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ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

Admiral Rojestvensky sticks to his original story that his fleet was attacked in the German ocean by two Japanese torpedo boats. In a second statement, made to the correspondent of The London Chronicle, he said that his vessels were fired on by the enemy's. He now claims that six shots hit the Russian ships and that one of them the Aurora, was injured and has not yet been repaired. This warship, he says, threw out her search light and signaled to the fleet. "Two floating mines near here." Two men on the flagship, according to his statement, were wounded. The London Chronicle suggests that probably the Russians hit their own vessels. If they were hit at all it must have been as The Chronicle suggests. A naval officer who cannot tell the difference between a torpedo boat and a fishing trawler or between a floating mine and a fish net can hardly be considered very good authority on any matters pertaining to naval warfare.

These Russian officers, we suppose, will stick to their absurd story that their vessels were attacked by two torpedo boats. This statement has increased the indignation of the people of Great Britain. They look upon it as casting serious reflections upon the integrity of their nation; for they say no Japanese warships could have been in that locality without the knowledge of the public officials. Therefore such a statement implies that the British were secretly violating their country's neutrality and giving important countenance and aid to Russia's enemies.

Up to last Thursday it looked very much like war between Russia and Great Britain. The delay in the report of the Russian admiral who had put into Vigo, Spain, with his fleet only intensified the feeling among the British. His report, when it did come, did not mend matters, for the British looked upon it as an insult to their nation. This hostile feeling has been greatly allayed by the agreement of the two governments to refer the matter to arbitration by The Hague tribunal and thus the prospects of war have been averted. But what will the result be if the officers of the Russian fleet engaged in the supposed battle insist in their testimony taken for the consideration of that tribunal upon the truth of their first statement and still declare that there were two Japanese warships hidden among the British fishing boats and attacked their warships from that position? High British officials declare such a statement an insult to their people. If the Russians insist on making this statement and, as justification of their conduct, repeat it under the solemnity of a legal inquiry into the occurrence new and fully as serious complications may arise. The British will be compelled to attack the veracity of those Russian naval officers or admit that she was secretly aiding the Japanese while pretending to be entirely neutral—the very thing that she

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now declares an insult when charged by these officers.

We hope war can be averted through the reference of this matter to the tribunal of The Hague, but we have our doubts about this procedure doing more than postponing the inevitable clash between those two powers. The eastern question can hardly be settled finally before these two nations have come to war over it.

THE SOUTH'S COTTON INDUSTRY.

The Manufacturers' Record is not one of those papers which believes in the south acting upon the assumption that Africa cannot grow cotton. It refers to the attempt of the British Cotton Growers' Association, backed by the government, to produce cotton in Africa on such a scale as to take from the south her supremacy in this industry. It rightly says the south should not permit its domination of the world's cotton trade endangered.

There is no doubt that we have the possibilities here at the south to enable us to maintain our present position. (What is necessary for us to do is to make those possibilities realities and to prevent the establishment of successful rivalry in the fields of Africa. To do this we must convince the British spinners that we will be able to supply the world's demand, no matter how greatly that demand may be increased. If we do not bestir ourselves, but let the British continue their experiments on the gigantic scale contemplated by the British Cotton Growers' Association we may at some day in the no distant future find that Africa can grow cotton and find it so to our sorrow, too.

The Manufacturers' Record says on this subject: Many of the leading southern papers on Sunday last published a syndicate letter of several columns, written from London, dealing with the effort of the British Cotton Growers' Association to develop cotton growing in Africa. This letter, written in a vein of enthusiastic commendation of the work which is being done by England cotton manufacturers to free themselves from dependence upon the south for cotton, claims that the British Cotton Growers' Association has secured 60,000,000 acres of land in Africa, and that the work of development for cotton growing will be pushed with great vigor. It is a rather interesting fact that while many southern papers published this letter as a piece of news, none of them, so far as we have yet seen, pointed to the fact that, backed as this movement is by the power of the British government, it may in time be successful in lessening the south's supremacy upon the world's cotton trade unless we prepare to meet the issue. The boast of the south for 100 years, that it dominated the cotton producing interests of the world is now met by an effort greater than any that has been put forth in times past to destroy our supremacy, and though many high experts have claimed that the south will forever dominate the cotton trade, it is not wise to ignore the possibility of competition. It was in the light of these facts that The Manufacturers' Record suggested that the cotton spinners of Europe be invited to come south and study the cotton growing capabilities of this section in order that their interest in the development of cotton growing in the south might be enlisted, rather than see them concentrate their efforts upon the development of cotton growing in Africa and elsewhere. Why should the south permit its domination of the world's cotton trade to be endangered, when by a united effort of the railroads and the people of the south the attention of the world could be concentrated upon the possibilities of turning immigration southward and thus furnishing a labor supply sufficient to increase our cotton crop as rapidly as the world's requirements may demand, and the world's consumption of cotton goods will increase far more rapidly in the future than in the past. Bearing on this point we publish the invitation of the New Orleans cotton exchange, as voiced in a letter to the Progressive Union of that city, inviting the cotton manufacturers of the world to visit New Orleans, and in line with invitations from other points in the south.

