than it now enjoyed.

For Orangeburg Messrs. Bowman and Webster called attention to the rapid growth of their town, and said that from a hamlet with practically no business to speak of a few years ago, it had grown in the last ten years to a place of such importance that the Government should be ashamed of its present postoffice building. Every phase of Orangeburg's commercial life was touched upon. Postmaster Webster concluded his remarks by stating that at the present time Orangeburg was transacting its postal business in a building 21 by 54 feet, and that the commercial interests of the town and the people demanded better facilities.

For Columbia there appeared B. F. Taylor, Postmaster Huggins and Major Micah Jenkins. They told at some length the story of Columbia's rise from the ashes of war and her commercial importance of the present time. F. H. Hyatt told the committee that Columbia was like the little boy who had outgrown his pants, he ought to have a new pair, or if he couldn't have a new pair his old ones ought to be patched. That, he said, was the condition in Columbia with respect to the postoffice building.

The members of the committee asked numbers of questions and seemed interested in the information given them. It is probable that Mr. Lever will have a delegation visit South Carolina some time during the present session of Congress to take a look at the places wanting Federal aid, and he will endeavor to convince them that Columbia ought to have \$500,000 with which to enlarge her present building; Sumter \$40,000 for enlarging hers; and Orangeburg \$100,000 with which to build one there.

THREE HUNDRED PERISH

In the Sinking of the Japanese Steamship, Hide Yoshi.

A dispatch from London dated March 23 gives details from Tokio, describing the sinking of the Japanese steamship Matsu Maru, which was rammed by the steamship Hide Yoshi off Todohokao, stating that more than 240 passengers and the crew of 43 perished. The captain of the Batsu Haru, as well as the crew, did everything in their power to prevent the panic, but failed. They stuck to their posts and went down with the ship.

NEGRO CHILDREN BURNED

Three Pickaninnies Perish in a Fire Near Walhalla.

Three negro children perished in the flames when the house of Elth Davis, a colored man living near Walhalla, was burned Thursday night. Four children alone in the house were playing with a torch near a sack of seed cotton, which caught fire, igniting their clothing. Though the door stood open the three youngest children were too freighted to escape.

SEN. TILLMAN SICK

HAS BEEN QUITE ILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

But His Physicians Do Not Fear Anything Immediately Serious From Present Attack.

The State says it was reported from Trenton, S. C., Saturday that Senator B. R. Tillman is quite a sick man. It is said that he is not in an alarming condition, but that he will not be able to return to his duties for some time. Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the State Hospital for the insane, who went down to Trenton to see Senator Tillman, came back Saturday night and gave out the following statement:

"Senator Tillman was taken seriously ill Thursday night. He spoke Monday in Washington and after two days at Clemson College he went to his home at Trenton, complaining of the heat. That night he had an attack, evidently due to heat work, and the unusual heat, which produced nervous trouble similar to that from which he suffered three years ago when he consulted eminent specialists in Philadelphia, who did not find any signs of organic disease. After a short rest the senator was soon at his post again.

"In the present attack the old symptoms of numbness and tingling of the left side have returned, but they are lessening in the last 24 hours. His physicians, Drs. Hunter and Babcock, are agreed that there are now no indications of organic trouble, and are hopeful that after a few days' rest the senator may be well enough to return to his duties in Washington."

Senator Tillman Better.

It was stated Sunday night by Senator Tillman's physician at Trenton, Dr. T. J. Hunter, that senator Tillman had passed a good day, resting well Saturday night and retaining his nourishment Sunday, and in his hope that he will be all right within the next few days. Dr. Babcock, of Columbia, who went over to see the Senator, returned to the city Saturday afternoon and had heard nothing from him Sunday.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Present Members Will Be Reappointed by Gov. Ansel.

Gov. Ansel Saturday announced at the meeting of the State board of education that he would reappoint all of the present members of this board for the term of four years. There has been considerable speculation on the probable appointments.

Prof. W. K. Tate of the Charleston schools, representing the First Congressional district.

Mr. H. C. Rice, a member of the Aiken bar, of the Second district.

