

The Messenger

THE OUTCOME IN RUSSIA.

The Russian government seems to have allayed for a while the revolutionary element. This though does not mean that the revolution is over. The people of Russia have "tasted blood" and we may look for a recurrence of the scenes of St. Petersburg. What occurred there last Sunday is only the beginning of the political revolution. There may be no more bloodshed—but we doubt this—but the revolution will go on all the same. We believe the autocratic rule in that empire is over. The people have taken things in their own hands and the people will conquer. The fight is squarely on. Whether it will be a bloody or a bloodless one is for the party in power to say. The old regime in Russia is doomed. No one can deny that. How is the new order of things to be established? That is the question. Must the people attain it with the blood of thousands as did the French populace or will the government grant it before it is forced to the wall? The next question is what effect will a revolution in Russia have on the balance of the world? The indications already are that Great Britain welcomes a new order of things in that empire. The close relationship of rulers amounts to little when it comes to the adjustment of international relations.

PROVIDE FOR THE UNFORTUNATES.

Before a single dollar is appropriated for any other cause, enough money should be appropriated to take every insane person out of jail and make certain that no more shall be incarcerated. Everything else is of secondary importance.—News and Observer.

We hope the legislature will take the above sound and sensible advice of The News and Observer. The unfortunate and afflicted people among us should be looked after by the law-making body of the state. Providing for these people is not a work of charity. It is a Christian duty. Their wants should be looked after. They have a right to demand it of the state. It is a disgrace that there should be so many insane confined in our jails and held in restraint at their homes where they cannot receive proper care and medical treatment. Two classes of our citizens cry aloud to the state for aid and protection—those affected by loss of mental faculties and some of the physical senses and the infirm veterans of the war between the states. The first duty of our legislators is to provide for the care and comfort of these people. As we said above they are not objects of charity. They do not seek this aid of the state as a gift. It is a duty the states owes to them to provide for their wants and to give them comfortable homes. This legislation should come before any provision for public buildings or statues and memorials to any of our distinguished dead. We want to see the state erect a monument to the memory of our distinguished Ransom but if there is to be a choice between this monument and the erection of additional state buildings on the one hand and on the other ample provision for the care of the afflicted and the aged Confederate veterans among us we say let the former matters wait.

DOES NOT APPLY TO MILES.

Provision in Army Appropriation Bill Modified—The Measure Then Passed by the Senate.

Washington, January 26.—The Senate today passed the army appropriation bill after modifying the provision concerning the assignment of retired army officers to active service with militia organizations. The effect of the change is to relieve General Miles from its application. While the bill was under discussion, Mr. Gallinger and other Senators criticised the amendment regulating the sale of army transports, claiming that the use of government vessels had the effect of forcing unfair competition upon the owners of private vessels. Mr. Hale also found opportunity to condemn the operation of the general staff system in the army. He said he would oppose any effort to establish a similar system in the navy. The Senate adjourned until tomorrow.

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NEWSPAPER INFLUENCE.

Well, just as other prohibition communities like Greensboro and Durham, which are suffering from the sale of liquor in the drug stores, were looking to the Charlotte idea of confining such sale to a medical dispensary, for medical purposes only, the plan was given up in Charlotte because of the attack upon this temperance measure by a saloon newspaper. But the price paid for that victory was the loss of respect of every other editor intelligent enough to understand argument, for the editor reasoned that a dispensary for medical purposes only was some way worse for the prohibition cause than a dozen dispensaries, called drug stores. There are some triumphs for which too heavy a price is paid.—Presbyterian Standard.

We do not know to what editor the Charlotte paper above quoted marks with Christian-like and charitable reference, but it seems that the paper referred to if it has lost the respect of every other "editor intelligent enough to understand argument" had still a good deal of influence in Mecklenburg county—enough to carry its point and head off the drug store dispensary proposition. That influence must have been among the most intelligent voters of the city.

The marriage question in its several bearings seems to be a great puzzle to the legislature. This comes from the attempt to break loose from old bearings. The safest rule is to stick by the old landmarks.

Mr. Jerome in New York is hot after the gamblers. He has caused some to close their places of business and a great many others to change their countersting.

The best thing the present state legislature could do would be to abolish the fake principle of legislative courtesy.

John Sharp Williams roped the democrats in at the caucus the other night. A sensational rumor caused an unusually large number to attend, thinking there was going to be raised the question of Mr. Williams' resignation of the party leadership. But instead they were called upon to endorse the proposition of the republican president to enlarge the powers of the inter-state commerce commission. It did so and most sensibly and correctly did it act.

The Cigarette Habit.

