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Russia got all she asked for in war and now she gets it in peace. Japan is quite accommodating in war matters.

If Durham finds that she cannot live without a dispensary, there are plenty of people in this city who are willing for her to have our dispensary.

As a profession, pugilism seems to be a bit groggy just now. That probably accounts for the fact that so many pugilists are breaking into the literary profession.

A dispatch from Russia says that the peace news came so unexpectedly that it was like a shock. The war began in the same way. The Japs shock the Russians every time they make a move.

Some time maybe the people will learn that a mining or oil scheme is just as liable to be a swindle when an ex-minister is connected with it as when an ordinary capitalist is dispensing the hot atmosphere.

We admit that there are many things we do not understand. One is that we cannot see why whiskey selling is any more respectable when a church member engages in it than it was when a plain sinner was selling it.

It is time for the Baltimore papers to quit bragging about that big fire they had there nearly two years ago. Philadelphia and New York are getting worked up to the danger point, and they may lay Baltimore completely in the shade.

Mr. John Laws, aged seventy-five, who has been register of deeds in Orange County for fifty-five years, was married last week to Miss Margaret Graham, of Hillsboro, whose age is given at twenty-two. Parents should not permit such marriages.

It is said that congratulatory messages are being sent to the President from all parts of this country and Europe, on the part he took in bringing about peace. Mr. Roosevelt doesn't let a little matter like \$600,000,000 interfere when he goes in to stop a fight.

FACTS ABOUT THE LATE WAR.

According to figures compiled by the New York World, the Russian-Japanese War lasted 527 days.

It is estimated that it cost Russia to date about \$1,900,000,000. The outlay of Japan, who is very economical, has been about \$1,400,000,000.

Russia lost in killed, wounded and prisoners 420,000 men, more than 100,000 being prisoners. Japan lost 170,000 killed, wounded and captured.

Russia lost seventy-three warships, sunk and captured, valued at \$150,000,000. Japan lost twelve warships, mostly destroyed by floating torpedoes, valued at \$15,000,000.

The value of the warships captured by Japan will far exceed that of the ones lost. In fact, her navy is probably a third stronger to-day than it was at the beginning of the war, while that of Russia is practically worthless, nothing being left but torpedo boats and second-class cruisers in Eastern waters, while the Black Sea fleet is a very small one and the ships ordinary. Russia did not capture any Japanese ships.

It has been rumored that if Japan failed to get an indemnity from Russia, China will pay the cost of the war in gratitude for the restoration of Manchuria. It sounds curious that a country with nine times as much population as Japan had to sit idly by and see her territory gobbled up by Russia until Japan stepped in and stopped it as a matter of self-protection. If China doesn't get a move on her soon the country should be divided up and sold for some charitable object. She is too slow for anything.

NEW FOCI IS NOT NEW.

The daily reports of the progress of yellow fever at New Orleans have been a puzzle to many of us. The Enterprise has been flooded with inquiries regarding "new foci," a new horror which has appeared in connection with the plague.

In order to settle the matter for once and all, we determined to put in a little Sherlock Holmes work. Not being able to see Dr. Watson, we sought Dr. D. S. Rowland, of this city, who has recently traveled in South American countries.

"New foci," said the genial physician, "is simply another name for a new source of infection, a pond, a mud-hole, or any locality where there is an accumulation of filth or stagnant water likely to prove a breeding place for mosquitoes. 'Foci' is a Latin word often used in Latin-American countries, but has not been in common use in this country heretofore."

We are glad that the mystery has been solved, and we take pleasure in presenting the proper caper to this and future generations. "New foci" is not so awfully new after all. But it is necessary. The brave scientists who are hunting "new foci" daily in New Orleans are well paid for it, and they no doubt felt that something must be done to earn the pay and strike terror to the hearts of the balance of mankind.

"New foci" at New Orleans is really serious. But, if the authorities there had been a little more diligent

in hunting and cleaning up new foci there would have been no yellow fever there this summer.

Many of our public roads contain "new foci," i. e., mud-holes, for miles and miles. But, fortunately, they do not breed yellow fever. However, in future, we trust that all who essay to write upon the road question will advocate the filling up of "new foci" instead of "mud-holes." It sounds better, and will be more effective in creating a healthy sentiment for good roads.

NALL CASE NEEDS INVESTIGATION.

