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THE REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA—THE NIHILISTS.

In the July number of the North American Review there is a paper that will be more generally read than any other in the number. It is on "The Revolution in Russia..."

According to this writer the Russian novelist Turgenieff originated the word. He does not say when he first used it, but we have seen it stated elsewhere that it occurs in a famous novel entitled "Father and Son..."

The movement finds its origin, inspiration, vigor, hope and plans in the wide spread and deep-seated discontent that exist and have existed for hundreds of years...

The liberty of the free cities was drowned in oceans of blood; the boiars, from a true aristocracy jealous of its rights and privileges, were gradually, with the most artful Machiavellianism, converted by the Czars into a class of fawning courtiers and greedy office-seekers...

He denies that the Russian people are loyal to the present system, or that they mean to destroy religion, morality, family life and property...

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to lead Russia back to the old ways, and to root out and destroy every seed of oppression and despotism, whether in politics, religion, the family or in the laws governing property...

But the Czar will not heed the warnings. He merely persists in his old course of absolute despotism, and the result is that the most violent measures become a necessity. To kill becomes the chief word in their vocabulary...

"Destruction of the Russian Empire; reorganization of Russian society on the basis of the old Slavonic forms of federation; and communal property, modified and developed according to the doctrines of modern Socialism..."

We must mention that the Nihilists have a number of newspapers scattered over Europe. In St. Petersburg, right under the nose of the Emperor, the organ of the Nihilists is published and widely circulated. It is called Land and Liberty...

The editorial correspondent of the Augusta Chronicle, Mr. Randall, writing from Washington, says of the debate between Garfield and Hurd:

The New Orleans Democrat says whatever "may be the cause of yellow fever—germs or other principles—it is certain that cold exercises a deadly influence upon it."

THE EXODUS ONCE MORE. We mentioned recently that Col. Richardson was the largest cotton planter in the South. In addition to his eight large plantations he is engaged extensively in cotton and woolen manufacturing...

He is distinct on two points: first, that they are not badly treated; second, that they are deceived. But the exodus has very nearly spent its force. The fever has very nearly abated, at least for the present...

The Star is for the strongest man—the man who can beat Grant who is training for the crown. Do you think Grant can recover from the "boom" in time?—Tarboro Southern.

When you come to the public debt statement you find the same sort of contradictions. So much is this the case that no one can feel assured what the debt really is. How can you trust any official statements that show a discrepancy of nearly two hundred and fifty million dollars?

REPUBLICAN EXPENDITURES AND BOOK-KEEPING. For a long time there has been a very grave suspicion that all was not well with the books of the Treasury and other Departments...

The Secretary of the Treasury has no power to go back and alter the accounts. The alteration of the figures as practiced in the Treasury Department is a crime. A cashier or book-keeper of a business firm who would go back in his books and erase and alter figures and balance sheets, would be set down as a scoundrel at once...

The Farmer and Mechanic copies an editorial from the Star on Southern cotton manufacturing, and then "by way of a postscript" gives a letter from a gentleman of South Carolina concerning the Clement Attachment. He writes:

"I have been running a Clement Attachment since February last with perfect success. There is no doubt about it at all. I know nothing about manufacturing before, and I find no difficulty in running my little mill, steadily making first rate yarns—at least I have taken the premium on yarns at the State fairs in Georgia and South Carolina this fall. I think a small concern will pay if well managed. I run only one card and attachment and 264 spindles. I make 150 to 160 pounds Nos. 8 and 10 yards daily..."

The Charleston News, New Orleans Times, and other leading Southern Democratic papers are taking time by the forelock in their vigorous opposition to Mr. Tilden. The Times is specially earnest in the matter. It says: "We have reached that stage in political liberalism at which we know and are prepared to say that we don't want it..."

The closing of New Inlet—A suggestion. In an article on the closing of the New Inlet, which appears in the Chatham Record, of the 3rd instant, the editor suggests that the people of Wilmington should get up a grand celebration in honor of an event which he sincerely hopes may mark a new era in the prosperity of our city...

The operations of the steamer Woodbury, now employed in removing the obstructions in Bald Head channel, at the entrance to Cape Fear river, were commenced the early part of the month of April last, when the depth of water was reported to be 10 feet at low tide...

