

tory and not get drunk.

far East it was her forlors hope, and when togo beat the Russians in the Sea of Japan it was the end of the war. The only ques-tion that remained was the terms of peace, and that was a game of diplomacy and not of war. At Portsmouth Japan got all she had a right to expect, and Russia surrendered no more than she was bound to-no more than Japan already had. It was no victory for Russian diplomacy and no defeat for Japanese di plomacy. It was a natural set-tlement, a settlement by the sword and ratified by the diplo-

Japan dominates K o r e a-in diplomatic language it is expressed that Japan may give "advice" to Korea, which means that she will give orders to Ko-rea. One of the things Russia was fighting for was to give or-ders to Korea herself. Russia withdraws from the Korean business. Both belligerents with-draw from Manchuris, Russia entirely, Japan only physically. No doubt China will take Japan's "advice" as to Mauchuria. The Island of Sakhalin is divided-this is a spoil of war that accrues to Japan. Port Arthur and Dalny and some islands along the coast remain with Japan-these are additional spoils. Russia c e d e s certain railroads to China, and there are bints that Japan will charge China a big lawyer's fee for "inducing" Russia to "cede" what Japan already had in her clutch. Japan already had in her clotch. In addition, Japan gets certain valuable fishing rights from Vladivostok north to Bering Sea.

Thus Japan got what she already had possession of. She would have got a big indemnity besides if she had had Russia by the throat, but Russia's throat was way off yonder some thousands of miles to the westward. It is a loug journey to it and the road is beset with difficulties and daugers, and so Japan did the

to secure it for all, great and small; but there are as many sorts of square deals and as many policies to secure them as there are degrees between right and wrong. One thing Russia has learned is this-that she has no busi-ness fighting in Manchuria until

she shall have made Siberia a community of great, populous, opuleut, and powerful states, like the American States of the Mississippi Valley; and by the long and monutains 5,000 feet high. It's by no means a vest time she shall be able to make a great people in her great North-ern Asiatic possession it is quite likely that mankind will be

sufficiently civilized to abolish war. At present Russia has a big enough job at home for two or three nations-civilization and justice for her various proples, and reform and integrity for her government. Japan's lesson is even harder to learn, and a lesson, perhaps, that no people of history has yet learned—how to drink vic-She has shown that she is a first-class power. Nobody can go fooling round the far Rast if she shall object to the way the fool-ing is done; at least, it will be dangerous for anybody to do so. She has shown what she can do long remains unmelted. ] body is ever too warm Sakhalin. The climate sembles that of Siberia, a Alexandrofisky is colder winter than Acchange. in a fight on land or sca, and now she is to show what she can do in a hunt for the dollar, for that is what the whole world

is engaged in at this time. Civ-Another thing, equally as disilization is become the art of couraging as far as it goes, you can't farm to advantage on Sakhalin. Only here and there is the soil at all fertile, and even making money. That is what the British navy is for. That is what the American big stick is for. That is why we are in the Philippines. That is what Japan and Russia were fighting about. That is what England then you must content yourself with raising market truck and expect to get malaria while weeding your garden. Such at least has been the experience of fought that miserable war against the Boers for. That is Russian penal colonists who why Germany is at war with some of her "benevulently ashave tried to wrest a living from the soil. Moreover, the country looks every whit as inhospitable similated" subjects somewhere as best with difficulties and in Africa at this time.
dangers, and so Japan did the part of wisdom and concluded the part of wisdom and conclude the part of wisdom and works at left the part of wisdom and with the part of wisdom and the part of wisd in Africa at this time. The world forgets that one as experiment has proved it to be. They say that when Rus-sian exiles get their first glimpse of that rocky coast and those grim, cloudcapped mountains they often burst into tears for very deepaid When we have

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Senator Tillman of South Car-olina, tells of a little girl whose statements were always exag-gerated until she became known in school and Bunday school at "a little lint." Her parent were dreadfully sporried about her and made streamous effort to correct the bad habit, afternoon her mother over an argument with her play Willie Bangs, who seem finish the discussion by a emphatically: "I'm older you cause my bittiday of you cause my birthds first, in May, and yo come until September

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Misses Pansy Traywick, Emma Clinton and Isabelle Arrowood returned to their homes Tuesday afternoon after a stay of six weeks in New York.

Yorkville Bnuuser.

The pole line of the Catawba Power company is coming to Yorkville as rapidly as possible; but still it is impossible to say just when the work will be completed through. Up to this time the line extends only about two miles west of the power house, where work has been temporarily suspended ou account of the tinct black line running from opposition of property owners.

