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And guillotines decide our least disputes.

The few who dare must speak and speak again,

To right the wrongs of many.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Coronation
Celebration.

The following letter was received by Mr. Marcus M. Garvey, the organizer of the Coronation Celebration, from His Excellency President Jimenez:

San Jose,
April 12, 1911.

Señor don Marcus M. Garvey,
Limon.

My dear Sir:—
It is natural and sympathetic of you that you are disposed to celebrate the occasion of the Coronation of His Majesty George V. I will participate in your joy on the memorable occasion; but as the date is so far distant I can't assure you of my presence in Limon. If I find it impossible to attend I shall send a representative.

With kind regards and attention of your letter, I sign,

Your attentive Servant,

(Sgd) RICARDO JIMENEZ.

Fire Panic In Colon.

Colon, April 4.—Since the recent great fire which menaced the entire city, Colon has had a succession of alarms. There have been at least twenty fires of known incendiary origin. The Governor of the Province received a letter some days ago saying that the firebugs would not cease work until Colon is in ashes.

Reinforced police and fire departments have been unable to cope with the trouble. In addition 3,000 persons are still homeless as a result of the great blaze, the loss from which is now placed at a million dollars. A conservative estimate places the death list at eight, although only two bodies were recovered.

Three persons were seen to fall from a blaring balcony and were incinerated before the fire fighters, using their pieces of corrugated iron siding for shields, could reach them.

The subsistence department of the Canal Commission, the Red Cross, and local government are contributing to the support of the sufferers from the great fire, but other aid is badly needed. Many of the homeless sleep in army tent or in the baseball bleachers. A baby was born in the latter the day after the fire.

A series of Concerts will be rendered this month on behalf of the Coronation Fund.

Obeah the People's Cry.

LET LOOSE IN LIMON.

A curious story reached this office a few days ago that an expert obeah-man who is playing his rounds of wonders in and about Limon made a "decided hit" which has almost made him rich, and if the favourable breeze only blows along with his predictions he is to receive a permanent pay out of the business which his clients are running. There are certain business-men in Limon who are amalgamating to create a monopoly in certain quarters and they have met and consulted on the most favourable lines of conducting their campaign of monopoly. At a meeting it was agreed that a certain professor be consulted and be taken in confidence. The plans of the new business were laid before the local prophet and in fewer minutes than it takes to shuffle the cards the all-wise was able to assure his friends that they were taking up a concern that would make them the controllers of two-thirds of all the cash spent in Limon for the next ten years, at the expiration of which time something extraordinarily difficult to prevent will happen, when they shall have ceased to control the money-market of Limon. The professor who is said to be an expert hypnotist lead his clients into the possible regions of success.

and while entranced they passed over to his possession \$1,000 and signed a ten years contract to consult him on all matters relative to the business, at a stated salary and that he will receive a dividend from the profits during his time of service.

That obeah is the most profitable "profession" to-day in Costa Rica is an acknowledged fact, and we are not surprised at the story that such a campaign is planned. It is very few people of limited thinking powers residing here who do not think that obeah is the way to success. We have heard of people keeping snakes under their beds, carrying insects in their bosoms, wearing loaded silver articles, containing the bones of the dead and bathing themselves in the water used by certain animals, all for the sake of getting luck, but that reasoning creature can be so duped as to expect that they can out-do the will of God is to be wondered at. Our civilization makes great demands of us, but only few in these regions have responded to these demands. The majority of our people like to mingle with obeah, otherwise the world will suddenly come to an end and the great things of life last forever.

Dr. Booker T. Washington Badly Injured.

Maliciously Assaulted by Infuriated White Man in New York.

TAKEN TO FLOWER HOSPITAL.

HEAD OF THE FAMOUS TUSKEGEE (A.I.A.) INSTITUTE, A MAN OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION, WHO HAS BEEN HONORED BY KINGS AND PRESIDENTS, ROUGHLY HANDLED BY BRUTE FORCE.

New York.—The assault on Dr. Booker T. Washington on Sunday evening, March 19, by one Henry A. Ulrich, at or in the neighborhood of 11½ West Sixty-third street, this city, was one of the most brutal, unprovoked and malicious attacks upon a human being being imaginable. According to Dr. Washington's own statement, he arrived in New York on Saturday and put up at the Hotel Manhattan, where he usually stops when in this city.

