

CHINA-RUSSIA DICKER

The Sensational Reports Now Almost Confirmed.

TO CONGRATULATE CZAR

Was the supposed friend of Wong Chiehuan, the Sick Heathen Who Aided for China.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The Globe this afternoon publishes a virtual repetition of the Times dispatch, which caused such a sensation by claiming that outlying consulars had been made by China to Russia, and covering exactly the same ground as the Times dispatch.

The only additional fact is the statement that the alleged secret was conveyed to St. Petersburg by Wong Chiehuan, who was supposed to have gone to congratulate the Czar upon his accession to the throne.

Further developments are eagerly looked for. If the reports be true there is every indication that the European powers may be plunged in war. It is the most ominous "war cloud" of recent years.

LATTA BOUND OVER.

Durham's Fire Bug Trial Closed—Martin not Yet Arrested.

Special to the Press-Visitor.

DURHAM, N. C., Oct. 29.

The trial of A. A. Latta for the burning of T. H. Martin's prize house, has been concluded. The man Latta, who is charged with burning the warehouse, was bound over to court.

Irvin's testimony convicted him. The case looks very dark for Martin, but he has not yet been arrested. There is great excitement.

Judge R. W. Winston, who is of Martin's counsel, said this morning that from what he could understand, Martin would not be arrested. The charges against him are based only on what Irvin testified was told him by Latta. Latta, himself, did not go on the stand.

THE COMMODORE RELEASED.

Judge Seymour Signed and Delivered the Order.

Special to the Press-Visitor.

NEWARK, N. C., Oct. 29.

Judge Seymour has signed and delivered to Marshal O. J. Carroll his decree releasing the steamer Commodore and instructed him to immediately turn loose the vessel and cargo.

This decision in the filibuster case gives general satisfaction, because of the general feeling of sympathy for Cuba. There was, however, no evidence to show that the Commodore was bent on filibustering.

MORE TROUBLE IN ARMENIA.

Railway Officials Captured by Brigands and Held for Ransom.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 29.—The Turkish troops and Armenians have been fighting for three days near Marash. No details have been received.

The situation in the Asiatic provinces generally excites uneasiness. A number of railroad officials at Ligon, on the Angora railroad, including German and English subjects, have been captured by brigands. The number of captives or the ransom demanded is not known.

A BOLD GANG OF ROBBERS.

They Attempt to Hold up a Car Then Enter a Hotel—One Captured.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

St. Louis, Oct. 29.—Five men tried to hold up a Laealee avenue electric car early this morning, but were repulsed by the passengers and crew. Later they entered the Wabash hotel, assaulted the clerk and tried to rob the safe. The alarm aroused the proprietor and several guests. Four of the gang escaped, one, Michael Garry, was arrested and jailed.

Verbal Assurances Don't Go.

By cable to the Press-Visitor.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—It is understood that Salisbury is dissatisfied with the Sultan's verbal guarantee of Armenian reforms; that the four great powers favor an early European conference on the Turkish question.

COTTON UP THIRTEEN POINTS.

The Market Closes Steady with High Priced Tendency.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

New York, Oct. 29.—Liverpool reports higher markets. The opening was 8-64 up. The market advanced 8-64 more and closed firm at the top. Good spot business; sales, 10,000 bales, of which 9,000 bales are American; export and speculation 1,000 bales; middling, 4 23-32.

New York opened with an advance of 13 points, lost a few points, but soon recovered and advanced steadily. The close, however, was 8 points below the highest of 13 points above last night. Tendency, steady.

Sales 300,100 bales.

Light receipts and buying orders from Europe caused a firm undertone in the market. Killing frost is reported from Texas. The decline shows the close is due to realizations after an advance of more than 60 points during the last few days. Should the light receipts keep on better markets are expected.

The estimated receipts of today are 47,000 bales, against 74,000 bales last year.

Tomorrow we shall have to compare with 29,000 bales. However, it must be remembered that tomorrow last year was the 31st of October, and on the last day of October the receipts are generally very heavy, owing to corrections.

