

WHAT WILL THE VICTOR GET?

The Star's cablegrams yesterday and this morning tell us that the war tragedy is on in the Far East. The dog's war has been unleashed and while the first glory has been scored by Japan, no man can tell what contending nation will come out victor.

Indeed, if the conflict does not involve all the world powers, we will be surprised. The future became big with events when the world powers turned their eyes toward China and that clothed land of millions of people become the prey of the so-called civilized nations of the universe.

The Boxers were suppressed, but China was prostrate before the wolves of civilization. All the invading nations were jealous of each other and this alone prevented dismemberment of the Celestial Empire.

Russia, meanwhile, had exploited Manchuria and had paramount interests there. She had built or was building the great Siberian railway and had built a connecting railway from Port Arthur to Manchuria to connect with her Siberian line.

The life ambition of Russia has been to open a way for her great Empire to the Pacific and hence her quiet invasion of Manchuria and the establishment of Port Arthur as her great port.

According to the Associated Press cablegrams in the Star several days ago the following is a synopsis of Russia's last reply, refusing to accede to the following demands of Japan.

1. Japan's right to ask for a treaty covering the sovereignty of Manchuria.

2. She insisted upon mutual recognition of the independence of Korea.

3. That there should be no fortification of Southern Korea, which might threaten Russian communication with Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

4. She declined to meet Japan's wishes with regard to a neutral zone on both sides of the Yalu river.

As any one will see, Russia's reply gave Japan no other alternative but war.

We must go back here to the war in 1894 between Japan and China, in which Japan came off victorious.

But what will the war power, and particularly the United States and Great Britain, want to intervene and prevent either Russia or Japan from enjoying the fruits of the victory in the war that we felt sure they would have.

AGREEMENT REACHED

Adjustment of Differences With Crate Manufacturers by the Truckers Yesterday.

MEETING IN WILMINGTON. Certain Concessions Granted Which Will Inure to Benefit of All Inter-State Commerce Commission Act Enacted by the Association.

The amicable adjustment of differences between representatives of the organization of crate manufacturers in North Carolina and the special committee from the East Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Association, as reached at Warsaw Tuesday, became public and was ratified at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the latter body here yesterday.

Under the head of Death of "Aunt" Cynthia Carson, the Charlotte Observer of Tuesday says: "Aunt Cynthia Carson, one of the rapidly disappearing old Southern 'mammas,' died early yesterday morning in her home at the rear of the place of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Carson, on South Tryon street."

The STAR very heartily endorsed Senator Simmons' speech in behalf of ratification of the Panama canal treaty.

The Willard Hotel Company, of Washington, D. C., has been sued by a plaintiff for \$10,000 damages for the loss of two toes in an elevator accident.

The Durham Herald says this: "Perhaps Mr. Simmons thinks that when a man gets what he wants it is time to quit playing politics."

Scores of American nurses are leaving New York for the Far East to render service in the war between Russia and Japan.

It is said that King Alfonso of Spain wants to butt in among our beauties and is seeking an American wife.

Says the Durham Herald: "Heaven seems very high above us. But a little child can reach it by tip-toeing." Brother Robinson, how did you come to get w-a-y down there?

There is now talk of a rose trust, but thank goodness, there never can be any trust in girls. Now some old discarded bachelor will agree that that's the wrong way.

We know not where the war will end, nor what the future holds in store; but to the Star this message send: Keep all your ships close to the shore!

\$100 Reward, \$1.00.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one disease that science has been able to cure. In all the stages and that is Catarrh of the Bladder. It is the only positive cure now known to the medical profession. It is a constitutional disease. Care is taken to ensure that the medicine is absorbed and reaches the system. It is a constitutional disease. Care is taken to ensure that the medicine is absorbed and reaches the system.

DAY'S COURT RECORD

Progress Was Slow Yesterday With Trial of the Law and Order League Cases.

THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT. Rather Sensational Recommendations Are Made—True Bill for Arson Against George Judd—Divorce Granted to Mrs. Brown.

