

Exchange Men Are Not Uneasy.

The editorial in The Citizen yesterday calling attention to the fact that Judge Neal and other Superior Court judges had charged the Grand Jurors of several counties that dealing in "futures" was indictable created some interest here because a number of people are more or less interested. There has been nothing in the nature of alarm however over any possible court action. It may be said that the position of all stock exchanges in respect to their dealings is briefly that there is no gambling connected with the business other than the element of chance which pervades all business and makes some ventures profitable and others not. The exchanges buy and sell stocks, cotton or grain for customers who are prepared to deliver it to the customer or receive it from him for delivery according to whether he buys or sells. But to do this he must put up the total price of course. If he is unwilling to do this the house will lend him money on his transaction. If he buys stocks it will lend him 5 to 97 per cent of the total price paid with the understanding that the stock which it has bought for him shall be retained by it as collateral and when the price goes down to the amount lent by the house shall sell the stock at a price which it is inclined to make and there is an actual purchase and delivery. The goods may not be delivered to the purchaser but it is claimed they are delivered to his agent, the house through which he deals, by his orders and that this is equivalent to a delivery to him. It is suggested in many cases stocks have been actually been paid for and delivered in Asheville. At a rate, whether satisfactory or not, this is the explanation given by marginal traders.—Citizen.

Traveling Men Resent Booker Washington Dinner

The commercial travellers are arranging to take official notice of the action of the Hamlet hotel that served breakfast to Booker Washington and a number of other negroes Sunday morning, to the exclusion of white guests. They resent the action of the proprietors of the hotel in permitting the negroes to eat in the dining room while white persons were offered improvised tables in the reading room.

Mr. B. H. Marsh, a well known traveling man, and secretary of the North Carolina division of the travelers' Protective Association of America, spent the day in the city and informed a Chronicle reporter this afternoon that a special meeting of the association would be called at once to take suitable action. Mr. Marsh said:

"Travelling men generally denounce the affair as a disgrace to the State and an insult to the travelling fraternity, and there are many demands for a special meeting of the T. P. A.'s at once. As soon as I return to my home in Winston-Salem, I will send out notice of the meeting for the purpose of considering this matter. In the meantime, you may say that the members of the T. P. A. and other commercial organizations will give the Hamlet hotel a wide berth in the future, since they consider the action of the hotel people of that place, in feeding the negroes while white guests were excluded from the dining room, as nothing short of an outrage, to say nothing of a lack of appreciation of the patronage of the travelling public.—Charlotte Chronicle.

The Heat in Spartanburg

Yesterday was, if anything, hotter than Tuesday. The sun's rays emitted the scorching, stifling heat, which beat down on the streets and pavement and on the head of the pedestrians and others: So far no sun strokes have been reported, but if the dry heated term continues, a sunstroke may become an everyday occurrence.—Herald.

The Southern Railway Pays Taxes.

The Southern Railway has paid to the State Treasurer \$64,804.15, the full amount of its taxes under the recent assessment of the Corporation Commission, \$14,735,250 for owned lines and \$11,563,339 for leased lines. The check was drawn on the Citizen's National Bank of Raleigh, and was paid in by Henry W. Miller. This is the first of the three big roads to pay in its tax. It is divided as follows: For general purposes 21c, \$54,435.49; for pensions, &c., \$10,368.66.

News From State Capital.

Raleigh, Aug. 25.—State Auditor Dixon says that he feels reasonably sure the valuation of all the property in this State will be increased from 25 to 35 per cent., this including the tax on railways. He thinks that the total amount of taxes will be sufficient to meet the State's expenditures and thus relieve the situation which last year has been quite a troublesome one. He expects considerable revenue from the whiskey tax under the new law. Of course no one can tell yet what this tax will be, and still less what it will be next year as so many towns are going dry. Still there is liability for the tax until the saloons and distilleries are closed.

