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General Buller

London, [illegible] A throng of notable army officers journeyed to Winchester today for the unveiling of the memorial to General Sir Redvers Buller erected in Winchester Cathedral by his old regiment the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Field Marshall Lord Crenfell officiated at the unveiling. The monument, which takes the form of a recumbent life-size figure in bronze, was designed by Bertram McKennal and attracted much attention at the Royal Academy exhibition this year. The pedestal bears the simple inscription, "A great leader beloved by his men."

NEW ENTERPRISE FOR MR. PARRISH'S COMPANY

Lynchburg, Va., October 28.—A contract has been signed for the construction and operation of a 125-ton blast furnace at Reusens, a short distance from the city by the Oriskany Ore and Iron Company, of which R. D. Parrish, of Covington, is the president . It is understood that contracts have already been signed for raw materials, as well as for the output of the furnace. The Chamber of Commerce with the aid of the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company induced the backers of the concern to locate here, a bonus of $25,000 and a free site being given the concern to do so.

Elect New Bishops

New York, Oct. 28.—The Rev. Peter Trimble, Rowe, missionary bishop of Alaska, has been elected bishop of the Episcopal missionary district of South Dakota.

Other missionary bishops chosen by the Episcopal house of bishops were:

The Rev. D. Trumbull Huntington, bishop at Wu-Hu, China, and the Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, president of St. Paul's college, Japan, bishop at Kioto, Japan.

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A FINE WORK ON DR. CURRY

Armistead C. Gordon is Joint Author of the New Biography

INTERESTING REVIEW

Colonel R. S. Turk Gives His Impressions, While Making Splendid Criticism of the Book

I have read with much interest and great profit, the biography of the late Dr. J. L. M. Curry, recently issued by the McMillan Co., of New York, the book being the joint work of President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, and Mr. Armistead Churchill Gordon, of this city. Under such collaboration, it is easy to conjecture that a work of peculiar interest and value would be evolved. But when we consider that biographies are usually made interesting to the immediate family and friends of the subject, rather than to the public generally, it is also easy to see how men of great attainments and lives of abounding interest, often slumber, indeed are made to slumber, in oblivion, because those who undertook their history failed to grasp the best in those lives, or to present in attractive form and with force, the periods which were most interesting in them. In the work before us, the biographers have dealt plainly and in a matter of fact way with Dr. Curry from boyhood. They have left out color entirely and presented the scenes and environment of his career, together with the important events in which he figured, in such calm, true, but attractive, manner as enables the reader to judge fairly of the character of the man whose life is chronicled, and say whether he were wise or foolish; whether or not he measured up to the standard; whether he stood of equal stature with the great men of his day, or towered above or fell below them.

The work contains no effort at word painting, but the style is what might be termed, we think, the refinement of English, fitted and grooved so that it presents the polished surface of the best diction, in their presentation of pure fact. Many persons in Staunton knew Dr. Curry. His interest in education during the latter part of his life brought him here. Whilst I was a member of the public school board, I had the pleasure listening to him in an address before our public schools at their closing, and none could have heard him and forgotten the man, or his discourse. As a member of the Peabody Board, as president of Howard College and Richmond College, with positions as visitor to various institutions of learning , including West Point, he was constantly associated with the educational world, so that educators intimately knew him and students were drawn to him in ties of very close friendship

The work, perforce, begins with the birth of Dr. Curry, in 1825, in Lincoln—not Abraham but Benjamin Lincoln—county, Georgia. His given name was probably the heaviest load he had to bear in life. It was Jabez Lamar Monroe Curry. His school days are interestingly told of; then the removal of his father to Alabama and the gradual rise of the boy to positions in his state, serving three times in the legislature; of his authorship of a bill for a geological survey of his state; of his being a state elector on the Democratic presidential ticket in 1856; of his election to Congress in 1857; of his resignation from Congress in 1861 and his election to the Confederate Congress in 1862; of his military record, being aid to General Joe Johnson, special aid to General Joe Wheeler and Lieutenant-Colonel of the 5th Alabama regiment; thence through an interesting and eventful life until he was appointed minister to the court of Spain by Mr. Cleveland in 1885. It is recalled that he stood as God-father to Alfonso, the present King of Spain. In 1902 he was appointed a special envoy to the crowning of Alfonso. The position he occupied then as "Ambassador Extraordinary" was peculiarly trying and obviously delicate, because the Spanish War had ended only a few years prior to this occurrence, and Spain had been deeply humiliated at the hands of the United States.