All of yesterday's session of the Superior Court was taken up with a trial of a third of the Law and Order League cases and the selection of a jury for the trial of a fourth which will be entered upon first thing this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The committee inquired if the growers in the Chadbourn section buying crates from the factory located at that point, were paying the same prices and getting the same discounts.

The conference adjourned to 3:30 P. M. At the afternoon session Mr. Pierce called attention to the fact that he was not aware of the arrangement referred to above existing at Chadbourn.

During the forenoon, the grand jury came into court and returned a true bill for arson against George Judd, who has fled the city.

The grand jury completed its work during the day and made to the court the following somewhat sensational report: To His Honor, Judge Garland S. Ferguson: The grand jury begs leave to make the following report: There were seven presentments and we returned true bills in each case.

Mr. J. H. Moore moved the adoption of the report; seconded by Mr. D. W. Fausel. Then followed a long discussion in which all points in the report were carefully discussed.

Resolved, That we do not approve of the terms offered. Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due to the committee for their efforts to adjust the controversy pending between manufacturers and growers.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to secure harmony between the committee to consist of J. H. Moore, of Burgaw; S. H. Strange, of Feltville, and Z. W. Whitehead, of Wilmington.

Resolved, That the secretary of the Association be and is hereby instructed to call a meeting of the members of the part of the Carolina Fruit Package Co., regarding the possible abuse of crates of their local agents and that shipping agents and the president of the E. C. T. and F. G. Association at Warsaw any and every infraction of this rule or promise.

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A most disagreeable admixture of hoarse snow, sleet and rain commenced to fall in Wilmington shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday evening, making the atmosphere most disagreeable until late in the night.

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COAST LINE TRACKMEN

THREATEN A BIG STRIKE. International Brotherhood of Maintenance Way Employees Call Their Men Out To-day at Noon—Orders Issued.

Sensational rumors of a strike of far-reaching proportions by Atlantic Coast Line trackmen of the entire system were rife in the city yesterday as the result of the promulgation of a statement issued to the public by Mr. T. D. Bostick, of Florida, secretary of a committee of employees which has been negotiating with the railroad officials for some time with reference to an increase of wages and a change in the regulations governing the work.

"We, the committee representing the Maintenance of Way Employees, of the A. C. L. Ry. have been since the 21st of January trying to effect an amicable adjustment of the employees' differences with the company's officials, but to our disappointment we have failed."

"We have offered to submit our differences to arbitration but the answer of the officials has been, there is nothing to arbitrate. We hold written instructions from at least 95 per cent. of employees in this department to secure a settlement of their differences or order a suspension of our work to effect a satisfactory settlement, and failing, we have decided to order a suspension of work. In consideration of the rights and safety of the traveling public, we decided that the suspension of work should not become effective until noon, Feb. 11th."

"All members of the I. M. W. E. are earnestly requested to refrain from saying or doing anything that would reflect discredit upon them or cause any honest thinking persons to withhold their support while we are struggling with a large corporation to secure a just share of the wealth we help to create." J. E. BLIZZARD, Chm'n.

"A detailed account of the grievances could not be given by Mr. Bostick. He said they were first submitted by the committee to General Manager Jno. R. Kenly and were later taken up with President R. G. Erwin, by correspondence to New York. Still later the matter was referred to President William C. Williams, of the I. B. of M. W. E. in St. Louis and he took the matter up again with President Erwin with no result."

It is said that the Atlantic Coast Line officials do not view the situation with alarm. General Manager Kenly told the committee at the outset that the men were receiving as much for their services as was being paid by any other Southern road for similar work with the utmost consideration in the matter of wages, but in the instance complained of, he saw no way of granting their request.

The outcome of the strike will be watched with interest. The committee of employees who have had the matter up with the officials are J. E. Blizard, of Norfolk, Va.; W. H. Wiggs, of Kenly, N. C.; T. W. Godbold, of Ridgeland, S. C.; C. W. Williams, Savannah; M. M. Knight, of Ouley, Ga.; G. P. Kellum, of Thomasville, Ga.; O. D. Joffe, of Blackshear, Ga.; M. H. Jones, of Brockton, Ala., and R. K. Wagner, of High Springs, Fla.

