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GOOD CHEER FOR TO-DAY.
Real genius, unless made shallow by prejudice, is seldom frozen by age; so that until absolute physical decay sets in, the powers of the mind may become stronger and stronger.—Tennyson.

Russia's Rating.
Is Russia a first-class power? She has an area of territory that is staggering in its immensity. She has one hundred and forty million of people. She maintains in time of peace an enormous army ready to take the field on notice. She has a volume of undeveloped resources hardly equaled in extent and variety by those of any other country. But is she a first-class power in the sense in which the word is used when we speak of America or Great Britain or Germany?

Another Republican Misstatement.
The Republicans evince a disposition to attack the Democrats for failure to have better public schools in Virginia. The Times-Dispatch has for years fought for better schools. The warmest friend of the public school system and the most partisan Democrat, will not claim that our schools are as good as they should be—that the terms are as long, the standard as high or the teachers as well paid.

Optimism Run Wild.
The New Orleans Picayune is of the opinion that that section of this great country which is pleased to designate as "the vast heart of the continent, drained by the Mississippi River and its great navigable tributaries," is destined on an early date to hold the destiny of the world in the hollow of its hand, so to speak.

Greatest of Gems.
The largest and most valuable diamond in the world, the now famous Cullinan gem, has for some time been on exhibition at the Premier Diamond Mine Company's office in London.

He Likes It.
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir—The Monday morning Times-Dispatch reached here on time this evening, making your numerous subscribers happy as some of them, I among the number, like to read a paper each day in the week, and in order to do so heretofore, had to resort to the news-stands for Washington, Baltimore and New York papers Monday evenings, which will certainly come to an end now, since The Times-Dispatch, not only gives the news of the country generally, but fully and promptly reports all the news of the State, regardless of locality, as no other State journal does. The Monday issue is a gem, and should increase your circulation to the hundred thousand mark. In fact, I do not see how any one interested in the affairs of this dear old State can afford to do without the Richmond Times-Dispatch, for it tells it all. Wishing it increased success and a long life, I am, very truly yours, JOHN F. LOVING, Pulaski, Va., September 4.

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Russia is a first-class power. Doubtless she will continue to claim such a place, and to be accorded it in a way, but Wilhelm, we suspect, feels a great deal better these days than before the war when the possibility of Franco-Russian aggression kept him wide awake at night. As a matter of fact, Russia was beaten by a power heretofore regarded as of the second-class. With the single exception of the battle of Mukden, the Japanese had to contend with superior numbers in every engagement. Russia put 840,000 men in the field and Japan only 700,000. Japan did not conquer Russia, but she drove her armies from the first; she drove Russian shipping from the seas; she sunk or captured practically the entire Russian navy. At Nanshan Hill General Oku's army, half the size of the Russian, sealed mined trenches and drove the Russians from the field. Kuroki was greatly outnumbered at the Yalu. At the great battle of Liao Yang the Japanese were outnumbered, but the cautious strategy of General Kuroki, and the scarcely equaled heroism of two regiments of Japanese volunteers at a crisis of the fight, turned the tide and nearly caused the destruction of Kuropatkin's army. It was only when the Japanese army that had been engaged in the siege of Port Arthur joined Oyama, coincident with the arrival of fresh troops from Japan that the Japanese outnumbered the enemy.

It was not that Russia was fighting so far from home; Japan had to transport her men and supplies long distances by sea and land. Man for man the Japanese army was the better. The Japanese in some respects is the ideal patriotic soldier. The Russian, the victim of a mercenary and corrupt despotism, robbed and oppressed in peace, and driven into a war in which victory meant no more to him and his family at home than defeat would mean, was not the soldier his antagonist was. And Russia will never be able to put in the field an army that will be greatly feared by a first-class power until she has given her people at least a modicum of honesty and justice, and humanity in the administration of government.

Printing the News.
The letter which we print on this page to-day from Hon. John T. Loving, of Pulaski, is but a sample of those The Times-Dispatch is receiving this week. The departure of a Monday morning paper, printed in Richmond, has met with the most widespread approval. Doubt as to the people of Virginia a paper which to the demand for such was dispensed the day the first Monday paper appeared. It is pleasant to receive such kindly commendation from a reader of Mr. Loving's character. The object of the men who make The Times-Dispatch is to give to the people of Virginia a paper which will be each day a faithful record of the events of the day preceding in Virginia and the world. No other paper pretends to print all the news of Virginia. There does not come to our exchange room one which more fully covers the world's news. Our readers may generally feel assured that if it wasn't in The Times-Dispatch it never happened or wasn't it to print. There's a great deal in this.

