

The Messenger.

TO ABOLISH SOUTH CAROLINA DISPENSARY.

The South Carolina people seem to have become disgusted with the working of the dispensary. We see from the Charleston Post that there is now pending in the legislature of that state a bill to return to the license system...

The bill provides for a very close restriction of the business of selling liquor, the regulations being practically the same as now applied to the dispensary. The license fee is fixed high and besides this every dealer who may engage in the sale of liquor, under the act, must furnish a bond to guarantee his compliance with the terms of the law.

There seems to have been great reaction of late in public sentiment regarding the dispensary in that state. Many of those who a few years ago thought it was going to be the salvation of the state, morally and financially, have turned against it. They were honest and sincere in the stand they took at first and are equally so now.

TREE PLANTING ON PUBLIC ROADS.

The question as to shade trees for the public roads is again stirring up the people of Mecklenburg. The Charlotte Chronicle urges the planting of fruit trees. We would suggest to the Chronicle that if it succeeds in having its ideas on this subject adopted it should also advocate appropriate legislation for the cheapening of physicians' prescriptions and the cost of those medicines usually administered in cases of surfeit of green fruit by the small boy.

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While There is Life There is Hope. I was afflicted with catarrh; could neither taste nor smell and could hear but little. Ely's Cream Balm cured it. -Marcus G. Shantz, Rahway, N. J.

Roosevelt Invited to Mobile. Washington, January 23.—A delegation representing the official and commercial bodies of Mobile, Alabama, extended to President Roosevelt today a cordial invitation to visit that city.

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IS IT REVOLUTION?

Is it revolution in Russia? Do the bloody scenes in the streets of St. Petersburg of last Sunday mean that Russia is to go through France's fearful experiences with her revolution, her reign of terror and the commu-

The conditions in Russia at the present day are very similar to those in France just preceding the outbreak of the revolution which astounded and horrified the civilized world in the closing days of the Eighteenth century. There is the same arrogance of royalty, and the aristocracy, the same grinding down into the lowest depths of poverty and misery of the lower classes, the same assumption by the former of the God-given right to rule and to dominate their less fortunate fellow-citizens, the same offensive assumption of the divine right of the king to rule and to tyrannize over his people, to extort from them the last farthing in the way of burdensome taxes and unjust exactions in order that he and his nobles and favorites may revel in extravagant and bestial luxury.

In France this inhuman process continued until the people could stand it no longer. In their desperation they arose against their oppressors. They at last realized that death was preferable to life under such conditions. Successful resistance against years of tyranny opened their eyes to the possibility of revenge for what they and their people had suffered for generations, and how fearfully they wreaked that vengeance and what demons the sight of the blood of their oppressors made of them make up the bloodiest annals of modern history.

It looks as if Russia was about to suffer France's experience in the throwing off of the yoke of despotic rule. The conditions of oppression are not the only similarities in the two countries just preceding the revolutions. In France the first serious conflict was brought about by the people trying to force themselves into the presence of their king that they might lay their grievances before him personally and receive his assurances of relief from their burdens, just as was attempted in St. Petersburg last Sunday. Again, the French revolution began in the reign of a monarch of less mental vigor than his several immediate predecessors and who was inclined to take some steps to ameliorate the sufferings of his people, who by slackening the tight reins which their former rulers had held over the people give them the opportunity for taking the first steps which overthrew his throne and brought himself and thousands of others to the scaffold. Just so it is today in Russia, Nicholas II is not the man of brains or of iron nerves as have been the other Romanoff rulers. He has governed his people, or tried to do so with a less heavy hand. He has been inclined to grant the lower class privileges that have been denied them heretofore. The concessions have apparently come too late. He was not able to hold the tight reins that his ancestors did, nor to relax them in such a way as to grant the relief desired and, to all appearances, wished for by himself, without arousing the long pent-up passions and thirst for revenge by the masses of laborers and peasants.

The agitation which culminated in the fearful slaughter in St. Petersburg on Sunday at first appeared to be only an ordinary industrial upheaval, such as we often have in this country—a strike of factory hands for higher wages and shorter hours of work per day. If this was its true nature at first it soon took on political and revolutionary features. The revolutionists found the conditions ripe for their schemes. Conditions have passed beyond the limits of an industrial uprising and the men who entered into it thinking that to be its ob-

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ject and purpose soon drifted by reason of the bloody events into revolutionists, ready to tear down the throne and to destroy the government. Some of the circumstances connected with the manner of bringing about present conditions indicate strongly that the leaders of the movement had been working secretly to bring about just what has happened, knowing all along that if the people were to follow their advice and instructions thinking they were merely going to petition the czar to redress their grievances, the outcome would be such treatment of the people as to make them willing and desperate tools of the conspirators against the government.

