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OUTLINES.

The situation in China has assumed a very critical phase; the "Boxers" are more formidable than supposed, and have closed in on Peking. U. S. Marines will be landed at Peking to protect American interests. The Weather Bureau reports a general improvement in the condition of the cotton crop. Refined sugar advanced ten cents a hundred pounds in New York. Revolution in Venezuela is averted. Lord Roberts announces annexation of the Free State. T. C. Fuller appointed Associate Justice of the Court of Private Land Claims. Rev. J. E. Riddick is on trial for his life at Lawrenceville, Va. The annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans begins to day at noon at Louisville, Kentucky. Kid McCoy won the fight with Tommy Ryan at Chicago, Ill. New York markets: Money on call easy, quoted at 1 1/2 @ 2 per cent; cotton quiet, middling uplands 9 1/2; spot grain, No. 2 red 74 1/2; corn spot, No. 2 35 1/2; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 23 1/2; rosin quiet, spruce gum to go \$1.55; spirits turpentine steady at 51 @ 51 1/2.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29
Temperatures: 8 A. M., 72 degrees; 5 P. M., 72 degrees; maximum, 81 degrees; minimum, 63 degrees; mean, 72 degrees.
Rainfall for the day .00; rainfall since the month up to date, 3.32 inches.
COTTON REGION BULLETIN.
Light to moderate showers in all but the Atlantic coast districts, with generally slightly higher temperatures.
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.
WASHINGTON, May 29.—For North Carolina—Partly cloudy Wednesday; probably showers; Thursday partly cloudy, probably showers near the coast; Friday showery winds.
PORT ALMANAC—May 30.
Sun rises 4:45 A. M.
Sun sets 7:10 P. M.
Day begins 14 H. 25 M.
High water Southport, 9:28 P. M.
High water Wilmington, 11:55 P. M.

A Georgia man is proud of a potato twenty three inches round, eighteen long, and weighing thirty-five pounds, which he raised all by himself.

One of the new industries of New Jersey is an agency for supplying newly fitted fellows on the other side with American ties for their wives. The trust business must be playing out in Jersey.

According to the last figuring England has lost in the Boer war, in killed, wounded, captured and invalided, 600,000 men, or as many as the Boers had fighting men.

A new experiment in transporting logs across the Pacific is soon to be tried. A raft is now being built at Seattle, Wash., which will be 625 feet long and contain 14,000,000 feet of lumber. It will be towed across.

Little Neck claims are on a boom in Boston, because a fellow got an \$18,000 pearl out of a restaurant lunch one day. The restaurant is also on a boom, and makes a specialty of that kind of clam, but doesn't serve many of that kind of pearls.

A Pennsylvania man arraigned for bigamy excused himself on the plea that his food was drugged, but as he was a truthful man he would not say he was sorry it was drugged as he liked wife No. 2 considerably better than wife No. 1.

James De Witt, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., got along very well with his wife until she mutilated his clothes, refused to cook for him, threatened his life and then went for him with a butcher knife. Then he concluded that the best thing for him to do was to seek a dissolution of the firm.

Tom Reed is making money now at the law and says that's a heap richer than making laws at a small salary. If all the Republicans took this view of it and withdrew from politics, this country might draw a good long breath and feel comfortable.

Ex-Mayor Grant of New York struck a soft snap when he was made receiver of the Third Avenue Railroad corporation. He gets a legal fee of \$200,000, in addition to what the law allows, one per cent. on moneys received and paid out, and he has already received about \$24,000,000 from a syndicate.

In the bill of expenditures by Maj. Rathbone, superintendent of the Cuban postal service, amounting to \$212,000, \$50,000 comes under the head of "miscellaneous," little matters that he didn't have time to do down. This, we suppose, covers some of the swell dinners, boat parties, etc., with which he whiled away the time, when not otherwise engaged.

LOCAL DOTS.

The New York steamer arrived in port early yesterday morning. L. V. Grady, Esq., has purchased the valuable law library of the late F. B. Manning. Mr. A. B. Skelding has been appointed a justice of the peace to fill a vacancy caused by resignation. Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., conferred the second degree on three candidates last night. The Tournament executive committee has been called to meet in the mayor's office this evening at 8.15 o'clock. Mr. Andrew J. Howell, Jr., will begin the sessions of his popular school at the Y. M. C. A. for the Summer on June 7th. The artesian well is now 1,325 feet deep, but the drill continues in very hard rock, and there is no water in immediate sight. The new stone fence around St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church has been completed. It is both substantial and handsome. Mr. George Harris will erect a handsome two-story residence on the vacant lot owned by him on Market between Sixth and Seventh streets. The Charlotte Reel Team is in training by Chief of Police W. S. Orr for the tournament here in July. An entertainment will be given to defray expenses. Much interest is being manifested in the meeting of the magistrates of New Hanover next Monday for the purpose of electing a Board of County Commissioners. Capt. Jno. H. Hanby, chairman of the Board of Aldermen, advertises for bids for repairs to certain of the quarters of the fire department houses. The Market street block, recently paved, will be ready for travel Saturday. It is now being "sanded" and when this is completed and a light roller run over the surface the work will be complete. At the meeting of Jefferson Lodge, K. of P., to-night the amplified third degree will be conferred by the district team upon three candidates—one each from Clarendon, Stonewall and Jefferson lodges. A delightful launch party was given yesterday afternoon by Capt. and Mrs. O. S. Willey, complimentary to some young people. The afternoon was very pleasant spent by those composing the party. Mr. N. L. Smith, manager of Ludden & Bates' Southern Music House, has generously offered to donate one of his handsome Mathushek pianos for use during the Sacred Concert at Fifth Street M. E. Church. The presentation of prizes and the W. L. I. company medal, which was to have taken place last night after drill, was postponed until next Tuesday night on account of the absence of two of the prize winners in the target shoot. The strawberry shipments to Wilmington from the towns along the Wilmington and Weldon railroad are increasing. The Southern Express Company brought in 150 crates last night, most of them consigned to brokers in the city. The Lyceum Theatre Stock Company left yesterday for Newbern to play a three days' engagement. From Newbern the company will return here and probably leave early next week for a tour of the State, beginning at Fayetteville. The Second Regiment Band held the regular weekly rehearsal last night. The band is considering a proposition to fill an engagement at Leland, Brunswick county. Mr. N. L. Smith is serving as leader of the orchestra in the absence of Prof. Musto. Merchants along the section of Market street recently paved are of the opinion that in view of the fact that the work is completed the sidewalks should be repaired and cleared. "It impedes travel and business," remarked one of the "outraged storekeepers" yesterday. There were two commitments to the county jail yesterday to await trial at the Criminal Court. One was a colored woman sent over by Justice Fowler for disorderly conduct, and the other, a negro man, bound over by Geo. Price, the colored magistrate, for assault and battery. Repairs to the broken crank shaft of the steamer *Seabright* are progressing very satisfactorily and she will probably clear as usual for Little River, S. C., Friday or Saturday. In order not to inconvenience shippers Messrs. Stone, Rouck & Co. have been operating a line of schooners for the transportation of consignments.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS
Notice—Sealed bids wanted. Str. Wilmington—Schedule. T. W. Wood & Sons—Seedsmen. King Grocery Co.—Very few people.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
Gasoline Stove—For sale. Wanted—Base ball pitcher. For Rent—Dwelling house. A. J. Howell, Jr.—Summer school.