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THE WEATHER.
Forecast for Virginia—Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday; light, variable winds.
North Carolina and South Carolina—Fair Thursday and Friday; light, variable winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.
Richmond's weather was cool and until highfall cloudy. Range of the thermometer:
9 A. M. 70 6 P. M. 78
12 M. 72 9 P. M. 78
3 P. M. 75 12 midnight 69
Average 72-1-2

MINIATURE ALMANAC, September 7, 1905.
Sun rises 5:45 HIGH TIDE 11:25
Sun sets 6:31 Morning 11:25
Moon sets 12:00 Evening 11:48

RHYMES FOR TODAY
OUR INSTANT AND TREMENDOUS MUSIC HALL TRIUMPH, THE STIRRING WAR BALLAD.
Tell Sadie That I Loved Her to the Last.

Words by Us; Music by the Sporting Editor.
A GENUINE SOBRIETY SUCCESS, TRY IT ON YOUR PIANO.
The sun was slowly setting on the bloody battlefield, covered with corpses all so stiff and stark.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY
September 7th.
1493—Frederick IV., of Germany, died. He was a weak, indolent and superstitious monarch, who saw his subjects revolt with indifference, and was afterwards reduced to beg for his bread.

1809—Nicholas Zrinyi, a Hungarian leader, killed. He had thrown himself into the Castle of Seghez, with 3,000 men and was besieged by the Turks. This number was reduced to 600 by repeated sallies. The Sultan died of grief, and the Grand Vizier made a general assault. Zrinyi rushed out at the head of his band and was killed by three balls. The whole garrison shared his fate. Above 20,000 Turks had been killed during the siege.

1804—Russian troop ships in the Bosphorus to protect Turkish and Greek provinces from the French.
1820—Great solar eclipse in England.
1827—Abo, the capital of Finland, nearly destroyed by fire. Only 800 volumes of the public library escaped destruction, and nearly 100 people perished.

1829—President Jackson ordered the naval forces of the United States to the coast of Mexico to aid American citizens residing there.
1854—The allied Pacific squadron buried their dead at Tarenski, and in a crippled condition left Petropaulovsk for San Francisco.
1855—The first Hebrew temple in the Mississippi Valley consecrated at St. Louis.

1864—The Supreme Court of California decided that San Francisco must issue \$4,000,000 bonds in aid of the Central Pacific Railroad.
1868—The Pueblo rebellion put down. The President ordered the arrest and trial of General Canby for the assassination of Paton. Oregon issued a manifesto renouncing all claims to the presidency.
1868—The propeller Hippocampus, on route from St. Joseph to Chicago, foundered and sunk; thirty-eight lives lost.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of
WALKS AFTER FIFTY YEARS.
CANASTOTA, N. Y., September 6.—Forty-nine years ago Mrs. George R. Benjamin, of this village, now seventy-two years old, fell from a horse and had her left leg fractured. At the time eminent doctors said the bone was broken.

MILLIONAIRE BLOWN UP.
RACINE, WIS., September 6.—Frank K. Bull, millionaire and president of the J. I. Chase Threshing Machine Company, yesterday morning, while seated in his automobile in his garage, was blown with his machine to the ceiling.

BUYS HARVARD HOMESTEAD.
CHICAGO, ILL., September 6.—Edward Morris, a packer, has purchased the historic Harvard homestead of Stratford-on-Avon, England.

TO PREVENT DESERTIONS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., September 6.—Edward General O. C. Carr, commanding the Department of Dakota, thinks that the chief difficulty about desertions from the army is the popular sentiment that an enlistment is nothing better than a civil contract, and that a soldier is guilty of nothing greater than a breach of contract.

RODE IN ENGINE TANK.
KANSAS CITY, MO., September 6.—The fireman on the fast Chicago and Alton train, out of Kansas City, found a white man in the water tank of the locomotive when the train stopped at Blackburn, eighty miles from Kansas City.

A ROMANCE OF EGYPT.
CINCINNATI, September 6.—The engagement of Miss Anne Price, a Cincinnati belle, and John Kershaw, an English colonial judge, stationed at Cairo, Egypt, was announced yesterday as the culmination of a romance which had for its setting the fertile banks of the Nile.

LOST IN DESERT.
SIoux CITY, IOWA, September 6.—Having been lost in the great American desert of Nevada for more than a year, relatives have reached the convalescent home of a wealthy citizen, the late Judge Thomas, a wealthy citizen, who had been lost in the grand desert of Nevada for more than a year.

SULTAN'S COSTLY DINNERS.
Five thousand dollars is about the average cost of dinner in the Turkish Sultan's palace. The Sultan's daily meals cost \$50,000, and the Sultan's daily expenses are \$100,000.

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