

THE GOLD LEAF.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1906.

South Carolina's Jealousy.

She Can Lose No Glory by Admitting Her Sister State's Claims Regarding the Mecklenburg Declaration.

Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser. As might have been predicted, South Carolina is inclined to make faces at the claims of her sister State. These two are always showing their jealousy of each other. They have quarreled over the birthplace of Andrew Jackson until the old hero was living here and almost regret that he was not born in Kalmazoo or some other out-of-the-way spot, and now South Carolina is turning up her nose at the Mecklenburg claim. The Charleston News and Courier speaks of the celebration as "The Triumph of a Myth," and somewhat sneeringly asks, "What difference does it make, looking at the affair from a strictly commercial point of view, whether the Mecklenburg Declaration was proclaimed or not? It furnishes the occasion for a great annual gathering of the people of North Carolina in Charlotte, and it makes much business for the railroads and merchants and newspapers. It also affords the orators of the State and of other States the opportunity of making their eloquence and speaking with every appearance of sincerity about an occurrence that did not occur, at least, in the manner and form so much exploited." Well it makes quite a difference to the people of the Old North State who firmly believe in what the News and Courier designates a myth. If the claim is a true one, it shows that the people about Mecklenburg county were more than a year in advance of Thomas Jefferson and his companions of patriots in the work of throwing down the gauntlet of defiance to Great Britain. And it should also be borne in mind that the authors of this famous declaration were a small body of men and not representatives of all the Colonies. It required nifty patriotism and perhaps call for these few people to get together and tell the mother country that they proposed to paddle their own boat in future. South Carolina can lose no glory by admitting what her sister State claims.

A New Wireless Record.

Chicago News. Even though the wireless telegraph has not been perfected so far as to be of commercial utility as a regular channel of communication, evidence that it is already of immense practical importance are increasing. The remarkable achievement of the French liner La Provence, last week, in carrying on communication with both shores while in mid-Atlantic, makes a new record in wireless telegraph annals and demonstrates afresh the importance of this invention to the world. Heretofore it has been found impossible for any ship equipped with wireless apparatus to keep continuously in touch with land while crossing the Atlantic or to hold communication with both shores simultaneously. The operator after getting a certain distance away from one shore has been out of reach of land until they "picked up" a station on the opposite shore. La Provence, while practically midway between the Cornish station at Poldhu and the one at Cape Cod, received messages from both points. It had "picked up" America before it "dropped" the Old World, the meaning, in the time of its whole journey when it was not in touch with the land. There is no good reason to doubt that with the further improvement of wireless telegraphy and the establishing of more stations the ships on the great seas will be able to hold communication with land uninterruptedly. In time it will be possible to send aerial messages from continent to continent over distances of thousands of miles. But the possibilities to which the achievements of La Provence points are in themselves of vast importance in the immediate present.

Rebellion and Secession.

Richmond Times Dispatch. In his address on the occasion of Confederate Memorial Day in Danville, Senator Daniel said that he had no objection to being called a rebel, but, like George Washington, rather cherished the name. In commenting on Senator Daniel's remarks, the Lynchburg News says that the word rebel per se does not necessarily carry odious or discreditable significance, but nevertheless, to preserve the historical accuracy of things, it is always well to bear in mind that the attitude of the South during the war was not related in essential nature to an act of rebellion, as that word is commonly used and accepted. The point is well taken. Rebellion as applied by the Northern people to secession, is specifically and designedly a term in denial of the great principle for which the Southern Confederacy fought. If secession was rebellion, the claim of the South, that each and every sovereign State had the constitutional right to withdraw from the Union, falls to the ground.

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Large Plant to be Established at Roanoke Rapids. Richmond, Va., May 14.—Richmond capitalists are interested in a project for the establishment of a paper mill at Roanoke Rapids, about five miles from Weldon, N. C., on the Roanoke river and on the Raleigh and Gaston railroad, of a large plant for the manufacture of pulp and paper. They control property at the point mentioned which has facilities for enormous water power. The home offices of the company are to be in this city where, it is understood, most of the capital has been subscribed. The stock of the company is to be put at a maximum of \$150,000 and a minimum of \$100,000, and it is said that \$125,000 has already been subscribed. A charter is soon to be applied for.

Seeking A Seaboard Outlet.

Wabash Railroad Makes Connection With Tidewater and Deepwater Railroads. Norfolk, Va., May 26.—From reliable authority it is learned here that the Wabash railroad is so closely identified with the tide-water deep-water railroads now being constructed from Norfolk to Charleston, W. Va., that it will be used as an Atlantic seaboard outlet by the Gould lines. "The tide-water deep-water lines penetrate the coal fields of West Virginia. At Charleston, which will be the Western terminus, connection is made with the West Virginia Central and Wabash property over a friendly Davis-Eikin line. The West Virginia Central taps Cumberland, and from that city the Western Maryland, another Wabash property, is building a Pittsburgh connection thus completing the link. That Wabash interests are identified with the tide-water deep-water lines was developed in a discussion of terminals for the latter system in Norfolk. The construction of the tide-water deep-water lines is the most remarkable railway building in American history. With absolutely no regard for the mountains and valleys, the tide-water seeks from Norfolk on almost a level line, the great and undeveloped coal fields of West Virginia.

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