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HAITI AND HAITIAN TRAITS

W. B. Holloway Writes an Interesting Letter Concerning a Strange Land and Folk.

Port au Prince, Haiti, April 19, '08.

The News: Easter in the Tropics! Here Saturday is observed as a holiday for the Haitians to indulge in festivities and worship.

Early on Saturday, the 18th inst., at sunrise the officers and crew of the U. S. S. "Des Moines" were taken by surprise when there came to them the rattle and roar of artillery, as if a battle was in progress on shore in the city. We could easily discern the smoke as it rose above the forts and land batteries. Sheets of flame and smoke were issuing from the guns on the five small Haitian gunboats.

As we continued to gaze at this warlike demonstration we naturally supposed the expected uprising was on hand. Relations had been somewhat strained between Alexis, the president, and Gen. Firman, the leader of the revolutionist faction. Then, also, stories were rife as to the president having said he would drive the combined fleet of American, English, French and German ships from the harbor.

Instead of trying to get away our guns were "manned on the double," ready to send a few tons of shot into the "Sons of Ham," but soon realized that if the bombardment was meant for us we were not in any danger as no shots were falling about us. In a few moments the flags of all nations were broken from the signal halyards of the Haitian ships and then we realized that they were shooting for Easter.

The regular Sunday breakfast for the U. S. sailor all over the globe is Boston baked beans and pork. On this Sunday we must have eggs as a reminder of the "dear old U. S. A." on that day and we managed to eat 2,400 while we talked of other Easters spent with homefolks and friends.

Perhaps some person may ask why there are so many war ships here, especially at the capital of a little, insignificant republic in the West Indies, inhabited by negroes, with a sprinkling of English, French and German planters.

On the night of the 13th of March, a wireless message from Washington, via Key West, was received by us while on the target range at Guantanamo, Cuba, ordering us to proceed to Port au Prince, Haiti, to protect American interests, quell the riots and insurrection which was placing in jeopardy the lives of many people.

At 4 a. m. on the morning of the 18th, the "Des Moines" and "DuBuque" steamed away, the former under forced draft using six boilers, making an average speed of sixteen knots (30 miles) per hour. We arrived about 6:30 p. m. the same day finding that a formidable array of fighting vessels had preceded us. They were the English cruisers, "Indefatigable" and "Cressy"; the French cruiser "DeEstrees"; the German cruiser, "Brenen"; the latter having taken on board many refugees from the city.

About noon we caught our first glimpse of the mountains of Haiti. They are very beautiful, clad in dark green vegetation; rising precipitously from out the depths of the sea, kissing the clouds with their towering peaks.

The republics of Haiti and Santa Domingo, comprise the island of Hispaniola, situated southeast by east from Cuba and lying in Lat. 18 and 20, and Long. 68 to 74. Haiti is directly west of Santa Domingo, the former being composed of two peninsulas jutting into the Caribbean sea. The southern peninsula is about 140 miles long, gradually decreasing in breadth from 80 miles to about 30. Between these arms projecting into the ocean is the island of Gonave, which is about 50 miles long and 10 to 15 wide. It is bleak and barren, only a scant growth of stunted vegetation visible. We were impressed with the fact that if the U. S. or other progressive nation held sway over this island, the two passages to the city of Port au Prince could be fortified so that no vessel would dare approach nearer to the city than 75 miles.

After crossing the Windward passage the sea became calm. Entering the Leogane gulf the water was of a clear, lighter blue hue and of such transparency that beautiful marine growth and coral reefs were plainly visible. Large fish at great depths were seen in the wake of the ship.

Returning now to the city of Port au Prince as subject matter, will say that it is a city of some forty thousand inhabitants, a vast majority being en-

groes and donkeys. Its area is about the same as Lebanon, Tenn. The houses have little intervening space between each other and are occupied by from 12 to 15 people in a room. The city has no modern nor up-to-date improvements. There is no sewage system; no electric lights; no gas lights; no electric railways; no pavements. The city, being on the side of a mountain, no sewers have been wanted. The president spends all the revenues to maintain a retinue of soldiers to guard his life, so he can't build roads or introduce improvements. The mode of travel, rapid transit, (other than donkeys) is a wood-burning engine, apparently of 1854 vintage, drawing one box car, also two coaches, shaped like gondolas. For an American dollar you may ride all day on two streets of the city at 100 cents of U. S. money equals \$7.50 Haitian money.

