

Worse Than the Stockades.

The Philadelphia Ledger denies that the convict labor system of the South is a revival of slavery, but admits that the proportions to which the evil has grown as shown in recent disclosures are so great as to give some excuse for describing it as the new slavery.

Is that not an extravagant statement? Is it true that the proportions of the evil have grown? Have the recent disclosures shown anything, as a matter of fact, except that at one point in Alabama a number of colored men have been outrageously treated? Has there not been a vast improvement in the treatment of convicts in the Southern States in the last few years, and has not this improvement been made altogether by the white people of the South upon their own initiative?

About twenty years ago the system of farming out negroes in South Carolina, and the horrible cruelties occasionally practiced upon them resulted in a reformation of the system and its practical abolition. The hardships imposed upon the negroes in Alabama, which are now exciting so much sympathy throughout the country, are altogether exceptional, and the Philadelphia Ledger ought to know this. But outrageous as the treatment of these people has been, and however barbarous the so-called peonage system in Alabama, there are hundreds of thousands of witnesses who might be called in from the mines and sweat shops of the North and East who would testify that compared with the hell in which they live the stockades and convict camps of the South must be Paradise. Here and there, now and then, a strong voice speaking from the Northern stage or through the Northern press will be heard condemning the horrible cruelties practiced upon the defenseless white women and children of the Northern States, but the clergy, the capitalists, the large majority of the newspapers and an army of political economists in that section keep their mouths shut and their tongues still while the massacre of the working people goes on day after day to satisfy the greed of their highly Christianized employers. The sins of the South are black enough, but by comparison they are as white as wool.—News and Courier.

Test for Drink Habit.

Half a score of clerks in one of the largest brokerage houses in New York were astounded one morning last week when, one by one, they were called into their employer's private office and asked to hold up their feet and show the shanks of their shoes. They thought the "old man" had gone quite mad. Each young man as he entered the office was told to sit down and put his foot up on a corner of the desk where it could be examined. Then the head of the house put on his glasses and very carefully scrutinized the shank of the shoe.

When all had been put through this examination he called the entire force of clerks into his office and explained to them why this unusual examination had been made.

"You are well aware," said he "that I will not employ a drinking man in my office if I know it. For some time I have had good reasons for believing that several of the young men before me have been indulging quite too much. Now I know it. Here are the marks of the bar rail on the bottoms of your shoes."

Several of the young men braced themselves against the wall and lifted their feet as a blacksmith lifts the foot of a horse. Sure enough, there were the glazed, metallic marks on the dry leather. They were the evidences of guilt and the young men's faces showed it.

"It's unmistakable proof," said the head of the house. "You can fix up your breath at the drug store and the barber can clean up your eyes and face, but you neglect the shanks of your shoes."

That afternoon three young men cleaned out their desks and gave the keys to the managing clerk.—New York Herald.

"There was a time when I thought I would rather be in hell than be a minister," said the Rev. William B. Bodine to the students of the University of Pennsylvania last Friday, according to a report in the Philadelphia North American. Dr. Bodine was one of the speakers at the farewell chapel service, the last routine meeting of the students body for the year. Preceding the sentence given above he said: "I believe some of you are called to be engineers, some to be physicians, some to be lawyers, and perhaps some to be ministers. 'Now, boys, don't shy at becoming ministers.' Service was the theme of Dr. Bodine's talk. He gave some timely illustrations and caused frequent laughter with his apt stories.

Keokuk, Iowa, June 2.—Six hundred square miles of rich farming land along the Mississippi, south of here, is under water. The Egyptian levee broke during the night in two places and there are now more than twenty breaks in it. A strip of country ten miles wide and sixty miles long is now under water, and the crops, which never looked better, will be a total loss. Much of the land overflowed has not been flooded for thirty-three years. The loss will reach \$1,000,000.

Under the advice of his physicians Senator Hanna is going abroad to "take a rest." A man who has been doing the double back scumault act as Hanna has been lately needs a rest.

Action that will, undoubtedly, excite considerable comment in this country, as well as in Europe, has just been taken by the War Department. It consists in making a contract with the Erhardt company of Dusseldorf, Germany, for the manufacture of fifty modern field guns, carriages and limbers for the United States army, in accordance with designs and drawings supplied by the United States ordnance department. The contract call for the delivery of these guns within seven months.