A man who has never drank liquor is unable to understand why others drink to excess; why, if they get one drink, they want more and more—drink as long as they can hold any. It is the same way about cigarettes. Even men addicted to smoking cigars or a pipe never have been able to understand why a boy once he gets at the practice, cannot stop. The habit is on a par with liquor drinking, if it is not actually worse. In recent years another thing is being charged up against their use—that it leads to a criminal life. Probate Officer W. C. Johnson, of Kansas City, addressing an audience of several hundred boys in that city, said cigarettes caused nearly all the downfalls among youths.

"Out of 450 boys who have been taken into the Juvenile Court," said Mr. Johnson, "95 per cent. were cigarette smokers. I never saw a boy who played hockey from school who did not also smoke cigarettes. This habit is the beginning of crime.

"I know a little one on the West Side who lies on the bed for two and three hours at a time smoking cigarettes. He has become addicted to the habit and says he cannot stop it. He will be sent to a reform school, where he can't get the poisonous things.

"Two boys were caught stealing in a store not long ago. Each was a cigarette smoker. In nearly every case where a boy breaks into a store the first thing he steals is tobacco.

"The injury of cigarette smoking to a boy is not merely physical, usually leads him into bad associations that pervert his ideas of manliness.

"A gang of boys secretly smoking cigarettes submit to the leadership of the toughest in the gang. There is a magic power in the practice to lower all to the level of the lowest.

"The boy who thinks it is manly to smoke has a wrong notion of manliness. He is training himself to admire and emulate man's vices instead of his virtues. He is cultivating the qualities that count for failure instead of success."

And yet, with all our strides toward morality we go along and never try to suppress the sale of cigarettes. That the habit of smoking them is growing at an alarming rate cannot be refuted. It is safe to say that not one parent in a dozen in this town, whose boys are smoking them, know or even suspect it. Of course they will find it out in time, but it will then be too late.—Greensboro Record.

M'QUE MUST HANG.

Court of Appeals Refuses a Rehearing in His Case.

Richmond, Va., January 26.—The Supreme court of Appeals has denied the supplementary appeal in the case of ex-Mayor McCue of Charlottesville, convicted of wife murder. He was sentenced to be hanged January 20, and was respited by Governor Montague until February 10th.

Charlottesville, Va., January 26.—J. Samuel McCue, was informed in his cell today by the Associated Press correspondent that the Court of Appeals of Virginia had refused a rehearing in his case. He took the news calmly for a few minutes and then saying "I will get justice above" burst into tears. He gave way to uncontrollable grief for five minutes.

POOL-ROOM ON WHEELS CLOSED

Shifted Between Counties by a Switch Engine, It Yielded a Fortune.

Because one man elected by the people to enforce the law had the courage and ability to execute his duties, the Madison poolroom, that famous gambling resort, one of the sources of three great fortunes, has been forced out of existence. For many years the owners and operators of the poolroom at Madison, Ill., just across the river from St. Louis, defied or evaded the law. For a time so vigorous were the efforts made to drive the poolroom out of business it was found necessary to put the building on great trucks and keep a freight switch engine standing near at all times.

When, therefore, the sheriff of Madison county decided to raid the poolroom the tip was quietly passed to the manager of the room, the switch engine was quickly attached to the building and it was soon pulled a few yards over the line into St. Clair county. The sheriff of Madison county, under such circumstances, would find the resort always out of his jurisdiction when he arrived. Likewise, when the sheriff of St. Clair county got his machinery into working order and started to raid the poolroom the building was quietly drawn back over the line into the other county. For some reason the two sheriffs never attempted concerted action. Citizens of Madison finally gave up the fight to drive the poolroom out of existence. The Cella-Adler-Tiles syndicate, which controls the racket tracks of St. Louis, continued to operate the resort year after year, to their exceeding profit, piling up one fortune after another until this winter.

Recently the people of Madison county, having elected Frank Gillham, an earnest young reformer, to be State Attorney, took heart again and started in to drive out the gamblers. Mr. Gillham made a study of the situation and discovered the poolroom to be on the property of the Illinois Central Railroad. He accordingly served notice on the road that a disorderly and illegal resort was being conducted on its property and that the railroad would be held responsible for the continuation of the poolroom. Within three days the place was closed. But Mr. Gillham was not satisfied. He wanted the building torn down and all possibility of gambling operations being resumed eliminated forever. Accordingly a force of men employed by the railroad razed the building and removed from the site every scrap of timber. The poolroom passed out of existence amid the rejoicing of hundreds of men and women, who stood around in the bitter cold and cheered as the workmen tore down the roof and walls of the place that for years had sheltered the most arrogant and unscrupulous lot of gamblers within the two states of Missouri and Illinois. Then thanksgiving services were held in every church in Madison.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

OLD-TIME RACE-TRACK SHARP.

