

A FRANCO-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE

The Heads of the Two Great Governments Exchange Farewell Felicitations.

LOUBET'S SPEECH

Contains What is Regarded as a Pointed Reference to South African Affairs.

Betheny, France.—The Czar and Czarina and President Loubet have completed a review of 140,000 troops on the plain of Betheny. The march lasted from 10:45 a. m. till 1:10 p. m., terminating in a magnificent charge of 20,000 cavalry. The spectacle was very imposing as the infantry went by 150 files deep with fixed bayonets.

In his speech at the luncheon which followed the review President Loubet created somewhat of a sensation by saying:

"The Franco-Russian alliance is pledged to settlements inspired by justice and humanity."

Whether rightly or otherwise, some of his hearers took the remark to refer to affairs in South Africa.

The full text of M. Loubet's speech is as follows:

"Sire—in thanking your majesty and her majesty, the empress, in the name of the French republic for having been so good as to attend the cheering spectacles of the last few days, my thought goes back to the great political act which preceded them and which lends them their whole significance. Prepared and concluded by your august father, Emperor Alexander III, and President Carnot and solemnly proclaimed on board the Admiral Potohoan by your majesty and President Faure, the alliance of Russia and France has had time to affirm its character. If none may doubt the essentially pacific idea form which it arose, no more can any one fail to perceive that it has contributed powerfully to the maintenance of the balance between the forces of Europe, a necessary condition of peace which, to be faithful, would not remain precarious. It has developed with the years and the

questions which have arisen found it watchful and resolute, reconciling its own interests with the general interest of the world. It is moderate because it is strong and is won over in advance to settlements which are inspired by justice and humanity. The good which it has done is a pledge that it will do still more and it is in that full confidence that after paying pious tribute to the memory of the noble founder of the work, of which this day is a magnificent consecration, I raise my glass to the glory and happiness of your majesty, the happiness of her majesty and of all your family and to the greatness and prosperity of Russia, the friend and ally of France."

The Russian anthem was then played and the Czar, in a clear and distinct voice, read his reply, as follows:

"Monsieur le President: At the moment of leaving France, where we have again received so cordial and warm a welcome, I desire to express to you our sincere gratitude and the strong feeling which stirs us. We shall ever retain the empress and myself the precious memory of these days, so full of impressions so profoundly engraved on our hearts and we shall continue, both far and near, to associate ourselves with all that concerns friendly France. The ties which unite our countries have just been again affirmed and have received fresh confirmation in the manifestations of mutual sympathy which have been so eloquently made here and have found so warm an echo in Russia. The intimate union of the two great powers animated by the most pacific intentions, and who, while able to make their rights respected, do not seek to injure in any way the rights of others, is a precious element of appeasement for the whole of humanity. Drink to the prosperity of France, the prosperity of a friendly and allied nation and to the gallant army and splendid fleet of France. Let me repeat all our thanks and raise my glass in your honor."

DEMOCRATS NOT A UNIT.

Experienced Democratic Campaigners Preparing for a Fight.

Birmingham, Ala.—The campaign in connection with the ratification or rejection of Alabama's new constitution is now on and will be in full blast by the middle of the week. It promised to be a much more animated contest than had been generally expected. Up to a short time ago the belief obtained that the principal active opposition to the ratification would be among the Republicans and Populists and that those Democrats who are against the new organic law would either simply vote against it or not vote at all. It was scarcely expected that the latter would organize and prosecute a fight on the new instrument for the reason that constitutional reform has been generally regarded a Democratic measure and the work of the constitutional convention in a very large sense the work of the Democratic party. It turns out, however, that the most active opposition that is to be brought to bear against ratification will come from that faction of the Democratic party which is led by former Governor Joseph P. Johnson, General Charles M. Shelley and former Congressman Jesse F. Stalling. These and others are the avowed leaders against ratification. Gen. Shelley, who is an old-time campaign manager, having been Democratic state chairman during the memorable Jones-Kolb campaign of 1892, has been made chairman of the anti-ratification Democratic campaign committee and during the present week will open headquarters in this city and begin an active warfare against ratification. Former Governor Johnson, whose influence in Alabama politics it is acknowledged is still quite extensive, will be one of Gen. Shelley's strongest aids. The former governor in a statement issued a couple of days ago made a bitter attack upon the new constitution and declared that it was far inferior to the old one; that to adopt it would be to injure the credit of the state and would not only not secure white supremacy, but would open the way anew for corruption of the ballot. His arraignment was very severe and he closed by defying any one to turn him out of the Democratic party because he saw fit to choose as between two constitutions made by the Democratic party, the one framed in 1875 rather than the one framed in 1901. Ex-Governor Johnson's statement has produced quite a sensation, although it was generally expected that he would be opposed to the new constitution. However, it was doubted by many if he would help to lead an active and aggressive campaign against it.

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LATE NEWS OF LOUISIANA

The Cream of Late Specials of Our Own State as Gleaned by Correspondents.

OIL IN LOUISIANA

A Spouter Brought in at Jennings, 4-Inch Stream Thrown Thirty-Five Feet in the Air.

