



A CONFIDENTIAL CHEAT. It's perfect nonsense, Besiege, for you to talk of being late on the street...

CURRENT COMMENT

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Cholly: I did think of going in for politics, but I was afraid I wouldn't know just how to treat my infernals...

Truth Will Out: "So, madam, you married me to reform me, did you?"

"How's your new book selling?" "Fine, fine. It will be one of the heaviest sellers since 1880."

"Goodman's in a bad way. He's got such a sore throat he can't talk and he's lying on the street to-day and he seems to have a black eye, too."

NEW YORK BANKS

Statement of Clearing House Averages for the Past Week. New York, June 25.

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT NEAR PORT ARTHUR

Fleet of Japanese Torpedo Boat Destroyers Attack the Russian Warships.

JAPANESE ADMIRAL'S REPORT

Russian Battleship Torpedoed and Sunk. Another Battleship and a Cruiser Damaged—Japanese Ships Sustained Little Damage.

TOKYO, June 25, Noon.—Admiral Togo reports that on Thursday last his patrol boats discovered the battleship Peresviet and seven other vessels, accompanied by nine torpedo boat destroyers, near the entrance of Port Arthur harbor.

Russian Cavalry Routed

LONDON, June 25.—The Japanese fleet this afternoon received a dispatch from Tokyo announcing that a detachment of the Takushima army surprised and routed a squadron of Russian cavalry, ten miles northwest of Santao Kow.

Chinese Bandits

MURKIN, June 25.—Last night one hundred Chinese bandits, excellently armed and equipped and led by Japanese officers, attempted to blow up with dynamite the bridge over the Koulan river.

Twelve Miles from Port Arthur

TAI-TOH-KIAO, (between Kai Chou and Hai Cheng), Liao Tung Peninsula, June 25.—The Japanese forces within twelve miles from Port Arthur, the whole male population of which, from the age of fifteen and upwards, is under arms.

Battle Unavoidable

LIAO YANG, June 25.—The armies of General Kuroki and General Kurupkin, aggregating at least six divisions, are confronted by the huge force under General Kuroki.

Russian Report

ST. PETERSBURG, June 25.—The general staff has received the following dispatch from Lieutenant General Sakoff, under date of June 25: The morning of June 23 the enemy has continued its march toward Kai-Chou.

STEEL TRACK ROADS

Cheaper to Build in Many Places Than Stone Beds. Has, Says, and Cheaper to Maintain—The Use of Them in New York City.

"Twenty centuries have seen no advance in the art of road building. We build no better than the ancient Romans or Peruvians," said General Roy Stone in an address at the national good roads convention.

OVER ONE THOUSAND PERSONS PERISHED

The Total Mortality by Slocum Disaster is 1,031—Result of Minute Inquiry Made by Direction of Inspectors.

NEW YORK, June 25.—That upwards of one thousand persons perished in the burning of the excursion steamer General Slocum is now practically certain. According to an exhaustive report made by Police Inspector Schmitt, the number of dead, missing and injured persons is as follows:

KENTUCKY FEUD MURDER

Posse With Bloodhounds on Trail of the Man Supposed to Have Shot Mack White from Ambush.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 25.—A dispatch from Jackson, Ky., says the posse headed by Sheriff Callahan, which has been on the trail of the man who is supposed to have shot and killed Mack White from ambush, followed the trail of the man who shot him at Oakdale, Sheriff Callahan thinks the fugitive secured a horse there.

NOTABLE MAN DEAD

Former Congressman from Kentucky Known as "Quinine Jim."

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., June 25.—Hon. James A. McKee, former Congressman from this district, died at his home at Oak Grove to-day. He was 64 years old and known everywhere as "Quinine Jim."

Humor and Philosophy

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Kind words pay big interest on the investment. What makes some people hard up is the refusal to distinguish between their income and their expectations.

THE CLICK IN THE HALL

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Years ago when I was a very young man I learned telegraph and when I was twenty-five years old received a flattering offer to go to Italy to teach a corps of operators for a new line then building.

"A year ago I persuaded the Automobile Club of America to make a thorough test of steel tracks in city and country, and with the liberal aid of the president of the steel trust, we are doing so.

The traction on the plates is found to be much better than the same power which will pull one ton on a good stone block pavement will pull nearly four tons on the steel tracks.

"The government of the United States has repeatedly used both its cash and its credit in promoting all kinds of public works.

"The head of my bed was against a wall, and before going to sleep I heard what at first I took to be a mouse's gnawing, though the wall was of stone and masonry and not of wood.

"An American gentleman is imprisoned here by the fact that he will give a large sum to any one procuring his release."

The moment the message was finished I sprang out of bed, took a large knife from my trousers pocket and with the handle telegraphed on the wall.

LUMBER YARDS BURNED

Fire at Cleveland, O., Gained Losses Aggregating \$300,000—Partially Insured.

CLEVELAND, O., June 25.—Fire, supposed to have been of incendiary origin, to-day caused losses aggregating \$300,000 in the lumber district lying along the river front.