Down at New Inlet and Bald Head. A gentleman, who visited our Bar and River Improvements yesterday, furnishes the following interesting statement of conditions at that point: "Mr. Editor—In your issue of Thursday you mentioned that a new passage had been broken out between New Inlet, which was lately closed, and Bald Head. This is an error. The facts are as follows: The great gale of April, 1877, broke over and washed the beach, for a distance of three thousand feet, leaving the entire distance covered with water about one foot below ebull tide, and making a narrow passage of greater depth, which has been known as 'Phillips Inlet' through which, at high tide, some very light draft vessels have passed..."

Deaths. Mrs. Jane Wilkins, of Fayetteville, died very suddenly, of heart disease, at the residence of Mrs. I. B. Grainger, on Masonboro Sound, Thursday night, about 11 o'clock, aged 77. Mrs. Wilkins was a sister of the venerable Col. John McRae, of Fayetteville, and widow of the late E. W. Wilkins who died some time during the past year aged nearly 90. A few minutes before her death she was apparently in the enjoyment of good health. Her remains were taken to Fayetteville via the Carolina Central Railway Friday evening.

The 4th at Smithville. Old residents of the town inform us that they never knew a more quiet 4th than the one just past. The day was observed as a holiday, and that was about all. The signal station was handsomely decorated with flags, and flags were displayed at the harbor and other points. The Revenue Cutter Coffey, lying in the harbor, was profusely decorated with flags, and presented a brilliant and imposing appearance. We counted forty-six flags of various descriptions very artistically displayed in her rigging. The Cutter fired a national salute at 12 o'clock. The Zephyr was outside at the time, and we could just distinguish the booming of the guns...

The New York Sun speaks of Mr. Tilden as being, in looks, "young, strong and hopeful."

supreme court decisions. The following we find embraced in the Digest of Supreme Court Opinions published in Wednesday's Raleigh Observer: Von Glahn vs. DeRosset et al.: From Brunswick, N. C.

The Commercial Bank of Wilmington was incorporated in January, 1847, and expired by limitation of its charter in December, 1871. The charter contained a clause making the stockholders individually liable for the debts of the bank, in case of its insolvency, to the extent of double the amount of stock held by each. The plaintiff in 1870 (and within a year from the judgments rendered against him in unsuccessful suits, in his own behalf, against separate stockholders) (see Von Glahn vs. Harris, N. C., and Von Glahn vs. Latimer, N. C.) brought this action in behalf of himself and all other creditors, &c., against the defendant stockholders under the said personal liability clause of the charter. The defendants pleaded the expiration of the charter, statute of limitations, &c. From the judgment rendered against him the defendant appealed.

The defendant being Clerk of the Supreme Court of New Hanover county, was indicted for embezzlement under fifth and eighth sections of chapter 156, acts 1870-77, the first of which imposes a tax on mortgages where the amount secured exceeds \$300 and requires the probate Judge to receive and pay over the same. In this section there is a proviso in a separate clause that mortgages, &c., made to secure a debt, shall be subject to the tax, &c. The eighth section provides that any officer convicted of violating the preceding section, or of appropriating to his own use any moneys, city or town taxes, shall be guilty of embezzlement, and may be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary, &c.

The indictment charges that the defendant, "by virtue of his office as Superior Court Clerk, received and collected from A. B. the sum of one dollar on a certain mortgage deed as a tax due the State, which was the property of and due to the State, the use of said State, being a tax as aforesaid, which said sum the defendant, &c., willfully, &c., converted and appropriated, &c. The defendant moves to quash the bill on the ground that it failed to charge that the mortgage secured an amount exceeding \$300, and second, that the bill failed to negative the mortgage deed as one to secure agricultural property. Motion to quash was allowed, and the Solicitor appealed.

It is sufficient if the words of a statute are followed by words of equivalent import are used, and this Court is of opinion that sufficient matter appears in the indictment to enable the Court to proceed to judgment, and that bill ought not to have been quashed. The fact that the tax received was upon a mortgage securing an amount in excess of \$300, was so explicitly charged as to admit of no intention to the contrary, when it was averred that the defendant received the sum of one dollar on a certain mortgage deed as a tax upon the same which was the property of the State, &c. These words exclude every inference that the money was received on a mortgage deed not taxed, and as conclusively convey the idea that it was received on a mortgage subject to the tax as if it had been charged in the very words of the statute.

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At a meeting of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad, held at Statesville, the following directors were elected, viz: Messrs. W. R. Myers, A. B. Springs, T. J. Moore, M. M. O'Connell, C. A. Taylor, C. Drake and J. H. Reid. C. A. Summers and J. L. Brown were appointed a Finance committee, and Dr. J. H. McAden, C. A. Carlton and J. H. McElwee a committee on Proxies.