The Masons are certainly going to work most earnestly to promote their great Masonic temple fair here. All sorts of new schemes are being brought out. It is the hope that something like \$10,000 will be realized from the fair.

The leading negroes in this State seem to be very earnest in their effort to put down those who bring discredit upon the color. They claim that they will be able to do a great deal along this line, and naturally the white people are looking with interest upon the steps they take.

It is now certain that South Carolina and Virginia will co-operate with this State in the effort to fight the tobacco trust. It is not yet known whether there will be co-operation in the efforts to get the Federal government to attack this trust in the courts.

Reports from 79 counties to the State Superintendent show a total enrollment of white children in rural schools of 229,663. Last year the enrollment in the rural schools was 207,936, so the increase is 21,705. Seventeen counties have not reported, Mecklenburg being among these delinquents. The report of the enrollment in the rural schools of Buncombe is 7,561 white average attendance 4,172.

F. B. Arendell, one of the State's agents for securing private subscriptions for the exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, says he has been out of the State a fortnight. Today he resumed work. He says he will get at least \$20,000 in absolute cash. The subscriptions are in due bills, which are as good as money, and these are filed with the State Treasurer. The various factories are rapidly settling aside money. North Carolina will be all right at St. Louis.

Hero of the Merrimac In Our Mountains.

A special from Waynesville says: "Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Merrimac fame, passed through Asheville Monday, on his way to Waynesville, where he is visiting his sisters, one of which is recuperating from a spell of illness. Quite a flurry was created among the young ladies when his name was noticed on the register. He is yet safe, however, from all attacks, as the fair sex from Southern states seem a little timid when he is around. Captain Hobson will probably be here for some time and expresses himself as very much pleased with this section and particularly with this spot."

Governor Aycock's Labor Day Proclamation.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 27th 1908.—Governor Aycock this afternoon issued a proclamation requesting all citizens of North Carolina to observe Monday, September 7th, "Labor Day," as holiday in recognition of legislative act and with view to the continuance and strengthening of good will which exists between all people of this state, and that in every way possible employers may co-operate with employes in worthy recognition of dignity of labor and in becoming observance of labor day. He requests that there be as far as possible, cessation of business, that all places of business be closed so employes may enjoy a day of rest and thanksgiving. Day ought to be observed by all persons in expression of appreciation of those who toil for upon them rests progress, prosperity, success and happiness of state.

Senator Hanna Improves.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 26.—The condition of Senator Hanna is much improved, and his physicians think he may be out tomorrow or next day.

Funeral of "Bill Arp."

Atlanta, Aug. 26.—The funeral of Maj. Chas. H. Smith (Bill Arp), who died Monday, at his home near Cartersville, Ga., was held to-day from the First Presbyterian church in that place. The services were exceedingly simple, according to the expressed wishes of the late philosopher.

Our European Squadron Goes to Syria.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 27.—President Roosevelt to-night issued orders that the European squadron, under the command of Admiral Cotton, proceed immediately to Beirut, Syria, to be in readiness to support any demand made by the United States on Turkey on account of the assassination of William C. Magelssen, United States Vice-Consul at Beirut.

For several days President Roosevelt has been following closely the development of the situation in Turkey. With a view to considering the subject the more carefully the President and Secretary of State have arranged for a conference to-morrow at Sagamore Hill. The Secretary is now en route to Oyster Bay. At the conference to-morrow the President and Secretary Hay will consider the Turkish situation.

In the absence of definite information concerning the assassination of Vice Consul Magelssen, the President will take no decided action beyond that already taken in ordering the European squadron to Beirut.

BULLET WENT WILD.

Our Vice-Consul Was Not Assassinated.

Constantinople, Aug. 28.—It transpires that the report that the Vice-Consul, Magelssen was killed, is incorrect. An unknown individual fired at him and the bullet passed close to him but did not touch him.

