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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1904.

THE DOGGER BANK INVESTIGATION.

The commission which is considering the Dogger Bank incident wherein vessels belonging to Russia's second Pacific squadron fired on British fishermen meets again on January 9th, when, according to The New York Sun, it will enter on what is perhaps one of the most delicate tasks ever imposed on a body of responsible men by international diplomacy.

It is quite evident that it is really on the contingency indicated in the last sentence that the whole question hangs, and therein lies the delicacy of the subjects to be deliberated on. Should the culpability for what took place be found to rest on the subjects of either of the powers who are principals in the affair, or to be shared between them, their respective governments will no doubt be prepared to feel with them to the satisfaction of both, and the incident will cease to have international significance.

The world at large seems to have rendered the verdict that the Russians made a blunder and therefore their attention has been attracted to the investigation of the Dogger Bank commission. The fact that its verdict may be sensational, as indicated in the above, makes the deliberations of much importance. The Sun's idea seems to lay store by Russia's claim that there were among the fishing boats vessels loaded with explosives intended to destroy Admiral Rojestvensky's ships.

This Dogger Bank incident is yet a mystery, and its final explanation, whether along the line indicated above or not, will doubtless prove interesting. Postmaster General Wynne has presented to the President a special report showing that there are only four polygamist postmasters among the Mormon Federal office-holders in Idaho. He finds that none of these has continued the relations since the passage of the Edmunds act and in consequence will not disturb them. If a similar investigation had been made fifteen years ago, it might have shown a good many politicians to be each the husband of half a dozen postmistresses. At any rate, it is hard to believe that such an opportunity was lost.

Japan is said to be making preparations for an international exposition at Tokyo when the hostilities with Russia cease. The date is rather uncertain, but the report indicates that the Mikado's people do not expect to go entirely broke as a result of the war. Certainly the Japs know that it takes money to run expositions as well as wars.

A pseudo-philosophical writer upon European political problems in the recent issue of The Cosmopolitan magazine debates minutely as pure disinterestedness. Without a great deal of qualification, his proposition is an utterly arbitrary truth. The counter-argument that democracy spells vulgarism still more false, and very wrong, than the proposition it attacks.

A NEW CLASS OF IMPOSTORS.

One of the noteworthy features of the Nan Patterson trial was the fact that a number of persons, one of them, at least, a man of substance and business standing, sought notoriety by presenting themselves as eye-witnesses of the tragedy. In each instance the imposture was easily exposed and only one of these pushing citizens succeeded in getting as far as the witness stand. Such conduct is to be regarded as only one of many manifestations of the modern disease of hysteria, upon which yellow journalism thrives and which it aggravates. Millions are directly excited upon the same exciting influence, and infection such as prevails in negro camp meetings and attacks an army in moments of panic, is developed, and the weaker brethren and sisters make spectacles of themselves. Since the trial and conviction of J. Samuel McGee, the former mayor of Charlottesville, Va., for the brutal murder of his wife the judge and the attorneys for the prosecution have been overwhelmed with all sorts of letters. The latest communication is from an anonymous writer, apparently a woman assuming the character of a man, who announces himself as the real murderer, and declares that he will snooty come forward and make good. From all such branks and notoriety-seekers, from the causes which produce them and furnish them a field for their performance, good Lord deliver us!

THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM.

An Educational Test Advocated as a Further Means of Sifting the Vast Mass of Foreigners Arriving Annually—Some Aspects of a Vexed Question. To the Editor of The Observer: It is important that we who are removed from the direct effect of unrestricted foreign immigration, should realize ourselves with the existing conditions and take some action for the amelioration of those of our citizens who bear this burden, and which will tend to remove this national cancer.

From 1829, the first year in which there is a record of immigrants, to June 30, 1903, 22,993,441 have passed inspection at our gates. Millions of honest Christian men, women and children, fresh from their native land, have had their sad hearts gladdened by the sight of America, realizing that at last they stood on free soil and could participate in the advantages of a Democratic government and enjoy the society of a free people. We should not, nor do we, underestimate the value of these honest homeseekers in the development they have lent to the United States. It is the other class which we do object to.

Many ideas, some of which have been conceived into laws, have been offered as a break-water against the flood-tide of this human torrent. A per capita tax of \$2.00 is levied on each immigrant. Rigid inspection laws, which as a rule are indifferently enforced, together with medical inspection and laws against contract labor, in a measure turn away a few of the undesirable. An illustration of the inadequacy of the present system, out of 1,885,815 immigrants last year, the total number debarred for all causes was only 8,769, and of that vast population gaining admission, 589, in less than six months were found enrolled in charitable institutions. One alarming objection to foreigners at present is the unprecedented ravages of two contagious diseases attributable to them, namely, favus, a skin disease, and trachoma, or granular eye. Dr. John C. Chester, assistant surgeon of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, states that there are 40,000 of these cases in the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn. It is easy to appreciate what havoc this unfortunate feature would play among the school children of our many metropolises. The criminal class, of course, the most difficult to detect. They are generally alert and ingenious and secure admission by any device, however unscrupulous. Of that mighty army gaining admission, the total number of convicts debarred last year was 51. How, then, this most dangerous element beyond our portals is indeed a difficult matter to solve.