Left For New York.
Dr. Charles P. Wertenbaker and Dr. Thomas S. Burbank left last night for New York to attend a meeting of the military surgeons of the United States, which convenes on the 31st instant. Dr. Wertenbaker is on detail to represent the U. S. Marine Hospital here.

Has Been Repaired.
The tug *Royal* which the Angola Lumber Company bought from a firm at Jacksonville, was steamed up yesterday for the first time since she was brought here some time ago, after undergoing general repairs and repainting. She will be put into active service in a few days.

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THE RELIEF FAMINE FUND.

Mr. W. M. Cumming in Receipt of a Further Appeal for the Starving People in India.

Mr. W. M. Cumming, who has twice shown his interest and unstinted generosity in responding to the appeals for help for the starving people of India, is in receipt of the following letter, which is self explanatory and appealing to the people of our favored land in no qualified degree. Dear Mr. Cumming—Upon each lover of humanity in the United States rests some measure of the burden of suffering and pain in India, where sixty-one million human beings are in the grip of the worst famine of the century. The degree of each one's responsibility is measured only by knowledge of the need and ability to afford relief. Upon me responsibility rests with double weight. I not only know the need, but circumstances have placed in my hands machinery for relief. Twice during the past five years I have seen starvation—once in Armenia, once in Cuba. I have prayed that I might never see it again. But the way and the duty are quite plain, whatever the personal inclination. To one who has walked in the place of hunger and death in all of India's imperious. Knowing the need, therefore, and having at hand the means for organizing and administering relief, I cannot remain indifferent to the appeal to introduce into the famine districts of India the system of emergency relief that I have tested with some degree of success in my relief work for the Armenians and the Cubans. In this emergency the first persons to whom I naturally turn for aid are those lovers of humanity whose support has made possible the relief work that I have done in the past. As you are one of those who have strengthened my hand for that work, I ask you, Mr. Cumming, to read carefully the enclosed printed matter and decide what measure of this white man's burden is yours. During the four or five months that I may be engaged in this emergency relief work, it is not that Cuba's need is less, but that India's need is more. Yours, faithfully, WM. WILLARD HOWARD.

The enclosed printed matter referred to in the letter is a little booklet setting forth appalling truths with reference to the extent of the famine in the present stricken land. Sixty-one million human beings, it is shown, are today in the grip of the worst and most widespread famine in the history of India. Four and a half million persons are receiving relief from the government, but the number of applicants for aid is increasing rapidly. Thousands of men, women and children are actually dying of hunger, with no relief agency near to lift a hand to help them. It is shown that two cents will save a life for a day; \$1 will feed fifty men, women and children for a day; \$5 will save a life until rains come and the famine pressure is relieved; \$10 will feed 500 persons for a day, and \$100 will rescue from starvation and support fifty children for a month. The STAR already has several contributions for the relief fund, and will take pleasure in acknowledging and forwarding any further sums that may be contributed.

\$18,000 IN REVENUE STAMPS.
This Amount Necessary for An A. C. L. Paper Filed for Registration at the Court House Yesterday.

Articles of consolidation amalgamating the Norfolk and Carolina, Wilmington and Weldon and Southeastern railroad companies, and the A. C. L. Railroad companies of South Carolina and Virginia, into one system known as the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, were yesterday filed for record with the Register of Deeds of New Hanover county. Details of the consolidation were given in connection with proceedings of the special meeting of the stockholders of the several companies held in this city April 20th, which were published in full in these columns. The Safe Deposit and Trust Company, of Baltimore, is named as the financial agent of the new company. The most interesting feature of the record is that \$18,000 in revenue stamps were required to be affixed to the document. These were mostly of the \$100 denomination.

Summer Schedule.
Capt. J. W. Harper to-day announces a Summer schedule to Carolina Beach and Southport on the steamer *Wilmington* which will be in effect Friday, June 1st, continuing until June 12th. The schedule will be found very convenient to both points, and travellers on the steamer are reassured of the kind and courteous treatment, the polite and careful attention which have made Capt. Harper and his splendid excursion boat famous all over the State.

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