The manner of handling the occurrences in Dr. Curry's life, by his biographers, just prior to the Civil War is of peculiar interest. They not only present them in a way that rivets attention and interest upon the individual actions of Dr. Curry, but they present a history of the events of the time when Dr. Curry was in the thickest of the fray, which centers the greatest wisdom and the best thought about him, not only recalling the travail of the times, but showing that their subject was guided by the purest, wisest and best thought. Quotations from speeches of such a man as John C. Calhoun, whose mind, metaphorically speaking, went through the slavery question and clinched on the other side, as well as his own, show that Dr. Curry not only studied the best but was actuated by the wisest and most philanthropic motives in the absorbing issues of those times. He disliked slavery as much as Jefferson, but a solution, he saw, was not in the immediate and universal emancipation of the slaves. A higher and a greater aim was his. Gradual emancipation with an education fitting them for their preservation when free. Not so much an education of books, as that of refined manners, softened natures, and acquirement of useful trades and occupations, all of which they were learning a thousand times faster here, than in their jungles through missionaries, though they might be legion. He saw that on the one side there was little but a fiery denunciation of slavery in the abstract. Garrison, Phillips and Lovejoy were the blast furnaces from which the denunciations poured. Over against this was the logic, the reason, the wisdom of men like Calhoun who spoke often, more as oracles than as men; Certainly Calhound did when he said:

"To destroy the existing relations would be to destroy the prosperty (of the Southern States), and to place the two races in a state of conflict, which must end in explusion or extirpation of one or the other. No other can be substituted compatible with their peace or security. The difficulty is in the diversity of the races. So strongly drawn is the line between the two in consequence, and so strengthened by the force of habit and education that it is impossible for them to exist together in the community, where their numbers are so nearly equal as in the slaveholding States, under any other relation than that which now exists. Social and political equality between them is impossible. No power on earth can overcome the difficulty. The causes lie too deep in the principles of our nature, to be surmounted. But without such equality, to change the present condition of the African race, were it possible, would be but to change the form of slavery."

The "old" negro of the South is passing away. The new one created by Garrison, Phillips and Lovejoy has taken his place. With the old one, died the race, as a race in America. No more do such characters as "Old Uncle Ned" live save in memory. "Down on the Suwanee River"is sung for its perrenial beauty and as an "Auld Lang Syne" of bygone days. In its stead is the "coon song dropping each time into deeper vulgarity; a reminder of Calhoun's sequel to slavery subscribed to by Curry. It depicts the decline in the pathos, indeed in the lives, of those people, as to the crowded jails, penitentiaries and resort to lynch law, tell in what contempt their liberty and lives are held by themselves, and among many. Their decline from the standard of their emancipated progenitors, and their inability to stand on the same footing as those of the white race, finds new emphasis every day, and marks the depth of the wisdom of those of the South who knew them, and how they were advancing under what was called slavery, but who knew and saw how they would recede when they undertook their own salvation or when their quondam friends sent them to seek their own fortunes.

The biography is peculiarly interesting in the "Dawn of the War," "Peabody and His Trust" and "The Land of the Alhambra" periods. It is pleasing to know that men of the South may be made thus to live after they have been called to their fathers. So negligent has the South been in this, that it would seem that her men worthy of mention were few and far between. But it has been her abundance that has made her careless. One imaginary Barbara Fritchie, one fabled ride of a Northern soldier, will be made to live longer than a thousand real deeds by Southern women, or a thousand real acts of heroism of Southern men, because there were those who wrote of them. Dr. Curry, himself, guarded his life well, his family have guarded it for him also, now that he has passed away, the guards set over it as biographers, have faithfully kept vigil, and told us of the happenings.

