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TIME TABLE.
FOR ALL POINTS IN ZENT AND
Banana River Districts.

WESTBOUND.		EASTBOUND.	
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY		DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY	
Depart	8:15 A. M.	LIMON.	1:00 P. M.
Arrive	9:20 "	ZENT.	1:50 "
"	9:40 "	ZENT JUNCT.	1:35 "
CHIRRIPO BRANCH.			
Arrive	10:45 A.M.	ZENT.	10:00 M. A.
Depart	10:25 "	CHIRRIPO.	10:20 "
BANANA RIVER DISTRICT			
Arrive	5:00 P.M.	LIMON.	3:15 P. M.
Depart	4:05 "	BRASESEM.	4:50 "
"	4:05 "	PHILADELPHIA.	4:00 "

H. M. FEILD, Supt.

Limón Weekly News.

PORT LIMON SATURDAY MAY 7, 1904
F. M. H. WOOD,
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COSTA RICA, CENTRAL AMERICA.
R. HESLOP, AGENT, ZENT JUNCTION
ANTONIO LERMMANN, CENTRAL AVENUE
SAN JOSE.

CURRENT ITEMS

CONTRACTORS' banana cheques for the month of May will be calculated by the United Fruit Company at 114 per cent.
For economy, Panama will not send any successor to M. Barau Varila, as Minister to the United States. The Government thinks that all matters between Panama and America can be arranged between President Amador and General G. W. Davis, who will likely be Governor of the Canal Zone. "Colon Telegram."

Mr. Chas. Weinberger an American, has loaned the Government of Nicaragua the sum of one million dollars United States gold. President Zelaya has signed the corresponding papers. This debt is to be paid in 25 years, and is guaranteed (with interest) by 25 per cent of the products of duties collected on imports, and Exports, on the Atlantic Coast during that period. "La Patria."

A new Canal route has been discovered by an American engineer. It is a direct line from the Atlantic through the gulf of San Blas to the Pacific Coast, at a point known as the Pearl Islands. This route is more direct than the Isthmus and only twenty-nine miles, while that of Panama is forty-nine. In both oceans a depth of eighty feet of water exists. A Company has offered to build the Canal in two years at a cost of \$100,000,000. The time necessary for ships passing through will only be five hours. The Panama Canal will take twelve years to build at a cost of \$200,000,000 and fifteen hours to navigate. It is reported that there is a possibility of constructing both Canals, the best route being that (recently discovered) of Maudingo. "La Patria."

SOUTH AMERICAN circles in the city will regret to learn that Mr. J. W. Philipps M.P., chairman of the Buenos Ayres and Pacific Railway and also of the Costa Rica Railway Company, was taken seriously ill with typhoid fever on arrival at Buenos Ayres, and had to be removed to the English hospital. Mr. Philipps recovered from the attack after being confined for nearly a fortnight in the hospital. In an interview with a "Diario" representative, Mr. Philipps said, that the principal object of his visit was to perfect the arrangements with the Government for the high level entrance of the Pacific into Buenos Ayres, and the construction of the new station. "South American Review."

Rubber in Costa Rica.

From the "Journal of the Jamaica Agricultural Society".
RUBBER.—We have received the following letter from a member of the Society, in Costa Rica, Mr. Sam Lindo:—"Since my arrival in this country I have had practical opportunities of observing how rubber grows, and the conditions most favourable for its propagation. 1st.—It will not grow in the open, and when it does will not yield as in the forest I would suggest that when planting in Jamaica it should be planted with the guango (I do not know the botanical name for this tree, but suppose you will know what I mean)—("Pithecolobium Saman—Ed.) as the latter tree will grow much faster than the rubber, only clearing a small space round the rubber to prevent creepers killing it. I have been led to address you on this subject as the price of the article is today in this country \$1.15 per lb. 2s.4½d., in the crude condition, and the rubber in this Republic is certainly none of the best, due to the primitive methods employed in gathering it. The trees are not fit to be tapped before they are five or six years old, and the methods employed by the natives is fast destroying all the trees and people are not willing to plant, as they say bananas pay them better. If no private individual can afford to take the planting of it up, cannot your Society persuade the Government to do so; it would be far better than the present toy gardens and experiments carried on." As a permanent crop forming an investment of a staple nature, rubber (principally Castilloa Elastica, commonly called Panama Rubber) should occupy the attention of all planters in most districts to an equal extent with cocoa. If there is one district for rubber growing more typical than any other it is the valley of the Rio Grande in Portland.

That Chinese Lottery.

From the "Colon Telegram"
We take the following from the Church Magazine for April.
That pernicious, demoralizing, and ruinous form of gambling known as Chinese Lottery has again made its appearance in our midst. If ever there was an evil which demands the co-operation of every right thinking person to permanently eradicate it, this is one. No stone should be left unturned, no effort should be relaxed, until the government has declared the Chinese Lottery to be detrimental to the interests of the community, and that it shall cease. It is all moonshine to evade the serious consequences which follow the crazy patronage which this lottery receives from the labouring classes, by saying that it is to be kept within the area of the Chinese portion of the population, for we know that it is not so confined. And even so, are we to have the Chinese conducting a lottery which is regarded as degrading, and a disgrace to a respectable community? Have we no duty even to the Chinese? We are told that the Chinese pay for this concession \$3000 dollars monthly. Why should the Government permit this lottery? And apparently to satisfy its own desire for more of the people's money, the Panama Lottery Company is to have a bi-weekly drawing with a grand prize of \$3,000. Just think for a moment what this means. First of all we expose ourselves to the charge that the community consists chiefly of gamblers; that everything tends to encourage it; and that with the Chinese drawings four times a day, and the Panama Lottery twice a week, nearly \$100,000 are taken in monthly by the sale of one sort or another. And yet this is said to be a poor community! Is it any wonder that people are dissatisfied with their earnings when there exist such inducements to squander money? And when all has been thrown away on lottery tickets, do not poverty and ruin follow?

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San Jose, 31st August, 1901.

HOUSES TO LET.
The collecting of Rents and the general administration of property in Limón undertaken.
p. 27. 2. 04. JOSE CABALLERO.

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Weekly Shipping List.

ARRIVED.

April 23—at 6 a.m. launch "Racket" c. Lopez crew register from Bocas del Toro. 2 passengers. No cargo. No correspondence. No consignment. Consigned to the Captain.
April 25—at 1.30 p.m. s.s. "Taunton" Norwegian, c. Ellefson 24 crew and 826 tons register from New Orleans. 3 passengers. General cargo. No correspondence. Consigned to the United Fruit Co.
April 25—at 7 a.m. s.s. "Admiral Schley" American, c. Jensen 34 crew and 1333 tons register from Port Antonio. 4 passengers. No cargo. 1 sack correspondence. Consigned to the United Fruit Co.
April 26—at 6 a.m. s.s. "Centro American" Italian, c. Casella 86 crew and 2235 tons register from Savanilla. 16 passengers. General cargo. 4 sacks and 13 baskets correspondence. Consigned to F. J. Alvarado and Co.
April 27—at 1 a.m. s.s. "Oracabessa" English, c. Long 45 crew and 2228 tons register from Port Morant. No passengers. No correspondence. 100 bales cargo. Consigned to the United Fruit Co.
April 27—at 5 a.m. s.s. "Alexander Bixio" French, c. Piton 45 crew and 1236 tons register from Colon. 5 passengers. General cargo. 3 sacks correspondence and 20 postal packets. Consigned to F. J. Alvarado and Co.

SAILED.

April 23—at 5 p.m. s.s. "Miami" English, c. Lund 45 crew and 2424 tons register from Manchester. 2 passengers. 35,000 bunches bananas. No correspondence. Despatched by the United Fruit Co.
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NOTE—I have now opened a branch at Ninety-nine building, Limon, which is in charge of my assistant, Mr. Ruben Castro, who has had seven years experience as a First Class Dentist, and has been engaged about two years of that time with me.

WOOD'S BOOK STORE, LIMON. PRICE LIST

Of Stationery, School Material and Novelties.

Table listing various stationery and school materials with prices. Includes categories like Automatic Pencils, Balls, Brushes, Copy letter books, and various stationery items.

Table listing musical instruments and accessories such as Typewriter, Tally books, Tags, Toys, and various stringed instruments.

Country customers will please include in their remittance the cost of postage, equal to 25 cents for two pounds.

THE UNSELFISH ELEPHANT.

The story is still told by circus men of a certain big elephant that did something worthy of being immortalized. A little girl and her father had one day been looking at him admiringly.

RENOVATING MEN'S CLOTHING.