A new problem presented by the present situation is the inability of the immigrants who come to us to amalgamate with the population of the United States as it is now constituted. As the new comers huddled together that portion of the world which the late Lord Salisbury termed the "Celtic fringe," amalgamation was easily and readily effected, for they found a people here that were descendants of the same tribes and nations as themselves, and they could quickly assimilate the new order of things. The Chinese exclusion act precludes any danger from the Orient, and the immigrants from Canada and Mexico generally find a home near the border and are in the beginning familiar with our institutions and therefore easy to mingle with our citizenship. In the decade and at the present time the immigration is not only not from an English-speaking people, or people with whom the German and Scandinavian have ever amalgamated, but from nations who are utterly alien to us, not only ethnically, but in civilization, tradition and habits of thought. In these latter years immigration from Bohemia, from Hungary, from all the Slav provinces, from Russia and Poland, including both Russians and Polish Jews and now from Greece, Syria, Armenia, and the Levant, has advanced with leaps and bounds. These people are, in the main, not only totally different from us, but they have an enormous percentage of wholly uneducated persons.

THE SIZE OF AN ATOM.

Unusual but Perhaps Accurate Means for Its Measurement. Science. How large is an atom? "Perhaps the simplest, though not the most exact, way of arriving at a rough estimate of the size of atoms, is by measuring the thickness of a soap bubble film, where it is as thin as possible, just before it bursts," says a writer. "Such a film, if composed of atoms must be something like a pebble wall. Now, a pebble wall would not stand if it were not several pebbles thick, and if we had reason to suppose that it was about a dozen pebbles thick we could easily make an estimate of the size of the pebble by measuring the thickness of the wall."

SHERIFF AGAIN FAILS.

No Warrant Yet Secured for Dr. Chadwick. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Sheriff Barry failed again today to get a warrant for Dr. LeRoy S. Chadwick, the husband of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, Judge Joyce, the parish clerk, announced that the papers are all right, but that he wanted to confer with Governor Odell over the telephone, before signing the warrant. The papers will be mailed to Sheriff Barry.

Famous Violinist Going Abroad.

New York, Dec. 28.—Miss Maud Powell, the distinguished American violinist, who was recently married to Mr. George Turner, of London, sailed for Europe today on the Baltic. Miss Powell will make an extended tour abroad, where she has already been heard with great success.

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H. M. VICTOR, Cashier.

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WANTED—Daily Observer of Oct. 23, 1904. Charlotte Observer.

FOR SALE—A good farm, six miles from city. "H. R." care Observer.

WANTED TO RENT—Three rooms for light housekeeping; furnished preferred. Address A. C., care Observer.

COMFORTABLE ROOMS and good board can be obtained in good locality. Address 58 W. Trade St.

WANTED—Carriage work woman, who can do general repairing and build new bodies. J. W. Wadsworth's Sons Co.

FOR SALE—One beautiful shaggy pet St. Bernard dog. Weight 120 pounds. Address Z. Paris, Lumberton, N. C.

WANTED—Good location to run weekly newspaper. Address "S," 514 North St., Durham, N. C.

WANTED—A small, clean boy, not too smart, to answer telephone, etc., at No. 8 E. Fourth street.

WANTED—Position by young man as drug clerk. Address "C. C." care Observer.

WANTED—Doctor in town of 700 inhabitants. Good opening. Address "J." care Observer.

WANTED—Position by stenographer; can assist with books and can furnish good references. Address G, care Observer.

WANTED—To correspond with merchant in country or small town with a view to partnership, or buying business, where a farm can be purchased. "Willis," care Observer.

WANTED—To buy or sell lumber for City Lumber Yard, in North Carolina. Can furnish gilt edge references. Now held position with one of the largest mills in the world. A change wished on account of health. Address "Lumber," care Observer.

AT COST—From Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, at 9 o'clock, to Saturday evening, Dec. 31, at 5 o'clock, we will sell all blank books and other stationery at cost, plus 10 per cent. No covers exchanged. Any articles desired will be charged to regular customers—account to be paid Jan. 1 to 10. We have large stock to select from and you will be surprised at how low the prices are. This is intended as a compliment to our regular customers and to give them the benefit of very low prices for any new supplies needed Jan. 1st. Do not miss this opportunity. This is worth your while. Queen City Printing Co.

FOR SALE CHEAP—One automatic bicycle, with 15 h. p., practically new. Asheville Milling Co.

