

LIVERPOOL'S PLAN REJECTED.

NEW ORLEANS EXCHANGE TAKE DETERMINED STAND.

Vigorous in Opposition to Proposed Method of Validating Cotton Bills Lading and Declares Same "Direct Reflection and Insult Upon those Engaged in Exporting of Cotton"—Meeting of Southern Interests Called to Adopt Protective Measures.

New Orleans, Aug. 16.—Branding the proposed plan of the Liverpool cotton bills of lading committee, to institute in New York a clearing house for the validation of cotton bills of lading, as a "direct reflection and insult upon those engaged in the exporting of cotton," and placing itself upon record as opposing the plan in its entirety, the New Orleans Cotton Exchange this afternoon, through its board of directors, passed resolutions to this effect, and approved the reports of its special committee appointed to investigate the proposition.

The directors also adopted resolutions authorizing the president of the Exchange to issue invitations in the name of the Exchange to all Southern exchanges, boards of trade, bankers and exporters, and others interested in the handling of cotton, to meet here in joint conference, probably during the annual Convention of the American Bankers' Association, about November 20 next, for the purpose of adopting measures for the protection of their respective and mutual interests.

The local Exchange expressed itself as being willing, in the future as in the past, to co-operate in any feasible and just plan for the protection of the legitimate cotton trade and the elimination of practices contrary to commercial morality; any feasible plan that will not take further tribute from the Southern planters. All cotton exchanges in the United States were urged to oppose the proposed plan.

In the report of the special committee, made public today, it was stated that Charles S. Haight, representing the Liverpool interests, at a conference last Saturday, explained the entire plan to the local committee, but as no change from the original plan was noted, he was informed that an adverse report would be made and the proposition opposed.

"To the surprise of your committee," says the representative, "Mr. Haight thereupon informed the committee that this matter had been practically concluded by the Liverpool committee and the New York sub-bills lading committee, 'disregarding the agreement to leave matters in abeyance until further conference with the Southern interests,' and that a letter was being printed in seventeen different languages to be issued to cotton importers and foreign banking interests all over the world, requesting said cotton buyers to ask their American sellers of cotton to comply with the plan, and to request American exchange buyers to have all their documents approved as to their genuineness through the central office in New York."

"Your committee stated that it considered the action of the Liverpool and New York committees as being highhanded and unwarranted, in endeavoring to put this plan into operation upon such short notice and without consultation with Southern exporters and Southern Exchange buyers, who are mainly interested in the proposition and whose interest and reputations are entirely at stake."

The committee, in giving reasons for opposing the plan, reported that the losses through Knight, Yancey and Company, and Steele, Miller and Co., were nothing, and, "consequently there was nothing to justify the complex and cumbersome methods of handling cotton," as proposed; "that the proposed plan is an insult to those interested in the handling of cotton;" and that it gives to New York a decided advantage in the purchase of documentary bills, while other cities will be under the necessity of paying for their bills before verification can be obtained.

"In other words," says the report, "the plan is drawn entirely in the interest of the foreign buyer and banker and the New York Exchange buyer, without regard to the interests of the large section of the country in which cotton is produced and which bears the primary burden of financing the crop."

Attention is directed particularly to the fact that cotton alone is selected out of the enormous quantity of commodities exported for the validation of bills of lading, "nor is any such plan in vogue in any other commercial country. Therefore, it can only be construed as a reflection upon the cotton business as carried on in the Southern States," concludes the report.

The committee recommended immediate action upon the part of the directors, in calling a conference of all cotton shipping organizations for the protection of their respective interests.

AWAIT RESULTS OF ANALYSIS.

Corn Products Held on Sidings While Experts Test Foods in Stores and Warehouses.

Columbia, Aug. 18.—With inspectors busy sampling meal and grits in retail stores and wholesale warehouses here, and with samples drawn elsewhere in the State coming in while a special agent is visiting mills in other States from which suspected goods have come, large shipments of corn products are being held on the sidings at Columbia and other points, awaiting the results of the analysis being made by the laboratory of the State Department of Agriculture, commerce and industry to determine the toxic content of the corn products being sold in South Carolina.

One manufacturer, supplying large quantities of his goods to merchants in this State, left here today, after a conference on the subject with Commissioner Watson, declaring he would install a laboratory at his plant to make his own tests and avoid trouble.

SEABOARD'S CHIEF ENGINEER.

W. A. Moncure, Head of Seaboard Construction Department Here on Thursday.

Mr. W. A. Moncure, who has charge of the construction work for the Seaboard, which is to enter Sumter shortly, was in town for a short while Thursday, leaving on an early train Friday morning.