When partly worn suits are properly mended and renovated, it greatly improves their appearance and makes them last much better than if this work is neglected.

Stimulated by the burning of Wisconsin's Capitol at Madison, newspapers in Maine are reminding the citizens of the State that their State House in Augusta is partly fire-proof.

THE GREAT DESTROYER

SOME STARTLING FACTS ABOUT THE VICE OF INTEMPERANCE.

Poem: What I'd Have If I Could—A Sad, Cruel and Heartbreaking Sight Which a Minister Saw in the City of Churches—Warning to Mothers. Had I the power, I'd break each heart...



VIEW OF LIMON.

Directory of Costa Rica.

President of the Republic—Licenciado don Ascencion Esquivel. First Vice President—Licenciado don Ricardo Jimenez. Second Vice President—Licenciado don Cleto Gonzalez Viquez.

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Trades Directory.

E. W. Jackson. BARS—Alfano Hermanos. Jose Cuvillier. BOOK STORES—Wood's Book Store.

DIRECTORY OF PRINCIPAL RECDENIS.

Acevedo, Ramon F. Allen, Horatio. Arnold, Mrs. L. C. Brown, R. H. Becket, H. S. C. G.

The Panama Canal and the Mississippi Valley

By C. M. HARVEY, In the World's Work.

The Panama gateway between the world's two great oceans will establish new balances and shift the country's trade centre to the Mississippi Valley.

The position of New Orleans New Orleans is nearer to the centres of the middle West and Southwest that produce and manufacture food and raw material than any other city.

RALEIGH'S PROPHECY. "The nation," said Sir Walter Raleigh, "which controls the Isthmus of Darien is master of the world."

Through the Panama Canal will flow all the commerce from Europe and our Atlantic seaboard and the Mississippi Valley bound to the western coast of the United States with the Atlantic border of the United States and of South America.

THE MISSISSIPPI GATEWAY. At the gateway stands the Mississippi Valley. Thus New Orleans, Galveston and Mobile will be in a commanding position.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EFFECT. The canal's economic, social and political consequences will be vast.

tributed to the elements which, beginning with Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry's United States treaty in 1853, drew Japan out of her seclusion and abolitionism and placed her on the roll of modern States.

An Ideal Trapper. Among Iredell's game trappers is Mr. W. H. Boovey, who operates along the banks of Third Creek.

Not Much Impressed. If New York has a word to say to the stranger within its gates, says a correspondent of the New Orleans Times-Democrat, it is this:

Thought He Had 'Em. He boarded a late Roland Park car at a crossing known to many of the men on board as one of the last places of refreshment on the way home to Hampden.

Diplomacy of a Man Who Worked Late. The man living in the flat near me," I am told by George Mitchell, "is a diplomat, a diplomat of such rare order that whether intoxicated or sober, he can turn with his ready wit and quickness of mind the sour desire of his wife to scold him for some deed into a bubbling fountain of smiles.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

COURTING AND THE COURTS

How Easy It is to Be Made Liable in a Breach of Promise Case.

EVER since Margaret Gardner and her daughter Alice brought what is reputed to have been the first breach of promise suit against John Keeche, of Ipswich, showing that he, said John Keeche, had received a sum of money on condition of his marrying the aforesaid Alice, and that he had married Joan Bloys, "a gyene all good reason and conscience," breach of promise suits have been recognized among all English speaking peoples.

No—in the vine-clad arbor, or behind the protecting screens of parter walks in some shady nook, or in the dim moonlight deep down some lonely dell, "far sunken from the healthy breath of morn and eve's one star," these engagements are softly whispered and the contract sealed with a kiss.

For these reasons, while the making of the contract is a question of proof, it need not be proved in totidem verbis, and is often inferred from the actions, language and conduct of the parties, and it is difficult to tell under what circumstances the court would be justified in finding that a promise had been made.

A gentleman once concluded that it would be a very elegant and a very funny thing to send his delectable a newspaper article entitled, "Love, the Conqueror," marking it: "Read this."

In a New York case it was shown on the trial that a widower, a pious elder of fifty-three years of age, soon after the death of his wife, visited the plaintiff, a maiden lady of thirty, and taking out a memorandum book, from which he read, or pretended to read, stated in a confidential way, that he had noted down some requests made by his wife four days before her death.

The sanctimonious Proteus forgot his Julia and found him another sweet-heart, and knowing that he had become somewhat involved in his affair with the plaintiff, he diplomatically undertook to checkmate the lady. He told her that he did not want her people to think that he was paying her the attentions of a lover, so soon after the death of his wife, and in order to allay that suspicion, he drew up a note, in which the plaintiff was made to say that she regarded his visits as "simply evidences of friendship and nothing more," and got her to sign it.

In a Connecticut case the defendant had been heard to remark on his happiness when in plaintiff's company and his utter misery unless in her society. The parties had exchanged daguerreotypes, the defendant had taught the plaintiff's nephew to call him uncle, and had told the plaintiff's "other-in-law" that "all the courting 's done."

little suspecting that the plaintiff would take a hand at "courting" in the presence of Judge and jury.

In a Vermont case the plaintiff and defendant were neighbors, and the defendant paid neighborly visits to the plaintiff's family.

A very cruel case occurred in Michigan. A man, who, strange to relate, bore the name of Constant, while engaged in courting had his financial eye open and borrowed money from the lady. On his last visit to her he renewed his notes for one and two years, and then went off and married the other girl.

Where the defendant asked the hand of the lady in the presence of the latter's mother, who consented, and the lady said nothing, and the defendant thereupon gently took the hand of the mother and touchingly said: "Henceforth consider me as your son," it was held sufficient proof of the lady's consent.

While the law makes it easy to proxy a proposal by the gentleman and equally easy to show that the lady accepted, when it comes to evidence showing a release on the part of the lady, then the proof must be strong to sustain the defense.

In one case a bachelor of fifty-three had been paying his respects to a maiden of forty-three summers for the unlucky period of thirteen years. During all this time she declared to others that she would never marry him and spoke of him in terms of derision and contempt.

In a Pennsylvania case the lady wrote the defendant a letter in which she said: "I don't want you, for I know that I would have a devil's life of it. If you were any kind of a gentleman you would not act as you have. I pray night and day that you may never prosper in this world. I just pray for every hair in your head to come out." And yet she recovered a judgment for \$2000.

In looking beneath the surface for the reason for this verdict it is quite evident that the jury believed that the lady was goaded to desperation by the attentions of her fiance to her rival, and that she did not, in fact, mean to say that she did not want to marry him, and did not really desire that he lose all his hair, for in her letter she says cruelly of her rival: "Well, if I am poor, I do not want the one hair for five or six years like she does, and turn it hind part before, like she does."

Success Easier Than Failure. The principles that win success are very simple and few in number. They are easily remembered. Here they are: First, industry, but not overwork; second, willingness to profit by the experience of others; third, ability, coupled with modesty; fourth, simple and correct habits; fifth, honesty, politeness and fairness.

SOME PUZZLES.

A Few Problems in Improbability Which Will Amuse.

James has two apples and Henry has three, and they agree to divide so that each will have an even number. How do they do it? James being the bigger, simply "hogs on" to the third apple and puts it down his hind pocket and tells Henry to holler all he pleases.

On his way home with a jug containing two quarts of N. O. molasses John meets Henry, William, Frank and Peter and gives them all a "swig." How much did he have left when he entered the house, and what occasioned his yells five minutes later?

Henry has seven marbles and Joseph has sixteen, and at the end of a game Henry has twenty-four marbles and Joseph has had his hair pulled and received a bang in the eye. There is nothing to figure out here, as every boy knows how it is done.

Lucy is crossing the park on her way to school with a large, red apple in either hand, when seven boys catch sight of her. How many times will two large, red apples go into seven boys, and how long did Lucy cry over it?

A father who has three sons wishes to give them all a licking, but having to hurry off to a ward caucus that evening he takes Samuel out into the woodshed and gives him thirty-six cuts with the whip. If equally divided, how many would each boy have received?

Helen is presented with a box of candy containing fifty pieces for being a very good girl, and Bob gets thirty-two whacks with the bootjack for throwing at the cat. How long did it take Bob, after being licked, to get hold of that box of candy and lay it to the parrot?

A boy out after chestnuts meets a bear and climbs a tree. While he is climbing five feet, the bear climbs four. At this rate how long will it take the bear to overhaul him and how high do you make the tree to be? —Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

There is no advantage in making time unless you are on the right track. Some men hope to live when they die because they are dead while they live.

The man who disregards the sentence of truth cannot discover the truth of science.