There seems to be three distinct classes—viz., the first class being educated and polished in manners, having gotten their education in America and France; the second class, who are Haitian negroes, but have fruit plantations and are trying to emulate the examples of industry and frugality shown them by the German and French residents; a third class, who are illiterate, lazy, indolent and harmless (in the daytime). The last mentioned class dress in a nondescript fashion, a majority of them walking about the city and rowing around on the water front with no clothes at all. It is no unusual sight to have a score of bumboats docking around the ships in the harbor, while their owners are selling fruits and souvenirs. At the same time others will be loading down their boats with old tin cans, crates, barrels and other fotsam and jetsam thrown over the ship's side. Some of these negroes are phenomenal divers, the women as well as men. They will congregate around the ship and when a penny is thrown into the water they will instantly dive for the money, sometimes going down from 30 to 40 feet. They rarely fail to secure the coin ere it reaches the bottom.

To digress a little. Who ever heard of a negro in Africa being an architect, an artist, railway and bridge builder, navigator or explorer, scientist or financier? These "niggers" are like all the balance—they don't possess the proper proclivities to govern themselves without internal uprisings. A few days prior to our arrival here, twenty-seven of the most prominent citizens were dragged from their beds and shot at day break by order of the president.

The Haitian has unlimited confidence in his army. I must say they are the "only thing" I've ever seen that vied in splendor with a peacock. Please don't leave the "u" out of splendor as that can only adequately convey any meaning. Plumed chap-eaux, purple and gold blouses, red trousers, patent leather boots and on the latter gold spurs that jingle like bells, a jeweled sword dangling and dragging at his heels, complete the accoutrement of this Memphian-hued history maker.

From 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. the temperature here gets distressingly high. The nights are pleasantly cool. During the morning hours every day the wind blows from inland towards the sea. In the afternoon the winds shift to the reverse. A heavy rain falls every night. Fruits grow in abundance here; quite a variety being on sale all the time. Some of them are bananas, oranges, coconuts, mangoes and melons of all kinds. Everything is very cheap.

The natives have been reaping a harvest of money since the ships have been here. Wishing the News continued success during its fifteenth year, I will close for the present.

W. B. HOLLOWAY,
U. S. Navy.

Alexander Spears.

Alvin Spears and Miss Vera Alexander were married at Jasper Saturday evening at six o'clock. Mr. Spears is cashier of the Marion Trust & Savings Bank and well known in the business circles of the county. His bride is the charming daughter of S. H. Alexander, a leading merchant in Jasper. The News tenders the young couple its wellwishes through life. The wedding was entirely a home affair. The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for Chattanooga.

Dropped Dead.

JASPER, Tenn., May 7.—C. A. Lewis dropped dead today while standing in front of the livery stable of his brother, J. M. Lewis. He was apparently in good health, but had been troubled with heart disease, which had made his resignation from the employ of the N. C. & St. L. Railway as freight conductor necessary some years ago. Intercement was made at Rosewood cemetery Friday morning in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

A great many people imagine they have heart trouble when the fact is that the whole trouble lies in the stomach. The pains in the side around the region of the heart are not necessarily heart trouble. We suggest that you start with the stomach and whenever you feel a depression after eating or whenever your food seems to nauseate take Kodol. It will not be very long until all these "heart pains" will disappear. Take Kodol now and until you know you are right again. There isn't any doubt about what it will do and you will find the truth of this statement verified after you have used Kodol for a few weeks. It is sold here by J. W. Simpson, Jasper.

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VOTING ON STRIKE QUESTION

Miners of Illinois Resort to Australian Ballot to Settle Question As To Strike.