Prof. D. W. Daniel of Clemson college, representing the Third district.

Prof. A. G. Rembert, Wofford College, for the Fourth district.

Prof. A. R. Banks, superintendent of the Lancaster schools, representing the Fifth district. Col. Banks has been a member of the board under two governors and was a member of the staff of two other governors.

Mr. W. J. Montgomery, member of the Myrtle bar, representing the Sixth district. Mr. Montgomery is the retiring president of the State Bankers' association.

Prof. A. J. Thackston of the Orangeburg schools for the Seventh district.

Gov. Ansel is chairman of the board and Superintendent O. B. Martin is the secretary.

SHOOTING OF JUDGE BUCHANAN

Fatal Bullet Accidentally Fired by One of Two Boys.

A dispatch from Edgefield says it is now certain that the ball that killed Ex-Judge Buchanan came from a rifle in the hands of one of two boys who were hunting, and it is authoritatively stated that the shooting was entirely accidental. While the boys are known, the informant of the correspondent of The News and Courier at Ward's refused to give names, nor have they, so far as is known here, been made public or any confession or statement made as to their unfortunate, though not criminal, connection with the sad affair. No official investigation has been made.

Legally Hanged.

At La Grange, Ga., Ingram Canady, a negro assailant, was hanged in the jail yard Friday afternoon at 1:16 o'clock. Canady was convicted at the last November term of court of criminally assaulting Mrs. Rosa Jones.

THE COTTON CROP

FOR LAST YEAR GOES OVER ELEVEN MILLION BALES.

The Census Report Issued by the Department of Agriculture Gives the Total Figures.

The census report issued Friday shows that the cotton crop grown in 1907 aggregated 11,261,163 running bales, counting round as half bales and including linters, and showed a total of 27,577 active ginneries for 1907. This is against 15,305,265 bales in 1906, and 10,725,602 in 1905.

The statistics include 177,646 bales returned as remaining to be ginned after the term of the March canvass. The total number of running bales as given is equivalent to 11,302,872 of 500 pounds each.

The average gross weight of the bales for 1907 is 501.8 pounds. The linters for the crop of 1907 are 10,798,596 square bales; 198,549 round bales; 86,793 sea island bales; 198,549 round bales; 86,793 sea island bales; linters 276,500 bales.

The number of running bales by States follows: Alabama 1,126,028; Arkansas 760,162; Florida 57,616; Georgia 1,891,900; Kansas 34; Kentucky 4,205; Louisiana 676,823; Mississippi 1,464,207; Missouri 35,997; New Mexico 447; North Carolina 648,517; Oklahoma 864,106; South Carolina 1,175,375; Tennessee 274,536; Texas 2,271,724; Virginia 9,486; Kentucky's total includes linters of establishments in Illinois and Virginia.

The linters included 276,500 bales for 1907, 322,064 for 1906 and 230,497 for 1905. Round bales are 198,549 for 1907, 268,219 for 1906, and 279,828 for 1905. Sea island bales are 86,893 for 1907, 57,550 for 1906, 112,539 for 1905.

Average gross weight of the bales for 1907, including linters as given, is against 501.9 for 1906, that of the round bales is 246.1 pounds for 1907 compared with 245.1 for 1906, and the sea island 391.6 pounds for 1907, compared with 387.2 for 1906.

Watson's Close Estimate.

The State says when the government estimate on the cotton crop for 1907 came in the estimate made in November by Commissioner Watson's department was compared with the figures issued from Washington and it was found that there was a difference of only 13,498 bales in the figures on the South Carolina crop and 109,957 on the entire crop of the United States.

COMMITTS SUICIDE.

A Columbian Takes Poison and Then Stabs Himself.

Ahol H. Miller, a representative of the P. S. Royster Guano company, Norfolk, Va., committed suicide at the Hillboro hotel, Tampa, Fla., Friday morning, taking about 100 grains of morphine and later stabbing himself three times near the heart with a six-inch pearl-handled dagger.