Options closed as follows:

October, 8.65 to 8.68; November, 8.64 to 8.66; December, 8.70 to 8.71; January, 8.77 to 8.78; February, 8.83 to 8.85; March, 8.87 to 8.88; April, 8.93 to 8.94; May, 8.98 to 9; June, 9.03 to 9.04; July, 9.08 to 9.09.

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Grain quotations closed today as follows:

Wheat—October, 58 3-4; December, 59 5-8; May, 63 3-4.

Corn—October, 29 7-8; December, 27 1-8; May, 29 1-8.

Oats—October, 18; December, 18 1-4; May, 20 3-8.

Raleigh Cotton Market.

Tuesday, October 29th.

Strict middling, 81-3.

Good middling, 85-8.

Strict good middling, 88-4.

Receipts, 75 bales.

Market firm.

Cold Wave Out West.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 29.—All October records of the weather bureau were broken by yesterday's and last night's storm. The thermometer here fell below thirty. Similar reports come from all parts of the State. A general snow storm is prevailing today on the northern peninsula.

President Collier's Recreation.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—President Collier, of the Atlanta Exposition, whose health has compelled him to rest from his official duties, is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow for a few days stay.

Poison at a Hotel.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Oct. 29.—A score of the guests of the Adelphi hotel were taken sick between Sunday night and this morning. A number are in a critical condition. Physicians pronounce their illness due to poison.

Brave Old Soldier Gone.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

SAN MARCO, TEXAS, Oct. 29.—Major Jereb B. Donaldson, age ninety-nine years, is dead. He was voted a gold mounted sword by the Illinois legislature for services rendered in the Mexican war.

Remains Sent Home.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

PARIS, Oct. 29.—The remains of Mrs. Rustie, wife of the American Ambassador, will be sent to Louisville, Ky., for burial in the Rustie family lot.

Two to Be Executed.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

DANBURGH, N. Y., Oct. 29.—All preparations have been completed for the execution of Chas. N. Davis, Geo. H. Smith, the Albany county murderers, today.

A Quake and That Was All.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor.

MADRID, Oct. 29.—A slight earthquake shock was felt at Santa Madona this morning.

Miss Margaret and Elizabeth Hindsdale have returned from a visit to Atlanta.

THE CIRCUS IN TOWN.

The Crowd Also—A Creditable Performance This Afternoon.

Sells' great shows arrived in the city this morning from Henderson and pitched their mammoth tents in Mordecai's field, just north of the city.

A small army of people which has been pouring in the city constantly since last evening from surrounding towns and country were astray early on the streets, at the depot and the show grounds. Perhaps one of the most interesting sights incident with a circus is the unloading of the vast paraphernalia from the trains. A large crowd witnessed the unloading this morning.

Raleigh is a good circus town and always draws together a multitude of people. Today was no exception. Our cousins from the country predominated. They have been watching the show bills for weeks anticipating the great attraction which is here today. The crowd was not an unruly one and took things easy. An occasional punch in the ribs did not disturb their equanimity. Whether it was a peculiar brand of whiskey or whether more than the usual amount allotted to man was consumed on the day of "Buffalo William's" arrival, that made the crowd so turbulent and pugnacious, has never been known. Neither the quality or the quantity have been in evidence so far today.

Meany's Sells Brothers have an elaborate and enormous show. It contains a great variety of attractions and is easily one of the best that visits the city. The first impression made is of the vastness of the large show. Every feature connected with the show is on a grand scale. All the streets on the line of the parade were thronged with people. Fayetteville street was a perfect jam. The parade was a very lengthy one, being about a mile in length. The open dress of wild animals, the world-famed blood-sweating hippopotami, herd of elephants and drove of camels were all greatly admired by the crowd.

This afternoon a great crowd made their way to the circus tents. The performance was not disappointing in any particular. Every feature that was represented on the bills was produced. The performing sea lions and hippotami were truly wonderful.

PUBLIC NOT ADMITTED.