CHRISTOPHER, Ill., May 7.—Local Union 98, U. M. W. of A., are voting in this city today on the question of whether the union shall strike or accept the offer of the operators. The local union is using the Australian ballot system, and the entire day will be devoted to the purpose of balloting. Much interest is manifested in the question, and it seems a large vote is being polled.

Most of the unions in Southern Illinois which have voted on the proposition are reported to have voted largely against the proposition to strike, and in Marion it is said but one vote was cast in favor of striking, while Murphysboro voted against striking by a very large majority.

There are not less than 66,000 miners in Illinois, and some time will be required in which to vote and ascertain the result, but it is expected that the result of the vote will be announced May 9th.

The general impression seems to be that the miners will accept the offer of the operators, as President Walker has practically recommended that they do so. The general public as well as the miners, is deeply interested in the question, and the result of the vote will be awaited with much concern.

The voting here continues today and tomorrow, and the votes will be counted here. Four hundred and thirty six votes had been cast up to noon.

Some people express the belief that the majority vote of the local union will favor a strike.

It is reported here that the following named towns have voted to strike: Harrisburg, Tamaroa, Hillidayboro and Johnston City. Herrin is said to have tied on the proposition, while Sunfield voted against a strike.

The following communication appears in the Danville, Ill., Commercial News, of Monday, April 27th. The Commercial News states that it is from a well known miner of many years' experience who has participated in many negotiations with the operators, and who is a leader among the miners:

"The difficulty of coming to an agreement between the coal miners and coal mine owners of the state of Illinois, has reached a critical point. The shot firer's law was passed at the last session of the legislature, which provided that in coal mines where coal is blasted, a sufficient number of practical men shall be employed at the owner's expense to do the firing of such blasts.

"The miners and operators of this competitive field met at Indianapolis to make a scale to govern the industry as had been their custom for the last ten years. The competitive relations existing between Illinois and the rest of this field, the owners claim is, with the present rate, unfair to them; with the extra cost of the shot firers added it was out of the question for them to meet the competition of eastern coal, even in the Chicago market.

"After discussing the question for some weeks, it resulted in a disruption of the relations between the miners and operators, the conference adjourning sine die without an agreement. After three months of being idle the miners in Illinois assumed the cost of this law and on that basis an agreement was reached, which has governed the last two years. The miners' organization has done everything to rid the miners of this burden in this present conference, going almost to the point of ordering a strike in all mines in Illinois. They have referred the matter back to a referendum vote of the miners. The question being voted on is, 'Shall the miners pay the shotfirers, or declare a strike?'

"After almost twelve years of peace in the coal industry, the very thought of a strike means recoil, and think hard before entering into it, for an industrial strike is industrial war, and we have a high military authority who declared, 'war is hell.'

"The days of local or district strikes with success for the miners are over. With Illinois on a strike, and Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania working, with the coal market in its present ill health, we could strike all year and the consumers of coal will not know we are out.

"If it was justifiable (and I think it was) two years ago for the miners to pay the cost of shot firers to get an agreement, when there was many times more demand for coal than there is now, they certainly, under present conditions, ought to do so now.

"The office seeker and demagogue in the organization will urge a fight, saying to you that your officials are not honest nor true to you, but if you listen to them you will find out in time such men are in the organization for their personal gain, and will be on the popular side of every question, even if they know it is wrong. You miners have (in the opinion of a majority of all the men who know them, and to my personal knowledge I am sure they are correct) as honest, conscientious and capable officers in the state of Illinois and Vermillion county as are in the mines of America anywhere, and if you take their advice you will not go amiss."

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TEACHERS' ANNUAL INSTITUTE

To Meet at Monteagle, Tenn., Monday, June 22, for Two Week's Session.

The joint institute for the teachers of Grundy and Marion counties will convene at Monteagle, Tenn., on Monday morning, June 22nd, and will be in session two weeks. The Marion County Board of Education has, by resolution, declared that it will not even consider the application of any teacher who does not attend the institute the full two weeks, and pass the required examinations.

