

**GENERAL NEWS**

**The Lesser Events of Last Week.**

The Russians have been reinforced by 30,000 men.

The Cuban Congress closed, after a fruitless session.

The Japanese have captured several minor positions at Port Arthur.

Heavy rains impede the movements of the hostile armies in Manchuria.

The odds on Roosevelt reached 4 to 1 on the New York curb in a few wagers.

The World's Fair attendance the past week was 939,774, making the total 14,316,230.

Of 55,130 persons injured on American railroads the last fiscal year, 3,787 died.

Prolonged occupation of part of Tibet by British troops is now expected in London.

The Russian force at Port Arthur now numbers 5,000 men; the town is full of wounded.

H. M. Porter, colored, is the Republican nominee for Congress in the Tenth Georgia District.

Dr. H. W. Wiley will resume his tests with food preservatives on his "poison squad" on November 1st.

Five men are under arrest at Eutawville, S. C., charged with participating in the lynching of a negro.

British schooner Syanara, damaged in a gale, was set on fire and abandoned off Georgetown, S. C., October 18th.

The Russian Baltic fleet will divide, part going by way of the Cape of Good Hope and the other via Suez.

A tropical hurricane swept the east coast of Florida, causing many wrecks and the loss, so far as known, of seven lives.

September exports of cotton broke all preceding records for that month, the total being 410,940,894 pounds, valued at \$43,742,325.

At an informal luncheon to Rear-Admiral Jewell and other American naval officers King Edward drank a toast to the American navy.

The Steel Trust, it was stated, has decided to spend \$1,000,000, if necessary, to crush the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers.

Report of the Treasurer of the United States for the fiscal year shows a decrease of revenues as compared with 1903 and an increase of expenditures.

President Roosevelt has instructed Secretary of War Taft to proceed to Panama with a view to composing differences that have arisen between the two countries.

The Democratic Congressional Committee has issued a statement advising that a close watch be kept upon the pending negotiations for a new Chinese treaty.

The American Tobacco Company absorbed the Continental and Consolidated Tobacco Companies at Trenton, N. J., forming a company with \$180,000,000 capital.

The stockholders of the Consolidated Tobacco Company met at Jersey City and voted in favor of merging with the American Tobacco Company and the Continental Tobacco Company. Out of a total of 400,000 shares of stock there were voted 397,191 in favor of the merger.

The Surgeon General of the army has concurred in the recommendation of General Grant that John J. Smith, a member of the United States Army Hospital Corps, stationed at Fort Mott, N. J., who is said to have married a nurse, be discharged from the army "for the good of the service."

James H. Tillman, former Lieutenant-Governor of South Carolina, who, while in office killed N. G. Gonzales, editor of the Columbia State, has decided to enter the Methodist ministry and has written to a prominent minister in Columbia telling him of his application to the Methodist Conference for admission.

**Military Officers Disgraced.**

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 21.—Capt. Robert M. Hitch discharged from the service of the State; Lieutenant George A. Mell suspended for one year and to be publicly reprimanded; and Lieutenant H. L. Grinor, to be publicly reprimanded, is the result of sittings of the court of inquiry appointed by Governor Terrell to investigate the actions of the officers in charge of the State troops at Statesboro when the negroes Cato and Reed were taken from the court room by a mob and burned at the stake. The board, after a session covering over a week, made up its findings and transmitted them to the Governor. To-day their report received the Governor's approval and was made public.

**Round vs. Square Bale.**

Washington, Oct. 19.—The fight between the round and the square bale cotton compress companies came before the Inter-State Commerce Commission to-day upon arguments on the complaint of the Planters' Compress Company (round bale) against thirteen railroads carrying cotton between St. Louis and the New England cotton mills, alleging "unjust, unreasonable, injurious and prohibitive" rates on round bale cotton between points in that territory. Because a standard car can carry 50,000 pounds of round bales and but 25,000 pounds of square bale cotton the roads formerly charged twenty cents a hundred pounds between St. Louis and New York for round bales, while square bales paid thirty cents. About a year ago, however, the rate on round bales was increased to thirty cents, which increase the Planters' Company contends is unjust, discriminating and in violation of the Inter-State Commerce Act.

The Commission reserved its decision.

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