

# Up Like a Rocket: Down Like a Stick

## Admiral Alexieff's Downfall as Rapid as His Elevation. His Removal Is Certain—Japanese Reverses Reported

London, April 23.—There is yet no confirmation of the report of the resignation of Admiral Alexieff, but it is as certain as his dismissal has been signed by the czar and the Russian government.

The downfall of Admiral Alexieff is as rapid as his elevation. In 1901, he was promoted to the rank of admiral, and his appointment was hailed as a triumph for the Russian navy. He was appointed commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, and his appointment was hailed as a triumph for the Russian navy. He was appointed commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, and his appointment was hailed as a triumph for the Russian navy.

Within a week after his appointment to the command of the Pacific fleet, he was dismissed from office. The reasons for his dismissal are not known, but it is believed that his removal was due to his failure to secure a victory over the Japanese fleet in the Russo-Japanese war.

Immediately after the loss of the Varig and Korietz Admiral Skrydloff had an audience with the czar. He was dismissed from office, and his removal was hailed as a triumph for the Russian navy. He was appointed commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, and his appointment was hailed as a triumph for the Russian navy.

London, April 23.—Reports of a Japanese defeat on the Yalu river, emanating from a Russian source, continue to circulate, but they are not supported by an official announcement and there is nothing confirmatory thereof in the telegrams from the far east.

According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of Dalziel's News Agency, General Kachalinsky telegraphed the war office that an engagement of the opposing armies occurred on the Yalu Friday. The Japanese attacked the Russian columns. In attempting to cross the river one column was entirely destroyed. The Russian agency at Paris has spread a similar report.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—In spite of the reports from Seoul and Tokio that the Russians are massing 50,000 men to resist the Japanese crossing the Yalu river, it can be asserted with great positiveness that an obstinate obstruction of the enemy's crossing is no part of General Kurapatkin's tactics. The Russians intend that the Japanese shall have the river behind them before giving battle in force. Kurapatkin's plans in this respect are fully approved here. Of course the Russians will do all in their power to render the crossing as difficult and expensive as possible, but the first decisive engagement will occur in Manchuria, where the Russians believe they will have all the advantage of position.

The Japanese fleet is again reported to be off Port Arthur, but the report is not official.

Recall of Alexieff Denied  
St. Petersburg, April 23.—It is reported that the czar signed the decree for the recall of Admiral Alexieff from command in the far east today.

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## Fire at Norwood

Salisbury, N. C., April 23.—Special. Fire of an unknown origin broke out in Blalock's drug store at Norwood this morning about 3 o'clock, and destroyed seven buildings in the heart of the town before the flames could be arrested. The loss is about \$12,000 with little insurance. No one was hurt.

## Primary in Marion

Marion, N. C., April 23.—Special. Democratic primaries were held today to select delegates to the county convention Monday. The meeting here this evening instructed for Judge Justice for associate justice of the supreme court. The sentiment was manifested for Gen. T. F. Davison for governor, but there were no instructions. For Congress: Gauder 14, Gallert 12 and Merrimon 5.

## Plans Upset

Durham, N. C., April 23.—Special. Superintendent C. W. Massey, of the county educational board, said today that the opinion of Mr. Joyner had upset some of the plans of sending teachers to summer schools from this county. He thinks, however, that this county may join with Orange or Wake and get the teachers into either the University or the A. and M. summer schools. He has written Mr. Joyner about it and will take some action as soon as he hears from the state superintendent.

## Durham Conventions

Durham, N. C., April 23.—Special. The county Democratic executive committee held a meeting today for the purpose of naming the time for holding the precinct meetings, at which time delegates will be elected to the county convention, when delegates to the state, senatorial and congressional conventions will be elected. It was decided that the precinct meetings be held in this township Friday evening, May 6th, at 8 o'clock, and in all other townships in the county at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of May 7th.