They are rushing work on an addition to the girls' dormitory at the Presbyterian High school at Bethany. It developed last Tuesday morning that there was scarcity of timber for rafters. This was at twelve o'clock. Workmen were immediately set to felling some trees, the logs were hauled to the nearby saw mill and at 4 o'clock the same afternoon the newly sawed rafters were being put in position.

While at Bethany picnic last Wednesday the reporter gathered the idea that although a majority of the people will vote for the abolition of the dispensary from York county, there are a number of citizens who are not especially enthusiastic on the subject. They have not forgotten the terrible experiences through which they had to pass when there were so many dis-tilleries along the North Caroli na border, selling liquor to the drunken rabble from Yorkville and elsewhere. Of late years they have been relieved from this annoyance and there are fish and that it would not be unmany who give the credit to the dispensary at Yorkville rather instruction of number as running up into the hers, and man for man and gun into the watts law, which mumber as running up into the hers, and man for man and gun for gun her navy is equal to any outside of an incorporated town. There is still some whisky being sold along the border in the vicinity of Bethany; but not a great deal, and it is a matter of common knowledge who the of-fenders are. Well informed cit-izens of the Bethany neighbor-hood are of opinion that in view of chauged conditions, there is no danger of a renewal of the former traffic. They are quite former traffic. They are quite sure that with North Carolina laws so favorable to decency and a little determined effort on their own part the objectionable traffic need never be allowed to develop again, The educational rally at Bethany last Wednesday drew the usual big crowd from the couptry surrounding, and the enthusiastic interest that was manifested in the occasion was well calculated to delight the hearts of the generous patriotic people who are doing so much for the cause of education under the shadow of old King's Mountain, The rally is a unique sffair—an institution that is peculiar to Bethany. It originated with the Presbyterian High school; but is not especially for or a part of that institution. Its object is solely for the purpose of awak-ening a keener interest in the cause of general education. Several such rallies have been held here, and the effect of each has been similar to that of a political meeting or rather more like a religious revival. On each occasion the zeal of the people has been aroused to a still high-er pitch, and they have been stirred to more and more en-denvor in the advancement of the course of direction the cause of education. Mr. James Moore, of Bethesda township, sent to The Enquirer office Wednesday a horned snake about two feet in length, which he had shot on his farm Tuesthe scientific experts to ex-

day afternoon. The Crown Rncyclopedia says of this reptile, its zoological name being Cerastes: "A genus of African vipers, remarkable for their fatal venom, and for two little horns formed by the scales above the eyes. Hence they have received the

torn the top of the snake's head off, leaving only a small portion of skin above one eye, and just above this could be seen the white born or scale. The tail for about three inches from the tip was yellowish in color and hard. The back of the suake hard. was brown in color with a disthe head to the tail. Ou each side the marks were alternately black and white stripes. The suake, when discovered, quickly coiled itself, holding the tip of

its tail in its month and emitted a distinct buzzing noise, not unlike thunder.

There are thousands of fish in the big pond of the Catawba Power company, and the indications are that they are increasing in numbers and size at a ratio that is almost incomprehensible. The fish include all kinds, all species common to the waters of this section, and especially carp, which are found in both the scale and leatherside varieties in immense quantities. Mr. Charlie Blalock, game warden for the Catawba gun club, reports that he went over on the island above the dam a few days ago, expecting to catch a large cooter or so in the lake there and while investigating about threw in a dip uet, which he pulled out full of small carp two or three inches in length. He discovered that the lake was literally full of these

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name of borned vipers. The tail is very distinct from the body." Mr. Moore's bullet had

long, and at certain points not wider than Nantucket, says the Boston Evening Transcript. But this ribbonlike island, lying northwest of Japan, stretches along the coast of Siberia (from which a narrow sea separates it) for a distance of 670 miles. Sakhalin has a river 250 miles.

> pocket country. Japanese enterprise, then will have plenty of room to knock about in; but square miles aren't everything, even when you can count them by the tens of thousands, and unfortunately Sak-balin's climate is nothing to boast of. To be sure, the island isn't far north (it lies in about the same latitude as France), but the sky is almost always clouded, and the currents flowing from the Okhotak sea keep the enstern coast martin keep the eastern coast pretty well ice strewn all summer, while on the western coast the ice from the Amar clogs up the narrow space between the island and the mainland and No-00 and in winter than Archanget.