No business can be built to endure that neglects to put character in the foundation.

Money is not the measure of a man, but it is often the means of finding out how small he is.

He who gets man and tries to elevate mankind by force gets small thanks for his pains.

To be misunderstood even by those whom one loves is the cross and bitterness of life.—Annael.

Prosperity is not without many fears and distastes; and adversity is not without comforts and hopes.—Francis Bacon.

Boys Are Watched.

When we see the boys on the streets and public places we often wonder if they know that business men are watching them. In every bank, store and office there will soon be a place for a boy to fill. Those who have the management of the affairs of business will select one of the boys; they will not select him for his ability to swear, smoke cigarettes or tap a beer keg.

Business men may have a few loose habits themselves, but they are looking for boys who are as near gentlemen in every sense of the word as they can find, and they are able to give the character of everybody in the city. They are not looking for rowdies. When a boy applies for one of these places and is refused they may not tell him the reason why they do not want him, but the boy can depend upon it that he's been rated according to his behavior. Boys cannot afford to adopt the habits and conversation of the loafers and rowdies if they ever want to be called to responsible positions.—Advance.

Not Much Impressed.

If New York has a word to say to the stranger within its gates, says a correspondent of the New Orleans Times-Democrat, it is this: "Have you succeeded at home? If not, why do you think you will succeed where conditions are more complex and difficult?"

But in New York, as in other large cities, those who are not to be "bluffed" or discouraged, and who go resolutely about their business are reasonably sure of success. Sometimes, perhaps, a little success makes more of a noise in the world than it should.

One evening in a restaurant, says the correspondent, we were waited on by a real Southern dandy. He was so unmistakable that at last I said to him, "George?"

"You're from the South, aren't you?" "You're from the South, aren't you?" "How did you get up here?"

"Ah don't know, ma'm, how come Ah come."



The shark holds the record for long distance swimming. A shark has been known to cover 800 miles in three days.

A sealed bottle containing four pints of liquid air was sent from Berlin to Geneva, but on arrival it was found that three and a half pints had evaporated.

Heart disease and nervous prostration are almost unknown among the Japanese. This immunity is attributed to the equanimity and cheerfulness of the Japanese.

Electric incandescent lamps have been supposed to be perfectly safe in surgical operations, but a recent explosion of ether vapor was traced to the spark made at contact in turning on the light.

With the aid of a strong electric light Louis Bonton, of Paris, has succeeded in taking photographs 140 feet below the surface of the ocean.

A reddish ring inclosing a whitish glare was seen around the sun after the Krakatoa eruption of 1883, and has been named Bishop's ring. Keen observers have noted a similar appearance in recent months.

WOOD WORKERS.

The Primitive Way of Lumber Reduction in the Philippines.

In the big lumber mills of America they think nothing of reducing great pine sticks to kindling wood in a few minutes, and the millman is merely required to see that the stick is secured straight in the carriage.

Even woods as hard as oak are set upon a frame, and two laborers monotonously pull a big saw through its tough length for days and days, until they have produced the slabs of which Eastern furniture is made.

After the lumber is cut into comparatively small pieces, it is sold to the native carpenters and builders to be erected into houses.

The carpenter of the far East receives the wood in the rough, exactly as it is left by the sawyer. He, or a fellow tradesman, must carve his moldings before they can be placed in the houses.

The intricate moldings and beadings used in our houses are made in mills by machinery, and come ready finished to the joiner's hand.

Insects are scrupulously clean in their personal toilet, and often brush, comb and wash themselves—a service for which they are admirably adapted with natural implements.

Sanitation of an Ant City.

The streets within the city bounds and the gates and external plaza and "country roads" leading into the foraging fields—as with agricultural ants—are kept free from filth and obstructions that might gather filth. The constant washings and combings of baby ants by the nurses would satisfy the most fastidious maternal taste.

Fate of Five Deserters.

Five deserters from the German army who were recently arrested at Ostrowo, near the Russian frontier, have had singular experiences.

CURRENT ITEMS (Cont'd)

The United Fruit Company's steamer "Beverley" arrived at noon Tuesday with a cargo of 2394 packages...

THE BAH JOHNS CLUB will give a ball on the 8th inst in the spacious saloons of the Club Intercontinental...

MR. FRANK BULLEN, author of "Cruise of the Cachelot," was a passenger arriving here on the "Tagus" on Thursday last...

MR. EDUARDO BULLIOWECLA, late Government Telegraph operator, and at present a checker in the Limon Custom House...

A number of distinguished persons were round trip passengers on the R. M. S. "Tagus" this week...

MR. POLEMUS CUMMINGS, who it will be remembered left here for the States some few months ago for the benefit of his health...

THE REV. B. A. SAMUEL, Rector of the Anglican Church at Bocas del Toro, was married recently by the Bishop of Honduras...

MR. M. LESSER, Material Agent of Costa Rica Railroad Company, will be a passenger on Monday by the "Siberia" for New York...

THE following act of the Limon Municipality has been approved by the President and published in the "Official Gazette": "A service of illumina-tions to be established at Matina-La Junta and Zent..."

WE are requested to announce that on Wednesday last, the British Vice Consul, Wood's Book Store and the "Limon Weekly News" office will be transferred...

THE "Siberia" leaves here for Kingston direct on Monday, and the "Admiral Farragut" for Port Antonio on Tuesday...

THE Captain of the English cruiser "Retribution" paid a compliment to Limon police force, not one of whom neglected to salute him when he passed...

MR. JACK MARTI, who accompanied Mr. Edward Hauf to his home in the States a couple of weeks since, duly arrived in New York...

A letter appears in our correspondence column this week from the Rev. H. A. Ansell, formerly Rector of St. Mark's Limon...

THE duties collected by the Custom Houses of this Republic during the fiscal year ended 31st March 1904, amounted to \$3,426,828.00...

THE GAME COCK PHET—"La Republica" calls the attention of the police to the "Game Cock Phet" pointing out that owners of these half nude birds are in the habit of tying them out on the public thoroughfares...

The R. M. S. "Tagus" which arrived here on Wednesday morning from Europe via Jamaica and Colon, was under the command of Captain Rudge...

The public sale of the fishing rights of Moin and Banana Rivers will take place at 2 p.m. on the 12th instant in front of the Gobernacion of this port...

SOME trouble has arisen by the seizure of Cayman turtle vessels and the imprisonment of their crews through an order of the Nicaraguan Government...

ACCORDING to several special news paper reports some anxiety is felt by the people of Bocas del Toro through the Panama Government trying to coerce them into relinquishing their claims to the plots of land on the seaboard...

THE British schooner "Confidence", of 27 tons purchased by Mr. O. L. Maduro in Belize, Honduras for the turtle fishing business, arrived here on Friday morning...

DOS Filadelfo Grandas, our popular Agent of Police, who has filed the post during the period since the resignation of Mr. Sotela, has done all possible to keep the men up to the required standard...

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

LATEST CABLES.

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Central Asia." This evening a despatch from Kurapatkin was published announcing that the Japanese had crossed the Yalu, but expressing an opinion that an immediate conflict is not expected.

London 30—News from the far east reports that the Japanese squadrons are threatening Port Arthur and Vladivostok. It is believed here that simultaneous attacks on these two places is contemplated...

Manchuria 30—It is persistently rumored here that the first great battle was fought at the Yalu. 16,000 Japanese crossed the river on Friday and attacked 30,000 Russians who were well fortified...

Washington 30—The Secretary of State has received information from a source which cannot be made public of a great battle which took place at the borders of the Yalu, in which the Japanese had a complete triumph.

Tokio 30—Admiral Hayasoya commanding the third squadron reports that on the morning of the 29th the gun boats bombarded the enemy from the mouth of the river, but the Russians did not reply.

London 30—At the Japanese Legation it is expected that a great battle will be fought in the early part of the week, as they are in possession of information that Kurapatkin intends to oppose the advance of the Japanese to Manchuria with great vigor.

Shan Hai Kwan 30—Danish missionaries arriving here report that on leaving Antung ten days ago, the Russians had a force of 30,000 men in a strong position between Antung and the river Ai.

St. Petersburg 1—Advices from Alexander report that the commission appointed to investigate the cause of the sinking of the "Petropavlovsk" are satisfied that she struck a mine laid by the enemy.

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by the Russians. On the 25th evening two gunboats 2 torpedo boats and two armed merchant steamers under command of Makawa arrived. On the morning of the next day the torpedo boats and steamers passed Rije and exchanged shots with them in Anshuban.

