



MR. STEWART WRITES PLAINLY

Colored Soldiers Proven Not Guilty.

THE IDENTITY OF THE BULLETS—MANY TESTS RESULT FAVORABLY.—A LONG WAY AHEAD TO COMPLETE VINDICATION.

In the investigation by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs in which the shooting up of Brownsville, which has extended during the past nine months, many facts have been proven which, to the unbiased mind would prove conclusively that the evidence upon them before the committee would show that the soldiers could not have fired a single shot on the famous night of August 13, 1906.

There were the conclusive circumstantial evidences of the roll calls, under white officers in which every man answered to his name while the firing was still going on down town; said white officers, in their testimony, all asserting that there was no opportunity of mistake in the calling of said rolls.

INSPECTION OF RIFLES.

Then there was the inspection of the rifles next morning which showed that the bore of none of the guns were powder-stained. Springfield rifle guns cannot be fired without being powder-stained and it was shown there was no opportunity if they had been fired, to clean them.

This together with a number of other circumstantial evidences led up to the microscopic report by the ordnance officers of the War Department which showed that some of the shells picked up in the streets of Brownsville fitted a gun, which that night, was in an arm-chest, which arm-chest was nailed and screwed down under ten iron bunks; was full of coconuts and had not been fired since the target practice at Fort Niobrara, Neb., which fort the colored soldiers left to go to Brownsville.

THE DOUBLE INDENTATIONS.

The double indentations on the shells showing that they had been inserted twice in guns, also proved that these shells were from Fort Niobrara, Neb., when the guns were new and first fired in target practice double insertion was at times necessary.

But this difficulty had been entirely defaced by the time the battalion reached Brownsville. So that beyond any doubt, the shells picked up in the streets of Brownsville were shells fired at Fort Niobrara, Neb., and were taken from the box of shells which Company B. has upon the rear of B Barracks at Fort Browne and were accessible to all visitors of the Fort as souvenirs.

PLACED WHERE FOUND.

Moreover, the manner in which these shells were picked up showed conclusively that they had simply been placed there by some individuals interested in incriminating the soldiers in the shooting up, as the most of them were picked up in little groups from a foot to twenty inches in diameter, when it has been proven conclusively that in ejecting these shells from the Springfield rifle, the projectile force throws them from six to eight feet.

But, however, all this evidence was not sufficient to firmly establish before the country, the innocence of the soldiers. It remained for the end of the investigation at the present time to clearly establish that fact beyond any reasonable doubt.

THOSE SEVEN BULLETS.

Seven bullets said to have been cut out of the houses in Brownsville into which they had been fired the night of the shooting were introduced in evidence before the committee, all properly identified. The most of them were offered in evidence by Major Blockson on behalf of the government.

At a recent meeting of the committee, it was ordered that two of these bullets should be analyzed by some competent metallurgist. One of the bullets selected was fired into the Yturria House; the other into the Cowan House, from which it was taken by Major Blockson.

The bullets were sent to the Geological Survey and by the head of that Bureau, Dr. Smith, referred to Prof. Hilderbrand, who is an expert metallurgist and chemist for that Bureau on behalf of the government. He analyzed the core of the two bullets and his analysis shows that they are not the government army bullet.

TESTED IT FULLY.

To test the matter fully, as those on the committee who believed the soldiers did the firing, were analyzed, and non-placed at this analysis, four other bullets were sent to the metallurgist with the same result reached; that they are not government bullets in that they have antimony when, according to the testimony of Gen. Crozier, the government bullets have no antimony in them at all.

Gen. Crozier's testimony is borne out by other experts; that the core of the Springfield rifle bullet has consisted ever since March 1905 of one part tin to 36 parts lead and no antimony, when the analysis of the bul-

lets picked up in the houses in Brownsville shows lead 95.7; tin .02; antimony 1.97. No antimony has ever been used in any bullet issued to the Army since 1824.

A CONCLUSIVE DEMONSTRATION.