R. S. Turk.

MOVING PICTURE MAN MURDERED BY JAPANESE

Los Angeles, Oct. 28.—W. N. Selig, of Chicago, head of a motion picture company, was probably fatally wounded and Francis Boggs, manager of the Pacific coast department of the picture concern, was killed yesterday by a Japanese gardener, The Japanese is in jail charged with the crime, which it is said was committed without provocation when the Japanese suddenly went crazy.

The tragedy occurred at the studio of the Selig company at Edendale, a suburb of Los Angeles. Selig, who had arrived here on business from Chicago only yesterday, had gone to Edendale early to-day to meet Boggs The two men were holding a conference in the office when, according to the police, the Japanese, who gave his name as Frank Minnimatsu, and who had been employed at the studio as the gardener for two years, suddenly entered.

He was armed with a revolver with which without warning he opened fire.

Two shots took effect in Bogg's body and two more in Selig's.

Miss Alice Humphries left yesterday morning for Chambersburg, Pa., to visit her sister, Mrs. H. K. Rhodes.

BUILDING ON EVERY SIDE

Unusual Fall Activity Indicates Progress in Staunton

MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Several New Structures Are Being Completed, While Numerous Others Being Remodeled

Not the least indication of local activity in business circles, is the large amount of building and remodeling of commercial structures now in progress. New fronts are being put in at the stores of R. E. Timberlake, a well known shoe dealer; at the new 5 and 10 cent store, in the Barkman building on West Main; and on South Augusta street in the room to be occupied by the new Planter's Bank. The old Wonderland Theatre has just undergone a remodeling preparatory to the occupancy of its room by the McClure Company's job printing department while the operations in the stand between Spitler & Eakle's grocery and Joseph Barkman's confectionary, to be occupied by Davis & Holt, amount practically to a new one story building.

The building between Simpson, Baylor & Company and Crummett & Willson, formerly occupied by John T. Harris, dry goods, and Collins & Son, architects, is rapidly being razed to make room for the new Switzer building. At the same time Bright & Rohr are pushing the erection of the handsome Valz building now well under way on the New Court House street lot between the Beverley Hotel and the Staunton Mutual Telephone Company building. For the first time possibly in the history of Staunton building operations, the contractors in the latter case are making use of an electric hoist.

On Johnson street, the Hounihan and Wehn buildings have been completed, while a handsome structure, belonging to Mrs. Dennis Brown, now in course of erection, will also add to the appearance of that thriving section. Mr. N. L. Wehn stated to a Dispatch-News reporter yesterday that his property extended to the curb on the south side of Johnson and that when he entered upon its improvment in the Spring unless the city by that time had widened the street to its proper width at its junction with Augusta street he would build to his line. In the event that this essential improvement was made he was willing to give the city a reasonable amount of his ground for a sidewalk.

Michael Kivlighan & Company, the hay and grain dealers, have also moved into their new quarters rebuilt, on the site of the old, at 25 and 27 Middlebrook avenue. With a floor space of about 10,000 square feet, thoroughly equipped with elevators, scales, etc., this strong firm will be able to handle its extensive business with greater facility.

FAMILY'S CLOSE ESCAPE IN MIDNIGHT BLAZE

Crimora, October 28.—Originating from a defective flue, Mrs. Lucy Wright's house caught on fire a few nights ago and was entirely consumed. A near neighbor, Mr. Ben Bowling was the first to discover the flames and his prompt action in giving the alarm probably saved Mrs. Wright and her two grandchildren, who were asleep in the building from a horrible death. Mrs. Wright's home is a total loss.

Mrs. L. A. Kennon and little son, Master Hugh Kennon, have returned to Lexington after spending some time here.