Tokio 2—The second despatch from General Kuroki timed 10.45 and says: "At day break our scouts commenced firing, but up to 7 a.m. the Russians did not reply. At 7.30 we attacked with all arms and a sanguinary battle took place, from 8.15 to 9 a.m. The Japanese attacked the defenses, taking possession of all the Russian positions from Kin Li Chin Ching to Makou and Kusukag."

Tokio 2—Yesterday's operations undoubtedly flanked the Russian position at Ahtung. Without doubt our losses are very heavy, but that of the Russians was much greater...

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retire. Both sides suffered great losses; among the number are two Russian officers.

St. Petersburg 3—The czar has received the following from Kurapatkin, "Sasulitch reports. In accordance with orders I occupied Antung and Kullen Ching, but was forced to retire in the direction of Teng Wang Ching."

London 3—In view of the reserve maintained and the speculation riddled in relative to the destination of all the troops that have left Japan, much importance is placed on a suggestion received by the "Morning Post" from reliable Japanese sources...

Berlin 3—The "National Zeitung" says: "The loss of the Russian Artillery betrays a most unfavorable light on the character of the Russian retreat."

St. Petersburg 4—The Minister of War has received information that the Russian losses exceed two thousand men; the General-in-Chief is of opinion that many more lives have been sacrificed.

London 4—In an article on the far eastern affairs the "Daily Telegraph" says: "The silence relative to the campaign shows a new epoch in the military history of the world."

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Naples 1—King Victor Emmanuel visited Admiral Remans on board the "Keutucky" and remained on the ship for half an hour.

The Eighth attack on Port Arthur.

An eye witness writing from Liao Yang (as per our cable despatches) gives the following description of the disaster to the Russian navy at Port Arthur: For four nights I was on watch with the sentries on the Golden Hill...

Far out to the hazy horizon at about 11 o'clock I heard firing at sea, and counted seven shots but could see nothing. At day break I made out through the light haze to the southward, about five miles from the shore, six torpedo boats strung out in a line and all firing...

The signal station flashed the news to the men in the batteries that the vessel was the "Strachni". The unequal combat was observed with breathless interest. The net drew closer around the doomed boat.

She passed the Japanese stern and fired at them. At this stage Makoroff, who had been observing the conflict through his telescope, signalled to the cruiser "Bayan" lying in the inner harbour to weigh anchor and go out to the rescue...

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the "Petropavlovsk" disappeared. Some floating wood work and a few men struggling in the water were all that was left to recall the splendid fighting machine which a few hours before had sailed out of the harbour.

In fact, the British claims against the latter Republic are those of bondholders, and no measures for their immediate settlement have been considered at London.

An American Definition of Negroes.

From the Gleaner. The Democratic party in Barleson, Texas, have passed resolutions that in primary elections negroes should be excluded from voting, and the word "Negroes" is specifically defined as including "Mexicans" and "Italians."

PANAMA.

SWEEPING REGULATIONS.—CONSULAR INVOICES, &c. From the "Board of Trade Journal." With reference to the notice which appeared at pp. 570-1 in last week's Journal on the subject of the Consular Invoices required for goods shipped to Panama, it is to be noted that Panama Consular officers may only certify to invoices in which are specified packages belonging to one and the same mark, bearing the signature of only one shipping firm, sent by only one person or company and to a single place.

COLOMBIAN WARSHIP ASHORE AT CARTHAGENA.

THE HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINER Sarnia, which arrived here yesterday morning from Port Limon and Central American ports, brought news that the Colombian warship "General Pinzon" went ashore on the 18th inst., on a reef in the harbour of Carthagena.

A WAR SHIP IN PORT

H. M. S. "RETRIBUTION" ARRIVES FROM BLUEFIELDS. The 2nd class English cruiser "Retribution," Capt. Herbert Lyon, arrived in port at about seven o'clock on Tuesday morning last from Bluefields, where she had been in connection with the seizing by the Nicaraguan Government of the Cayman fishermen and their schooners.

Trouble With Nicaragua.

GREAT BRITAIN ONLY INTENDS PROTECTING THE FISHERMEN AT PRESENT. From the Daily Picayune.

Washington, April 23.—Officially nothing further is known here in regard to Great Britain's trouble with Nicaragua beyond the fact of which Sir Mortimer Durand, the British Ambassador, has informed the Secretary of State, that the British man-of-war Retribution has left Kingston for Bluefields to investigate the charges that the vessels of some Cayman turtle fishermen had been seized by the Nicaraguans and their crews cruelly treated.

DR. SEPTIMUS STEGGALL OFFICE HOURS: 7.30 to 9 a.m., 3.30 to 5 p.m., 7.30 to 9 p.m.

PANAMA CANAL.

Panama 1st.—There is every probability of the projected vagrancy law passing the National Assembly. The object of the law is to prohibit the entry into the country of persons absolutely poor; criminals, suspected persons, those without profession or employment, and persons afflicted with contagious diseases; also those persons likely to disturb public order or endanger the lives of public officers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions and views expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return manuscripts addressed to us. Correspondents in all cases must give their name and address for publication, but no evidence of good faith.

United Fruit Company.

HOW THEIR EMPLOYEES ARE CARED FOR. TO THE EDITOR. Limon Weekly News. Dear Sir,—The directors of the United Fruit Company cannot be charged with want of consideration, and in treating their employes, especially the toilers among the banana farms.

They have always readily fallen in with any suggestion for the welfare of the men in Costa Rica there are two preaching school masters doing good work, both are on the pay rolls of the Company. The parents are encouraged to bring their children where they locate. They have their church privileges, and the children are educated free. The division manager ever ready to encourage efforts for the welfare of the men, says: "since mission work has been in operation in the Zent district, the difference that has occurred in the life of our men speaks for itself. It is the Company's desire to make all the divisions model communities with regard to social order, and material well living, and to encourage the saving of money, so that the Jamaica man when he returns home will feel that his residence in Costa Rica has been to his material advantage, without the sacrifice of moral character."

School and Christian work in the Bocas del Toro division was brought to the notice of the President Mr. M. C. Keith. He replied that both Mr. Preston and himself were in sympathy with our efforts in that country, and he had instructed the manager to assist all he could in the matter, on the 29th April. The foundation of a mission church was laid on Bank No one up the Changuinola river. The following is a copy of a paper put in a bottle and placed under the foundation: "The foundation of this mission church was laid by Mrs. Notman, and J. H. Sobey. There were present and took part in the interesting ceremony: the Rev. E. C. Notman, Baptist Missionary, and the Rev. B. A. Samuel of the English Episcopal Church, both located in Bocas del Toro. The United Fruit Company, owners of the property, will erect the church building as also a mission college, and support a preaching school master, as is done in several places in Costa Rica.

Ministers of the three recognized churches in Bocas, Methodist Free Church, Baptist and Episcopal, will be at liberty to conduct Divine services, and hold private meetings with their members. Each had agreed to this plan; this will prevent denominational rivalry and overlapping another, present move of owners for which Jesus prayed. In this building the young will be educated, and both young and old the better fitted for their daily duties and for the life beyond.

J. H. S. Changuinola, Bocas del Toro. Republic of Panama, April 29th 1904.

The Anglican Church in Costa Rica

Port of Spain, Trinidad March 27th. 1904. To The Editor, Limon Weekly News.

Dear Sir,—It is now about three and a half years since I had the privilege and pleasure of presiding over the Anglican community in Port Limon as the Rector of St. Mark's Church, together with the missions at "La Germania," and "Cahuita." I need hardly tell you that during this long period of absence from your midst I have ever remembered with joy and gratitude the work that for nearly six years it was my privilege to accomplish, and the many very dear friends in conjunction with whom I laboured, and with whom it was my pleasure to be associated with.

But as I write, I have before me a copy of your excellent paper, to which, by your continued kindness and courtesy, I am almost entirely indebted for my news of the Church and other matters of interest to me in dear old Port Limon. And I am filled with joy and

overflowing with gratitude and pride as I read of the consecration of St. Marks, and of Cahuita, Rio Hondo, Nine Miles, Matina and of the Confirmation to be held at these and other Churches, Germania and at San José, not forgetting Boca del Toro.

Of course these are not all my children, only three are mine, and three belong to my dear good successor, to whom all the present success is due, and to whom the very warmest thanks of the Anglican community must be accorded.

But I felt bound to write and offer my heartiest and warmest congratulations upon the most successful issue of our united efforts in the past, and to offer my most fervent prayers and heartfelt wishes for continued and even greater prayers and success in the future. If only I could have been present with you just now, just to share your joy, but this I am doing here in Trinidad.