Mr. Moncure was seen at the Sumter Hotel Thursday night by a reporter of The Item, and while he made no definite statements as to the nature of his business in the city, he said enough to convince the reporter that it would not be long before active work would be begun on getting the road into this city.

In fact, Mr. Moncure stated that his corps of surveyors now had their headquarters in Bishopville, where they are making all necessary arrangements for the passage of the road through that city. Mr. Moncure's opinion carries great weight with the Mr. Bonsal, the promoter of the new road to be built here, as he has already superintended the construction of several roads for him, the latest being the road from McBee to Florence, the Darlington-Florence section of the road being opened up for traffic on last Wednesday. If, as some have guessed, Mr. Moncure was here for the purpose of selecting the best location for a terminal site, his decision will no doubt be accepted by the Bonsal Co. This, however, as stated, is only conjecture.

Once the work of road building has begun, it will only be a question of a few months before passenger trains will be running into the city on regular schedule, for it is an established fact that with Mr. Moncure, as the head of the construction of a railroad, it will very soon "get there."

Attack Like Tigers.

In fighting to keep the blood pure the white corpuscles attack disease germs like tigers. But often germs multiply so fast the little fighters are overcome. Then see pimples, boils, eczema, salt-rheum and sores multiply and strength and appetite fail. This condition demands Electric Bitters to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to expel poisons from the blood. "They are the best blood purifier," writes C. T. Budahn, of Tracey, Cal. "I have ever found." They make rich, red blood, strong nerves and build up your health. Try them. 50 cents at Sibert's Drug Store.

"Pardon Me."

According to Congressman Byrnes of South Carolina, says Leslie's Weekly, Governor Blease recently visited the penitentiary in Columbia. As he was leaving a convict accidentally stumbled over the chief executive's foot. "Pardon me, governor," the prisoner murmured. "I can't do it today." Mr. Blease is said to have answered, "but I will attend to it the first thing in the morning."—Exchange.

Buy it now. Now is the time to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. This remedy has no superior. For sale by all dealers.

S. A. L. Surveyors Coming.

The railroad surveyors have crossed the river and will reach town in a day or two. They struck the river at horse shoe bend or letter S and not knowing anything about the river thought at first they had crossed three streams or prongs of the river. They were somewhat puzzled until they got the run of the river.—Bishopville Vindicator.

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CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY BILL.

THE HOUSE AGREES TO SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Bill Will Become a Law When Signed by President—Some Southern Members Opposed Bill on Account of Provision That It Seeks to Regulate Primaries.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The house today adopted, 283 to 27, the conference report on the campaign publicity bill. The report already has been adopted by the senate, and the measure will go to the president at once. The action of the house was taken in spite of strenuous protest by a few Southern members who insisted that the primary election feature was an infringement upon State rights.

As finally adopted, the bill stands practically as it was amended by the senate. It requires that all candidates for the senate or house, either in general elections, primaries or nominating conventions, shall file statements of their expenses not more than 15 nor less than 10 days before the election or nomination. Expenses of candidates for the senate are limited to \$10,000 and those of candidates for the house to \$5,000 and candidates are required to say what position or honors they have promised in an effort to influence votes. Personal traveling expenses and official fees do not have to be listed.

Representatives Bartlett and Hardwick of Georgia and Richardson of Alabama led the fight against the bill, declaring that they wanted publicity but could not vote for federal regulation of primary elections in their States.

Representative Rucker of Missouri, author of the original bill, and chairman of the committee, insisted that the law would not interfere with regulation of primaries by the States.

EATING A "VARMINT."

Dr. Brown Tells How He Caught and Ate a Shark.

The following carefully worded letter comes from Beaufort signed "Brown": "I am here by the water side, busy doing nothing. This morning I set a shark line and, in less than an hour, had landed a beast six feet and ten inches long, weighing probably 150 pounds. This latter, however, is a guess, for while we measured the 'varmint,' we did not weigh him. I can only vouch for his length; and for the fact that shark is good eating. The meat is white and soft and not at all fishy. We had other fish for dinner, fresh from the water, but they did not receive the attention given to the shark steak."—Baptist Courier.

Stop That Dandruff.

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Mr. Junius Parrott, a notary public and clerk in the office of County Clerk of Court L. J. Parrott, married his second couple Tuesday afternoon when Mr. Charley Chandler and Miss Viola Bell Compton applied to him to marry them. The ceremony was performed in the county clerk's office shortly after 6 o'clock with all of the ceremony required by law, several witnesses being present.

Accused of Stealing.

E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Mo., boldly accuses Bucklen's Arnica Salve of stealing—the sting from burns or scalds—the pain from sores of all kinds—the distress from boils or pimples. "It robs cuts, corns, bruises, burns and injuries of their terror," he says. "No healing remedy is equal don't exist." Only 25c at Sibert's Drug Store.