Miller left two letters, one to his wife at Camden, S. C., his home, and another to P. E. Black of the Prairie People Phosphate company at Mulberry, Fla. In the letter to his wife Miller stated that he had no cause for the suicide, but felt an uncontrollable impulse which he could not conquer.

The letter to Black related to business matters. Miller had been at Tampa two weeks, stopping at the Tampa Bay hotel.

Before going to Tampa he spent three weeks at the Prairie People Phosphate plant in the interest of his employers.

Killed on Railway.

A dispatch to The State says Miss Deila Davega received a dispatch Wednesday morning announcing the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. E. Chavasse, from being struck by a passing train at Lexington, Ky. Miss Davega left at once to attend the funeral. Mrs. Chavasse was Miss Mary Davega, a native of this city, and sister of the late Dr. S. M. Davega.

Shot Wife and Self.

Mad with love for another woman, determined to sever the bonds that bound him to a woman he did not love, George Willoughby, prominent in business and church circles at Milwaukee, Wis., shot his wife dead Friday morning, and twice wounded himself.

Jumped Five Stories.

At New York Mrs. Sarah Scherry, a dependent widow, killed herself by diving from the front window of her fifth-story apartment at 64 East 103rd Street into a crowd of women on the sidewalk, most of them who had children in arms or in baby carriages.

HEAVY DAMAGES

GIVEN MOTHER AND LITTLE SON WHO WERE

Badly Burned by Coming in Contact With a Live Wire on the Streets of Florence.

A dispatch from Florence to The News and Courier says the biggest verdicts ever awarded by a Florence County jury were recorded Thursday in the cases of Mrs. Maude Laughlin and her little son, Lawrence Laughlin, both of whom were horribly burned by an electric wire in Florence last August, against the Florence Electric Light and Power Company and the Southern Public Service Corporation. Mrs. Laughlin, who asked \$50,000 damages, was awarded \$17,000, and Lawrence Laughlin, whose suit was for \$25,000 damages, obtained a verdict for \$8,000.

Judge Dantzier promptly overruled a motion for a new trial, as he had previously overruled a motion for a non-suit, based on the ground that it had not been proven that the Southern Public Corporation was in any way connected with the Florence Light and Power Company. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court. This was one of the biggest cases ever tried in the Court of Common Pleas in this county.

Mrs. Laughlin is the wife of Mr. George W. Laughlin of Florence. The injuries for which she has been awarded damages were received on the 19th of last August, while she was trying to rescue little Lawrence her only son, who had become entangled in the street near the corner of Ravenel and Cheever streets. Both mother and son were so badly injured that it became necessary to amputate Mrs. Laughlin's right hand and right foot, and the larger portion of Lawrence's right hand.

MOB LYNCHES TWO MEN.

Florida Farmers Shoot Two Alleged Murderers to Death.

At Perry, Fla., between one and two o'clock Friday morning a mob of armed citizens surrounded the county jail and took Richard Smith and Will McMullen, both charged with murder, from the jail carrying them quietly to a secluded spot on the outskirts of the town, where they were securely tied to a post and their bodies riddled with bullets.

The bodies were found early next morning by the authorities. Smith was charged with the murder of a white man a few days ago and McMullen was awaiting trial for the murder of another negro. McMullen was a desperate character, and a few days ago overpowered the jailer, making his escape. He was recaptured by Marshal Hawkins.

The citizens of Perry are of the opinion that the mob was formed of farmers of the surrounding country. No further trouble is feared.

TWO ELEPHANTS AT LARGE

Escape from Circus in Florida and Make for Georgia.

Chief of Police Dampier, of Valdosta, Ga., received a telegram from the Van Amberg Shows, at White Springs, Fla., stating that two of their elephants had escaped and were headed for Valdosta, where the circus wintered.

Later reports which have reached here say the elephants have been surrounded five miles from Geona, Fla., by a cove of farmers with guns, and that the big animals were fired upon, the shots only infuriating them and causing them to dash away.

Three or four trainers from the circus are hurrying to the scene to try and capture them. Telegrams from White Springs say the people in the country through that section are almost terrorized and are organizing in great numbers for a big elephant hunt.