Thus it is conclusively demonstrated that the bullets which were found at Brownsville in the houses were not and are not government bullets. This is conclusive by government authority, and how could the shooting have been done by government soldiers if the ammunition is not government ammunition? The soldiers had no other and their guns would shoot no other. Could they have been out shooting up the town in connection with the citizens? Such reasoning is preposterous and this latest evidence conclusively demonstrates that the soldiers had no part whatever in the Brownsville affray. GILCHRIST STEWART.

Overcoat Found.

A good overcoat was found on the fence at 819 North Fifth Street and the party by describing the same can get it at that number.

WANTED—To buy groceries, live chickens, turkeys and one good size pig for the winter. Would also like to get an old man to live with the family. A good home for some person who has no people and wants a home. Address MRS. M. J. POWELL, Box 504, Pleasantville, N. J.

—Miss Edmonia Anderson who has been sick for the last two weeks at the residence of Mr. B. H. Peyton is improving.

Race Cause is Suffering.

Editor of The PLANET: Will you grant the publication of this article in the columns of your paper, to ask the views of your readers on a question like this: "Who shall advocate our cause in the eyes of the world?" We have named many among the race to fight our cause. But as yet 12,000,000 of us are suffering for citizenship in its proper light.

We are waiting for a leader. But where shall we find him? My answer to all the race is this: "He sits at the editorial desk of our weekly papers. Let us find him and tell him that our battles are too hard for us to carry any longer and that he must help us." It is our duty to find the man who shall have the help of 12,000,000 colored people. We must be on the look out.

First call the leading Editors of our weekly papers together and then decide the question. It is now our business to say something on the grave, important problem and will the readers of this paper make their voice known just now? Don't wait for the time is here that we, the poor must speak and speak we must and to my mind the Editors of our weeklies can help us every where by allowing the readers of their papers to have a voice upon the question and we should beg this favor because we are among the poor.

Will the Editors help us? A news paper man is at his desk, who knows our cause and understands it best. R. H. BALL, Lawrence, Mass.

—Mr. John H. Jones of 200 W. 21st Street, Manchester, Va. is out again.

Colored People Open Hospital in Charlottesville, Va.

To the Editor of the Richmond PLANET: From the dark background of the gloomy past it is a relief to turn our eyes toward a brighter future. It has been just a few years since the Negro was liberal and behold what rapid strides he has made and what is the secret of his success do you ask? The answer comes reverberating over rock ribbed hills and smiling plains, because the Negro knows how to work intellectually, physically and in any capacity that brings to him tangible results. This was truly demonstrated the night of the opening of the Albemarle Hospital of this city.

The building is a comfortable two story brick structure situated on North Fifth Street and each room is nicely fitted for hospital purposes. On the night of the opening every one seemed to have been intensely and profoundly interested in the new project. Long before the opening hour large crowds had assembled to do honor to the occasion and we were reminded of that familiar quotation, Vox Populi, Vox Dei, the voice of the people is the voice of God.

It is by benevolent efforts that the mighty mass is to be inspired that its parts are to communicate and sympathize, its bright progress to be adorned with becoming charity and the feelings of sympathy interpreted to children of other regions and to after ages. Indeed there is no institution on earth that should appeal to our constituency more than a place to alleviate suffering humanity.

The years are rapidly passing by and gathering importance in their course, in the development of things in their logical order. It is an opportune time for the race to go on record for their charitable deeds, magnanimous hearts and munificent gifts. It is the expansion of human intelligence combined with Christian religion which opens the heart to liberality and gives one a superior standing in civilization.

The hospital was launched at the suggestion of Dr. G. R. Ferguson, the popular physician and surgeon of this city. The project met the approval of the entire city. The following are the officers: G. P. Inge, President; Rev. R. B. Hardy, Vice President; George Lawson, Secretary; P. S. Hooker, Treasurer; Board of Directors: Revs. Hilliard Johnson, R. C. Quarles, R. B. Hardy, Charles Coles, P. T. Edwards, W. J. Gunnell, Prof. Ben. Tounslor, Thomas D. Atkins, Chairman of Committee on by-laws.