The Vali of Beirut afterwards visited Vice-Consul Magelssen, expressed his regrets for the outrage and ordered measures for the arrest of the perpetrator.

The error in stating that Vice-Consul Magelssen had been killed arose from a mistake in a cipher telegram.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The state department tonight received a cablegram from Minister Leisman at Constantinople, confirming the Associated Press dispatch announcing that the report that Vice-Consul Magelssen at Beirut had been assassinated was incorrect. The minister says the mistake made by him in announcing the assassination was due to an error in transmission of the cipher dispatch from Consul Ravudal at Beirut.

New York, Aug. 28.—In response to a telegram of inquiry regarding the reported assassination of Vice-Consul Magelssen at Beirut, Syria, Mr. Freyer, treasurer of the Board of the Presbyterian mission at Beirut, has cabled to the Associated Press as follows:

"Beirut, Syria, Aug. 28.—Though the attack made on Vice-Consul Magelssen was evidently premeditated, the bullet missed him and he escaped uninjured."
(Signed) "FREYER."

State News Items.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 28.
Governor Aycock returned this morning from Asheville. He expressed himself as delighted with the encampment of the First Regiment there. He said the people were very kind to the troops and the latter enjoyed the encampment immensely. He spoke of the good behavior as regards property, saying that on the camp was a tree full of red apples and that this had not been molested.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joyner will not return here from his speaking tour until the middle of next week. The educational campaign will not end this month, but will be carried on until frost. Prof. E. C. Brooks says it will be prosecuted with unabated vigor during the autumn. He is now making out a list of appointments of teachers for September. In this great educational campaign, which began with the summer, over 500 speeches have been made. It is an even greater campaign than that last year.

The Gold Fever Is In Mexico.

City of Mexico, Aug. 27.—Excitement here is at fever heat over the finding of a wonderfully rich gold deposit at Ejcutla. All mining men here and many business men and lawyers have gone in a wild rush to the place and are staking out claims. It is probably the richest and most extensive gold district yet discovered in this country and a stampede to the section is anticipated.



Lipton Gives Up. Will Contest no More for Cup.

New York, Aug. 28.—Sir Thomas Lipton, also called the Erin, declared today that he will never challenge again for the America cup until a man has been found in England who equalled Nat Herreshoff in yacht building. The baronet admitted his disappointment at his failure and frankly said that he had no hope of winning even a single race. He said:

"American brains and development have us beaten. If the day ever comes when England produces a Herreshoff, then I will challenge for the cup again. It is unpleasant to be compelled to admit it, but the brains in boat building are on this side of the water. Herreshoff is a wizard. His work is wonderful; none can have admired Reliance more than I have. She is the best boat by all odds and has won in strict merit."
"I am a most disappointed man. My hopes were high when I left home for surely I believed we would carry back the cup."
"Yesterday's fluke only prolonged the agony for me. I do not want to win on any slips and I regretted Reliance's failure to get over the line as much as any one could."

Sir Thomas was asked why it was that Shamrock III was not given more sail area. He replied that he trusted everything regarding construction and design to the best of England's talent. He complimented Captain Barr and said that he had no fault to find with the way in which the Shamrock had been handled.

Big Camp Meeting.

We have a circular announcing the Falcon camp meeting, to be held "in the new tabernacle at Falcon, Cumberland county, N. C., from August 28th to September 6th, inclusive." This hysterical circular reads in part as follows:
"Jesus coming soon, and the Holy Ghost is calling out from the world a people for his name! Have you heard the call and are you ready to meet him? Come and hear about this glorious truth. It is the will of God even your sanctification! Have you received it? Come and hear more about it."
The circular mentions among the preachers several who have set more than their due share of people crazy and concludes with a statement of the accommodations on the grounds and this paragraph:
"P. S.—Bring with you a lantern, wash-basin, soap and towels, and sheets and quilts for bedding."—Charlotte Observer.