The First of the Holmes Murder Trials Under Way—Holmes Works Hard.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 29.—A smaller crowd was attracted by the Holmes trial than on the opening day. The public has learned that it won't be admitted to the court room. The prosecution began the day by calling witnesses to prove the identity of Mietzel and the manner of his death. Holmes worked all night in his cell preparing his case. He filled sheet after sheet of foolscap, not stopping until dawn, when he took a short sleep. The jury entered the box promptly at ten.

A Double Electrocution.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

DANBURGH, N. Y., Oct. 29.—George H. Smith was electrocuted at 11:29 and Charles N. Davis at 11:57. Both murderers passed a restless night but slept peacefully. Smith was nervous and talked with the death watch about Bat Shea.

A High Life Scandal.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEWPORT, R. I., Oct. 29.—James Van Allen has been arrested on a writ charging him with the alienation of the affections of Colonel S. P. Colt's wife. He gave two hundred thousand dollars bail.

Iron Magnate Dead.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Oct. 29.—Elias S. Morgan, President of the Morgan Iron Works, died this morning, aged sixty-three, of paralysis. He leaves a widow and five children.

Will Not Permit the Fight.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

LITTLE ROCK, Oct. 29.—Gov. Clarke announced today his intention to stop the Corbett-Fittsimmons fight at all hazards, regardless of place, time or when attempted.

Democrats Hope for Boston.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

BOSTON, Oct. 29.—The retirement of ex-Alderman Flood leaves the field clear for the nomination of Josiah Quincy for mayor on the Democratic ticket. The Democrats are now united and hope to carry the city against Mayor Curtis for re-election.

THE DEFICIENCY OF RAIN

Ten Inches and a Half for the Past Three Months.

SOME 73 DAYS SINCE

A Soaking Rain Visited This Section—Poor Prospects for a Much Needed Wet Spell.

Yesterday the clouds hung low, the atmosphere felt heavy and thick enough to cut and the indications generally pointed towards rain. Everybody, nearly, with the exception of Prognosticator Von Herman, thought the drought would be broken. Our thinking apparatus often runs astray in this world and doesn't count for much on games of chance. The same in regard to weather conditions.

Mr. Von Herman told a reporter that what little rain we did get was purely local and possibly did not extend over the country.

Fair weather and a bright day has been provided for the Sells Bros. and their circus.

Mr. Von Herman says that the prospects for a good rain are indeed remote. He also furnished the Passavimor with some interesting figures relative to the present dry spell.

The deficiency of rainfall for the months of August, September and October is ten and a half inches—that is, there has been ten and a half inches less than the average amount of rain. If ten and a half inches were turned loose just now, boats would have to be brought into requisition for use by the public.

The rainfall for the month of August amounted to four inches; for September it was four-tenths of one inch and in October up to the present time it is only nine-tenths of an inch. It would seem from the above statement that the rainfall in August was large. This is not the case, for August it was 8.84 and in October 8.19.

Mr. Von Herman says this is the most remarkable dry spell that has occurred since the establishment of the weather bureau here. It has certainly been years since such a long dry spell has been experienced. The drought is not only local, but extends over the entire country with very few exceptions. In some places in the State a water famine is feared. The last soaking rain that visited this section came on the 17th of August—exactly 73 days ago. It is only a fleeting recollection just now.

THE RALEIGH CONCERT ASS'N.

Under This New Name the Musical Association Holds a Meeting.

At the Academy of Music last evening the Raleigh Musical Association met; when the meeting adjourned, it was the Raleigh Concert Association, for it had pleased to change the name. Just what there for may have been in a name in this case does not appear—but that is off the track.

At the meeting a constitution and by-laws were adopted and new officers elected. These are: President, Professor Bryant; vice president, Professor Mack; secretary and treasurer, T. P. Jerman.

Many new subscriptions were handed in. The number of members is now 140; 100 were required to make a start, and it is hoped that the membership may be run up to two hundred. No definite arrangements have been made with any companies, though much correspondence is going on. Raleigh people may rely on having some excellent musical attractions here during the season.

