

FIGHT AGAINST LOCAL MEAT DEALERS CALLED OFF BY THE BEEF TRUST

Visions of Cheap Steaks and Other Things Fade Into Thin Air

LOCAL INDEPENDENTS SCORE EASY VICTORY

General Manager Jerome Holds Conference With Above Results

Those who reveled in visions of juicy steaks at half price will find that they have another thing coming this morning by reason of the fact that the beef trust has called off its fight against the Asheville meat dealers. This agreement was reached yesterday at a conference between General Manager Jerome...

So ends the beefy warfare which one time threatened to assume grave proportions. When the independent dealers were led to believe that the fight was on in earnest they organized for Mr. Trust and were prepared to put up the battle of their lives. The sentiment of the people of Asheville was mostly with the independents...

CORDELE CITY NOW ALARMED

Cordele, Ga., Aug. 8.—The city of Cordele has been quarantined against all points in Louisiana and Mississippi and also against Montgomery, Mobile and some other points in Alabama. The quarantine will be rigid and will be enforced by inspectors...

WILL CALL ASSEMBLY.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—The Russian national assembly, the first gathering of the representatives of the Muscovite people since Emperor Alexis Michaelovich, the second of the Romanoffs, summoned the last Zemsky Sobor...

EDITOR DEAD.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 8.—Charles P. Sapp, editor of the Norfolk Virginian-Planet, died at St. Vincent's hospital, this city, today.

THEODORE H. PRICE DENIES THAT HE IS BENT ON DESTRUCTION OF COTTON MEN

The following telegram was received by The Citizen yesterday from Theodore H. Price, the millionaire cotton broker of New York. Similar messages are thought to have been sent to every large paper in the South. The message says: I noticed in the New York Sun this morning a dispatch dated Sherman, Tex. in which Col. B. E. Smith, of the Southern Cotton Association, is reported to have received a telegram from his New Orleans representative, stating in substance that Theodore H. Price had wired parties in New Orleans to the effect that he had Wall Street sold at his back in a determined effort to force out on nine cents and lower this week.

MAY COMPROMISE NOTORIOUS CASE

District Attorney Bernard Gives Himself Up and Is Released on \$5,000 Bond

Raleigh, Aug. 8.—United States District Attorney Claude Bernard, who has been wanted here for nearly two months to answer to a suit for \$20,000 damages for the seduction of young Berta Howell, suddenly returned today, coming from Hamlet, accompanied by E. L. Lackey. Bernard surrendered, was arraigned and gave \$5,000 bond for his appearance in October. There are signs of a compromise of this notorious case, which caused one of the greatest sensations ever known here...

TWO ELECTRIC CARS COLLIDE AT NORFOLK

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 8.—A head-on collision between electric trains of the Greenview division of the Norfolk Railway and Light company's system this evening resulted in the death of Motorman Sydney Thomas, formerly of Lynchburg, and the slight injury of Robert Talt and wife, of this city. Charles Gibbs, of Berkeley, and John Grinstead, all passengers. The railroad authorities say the collision was due to disobedience of orders. Both trains were badly damaged.

CANADA IS LEADING IN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Chicago, Aug. 8.—With one half the qualifying round of the United States Golf Association championship completed today at the links of the Chicago golf club at Wheaton, Ill., Canadian and Olympian golf champion George S. Lyon, of Toronto, Ont., leads the field of 121 players who turned in cards with a score of 76 for the eighteen holes. Ten strokes behind Lyon is W. S. Fownes, champion of the Western Pennsylvania Association team that yesterday won the Olympian cup, while the two youngsters, Hugh Campbell, 17 years old of the Wheaton golf club, and T. M. Sherman, of Utica, N. Y., are tied at 79.

COTTON IMPROVED.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The weekly bulletin of the weather bureau says: "Cotton shows some improvement in Tennessee, Western North Carolina, northern Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, northeastern Texas and portions of Louisiana, but elsewhere over the cotton belt the crop has deteriorated." The prevalence of rust is very generally reported from the eastern districts. Boll weevils and boll worms are doing considerable damage in Texas and western Louisiana, but in the first named state they are less numerous. Picking is general in southern Texas and in some central counties of that state, and has commenced over the southern portion of the eastern districts. Tobacco has, done well generally, but needs rain and cultivation in Kentucky and sunshine in Virginia.

TAKE OFF TRAIN.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 8.—Incoming passenger trains are suffering great inconvenience by reason of the quarantine regulations now in force. The traffic has fallen off considerably. The Southern railway will discontinue train No. 2, which runs between Memphis and Washington. This train leaves Memphis at 11 o'clock at night.