Ohio Democratic State Ticket Nominated

Columbus, O., Aug. 26.—The result of the convention leaves the party organization in Ohio 18 to 3 in the hands of the Bryan-Johnson element for next year, when delegates to the Democratic national convention are to be selected.

- The ticket:
Governor—Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland.
Lieut.-Governor—Frank B. Niles, of Toledo.
Supreme Judge—Edw. J. Dempsey, of Cincinnati.
Attorney General—Frank S. Monett, of Columbus.
Treasurer of State—V. J. Dahl, of Washington Court House.
Auditor of State—C. A. Kloebe, of Wapakoneta.
School Commissioner—J. H. Secrest, of Ottawa.

Ex-Senator Butler Establishing Boer Colony

"I have just returned from Mexico where I secured liberal concessions for the Boer emigrants and completed the arrangements for our syndicate to develop oil wells in Mexico," said ex-Senator Marion Butler, who was here yesterday on his way to Elliot to visit his family.
Ex-Senator Butler and Pettigrew of South Dakota are organizing the syndicate to develop in Mexico the oil fields, which are an extension or continuation of the Beaumont belt. A tract of half a million acres has been secured and the promoters are ready to begin work.
On this immense tract the first colony of Boers will be established this fall. Four Boer generals visited Mexico with Mr. Butler and spent eight days on horseback riding over the territory. They were delighted with the land, which is very much like the portion of Africa occupied by the Boers. The first colony of 100 family will probably arrive this fall. Mr. Butler had an interview with President Diaz and obtained most liberal concessions for the Boers. They are relieved of import and export duties for several years and will have other special privileges.
"I was anxious to get the Boers to come to North Carolina," said the ex-senator "but the land desired is not available. They want a compact tract, with their farms adjoining so they can have indeed a Boer colony. They have 100,000 contiguous acres of rich high land in our Mexican tract."
The Boers are more dissatisfied now than at the close of the war, according to Mr. Butler. England has failed to keep her agreement with them and has neither reimbursed them for their property nor allowed them any local self-government. The Boers are almost ready to fight again.—Raleigh Post.

Georgia Vagrancy Law Sweeping the State.

Atlanta, Aug. 26.—More than 2,000 arrests have been made in Georgia during the past two weeks for vagrancy. All persons, both white and colored, who cannot tell the police exactly what their occupations are, are arrested and sent immediately to the chaingangs. This is under the new vagrancy law which has recently been put into operation.
The idlers throughout the State are seeking to avoid the consequences of this law in various ways. Many negro women are getting married to escape the law, as married women are not arrested if they can show that their husbands are working for them.

Republicans Oppose An Extra Session.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Leading republicans are now to be opposing the calling of an extra session of Congress in November. The reason for this is that they believe financial legislation impossible, on account of the divergent views of the question held by the republicans and democrats.

Francis Grover Cleveland

New York, Aug. 26.—The baby boy recently born unto Mrs. Grover Cleveland at Buzzard's Bay, Mass., has been christened Francis Grover Cleveland, the name selected by the other children after their father and mother.

Heroic Treatment for a Snake Bite.

Mr. Cornelius Wheeler, while on his return one evening last week from town to his home on Buck creek, came in contact with a huge venomous snake of the mountain tribe which coiled around his lower limb and inflicted two severe gashes with its fangs while Mr. Wheeler was trying to extricate the reptile from his leg. One took effect in his right leg just below the knee, and the other in his right hand. He went immediately to the residence of "Aunt Jennie Simmons," who has the reputation of removing all poison injected into the flesh by any poison snake and her application of treatment seemed to have good effect, though at several times during the night those gathered around his bed said did not think he would live through the night. After he was bitten by the snake he says that he drank about a pint of whiskey, one half pint spirits of turpentine, one quart of blackberry wine and ate two and one-fourth plugs of the "Red Elephant" tobacco and within twenty-four hours he was able to sit up and he is well improving.—Marion News.