No matter what the original purpose of those leaders, they have inaugurated what from present appearances will develop into a general uprising of the peasants and middle classes and a fearful revolution.

VULNERABILITY OF THE SOUTH.

Every important move on the international chess board seems to have harmful effect on the southern states of America. Take the serious events of late—the Boxer uprising in China, the Russian-Japanese war and now the threatened revolution in Russia—all have tended to suppress the foreign demand for the chief staple product of the south. Should this disturbance in Russia assume the proportions of a general revolution Russia's export of wheat to other countries of Europe would be greatly curtailed, if it did not entirely cease, and most likely every cotton factory in that vast empire would suspend operations. The demand for American wheat and corn by Europe would be increased, while that for cotton would fall off, perhaps to the extent of the consumption of the Russian factories. All disturbances of international trade with the United States seems to work injuriously to the south and for the good of the other sections of our country. The prosperity of the south depends upon the demands from other countries to a larger extent than of any section of the United States. The reason is we suppose that we came nearer having a monopoly of the production of our staple product than does any other section. (We have less competition in that from other sections of the world than do the producers of any other American product and it is a commodity whose consumption is quickly affected by serious disturbances in the countries which draw their supply from us.)

THE MISSOURI SENATORSHIP.

The republicans of the Missouri legislature have got the matter of election of a senator to succeed Senator Cockrell in a muddle. We suppose the republicans of that state are so little used to managing state affairs that they do not know what to do with the victory they won last fall. There is a most remarkable state of affairs in the legislature on the senatorial question. On the taking of the vote separately in the two houses last Tuesday the nominee of the republican caucus received enough votes to secure the election, but when the two houses met in joint session the next day, as the law requires, to confirm the separate votes enough republicans bolted the caucus nomination and voted for another person to defeat the action of the republicans on the separate votes, and thus the matter stands. The man who was the nominee of the party controlling the legislature and who got enough votes in the two houses balloting separately cannot secure a majority of the votes of the legislators on joint ballot. This is a remarkable state of affairs and one that we suppose was never before witnessed in the election of a United States senator. We have known the caucus nominee of the ruling party to be defeated by the election by the bolting of members of his party and joining with their political enemies in the election of some other person. A notable case of this kind was when in 1873 seventeen democrats in the North Carolina legislature bolted the caucus nomination of Hon. Z. B. Vance and, with the assistance of the republican legislators, elected Hon. A. G. Merriam in place of their party nominee. But we have never heard of a case where the candidate for senator, after receiving enough votes on separate ballots was unable to secure the election on the joint ballot of the two houses. It is a very peculiar state of affairs the bolting republicans have brought about in the Missouri legislature.

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Says the Durham Sun: "Isn't it singular? Whenever a woman sees a mouse, she invariably turns her nose on it." Don't you wish you were a nose-Greensboro Record. (W)hose? But we know what Joe Reece wants. He wants us to ask him if he does not wish that he was the mouse, but we are not going to do it.—Durham Sun.

INTO RECEIVERS HANDS.

Both Hall Insurance Companies, at Raleigh, Have Failed.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., January 23.—Commissioner of Agriculture Patterson left today for New Orleans, to attend the convention of cotton growers. Both Hall Insurance Companies, which have had offices here, have gone into receivers hands. Insurance Commissioner Young says he was after them on account of complaints of non-payment of losses. One company claimed that it had been unable to collect premiums, and so could not pay until it did so. While the other company, a Minnesota concern, made North Carolina premiums pay losses in this state. It was sued and a receiver was appointed for it. Other company applied for receiver. This ends both companies.

That an attempt on the czar's life yesterday turns out to have been simply another instance of frenzied Russian marksmanship.—Asheville Gazette-News.

TORMENTING RHEUMATISM

Columbus, Ohio, May 20, 1903. Six years ago I had a severe attack of Inflammatory Rheumatism. I was laid up in bed for six months, and the doctors I had did me no good. They changed medicines every week and nothing they prescribed seemed to help me. Finally I began the use of S. S. S. My knee and elbow joints were swollen terribly, and at one time my joints were so swollen and painful that I could not close them when opened. I was so bad that I could not move knee or foot. I was getting discouraged, you may be sure, when I began S. S. S., but as I saw it was helping me I continued it, and to-day I am a sound well man and have never had a return of the disease. S. S. S. purified my blood and cured me of this severe case of Rheumatism after everything else had failed. I have recommended it to others with good results. R. H. CHAPMAN. 1355 Mt. Vernon Ave.

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