

OFFENDED HIS FRIENDS.

Negroes Get Furious Over the Position Taken by the President in the Matter of the Discharge of the 25th Infantry.

Boston, Dec. 20.—The negroes here are furious over President Roosevelt's message justifying the discharge of the negro troops. The Suffrage League met hastily as soon as the message had been made public and adopted resolutions to be sent to all negro organizations throughout the country denouncing the president as the instigator of race hatred and mob violence. In the resolution they call him a tyrant, and say he is "not the friend he poses to be by the mere handing out to the colored race of a few paltry loaves and fishes, thereby showing himself to be a mere politician and not a great statesman."

If it be true, as claimed, that there are 1,200 Mormons in South Carolina that fact simply shows that the method of opposition to propagation of that faith has not been effective. A religious belief, whether right or wrong, is peculiar in that it thrives upon persecution and denunciation.—Columbia Record.

Congressman Nicholas Longworth who married the president's daughter, is the nephew of Mrs. Bellamy Storer. If Mr. Longworth can keep the peace in his immediate household while this business goes on, he ought to have a Nobel prize, too.—Norfolk Landmark.

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FOR JAMES AN EXPOSITION.

Latin-American Countries Have Declined to Participate.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Some idea of the extent to which Latin-American will participate in the Jamestown exposition was given in a special communication on the subject, received here today, from Nicholas Veloz-Coiticoa, special commissioner for the exposition to Latin-America. It shows that ten countries, Argentine, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Mexico and Venezuela, have accepted the invitation to be represented and that six other countries, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Salvador, are considering the matter, and that three, Colombia, Paraguay and Uruguay, have not as yet answered. Cuba alone has declined to participate.

The Dominican government has appropriated \$10,000 for the construction of a suitable building for its exhibit.

Besides the Puerto Rican exhibit in the government building a proposition is under consideration for the erection of a pavilion in the exposition grounds in which Puerto Rican coffee will be served. It practically has been decided that Panama's exhibit will be a miniature canal 100 feet long and 50 feet wide with all topographical and similar locks and other accessories.

Argentine will send a fleet of warships, two cruisers of the first class and one of the second class.

The Bureau of American Republics also will be officially represented at the exposition.

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WANTS BRAVERY REWARDED.

Roosevelt Asks Attorney General Bonaparte to Promote a Faithful Georgia Office-holder.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The following letter to Attorney General Bonaparte was given out at the White House today:

"The White House, Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Dear Mr. Bonaparte: Some three years ago Sheriff J. L. Merrill, of Carroll county, Ga., lost his chance for re-election by his action in beating off a mob of several hundred white people who were trying to take a negro out of jail and put him to death. Sheriff Merrill and his deputies fired on the mob, killing and wounding several men and beating the others off. Because of this he was defeated for re-election. Congressman Adamson brought the matter to my attention, saying that he hated to see a man who had done such a service as a public official defeated because of the very fact that he had rendered the service. He told me that Governor Terrell had offered Merrill a place, the best he had to give, which carried a salary of \$50 per month. I told the congressman I thought I could beat that, and got him a place at \$1,200 a year as custodian of the grounds of the federal prison in Atlanta. I hear he has done well. If he has done well, can't we give him a promotion? Sincerely yours,

Theodore Roosevelt.
"Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte, Attorney General."

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DISASTER ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

Ten to Sixteen Person Killed by Explosion Aboard the Steamer W. T. Scovell.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 19.—One of the most disastrous accidents in the history of the Mississippi river occurred at 10 minutes past 11 o'clock this morning, when the steamer W. T. Scovell, plying in the Vicksburg and Davis bend trade, was destroyed by an explosion. Owing to the large number of negroes on board, it is impossible to ascertain the exact number of the dead and injured, but officers of the boat who arrived here tonight state that no less than 10 or more than 16 were killed. The probabilities are that a like number were injured.

The white dead are as follows: Capt. John Quackenboss, master of the boat, Vicksburg, Miss.; Clerk Wade Quackenboss, Vicksburg, Miss.; Lavell Yerger, cotton seed salesman, Jackson, Miss.; Clerk Joseph Smith, Yazoo City, Miss.

The white injured are: Tennie Roberts, Assistant pilot, Vicksburg, Miss., injured internally, very serious; John Dougherty, pilot, shoulder dislocated; Charles McKenna, passenger, painfully injured; Butterfield, slightly injured in the head.

The number of dead and injured negroes cannot be stated at this time, but of a crew and passenger list of about 50, about half are missing.

The negro dead were cared for at the place where the accident occurred, as were some of the injured. About five of the injured negroes were brought to Vicksburg on the steamer Senator Cordell with the white dead and injured. The accident occurred at Gold Dust landing, about 17 miles south of Vicksburg.

The Scovell was at the landing taking on freight, when suddenly a terrific explosion occurred and the boat was blown practically to atoms. Many of the timbers were thrown hundreds of yards and some of those aboard were blown almost as far. The pilot house and front part of the cabin were blown to splinters and some parts of the boat were so badly damaged that she began to sink immediately. When the Cordell left here late this afternoon she was listing heavily and her cargo of a thousand sacks of cotton seed and 50 bales of cotton will be lost. Pending the arrival of the Senator Cordell the injured were cared for at Gold Dust landing as well as possible.

Of the white dead only the body of Lavell Yerger has been recovered. Wade Quackenboss was heard to call for help soon after the explosion, but according to the reports of those who were on the boat, escaping steam soon smothered his cries. Capt. Quackenboss was not seen after the accident. Pilot Dougherty was blown several hundred feet out into the river, but despite a dislocated shoulder, managed to swim to the bank.

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