

**SIR THOMAS LIPTON
WITHDRAWS OFFER**

To Present a Cup for a Trans-Atlantic Yacht Race in Deference to Emperor William.

London, Oct. 29.—Sir Thomas Lipton has definitely withdrawn his offer to present a cup for trans-Atlantic yacht race in 1904, and has made way for Emperor William, who will present a cup through the New York Yacht club or the Atlantic Yacht club.

This result was attained by an interchange of telegrams. To the offer by Sir Thomas to withdraw in favor of Emperor William the latter sent the following reply:

"Neues Palace, Oct. 28, 1903.—Sir Thomas Lipton, London:

"Your resolve to withdraw your offer for my sake has deeply touched me, and I hasten to thank you for your generous intention and accept your proposal.

"I was prompted to offer a cup in hopes of encouraging ocean racing, with the view to stimulate designers and builders into producing a class capable of keeping the open sea easily and combining sea worthiness with safety and comfort, without sacrificing everything to speed, i. e., to develop a sound type of cruiser. I believe this class of yacht would most appeal to those who love the sea, and who do not wish to use their craft exclusively for racing purposes.

"Once more, my most sincere thanks. (Signed.) William, I. R."

GREAT SUCCESS OF STATE FAIR.

Thirteen Thousand on Grounds Thursday.

It was impossible to get at actual figures last night either as to the attendance at the fair or the number of people brought into the city by the various specials yesterday, but official estimates indicate that the high-water marks of Thursday of last fair have been overreached in both particulars, and that therefore this is again the "biggest Thursday" in the history of the society, both in point of attendance at the fair and in the number of visitors in the city on account of the fair.

And the big day is not yet, as today and tomorrow are expected to be equally "big days" on account of the carnival parade tonight and the circus tomorrow. In fact the railroads are expecting their heaviest hauls Saturday. The number of people coming into Columbia on Thursday of last fair week was placed at 18,000 after a canvass of the records at the end of the week.

Fair officials estimate the attendance on the grounds yesterday at 13,500, and that 20,000 people have attended the fair so far. To a representative of The State last night President Hamer of the Fair society expressed himself as delighted with the results so far: "This is in several respects the greatest fair we have yet had," said Mr. Hamer. "With one exception every department is fuller and better than it was last year, and this is strikingly true of the poultry and various live stock departments. This is the best fair I have ever seen, and I have missed but one in 18 years. This is fully as big a Thursday as the record smashing Thursday of last year, and the attendance so far is fully up to what it was at this time last year.—The State, Oct. 30.

Caught the Last Fish.

A small black boy who passed through the Georgetown streets at dusk the other evening carrying a long sapling fishing pole over his shoulder, gave a new twist to the conventional tale of fisherman's luck. As he plodded along he regarded proudly out of the corner of his eye, a feeble, flaccid looking catfish all of four inches long, swinging at the end of a string which he carried in his other hand.

"That's pretty good, so far as it goes," said a Georgetown citizen, who was standing at his front gate as the small black boy went by with his haul, "but where are the others?"

"Dey hain't any others," replied the black boy, coming to a momentary halt. "Dis is de only one dey was in de rivuh—an' Ah got him."

The Georgetown citizen scratched his head thoughtfully and looked a bit sorry that he had spoken.—Washington Post.

Development of Water Power.

The most recent announcement of plans for the utilization of waterpower in the development of electrical energy is made in the organization of the Southern Water Power Co., which secured control of several water powers in the Piedmont section of this State. This company is capitalized at \$2,000,000 and Eastern capitalists are largely interested in it; also the Pelzer Manufacturing Co., and other large cotton mill corporations in the Piedmont section. It is stated that the developments will furnish electric power unequalled by any other previous development in the South. Greenville and other towns within a radius of fifty miles are to be supplied by the company. Surveys are reported to have been completed, but Ellison A. Smyth, president of the Pelzer company, states that plans have not been matured. Messrs. Lockwood, Greene & Co., of Boston, Mass., and Greenville, S. C., will be the engineers in charge.—Columbia Record.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Is Pleasant to Take.

The finest quality of granulated loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it quite pleasant to take. Mr. W. L. Roderick, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of this remedy, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with my children for several years and can truthfully say it is the best preparation of the kind I know of. The children like to take it and it has no injurious after effect. For sale by China's Drug Store.