Jennings.—The town was thrown into intense excitement again Saturday by the report that the oil well on Mamou prairie had spouted. One of the drillers, C. O. Noble, said:

"When we knocked the gate valve in the four-inch pipe we then got ready to begin bailing. When we opened the valve the oil and water spouted to within ten feet of the top of the derrick. A stream of oil continued to flow for some time. We then began to bail again. At 12:30 it spouted again and threw a four-inch stream of oil thirty-five feet high. We continued bailing, as we were only down about 800 feet. Our bailer got caught in the cable which we had put in the four-inch pipe to check the flow of the oil when we were putting the pipe down. We have sent for a spear hook to recover the bailer. We will begin this work Monday morning."

Mr. Noble said the oil was forced up through 1,000 feet of oil sand. As only the first eight hundred feet of the well is open this would indicate that there was a terrible pressure in order to throw the oil so high. "We are convinced," he continued, "that this is as good a well as any at Beaumont, and the oil is lighter and of a better quality."

A great many oil men are in town and have been at the well. They are very enthusiastic and do not hesitate to say that the Louisiana oil field will prove the greatest in the South.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Kenner.—Fred Langhanser, Jr., an errand boy in the office of the Southern-Lines Company, lost his pony by an accident Saturday morning. The pony was going along in a carter, when he stumbled and broke his neck. Freddie pitched forward, and rolling, escaped with but slight injuries. The local mill suspended work for a while during the time of the Canton obsequies. So did the railroads and telegraph companies.

TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Angola.—Saturday night when the men were counted at Camp E, it was found that two were missing. The bloodhounds were at once put on their track, and at this writing they can be heard running. The board of control came up Friday on the steamer Betsy Ann and returned on the same boat.

TRANSFER ROAD REORGANIZED

Mansfield.—The Mansfield Railway and Transportation Company, a local enterprise, which operates two miles of road connecting the town of Mansfield with the Texas and Pacific Railroad, has been reorganized and will now be operated to transfer freight and passengers between said points. The road has been abandoned for more than a year and a wheel has been turned. Under its new management the road has been put into good condition. A new engine was received last week and the road is now ready for business.

HEEKIN INDICTED.

Monroe.—Among the indictments returned by the grand jury Saturday was one against Policeman J. A. Heekin for manslaughter. Heekin was arrested and gave bond in the sum of \$2,000 on the first day of last May. Officer Heekin, while in the discharge of his duty, shot and killed Edward Houston, a young man of West Monroe, on the gallery of the house occupied by Olivia Lewis, near the V. S. and P. Railroad tracks, in Eleventh street. An inquest was held and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide. Subsequently Heekin was given a preliminary trial before Judge Hall of the district court and discharged. The evidence before the coroner's jury was to the effect that Houston was drinking and had raised a disturbance in the house of Olivia Lewis. Police protection was invoked and Officer Heekin responded to the call. He was attacked by Houston with an open knife. He retreated to the edge of the gallery and Houston still advancing upon him, fired two

STEEL MILLS RESUME.

Pittsburg.—With few exceptions work has resumed, at least in a measure, at the combine steel mills Friday, and if the disgruntled tin workers can be conciliated by Monday, all the plants will be in full operation. Governor Robert E. Pattison has resigned the chairmanship of the Democratic city committee of Philadelphia.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Baton Rouge.—Governor Heard has made the following appointments: W. M. Conerly, justice of the peace, second ward of Vernon parish, vice H. B. Bloodgood, failed to qualify; Isaac Fortenot, constable, second ward of Calcasieu parish, vice A. O. Fortenot, resigned; J. R. Bidwell, constable, first ward of Concordia parish, vice C. W. Wade, failed to qualify; Oliver Richard, constable

THE MAYOR OF RHEIMS.

The mayor of Rheims is "in hot water," because he failed to address the Czar as "Sire," and because he clinked glasses with "His Majesty" in drinking wine of Rheims' choicest product.

Funds amounting to \$200,000 in cash and securities embezzled by Oberlin M. Carter, were recovered by government authorities at Huntington, W. Va.

CAPTURED IN MISSOURI.

New Iberia.—Arthur Hebert, who a year ago was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to twenty years in the state penitentiary, and who effected his escape from the jail here, was arrested in Kennett, Mo., by Sheriff Satterfield on instructions from Sheriff Henderson of this place. The discovery of Hebert's whereabouts was made by Mr. Henderson in a very clever manner. Several times during the past year Henderson, knowing that Hebert lingered near his home on the Peebles place, made excursions there, but was never successful in catching the fugitive. The last time the home of Hebert was visited it was learned that he had slept the night previous with two coon hunters in the swamp. Sheriff Henderson and his posse, with the aid of a guide, found the camp and surrounded it, but Hebert was not captured. The trappers were questioned, but said they did not know Hebert, and were brothers named Roberts, hailing from Kennett, Mo. A month after Henderson was informed that the trappers had peeped up and left. Mr. Henderson being convinced that Hebert went with the coon hunters, had the Hebert family's mail closely watched, with the result that a letter from Hebert was intercepted in which he wrote he was in Kennett, Mo. Sheriff Henderson at once wired the sheriff at Kennett to arrest Hebert, and a few days ago a telegram was received here stating Hebert had been captured and would be held to await the arrival of the proper authorities. Deputy Sheriff Charles Maridat left here Monday and will be back here this week with the prisoner.