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## VACCINATED TOWN

## Durham Now Feels Secure From Smallpox

Durham, N. C., April 23.—Special. The police department continues to drag in those who refused to vaccinate when they were visited by the health officers and his assistants some time ago. In the court this morning there were twenty-two, but they all produced certificates, properly signed, showing that they had been vaccinated prior to the time when the law went into effect. There are yet some two hundred on the list of unvaccinated and it is probable that nine-tenths of these or more have complied with the law. Today Chief Woodall adopted new tactics. He issued warrants and instructed his officers to arrest only those who could not produce certificates. By this means the list will be thinned rapidly and there will not be so many cases in court.

Durham is now one thoroughly vaccinated town. Practically all persons who have reached two years of age there is no medical reason why they should not be vaccinated, having the virus in their systems. It is probable that there is not a better vaccinated town in the state. If there is as much in vaccination as the doctors have taught laymen to believe Durham is free from the scourge for some time to come, and with the start vaccination now has there is no need for an epidemic again in the future.

## Valuation of Novels

"It is curious that there are no dime novels, once so popular, sold now," observed Col. F. A. Olds to Editor J. W. Bailey as they sipped their Coca-Cola at Hicks' fountain.

"You are mistaken, Colonel," replied the editor. "There are plenty of them, only they sell for \$1.50 now instead of ten cents."

"And the people pay that for them?" inquired the Colonel.

"Certainly," Mr. Bailey's prompt reply. "Folks won't have them at ten cents, but they will buy them by the hundred thousand at \$1.50. Why, Colonel, you could write one of these modern novels."

## IN SOCIETY

### Miss Gregory's Violet Luncheon

Oxford, N. C., April 23.—Special.—One of the most beautiful as well as most delightful social affairs of the season was on Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Janet Gregory gave a "Violet Luncheon" at her home on College street, this being the celebration of her eighteenth birthday. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. An exciting game of hearts was enjoyed, after which the guests were invited into the dining room, the color scheme being violet, the table decorated in lace with violets and lilac in profusion. A purple parasol was suspended over the table, from which was stretched streamers of violet ribbon. A verse of poetry designated the place of each guest at the table, and at each place was found a pretty souvenir, this being a fan.

Elegant refreshments were served in courses consisting of salads, cream and cake, cheese, wafers and coffee. In the center of the table was a beautiful birthday cake, and when this was cut the thimble and fish-hook fell to Miss Antonette Taylor, the ring to Miss Julia Winston, and the dime to Miss Annie Furman.

The guests invited were the members of the "D. B. Club, of which the hostess is also a charming member, and on this her birthday they presented her with a lovely set of gold pins.

## Convict Found Relic

Superintendent J. S. Mann, of the state penitentiary, has presented to the Hall of History of the State Museum a three-inch shell that was picked up by a convict near Dover, along the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, being a relic of the civil war.

## The Dyspepsia Evil

(Atlanta Constitution.) The twentieth century has evolved something decidedly new in the form of a club. We have had social clubs and religious bodies and political cliques and fraternal organizations, trusts, and labor unions, but it has been left to the present age to evolve something decidedly original and startling in this line.

In Jersey City has been organized a Dyspepsia Club with a membership of fifty-seven, and applications are coming in by every mail.

The proof of a genuine, simon pure dyspeptic is to look yellow and feel blue. The malady is said to be largely the outcome of our electrically regulated existence, and although not confined entirely to Americans, it is probable that this country holds a larger percentage of mortals who are eligible to membership in this blivious organization. The only requirement for admittance into the club is to act a bear at home, a wolf in the office, and to look like a victim of the plague everywhere.

The victim of dyspepsia is color blind or wears blue goggles. He refuses to be cheerful, or look on the bright side of things. He is prone to deride all innocent amusements and to find pleasure only in a recitation of the terrible load he is staggering under. He also forms the largest body of recruits to reform clubs and organizations of californians. He is not normal, and during the period of his affliction is apt to indulge in queer pranks and experience strange phantasies.