**MRS. BOOTH-TUCKER
KILLED IN A WRECK.**

She Was Consul in America of the Salvation Army.

TWENTY-SEVEN PERSONS INJURED.

The Brake Rod of the Sleeper Dropped Down and Catching in a Switch Derailed the Train.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 29.—Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker, consul in America of the Salvation Army, wife of Commander Booth-Tucker and second daughter of William Booth, founder of the army, was killed in the wreck of the east-bound California train, No. 2, near Dean Lake, Mo., 85 miles east of Kansas City on the Santa Fe at 10 o'clock last night. Col. Thomas Holland, in charge of the Salvation Army at Amity, Colo., was fatally injured. Twenty-seven persons were more or less seriously hurt. The dead and injured were taken to Fort Madison, Iowa.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker was rendered unconscious and died within half an hour after being injured. Her skull was fractured and she was injured internally.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker was on her way from a visit to the colony at Amity, Colo. to Chicago, where she was to have met her husband today.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker, who was Miss Emma Booth, married Frederick Tucker in 1888. He assumed her name as part of his own. He was born in Indiana and lived there several years after the marriage. He was commissioner of the army in Indiana. Mrs. Booth-Tucker and her husband were appointed to command the army in America in March, 1896, succeeding Eva Booth, who had supplanted her brother, Ballington Booth, who had been removed by the general.

Mrs. Booth-Tucker was said to be the ablest of all the Booth children. She had enthusiasm tempered with cool judgment and executive ability.

CAUSE OF THE WRECK.

Topeka, Kas., Oct. 29.—James Hurley, general superintendent of the western grand division of the Santa Fe, said today in connection with the wreck at Dean's Lake:

"The brake-rod of the sleeper dropped down and caught on the switch, this quickly derailed this car, another sleeper, the dining car and Pullman following."

THE HUSBAND'S GRIEF.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—Commander Booth-Tucker, who arrived in Chicago today, expecting to join his wife here, was prostrated by the shock of his wife's death. At the Salvation Army headquarters the commander asked for his wife and expressed surprise that she had not met him. As gently as he could, Col. Swinton, in charge of the Chicago station, said:

"Commander, your wife is dead. She was killed in a wreck."

Commander Booth-Tucker staggered, raised his hand to his forehead and exclaimed: "God help me; is it true?" and fell in a swoon.

The Atlanta Constitution very truly says that when the Southern farmer gets himself in shape to live the better part of the year without credit, ten cents will be the minimum price of cotton and there will be no market, ing under duress. The old advice—hog, hominy and diversification.

"Disquieting rumors" set going in Chicago, and absolutely false, started a run on the St. Louis banks, which was kept up for several days. Fortunately no harm was done but widespread ruin might have been accomplished.

About 50,000 men in the Pennsylvania coal fields have been "laid off" or placed on shorter working hours, so that the anthracite market may not be overstocked. The New York Herald says an effort is being made to curtail the production in the bituminous coal mines also, and that it has been informed that the method adopted to secure the end desired is to cause a car-famine.

Now is the time for Indian summer, according to the old Virginia interpretation, which holds that a frost must precede the mild and dry season, which annually comes to us on the eve of winter. But nowadays it is taught by some observers and writers that the true home of the Indian summer is in the Upper Mississippi Valley and that the haziness in the atmosphere is due to minute particles of dust carried in the exceedingly dry air.

A Cough is only a Symptom.

A cough is not a disease but a symptom of disease. A cough always indicates that either the throat or lungs are affected. When the mucous lining of the throat or lungs becomes inflamed the irritation causes coughing. Don't neglect a cough. It may be the symptom of serious throat or lung disease. Rydale's Elixir kills the germs that cause the trouble, soothes the irritated mucous membrane, gently stimulates the nerves that control the respiratory organs and thus helps nature to speedily restore normal conditions and healthy action. All dealers.

HESTER'S WEEKLY STATEMENT.

Cotton Receipts for October Show a Decrease of 32,000 Bales Under Last Year.

New Orleans, Oct. 30.—Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement issued for the 30 days of October shows a decrease under last year of 32,000 and a decrease under the same period year before last of 217,000.