On Sunday afternoon he spoke at the Mount Olivet Baptist church and later at the Church of the Pilgrims, in Brooklyn. Returning to his room in the Hotel, he changed his clothing and about 9 o'clock went in search of the auditor of the Tuskegee institute, who he understood from a letter which he received from Mr. Emmett J. Scott, his private secretary, was staying with friends at 11½ West Sixty-third street.

Upon arriving at the above number Dr. Washington scanned the names on the bells leading to the different floors for the name of the person mentioned in Mr. Scott's letter, with whom the auditor of Tuskegee was staying. Finding what he thought was the right name, he rang the bell, but got no response. Thinking that the occupants were possibly at church, he returned to the street and walked up and down the block for some time. He went back the second time, but did not succeed in getting an answer to his ring. To convince himself of the name of the person and the number of the house he went back the third time.

It was on this third visit that the said Henry Ulrich made the attack upon him, saying that Mrs. Ulrich had stated to him that a colored man in the vestibule had accosted her as she entered, calling her "sweetheart." This statement Dr. Washington emphatically denies. He says that he spoke to neither man, woman or child either on his way to or at 11½ West Sixty-third street. Dr. Washington also denies the charge that he had been drinking. The noted educator said he wanted to make two things very clear to the public—first, that he had not drunk anything all Sunday, and, second, that he did not nod, motion or bow to any one that night, nor had he ever been drunk in his life.

Dr. Washington and Ulrich were arrested by a policeman after the former had been badly beaten. They were taken to the station house, where a charge of felonious assault was made against Ulrich, whom the magistrate held for a further hearing and examination in court Monday afternoon. But when the case was called in the West Side court Monday afternoon Wilford H. Smith, attorney for Dr. Washington, presented to Magistrate Cornell of that court a signed statement from the attending physician to the effect that Dr. Washington was too ill to appear, whereupon Justice Cornell set 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for a hearing, holding Ulrich in \$1,500 bail. Dr. Washington's right ear was badly torn, his face bruised and his head cut so severely that sixteen stitches were required to close the wound. He was attended at the Flower Hospital.

Cosmopolite Writes.

Woman's Caprice.

Mr. Editor,
I have to crave your indulgence in asking you to publish my little "Tit Bits," as I am sure that my experience of the peoples and things of this world will serve a useful purpose in that I am going to acquaint my friends of all I see, hear and know.

Well, the first thing I would like to get public is the caprice of a certain Miss about town whose actions cause me to wonder if women have souls, as it would appear to me that the general run of women have nothing in common with the modest Virgin Mary. The women of our day are rude and vulgar, they study all the means and ways to deceive their brothers, to make fools of them, and then call it life.

I have been watching a certain so-called young lady for the past six weeks who I happen to meet on the streets four times a day,

and who is engaged to a young man on the lines whose heart and affection, I learnt, goes out to this Miss in no ordinary way. This fair Helen, whose charming smiles are enough to intoxicate the brains of the misogynist, according to what I have seen and heard of her, has more "boys" in Limon than days in the months. Every day she is to be seen standing up at some corner having a "Sweet" tête-a-tête with some good looking chap or the other. On six successive occasions, I went near enough to hear her promising her heart and love to six young-fellows respectively. And on Saturday I was just in time to overhear her promising to be true to a man who had made her a present of twenty colones, and who intends meeting her on mutual arrangements at some later period. I have to ask what has become of the man on the lines? Boys take my advice, don't marry, for the girls will make you anything but happy.

Faithfully yours,
Cosmopolite.

Hope For Haytians

Cape Haytian, Monday.—The lawyers of the twenty-two men condemned to death for political offences have been led to hope that executive clemency will be exercised. Replying to an appeal made by them, President Simon states that he will await the receipt of the official report of the military tribunal before making a decision.

CONFIDENCE IN DR. WASHINGTON

Wealth of Affection and Good Will Showered Upon Him.

CHEERED BY HEAD OF NATION

Conspiracy to Blast the Reputation of the Great Tuskegeean Falls by its Own Hand under Scrutiny of Sweeping Investigation—Forces of Prejudice put to Flight.

New York.—The attempted humiliation of Dr. Booker T. Washington in New York city recently signally failed. The conspiracy to blast the reputation of the great Tuskegeean fell by its own weight under the searching light of investigation. As humiliating as the unjust notoriety has been to Dr. Washington and his friends, nevertheless Afro-Americans have had a great object lesson. Slander and prejudice were futile by the side of the pure, spotless life of the man who has done so much for the uplift of his race.