The editor of the Durham Recorder had the pleasure of meeting Judge Kerr on the way back, Wednesday morning, on his way to Raleigh, and says he is improved in health, though looking thin and feeble. He proposes to spend part of the summer at one of the Virginia alum springs and at the Buffalo Lithia. He hopes to be restored sufficiently to enter upon the fall circuit.

Charlotte Southern Home: The crops were never better any previous season, so reports say; but rain is beginning to be badly needed in some sections, while others have had an abundance of good rain. Statesville is in earnest about having the Narrow Gauge Railroad to Taylorsville, Alexander county. She offers to grade and cross-tie it half way, and will take a vote the first Thursday in August about subscribing \$10,000 to that end.

Charlotte Observer: Senator Vance will be here Sunday, having stopped over on his return to participate in the celebration of the Franklin County Centennial which takes place to-day at Danville. The Richmond & Danville R. R. has advertised that hereafter only one name will be allowed on a 500 mile ticket; two names on a 1,000 mile ticket; and three on a 4,000 mile ticket. Too many people wanted to take advantage of the low rate.

Chatham Record: A District Conference of the Christian or O'Kellyite Church was held at Hanks' Chapel, three miles southeast of this place, commencing on the 27th and adjourning on the 29th of June. This was a Conference of District No. 6, composed of certain churches in this and Moore counties. The preachers in attendance were Rev. Messrs. P. T. Klapp, W. S. Low, W. G. Clements, C. A. Boon, J. W. Hatch and S. B. Klapp. The first named gentleman was elected President, and Mr. Peter Hatch Secretary. The next Conference will be held next November, near Merry Oaks, in this county.

Winston Leader: The most "shocking" thing we know of this time of the year is a wheat field. We are glad to see the wheat, which is the life of the farmer, is at home on furlough. Mr. W. O. Shelburn, the gentlemanly clerk at the Merchants' Hotel, had the misfortune to have his collar broken in a fall at the office on Friday. We regret to hear that flux is prevailing to quite an alarming extent among the children in the neighborhood of Bethania, many cases proving fatal. A female school teacher found a dead sheep a few days since, and supposing it had been killed by dogs, put strychnine upon the dead body, thinking the dogs would return and devour it. The result was, next morning, thirteen dogs, three hogs and a number of buzzards were found dead, two of the hogs belonging to the man who administered the poison. The sheep was buried that day.

Wadesboro Herald: One L. W. Lindsay, who calls himself Capt. Lindsay, and sometimes Dr. Lindsay, and who professes to be a photographer and artist, and claims to be a member of the Freeby-terian Church, has been operating at Statesville, Lincolnton, Lenoir, Taylorsville, Olin, and whenever he could be shamefully swindled the people by falsehood under the guise of the basest hypocrisy. A little son of Mr. M. O. Stricklin, a gentleman of veracity, living a short distance from Wadesboro, was in the crib shelling corn: a hen flew into the crib from the yard and, in a playful mood he put it into a box and soon after left the crib. The hen was missed, and on the expiration of twenty-seven days the lad happened to think of the "Pinafore" in the box, and on examination found the hen still alive.

Raleigh Farmer & Mechanic: The Commissioner comes back from his recent trip through the counties of Wilson, Edgecombe and Pitt, delighted with his observations. "A young man of a well known family, at Chapel Hill, (and for the family's sake we omit the name) was badly hurt by being struck on the head with the door bar of a negro cabin, where he was sleeping, at the hands of Jim Hozan, colored, who, it is said, struck without knowing who he was hitting. Who were the first patrons of the 'Pinafore'?" W. Adam and Eve, to be sure, my dear; that is—ahem—fig-uratively speaking. A big barbecue was held at Dunnsville, Wake county, on Saturday, with the object of bringing together the leading farmers whose lands are affected by the back water of Major McPheeters' cotton seed oil mill on Neuse river. The design is to buy the mill property and tear out the dam. The argument in the Swenson case was continued before the Supreme Court on Tuesday. Papers handed out: Maj. A. M. Lewis and W. S. Mason, writing Collector T. P. Devereux; Col. T. C. Fuller, Judge Fowle and Col. T. Ruffin for defendant. —James Duffy, Assistant Engineer at the Asylum, got tired of "being content west" with his family, to seek a better place. The other day he came back, and is satisfied North Carolina is a good place to come back to, as well as "the boys from the South." D. Osborn, Columbus Mills, James H. Orr, Frank Wilson, John A. Wilson, Richard A. Springs—and this is only a partial list of the young men, of once high promise, whom Charlotte has lost within less than a year!