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Again we repeat that freedom of
the press doesn't mean license.

Japan isn't anxious for peace.
Fact is, she is having the time of her
life.

Durham and Greensboro are both
"shocked" at Raleigh. That is the
hardest blow of all.

Japan can and will do more to
bring peace than all the powers put
together. It may take time, but it
will be lasting peace. Let 'em fight.

A certain editor has threatened to
run all of "the hell holes out of
Raleigh." It is said that the number
has increased since he ran them out
before.

From appearances we judge that
the moral welfare of this city is in
the hands of Josephus Daniels and a
score of negro hackmen. Well, we
had to strike the bottom some time.

Did it every occur to you that
Governor Folk, of Missouri, hasn't
yanked up a single boodler since he
was elected Governor, and that all
those horrible things Governor Glenn
predicted for North Carolina have
apparently melted away.

A physician by the name of Gassa-
way has an article in the Medical
Brief for June in which he declares
against the common habit of wedding
tours in a vigorous manner. As we
have never formed the habit, we can-
not take issue with the Doctor.

A certain daily newspaper in Ra-
leigh talks as if it will be able to
run all the evil things out of Ra-
leigh. We admit that it was able to
run a stock exchange out of Raleigh
some time ago. But the said paper
was very, very mad then, and the
stock exchange had quit using its ad-
vertising columns. Then, too, the
aforesaid paper had the assistance of
the affixy Legislature, which will be
out of the question in the present
instance.

It is unfair to recall the fact that
Chas. J. Bonaparte voted for Grover
Cleveland. He has since been trying
to live it down and should be en-
couraged.—Washington Post.

WAR CLOUD DISAPPEARING.

It is gratifying to learn that the
prospect of war between France and
Germany is growing less. Neither
have backed down, and neither coun-
try will, but the diplomatic ex-
changes bear a more friendly tone.

The French and Germans are great
people. No matter what the out-
come of a war, the consequences
would be terrible. They have had
enough war to last for ages. Both
are civilized nations, both are vir-
tually Republics, though Germany
has an Emperor. Science and art,
education and progress, are watch-
words in the two countries. Both
countries are thickly populated, but
fairly prosperous. Agriculture has
reached a high degree of excellence
in the two countries. Why convert
the agricultural tools into swords
and kill each other over a question
not worth the life of one man? Why
convert the beautiful fields of grow-
ing crops into fields of carnage?
Why tint the green waters of the
ocean with the blood of sailors when
it can all be settled without war?

War may do some half civilized
countries good—Russia for instance
—for the Russians are not more than
half civilized. But France and Ger-
many cannot expect anything but
misfortune to accrue from war.

DISREPUTABLE JOURNALISM.

It really seems impossible for the
News and Observer to keep within
the bounds of decent, fair and truth-
ful journalism for any considerable
length of time. And it seldom at-
tacks a man, corporation or organiza-
tion which is not better than itself.

The Sunday and Tuesday editions
of that paper were fair samples of
what it is when it gets out of the
channel.

The Morning Post, Evening Times
and Raleigh Christian Advocate have
each properly commented upon the
said performances, but we feel that
too much cannot be said against a
paper which so often becomes a
sluice-gate of filthy details, vulgar
description, uncalled-for and intem-
perate denunciation.

There are times—many times—
when newspapers should condemn
misdoings, and the events here a few
days ago come under such a head.
While nothing has been proven, and
while there may have been falsehoods
put in circulation, no reputable
newspaper can afford to go into par-
ticulars without saying that such
things are wrong and that every ef-
fort should be made to clear and
purify the moral atmosphere. But it
cannot be done, no forward step can
be made by misrepresentation, exag-
geration and vituperation.

We will not give additional circula-
tion to the language of the News
and Observer by quoting its vile lan-
guage, but suffice it to say that the
direct and implied charges that crime
and immorality are rampant in Ra-
leigh is a reflection upon the good
people of the city that should not
go unchallenged. We are well ac-
quainted with affairs in numerous
towns in and out of the State, and
believe it safe to say that there is
less crime and immorality here than
in any town of the same size and
character of population. We believe
the police and court records will

prove this. Raleigh has a remark-
ably large percentage of orderly
citizenship. But if the News and
Observer had half as much influence
as its editor thinks it has, the situa-
tion would be far worse in the city
and State, for some of its teachings
would have caused men to forget law
and order in a greater number of
instances than have been recorded.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate of
yesterday concluded an editorial com-
ment on the News and Observer in
the following words:

"We cannot understand how one
writing from the standpoint of
Christian morals and the supremacy
of law can feel himself justified in
using such words. Their spirit would
tear down the very pillars of that
temple which we are trying to build.
There is in the words enough lynch-
ing heat to light the lyncher's bon-
fire for years to come.