TWO MEN SHOT.

Community Excited Over Wounding of Young Men.

An unknown negro shot and fatally wounded Baxter and Rufus Burns at Burns, Miss., late Friday. Both are relatives of United States Senator McLaurin of Mississippi. Gov. Neel has sent bloodhounds from the Rankin county convict farm in pursuit. The vicinity is greatly excited and a large posse is reported assisting in the search of the culprit. The cause of the shooting has not been ascertained.

Fatal Explosion.

The boiler at the saw mill of G. W. Moore at Homeland, Ga., blew up Friday morning, killing Mr. Moore, the proprietor, instantly, and seriously scalding three other men. Mr. Moore was one of the wealthiest men in that section of the State.

FIGHT A DUEL.

Gen. Fock Mortally Wounds Gen. Smirnoff at Close Range.

PISTOLS WERE USED.

Smirnoff Reflected Upon Brother Officer's Qualities in Memorandum

on Seige of Port Arthur. Duel Takes Place in Regimental Riding School in St. Petersburg in the Presence of Men and Women.

At St. Petersburg, Russia, Lieutenant General Smirnoff was probably fatally wounded in a duel fought Wednesday morning with Lieut. Gen. Fock.

The men were in the riding school of the Chevalier Guard regiment and fought with pistols, standing close to each other when the shots were exchanged.

The duel was caused by a memorandum written by Gen. Smirnoff on the seige of Port Arthur, in which he questioned the courage of Gen. Fock.

The latter considered that his honor and reputation was involved and challenged the author of the memorandum.

The duel, occurred with the full knowledge and approbation of the military authorities. It was witnessed by several officers of high rank, and it is even reported that several women were present.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Gens. Fock and Smirnoff appeared at the riding school. Without saluting they took the places assigned by their seconds.

The duelists were instructed to fire until one or the other was hit. At Fock's fourth shot Smirnoff groaned and sank wounded in the abdomen above the hip.

The word "fire" was given by Gen. Kirsief, the Russian authority on duelling.

At the third exchange Smirnoff accidentally fired prematurely, but Fock magnanimously declined to shoot at a defenceless opponent, and the fourth and final shots were then exchanged.

The duel will be followed by another between Fock and Gen. Gorbatoffsky who was criticised by Fock during the court-martial proceedings.

Gen. Smirnoff was acting commandant of the Port Arthur fortress during the seige and at the time of its surrender to the Japanese. After his return to Russia he prepared a secret report of the defense of Port Arthur which was the basis of the indictments on which Gen. Stossel, Gen. Fock and Gen. Reiss were tried for their lives before court martial.

DROPS DEAD.

While Looking at the Corpse of a Drowned Baby.

In Dunklin Township, in Greenville County, three miles from Greenville, the 1-year-old child of Joe Sayles, colored, fell into a tub which had left it alone to go into the house and when she returned it was dead.

The news quickly spread through the neighborhood and a number of people gathered at the house, among them Joe Jordan, the 18-year-old son of Mr. J. B. Jordan. He walked up to the tub, in which the child had been drowned, looked at it and dropped dead.

Mr. Jordan says his son had a narrow escape from drowning in the same manner when a child. The boy had a weak heart and it is supposed that the recollection of his narrow escape when a child and the horror of the negro child's death caused a shock to his system which resulted in his death.

RAN AWAY FROM SCHOOL.

Young Boy Killed While Riding Underneath Express Car.

Young Dean, the son of a prominent citizen of Langley, was killed Tuesday afternoon on the electric car line between Langley and Warrenville, near Aiken. It seems that he slipped off or ran away from school and got on the Augusta-Aiken express car. It is supposed that he either fell off or was shaken off, falling on the track and was then run over by the car. The men on the express car, it is said, did not know anything about the matter and the boy remained on the track until the car bound for Aiken came up a little later. The affair is a very deplorable one.

Ten Were Injured.

Ten persons were injured, none seriously, in a trolley car accident at Philadelphia yesterday.