For the sixty days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is behind the same days of last year 538,000, and behind the same days year before last 173,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 517,315 bales against 453,259 for the seven days ending this date last year, and 530,199 year before last.

The movement since Sept. 1 shows receipts at all United States ports to be 1,961,745 against 2,208,475 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada 44,067 against 158,586 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 252,576, against 392,146 last year, and southern mill takings 349,000 against 386,500 last year.

The total movement since Sept. 1 is 2,607,688, against 3,145,707 last year and 2,780,830 year before last.

Foreign exports for the week have been 284,225 against 263,206 last year, making the total thus far for the season 1,272,362 against 1,510,947 last year.

The total takings of American mills north and south and Canada thus far for the season have been 625,837 against 752,925 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading southern interior centres have increased during the week 152,016 bales, against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 82,615.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop the supply to date is 2,775,487, against 3,360,781, for the same period last year.

CHICKAMAUGA PARK.

Seven Hundred and Ninety Acres Additional Have Been Acquired.

Washington, Oct. 30.—In his annual report of the Chickamauga national park commission Gen. H. V. Boynton says that since the park has been designated as a national maneuvering ground 790 acres of additional ground has been acquired, a part of which has been chosen as a permanent cavalry post. The arrangement of the post has not interfered with the marking of the additional track. The general also says:

"It is also a matter of satisfaction to the commission that for another year the practical use of the park by the government has continued by maintaining a field camp of the Seventh cavalry within its limits. In view of the wild reports of the unhealthfulness of the park, which gained currency during the war with Spain, it is proper to say that the health of the soldiers camped there and of the park force and its laborers has continued exceptionally good. The water throughout the park has proved excellent, and an abundant supply has been secured for the encampments and the new post from flowing wells."

Texas Yellow Fever.

Laredo, Tex., Oct. 29.—The official yellow fever bulletin tonight shows an improvement. It is the following: New cases, 7; deaths, 1; total cases to date, 587; total deaths, 52. The situation in Nuevo Laredo also shows an improvement, three new cases and one death being reported from there yesterday. Monterey reported four deaths and 10 new cases last Tuesday.

Millard Lee Must Hang.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 29.—Millard Lee, a young white man, will be hanged here tomorrow for the murder of Miss Lila May Suttles, near this city, May 25, 1902. The question of Lee's sanity was investigated by the supreme court, and the decision of that court that he was of sound mind when the crime was committed was affirmed by the supreme court today. Gov. Terrell has refused to grant a respite and the legal execution will take place tomorrow. Lee has been respited five times before and today expressed his anxiety to die rather than suffer longer the agony of uncertainty.

The Best Liniment.

"Chamberlain's Pain Balm is considered the best liniment on the market," writes Post & Bliss, of Georgia, Vt. No other liniment will heal a cut or bruise so promptly. No other affords such quick relief from rheumatic pains. No other is so valuable for deep seated pains like lame back and pains in the chest. Give this liniment a trial and you will never wish to be without it. Sold by China's Drug Store.

Confederate Veterans Reunion, Augusta, Georgia.

Low Rates Via Atlantic Coast Line. Tickets on sale November 9 and 10, 1903 from all points in Georgia and South Carolina within a radius of one hundred miles of Augusta, and November 10 and 11th from points within radius of one hundred miles of Augusta, and for trains scheduled to arrive in Augusta before noon of November 12, 1903. Final limit of all tickets will be November 13, 1903. The rate from Sumter to Augusta and return for this occasion will be \$2.50. H. M. EMERSON, W. J. CRAIG, Traffic Manager, General Passenger Agent.

Only Makes a Bad Matter Worse.

Perhaps you have never thought of it but the fact must be apparent to every one that constipation is caused by a lack of water in the system, and the use of drastic cathartics like the old fashioned pills only makes a bad matter worse. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are much more mild and gentle in their effect, and when the proper dose is taken their action is so natural that one can hardly realize it is the effect of a medicine. Try a 25 cent bottle of them. For sale by China's Drug Store.

COTTON CROP LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S.

According to Special Report Issued by Bradstreet—No Top Crop Worth Mentioning.