FOR RENT—Valuable store-room, No. 43 South C. St., 2-15 feet. Basement and two stories, with railroad truckage to the rear. Possession at once. Southern Real Estate, Loan & Trust Co.

SEVEN-ROOM HOUSE for rent, two blocks from public square. Apply at Queen City Hotel.

WANTED—Good office position by young man of education. Address "X," care Observer.

FOR SALE—A long-established clothing and men's furnishing business. Best location in town—2,000 inhabitants. Store-room and influence goes to purchaser. Stock has and is being reduced daily. Address J. Q. Holland & Co., Gastonia, N. C.

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WANTED—Good agents to handle an attractive line. Honorable work with good profits. For particulars write P. O. Box No. 601, Newbern, N. C.

FOR SALE—Ten Berkshire pigs, 6 weeks old; two male pigs, 4 months old; all from registered stock. J. E. Thomas, R. F. D. No. 6, Charlotte.

HAVING RENTED part of the stable on Fourth street, vacated by J. C. Cochran & Bro., our friends and patrons will find our Mr. S. J. Skidmore there after January 1st, with a fine lot of mules and horses. Call and see him before you trade. Craig & Wilson.

FOR RENT—Six-room house; modern conveniences. Apply to 214 W. Tenth St.

WANTED AT ONCE—First-class white barber; salary \$12 per week. Address 24 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C. J. C. Fressly.

FOR RENT—Furnished first floor flat. Reception hall, five rooms and bath. Possession at once. Apply Mrs. Jas. A. Dorris, Dilworth.

WE DELIVER your Christmas packages. Charge reasonable. A. D. T. Telephone 65.

WANTED—\$1,000; tiptop real estate security. "M." care Observer.

IF YOU are in Dilworth, Piedmont Park anywhere and wish a messenger the American District is prepared to serve you. Telephone 65.

A PORTION of a warehouse for rent cheap. Apply Observer office.

FOR RENT—Furnished residence, 48 E. Tryon street; furnished, furnace heat, all modern conveniences. Apply to J. R. Holland.

WANTED—For U. S. Army, able-bodied, unmarried men, between ages of 21 and 35, citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. For information apply to Recruiting Office, 15 West Trade St., Charlotte, N. C., Southern Loan and Trust Building, Greensboro, N. C.; 40 Patton Ave., Asheville, N. C., or Cleveland Building, Spartanburg, S. C.

FOR RENT—Two rooms in Wilkinson Building. Apply Gem Restaurant.

WANTED—Agent: We have a wagon and horse and a good contract to offer to the right man. Call on The Singer Mfg. Co., Charlotte, N. C.

FOR SALE—Twelve shares 4 months' old Mechanic's Perpetual Building and Loan. Will sell at a bargain for cash only. Address L. M. McK., care Observer.

FOR RENT—Furnished house; cheap if taken quickly. Apply to Mrs. Jas. A. Dorris, Dilworth.

WANTED—Three or four boarders in private family. 505 N. Church St.

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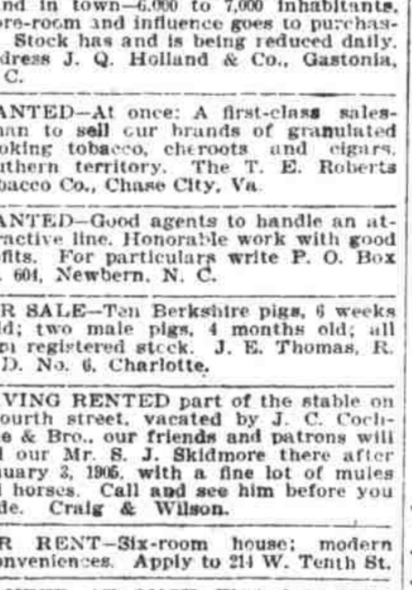
-A WEEK OF- EMPHATIC BARGAINS

Our West Trade street store will be closed to-day for our annual inventory work, but you will find our North Tryon Street store open for business. You will have no trouble in finding here the goods wanted. There are but few lines in merchandise but what are obtainable at our North Tryon Street stores.

PRICE CUTTING To Clear Stocks

Our job of stock-taking is a big undertaking and we wish to reduce lines as much as possible this week before we begin work in the North Tryon Street stores, therefore deep incisions have been made into prices—on such goods too as are in demand at the present time.

WANT A NICE UMBRELLA?



While special lot of Umbrellas last which we recently secured at a tremendous sacrifice, we will sell them at less than HALF PRICE.

Better select one of these Umbrellas at once. They'll not remain here long at present prices.

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You'll not find anywhere such a line of Chinaware selling at prices in vogue to-day. We are very much in earnest in reducing this particular line at once and prices will be no barrier to your buying. You'll be pleased with our present display. There is no equivalent to the bargains here to-day.

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