How Dave Smith and His Running Horses Worked Kansas Sports.

A decrepit old man living on the outskirts of Salina in a rickety old wagon and living on the bounty of generous citizens recalls to Judge Dan Wagstaff a time when this old man was a noted race horse sharper. His name is Dave Smith. Many years ago he possessed a running horse known as Buckshot, which could beat anything in Kansas in a quarter dash.

His game was to drift into a town with a rickety old wagon to a gambling wagon. Then he would hitch up around among the horsemen and after a drink or two would gently intimate that he had a "hoss" which could go some. His innocent country way never failed to impress the sports with the idea that they had caught a sucker. And it was an impression that was not removed until Smith departed a day or two later with all the loose cash in town.

One time many years ago Smith poked into Atchison with his ramshackle outfit. In some manner the sports got wind of the fact that old man's horse was the famous Buckshot. They thought they saw a way to do the old man up for all his possessions, inasmuch as he always employed a local rider to ride his racer. Their game was to get a rider up on Buckshot who would pull him. They succeeded only too easy. The old man accepted the rider who offered his services without the slightest hesitation. Furthermore he bet the Atchison sports to a standstill, putting up money on Buckshot until no more was to be had.

The horses were called to the post. They were to go from a standing start, or a "held start," as the fellows used to call it. The old man ambled out, and took his station ready for the word "go." And just as the word was given he jerked a snay loose and the bit dropped from Buckshot's mouth leaving the rider with nothin' to pull on. Then he fetched Buckshot a clip with a quirt; and the old horse went down the track like a greased streak of lightning and loped home an easy winner—Salina Republican.

MURDER AT MAXTON.

A Stranger Shoots a Negro, Who Died in a Few Hours.

(Special to The Messenger.) Maxton, N. C., January 26.—Jim Mitchell, a negro boy about 17 years old, was killed here last night in the store of Enoch Burns under peculiar circumstances, as at this writing evidence is very hard to get.

Ernest Burns, son of Mr. Enoch Burns, says that about 9 o'clock the negro, Jim Mitchell, came into the store and called for some cigarettes. Just about this time a well dressed white man came in and asked for something. The negro took offense at his waiting on the white man first and said something offensive. The stranger drew his pistol and shot the negro and left immediately. The negro was struck in the middle of the forehead, and died in a few hours. Warrants are out this morning for the arrest of Ernest Burns and Henry Smith, the two white boys in the store at the time of the occurrence.

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THEY WERE NOT DURABLE.

The Objections to 'Possums Raised in Georgia When Imported to New York.

(From the Pittsburg Dispatch.) James A. Ashley, a candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket in Georgia, is in New York. He owns 10,000 acres of mountain lands among the moonshine mountains of northwestern Georgia, where snakes are plentiful and bears are unknown. When he came north he brought as pets for two little nieces near New York a pair of "possums." He had much trouble transporting them in a gripsack, because the animals got loose in the Pullman car several times. They'd swing on the bell rope and stop the train. They'd get on the lever of the automatic brake and put the mechanism out of business. However, he got them here.

Yesterday he visited his sister's family and asked one of the little nieces about the strange pets. "They are very interesting," said the ten year old girl, "but they are not durable." "Durable?" repeated Ashley in amazement. "Yes; they're all to pieces. We put them in the yard and, somehow, every cat within a half mile took offense at the 'possums. The cats came here in crowds. Oh, the Georgia 'possums stood their ground all right. But one of 'em hasn't any tail; the other has lost an eye, most of an ear and all the hair on his back. They are wearing out as playthings. They're like most of the other Christmas toys we received. Next time bring us one of those beautiful king snakes that you say can lick a rattler. That's what we want—something durable; don't you understand?"

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECK.

Breakdown Causes Delay in Trains—Telephone Franchise Granted—Superior Court Convenes.

(Special to The Messenger.) Goldsboro, N. C., January 26.—There was a slight break down on a through freight this morning near Selma which delayed the trains coming into this city for several hours. In fact the train due to bring the Raleigh papers here at 7:20 o'clock did not get here until the afternoon. The full extent of the damage could not be learned here, but it was stated that no one was injured.