New York, June 2.—Women led an attack today by striking members of the Rockmen's and Excavators' Union on workmen on a new building on Avenue B during which one policeman was badly hurt and scores of the strikers and workmen were clubbed by the police reserves. Knives were used by the rioters and the women threw stones and bricks at the workmen and the police. Eight arrests were made.

LIFE-TERM PRISONER PARDONED.

Was Sentenced to Life for Stealing Cotton Under an Old Law.

The happiest man in South Carolina today perhaps is Cato Gadsden, formerly a colored citizen of Beaufort county, but who since 1880 has been a convict in the penitentiary. He was sentenced for stealing \$35 or \$40 worth of cotton seed. He stole them at a time when the law was different from what it now is, and as the crime came under the class of burglary and the house where seed were stored adjoined a dwelling, Cato got the extreme penalty. It turns out that generally he had been a quiet, law-abiding negro, but somehow yielded to temptation and stole. His conduct has been good in the penitentiary. Today a delegation came to see the governor in behalf of the negro. They gave him a good character generally, and as he had served four or five times the term he would have served had the crime been committed later, the governor decided to pardon him.—Columbia Record.

LAST HOURS OF PAUL DU CHAILLU.

His Remains Will be Brought to This Country This Month.

The remains of Paul Belloni Du Chailu, the African explorer and author, who died at St. Petersburg April 30, will arrive in New York about June 10, and arrangements to receive them are being perfected. Details of his last hours and death are given in a letter from W. R. Holloway, the American consul general there, to Henry R. Hoyt of this city, who was Du Chailu's trustee under the will of Chief Justice Charles P. Daly, and who is his executor.

Du Chailu, who had been ailing and had suffered greatly, had boarded for two years at the Hotel de France, at St. Petersburg, and was breakfasting in his restaurant at 10 a. m., April 30, when two gentlemen near him saw him take up a newspaper and heard him exclaim:

"I can't see. There must be something the matter."

In attempting to rise he exhibited signs of feebleness, and when taken to a hall outside the restaurant he staggered. He was aided to reach a business office and physicians were summoned, as well as a close personal friend, a brother of the great Russian military painter, Vassili Verestchagin. Recognizing him, Du Chailu said: "I am dying," and was taken to his room. He had then failed so that he was unable to talk except incoherently.

He remained in this condition until 6 p. m., under the care of the physician, M. Verestchagin, and the M. M. Ronault, sons of the proprietor of the hotel, when the United States ambassador, Mr. McCormick, called. DuChailu recognized him as he entered the room and tried vainly to remove his right hand from under the bed clothing. While the ambassador was there the Rev. Alexander Francis, pastor of the Congregational British-American church, came, and after a consultation it was decided to remove the patient to the Alexander hospital. M. Verestchagin accompanied him there. Death came at 11 p. m.

Consul Holloway took possession of the explorer's effects, and after consulting our ambassador, notified Assistant Secretary of State Loomis at Washington, suggesting conferences as to the disposition of the remains, and received in reply the cable message: "Have the remains embalmed, placed in a vault and await instructions."

Ambassador McCormick received a cable message from New York from Charles Robinson Smith, as DuChailu's nearest friend, asking that the body be sent to his home, 34 West Sixty-ninth street, for burial, and another of the same character from John Anderson publisher of the Scandinavian, Chicago. Another offer of sepulture came of a conference between M. Verestchagin and Senator P. P. Semenov, president of the Imperial Geographical Society who offered interment in the Novo-Dievitchy cemetery, which is reserved for eminent literary men. This was accepted conditionally.

An autopsy was performed, and after the body had been embalmed Pastor Francis held service in the hospital chapel. It was attended by the American ambassador and his staff, Consul General Holloway, about forty of the leading American residents of St. Petersburg, M. Verestchagin, and other prominent Russians. The coffin was then placed in the mortuary chapel of the British-American church to await removal to New York.—N. W. Post.

Ground to Death by a Train.

Camden, June 3.—Just as the south-bound through freight on the Seaboard pulled out from the passenger station in Camden today a horrible accident occurred. Mr. G. B. Allen, a flagman of the train, attempted to get on board as the train was moving when he missed his footing and got caught under the train, and was terribly mangled and death was instantaneous. Both legs were ground off and his body fearfully mangled. Allen was about 30 years of age. His home was in Raleigh, N. C., where his remains will be sent tonight.

Queer North Carolina Law.

Raleigh, N. C., June 3.—The six men, J. B. Piver, W. H. Rich, Gilbert Ward, John Allen, W. W. Barnes and George Whitley, imprisoned in Wilson jail and indicted for the murder of T. Percy Jones, an Arkansas insurance agent, with five others previously allowed bail at \$1,000 each, were today granted bail in the sum of five thousand dollars each.