During the season of Lent which marks the coming of spring and the change from winter to summer diet the dyspeptic sees a ray of hope. He has indeed passed through a severe campaign, stretching from the turkey and pies of Thanksgiving through the two weeks eating fast of Christmas and the general gormandizing of holidays and big public dinners, so he observes Lent on a diet of sarsaparilla and sure-cure dyspepsia tablets.

Naturally he welcomes the coming of spring with its green forage and healthful yield of vegetables and curative fruits. While the dyspeptic feels that he would like to endow one of his friends temporarily with his rebellious stomach during the trying days of early spring, it turns out to be a very comfortable and satisfactory thing to have when the Elbertas are beginning to come in and spring garden truck tempts the appetite of dull and fagged pork fed and bean potato cloyed humanity.

Fortunately dyspepsia seldom proves fatal, though its victims at times wish that it might.

## DINING CARS ON SEABOARD AIR LINE TRAINS NOS. 27 AND 66

Commencing on January 28th the Seaboard Air Line Railway will inaugurate daily Car Dining Cars on trains Nos. 27 and 66, between Hamlet and Washington, and on January 11th they will inaugurate Pullman Parlor Cars tri-weekly on trains Nos. 27 and 66, between Washington, D. C., and Pinehurst.

For further information apply to C. H. GATTIS, C. P. & T. A., Raleigh, N. C.

## THE STOCK MARKET

Prices Generally Were Higher at the Opening, but Trading Was Intensely Dull—Closing Was Irregular

New York, April 23.—Prices of the majority of stocks traded in at the opening today were slightly higher than last night, but the number of active issues was very small. The United States Steel stocks were inclined to sag. Consolidated Gas rose a point and then reacted 1/4. Virginia-Carolina Chemical rose a point.

Operations in stocks were so limited during the first hour that the day gave promise of being one of the dullest in the exchange's history. There was nothing in the way of a movement that attracted any attention, and such usually active stocks as Missouri Pacific, Rock Island, Sugar and Manhattan were not dealt in until late in the first hour.

Allis-Chalmers preferred recovered yesterday's 3-point loss. Central Railroad of New Jersey declined. The favorable statement had been expected and its publication did not change the listless temper of the market. Prices were practically immovable. Realty preferred lost a point and Wheeling & Lake Erie 1/4. Brooklyn Transit advanced a large fraction and Distillers' Securities and Toledo, St. Louis & Western preferred a point. Consolidated Gas fell below yesterday's closing price. The closing was dull and irregular.

## New York Stock Quotations

	Open.	Close.
Amalgamated Copper	49 1/2	49 1/2
Atchafalpa	73 1/2	73 1/2
Baltimore and Ohio	79 1/2	80 1/2
Canadian Pacific	117 1/2	117 1/2
Erie	26 1/2	26 1/2
Missouri Pacific	98 1/2	98 1/2
Reading	45 1/2	45 1/2
Pennsylvania	117 1/2	117 1/2
Southern Pacific	48 1/2	48 1/2
Southern Railway pref.	85	85
Tenn. Coal and Iron	37 1/2	37 1/2
Texas and Pacific	24	24 1/2
Union Pacific	55 1/2	55 1/2
U. S. Steel pref.	145 1/2	144 1/2
Virginia-Carolina Chem.	29 1/2	29 1/2
Metropolitan	114	114
Wabash	18	18
Con. Tob. 46	6	59
Va.-Car.	29	29 1/2
Do. pref.	100 1/2	100 1/2

## New York Cotton Market

New York, April 23.—Spot cotton unchanged. Middling 14.00, against 10.50 last year; New Orleans and gulf 14.25, against 10.75. Sales, 3,052 bales for export and 50 for spinning. Most of the southern spot markets were unchanged. Galveston 14 3/4, New Orleans 14 1/4, Mobile and Savannah 14, Memphis 14 1/4. Sales: Galveston 40 bales, New Orleans 1,050, Memphis 75.

