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The Daily Times.

"Here will the Press the peoples Rights maintain, Unaid'd by Influence, and unbr'd by Gain."

A huge Blunder.

In this beautiful world of ours, in spite of the pretty and grandiloquent sayings which we hear, there are a number of men who are moral cowards. We have to say that the officials of the American Trust—the United Fruit Co in Port Limon acted the part of moral cowards. Despite the fair promises which were made to the Leeward Islands Labourers through their representatives Mr. Laws, they broke faith with the men after they arrived here. The Company in order to get the men to accept the terms which they now offer, are using the most degrading and brutalising means of starving the men, so that they might be brought to submission and thus yield their rights. We are confident that the fracas on Wednesday would not have happened, if an employee of the Company did not commit a most insensate stupid, high-handed deed in clabbing one or two of the men with the handle of an axe, when they entered the Commissary in quiet and peaceful manner and asked that they be supplied with food. The Company is morally and legally responsible for the acts of their employees, and they therefore clabbed the men. They overstepped the bounds of propriety, right and justice in their action on Wednesday. They blundered egregiously through the episode. They had no right whatever to have brought these men here at such great distances from their homes upon such specious promises, and to have treated them in such a luhuman manner. They should be compelled by the Government of this country, and

the British Government to at once repatriate the men. Further, insult has been added to injury from the mere fact that an American Gunboat is now in the harbour. We are all British Subjects, these Leeward Island people are British Subjects, we all belong to a world-wide Empire, and on the strength of that assertion, all British Subjects have every right to be treated with the greatest amount of respect; and should not be so subjected to American aggression, wicked interference and brutish treatment. We are convinced that their American labourers would not have been so treated, or, ill-treated.

We have to remind these officials of the Company down here, that we are not living on American territory, and even then, their laws would afford us ample protection, and real justice would be meted out. Therefore they must not think that they have the power to treat British Subjects according to their whim or caprice in these quarters. Let us remind them that they may fool all of the people a part of the time, or they may fool a part of the people the whole of the time, but they cannot fool the whole of the people the whole of the time. There are men here, we are glad to say, who are going to undertake the solemn responsibility of becoming the leaders of British Subjects in Costa Rica.

Throughout this disgraceful and scandalous affair, what part we ask, has the British Vice-Consul or Agent played? Has he reported the affair to the respective West Indian Governments from which these people hail, of the awful position into which they have been led? If such a report has been made, we are curious to know the gist of it! What has the British Vice-Consul or Agent done to adjust affairs or amicably settle the matter before it assumed such proportions on Wednesday? Did he endeavour to protect these men from the way that they were ill-treated by the Police and Soldiers? Has he at any time, ever acted in a just and upright manner in settling matters which might arise, or conflict with the interests of the Company and British? Echo answers why!

The British Vice-Consul is an employee of the United Fruit Co, and does any British Subject think, or hope, that he would act in any way that would compromise him? Naturally, he would take pretty good care to see that his job is secured, for no man can serve two masters. He, by virtue of his connection with the Company is unwieldy, unfitted, thoroughly incapable, and most unreliable to safeguard British Interests and protect British Subjects in these parts. We say that if he possessed a spark of manliness, he would instantly do one or two things, either, by severing his connection with the Company and so attend to his Consular duties, or he would resign the Consular Office. In

regard to the Consular Agent we need not waste much time over or bestow much thought on him than by saying that his proper place should be in the Nursery with the feeding bottle.

We call on every Britisher in C. Rica to give whole-hearted support to the immediate and necessary steps we shall take in the matter of getting proper Consulate protection. As far as we are concerned the affair will not die a natural death, or end so quietly, but we shall proceed in the matter in such a way, as is best calculated to safeguard the interests of these people, as well as that of all British Subjects. Let no one think that we are pleading for our rights, rather, we are claimants, and whatever may be the obstacles that arise to block our part, we shall have them removed and that speedily.

We are by no means satisfied with the present condition of affairs, and effective steps must be taken. Let all those who hold positions or offices through which justice is to be dispensed, beware. We shall do all that lies in us to throw off this yoke of injustice and inaction; as we are not that class of persons to stand by and permit our councils with the ill-treatment and injustice which Britishers may receive.

Comment

Under the caption, "Government Notice" we are informed that the United Fruit Co. has arranged to pay the Leeward Islands Labourers, the same wages as the Jamaica labourers. This notice is lacking in solidity. There is nothing tangible in it. It must be asked, and which a definite, substantial and accurate reply must be given as to the amount of wages the Jamaica labourers receive, and in what currency? The Government should and ought now to understand that these people, as well as the other British subjects in Costa Rica will not be bought so easily, much more to be bought by a hugh American Trust—the United Fruit Co! That cannot now be thrown in the eyes of the public. Has the Governor now been bought by this huge Trust? When it is considered the way in which he hitherto acted to the interest of these Leeward Island people, and all other Britishers. It now becomes absolutely necessary to advise the Government to be most careful in the stand he takes, and how he handles the matter, as it might ultimately become an "International Affair." Further, the rights of these people, who are being bought, and most effective measures have now been taken to safeguard the rights of all Britishers.

