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RUSSIAN SUCCESS AND ENGLISH

Those of us who took the view that Russia had been completely checkmated by England, and that she had really accomplished but little by all her vast expenditures of life and treasure, were too fast.

European civilization. There is no chance for alteration or improvement. It is simply and incurably vicious.

There is a new phase given to the Eastern question that has the flavor of freshness if it is not well founded.

But the new phase to which we refer is the action of the Russian Minister Gortschakoff.

"If he saw that isolated England from all Europe on the great question of Asiatic questions, which has given rise to the European issues between Great Britain and the Czar for two generations; if he saw that England had herself denied any European interest in future Russo-Asiatic relations, which would exhaust her strength, make her more vulnerable, and force her to fight in the future further from home and nearer to Russia; if he saw all this, as he doubt did, and more, he might rather welcome this Bismarck stroke of genius as the greatest of blunders.

The new British policy must be tested through many years to come before historians can safely determine whether Beaconsfield's brilliant stroke was the offspring of great, profound, and penetrating genius, or "the folly of a daring, unscrupulous political juggler".

If all the independent candidates now in the field vote on the first Thursday in August, North Carolina will give the largest vote she has polled since the war.

ONE ILLUSTRATION.

Just now many of the people are running after strange gods in spite of the experiences of the past and the necessities of the present.

In 1868 the Radicals spent \$158,000 of the Educational Fund in paying themselves \$7 per diem as members of the Legislature.

During the fiscal year beginning 1st of October, 1869, there was spent out of the Educational Fund the sum of \$203,411.01, which was expended as follows:

Invested in Special Tax bonds, \$150,000.00; Expense account, 2,014.00; Poll tax returned, 415.15; Paid to teachers of schools, 38,981.86; Loaned to University, 10,000.00; Loaned to Deaf and Dumb Asylum, 2,000.00.

Total, \$203,411.01. The investment in State bonds has, of course, proved an entire loss as have the amounts loaned to the University.

Now behold the contrast. Under Democratic rule, for the year ending September 30, 1877, \$289,213.32 was expended in educating the children of the State. This is not all. There was left in the treasury the important sum of \$115,657.93.

The colored people of South Carolina are learning rapidly. Through the success of Gov. Hampton before the people, and the wisdom and perfect fairness with which he has administered the State government, giving justice to all and keeping his promises with the utmost scrupulousity, the colored people have found out the vast difference between honest and corrupt rule, and have discovered that it is better to trust the white man who is "native and to the manner born," than the unscrupulous, designing and insincere interloper and adventurer, known henceforth in American history as the impetuous carpet-bagger, with his box of paper collars and a greasy deck of cards.

The new movement on foot among the colored voters of South Carolina shows quite plainly progress in the right direction. It shows that the days of deceptive promises are gone forever, and that the negro race cannot be longer used in that State as voting machines merely to secure offices for the cunning and ravenous fellows who have "lived in clover," and, as the verse runs, when their deaths come, "will die all over."

The Cleveland Herald says "there are many things about a newspaper that women can do as well and even better than a man, and women are fast finding this out and making their way into the ranks of journalism."

THE GREAT CANAL.

The ship canal that is proposed to construct so as to have an inland water route from Norfolk to Wilmington, is of great importance.

The leading object is to avoid the great maritime dangers to navigation along our coast, and, particularly, the hazards, and to afford enlarged, safe and cheap facilities for transportation generally, and to encourage and increase the coastwise trade of the country.

The investment in State bonds has, of course, proved an entire loss as have the amounts loaned to the University. Indeed, it is thought Professor Dickson will get his gum ralls split before the Educational Fund will get back its ten thousand dollars.

The New York Tribune says that "Speaker Randall is a bolder free trader in New York than he is in Philadelphia."

We are now satisfied that there is no truth in the report that the Hon. O. H. Dockery has applied for the position of chaplain on the Liberia ship Azor.

Wages in Scotland. Mr. Samuel F. Cooper, U. S. Consul at Glasgow, transmits to the Department of State a report on trade in Scotland.

Five Hours Work and Full Wages. One of the speakers of the National Greenback meeting in West Philadelphia Saturday night thought that five hours' work a day was enough.

The Raleigh papers are now having a good time publishing the "Statements" of the insurance companies. A worse fraud than the law requiring all these notices to be printed in the Raleigh papers was never perpetrated on the press of North Carolina.

Superior Court Clerk.

Col. John D. Taylor announces himself as a candidate for the position of Superior Court Clerk, which he has worthily filled during the past twelve months to the satisfaction of all classes of our citizens.

Not a Tramp. The old man picked up on the street near the depot of Thursday night, with a severe wound on the side of his face, said to have been caused by his being struck by a train, turns out to be a Mr. Daniels, of Duplin county, and not a tramp, as stated in our last.

Died in Hospital - A Mysterious Case. The unfortunate man heretofore alluded to in the STAR as having been picked up by the police on Thursday night last, near the Front street depot, and taken to the station house, where it was ascertained that he was suffering from a cut on the face, said to have been caused by the train, and who was sent to the City Hospital on Friday afternoon last, died the same evening.

Accidental Drowning of a Lady. A party of ladies and gentlemen were out on an excursion near the mouth of Little River, S. C., on Saturday evening of last week, as we learn from Capt. Morse, of the schr. Buena Reynolds, which arrived here yesterday, when one of the boats was accidentally capsized, and an interesting daughter of Mr. Robert Milican, of Little River, was drowned.

Father Ryan and Mr. Davis. Father Ryan was present on the occasion of Jefferson Davis' meeting of the Army of the Tennessee at Mississippi City, and made some remarks. The New Orleans Times says: The speaker paid an eloquent tribute to Mr. Davis' worth, although expressing regret that the unkindness of some has at times caused even the great to need the helping voice of the servant of Christ.

A Chance for Hoedel and Nobeling, the Would-be Assassins. LONDON, July 17. A dispatch from Berlin states that Emperor William is desirous of sparing the life of Hoedel, and unless the wishes of his Majesty are overruled, Hoedel will be sent to prison in a fortress perhaps for life and perhaps for a term of years.

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How to Save Infants - Instructions from the New York Board of Health.

The New York Board of Health has issued the following circular in relation to the care and feeding of infants during the hot weather:

In nursing, over-feeding does more harm than anything else; nurse an infant a month or two old every two or three hours. Nurse an infant of six months and over five times in twenty-four hours and no more.

When your breast-milk is only half enough, change off between breast-milk and this prepared food. In hot weather, if blue litmus-paper, applied to the food, turns red, the food is too acid, and you must make a fresh mess, or add a small pinch of baking soda.

Summer complaint comes from overfeeding and hot and foul air. Keep doors and windows open. Wash your well children with cold water twice a day, and oftener in the hot season.

Beaufort Atlantic. Some council is in the habit, periodically, of placing strychnine on our streets for the purpose of killing dogs whose only offence is that they are the pets of some little boy or girl.

Asheville Citizen. The wire for the line from here to Hendersonville has been procured, and will soon be up. The poles have been up some time.

Weldon News. Weldon has been as dull as a deserted graveyard this week. We understand that on the 1st of October a daily mail route will be established between Halifax and Scotland Neck.

Charlotte Observer. The streets were crowded all day yesterday with colored people. The great mass here is at least a thousand non-residents in the city.

Oxford Torchlight. The road can be built, it must be built, it will be built. Even the prospect of its being built is giving a fresh impetus to the sale of real estate here, and we are credibly informed of many substantial business men who will come immediately to Oxford as soon as the road is opened.