

DAILY HERALD. WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 3, 1904. THE DAILY HERALD

Extra Session of the Legislature. The Extra Session of the Legislature will meet in this city on the 13th day of November, and its business, with which is connected some of the most important political and financial questions that have ever been presented to the Representatives of the people of Indiana will be brought before the body for action.

THE JAMAICA INSURRECTION. Cause of the Trouble on the Black River—Critical State of Affairs in the Territory of the Island—Black Emigrants from the United States said to be the Instigators of the Rebellion.

We are permitted to copy the following extracts from a letter received by a merchant of this city from Kingston, Jamaica, by way of Havana: Kingston, October 15.

As this reaches New York you will no doubt have heard of the unsettled state of the island, caused by the distinction of the negroes. The wildest rumors prevail here in Kingston regarding the reported atrocities of the blacks in the interior sections of the island. For what cause the blacks are in rebellion against their own Government remains to be ascertained.

As you are aware, the colored people here do the preponderance both in numbers and influence. The legislative assembly, corresponding to your Congress, is virtually and to all purposes a negro assembly, as not more than one-fifth of its members belong to the despised white race. The black population of the island outnumbered the white twenty to one.

The Mayor of Kingston is a colored man, although he is believed to disagree with the majority of the colored people in their fanciful and visionary theories. More than three-fourths of the magistrates and officers of the colonial government are colored men, and several of the best educated and most prominent journalists of the island are also colored men. The police are, with very few exceptions, belonging to the same race. Still, although education is generally diffused throughout the colony, there seems to be an infernal feeling of hatred displayed toward the whole minority, on the part of the negroes. The principal causes of this feeling toward the white man is said to be the introduction of a number of incendiary emissaries from the Northern United States, who go about among the half-educated and debased blacks, instilling false and pernicious ideas into the craniums of their tooling hearers. These scoundrels preach the doctrine of a free and independent negro Republic, to whose chief magistracy they would elect the brutal Soudan (at present residing at Kingston,) or some of his mushroom nobility. We have also in our midst a large number of negroes ignorant and brutish in their instincts, from the neighboring island of St. Domingo, who never fail in case of a general outbreak to follow in the foot-steps of the inhuman butchers of 1793, if the chance was afforded them.

You will remember that the blacks sent a petition detailing their financial grievances, to the Queen, some time ago, complaining of the high rate of provisions and other necessities of life, and demanding some relief. The answer from the home government was, in substance, "Go to work," but this did not please the half-barbarous descendants of the Maroons in the interior of the island, and since then there has been mutterings and secret plottings on the part of the blacks, encouraged and fomented, as I am aware from personal experience, by men who should know better from their intelligence and education. There are a great number of helpless white families, without protection, scattered throughout the remote sections of the island, inaccessible to the assistance of an enemy. In Kingston, we depend for our safety upon a fleet of war vessels, a handful of white troops, and a regiment of African negroes from the Cape of Good Hope, who strongly evidence by their bravery and manly conduct, a feeling of hatred toward the colored natives of the island that the latter manifest toward the white population. In case of a universal rising over the island, I anticipate an indiscriminate massacre of women and children as in former insurrections.

As I am about to close this letter for the mail, I have received some very interesting information from St. Elizabeth parish, through our agent there. He states that there has already been fearful work in one or two of the parishes. Several white men have been murdered in cold blood by the infuriated negroes, and their bodies mutilated in the most revolting manner. It is also rumored that three accomplished young ladies belonging to one of the best families in the parish have been first tortured to ascertain the whereabouts of valuables, and then murdered in a most fiendish manner. The bodies were placed in the vicinity of Black River, and the planters and law-abiding citizens are preparing themselves for the final struggle by arming and barricading their dwellings. My family, as you know, reside in the city of New Orleans, and I am in dread anticipation of receiving news of their slaughter every moment. I must close my letter, for I am unfit to write any farther.

A COLORED DUEL. Marriage, Jealousy, Pistols, Revenge and Destruction—A Bridegroom Shoots his Groomsman—Model Challenge.

Lee Henderson is a (not very) colored sailor, and is employed at the naval depot near Jefferson Barracks. Tom Jones is a colored citizen of African descent, who lives at the same place, and is steward for Captain Babcock, of the Navy. Mrs. Lee Henderson is the wife of the first mentioned, having been united to him in the holy bonds about a month ago. Recently the accomplished lady of dark complexion, and is a sister of Mrs. Lee Henderson. Lee Henderson and Tom Jones were bosom friends, the first having come from New Orleans and the other from Washington City. When Lee was joined in wedlock, he was introduced to the lady of his love, Tom acted as groomsman, and bestowed the usual attentions upon the happy pair. It may be that Tom was a little too attentive to the bride, as at all events the bridegroom felt the presence of the green-eyed monster, and the cup of his happiness was soured by jealousy. This feeling grew upon what it fed on, and he became a desperate man. He avers that he had ample cause for jealousy, and says that Tom, his perfidious friend, made dishonorable proposals to the wife of his bosom. The heart of the sallow-hued sailor was on fire. He manifested vengeance. He could not sail upon the same sea with the destroyer of his happiness, and so resolved to host the black dog, board the rakish craft, and end his torment. Lee had imbibed some cruel notions of chivalry, and he resolved to call his false groomsman to the field the most combative blow his bosom could give to Davy Jones. Not being able to fight himself, he got his accomplished sister-in-law to act as his amanuensis, and the following declaration of war was sent to Tom Jones: "Thomas Jones: Sir, I demand satisfaction in any way or another, with shot guns, pistols or boue-knives.

"Lee Henderson." "P. S. To-morrow evening at 4 P. M." Before the fatal "to-morrow evening at 4 P. M." arrived, Lee met Tom, and hauling out a revolver, told him to halt, and fired five shots at his head, and then ran off as fast as his legs could carry him. Lee was terribly frightened at his own act, and made himself scarce until he learned that Tom was not killed. Three of the five shots took effect on Tom, one in the neck, one in the arm, and one in the hand. Captain Babcock had the murderous bridegroom arrested, and kept in close confinement to await the result of the shooting of his happiness, and that fortunate individual having sufficiently recovered to make it certain that he was not killed, Captain Babcock and Lieutenant Church brought Lee Henderson to the city yesterday and turned him over to Justice Jacks, by whom he was committed to jail on a charge of assault to "Beware of jealousy."

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