Church News.

Supplementary Missionary services will be held at the Wesleyan Church on Sunday (tomorrow) 27th instant. The Missionary service will be held at 10.00 and most of the congregation will be so much affected by the sorrow-wre of the Pastor that it has been decided to hold these supplementary services.

The services at 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. will be conducted by Rev. E. A. Pitt and that at 6.30 by Rev. T. A. Glascock. The Missionary Meeting will be held on services which were planned for the 23rd instant will be delivered by several ministers.

Air sailing

What an age of invention and development which we live in! There is not the slightest doubt that if our forefathers lived in this age of rapid and wonderful improvements, they would be appalled at the great things they would behold. When the wireless telegraphy was invented, we thought we had never seen or heard anything like it. Now we are brought face to face with what may outstrip the flying machine. The time may not be far distant when the steamer, even the fastest which may be made, will be superseded by air flying or sailing. It is becoming quite the rage on the continent and America. Aerial flyers are quite willing apparently to sacrifice their lives, for what may yet become a necessary adjunct to the existence of life. The latest intelligence which, in this direction we hear, is, that plans are to be carried by airships. This exciting news comes from America, and the attempt was made by Mr. J. A. D. McCurdy who sailed a short time ago from the deck of the vessel *Kaibara*. First August Victoria in his aeroplane, carrying a bag of mails from the passengers of the ship to be delivered at the New York Post Office. The distance is supposed to be 50 miles. The air is constantly in motion, according to disturbances, but no doubt, in time these will be surmounted as the machines reach a state of perfection. It had appeared that the restoration of life to dead is next left to be attempted some very clever men, we read the story of some very clever ingenio, endeavouring to accomplish such a stupendous act. In spite of it all, there is the great lesson taught, that in that case his attempts have failed, there are those behind all the world, an intelligent Supreme Being.

Current News

—A Labor Party in connection with the Limon Friendly and Literary Association was held on Wednesday night at Señor Saborio's Dairy. We hope they had a good gathering, and then hopes were realized.

—The manager of Mr. R. E. Pardo's establishment was almost kicked yesterday by an American [so called, naturalized or whatever he may be] because the former met him on the streets and asked him about his account.

—Had the American not moved on, we are afraid it would have been a hard contest as the first named gentleman, an active member of the Football Club "15 de Setiembre", is a very hard kicker.

—A Parisian Amusement Co will it is hoped arrive here during next week and will give some grand performances. The date and place will be announced later.

—We are pleased to hear that the Rev. E. A. Pitt was sufficiently recovered to occupy the pulpit at the Wesleyan Church on Sunday. We hope we shall soon set out among his flock.

The Nation's Tomfoolery

The Nation, our contemporary, has again made an assertion in spite of what "Our special correspondent" wrote on the matter of Jamaica being visited by an Earthquake and Tidal wave. We ask authoritatively which is the reliable journal from which the extract was made. When we use Latin phrases or terms we do not turn to the back of any English Dictionary. Pray what does The Nation know of Latin. Ever since the establishing of the paper The Nation has been hard up for news, that in order to create an impression, and so to get the paper, sold, rushes

in print before being perfectly sure of the statements made. Neither have any of the Journals of Jamaica, or cables record such facts. At last The Nation has conceived and brought forth nonsense. *Hominuuli quanti sunt, cum recogito.*

Our Christmas Competition.

With the first issue of the paper, it affords us pleasure to be able to announce that in order to create interest in the paper among all sections of the community; we are in a position to offer a few prizes to be competed for in connection with our Xmas number.

For the first competition we are authorised to state that two prizes, a first prize of £15.00 and a second prize of £8.00 will be given for the best essay on the subject, "What sort of wife would you wed." In regard to the essay we are asked to say that due thought must be given to the character, mental and moral qualities and not the physical appearances of the woman." The Paper not to exceed 500 words.

For the second competition two prizes, a first prize of £10.00 and a second prize of £5.00 will be offered for the best essay on the subject, "For the best love letter." Paper not to exceed 300 words.

JUMBLE.

A Jumble prize of £3.00 will be offered for the unravelling of the puzzle. The first of the jumbles arriving at the office and is correct will receive the prize.

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The way to work this out is to arrange the letters in such a manner till you get sense out of the jumble as—
KTEOAMOL—Look at me.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Each competition must be accompanied by the real names and addresses of the competitors clearly written out. Competitors must attach *Nom de Plume* to their competition. The Times appoint the Judges whose decisions in all cases are final. Competitors who enter for these competitions do so on this direct understanding. The staff of "The Times" are not allowed to compete.

On the left hand corner of the envelopes the following must appear "The Times Competition." All competition must be sent in to the office "The Times," 3rd. Avenue, P.O. Box 52, Port Limon, not later than the 15th. December 1910.

We do not hold ourselves responsible to return successful and unsuccessful essays.

We shall be glad to hear from any of our generous friends who will be willing to offer prizes on any subjects they might choose. We trust that the kind-hearted friends among our numerous admirers and well-wishers will take an interest in the paper in that direction.

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