In addition to the studies required in the public schools, teachers will be examined in the books used in the State Teacher's Reading Circle course. Prof. Claude J. Bell, of Nashville, Tenn., handles these books, and will supply any teacher who will write him, enclosing the price of the books. Respectfully,
D. A. TATE,
County Superintendent.

Lenoir City, Tenn.

Special to the News
To all of my friends in Sequachee valley, who are too numerous for me to write personal letters to, I take this method of writing you:

Lenoir City is a thriving little town, of about 4,000 inhabitants, with the Southern carshops, foundry, knitting mill, and other industries, which make this a desirable place. Lenoir City is blessed with good churches, and noble Christians. There have been some good revivals here in the past few months. More than 250 have been converted. Many of this number have united with the different churches. A revival meeting is in progress now at the First Baptist church, our pastor, W. E. McGregor, who is assisted by Rev. J. M. Lewis, of Jefferson City, Tenn., has been doing some faithful preaching.

I have not been able to work any since the 11th day of December. For the last few weeks I have been confined to my room with stomach trouble and rheumatism. I hope to be able to get out soon. If I never get out, I am ready to meet my Lord who has bought me and redeemed me by his own Blood.

To all who may read these lines: If the Lord has not redeemed you, will you let him? The Lord has said "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you."
M. D. MOSS.

Stanly.

Special to the News
Visiting is in order since cold wave paid his visit last week.

A. J. and Ellen E. Richie were visiting their uncle, John Richie, on the mountain Saturday and Sunday.

Chris Douglas was visiting at the postoffice Sunday afternoon.

Albert Davis, of the Ridge, and T. B. Durham, of Hamilton county, were the guests of T. H. Richie Sunday night.

Steven Douglas was visiting John Richie on the ridge Sunday.

J. M. Layne likes to visit the post-office every few days.

Albert Davis and T. H. Richie started to Bridgeport, Ala., with a raft of logs for M. B. Clemens.

We learned by long distance telephone that Mr. Tom McNabb, of Kelly's Ferry, brought his bride from Sequachee Valley Sunday. We wish them success and happiness. Bon Bon.

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B. G. Stewart, a merchant of Cedar View, Miss., says: "I tell my customers when they buy a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills they get the worth of that much gold in weight, if afflicted with constipation, malaria or biliousness." Sold under guarantee at Whitwell Drug Co.'s, 25c.

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Kimball.

Special to the News.
Quite a large crowd from here attended the Decoration at Pleasant Grove Saturday.

The farmers hope to put in a full week this week for they did not even get to go to the field last week on account of so much rain.

The Sunday school at this place is getting along nicely with Mr. Allen as superintendent. Everybody come to Sunday school and bring some one with you.

B. F. Smart, of Alabama, was here on business last week.

W. R. Hinch passed through here Sunday.

Ed Rogers and two daughters, of Chattanooga, were among friends and relatives here last week.

Crit Tanner, who got his leg broken some time back, is able to get around with the help of a crutch.

Mrs. Frank Payne visited Mrs. J. C. Doss Sunday.

D. T. Thach, who has been down so long with the rheumatism, is, we are glad to say, able to get about.

Henry Rogers, of Chattanooga, visited his sister, Mrs. J. C. Doss Saturday.

Misses Gladys and Grace Kelly went to Jasper Saturday.

Mrs. Billie Lane went to Whitwell Saturday.

Ed Doss and little brother, Vann, spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Hannah Henderson.

Wake up, "Uncle Gid" and "Friend L." You have been silent long enough. Your letters are needed in the Old Reliable.

Miss May Lane has accepted a position in the Hosiery Mill at So. Pittsburg.

Hurrah for the News and three big cheers for Joe Hackworth.
Sledge Hammer.

Pryor Cove.

Special to the News.
F. M. McCullough was at Ebenezer Monday.

Messrs. Ellis and Cunningham were in the cove selling washing machines Monday.

John Ramsey, of Sequachee, was visiting Mrs. J. M. Haynes and family Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Johnson and E. E. Johnson visited the family of F. M. McCullough Sunday.