The whole country, north, south, east and west, was shocked when the first tidings were published of the brutal assault upon Dr. Washington. When this assault was followed by an attempt to besmirch Dr. Washington's reputation there is rallying of his friends which overwhelmed the forces of prejudice and revealed the great hold that Dr. Washington has upon the hearts of the people of the United States. Dr. Washington received nearly 5,000 letters and telegrams from admiring friends. Chief among these letters, of course, was the autographed communication from President William Howard Taft, which has already been published.

But important as this communication was, it was no more important than those which came from southern white men, from hundreds of northern white men and women and from Afro-American leaders and organizations from all parts of the country. The telegrams which immediately began to pour in from Dr. Washington's home state must have pleased him immensely.

Among the first assurances of confidence was a letter from W. W. Campbell, president of the Macon County bank at Tuskegee, Ala., another from J. H. Drakeford, cashier of the Bank of Tuskegee, Tuskegee, Ala., and E. W. Thompson, a member of the legislature of the state of Alabama, with residence at Tuskegee. These letters Dr. Washington cordially appreciates because they come from the town where he has practically spent all of his life.

JOKES FOR MERRY FOLKS.

The prodigal son wrote the old man as follows:—

"I got religion at a meeting the other evening. Send me £10."

But the old man replied: Religion is free. You got the wrong kind."

"How much is the fare to the Embankment?"

"Tuppence."

"I'll take a penny fare, then."

"But you'll have to pay another penny half-way. Better take the tupp'ny fare now."

"Na, na, man; suppose the car breaks down an' I ha'e to walk?"

An American attorney was addressing a jury on behalf of a prisoner.

"Gentlemen," he said, "witness have sworn that they saw the accused fire his gun; they have sworn they saw the flash and heard the report; they have sworn they saw Pete Jackson fall flat; they have sworn that this bullet was extracted from Pete Johnson's body; but gentlemen, in the name of justice, I ask you where is the evidence that the bullet hit Pete Jackson?"

New Dreadnought.

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LA VISITA

del señor Presidente de la Bé- pública

Los comisionados por la Municipalidad para invitar al señor Presidente a una jira por este puerto, regresaron de San José con el semblante triste. Los amigos les preguntan, cómo les fué?; cómo los recibió don Ricardo?: nos recibió muy bien, contestan; pero al expresar su poco deseo de visitar á Limón dejó frías nuestras almas, pues se creía que aceptaría desde luego la invitación con todo gusto, y ya se tensa formada la idea de lo que ibamos a gozar en su compañía en los bailes, paseos y en las comilonas que se tenían en nuestra imaginación preparadas á costa de los fondos municipales. A la verdad, nada tan sabroso y propicio como estas ocasiones para ser un tanto generosos y hacer política palaciega!

Por nuestra parte observamos con frecuencia, que el señor Presidente a cada paso da buenas lecciones de economía y que anhela hacer entrar á todos por el camino del orden buscando el enriquecimiento de los municipios como fuente de la prosperidad del país, dejando á un lado el ruido y la pompa para su persona y aceptando solo las demostraciones de simpatía de los pueblos como reconocimiento de los actos de su gobierno.

En poblaciones nuevas y tan pequeñas como ésta, sucede que las rivalidades de los círculos políticos, las enemistades personales, las ambiciones en hacer fortuna al lado de un buen empleo y la envidia, forman una especie de gusano ó polilla que desmoraliza en las diferentes capas sociales, al extremo de empobrecer el ánimo de las gentes llamadas á velar por el buen nombre y progreso de la localidad, y alejan como es natural, la buena voluntad de la primera autoridad de la República, en visitarnos.

Supimos que el señor Presidente aceptó la invitación que se le hizo á nombre de pueblos menos significantes que esta ciudad y que allí irá con todo gusto en vista de que esa invitación la hace el mismo pueblo en demostración y reconocimiento de ser un buen gobernante y en espera de que los ayude en sus necesidades como la primera autoridad constituida.

A los limonenses les corresponde ahora hacer lo posible para que desaparezca aquella mala impresión que los perjudica, demostrando con actos bien notorios que todos quieren despójarse de aquellas detestables vertiduras y entrar de lleno en el templo de la moral como base del progreso material que nos llene de comodidades y riquezas, y estamos seguros de que cuando el señor Presidente vea esto y qué la invitación procede de una corriente de simpatías, vendrá con agrado á ayudarnos con todo empeño en esos nuevos propósitos; porque á más de mirar á este puerto como un pedazo de su patria, parece que tiene en mira que su gobierno sea un modelo que sirva de guía á los que vengan posteriormente á regir los destinos de Costa Rica.