Miss Rosa Reiner, from near Charlottesville, is visiting the family of her uncle, Mr. George Sandridge.

Mrs. W. F. Walter has returned from a visit to her relatives in Lithia, Va.

The Dunkard denomination expect to hold a Love Feast at Forrest Chapel Saturday afternoon at four o'clock.

Tom Trueheart Passes Out

Tom Truehart, colored, died in his home at 209 Green street on Friday night, aged about 40 years. He was known to practically every person in town. Tom was a big fellow, standing over six feet in height and being of splendid physique. He was attacked with double pneumonia, however, and after several days of illness passed away. He leaves a wife and two children.

Governor Wilson in Texas

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 28.—Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, came to this city today as the guest of the Dallas County Woodrow Wilson Club and the Texas State Fair Association. He spent the morning at the State Fair and this afternoon spoke before Democrats from all over the State assembled in the Coliseum.

Mrs. William Larner has returned from a visit to Monterey. While she was away her little daughter, Miss Evangeline, spent the time with her grandmother.

APPERSON GOES TO FIGHT FOR HEALTH

Interesting Sketch of His Career in City of Lynchburg

BIG BOND ISSUE UP

Threatened Race Clash Averted by Strict Application of Law By Police Authorities

Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 28.—R. D. Apperson, president of the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company, and one of the most public-spirited residents of Lynchburg, has gone again to Colorado for his health, expecting to spend the winter in that less rigorous climate, hoping as well to be benefitted permanently by another winter in that state.

During the summe rof 1910, after participating in the reliability automobile run between Atlanta and New York, Mr. Apperson discovered that he was suffering from tuberculosis of the throat and he was hurried to Colorado by his physicians. A part of the winter was spent in Arizona and he returned here in June, being able to work nearly the entire warm season.

Mr. Apperson came to Lynchburg from Staunton about a decade ago and with his associates eventually secured control of the two street car lines in the city, as well as the gas franchise. The street car service at that time was almost worthless and little patronized. He went to work and soon brought order out of chaos and today, although most of the system is a single track on account of the narrow streets, the service is as good a sany other city the size of Lynchburg with equipment that is the best, being the first city in the south to adopt the P. A. Y. E. system.

Several years ago the system here, as well as at Roanoke, which was controlled by Mr. Apperson, was absorbed by the American Railways Company, Mr. Apperson being retained at the head of the properties here, becoming at the same time a director in the holding company.

At the organization of a popular company to build a theatre here in 1904 he brought this to a successful issue, but recently sold his majority holdings because of his ill health. He is also a vice president and a director of the American National Bank.

Several weeks ago Lynchburg was shuddering over a possible clash betwen the races, such a condition being due to the ugly demeanor of a lot of the dive frequenters, which began to make itself felt shortly after the shooting of Policeman Ware by a negro prisoner White people feared trouble and many of them prepared for it but the trouble brewing was nipped in the bud by prompt and severe action in the police court. The pistol and razor totors found the punishment raised from $20 to $100 and from thirty to ninety days in jail. Disorders calculated to lead to a breach of the peace were dealt with in the same manner and in less than ten days all evidences of a race clash disappeared and the lawless element among the negroes went on its good behavior. The dive sections have been cleaned up and the bad element is giving the police little trouble now.

The November meeting of the Common Council promises to be one of the most interesting of that body this year, for at that time the resolution providing for the issuance of city bonds to the amount of $650,000, will come up for consideration. The resolution goes before the body with the favorable recommendation of the finance committee. It is proposed to spend $450,000 of the amount raised by the sale of the bonds on the streets and the remainder on the erection of a concrete bridge over the James River to Amherst county. The proposition has some opposition. Several members are known to be opposed to the sale of bonds, while others favor referring the question to the votes for ratification. There is also opposition to the bridge, some holding that a steel bridge should be substituted for concrete structure. Aside from an issue of $200,000 of bonds two years ago for street improvements Lynchburg has spent mighty little money in recent years for street improvments excepting the money used out of the current revenues each year.