I do hope sincerely that our good people will have been so far encouraged that they will spare no effort to pay off any existing debt that may still remain, and above all, will go forward bravely and willingly with the work of building the Rectory for their hard working Priest and true friend, Archbishop Swaby.

I still hope to come and see Limon once again, and to view the work accomplished, and to renew old friendships. In the meanwhile I am here in Trinidad, trying to labour on to the best of my humble ability.

My best thanks are due to you Sir, for this opportunity of sending my congratulations to the members of St. Marks and our Mission Churches, as also for the ever kind and ready courtesy and assistance you always extended to the work the Church is endeavouring to accomplish.

Dear Sir, Yours very truly, H. ALBERT ANSELL.

MARRIED.—At St. Mary's Church, Boca del Toro, Rev. B. A. SAMUEL, St. Vincent, W.I., Rector of Church of England Missions, Boca del Toro, to Miss LILIAN ANNIE GOODMAN, St. Joseph, Barbados, W.I., on 22nd April, by His Lordship the Bishop of British Honduras.

Deaths.

- The following are the deaths recorded in Limon for week ending May 6th 1904: May 1—Ruth Harris, English, 38 years. May 2—Ruth Douglas, English, 38 years. May 2—Carolina Holder, English, 50 years. May 2—Florisel Noble, English, 5 months.

Weekly Shipping List.

FORECAST FOR COMING WEEK.

Table with columns: STR., DATE, FROM, TO ARRIVE, DATE, FOR, TO LEAVE.

SAILED.

April 26.—at 7.30 s.s. "Sarnia" German, c. Wintzer 83 crew and 2166 tons register for New York via Kingston 56 passengers. Cargo: 3294 sacks coffee. 151 bales skin, 8 bales hide, 62 sacks cacao, 5 boxes old iron, and 20,000 bunches bananas, 7 stcks coffee and 1 packet. Despatched by L. Wichmann. April 27.—at 4.30 s.s. "Centro America" Italian, c. Casella 85 crew and 2235 tons for Colon. 33 passengers. No cargo. 2 sacks correspondence, and 2 packets. Despatched by F. J. Alvarado and Co. April 27.—at 5.30 p.m. s.s. "Admiral Schley" American c. Jensen 54 crew and 1335 tons register for Boston via Port Antonio. 16 passengers. 19,400 bunches bananas. 1 sack correspondence. Despatched by the United Fruit Co.

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—ACOLIN GLOBE ENTERTAINMENT—Will take place on night of May 26th under the Chairmanship of Mr. Joseph Mitchell. Indian Telephone, Buggy floating in the air and other wonderful sights. Admission One Colon—Children 15 cts. ABRAHAM WALTERS, Founder.

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Advertisement for Soap! Soap!! Soap!!! with text: If cleanliness is next to Godliness, then soap is a means of grace. HENRY WARD BEECHER. LIMON church goes and other people can be supplied with "The [means of grace]" by calling at Woods' Book Store where the following varieties of the article in question can be purchased.

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A medicine that has restored so many women to health and can produce proof of the fact must be regarded with respect. This is the record of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which cannot be equalled by any other medicine the world has ever produced. Here is another case:—



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ONCE WE SPANKED KOREA

Some Details of That Little Incident of 1871



NATIVE SCHOOL IN KOREA.

UNLIKE developments in Korea make it particularly interesting at this juncture to remember that the United States Government once had trouble with Korean troops over the burning of an American ship near Pingyang and the massacre of its crew. In 1871 Admiral John Rodgers, then in



KOREAN SCHOLAR, CARRYING THE BABY IN KOREA.

command of the Asiatic squadron, stormed and destroyed four Korean forts near the mouth of the river which leads to Seoul. Word reached Chefoo in October, 1896, that the General Sherman, an American trading vessel which had been loaded at Chefoo that summer, had been fired upon while proceeding up the Pingyang River and that her entire crew of twenty-seven men,

among whom were two Americans and two Englishmen, had been murdered. Minister Burlingame at once demanded redress from China, but the Government at Peking disclaimed all responsibility for Korea, so on January 10, 1897, Commander Schufeldt was dispatched to the scene of the outrage with the warship Wachusett. Commander Schufeldt was unable to reach the Pingyang River on account of ice, but he anchored at a point fifty miles to the south and established communication with the district authorities, who denied all knowledge of the Wachusett to leave. After sending a letter to the King the commander was compelled to return to Chefoo, having accomplished nothing. A report reached Chefoo a year later that two survivors of the General Sherman were in confinement in Korea, and Commander Febiger, of the Shenandoah, was sent to investigate. He met with no more success than his predecessor, and after having sailed up the Pingyang River for some distance, returned to Chefoo and reported that to the best of his belief all the crew of the missing vessel



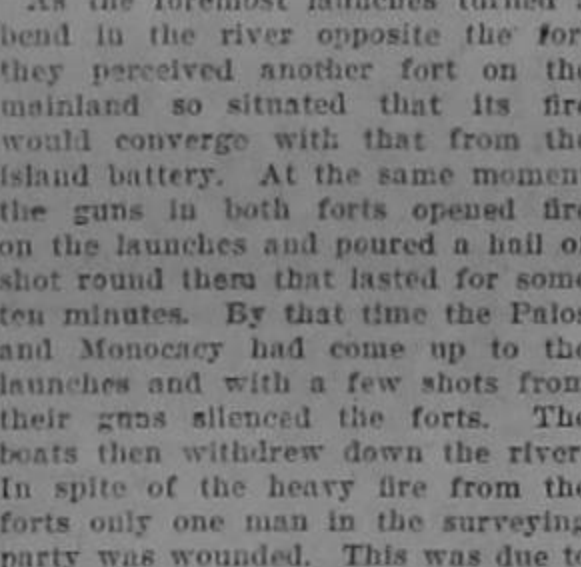
GEO. H. JONES, AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY, AND KOREAN CHRISTIANS.

were dead. No further steps were taken by the United States until three years later, when Admiral John Rodgers sailed for Korea with a fleet consisting of the Colorado, Benicia, Monocacy and Palos, and on May 30, 1871,

anchored near the mouth of the Seoul River. He was met by officers who purported to come from the Korean court, but as they had no credentials they were denied an interview. One of the men presented a letter from the King which was in part as follows: "This people and kingdom have lived in the enjoyment of their own civilization 4000 years, and we want no other. We trouble no other nations. Why should they trouble us? Our country is in the farthest east; yours is in the farthest west. For what purpose do you come so many thousand miles across the sea? Is it to inquire about the vessel destroyed? Her men committed piracy and murder, and they were punished with death. Do you want our land? That cannot be. Do you want intercourse with us? That cannot be." The Admiral said in reply to this that his intentions were friendly and that he proposed to make a survey of the river. He asked to see an envoy

of the King. Two days later Captain Blake, of the Alaska, started up the river with the Monocacy and Palos and four launches to make a trip of investigation. He had strict orders not to fire on the natives except in self-defense. On the way up the expedition passed two stone forts, which had been erected since the French expedition of 1896. At a point nine miles from the mouth the party came to some narrows, where the river ran very rapidly between an island and the mainland. The island was strongly fortified with crenellated walls, through which projected forty or fifty guns. At the base of the walls were stationed 2000 Korean troops armed with matchlocks. As the foremost launches turned a bend in the river opposite the fort they perceived another fort on the mainland so situated that its fire would converge with that from the island battery. At the same moment the guns in both forts opened fire on the launches and poured a hail of shot round them that lasted for some ten minutes. By that time the Palos and Monocacy had come up to the launches and with a few shots from their guns silenced the forts. The boats then withdrew down the river. In spite of the heavy fire from the forts only one man in the surveying party was wounded. This was due to the fact that the Korean guns were aimed to sweep a certain point in the river, and as the launches did not pass that point they escaped with comparatively little damage. Ten days later, on June 10, the boat made a second expedition up the river

and landed 644 men and seven guns. By a combined attack from land and water all four forts were captured and destroyed. The American loss was three killed and seven wounded. The Koreans were wretchedly armed with old firelocks and cutlasses of soft iron. They wore cotton padded armor that



PYENG-YANG HATS OF KOREA.

was impervious to anything but a bullet. Several prisoners were captured, but were later released, and Admiral Rodgers, having found that it was impossible to enter into communication with



THE MECHANICAL FLOUR-SIFTER.