Durham Sun: Collector Carl Duncan, of Raleigh, stopped over here Saturday afternoon on his way home from Greensboro, and Saturday night there was a new collector for Durham. Dr. E. H. Bowling, appointed to succeed J. V. Bigbee, resigned and W. F. Check, his clerk, is now collector. There was a technical charge that caused Dr. Bowling to resign. He had been getting Clerk Check to go outside collecting for him and he was paid \$8.00 a month by Bowling for his service.

Nearly Forfeits His Life. A runaway, almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of H. B. Orner, of Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years, it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Ointment Sore had no trouble to cure him. Equally as good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions, and Piles. Only 25c. at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

KNIFE IN HIS CELL.

Another Sensation at the Jail, Resulting from Finding of an Ugly Weapon.

JAILOR'S PROMPT ACTION. A. W. Rivenbark, the Prisoner, Who Punctured the Officers in an Inebrious Manner, During Repeated Outrages—Taken from Him.

No jailor in the State is more careful or solicitous for the safety of his prisoners than Capt. E. M. Capps, who is at present serving the county in the important capacity named, but yesterday one of his charges came near baffling him and for what purpose no one can tell. The prisoner was A. W. Rivenbark, confined as a man of unusual mind upon the verdict of an inquisition of lunacy, and the way in which he all but outwitted the veteran officer is about as follows:

Early this week Mr. W. J. Meredith visited Mr. Rivenbark at the jail and in the course of a conversation, the latter drew a long knife and remarked to Mr. Meredith that it didn't seem that he was much crazy when they would allow him such a weapon as that.

Mr. Meredith didn't think so either, but was naturally a little alarmed and reported the occurrence to Mr. James Bellamy, who regarded the incident with a little more seriousness. Mr. Bellamy reported the matter in turn to Jailor Capps and the officer went forthwith to Rivenbark's apartment in the jail and demanded the knife.

Rivenbark is confined in the woman's department of the jail, overlooking the fire engine house on the corner. Soon after the final search yesterday morning, one of the firemen at the station noticed an object resembling a knife lying on the sill outside of a window of Rivenbark's room.

Jailor Capps was notified; he went into the room, put his hand outside at the point indicated by the fireman and drew in a murderous looking knife of the barlow pattern, which was immediately removed. The blade of the knife is four inches in length, while the handle is an inch longer.

While no one can imagine Mr. Rivenbark's motives in having the knife in his possession, the jailor was of the very good opinion that it had been taken away. Capt. Capps thinks the knife went into the cell in the prisoner's overcoat pocket.

Shell Fish Commissioner of Brunswick May Collect Tax on Clams—Appeal. Judge Ferguson heard in chambers last night and dissolved the injunction recently granted here, restraining Shell Fish Commissioner L. C. Tripp, of Brunswick county, from the collection from Brooks & Taylor, of this city, the tax of three cents per bushel on all clams they shipped from that territory.

Important Gathering of Methodists in Grace M. E. Church Past Two Days. The Missionary Institute of the Wilmington District, M. E. church, which has been in session two days in Grace church, this city, adjourned yesterday after a series of interesting and profitable sessions.

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LAST APPEAL IS IN VAIN

Door of Hope is Closed to Jabel Reagle Sentenced to Hang in Whiteville Thursday Two Weeks.

At the home of Mr. James D. Motte, No. 903 North Fourth street, at 9 o'clock last night, Rev. A. W. D. Olmure joined in marriage Miss Mary E. Murray and Mr. Nathan Murray. The ages of the bride and groom are 68 and 65 years respectively.

On the local market yesterday early produce advanced to 63c and rosin was firm at \$2.80. No "nothing doing" in cotton. Receipts 186 bales against 287 same day last year.

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