Summer Capital Closed

Beverley, Mass., Oct. 28.—The Taft summer home, Paramatta, was closed today and will remain shuttered and locked until the family returns next June, Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen Taft, wife and daughter of the President, have gone to Hot Springs, Va., where they will spend several weeks before rturning to Washington.

Nobody trusts a widow except men, and that's why she doesn't mind it.

There's hardly any kind of fool equal to the man who thinks he was different when he was a boy from what they are now.

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WOMAN'S TRIAL HAS ITS DRAMATIC SIDE

Testimony So Far is Adverse to Southern Society Woman

McREE TRIAL NOW ON

Louisiana Grand Dame Is First Witness in Sensational Murder Case at Opelousas

Opelousas, La., Oct. 28.—A Louisiana grand dame was the first witness in today's session of the trial of Mrs. Zee Runge McRae, accused of the murder of Allan Garland, the Tulane University student. She was Mrs. Henry Garland, grandmother of the slain youth. Her testimony, following that of yesterday, was expected to open the way for the prosecution to attempt to show that the underlying motive for the tragedy was deeper than Mrs. McRae's explanation that she shot to "defend her honor." The unwritten law is urged in her behalf.

Speaking in low, even tones, Mrs. Garland became a picturesque figure on the witness stand. Frequently during the bickerings of counsel she would exclaim:

"Gentlemen, gentlemen! I am not excited; I want to tell only what you want me to."

Scene Becomes Dramatic.

Throughout her testimony the weight of her low-toned words produced of themselves dramatic moments without the least effort on the part of the grand dame. She related how calm Mrs. McRae had appeared the day of the tragedy.

"I want to go to my poor boy,'" Mrs. Garland said she exclaimed to Mrs. McRee. "Maybe he is not dead. 'Oh, I assure you Allen is dead,'" she said Mrs. McRae replied. "I shot him three times, Mrs. Garland.'"

Wounds All in the Back.

The testimony as to the location of the wounds in the body of young Garland, who met death in the McRae home September 21 last, was given by Coroner Littell.

He said that the wounds appeared to have all been inflicted from the rear, the one in the back of the head and a little to the side being a mortal wound in his opinion.

The other two shots struck the body of the young man in the back, but somewhat to the side, passing through the body in one case and lodging in the left armpit in the other. The shots produced almost instant death. Dr. B. A. Littell testified to practically the same facts.

The jury was taken to the McRae home and then returned to the court-room, where Albert Garland, brother of the slain man, put on Allen's shirt to illustrate how the killing was done.

Mrs. McRae, who is the mother of four children, was comforted during the day's ordeal by her husband. Seven lawyers are defending her.

EUROPE HEARS OF TURKISH VICTORY

Italians are Reported to Have Lost Possession of Tripoli

Constantinople, Oct. 30.—In a desperate attack upon the Italian cordon surrounding Tripoli Saturday, the Turks drove the former into the city in the disaster, according to a dispatch to the newspaper Sabah today. The dispatch says 300 Italians were killed and 700 wounded.

London, Oct. 30.—That the Italians have suffered a heavy reverse in Tripoli, and that the army of occupation there is in grave danger, is indicated by messages today at every important capital in Europe.

Official denial—such denials frequently being the first announcements of what is really the truth—is even issued in Rome of a report that the Turkish troops have reoccupied the city of Tripoli after a terrific battle in which "thousands on both sides" were killed.

Canada's Day of Thanksgiving

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 30.—The people of Canada today observed the annual day of thanksgiving. Business halted throughout the Dominion, and a holiday aspect was generally in evidence. A leading feature of the day in this section was the extensive military maneuvers in the Dundas valley.

Major Carson Coming Home

London, Oct. 28.—Major John M. Carson, who, as special agent of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor, has spent more than a year investigating and reporting upon trade conditions in all parts of Europe, sailed from Southampton for home today.