WORK ON LOCKS SUSPENDED.

Plaquemine.—Messrs. Stuart and Co., the contractors who are erecting the Plaquemine locks, having finished with their cableway, with which they built the walls of the locks, removed the same this week, and have set fire to the wooden towers which supported the cable. No more work will be done on the locks proper until the stones on which the gates will stand are thoroughly tested, which will probably be a matter of six months or more.

This week's clear weather will prove a great help to the planters, who were anxious for good weather to harvest their crops.

CRESCENT CITY NOTES.

Governor Heard directed Attorney General Geion to institute amicable proceedings against the state of Mississippi to determine the state line beyond the shore line.

O. L. Gillespie, acting secretary of war, announced there was no intention of discontinuing the purchase of supplies here.

The Louisiana delegation to the federal of President McKinley returned from Canton.

Battalion Washington Artillery forwarded a letter of condolence to Mrs. McKinley.

New Orleans defeated Selma by a score of 15 to 5.

The city attorney was instructed to sue the New Orleans Railroad Company for \$11,972.08, representing the cost of lowering Pryania street.

The steamship Llangallan, the first of the Radcliffe Line to sail, cleared for Rotterdam.

The Louisiana Improvement Association applied for a mandamus to erase an assessment of \$37,000 for taxes.

The August exports from New Orleans amounted to over \$7,000,000 in value, an increase of \$1,000,000 and more over the value of the exports the same month the previous year.

MEMORIAL DAY VICTIMS.

Chicago, Ill.—During the progress of the memorial pageant nearly one hundred persons were injured or overcome. Many of these were the victims of their over-wrought feelings, but others were caught in the pressure of the crowd. The Geneva emergency corps, constituted for relief work in just such occasions and of which Mayor Harrison is honorary president, co-operated with the health department and the police in caring for the injured. Of all the cases reported only three are in a critical condition.

FIRE AT SHREVEPORT.

Armour Plant Destroyed and Loss of \$35,000 is Sustained. Shreveport, La.—Fire destroyed the office, cold storage plant and warehouse of the Armour Packing Company. The building was valued at \$10,000 and its contents at \$25,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

"A BAD EYE."

There is only one kind which cannot be cured by Mitchell's Eye Salve. That's a blind eye, morally or otherwise. Having the curable kind, try "Mitchell's." You will be satisfied. Price, 25c.

Mitchell's Eye Salve

By mail, 25c; Retail, New York City.

SOZODONT Teeth Powder 25c

It is reported as a new method of

A Rural Minister's Mistake.

An unsophisticated young minister in rural Pennsylvania, recently ordained, not long ago wrote to a theological professor in Philadelphia as follows: "I am a poor speaker and find it hard to utter my thoughts clearly and forcibly. I have decided, therefore, to take a course of instruction in speaking, and learning from the papers that there are a great many speak-easies in your city, I would be obliged if you would recommend me to one." The professor broke the news to him as euphemistically as possible that a "speak-easy" is merely an unlicensed drinking place.

The Typewriter Invention.

A statistician has proved that the invention of the typewriter has given employment to 500,000 people, but he fails to state how many cases of poor stomachs and dyspepsia it has induced. All people of sedentary occupation need Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is a wonderful medicine and helps nature bear the strain which ensues from confinement. It also cures dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and flatulency. Be sure to try it and you will not be disappointed.

The Biggest Corn Crop was in 1896 (2,823,000,000 bushels), but its farm value was only 21 1/2 cents a bushel.

5100 Howard, 5100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dratted disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: Sold by F. J. CHERRY & Co., Toledo, O. Druggists Everywhere.

When a woman gets mad she always wishes she were a man and could swear.

FTTS permanently cured. No other nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. \$3 bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 261 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

Unpleasant remarks are by no means remarkable.

Winn's Suffering Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

What has the weather done that it should be talked about so much?

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thomas Ross, Maple St., Norwich, N.Y., Feb. 17, 1903.

Autombing may be dangerous, but it doesn't seem to be as much so as walking.

Some girls would like to be rich just to see how much ice cream soda they could consume at one sitting.

A man in Calaveras County, Cal., is hatching pheasants in incubators.

FRYMAN FADLESS DYES do not stain the hands or spot the kettle. Sold by all druggists.

Do not despair humble occupations. Even the hod carrier climbs to the top of the ladder.

During the preserving season there is no such word as can't. Can is the word.

You can come pretty near judging people by their clothes when you see the family wash out on the line.

Best For the Bowels.

No matter what all you, headache or constipation, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. CASCA'S help nature, cure you without a gripe and pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. CASCA'S Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C. C. C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

There were 120,000 children at school in India sixty years ago. There are 4,000,000 now.

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