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NATIONAL TICKET.

For President,
ALTON B. PARKER,
of New York.

For Vice-President,
HENRY G. DAVIS,
of West Virginia.

We will Hope, Nevertheless.

The Washington Post, a conservative and non-partizan paper, reviewing the presidential situation two weeks ahead of the voting, says that surface indications point to the election of Roosevelt. At the same time it says the Democrats are hopeful and their campaign is more aggressive. The party is certainly lining up in more compact shape than at any time since 1892, and the Democrats hope for a repetition of that surprising election and the Republicans fear it. After all it is only guess work, and surface indications are not unerring and the mere fact that the Republicans are working like beavers shows that the leaders do not have that confidence privately which they publicly express. The Democrats had obstacles to overcome among them being vast sums of money and the whole machinery of the government, and naturally they did not enter the contest with a superabundance of confidence, and it is possible that Republican hurraing has bluffed the Democrats and has caused the surface indications referred to. We trust it is so, anyway, and shall continue to do so until the vote is cast.—Record.

Accidentally Killed his Child.

Colquitt, Ga., Dispatch to Atlanta Journal: Jodie Cook shot his five-year-old daughter through the head Saturday night with a 32-calibre pistol at Babcock, Ga.

It appears that Mr. Cook was examining his pistol. He told his little daughter to bring him some oil off of the trunk so he could grease it.

While the child went for it her father began to work the hammer, consequently the pistol went off and the result is the child is dead.

The father is grief-stricken.

Work of Carrying Appomattox River Around Petersburg Has Begun.

Petersburg, Va. Oct. 26.—With the occasion marked by a celebration in which the people of Petersburg and surrounding country and other cities participated, the work on the government project diverting the navigable Appomattox river from its regular channel and carrying it two and a half miles around this city was begun today. Senator Martin of Virginia, Capt. E. E. Winslow, U. S. A., and leading citizens of Petersburg made addresses at the celebration.

Never Ask Advice.

When you have a cough or cold don't ask what is good for it and get some medicine with little or no merit and perhaps dangerous. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar, the greatest throat and cold remedy, it cures coughs, colds quickly. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

A Flimsy Excuse.

Russian Admiral Tells Why He Fired.—Thought He Saw Torpedo Boats.—Situation Has Become Really Serious.

London, Oct. 27.—Admiral Rojstvensky's report on the firing on the fishing fleet in the North Sea has been received by Count Benckendorff, Russian ambassador, and handed to Foreign Secretary Lord Lansdowne. The admiral states he never had any intention of firing against the trawlers. If the stray shot hit any one of the boats it was entirely accidental. The trawlers were easily noticed by the Russian fleet as it passed Dogger bank, and among the trawlers the Russian officers noticed two steamers, moving at a high speed, which looked exactly like torpedo boats. Admiral Rojstvensky concluded they were Japanese torpedo boats, and says it is his impression that the squadron fired only against these two ships. One of these foreign torpedo boats disappeared after the firing, but the other remained until morning, waiting for its companion or repairing. The admiral denies that a Russian warship was left behind for six hours and never lowered a boat to assist the injured. The Russian officers, he says, were totally ignorant that any shots struck the trawlers. In behalf of himself and all his officers and men he extremely regrets that any of the trawlers suffered.

London, Oct. 27.—The London press comments on the alleged explanation of admiral Rodjstveniky emanating from Madrid in the most caustic tone. It is a noticeable feature that these comments are hourly becoming more belicose in their intimation. The Pall Mall Gazette pays the following tribute to Rodjstvensky's statement: "We can only say the man must have been either mad or drunk or that he is a liar."

Note—Admiral Rodjstvensky's alleged explanation of the firing upon the fishing fleet was to the effect that there appeared two torpedo boats, presumably Japanese which failing to answer signals as to their nationality, were fired upon.

England to Stop Fleet.

May Attack Russian Squadron if it Proceeds South.

London, Oct. 27.—The report is current tonight that pending a satisfactory settlement of the difficulty between Russia and England, orders were issued to Lord Beresford, commanding the channel fleet, to stop the Baltic fleet if it attempts to pass southward on its way to the far East. Orders for the concentration of the British ships indicate that the report is true.

A dispatch from Vigo, Spain, says the Baltic fleet is preparing to sail tomorrow.

The powerful British fleet is concentrating in its path. The torpedo flotilla of 27 vessels has already cleared the Straits of Gibraltar, westward bound. The battleships, Victoria, Illustrious and Majestic, and the cruisers Lancaster, Theseus and Endymion have been ordered to sail from Gibraltar early tomorrow morning.

The cruiser Iris of the British channel fleet, left Gibraltar today for Malaga. The British Mediterranean fleet, now at Fiume, Austria, has been ordered to leave tonight. This fleet will join other British vessels in Trafalgar bay.

The situation is again generally regarded as extremely grave.

Admiral Rojstvensky's reference to torpedo boats among the fishing craft is considered absurd.

Society Woman A Thief.

Arrested in Charlotte and Sensation Follows.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 27.—A young woman neat and well dressed and fairly good looking was arrested yesterday by Officer Johnston and Christenbury, charged with shoplifting or stealing from Charlotte stores yesterday and today.

She is a lady of good name and good connections, living in a North Carolina country town, and the publication of her name would cause a sensation throughout the State, but for many reasons it will not be given to the public, and there will be no prosecutions if the thefts are made good. The woman gives her name both as Miss Johnson and Curlee of Asheville. She is now at the police station. She does not brake down and weep, but sits quietly and will talk but little. When arrested, she was at the corner of Tryon and Tenth streets going toward the Seaboard depot, though there was no train out before night. Her grips were at the seaboard station where she had perhaps left them this morning. She had taken a room at a hotel uptown yesterday.

When arrested the young woman had on her person a gold watch taken from Garibaldi & Burns, two, rings from Gardner Bros., and several articles from the Little Long Company. She will be held at the police station until her father's arrival. The merchants who have lost by her crimes will then talk with him, and the final disposition of the charges against her will depend upon the result of this conference.

Some of the merchants say that if she is mentally all right, that she should be prosecuted, that there has been so much stealing of this kind going on that it is necessary to take vigorous measures to put a stop to it.

BROKE INTO HIS HOUSE.

S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of Chronic Constipation When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure. 25c at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Pharmacy, Drug Stores.

W. F. LANEY,

Physician and Surgeon.

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J. E. RUTLEDGE, Dentist,

Lancaster, S. C.

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J. E. RUTLEDGE, Dentist.

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R. E. WYLIE,
Aug 31-6m, Attorney at Law

THE NEWEST AND MODERNEST

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Our Mr. Heath has just returned from the North, where he scooped in some startling values in dress goods and lots of other bargains too numerous to mention.

BROWNS AND GREENS

Being the prevailing colors, we bought heavily in those two shades in Mohair, Cravinetts, Mixed Cheviots and Whipcords. Broadcloths in all shades. Our notion department is complete and right up to the notch, and anything you may wish in that line we have it. Tailor made Skirts, Jackets and Capes. A tremendous line, and we think the prettiest and cheapest ever shown on this market. An inspection of same will be appreciated and will insure us a sale.

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