Minnesota Progressives Active

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 28.—To offset the effect of President Taft's visit this week the Republican progressives of the State are arranging for a big demonstration here next Monday night. Senator Cummins of Iowa is scheduled as the leading speaker.

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CONGRATULATIONS FOR SIMON WOLF

Herbrew Philanthropist Reaches Seventy-fifth Birthday

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.—Simon Wolf, whom President Roosevelt once described as "one of the best Americans on this continent," reached his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary today and was the recipient of congratulations from friends throughout the country. Mr. Wolf was born in Bavaria, Oct. 28, 1836, and came to the United States with his grandparents in 1848. After a brief period spent in Cleveland he came to the national capital and for a period of nearly half a century he has been recognized as the representative advocate of the Jewish people here.

Mr. Wolf is the founder of the Atlanta Hebrew Orphans' Home, for which institution he raised, single-handed, a fund of $150,000. He toured the United States twice to raise money for the Roumania Mission. It was his conception to have the Kishineff meeting in Washington, and he arranged the celebrated conferences with Roosevelt and Hay.

In 1881 President Garfield appointed Mr. Wolf consul general to Egypt. His was the last commission President Garfield signed before his assassination. As conul general to Egypt, Mr. Wolf gave the first George Washington dinner in the Old World, on February 22, 1882. His annual salary was $4,000. but it is said he spent $5,000 on that function alone.

MUCH INTEREST HERE IN SYNOD'S ACTION

Finally Decides to Divide the Lexington Presbytery

The proposition to divide the Lexington Presbytery, the largest in the Southern Presbyterian Church, provoked an animated discussion before the Virginia Synod, in session at Winchester, and although there was much opposition to the division the proposition was carried.

The new one will be known as Tygart's Valley Presbytery. The first meeting will be held in Elkins, W. Va., November 21. Rev. C. W. McDonald was appointed the first moderator, while Rev. W. W. Grover was named as stated clerk. The presbytery will include the counties of Tucker, except the magisterial districts of Fairfax and Davis; a portion of Preston, Randolph, Barbour, Lewis, Upshur Gimer, Webster, Calhoun and portions of Ritchie, Braxton, Harrison, Doddridge and Taylor counties. Lexington Presbytery retains counties of Highland, Bath, bridge, Augusta and Rockingham, Virginia, and Pendleton, West Virginia.

To fill vacancies caused by the expiration of terms of office of certain members of the board of trustees of the Orphans' Home at Lynchburg the following appointments were made for the years beginning November 1; Rev. Dr. E. Wellenford, Newport News; former Gov. J. Hoge Tyler, East Radford; Rev. Dr. A. M. Frazer, Staunton; Gov. William H. Mann, Richmond; Richard Hancock, Lynchburg, and L. E. Johnson, Roanoke.

The synod will meet next year in the First Church, Richmond, on the third Tuesday in October. At that time the First Church will celebrate its centennial. A similar celebration will be held by the Union Theological Seminary and efforts will be made to have the synod of North Carolina come to Richmond in a body for the celebration.

GREATEST FLEET NOW ASSEMBLED

New York, Oct. 30.—The most powerful fleet ever assembled in American waters is riding at anchor in the Hudson River, all spick and span and ready for the great naval review tomorrow. The fleet comprises more than 100 vessels, ranging from the monster battleships of the dreadnought type to the tiny submarines. All day long the New York and New Jersey shores were thronged with thousands of spectators, while thousands of others who wanted to see the fleet at closer range took passage on the steamers, ferryboats and other craft plying up and down the river.

South Carolina State Fair

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 30.—The annual State Fair under the auspices of the South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical Society opened today with every indication pointing to the most successful exhibition in the history of the society. The fair will continue until the end of the week.

Hearing on Reorganization

New York, Oct. 30.—A remarkable array of legal talent that included the attorneys general of the principal Southern tobacco-growing States filled the United States Circuit Court room today at the beginning of hearings on the reorganization plan of the American Tobacco Company.