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the King, weighed anchor and set sail for Chefoo. Korea had learned her lesson, however, and no further trouble was experienced by captains of Amer-



TYPICAL GROUP OF KOREAN CHILDREN IN CHEMULPO.

lean vessels that traded in those waters. Americans have an electric street railway in Seoul and a gold mine in the north, which employs fifty or sixty foreigners and 1200 Koreans, and pays into the imperial treasury an annual royalty of \$12,500. Americans should have a special interest in Korea, as one of our four small Asiatic wars was with Korea a generation ago. For years an American was foreign adviser to the Emperor, and I once heard an earnest Korean arguing in favor of America's assuming a protectorate over his land. But our chief contribution to Korea is neither commercial nor political, but moral and religious. There are about 130 American missionaries in the land, with 30,000 adherents



THE EMPEROR OF KOREA AND THE CROWN PRINCE. EMPEROR ON LEFT.

The Largest Photograph in the World. At the recent Dresden Exhibition of German Civic Life there was exhibited a photograph which is said to be the largest ever taken. This gigantic picture measures thirty-nine feet eight inches by four feet eleven inches. It represents the Bay of Naples, and was taken from Castel San Marino, the highest point behind Naples, from which the eye commands the whole city and bay as far as Mount Vesuvius and Capri. In order to secure as extensive a panorama as possible, six different views on as many plates, measuring eight and one-tenth inches by ten and one-half inches were first taken. From these six plates, which were designed with a view to being connected to one another in a continuous series, six enlargements, four feet eleven inches by six feet seven inches in size, were prepared by means of an apparatus with a lens one foot in diameter. The enlargements were made directly on silver bromide paper. The inherent difficulty of connecting the single plates so as to avoid any break was overcome so successfully that it is practically impossible to detect the boundary line of any two plates.—Scientific American.

A New Lake Suddenly Created. A remarkable phenomenon is reported from the Russian rural commune of Schava, in the Government of Tzareff Koksaka. Inexplicable sounds were heard for several days issuing from the earth. The sounds varied from something like the booming of a cannon to the screeching of steam whistles, and seemed to come from a forest skirting the commune. In this forest, where the terrified peasantry gathered in expectation of some calamity, the earth was seen to heave incessantly. Gradually huge cracks appeared, water was seen, at last the earth seemed gradually to sink, water rose, and there appeared a new lake of considerable extent, which is now being examined by geologists.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Northern Japan has a Siberian climate. The snow in many places lies ten feet deep. Yet in summer there are lotus ponds everywhere.

Theodore Roosevelt's Birthplace. An article in the Outlook on Theodore Roosevelt, by Jacob Rias, is accompanied by this picture of the President's birthplace, in East Twentieth street, New York. In the course of the article Mr. Rias relates some of Roosevelt's boyhood experiences. Says Mr. Rias: He has told that as a little fellow he was timid, and that when bigger boys came along and bullied him he did not know what to do about it. I have a notion that he quickly found



out and that they did not come back often. A woman who lived next door to the Roosevelts in East Twentieth street told me of how, passing in the street, she saw young Theodore hanging out of a second-story window and ran in to tell his mother. "If the Lord," said she, as she made off to catch him,



THE HOUSEWIFE'S FRIEND.

A busy housewife appreciates every little contrivance that helps her to do her work quicker, while it does not detract from the thoroughness with which it would have been done had the ordinary means of performing the task been employed. This fact makes even such a simple thing as a flour sifter an object of interest when it presents features which add to the efficiency of the user in the performance of one of the most important little duties of the kitchen—the making of the bread. The illus-

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A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

AN INTERESTING DISCOURSE BY THE
REV. J. A. TRACY.

Subject: Perseverance—The True Joy of Religion—Inseparable is the Cheerfulness Born of the Testimony of a Good Conscience—No Compromise With Sin.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Rev. J. A. Tracy, C. M., of Germantown, Pa., preached, Sunday, in the Church of the Epiphany, on "Perseverance." Father Tracy took as his text, "Be faithful until death, and I will give thee the crown of life." (Apocalypse ii: 10), and said:

I can imagine no sight more inspiring or more consoling than that which I behold before me to-day. Hundreds of souls have listened obediently to the voice of God speaking through us and hundreds of hearts have been opened to the infusion of grace from on high. Cheerfully and bravely you have looked into the condition of your consciences and on detecting the marks of sin there you hastened to the tribunal of penance, you exposed the guilt contracted by sin, you resolved that with the help of God's grace you would never compromise yourselves in the sight of God again. The absolution of God's representative was pronounced over you and you went forth with light hearts and pure consciences and grace filling your souls. By the reception of Holy Communion the seal was set upon your resolutions and the act recorded in the book of life. Your bodies are now the temples of the Holy Ghost, your souls are burning with His grace and in your present condition you are worthy to be called saints, the name given by St. Paul to the early Christians.

Hence I have no hesitation in saying that the congregation assembled here to-day, pure, holy, unspotted, cleansed from the defilement of sin, is an object of complacency to the blessed and adorable Trinity; to God the Father, because He sees His people, the work of His hands, faithful, loyal and obedient; to God the Son, because His precious sacrifice has not been in vain; to God the Holy Ghost, because your souls are the receptacles of His grace and you show the work of His mighty hand. And the guardian angels of this church participate in the common joy, for they see the glory given to God by His faithful people. Yes, from the heights of heaven above the cherubim and seraphim look down upon you to-day and bless God their Master for His mercy to you and for the wonders of grace wrought in your souls.

And we, too, bless God and fall down in humility before Him at the thought of having been His unworthy instruments in this mighty work. For it is not we that have done it. Irresistibly the conviction is borne home upon us that "this change is the work of the right hand of the Most High." But we have in His name received your confessions; we have listened to your sighs of repentance; we have heard your resolutions of amendment, and have satisfied ourselves of your determination to persevere in grace and holiness. By your own free act you declared an eternal divorce from sin. That resolution was registered in heaven, and you stand before the throne of God with judgment it shall be brought forth as testimony for you, even as a witness if you have kept it for your eternal confusion if you have failed.

Now, there is no doubt about your present dispositions. We know that as you now stand your hearts are for God and against sin. But we cannot close our eyes to the melancholy fact that the flesh is weak. When the present religious fervor has passed your mind and you must be prepared to meet him. You must not deceive yourselves, but look the situation straight in the face and take measures accordingly. In a matter so serious it will be of immense service to us to consider what it means to fail.

Think, first, of the base ingratitude to Christ implied in a return to sin. With eyes of faith you have been able to discern as never before the significance of the life and death of your Redeemer. You have made a personal application of the lessons you have seen. You realize that it was all done for you. Yes, our Saviour had you in mind when He was subjected to outrage and ignomy in the court of Pilate; when the fierce scourges descended upon His face and back; when the thorny crown was cruelly pressed upon His sacred head; when He hung bleeding and torn upon the cross. The thought that you would appreciate His sacrifice and profit by it, and through it be enabled to obtain mercy and forgiveness from His heavenly Father reconciled Him to the cruelty of which He was a victim. If our Lord addressed you personally to-day He would assure you of this and tell you that the thought of your conversion made His sufferings sweet. Moreover, He took the most effectual way of making you comprehend the infinite value of His sacred heart. God's love for man might be written in characters of blazing gold across the heavens; it might have been proclaimed throughout the universe by an archangel, and man would still have remained skeptical. He would ask for further proof. But when the Son of God Himself takes flesh and suffers and dies for man, what heart can be so hard and so base as to be ungrateful as to refuse to be drawn to God and return love for love?

What baseness, then, and what treachery it is to receive the gifts of God and to turn over to His enemy that which should serve His honor and glory. How ungrateful the heart made for God and virtue which was the power that God gave it in self-indulgence and sin. How wicked the soul redeemed by Christ which reneges against His terrible passion. For we do renege Christ's sufferings when we sin. We waste aside the merits of His love for us and as far as we are able we say, "these things mean nothing to me. I have passions which must be satisfied, avenged, biters which must be attained, avenged which must be satiated. The teachings of the passion of Christ stand in the way of these." And is a possible after all the manifestation of God's goodness that you will again join forces with His enemy, the devil? Shall you again take up the scourge and shed the blood of your Saviour? Shall you again press down upon His sacred crown of thorns? Shall you make Him cry out in bitter complaint, "Of what was My blood?" Oh, God forbid: God preserve you from such cruelty and treachery.

Again, remember that a return to sin replunges you into the painful state from which you have just emerged. Bear in mind the significant words of Christ, "No man putting his hand to the plow and looking back, he is fit for the kingdom of heaven." We have begun the good work, why should we look back? Can you gaze upon the misery and remorse you experienced while under the guilt of sin? Was not difficult enough for you to summon courage to break away from sinful habits, to confess the sins that oppressed you, to triumph over the consciousness that held you captive? Would you again plunge your souls into the slavery of the evil you seek to escape? You have now heard, take to heart the words of Christ, "Go now and sin no more, lest worse things befall thee than these." Do not fall into the happy condition of him of whom our Saviour spoke who "went to a monk, saying this man began to die and was not able to finish."