Those who win on November 8th will enjoy Thanksgiving. Those who lose can try to get some consolation out of it. An exchange says that Chicago has a monkey that gets drunk. The Russians should secure him for one of their Baltic fleet warships. Judge Parker's words of confidence and encouragement should prompt every democrat to greater exertion and determination to do his whole duty during the remaining days of the campaign. We cannot expect to win the victory without hard work. The Manufacturers' Record has commenced the publication of a series of letters covering the industrial and financial development of the New England states, "as an inspiration to the south," it says. The first number was in the issue of the 20th and the second appeared last week.

We are glad to see from Charity and Children that the situation at the Thomasville orphanage shows considerable improvement compared with that of a week or ten days ago. It is remarkable and a cause of congratulation to the managers that the fatalities were so few—only two deaths, we believe, out of sixty-five cases. The Baptists of the state have subscribed liberally to the emergency fund raised for fighting the epidemic and for the comfort of the little ones who were stricken with the dread disease.



We seldom fear a danger that we cannot see. The danger of being run-down by a horse is a very real one to everybody, the danger of being murdered by a microbe does not trouble us. And yet the minute microbe is more dangerous than the wildest horse. The only people who can afford not to fear the microbes of disease are those who keep their blood pure and rich. These are practically immune from the attacks of most microbes.

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Judge Parker is making the republicans squirm with those front porch speeches. He is telling the country some plain truths—truths that the republicans cannot get around and charges that they cannot answer.

Senator and ex-Attorney General Knox is surprised at Judge Parker's boldness in his declarations against the trusts. He cannot understand how a candidate for an important office would dare to say things calculated to arouse the anger and hostility of the big combines. The railroad senator is judging Judge Parker by himself.

Russia's only defense before The Hague tribunal for having fired on the British fishing boats will be contention for the existence of a state of facts, to charge which Premier Balfour says is an insult to Great Britain. How then can this court settle amicably the present misunderstanding? We have no idea Russia can prove her allegation as to the presence of Japanese warships. The Staats Zeitung reports the general opinion among German naval officers to be that vodka more than anything else was responsible for the attack on the British fishing vessels by the Russian warships. The Hull correspondent of the London Times calls attention to the fact that the first squadron of the fleet passed the boats without paying any attention to them, evidently knowing what they were.

Nobody contends that it is possible to buy a nation. This is what some northern papers have to say in reference to the charges brought against the republican managers for an illegal use of money, to carry the approaching election. It is true a whole nation cannot be bought, but it is equally true that it is not necessary to do such a thing, in order to accomplish the matter in hand. The vote of a few states will decide the matter. The buying of them is all that is necessary.—Raleigh Times.

Not only the vote of a few states may decide the election of president, but only a small number of votes in a few states may do so. It is stated that a change of twenty-five thousand votes "judiciously placed" would have elected Mr. Cleveland in 1888.

There seems to be more enthusiasm among the North Carolina democrats in those counties which a few years ago were populist strongholds than in other sections of the state. Populism apparently has run its course in this state. If the country people will only take interest enough in the election to go to the polls on the day Mr. Glenn's and Mr. Parker's majorities will be tremendous. All democrats should take this much interest in their party. No man should refrain from voting just because there will be enough ballots to elect without his. Every man should want his party to get as large a vote as possible in his town and county—for no other purpose, that it may secure proper representation in the district and state conventions two and four years hence. This representation will be based on the vote cast for Mr. Glenn.

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There is a strong suspicion that the department of commerce and labor is a safe custodian of trust secrets, if it knows any. There will be no "publicity."—Atlanta Constitution.

"PARK DAY" IN GOLDSBORO.

Celebration on Tuesday that will be Very Generally Participated in—The Political Situation.

(Special to The Messenger.)
Goldsboro, N. C., October 28.—The first of November, which will fall on Tuesday of next week is known as "Park Day" in Goldsboro, and has come to be observed by our public spirited citizens with a general closing of business houses in the afternoon, a public parade and exercises which include speech making and music at the park. The day was established by, and the exercises are conducted under the auspices of the Goldsboro Woman's Club, an organization that has accomplished for the physical beauty and intellectual development of our city and section more than can be recounted or estimated within the brief compass of this short story. Through the philanthropic efforts of Messrs. H. Well & Bros., who donated the land and made considerable improvements to it, Goldsboro now has one of the prettiest little parks in the south and the same progressive public spirit that established and nurtures it has made Goldsboro what it is and will make the observance of Park Day next Tuesday all that it should be.

There is little change in the political aspect of the county. Occasionally some man who has been put on the Republican ticket without his knowledge or consent announces his withdrawal from the ticket. Both sets of candidates are hard at work canvassing the county. The only hopeful sign that the Republicans have is that larger crowds are going out to hear their candidates than on previous years. So far there has been no disturbance at any of the meetings and there is much less bitter feeling between those of opposite political views.

The reactionaries seem to have the Chinese imperial government under their thumb. Old Tsi An was never anything else at heart and her domination remains unbroken.—Atlanta Constitution.

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