T. L. Haynes went to Glover Hill Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Walsh and daughter went to the graveyard Sunday.

T. L. Haynes called on Ulpian Ferguson Sunday evening.

Mrs. D. M. Tate is sick at this writing.

W. D. Haynes went to the mountain Tuesday to be at the burial of James McCoy, who was accidentally killed there Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Haynes was in Jasper Tuesday.

S. B. Patten, of Jasper, was in the cove Monday.

P. H. Thach, of Jasper, was in the cove Tuesday.

Miss Mattie Tate visited Miss Byrtle McCullough Sunday evening.

Miss Nora McCullough was in Jasper shopping Monday.

Abner Cannon attended the burying of James McCoy Tuesday.

A. W. Ferguson was at home last week from the lock and dam.

Mrs. F. M. McCullough is visiting Mrs. G. W. McCullough on the mountain.
Apple Blossom.

The trouble with most cough cures is that they constipate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup does not constipate, but on the other hand its laxative principles gently move the bowels. It is pleasant to take and it is especially recommended for children as it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. Sold by J. W. Simpson, Jasper.

NOTICE
I will be at Jasper on Monday of each week. All parties desiring dental work will please call at the Hughes House. I will be in Sequachee on the Friday nearest to 30th of the month.
N. B. MOORE, Dentist.

The News is only 50c a year.

EMPIRE.

Look here, you boys and young men of Empire. I want to say a few words to you about respecting a lady. I think a little advice will be good for you if you use it in the right way. Of course you all say that you respect a lady. That may be true for a few of you. But I have seen enough with my own eyes to know that there are not four-fifths of you who do. I have attended church several times when the house was full and not one of you would get up and give a lady or girl your seat. One boy told me, when I asked him why he didn't give his seat to a lady, that he was not going to give his seat away, and that they could stand up as well as he could. Do you call that respect for a lady? No, it just shows how much of a gentleman's manners they lacked.

How many of you tip your hat to a lady when you meet her on the street? Not three-fourths of you do, except when you are walking down the street with someone who does and you feel so ashamed of yourself, that you reach up and kind of bow your head and twist your hat around and then go on. You can always tell a man or boy who respects a lady by his way of doing in the presence of ladies.

A gentleman will tip his hat and bow to a lady when he meets one on the street. He never uses tobacco in any form when in a lady's presence. He never uses a slangy word or profanity. He always tries to respect another man's wife or daughter, like he would have them respect his.

Some of you boys go to singings and dances. The first thing you do is to reach for your tobacco sack and go to smoking or chewing. That shows that you have no manners, or rather you do not show them if you have any. You should be sent to a school where they make a gentleman out of a useless, ill-bred piece of humanity.

Some boys say they will not respect so and so because she is some boy's sister or some one's wife, whom they do not like. It does not matter who they are, you should respect them as much as you would want a man or boy to respect your mother or sister.

Now, boys see if you can't improve your manners in the future. You would if you only know how ill-mannered it looks.
Ethel.

Red Hill.

Special to the News.
The people of Red Hill had a graveyard cleaning Saturday. A large crowd attended and everybody had a nice time.

Lee Smith and wife, who have been visiting in Georgia for the past week, returned home Saturday.

The people will have a meeting at Red Hill sometime in September for the purpose of fencing the graveyard.

Dock Cowan, of Whitwell, attended the graveyard cleaning Saturday.

Clee Smith, who has been off in search of work, returned home Friday.

W. E. Thomas went to Victoria Saturday night.

Clee Smith and L. W. Thomas went to the city Saturday evening.

Bennett Tate and wife visited Ed Laythrum Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. L. E. Thomas, who has been visiting in Whitwell for the past week, returned to Red Hill Saturday.

Rev. Joe Griffith filled his regular appointment in Whitwell Saturday evening.

Come on, you writer of Bush, Ill. Would like to hear from there in the next paper, as I haven't seen anything from there in some time.

If you want to see flowers call at A. D. Thomas'.
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Neblo.

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