And then comes a more serious thought of the limitations of God's mercy. It is possible indeed, that if you despair, I reject His grace now, you may never have the opportunity of returning to Him.

again. "Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation." The promises of God are annexed to the performance of present duties. To-day is the day of mercy, the future holds the day of justice and of judgment. "This is a horrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God." If, notwithstanding your present conversion to God, your freedom from sin, your enjoyment of the possession of grace, you should forget that grace, belie your professions of amendment and return to walk in the mire of iniquity and then close your eyes in death an enemy of God—a frightful fate awaits you. For death in mortal sin means an eternal separation from God, an utter and irreparable failure to attain the destiny for which God created you; the forced companionship of demons who labored hard for your destruction and who will gloat over your ruin and finally never-ending pains inflicted by the omnipotent hand of an angry God.

But this is a melancholy thought. God has other motives than fear to deter us from sin and to inspire us with the resolution to persevere in His grace. And it is a pleasure to turn from the thought of punishment to that of reward. The first effect of a good life that cannot fail to impress you strongly is the cheerfulness and joy which are the outgrowth of a good conscience. Instead of the depression and overbearing sense of guilt produced by sin, you now experience a light heartedness and a buoyancy which tells you plainly that a terrible weight has been lifted from your soul. The dominant note of your life now is peace, that "peace which surpasseth all understanding," the peace that enables you to look the world in the face untroubled and to live in the face of difficulties. You were strangers to this peace while you were aware that you were not in the friendship of God. Now that it is yours you will guard it against all attacks and never again forfeit it by sin. You will not allow yourselves to be blinded by the seductive and fleeting pleasures of the moment. You will be brave and loyal and steadfast in temptation and remain true to your God and grateful for His mercies. Evermore you will keep before your minds the promise of our Lord: "Be faithful until death and I will give thee the crown of life."

And when, at last, the struggle is about to close and this dreary world is fading from your sight, with the smile of God sweetly beckoning you on, you will be able to lay down your weary heads in peace and resignation. You will take courage from the declaration of Christ: "He that perseveres unto the end, he shall be saved." Death will have no terrors for you because you will be able to regard it as the gate through which all must pass to enter upon the rewards of eternal life. The inspired words of Holy Scripture: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," will find their fulfillment in your case, for you will go cheerfully with the angels to the sweet repose of everlasting peace.

Whether, to God and His heaven. Let us consider our reward. Let us try to pierce the skies and catch a glimpse of the joys awaiting us. Our mental vision ranges over the myriads of angels and archangels, patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, confessors and virgins, who bask in the sunshine of the presence of God. Our souls are allowed to enter the bounds of the material body which we think that we, too, are called to join in the praise of God, with the nine choirs of angels. Our hearts expand with joy when we behold those now rejoicing who, like us, have battled with the enemies of their salvation. They have fought the good fight, they have finished their course, they have kept the faith. Now they are enjoying the crown of life which God has promised to all who have followed them for their fidelity. They are placed beyond the reach of tribulation, for in heaven God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and "death shall be no more, nor mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow shall be any more, for these things have passed away."

How clear does their happy state exemplify the apostle's words: "The sufferings of the present time are unworthy of being compared to the glory to come which shall be revealed to us." And to think that the blessedness of the saints is the destiny which God has marked out for you. This is the final vocation to which God has called you. Listen to St. Paul: "You are come," says he, "to the Mount of Zion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and the many thousands of angels, and the church of the first born who are written in heaven, and the judge of All, and Jesus the Mediator of the New Testament." Has earth any joys compared to these? Is there anything under God which can justify us in forfeiting this immortal happiness? Where shall we find a more loving father than God, a sweeter friend than Christ, a kinder mother than Mary, nobler brothers and sisters than the apostles, martyrs and virgins already rejoicing before the throne of God? Oh, my brethren, do not let us cause us to feel unworthy of heaven, and let us give up ourselves as sin stained and unworthy, and yet to know that we are called to associate with such purity and splendor! Who are we that we should aspire to the companionship of the blessed? What have we done that with them we should gaze forever on the blissful vision of God, that we should intone the canticles of adoration with the quiring seraphim, that we should gaze as children at the feet of the Immaculate Mary, that we should consort with such saints as Peter and Paul, that we should proclaim the glory of the Lamb of God with John the Baptist, that we should sing His praises with Holy David, that we should repose in peace and rest with the victorious martyrs, that we should attend in the train of Christ with the spotless virgins, that we should behold the bright radiance of eternal truth and beauty with the quiring seraphim, that we should gaze at the feet of the Immaculate Mary, that we should consort with such saints as Peter and Paul, that we should proclaim the glory of the Lamb of God with John the Baptist, that we should sing His praises with Holy David, that we should repose in peace and rest with the victorious martyrs, that we should attend in the train of 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LATEST CABLES.

Genoa 28—Before sinking the steamer "Gyomara," the commander of the Russian ship telegraphed the following to the captain: "Remove crew and passengers, attack immediately. After giving sufficient time for carrying out the order, the Russians fired on the steamer sinking her near the coast of Korea. The Russian war vessels were at bombarding the port. On the 28th an encounter took place between the advanced forces of both armies on the borders of the Yalu. After a brisk mish both sides retired.

St. Petersburg 28—Admiral Skrydloff was for Port Arthur. News from that place report that the body of Admiral Matsui was found on the coast. It was found that the Russian has possession of eight torpedo boats constructed in Germany, in accordance with the most modern plans. They are larger than any yet constructed, having a displacement of 380 tons and a speed of 24 knots.

Paris 28—The correspondent of the "Martín" in St. Petersburg telegraphs: "From very good sources I have been informed that the 'Vladivostok' squadron yesterday sank four Japanese transports, having on board 4,000 men. The 'Petel Parison' corvette is in Shanghai telegraphing a rumor in current that the Japanese intend to occupy a part of the coast of Fu Kien situated in front of the island of Formosa, with the object of impeding the passage of the Russian Baltic fleet."

Shanghai 28—During the night of Monday, the Japanese forced the passage of the Yalu, two companies passed into Chang Jung and Siam-Sihei. Heavy firing was heard in Natungka. It is supposed the Japanese made a simultaneous attack in order to distract the attention of the Russians. It is believed that the Russian fire destroyed a portion of the Japanese floating bridge. On the 24th the Russians reported that the enemy were preparing to cross the river. On the night of the 25th two ships and two torpedo boats were seen at the mouth of the river. The Japanese attempted to construct a floating bridge over a branch of the river. Another bridge was made in a hasty manner ten miles higher up. At 8 p.m. the Japanese occupied the Shinan islands. The night passed quietly. The torpedo boats were very vigilant in case of a night attack on land. The next morning the Japanese crossed the river near the town of Chindragon, when the advanced guards of the Russians commenced to fire over them. The Russians only had a small piece of artillery which they used to destroy the bridge near Wiju, the wreck being carried away by the current. The Japanese suspended the construction of the bridge, but the troops continued to pass over by another constructed south of the Wiju. The Japanese column with a battery of artillery advanced midday against Tsinshing, but the advanced Russians met them with a heavy fire and they were defeated with their battery which was not used.

Latest Foreign News.

Madrid 26—Another attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Maura was made today, a bullet was fired in the train conveying him to the capital, while travelling between Alcanal and Engima. The ball passed through the roof of the coach.

Athena 26—News from Smirna reports an encounter between gendarmes of the Turkish Government and some Greeks in which the Secretary of the Greek Consul was mortally wounded. Grave complications are reported. The Greek squadron has sailed for the scene of the trouble.

Rome 26—The protest which the Pope has made against the presence of Loubet in Rome is addressed to all the Catholic powers. Accompanied by Queen Elena, Loubet visited the plaza de Armas where he reviewed 20,000 soldiers. The King and all the princes of the Royal household, their suites, Military attaches and Foreign notables were present on horseback and in carriage.

San Francisco 26—On his way to the Hagie, Dr. Kusamura, representing the Emperor of Japan in the International Congress of Civil Laws, arrived here today. The Congress meets next month, and will be presided over by representatives of all the civilized powers.