"May the News and Observer have
great success in putting down evil,
but we trust that, in the name of
spiritual and civil law and all righte-
ousness, it may modify its shocking
statement. We are trying to estab-
lish on earth a higher and more en-
during principle. We are trying to
get away from barbarism."

We believe every reputable citizen
in the State will endorse the Advo-
cate's view of it.

The apparent earnestness, sin-
cerity and boldness of the News and
Observer has deceived thousands; in
fact, that is the only strength it has.
But the fact remains that you cannot
deceive all the people all the time.

Some Hard Knocks.

Governor Glenn is going to and
fro in the State speaking to the peo-
ple on all sorts of subjects and at all
sorts of gatherings. The Governor
is a religious man, and he speaks of-
ten to Sunday-schools and other re-
ligious gatherings and the people
hear him gladly on all occasions.
Last Sunday the Governor, by spe-
cial invitation, spoke to the Sunday-
school of the First Baptist Church
of Charlotte, and the building was
filled to overflowing. The subject
was, "Shall We Reject the Master?"
and the address was a effective one.
Here is a sample paragraph from the
Governor's remarks, as reported by
the Observer:

"I am here to tell you that never
in the history of our Commonwealth
have we needed the Master more.
We need Him exemplified in the lives
of our young men; we need Him on
our municipal boards; we need Him
in our legislative halls; we need Him
in North Carolina from centre to cir-
cumference—everywhere. Do you be-
lieve that if the Master dominated
the hearts and minds of our legisla-
tors that laws would be passed per-
mitting the sale of drink that de-
bases the body, degrades the mind
and destroys the souls? I tell you
no."

And then if somebody had got up
and said that the Master would not
have written a letter to Glenn Wil-
liams telling him that his distillery
should not be disturbed; would not
have used His influence, if He was
Governor, to save the distillery when
the legislators, with all their faults,
were seeking to remove it—if some-
body had said that, why, it would
have been embarrassing—very embar-
rassing.—Statesville Landmark.

The Landmark should not use its
twelve-inch guns on the Governor.
An air-rifle would have been very se-
vere.

Mr. Bill Devery intends to re-enter
politics in the fall. Bill probably
thinks that the time has arrived when
his peculiar talents as a reformer
will be appreciated.—Washington
Star.

Opinions in a Nutshell.

If President Roosevelt fails, Oya-
ma is of the opinion that his army is
a peacemaker.—Houston Chronicle.

Mint juleps are not cooling in hot
weather, but hundreds of men can't
be scared off like that.—Washington
Times.

As soon as Oyama has the Russian
army enveloped he will probably be
able to stamp it all right.—New York
Mail.

How long before the Equitable
bored will include the entire public?
There are symptoms of weariness.—
New York Mail.

There is this for America to be
proud of: A great many of the
Japs learned how at Annapolis and
West Point.—Topeka Herald.

If Russia will neither pay an in-
demnity nor give up territory, won-
der what she thinks Japan has been
licking her for.—Durham Herald.

Dr. Wiley has gone into executive
session to pursue an investigation of
limburger cheese. Science also has
its martyrs.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Luther Burbank is now talking
about getting up some cobless corn,
but the really great desideratum is
the cornless toe.—New York Mail.

Governor Folk may not say what
Tammany expects if he accepts the
braves invitation to their Fourth of
July celebration.—Pittsburg Dis-
patch.

Mr. Justice Brewer's remark that
in the future Philippine government
there is danger of too little Taft and
too much graft, is as suggestive as
it is epigrammatic.—Boston Herald.

In view of any material more
promising, the Russian poets might
compose a few stirring stanzas on
the great naval victory off the Dog-
ger Banks.—Newport News Times-
Herald.

Russia is not willing to sue for
peace, and wants to put the initiative
upon Japan. The trouble is, that
when Japan gets ready to sue she will
probably sue for damages.—New
York Mail.

The announcement that the Japa-
nese Government will impose no terms
of peace designed to humiliate Rus-
sia ought to bring a grin to the faces
of Kuropatkin and Rojestvensky.—
Butte Inter-Mountain.

Spain proposes to rebuild her fleet.
So does Russia. Would it not be
well to find out, first of all, if there
were any chance of getting the right
sort of men to put behind the guns?
—New York Evening Sun.

There is a vast amount to be done
before Philadelphia's sink of civil
iniquity is cleaned out, but Mayor
Weaver, with the people behind him,
is demonstrating that he is the man
to do it.—Portland Argus.

Should the Republicans have two
rivals dailies in Greensboro, guess
they will get along about as harmoni-
ously as do they two Democratic
dailies at Asheville, Charlotte or
Raleigh.—Shelby Aurora.

The trouble with some people is
that they live a whole life-time
without realizing how insignificant
they are, and finally die hugging to
the vain delusion that they are very
essential individuals that the world
couldn't well do without. A man
has indeed learned a very valuable
lesson when he realizes how easily
the world can get along without him.
—Our Home.