Futures here declined 10@12 points, rallied slightly and closed quiet at a net decline of 7 to 12 points, with estimated sales of 4,000 bales. In Liverpool spot cotton declined 8 points. Middling 7.82 1/2, against 5.46d. last year. Sales, 7,900 bales; imports, 5,000. Sales for week, 28,000, against 31,000 last week and 47,000 last year; imports, 76,000, against 37,000 last week and 95,000 last year; stock, 574,000, against 555,000 last week and 746,000 last year. Futures declined 1@3 points.

With speculation becalmed and the Liverpool market beginning to weaken under the increasing supplies received from our shores, with the weather at the south and Savannah dull and no support for the market, cotton quotations again declined. Spot prices in Liverpool fell 1 1/2 American points, a fact that was considered rather significant. Meantime the port stock in this country is 43,000 bales larger than last year, while the interior stocks are 34,000 bales larger than a year ago, or a total excess of 77,000 bales, while there has been a gain during the week in Liverpool stock of 48,000 bales in store and afloat. The increase in American afloat for Liverpool within a week is 49,000 bales, and the big deficit compared with two years ago of about half a million bales has been cut down to 420,000 bales.

It is a question, however, whether there are not too many bears. They have rather too much company and on some unexpected day they may be rounded up very much as the bulls were very now and then, even in the midst of a campaign which in the main was going in their favor. There is a pretty good-sized short interest here in both the old and the new crops. This is not scattered; on the contrary, it is confined, in the general opinion, to a comparatively small number of operators. But the tendency, if anything, is for the short interest to spread and increase and there is at least a possibility that some day it may become unwieldy. But there are as yet no indications of this sort, though there was a noticeable disposition to sell the next crop on the better weather at the south and in New Orleans. October, after the close here, declined to 11.28.

## Chicago Provision Market

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT:				
May	87 1/2	87 3/4	86	86 1/2
July	85	85	84 1/2	84 1/2
CORN:				
May	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/4	47 1/4
July	47 1/2	47 1/2	46 3/4	46 3/4
OATS:				
May	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/4	36 1/4
July	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/4	35 1/4
PORK:				
July	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/4

## Baltimore Provision Market

Baltimore, April 23.—FLOUR—Quiet, unchanged; receipts, 4,559 barrels; exports, 5,181 barrels.

WHEAT—Dull; spot contract, 99 1/2; No. 2 red western, 100@100 1/2; April,

## Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., ...May 12-18, 1904...

The Southern Railway takes pleasure in announcing account of the above occasion of one fare, plus 25 cents, for the round trip, from all points south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers.

Tickets will be sold May 10, 11 and 12, with final limit ten days from date of sale, except an extension of return final limit can be obtained until June 6th, 1904, by depositing ticket with joint agent Nashville, Tenn., and on payment of a fee of 50 cents.

Tickets will be sold through Asheville and the beautiful "Land of the Sky," through which the Southern Railway operates through Pullman Drawing Room Sleeping Cars to Nashville.

Rate from Raleigh, \$17.75. For further information, tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., call on or address T. E. GREEN, C. T. A., Raleigh, N. C.

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RATE FROM

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Selma	20.00	Sanford	20.40
Raleigh	18.50	Salisbury	17.00
Durham	17.00	Charlotte	18.30

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For full information, World's Fair maps, literature, etc., call on or address our Agent Southern Railway.

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	Season Tickets	60 Day Tickets	15 Day Tickets
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Durham via Richmond	35.75	35.75	23.20
Durham via Atlanta	34.10	34.10	23.80
Henderson via Richmond	35.75	35.75	23.20
Henderson via Atlanta	33.65	33.65	23.25
Maxton via Atlanta	35.90	35.90	24.80
Raleigh via Atlanta	33.75	33.75	23.30
Hamlet via Richmond	37.90	37.90	26.25
Hamlet via Atlanta	37.90	37.90	26.25
Wilmington via Richmond	38.45	38.45	26.25
Wilmington via Atlanta	38.45	38.45	26.25

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