Berlin 26—A despatch published by the "Tagelblatt" from its correspondent at Madrid, says that negotiations are progressing with France relative to Morocco, and that Spain is waiting for definite proposals from France. The minister of Foreign Relations says: Spain has no motive to object to the Anglo-French agreement, because it recognizes Spain's existing rights in Morocco. The Madrid press considers this view erroneous. It discusses with extraordinary interest the visit of Loubet to Italy; no section of the press attempts to ridicule the great enthusiasm shown by the visit of the chief of the French nation.

Venice 29—Emperor William arrived on the Imperial yacht "Hohenzollern" today; he was accorded a most enthusiastic reception at the International Railway Station leading to Carlaro.

Rome 29—President Loubet is passing the greater part of his time in visiting French institutions established in the Eternal City.

Madrid 29—The Council of Ministers today decided to recognize the Republic of Panama.

London 29—It is said here that the result of the labour in limiting the Anglo-German frontier in Central Africa will be a loss to Great Britain from the fact that the Lake Albert Edward Nyanza goes to the Congo Free State; this strip of territory is very important as it includes immense deposits of salt north of the lake. Germany also loses, as the documents decide that the mouth of the river Kogera is British territory.

St. Thomas D.W.I. 29—The German steamer arriving here today reports that a force of 300 Government troops had an encounter with the Revolutionists at Dos Cualleros, Santo Domingo. The revolutionary party lost forty-one killed and sixteen wounded. The Government party sustained a loss of twelve killed. Among the victims are Generals Cabrera, Arroya and Luna.

St. Louis 29—The visitors to the Exposition yesterday numbered 85,000 and today 90,000. It is expected tomorrow the figures will reach 200,000. On Saturday all public offices, Banks and Commercial houses will be closed and only hotels and Restaurants kept open.

Valparaiso 29—The house of Flent and Company advise their agents that Argentina is disposed to sell the warships "Belgrano" and "Payreddon" and only wait for Chili to deliver the "Pratt" and "Chabuco." Yesterday thirty-four new cases of plague were admitted to the Lazareto and today eight, with three deaths.

London 29—The "Daily Mail" correspondent in Tokio telegraphs that the Russian Naval reserve, have eluded the vigilance of the Japanese squadron and arrived safely at Vladivostok.

Vladivostok 29—The squadron under Admiral Yesen arrived here today, after a series of offensive operations against the Japanese on the coast of Korea. The squadron consists of twenty-three cruisers, battleships "Rossia," "Koric" and "Ocmobid," and the protected cruiser "Bogatyy." On the 25th this squadron arrived at Genasan, and two torpedo boats under Lieut. Puhel and Maximoff were sunk at the harbour. They found the steamer "Goyo Maru" anchored near

after taking her papers and flag hoisted her up with a torpedo. After five hours absence, the two torpedo boats joined the fleet five miles from the port. No torpedoes were seen on land, neither were any Japanese war ships entered. On the night of the 27th when the fleet was 300 miles from Vladivostok, they met a Japanese transport with munitions of war and coal. The captain thinking it was the Japanese squadron telegraphed "carrying coal." The Russian Admiral replied "Stop immediately." This order showed the Japanese their error and they tried to escape, but the Russians captured them. Six Japanese officials were found on board, who offered a stout resistance. One hundred and thirty infantry men were also captured on board; these continued firing at the Russians for some time. A Japanese was launched at the transport and she was sunk, but the Japanese did not cease firing on their enemies until the water closed over them. The ship had 2,000 tons coal and ammunition, one hundred and eighty-three prisoners were taken including sixteen officers.

St. Petersburg 29—The Grand Duke Alexis as Lord High Admiral received the heroes of the Chemulpo fight. Accompanied by Captain Rodnieff, the Grand Duke stopped in front of the line and saluted the men saying "Well done boys" to which they replied "We did all that was possible." At the end of the ceremony the Grand Duke embraced Captain Rodnieff and the other officials. The Czar and Czarina received them at the portals of the palace and afterwards entertained them at breakfast.

New York 29—The French transport anti-steam "L'Aquitania" has been sold to Russia for the sum of \$5,000,000.

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Competition in Jamaica Banana Trade.

From the Leader

If the rumour which the "Daily Telegraph" has given publicity be correct, that Mr. D. S. Gideon has gone to the United States on an important mission connected with the banana trade, the fruit-growers of Jamaica, both large and small, may well congratulate themselves. It is understood that Mr. Gideon's mission is not in any way concerned with the United Fruit Company. Consequently the inference seems tolerably clear, that it must have reference to one or more of the smaller competing Companies, or perhaps, to the establishment of a new organization on the foundations of some of those Companies. Whatever the plan or idea in view may be, one thing may be assumed with perfect safety, viz., that if the ex-representative for Portland attains his object, the results will be wholly good for the island and its people. It is well known that last year's hurricane has proved a severe test, not only to the Government of Jamaica and most of the agriculturists engaged in banana cultivation, but also to the fruit-buying Companies and the danger which lies before this colony is that, when the banana trade is once more in full swing, there will be really no competition in the buying of fruit; or, at least, none worth speaking about or taking into account. This, it needs hardly be pointed out, would be bad for the growers; and it would not necessarily be good for the United Fruit Company. Indeed, the "Leader" has reasons to believe that the last mentioned Company has no desire to see itself without a competitor in Jamaica; for the keen intellects that direct its affairs in Boston perceive that the establishment of a complete monopoly would be to reduce the acreage under banana cultivation in this island—and in the event of anything happening to the plantations in Costa Rica and Santo Domingo, where would the Company's business be? From what sources could anything like a fair supply of fruit be drawn? The United Fruit Company, we may be sure, is not averse to healthy competition; and it would welcome rather than resent, the appearance of a strong organization in Jamaica, provided such organization were in the hands of intelligent and fair-minded men who would run it on strictly business lines. If healthy competition is the death of trade, and unfortunately there has been too little of the former, and too much of the latter in this colony, we have seen, one year, bananas fetching 3s. 6d or 4s. per bunch in the open market; and the following year, the price going down to 1s. per bunch, and even then thousands upon thousands of stems could not be sold at all! Why? Because the unhealthy condition ruined one or the other of the competitors; and then there was practically no competition; nor was that the only ill-effect; for when the local agriculturists, after a season of inflated prices, found that they could not get one shilling for good bunches, and 6d or 7d for smaller ones, they became

Labour in Panama.

From the Leader.

According to a private letter received in Jamaica recently, no small satisfaction is felt by the Japanese Commissioner on the Isthmus over our new Emigrant's Protection Law. It is said that he intends to arrange for several thousand Japanese labourers to come over, but that the Canal Commission would prefer to have West Indians. Anything therefore that will restrict our people is welcomed by him. We do not place much faith in the story of Japanese labour in Panama, but if West Indians are prevented from going over, it may yet have to be reported to. In which case our Government may repent its action in passing a law that has met with such disfavour in the Colony. The other West Indian islands have not thought it necessary to make such a regulation, and Jamaicans may possibly have to watch labourers recruited exclusively in those places which they are free to leave, even if the agents do not go to as far afield as Japan.

Development in Jamaica Fruit Trade.

Among the passengers who sailed for New York yesterday morning on the Hamburg-American steamer "Siberia," were Messrs. D. S. Gideon and J. E. Dyer. And rumours are current that the visit of these gentlemen to the United States at the present time is not unconnected with the fruit trade of the island. Mr. Gideon is very largely interested in a fruit company whose productive headquarters are in Cuba; and Mr. Dyer has long been associated with a fruit exporting company from this island. Whether the two gentlemen have proceeded together, or whether their visits to America have synchronised accidentally the "Daily Telegraph" is not in a position to say. But it is not unlikely that some important de-

velopment in the banana industry will shortly take place; and it is quite possible that both Mr. Gideon and Mr. Dyer will be interested in these developments. In fact, it is on the tapis that a fruit purchasing company may be established in America on the ashes of one or two defunct and struggling business syndicates. The outcome of the visit of Mr. Gideon to America will be looked forward to with great interest and expectancy, by many of the fruit growers in this colony.

THE UNITED FRUIT TRADE.
Mr. J. A. Jones, West Indian Manager of the U. F. Co., who arrived in Port Antonio early on Monday morning from Costa Rica, sailed on Wednesday evening for Cuba en route to Boston. It is expected that Mr. Jones will arrive at the head office of the U. F. Co. about the 1st of May, and he will then report on his recent visits to San Domingo, Jamaica, Costa Rica and Cuba to the directors of that syndicate. It is always unsafe to give too much credence to unauthorised rumours with regard to the United Fruit Co., but it is very unlikely that the recent travels of Mr. Jones will have important results as far as the banana industry of Jamaica is concerned.

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