X. X.

COMUNICADOS

La Política

comienza sus trabajos

Es natural que Limón se prepare con tiempo en la organización del partido que deba triunfar en el próximo período constitucional: cuatro años es un plazo que se cumple muy pronto, sin que ningún Presidente pueda desarrollar, durante ese tiempo, el programa de reformas que demanda el progreso civilizador actual que nos llegó estando nosotros todavía en nuestra edad media; si el período constitucional fuera de seis años al menos los trabajos políticos no comenzarían tan pronto, pero como aquél es ya como una ley invariable de todas las Repúblicas, los pueblos deben someterse á ella mientras la experiencia impone la reforma. No hay, pues, que culpar á nadie, v cada cual está en el deber de comenzar sus tareas cuando lo juzgue necesario á fin de que el partido contrario no le madrugue, y de q' cuando se apreste á la lucha, el enemigo no tenga ya en su poder hasta las toldas de campaña.

Por estos lados se dice que en San José ya se formó un gran partido compuesto del civilismo, cletismo ó nacional y los descontentos del jimenismo, y que por otro lado los maximistas están alistándose para que de esta vez triunfe su candidato y llevarse la palma una vez por todos: juegan ahora el todo por el todo y tienen razón!..

Se dice también que se ha formado un club con fines políticos en este puerto, pero ese club si existe es hasta el presente anónimo pero juzgamos que Limón está ahora en circunstancias tales, que quien lo cautive tendrá un elemento decisivo en la provincia y aun en la República; y que el periodismo será en estos lugares un elemento de mucho empuje para esos propósitos, por haberse establecido por vez primera dos imprentas en la localidad.

SUSTOS

De Talamanca

De esas regiones apartadas nos escriben personas que se han dedicado á vivir como verdaderos patriotas costarricenses, haciendo saber el descuido con que se miran los intereses nacionales y locales y la falta de protección eficaz que les mantenga vivo su amor patrio: el descuido en las vías de comunicación por tierra y mar hace que la correspondencia y el tránsito se haga con frecuencia por la República de Panamá por extraños en vez de hacerlo por vías más cortas en el mismo territorio de Costa Rica por los mismos hijos del país ó al menos bajo las órdenes de la autoridad administrativa inmediata; las noticias importantes las reciben más pronto por Bocas del Toro que del mismo Limón, y no parece sino que aquella tierra fuera ya panameña, entrando así el desaliento en el vigor de sus principales habitantes.

Solamente los visita de vez en cuando algún paisano cuando va en comisión por algunos semi-gamones á ver si se consiguen votos para municipios; en ese entonces les proponen aeroplanos, ferrocarriles, vapores de guerra, fuerza militar, banda de música y esqueletos en blanco para nombramientos de empleados públicos etc., pero vuelta la espalda una vez conseguido el objeto, les dicen: hasta más verde desgraciado é infeliz que ignorante vive aun de lo que pasa en nuestro pueblo vecino; vive eternamente en esas selvas acompañado de los animales feroces en recompensa de tu amor patrio y hasta la próxima elección que vendrá otro á veros y deciros que aun no sois panameños ni yankees!

La Municipalidad debía de legislar mejor en su jurisdicción poniendo el dedo en la llaga, y ya que la prensa de Limón debe pagar impuestos, ojalá que el dinero así alcanzado abra la mente de los señores de la Municipalidad y se convierta en poderoso emporio de riqueza que alcance para hacer caminos, para comprar leña para el vapor costanero y nos comuniquemos con Talamanca como es debido y les ayudemos á su bienestar.

X.

Convenio

para el arreglo de un duelo

Publicación del acta

Por motivos de la información que nuestro corresponsal de Alajuela hija de las fiesta de inauguración del busto de don León Fernández, el Teniente Coronel don Tomás Fernández, creyéndose ofendido después de otras opiniones suscitadas por la prensa, propuso desafío al señor Administrador y Editor de este diario, quien tuvo que nombrar sus padrius como también el contrario; pero últimamente después de haber pasado las veinticuatro horas que señala la ley se ha resuelto la publicación de la presente acta como término de lo propuesto y completo arreglo del asunto.