New York, Oct. 30.—This year's cotton crop is estimated to be no larger than, if it equals, that of last year, which was 10,727,000 bales, according to a special report to be issued tomorrow by Bradstreet's. The report, which is based on special inquiry made by Bradstreet's correspondents through the south, will say:

"To the main leading question as to the probable yield this year as compared with last, the unanimity of the opinion pointing to a yield below that of 1902 is notable. Two states, Alabama and Louisiana, report a probable increase in production.

Texas shows much diversity of opinion, the net result being a crop about equal to last year, while the other States report decreases, most notable in South Carolina, Mississippi and Tennessee, with smaller reductions in North Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas and Florida. Three fourths of the questions point to the belief that no top crop worth mentioning will be gathered, but the answers to the question of grading and staple show it to be better as a whole than last year. Although the general consensus of opinion is that the crop will be smaller than a year ago, it is pointed out that the higher price ruling, the advance on last year being 1 to 1 1/4 cents, makes the crop, potentially as valuable in a money way, as a year ago. Making all allowances for under-estimation, the reports as a whole point to a yield in bales no larger, if indeed it quite equals, that of last year, which saw a commercial crop of 10,227,000 bales marketed."

In the Hands of the Trust.

Not satisfied with the report that the Fertilizer Trust will raise the price of its manufactured product next year, leading farmers of Laurens county have called a meeting at which they will endeavor to suggest some plan by which they will not be forced to submit. Practically the entire business is controlled by the trust. When it met with financial difficulties two months ago the impression went forth that in time the farmer would have to make up the deficiency, and if what the Laurens people believe is true that is exactly what will happen. It is said that the rates will be increased about four dollars a ton, which will cut deeply in the revenue of the agricultural class and will entail hardships which will be unfortunate to say the least. Eleven of the most prominent farmers in the county issued the call for the meeting to be held on November 6, and if they find that the old tariff will not be continued they will urge their brethren of the field not to buy. It is not a boycott. Heretofore the planters have been helpless. They had every reason to express the most genuine regret when all of the plants in this and other States, with a few exceptions, passed under the control of the combine, and when the stock was watered and thrown on the market every man with common sense realized that speculators would try to get rich at the expense of the impoverished element in the South.

Among other things the farmers say: "We are informed that this increased price is not based on any claim that these concerns are going to give us a higher grade of goods nor do they rely upon the argument made upon the occasion of a former raise in prices, that it is on account of the raise in the prices of cost of the material used in the manufacture of their goods, but solely on the ground that they are selling their goods too cheap. Now are we not already paying a high price for guano? Would it not be better to farm without guano than to give more than we are already paying? Shall we sit idle and let these concerns go ahead and arbitrarily fix the price of everything we buy without even a mild protest?"

The matter is of vital interest to every farmer in South Carolina. This year, they are being paid more for their cotton, but it will not help them to any extent if they are required to give up exorbitant sums for fertilizers. Just how they can meet the crisis, should it develop, is not an easy problem, but if they unite, and will stand together, refusing to purchase the manufactured article at excessive rates, the trust will find that it cannot afford to squeeze when there are few planters to buy. It may be that something practical will be suggested at the Laurens meeting, in which case it will doubtless meet with the hearty support and co-operation of the masses on whom we depend for our living.—Greenville News.

Burglars at Work.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 29.—The safe in the Florence Cotton mills at Forest City, N. C., was blown open by burglars last night and between \$1,000 and \$2,000 in cash secured.

If the retail grocers are to organize to protect themselves against frauds and dead beats the organization is all right. If, however, the ultimate object is to stifle competition, perhaps, the people will not welcome the new association enthusiastically.—Columbia Record.

RYDALE'S TONIC A SURE CURE FOR MALARIA.

It has recently been discovered that the germs that produce Malaria, breed and multiply in the intestines and from there spread throughout the system by means of the blood. This fact explains why Malaria is hard to cure by the old method of treatment. Quinine, Iron, etc., stimulate the nerves and build up the blood, but do not destroy the germs that cause the disease. Rydale's Tonic has a specific effect upon the intestines and bowels, freeing them from all disease breeding microbes. It also kills the germs that infest the veins and arteries. It drives from the blood all poisonous matter and makes it rich and healthy. RYDALE'S TONIC is a blood builder, a nerve restorer, and a Malaria destroyer. Try it, it will not disappoint you.

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