Capital Lodge I. O. O. F.

Capital Lodge No. 146 I. O. O. F. meets tonight at 8 o'clock. Full attendance is desired.

I. T. Jones, N. G.

Manteo Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Manteo Lodge No. 8 I. O. O. F. meets tonight at 8 o'clock. Full attendance is desired.

W. R. Blake, N. G.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. will meet in special communication, Thursday evening Oct. 31st at 7 o'clock sharp, for work in the 1st and 3rd degrees. Refreshments will be furnished. Brethren of sister lodges cordially invited.

By order of the W. M., W. W. Wilson, M. B. Thomas, Sec.

LOCAL COTTON CROP.

Receipts are Small—Estimates of the Size Differ Vastly.

Comparatively very little cotton is coming to town. Saturday the receipts were noticeably short. The farmers who were in the city today, in talking generally to a reporter, said that there was not much cotton to market in the first place, and again that a good part was being held back for better prices.

An old farmer remarked today that when cotton was selling at four cents a pound the woods were full of people who said cotton would never see eight cents again. "Now," said he, "I have been looking high and low for one of these wise men and can't find one anywhere. And now they say cotton has reached its highest point, but all my cotton is ten cent cotton and it won't be sold for any less."

A gentleman who runs a gin in the eastern section of the county stated to a reporter that at this time last year he had ginned 225 bales, but this year at the same gin he had only 120 bales. The man said so far as he could learn, about the same decreased ratio prevailed over the county.

Solicitor Pou says the crop is 40 per cent short in Johnson county. He says he is certain that not over three-fifths of a crop is in sight.

Some of the farmers in Wake put the crop at fifty per cent. Others are inclined to the more liberal, giving an estimate of from two-thirds to three-fifths.

PATTERSON'S INSTITUTES.

The Commissioner Will Start a New Series—Will be More Interesting.

Commissioner Patterson has determined to start a new series of Farmers' Institutes. The last series was held in September and was fairly successful. The farmers, however, did not fully comprehend the character of the meetings. They have learned much, however, and it is hoped that the coming November meetings will be better attended and will arouse more interest.

Following are dates and places ready arranged; there will, however, be others:

Columbus, Tuesday, November 13th; Brevard, Thursday, 14th; Henderson, Friday and Saturday, 15th and 16th. The meetings will be addressed by Commissioner Patterson, the professors of the A. and M. College and others. Subjects of practical interest will be discussed; there will be no political talk.

In conclusion of his circular, Mr. Patterson says: "Come and let us reason together and have a good time."

ANOTHER COTTON MILL.

Will be Situated on Crabtree, Three Miles from the City.

Another new cotton mill. That is one of the assurances of the near future.

The mill will be situated on Crabtree creek, three miles from the city. The factory will be the property of local capitalists. The work has gone on quite quietly for some time. A solid rock dam has already been constructed, the rock having been blasted from a rock cliff near by on which the factory will be built. The contract of constructing the dam was performed by Mr. Wiley Clifton.

The water power is of one hundred horse power capacity. It will be a weaving and spinning factory. Work on the buildings will commence soon.

The site of the factory is known as Rogers' Mill. A road will be constructed from that point to the city, which will shorten the distance by the old road. The proposed road will branch into Fairview road just beyond the city. A bridge will also be constructed by Mr. Wiley Clifton just above the dam.

Insurgents Use the Torch.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

HAYAMA, Oct. 29.—The town of Hongo Los Onge, in the province of Santiago de Cuba, containing three hundred inhabitants, was burned by insurgents. Not a house was left standing.

A Shifting of the "Cops."

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—The wholesale transfer began today in the police department. Ten commanding officers were changed to other precincts and four hundred men are affected. Particular attention was paid to court squads. It is alleged that there is too much politics there.

Judge David Schenck, of Greensboro, is in the city attending court.

MORE OF PICKED POCKETS.

There was More Light Fingering Work Done at the Fair Than Ever Before.