Judge Walter H. Neal arrived in the city last night and formally opened the session of the Superior court, which should have convened last Monday, but which was postponed on account of the illness of the wife of Judge Neal. The little boy who drew the names of the grand jury from the box was made happy by the judge who ordered the sheriff to give the little fellow one dollar, and instructed the youth to keep the money until next Christmas and buy whatever he wished. The charge of his honor to the grand jury was one of the most positive and impressive ever in the court house in this city. He expressed his estimate of the jury system and said it was the highest achievement of human intelligence.

At a special meeting of the board of aldermen held in the city last night, a franchise was granted to the Carolina Telegraph and Telephone Company to operate a long distance exchange in this city. There was considerable discussion before the board granted the franchise and the proper restrictions were thrown around it. Goldsboro has had trouble with two telephone companies which were operated here at one time and the board did not intend to have the trouble repeated. It is understood that the company that secured the franchise last night will have lines extending all over the eastern part of the state.

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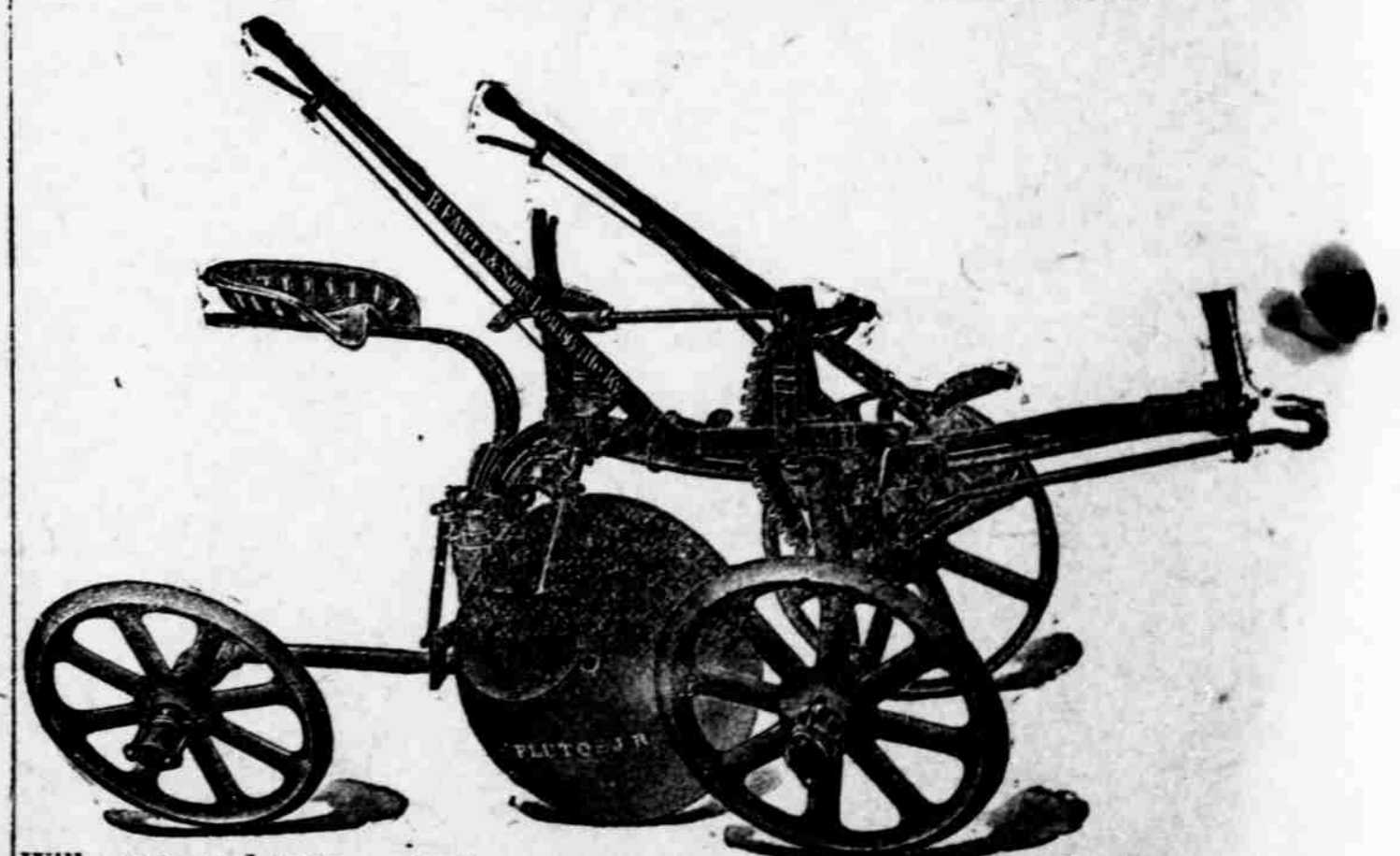
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