states that a few days ago he other. She understands the art telephoned to Mr. Blalock re- of war and plays the game with questing that the fish traps be more economy of human life and treasure than any other na-tion ever dreamed of. Perhaps hers is the only army of history that lost more more on the follow baited, and that night he took twelve carp measuring from 6 to 8 inches and the next morning he got twenty-one of the same that lost more men on the field size. There is a naucrinat the the McCaw-Bratton place at the of battle than in the hospital. Her army was not inspired by the fanaticisms of Cromwell's Ironsides; it does not exhibit the resistless enthusiasm of the mouth of Allison creek, who gets from \$3 to \$5 worth of carp from his baskets every day. The understanding is that the soldiers of revolutionary France. entire lake above the dam is literally teening with fish of all kinds, especially carp, and that it is an easy matter for a fisher-The Japanese soldier is more like the Spartan than anything else in history, and has even a greater coutempt of death than man to get as many as he wants the Spartan. His capacity for within a few hours by merely

baiting a convenient spot and throwing in a basket. .

the operation. His capacity for marching is equal to his capac-ity for fighting, and his most bountiful ration would mean deprivation to the Caucasian warrior. The war was shown that to whip a Japanese army you must destroy it, and to lick a Japanese fleet you must sink The Taylorsville Scout tells of a remarkable occurrence which took place in that place one night last week: More than fifteen years ago Dr. C. J. a Japanese fleet you must sink it. Port Arthur was practically taken by assault, and there is Carson was partially paralyzed and since that time he has had but little use of his left hand, not a commander of Europe or America who would have at-tempted to reduce it except by being unable to open or close it as he could the right hand, on account of the drawn or con-tracted condition of the leaders blockade. Peace gives Japan leisure to contemplate her glory, and it gives Russia opportunity to contemplate reform. If the war has not made a fool of the one and muscles of the fugers. On last Thursday night he awoke moving the fingers of that hand and discovered that he could open and shut it almost, if not quite as well as the other one. and he now has as good a grip in his left hand and it shows but little, if any, signs of being

power, and if it has imparted some wisdom to the other, the fighting of it, costly as it was in blood and treasure, was not in valo. Russia now understands that she has much to do at home. Hers is not a homogeneous people, but a crazyquilt of many families, and there is of many families, and there is but one way to govern such an empire with any degree of suc-cess, and that is to give every tongue and people of her vast establishment a square deal. Unfortunately, there are differ-that the fit ences of opinion as to what a square deal is, and even more unfortunately, there is more ored race." Subscribe for the GASTONIA

## WITTE TO THE CZAR.

Bogs the Cuar to Forgive That the Envoys Have Not Done More.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 30.-The following is the detail of M. Witte's cablegram to Emperor Nicholas aunouncing peace: "I have the honor to report to your majesty that Japan has agreed to your demands concernagreed to your demands concern-ing the conditions of peace and that consequently peace will be established, thanks to your wise and firm decision, and in strict conformity with the instructions of your majesty. "Russis will remain in the far

east the great power which she hitherto has been and will be forever.

We have applied to the execution of your orders all our intelligence and our Russian

hearts. "We beg your majesty merci-fully to forgive that we have been unable to do more."

The Newton Enterprise says the Maiden depot was broken into Monday night and the thief got what money had been left in the office by the agent, but it was a very small amount, entire-ly too small to satisfy any burg-lar belonging to the professional class.

The Catawba County News says a negro was killed at Tuck-ers campground last Saturday and his slayer is a prisoner in Lincolaton jail. The negro was abot three times and we hear that the fight took place under the arbor. Tuckers, of course, is a "campuseting for the col-ored race."

If it had no other claim to im-portance its dense forests would be enough to make it worth owning. Practically untouched, they stretch from one end of Sakhalin to the other. The Japanese will know what to do with them.

Besides, there is coal-not easily mined, but abundant. At Duisy the toughest criminals have worked chained to their har worked chained to their har rows, and each year they spent in the mines has counted as a year and a half toward hast-ming their discharge. Sakhalin fisse the second the second second second devices are withdrawn, and sake a counted as a year and a half toward hast-ming their discharge. Sakhalin in the mines has counted a single this out as a second device of the second seco At Duey the toughest criminals have worked chained to their

give the Japa a free hand, nor give the Japa a free hand, nor would they themselves develop the full possibilities of the fish-eries. As long as the island re-mained a sort of Siberian back-yard, into which excluse were to thrown, it was had policy to en-courage fleets of fishing boats to come providing along the shore. The boats might this ont the population. But when once, the penal colouies are withdrawn, and Japan takes control, the Sakhalin fisheries will have a chance at normal progress. Some day, unless all travelers are lizes, they may rival those of Newfoundland. Mow the moment you begin to talk about fish the Japanese prick up their cars. No fish, no rice: no rice, us Japs, Every

little Nellie; "but that is 'cause you came down first: I remem-ber looking at the angels when they were making you." "Come here. Nellie, come here instantly," cried her moth-

"It is breaking mother's her to hear you tell such awf stories. Remember what he pened to Ananias and Sapphis don't you?"

"Oh, yes, manune, I know, They were struck dead for lying. I new them carried into the coraer drug store."



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