PEACE ENVOYS TO MEET TODAY

Credentials of Plenipotentiaries Will be First Examined

RECEPTION TENDERED ENVOYS YESTERDAY

Landing at Portsmouth Complete With Expressions of Good Will

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 8.—The Russian and Japanese peace missions have submitted themselves to introduction and likewise to all of the ceremonies of welcome and reception on the part of the United States government and the state of New Hampshire and tonight are on the eve of facing each other for the purpose of ending the war in the Far East and of possible consummating a permanent peace between the two great nations. Tomorrow they will meet in the naval stores building of the Portsmouth navy yard. The Russian plenipotentiaries will tomorrow examine the credentials and powers which the emperor of Japan has delegated to Baron Komura, and Minister Takahira will in turn scrutinize those of M. Witte and Baron Rosen. The second day's session, to take place Thursday or Friday, it is said, will be devoted either to a consideration of the Japanese terms or to a proposition for an armistice by the Russian plenipotentiaries. The landing and reception of the envoys today was replete with ceremony, and the dignity of the nation's salutes were contrasted with the expressions of good will of thousands of people who thronged the streets of Portsmouth. The representatives of both Japan and Russia were much affected by the expression of good will of the American public. M. Witte and Baron Rosen, in the first carriage, remained almost constantly uncovered, acknowledging the cheers of the crowds. In the carriage following were the two Japanese envoys, and they too were not averse in responding to the hurrahs of the crowds. The envoys were met at the court house by Third Assistant Secretary of State Pierce, who first presented M. Witte to Governor McLane and then Baron Komura. The senior Russian commissioner presented his suite to the chief executive of New Hampshire, and the Japanese plenipotentiaries did likewise. Governor McLane's formal speech of welcome was responded to by a profound bow by both parties. While there are no official statements or predictions regarding the outcome of the forthcoming negotiations, tonight the prevalence of a general good feeling is noticeable throughout the environs of the peace missions.

FASHIONABLE CHURCH BURNS

St. Thomas Episcopal Wrecked by Flames—Loss Will be \$250,000

COSTLY RESIDENCES THREATENED BY FIRE

High Tower Threatened to Fall on J. D. Rockefeller's Mansion

New York, Aug. 8.—St. Thomas Episcopal church, at Fifth avenue and Fifty-third street, one of the most richly furnished religious edifices in America, was wrecked by fire today. The Hotel St. Regis is barely one block away and scores of the finest homes in America are in the section of which the church was practically the center. The fire was confined to the church. Defective electric wiring is supposed to have started the fire. The loss is estimated by Fire Chief Croker at at least a quarter of a million dollars, only a mere shell of stone walls was left standing and many very valuable paintings and bronzes were ruined. Sumptuous altar and chancel furnishings, including a \$30,000 organ, were destroyed by the fire. John D. Rockefeller's home was threatened. Firemen who stood with their hose lines in the windows of Mr. Rockefeller's home threatened the stream of water on the 200-foot stone tower of the church, which for a time threatened to topple over on the Rockefeller home, owing to the intense heat at the tower's base.

SANFORD JURY CANNOT AGREE

Rome, Aug. 8.—The Sanford jury has notified Judge Wright but it cannot agree on a verdict. Apparently there is no hope of anything but a mistrial. Late tonight the court has not announced what course it will take as to keeping jurors together or discharging them.

HEAVY RAIN WASHED OUT LARGE MILL DAM

Democrat, Aug. 8.—The heavy rain which occurred here yesterday afternoon washed out the unfinished mill dam of A. T. Ingole, of Barnardsville. The dam was nearing completion, but was unable to withstand the pressure of the water. The loss will be about \$2,200.

BIG STORE COLLAPSES

Terrible Accident Occurs in Albany in Which Thirty are Killed

ENTIRE BUILDING A MASS OF WRECKAGE

Hours of Work Required to Get Out the Score of Dead and Injured

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 8.—The middle section of the big department store of the John G. Myers company, on North Pearl street, collapsed early today, carrying down with it over 100 persons. Caught in a chaos of brick, plaster and wooden beams, between 20 and 30 men, women and children met death. Twelve hours of frantic work on the part of rescuers disintegrated 50 people, six of them dead and many of the rest badly injured. Three bodies were in sight at a late hour tonight, but many hours' work will be required to get them out. Anything like a complete list of the killed and injured will be unobtainable until the workers have made their way to the very bottom of the mass of wreckage. With few exceptions those caught in the ruins were employees, a large majority of them girls. The catastrophe occurred shortly after the opening hour, when barely a score of shoppers were in the store. A clock found in the debris had stopped at 12 minutes before 9, showing when the crash came. The best account of the event that probably caused the ruin is given by the head of the crockery, glass and drug department, which occupies the basement: "The workmen were sawing at a wooden floor beam," said he, "which runs underneath one of the central pillars in the middle of the store. Excavation for the cellar was going on about the base of this pillar, and I believe that the jarring of the beam beneath it displaced the foundation of the pillar. The first thing I knew two of the counters near the place where the men were working began to sag and several pieces of glassware slid off on to the floor with a crash. "I yelled to my clerks to run for the front of the store. The words were not out of my mouth when there came a creaking and everything around us began to fall. The wreck came slowly, however, and I think every one in my department escaped, as well as the workmen."