Since the last day of the fair reports have been steadily coming in, from ladies for the most part, of robbery by the cool slight of hand work of fakirs. There were doubtless many people robbed who did not tell the fact—for people like not to relate their experiences with the slick gentry. The fakirs must indeed have reaped a rich harvest at the fair.

The method most used in robbing women was a very cute one. The ladies almost invariably carry their purses snugly tucked away in a shopping bag, which dangles from the arm. This mode of carrying money is apparently very safe; as a fact, it gives the pickpocket a much better show than if the purse were carried in the hand or pocket. The festive fakir carries a knife, sharp as a razor. Jostling against a lady in a crowd; he puts the left hand underneath the shopping bag and draws the knife sharply over the bottom, the bag slips open, the purse slips quickly out into the operators hand and then still more quickly to his pocket. The whole operation takes perhaps five seconds of time. The first the woman knows of the matter is when she reaches for her purse, and the hand slides on through.

Three ladies who were thus robbed of various amounts of money were Mrs. John Nichols, wife of the Fair Secretary; Mrs. Holladay, wife of President A. & M. College; Mrs. Herbert Norris, of Apex. On a car Friday, returning from the fair grounds stood an old lady; in her hand she carried a silver dollar. "This is all the money I've got and I borrowed this," she said to a friend. Then she showed her bag, with the familiar slit in the bottom. No doubt many of these sharpers dalled for the circus; watch for them tonight.

"A BREEZY TIME."

This Great Success is the Attraction at the Academy Tonight.

"A Breezy Time" is the attraction at the Academy tonight. This is one of the best and most laughable successes now on the road. The fact that the circus is in town cuts no ice with "A Breezy Time." It draws, circus or no circus. The sale of seats is large.

Mr. E. B. Fitz, of "A Breezy Time" Company, whose weight is exactly 315 pounds, is a lover of the bicycle and has at last accomplished the feat of riding one.

In one of the cities where the company has recently appeared, Mr. Fitz started from the opera house and glided down the vitrified brick street. His massive shirt front looked like one of the White Squadron. He tried to evade running down some ladies who had just got off the trolley car, and in doing so wound up on the pavement at the corner, 315 pounds of himself rolling gracefully on the sidewalk. The mishap was very laughable and none seemed to enjoy it as much as Fitz, himself, although there were several onlookers.

PENITENTIARY CASE.

A Decision Expected Soon—Case of Moore vs. the Railroad.

Arguments in the case of H. C. Dockery et als, vs B. W. Ballard et als, being the contest brought by Buck Kitehis to wrest the penitentiary management from the present powers was concluded Saturday afternoon. Judge Coble, by agreement of council, dismissed the jury on the grounds that only questions of law were involved, which were for the Judge to decide. A decision in the case will be rendered soon. Whatever the decision, an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court, when the contest really begins. The attention of the court was consumed yesterday with the case of Junius Moore vs. the R. & A. A. L. railroad company. Argument was resumed this morning.

Mr. Moore seeks to recover \$350 for injury done property by the railroad. Sparks flew from an engine, setting fire to his property.

Eastern M. E. Conference.

It is now only a few weeks until the Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will assemble in Reidsville. Preliminary steps have already been taken for entertaining the body, says Webster's Weekly. There will be about 300 delegates and visitors, which the grand old town will take care of.

NEWS GATHERED IN A DAY

Condensed and Put in a Readable Form.

FACTS AND GOSSIP.

Interestingly Told as Picked up on the Streets and Various Points About Town.

The sheriff of Franklin county came in this morning with four convicts for the penitentiary.

The stockholders of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad hold their annual meeting in this city on the 14th of November.

The meeting of the Epworth Reading Circle which was announced to meet to-night at the residence of Dr. W. H. Bobbitt, has been postponed until further notice.

Chief Deputy Robt. H. Jones severs his connection with the Revenue Department November 1st. The brandy season having ended, a number of deputies will be dropped.

The "Breezy Time" company which will appear here tonight in the Academy has been pronounced the finest and best show ever given in Raleigh. You will laugh till your sides are