How to Keep Honey

To keep honey, either in a bucket or comb, put it where it is dry and warm, even hot. It will not hurt it to be in a temperature of even 100 degrees.

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THE LABOR AGITATOR

Some of the Qualities He Must Possess to Be Successful. Strikes contribute but slightly to the equipment of the successful labor agitator.

Unknowable Russia. Those who are permitted to speak the open truth in Russia may be counted on the fingers of one hand, and then half of them will be left unused.

An Underground Confession

Women are growing quite embarrassingly frank about the basis and the extent of their charms. On Saturday afternoon a pretty young married woman, with her five-year-old son—so much we could infer—jumped into a first class carriage on the underground.

A Weird Incident

Some years ago the following strange incident took place in a west end club: There lay on the table in one of the rooms a list of members who had put down their names for an approaching house dinner.

Valuable Shares

The shares of the New River corporation are the most valuable in the world, and only fractions of a share are usually sold on the market.

Webster Was Willing

When Daniel Webster's market man had sued him for a long unpaid bill and got his money he was so scared at his temerity that he stopped calling at the door for orders.

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THIS WEEK AT GAYLORD'S BIG STORE.

The Store that Saves You Money.

- 1. 15 dozen Lace Curtains 2 1/2 yards long, extra quality, this week, 25c each. 2. Almeria Batiste in all the pretty patterns, regular 7c goods, this week 5c. 3. Our regular 12 1/2c Cotton Cloth this week 10c. 4. Our entire line of 12 1/2c pretty colored lawns this week 10c. 5. Our best Dress Gingham this week 9c. 6. The best 36 inch Percales, regular 12 1/2c kind, this week, 10c only. 7. Don't miss that pretty white lawn this week at 5c. 8. Colored pool cotton this week 1c per spool. 9. 3 cakes of good Toilet Soap for this week 10c. 10. Cherry Cottage Poles for this week, with wood fixtures, only 9c. 11. Nice Sea Island Shirting, regular 6c quality, this week, 4 1/2c. 12. 1,000 yards good Bleaching in remnants, regular 7c quality, this week 5c. 13. Mennen's Borated Talcum Powder, this week 10c; only one box to a customer. 14. Children's and ladies' black Hose, this week 5c a pair. 15. 150 ladies' \$1.25 Umbrellas, fancy handles and good tops, this week 95c. 16. 15 dozen boys' Summer Pants, this week 15c a pair. 17. Good Turkish Towels 12 1/2c pieces, this week 9c. 18. MacIntyre, 3c; Good Ink, 4c; Vaniline, 3c; Allen's Talcum Powder, 4c. Big line of Children's Hats, regular 75c value, this week 25c. Our entire \$2.00 Ladies' Hats, this week \$1.19. Second shipment of Hammocks will be here this week; big values for you. Cotton goods are coming down; we are always on the ground in low prices; good bleaching 8c. Ladies' Corset Covers, this week 10c. Mercerized Madras, all colors, this week 10c. Men's \$1.00 Straw Hats, silk bands, this week 50c. The latest in Men's Shirt Waists, worth \$1.00, this week 50c. All the newest things in Ladies' Belts just arrived. Ladies' Brown Lace Gloves, worth 25c, this week 11c.

The Big Racket Store,

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROPRIETOR.

je 26 tf

SOUVENIR BOOKLETS

OF WILMINGTON, (New Edition) We carry a full stock of Showing principal streets, public buildings, harbor, shipping, seaside and trucking views—25c, postpaid.

Tales and Traditions

of the Lower Cape Fear, by Mr. James Sprunt. Souvenir Postal Cards and Maps of the city.

North Carolina Booklets

containing "Battle of Moore's Creek," by Prof. Noble.

C. W. YATES & CO.

Bookseller and Stationer, Market Street. je 19 tf

Kisses, Kisses, Kisses.

50 Boxes Miller's Violet Kisses. 25 Boxes Nice Lemons. 40 Boxes Summer Cheese. 40 Boxes Evaporated Peaches. 40 Boxes Evaporated Apples. 1,000 Rolls 2-lb. Baking. 3,000 Bolls New Arrow Cotton Ties. 8,000 Bags Salt and another cargo coming.

D. L. GORE COMPANY

Wholesale Grocers and Importers, je 1 tf Wilmington, N. C.

N.W. MULLET.

1,460 Lbs. New Mullet \$5 00 2,840 Lbs. Old Mullet 4.50 1,920 Lbs. Old Small Mullet 4 00

W. B. COOPER

Importer and Jobber, je 23 tf Wilmington, N. C.

SALT.

Cargo now unloading; 100-lb. white striped sacks. We solicit car load orders for prompt shipment. HALL & PEARSALL, INCORPORATED. je 16 tf

For Sale or Rent.

Furnished Cottage North of Mr. Ernest Williams' Cottage on Wrightsville Beach; 9 rooms; known as Prince's Cottage. Immediate possession given. SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS, 15 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C. je 16 D&W 11