A las 9 p. m. del día 19 de abril, reunidos los señores Licenciado, don Pablo Rodríguez, profesor don Salomón Castro, y coroneles don Blas Alvarez y don Gerardo Zúñiga Montúfar, representantes los dos primeros del señor don Napoleón Briceño y los dos segundos del Teniente Coronel don Tomás Fernández Barth, para tratar del reto á duelo hecho por el señor Fernández contra el señor Briceño, con motivo de cuestiones suscitadas por la prensa, emitieron las consideraciones siguientes: los coroneles Alvarez y Zúñiga Montúfar, opinan que el duelo debe llevarse á cabo para salvar el honor lastimado del Cuerpo Militar.

Los señores Rodríguez y Castro opinan:

1º Que su concepto de padrino de un duelo para poder adaptarlo á las exigencias de la civilización actual es el de Juez; que la justicia la da la razón y no la fuerza, ya que ha sido un medio respetado por gran parte de la sociedad contemporánea hacerse justicia personal.

2º Que en concepto de tales jueces, creen que la agresión inicial del colaborador de Alajuela, publicada en "El Noticiero" del 13 del corriente como del Editor de "El Noticiero", publicado el día de hoy, existen agresiones que se compensan en sus efectos morales. Por tanto, opinan que no ven razón para el duelo propuesto.

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(Tomado de "El Noticiero")

Llegada

de un diplomático

El viernes se encontraba en Puntarenas el señor Nicásio Rosales, quien llegó á San José en la tarde del mismo día con el carácter de Encargado de Negocios de Nicaragua.

Rápidas

de Nicaragua

Recuperación de bienes nacionales

SENTENCIA

Managua, 20.—Recibido á las 8 40 p. m.—El Gerente de la tipografía nacional, no quería entregar los talleres al Gobierno; hubo necesidad de obligarlo con la policía. Cuánto cuesta recuperar bienes nacionales vendidos por Zelaya?

—El Juez 2º sentenció ayer contra José Dolores Gámez, por cantidad de 14 mil pesos oro é intereses desde 1883 que debe pagar á la casa Chamorro-Zelaya.

—Se embarcó ayer para Panamá la Compañía Du Bouchet y Caratta.

—Los giros están á 1230 de cambio oro americano á la vista
ELIPE ÁVILES.

Nuestro Gobierno puso á su disposición un tren expreso para su llegada.

Saludamos atentamente al distinguido diplomático deseándole todo género de riendos en el desempeño de sus altas funciones.

Gables

Un honor

que bien merece el filántropo

de Mr. Carnegie

Washington, 19.—El 5 de mayo, en los salones de la Oficina Internacional de las Repúblicas Americanas, con asistencia del Presidente Taft, el Cuerpo Diplomático y muchas notabilidades, se entregará á Carnegie la medalla de oro que le confirió la Conferencia Panamericana de Buenos Aires. A un lado de la medalla, se lee esta inscripción: «Al benefactor de la humanidad», y al otro lado: «Las Repúblicas americanas á Andrew Carnegie».

París, 19.—A los grandes festejos con que se celebrará el 25 de abril en conmemoración del 25 de Abril de 1907 en que se bautizó el continente descubierto con el nombre de América, asistirán Mr. Fallières, Kupp, Bacón y los señores Ministros latinoamericanos; hablará Mr. Cruppi y otros; habrá procesión histórica, parada militar y la colocación de la primera piedra fundamental de obelisco que se levantará sobre la punta Montarmont y se denominará Torre de América; se colocará una lápida en la casa donde se decidió darle al nuevo continente el nombre de América. Habrá iluminación general en Sain Dixe.

La casa en que no reina la paz no se cierra muchas noches con llave.—Amat.

Las naciones son casas muy grandes; ó las casas son naciones pequeñas.—Severo Catalina.

La familia es el espejo de la sociedad.—Víctor Hugo.

Pasajeros

para el exterior

exportación de bananos

Antier zarpó de Limón para Mobile el vapor noruego «Blufields» llevando 19.136 racimos de bananos.

Salió para Colón el vapor inglés «Parsmina» con los siguientes pasajeros: Felipe J. Alvarado, señora y 3 hijas; Eduardo Beebe, Rafael Montúfar y señora, Abigail V. de Brenes y 2 niñas, John Dones, E. Mullins y 16 de cubierta. Sin carga. Correspondencia: 2 sa-

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Variedades

Nunca un mal amante es buen marido.—Ruiz de Alarcón.

No hay nada más incómodo que el estado de viudez.—Madama Girardin.

Vale más una migaja de pan con paz, que toda la casa llena de viandas con enciencia.—Rojas.