Judge Brown says in his decision that the purpose shown in breaking into Jones's room was not to murder, but to drive him from Wilson, an unlawful act. In such a case, where murder ensues, he holds that, though a conspiracy has been entered into, yet under the laws of North Carolina it is murder in the second degree, and this is liable.

Chicago holds the record as the great divorce city of this country, the number of divorces almost equalling the marriages. But Kansas City, Mo., is chasing it pretty hard.

THE GAINESVILLE CYCLONE.

Dead Number 125---Three Hundred Wounded---\$600,000 Loss.

Atlanta, June 4.—Mayor Parker of Gainesville today telegraphed The Journal the following summary of conditions in the storm swept city as he sees them:

"The dead will number 125 by the end of the next 24 hours. Three hundred is a conservative estimate of the wounded, some of whom will die. Four hundred houses are destroyed. It is estimated the homeless number 1,500. The financial loss will reach \$600,000. There is still need for more physicians."

Another Wilkes Booth Yarn.

St. Louis, June 2.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from Enid, Oklahoma, says Junius Brutus Booth, the actor and nephew of John Wilkes Booth, who killed President Lincoln, has fully identified the remains of the man known as David E. George, as his uncle. George, or Booth, committed suicide here January 14 last, and in his effects was found a letter directed to K. L. Bates, of Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Bates came here at once and fully identified the body as John Wilkes Booth. He then went East and has obtained positive identification of the remains from the dead man's nephew, and from Joseph Jefferson, Miss Clara Morris and a score of others who knew him in his early days.

According to Mr. Bates's story, he had acted as Booth's confidential agent and attorney for nearly forty years. After Lincoln was shot Booth escaped to the Garrett plantation, in Virginia. According to Mr. Bates the man who was killed was named Ruddy. Being warned, Both left Garrett's and was taken care of by friends in Central Kentucky. He later settled at Glenrose Mills, Texas, where he conducted a store for several years as John St. Helen.

Not Booth's Corpse.

Baltimore, June 4.—In connection with the report from Enid, Okla., that John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, died there on January 14, under the name of David George, it is declared by persons familiar with the case that there is no doubt whatever that Booth's body is buried here in Green Mount cemetery. His remains were brought to this city after exhumation at Washington.

When the coffin was opened here the dead actor, as recognized by persons who had known him intimately in his life time, among them members of his family, the identification was absolute. The body now lies buried in the Booth lot, but without any headstone or mark over the grave.

CLARA MORRIS DENIES IT.

New York, June 4.—Clara Morris denies the report that she recently identified the body of "George" as Lincoln's assassin.

Owing to figures recently published in regard to the personnel of the monastery establishment at Mount Athos, the Turkish government has become alarmed at the multiplication of Muscovite monks and their acquisition of Greek monasteries in Turkish territory. The Greek minister of justice has drawn the attention of the patriarch of Constantinople to the extraordinary concessions made to the Russians and to the change in the aspect of Mount Athos. For example, the Convent of St. Panteleimon, which was recently acquired by Russia, has been restored to its former aspect as a fortress and is occupied by nearly 3,000 monks, whose habit barely covers the uniform of the Czar's soldiers. It has been persistently stated that there are several officers of the active Russian army among them. The Greek minister also points out that such concessions were prejudicial to the interests of the Greek people.

A syndicate has been formed in Amsterdam to cut that big South African diamond, which is nearly the size of a hen's egg and weighs 970 karats, nearly twice as much as the kobinoor weighed before it was cut.

Two hundred thousand men idle, with a loss of \$700,000 a day in wages, and \$600,000,000 of capital tied up, is the result of the strike in the building trades in New York, so far.

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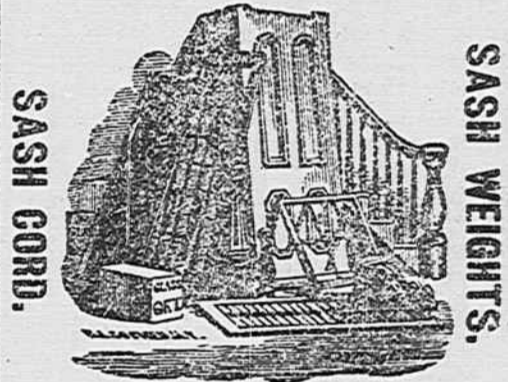
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