The ladies have organized themselves into clubs as an Auxiliary to the work and an adjunct for its success and perpetual growth, the following are the officers: Mrs. Alice Minor, President; Mrs. P. S. Hooker, Vice President; Miss Jannette Johnson, Secretary.

The hospital takes a sail over the sea of time with the following help: Mrs. Annie Goodlow, Matron and a graduate from the Lincoln Hospital, New York; Miss Lillie E. Burns, Miss Emma Kelley, Miss Edith Gamble and Miss Mabel Tounslor. Dr. G. R. Ferguson is Surgeon-in-Chief, with Dr. W. M. Randolph, Gynecologist. There are two inmates at the Hospital at this writing and two others are preparing to enter this institution.

As I pass over the gholgotha of human history from the memories of those who have played their parts in the arena of life that figure without parallel in the history of the World, having the nature of both an angel and hero Joan of Arc, made no avail what the successors of William wished to do to France the virgin warrior sealed with her martyrdom the delinquencies of her country.

The ladies of Charlottesville are saying the Hospital is a necessity and must live. The promoters of this enterprise like an angel standing in the sun, sending out their influence. The good they have done will outlive the pulverizing process of the grave and will be found working when the busy din of time shall have hushed in the great dawn of eternity.

Yours for the progress of the race along all lines and avenues, THOS. D. ATKINS, Pastor Ebenezer Bapt. Church, Charlottesville, Va. Reported by request.

Do You Know Them?

John Henry Langster, 150 Walnut St., Springfield, Mass. was born in Gloucester Co., Va. near James River in 1865. His mother's name was Jennie Langster, father's name Peter Langster. He had a brother named Peter Langster, a twin sister named Maria Langster and four other sisters, Jane, Sallie, Easter, and Keziah Langster. The family was owned by Thomas Banks. If any one knows of the whereabouts of the above named parties or can give any information concerning them address WM. T. AMIGER, 150 Walnut Street, Springfield, Mass.

\$150.00 Endowment Paid.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16, 1907. This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., A. and A. (\$150.00) One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in payment of the death-claim of William Custalo, who was a member of Venus Lodge, No. 46, of Richmond, Va.

Signed—Nancy B. Custalo, Beneficiary. Witness: Thomas H. Wyatt.

IN A POSITION TO KNOW



Santa Claus—"Don't talk about race-suicide to me. This is the most strenuous Christmas I ever put in."

EASY.



Bobbie—"Wonder why the days are so much shorter 'bout Christmas time."

Betty—"Why, so Santa Claus can have dark enough to get 'round in, of course."

\$100.00 Endowment Paid.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16, 1907. This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Worthy Counselor of the Grand Court of Virginia, I. O. of Canlanthe (\$100.00) One Hundred Dollars in payment of the death-claim of Ella Coleman, who was a member of Verbera Court, No. 61 of Richmond, Va. Signed: Jno. H. Coleman, Percy Sledd Beneficiaries. Per M. S. B.

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money. You can have your old hat that some one gave you become the envy of the town.

—Mrs. Monszaro will spend Christmas week in Washington and Baltimore visiting her sister.

Over 40 members of Virginia Seminary Trustees Board have expressed themselves in writing, urging Dr. G. B. Howard of Petersburg, Va. to accept the Presidency of that Institution. The public in general is anxious for him to take charge.

Xmas Entertainment.

Grand Xmas Reception and Entertainment, St. John's School Hall, 1st near Duval Thursday evening, Dec. 26th, 1907.

Three beautiful door prizes: 1st, Large Beautiful Doll; 2nd, Hand-some Silver Chain Pearl Rosary; 3d, \$2.50 in gold. Tickets, 10 cents. Each ticket entitles bearer to share in drawing for door prizes.

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