

ple, knowing as they grow strong and progress in industrial and material matters we shall grow with them and the election of that old exponent of the people's rights, The Carolina Watchman, will be sure

GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW CITIZENS: This is to be a campaign without bitterness, without petty jealousies and little deeds, at least so on our part, but we will be frank, and render our best efforts in behalf of our peo-



The Carolina Watchman's Campaign Opens Under Most Auspicious Circumstances.

STATE OF ANARCHY.

Russia on the Verge of Terrible Revolution.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—Prince Troubetzkoy, president of the Moscow Zemstvo, has written a letter to Prince Mirsky, minister of the interior, defending the discussion of reforms by the Moscow Zemstvo, which called forth the condemnation of the czar. In the course of his letter Prince Troubetzkoy says:

"Russia is now in a state of anarchy. The revolutionary movement now proceeding is not a simple disturbance by the youth of the country. It is a movement which reflects the attitude of public opinion, and if it is very dangerous, even terrible, not only for the people, but for the emperor. It is therefore the duty of every Russian to do what he can to prevent the impending calamity. I recently had the happiness to see the emperor and I reported to him truly and in all sincerity, the present state of public opinion. I explained to his majesty that what is proceeding is a revolution. The Russian nation is being dragged into a revolution which it does not want and which may be prevented by the emperor if he shows confidence in his people. It is my strong belief that if the emperor will himself unite the national forces around him he will relieve Russia from the terrors of an impending bloody revolution. If he will do so the nation will support his autocratic power. Under existing conditions it is impossible to forbid the people from expressing their sufferings. "It is impossible to keep silence when the country is in a dangerous position."

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 5.—Governor Aycock grants a commutation of the death sentence of Geo. W. Daniels, under sentence to be hanged in Duplin county for the murder of a man by the name of Maxwell. The commutation is to life imprisonment and is on the strength of a petition from prominent citizens to the effect that Daniels is weak minded and unable to form a purpose of murder and incapable of premeditation and deliberation. He had two trials, being convicted and sentenced to be hanged at both of the trials.

FATAL CARDUASAL.

Only Sober Man in Crowd Shot and Killed.

Goldboro, N. C., Jan. 6.—J. M. Westbrook, a merchant of Pine Level, died last night from the effects of a pistol shot wound which he received on the night previous. The shooting took place in his store. There was a crowd in the store at the time and they were all drinking and carousing. Several shots had been fired already in and around the store, and Westbrook ordered the crowd out of his place of business. There was general disorder going on when some one fired the shot which ended the life of the only sober man in the crowd. It is claimed that the shooting was accidental, but there is a suspicion on the part of the relatives of the dead man that the man who fired the fatal shot intended to kill Westbrook. The coroner of Johnston county summoned a jury and held an inquest last night, but the result could not be learned. It is expected that some of the party will be charged with murder.

Five Main Causes of the Japanese-Russian War.

First—After the Boxer disturbances the powers agreed to maintain the territorial integrity of China. Russia reserved the right to occupy Manchuria, agreeing to evacuate when peace was restored. April, 1903, was the date fixed for this evacuation. This was afterward extended to October 8. Russia, despite the objections of Japan, still continued in its occupancy of Manchuria.

Second—The fear on the part of the Japanese that should Russia absorb Manchuria it would inevitably follow that Russia would absorb Korea.

Third—The Russian occupancy of Korea would be a vital restriction of the commerce and peaceful activities of Japan in the most promising Japanese development in Asia.

Fourth—The action of Russian agents in pursuing a course indicating a design to control important strategic points.

Fifth—The warlike preparations of Russia in Manchuria, and Japan throughout its territories, during the time when both countries were mutually engaged in diplomatic negotiations.

73d WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Treadway Married Nearly Three Quarters of a Century.

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 5.—If Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Treadway, of Sandy Bottom, Madison county, are alive on the third day of March, this year, there will be celebrated on that day at the home of the aged couple, the 73rd anniversary of their marriage. The occasion will be a most interesting one, and it is doubtful if the duplicate will be found in the annals of North Carolina history. Mrs. Treadway is 94 years of age, but a year her husband junior, and both are hale and hearty, and although fast nearing the century mark, Mr. and Mrs. Treadway are without doubt the oldest native North Carolinians alive. They were born in the Sandy Bottom section of Madison county and have never for any length of time left their native home.

Russian Democracy.

We have upon more than one occasion made reference to the Russian democracy, and have said that it is a living, exacting force, which the czar must reckon with. It is, according to Dr. Hannis Taylor, who writes an instructive article on the subject in the January number of the North American Review, a greater force and a more intelligent force than outsiders generally think. Dr. Taylor emphasizes the fact that although Russia is an absolute monarchy, the unit of state organization is the village community known as the "mir," whose constitution is identical with that of the Teutonic mark or township as it appeared centuries ago; that the Russian "mir" as it appears to the traveler today is a vivid illustration of the village life of the founders of the English kingdom at the time the immigration into Britain began.—Times-Dispatch.

Clayton, N. C., Jan. 4.—Last night at 12 o'clock a northbound freight suffered a severe wreck in which fifteen cars were piled up and traffic was blocked up to noon today. No trains are running. Passengers are being taken back via Raleigh. A large force is at work building track around the wreck. No lives were lost in the wreck.

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