Fell Four Stories.

The pillar which drove away supported the eaves of two plant-girders, and when it fell the main support of the central part of the building was gone. With a noise that could be heard blocks away and which shook the adjoining buildings, nearly half

YELLOW FEVER SPREADS RAPIDLY IN SPITE OF THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES

Number of New Cases and Sub Foci Greater Than Any Previous Day

NO EXPLANATIONS GIVEN BY WORKERS

Decided to Call Upon State Troops to Enforce Proper Quarantine

New Orleans, Aug. 8.—Following is the corrected record (official) up to 6 p. m.:

New cases, 69; total cases to date, 618; deaths, 4; total deaths, 112; new sub-foci, 17; total sub-foci, 118. These figures vary slightly from those that have been sent out lately, but are the official record which was today checked up and corrected to date. The large number of new cases and sub-foci is surprising, but no attempt is being made to account for it. Of the new sub-foci three are up town and the balance down town. Two dead men were found in a shanty in the woods and it was found that they had died of yellow fever. They were Italians who had died from lack of attention.

VOTE \$43,000 IN BONDS FOR ROAD

Hendersonville Township Declares in Favor of Electric Line to Asheville

Hendersonville, Aug. 8.—At an election held here today the people of Hendersonville voted in favor of the selling of \$43,000 bonds to raise money for the construction of the electric road that is to run from this city to Asheville and to Gaffney, S. C. The rain kept many persons from the polls, but the bonds were voted by a good majority. Elections were also held in Mills River, Edinville and Clear Creek townships and the following bond issues were voted by large majorities: Mills River, \$10,000; Edinville, \$10,000; Clear Creek, \$18,000. The voting of these bonds is expected to assure the construction of the road as the example of these four townships will probably be followed in other townships in this and other counties through which the road will run.

SOUTHERN TENNIS PLAYERS AT WORK

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 8.—Play in the South Atlantic states tennis tournament continued today, several interesting matches being decided during the day. A. W. Post, New Orleans, beat Bradley Walker, 6-3, 12-10. Farrell, of Nashville, won from McCovey, of Mobile, in a long drawn out match, 7-5, 5-7, 10-8. J. H. Elliott, of New Orleans, beat C. L. Russ, 6-5, 3-2. Other matches during the morning were played between local players. Rain interfered with the afternoon play.

STEAMER IS STRANDED OFF FLORIDA COAST

Miami, Fla., Aug. 8.—The Ward line steamer City of Washington is stranded on the reefs, five miles south of Fowey Rock light. Wreckers have gone to her assistance. It is stated that the boat is lying in a very dangerous position and unless boats of large size come to her assistance there is little hope of getting her off. It is said the boat has a large and valuable freight cargo.

REPUBLICANS MEET IN VIRGINIA TO PLACE A FULL TICKET IN THE FIELD

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 8.—One of the largest Republican state conventions in the history of the state met here today to nominate a full state ticket. It is almost exclusively a white man's meeting, there being very few negroes present. D. Laurence Groner, of Norfolk, was chosen permanent chairman and assumed the gavel. After Mr. Groner's speech of acceptance Congressman Campbell Slomp, the only Republican congressman from Virginia, was introduced to the convention, and he in turn introduced Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, who had been invited to come to Roanoke to address the convention. Mr. Shaw was greeted with a storm of cheers. "My appeal to you, and through you to every voter of Virginia, is that you so vote as to conserve the peace and integrity of the commonwealth and the best interests of every other citizen. All I ask is that the elector be, if not as great, certainly as conscientious and as true a statesman at the polls as he demands his representative to be in the halls of legislation."

OLDFIELD HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Detroit, Aug. 8.—Barney Oldfield had an almost miraculous escape from death this afternoon at the automobile races at Grose Point track, when Dan Wurgis of Lansing, Mich., collided with his car in the three-quarter stretch during the first mile of the five mile open event. Oldfield and his car went through the fence into the infield and Oldfield received a badly lacerated scalp and a severely bruised shoulder. Wurgis also went off the track, but was not injured.



IT MUST BE VERY LONELY ON HIS VAST POSSESSIONS.