On last Thursday Thomas H. Nall, of Chatham County, an inmate of the Central Hospital for insane, escaped from the attendants who were out walking with a squad in the Hospital grounds. He was pursued by two or three attendants and was captured just beyond the bridge over Walnut Creek, near Caraleigh Phosphate Works.

Messrs. J. R. Chamberlain, D. H. Young, J. T. Rowland, W. A. Parker, D. C. Smith, and other reliable men at the Phosphate mill, say that Nall was very bloody, had a large gash in the back of his head, and was apparently insensible when brought back to the pump at the fertilizer factory. Professor Chamberlain taken to the asylum in it, and died taken to the asylum in it, and died that night.

Dr. McKee says that the attendants claim that Nall was injured by rolling down into a deep railroad cut during the pursuit, one of the attendants falling with him. Still later another attendant told Dr. McKee that the injury was caused by Nall running into a barb wire fence.

Mr. J. P. Massey, a well-known citizen of Swift Creek township, had been to Raleigh with cotton on that day. Nall overtook him near the Walnut Creek bridge, the attendants being in close pursuit. Nall called out that he "was oppressed," or words to that effect, and started to climb into the rear end of Mr. Massey's wagon, but changed his mind and ran around to the right-hand side and climbed in. Mr. Massey not knowing what it all meant, got out of the wagon as Nall came in. Nall hardly got into the wagon before he got out and ran across the bridge. The attendants caught him, Mr. Massey says, on a steep hillside. After crossing the bridge Mr. Massey says he stopped his wagon and heard a noise as of men scuffling, the bushes and trees obstructing sight. He also heard the sound of a number of blows. Mr. Massey peered up the hill and saw the three men hung together as if fighting. In a few moments he heard a voice say, "I will give up," which he believes was the voice of Nall. Then he heard a command: "Lie down," and then he heard a man praying, "Oh! Lord have mercy," etc. Mr. Massey drove on home, but returned later and told Dr. McKee, Superintendent of the Asylum, what he had seen and heard.

Without going further into the matter at this time, it seems that there are good grounds for a thorough investigation, and it should be gone into without delay, and no stone should be left unturned.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS.

The last Legislature passed an act defining the relations of Building and Loan Associations towards borrowing members, which removes the friction and places such institutions on a solid business basis and adds to their safety. This action will give confidence to persons of small means, who are greatly benefited by having a place in which they can make small monthly deposits. Any company that will aid the wage-earners to form the habit of saving and investing a portion of their earnings benefits the community.

Raleigh has enjoyed the benefit of such a company during the past twelve years, and it has been of great advantage to the city, both as a savings institution and in the aid extended to persons wishing to own homes.

An interview with the Secretary of the Mechanics and Investors' Union shows the company to be receiving good attention and careful management. He says that as this is the building season, the demands for loans is larger than at any other part of the year, but that he has been able to meet the demands quite promptly; also to meet every demand for loans on stock of the company. He also says that every matured certificate has been paid on presentation. This is a good record, and the Enterprise is pleased to mention it, with best wishes for the future and continued success of all such companies.

One of the new style religious organizations up in Maine has adopted hugging and kissing as their mode of worship. Insanity and religion, as dealt out by some people, are so near the same that we class the two as practically one. We have frequent outbreaks of insanity-religion in North Carolina, and no section of the country is free from it.

OPINIONS IN A NUTSHELL

At this distance that big British squadron in the Baltic looks suspiciously like a chip on the shoulder of John Bull.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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"Acting" Loomis intimates that he is going abroad again on an important mission. Whose bones are we going to bring home this time? Washington Post.

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King Leopold and Capt. Putnam-Bradlee Strong are both keeping out of print, so we must admit that things might be much worse than they are.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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With proper impartiality and a high sense of equity, the Equitable Life contributed to the campaign fund of both parties. Before blaming the Company think of what the politicians might have done to it, if not pacified.—Mexican Herald.

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With a surplus of \$22,000,000 in the Cuban treasury it looks as if the young republic is fairly able to take care of itself in a financial way, at any rate. Indeed, comparing the Cuban showing with that of our own Treasury, the result is not altogether flattering to the elder sister. Cuba, at least, is not reduced to the necessity of considering the advisability of cracking on more taxes to meet a treasury deficit.—Chicago Chronicle.