OLD TESTAMENT TIMES BROOKLYN TABERNACLE BIBLE STUDIES.

DARK PROPHECIES FULFILLED Jeremiah 39—Aug. 27 "Be sure your sin will find you out."—Numbers 32:33.

THE dark prophecies which the Lord sent through Jeremiah the Prophet finally reached fulfillment. The besieging army of the Chaldeans, after a year and a half of siege, finally, with battering rams, succeeded in making a breach in the wall through which an entrance was effected and the city forced to capitulate. King Zedekiah and his small army escaped toward the south in the direction of the Jordan, but were soon overtaken by the Chaldeans. Nebuchadnezzar, in person, was some miles distant from Jerusalem, at Riblah, and thither Zedekiah was taken.

The punishment was after the manner of the time, illustrated on some of the victory tablets which still remain. The king's eyes were put out and, a blind prisoner, he was taken to Babylon. Thus was fulfilled two very striking prophecies which, until fulfilled, seemed quite contradictory. In this we get a lesson of how carefully we should study Divine prophecy, and how faithfully we should trust its every detail if we would receive light instead of darkness.

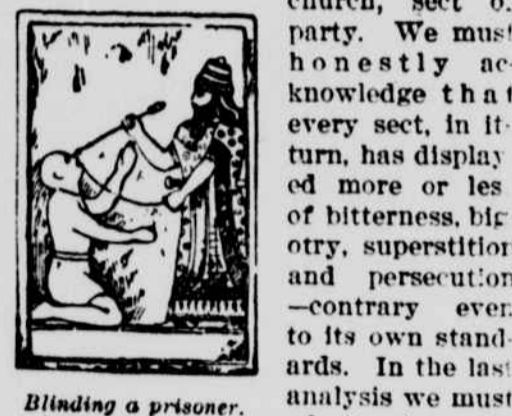


Jerusalem captured. One of these prophecies respecting Zedekiah is found in Ezekiel xlii, 10-13. The other is found in Jeremiah xxxii 3-5. Ezekiel declared that King Zedekiah would be taken to Babylon a captive, and that there he would live and die; yet he again declared that he would never see the city, apparently a contradiction. Jeremiah predicted the downfall of Jerusalem, declaring that Zedekiah would speak with Nebuchadnezzar mouth to mouth and see his eyes. This seemed to contradict Ezekiel's statement, for if he would speak with the king mouth to mouth and see him eye to eye, how would it be possible that he would not see the city of Babylon?

The fulfillment met all the requirements. Zedekiah saw Nebuchadnezzar and spoke to him at Riblah in Palestine. His sight was there taken from him and he was taken a prisoner to Babylon. He lived and died in Babylon but saw it not.

Cruelties of the Past In the Bas Reliefs, representing the capture of Lachish by Sennacherib, the prisoners are represented, some pegged down to the ground to be flayed alive—others having their eyes put out. In one of the sculptures at Khossabad, Sargon represents himself in person holding a prisoner by a thong attached to a ring passed through his under lip. The victim kneels before him, while with a spear he pierces his eyes.

To what shall we give the credit of our modern progress and civilization? We cannot give the credit to any church, sect or party. We must honestly acknowledge that every sect, in its turn, has displayed more or less of bitterness, bigotry, superstition and persecution—contrary even to its own standards. In the last analysis we must admit that the great influence which has moulded the civilization of our day has come to us from the words and example of "the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time" (I Timothy ii, 6). The great truths which he uttered have come echoing down the centuries, speaking righteousness, peace and love, even for our enemies. Everywhere His "Wonderful Words of Life" have made an impression, and here and there have effected the transformation of character.



We should more and more feel our obligation to the great truths which came to us from the Bible, and less and less obligation to the sects and parties which have quarrelled and battled over those Words of Life. Thus, gradually, we will come to discern the truth of the Bible declaration that there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, and one Church of the living God, the Church of the First-Borns, whose names are written in heaven. These, found scattered in all the denominations and outside of all, constitute the saintly few who have the promise of the First Resurrection, as joint-heirs with Messiah in His glorious Kingdom which will soon be established in the earth and enforce righteousness.

Jesus was the great Light which came into the world, and His followers were to be lights or candles also. "As He was, so are we in this world"—light bearers. The Church is not of the world. As Jesus said, "Ye are not of the world." Yet the Church is the light of the world. Each individual Christian should let his light shine before men, and the Church as a whole is to be like "a city set on a hill which cannot be hid" (Matthew v, 14, 15).

Mrs. Frank Beckham, of Sumter, S. C., is visiting in the city.

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