

# The Messenger.

## THE REAL GUILTY PARTIES.

The News and Observer of yesterday contained a very strongly written and positively expressed editorial in regard to the matter of tampering with the jury in the Gattis-Kilgo case by Sorrell and Rogers. It takes the position that these men were the mere tools of other parties more interested in one way or another in the case; that they were acting on solicitation or instructions. We think that every one who read the proceedings in the contempt hearing has come to the same conclusion—that there were others "higher up" as The News and Observer puts it, who are as guilty as the two men who are now being punished for their contempt of court and who are also held under a bench warrant issued by Judge Moore for trial at the next term of Wake criminal court for the crime of tampering with a jury.

The punishment they are now undergoing will be no defence against an indictment for their conduct. They are now in prison under sentences for conduct adjudged to be in contempt of the court in which the case was tried and to which the men they attempted to influence had been summoned to serve as jurors. The charge against them and on which they will be tried on an indictment is the violation of the criminal law of the state. If convicted the punishment will be fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the judge presiding.

The News and Observer thinks these men are scape-goats—that they are, by keeping their mouths shut, protecting those who are more guilty than themselves. It says what the public is interested in is to find the chief culprits and that there is a way "crucial on its face and yet apparently the only chance." It is the enforcement against them of the law because of their crime. The News and Observer seems determined that the real parties shall be discovered, and all right-thinking men should endorse its position.

The testimony of King and Marcom showed plainly that there was a regular system in Wake county of attempting to influence jurors before taking up a case. The testimony in the contempt proceedings, The News and Observer declares, "hints at a regular subrosa business with an established procedure" for tampering with jurors. That is shown by the defendant Sorrell's reply to Marcom as given in the latter's testimony:

"I asked him," said the witness, "what right or authority he had to come to me, knowing that I was a juror."

"To this question the juror stated that Sorrell replied in substance that 'we have to see jurors before they are sworn in, or else they'd be watched so close you couldn't talk to him.'"

It is to be hoped that the effort to discover the real culprits in this matter will be successful and that, no matter who they be, or how high they stand socially and professionally, they will receive punishment commensurate with their crime.

If that peace conference does not meet before the middle of August there will not be much use in holding it.—Russia will hardly have any troops for her to agree to withdraw from the field. It looks like Oyama intends to bring about peace long before that time. Linevitch may take his Fourth of July dinner in Tokio with Rojstvensky, and the war be a thing of the past by the time the conferees get together. The Japanese have the Russian army surrounded and when Oyama gives the signal they will contract the circle and that will be the end of the Russian army and of the war. All the peace commissioners will have to do then will be to settle upon the indemnity and other forfeitures Russia shall make to Japan.

The North Carolina Baptist convention meets at Jackson Springs June 27th to July 4th. All of our Baptist friends who are suffering with dyspepsia had better be sure to attend.

The congressman from the Raleigh district comes out strong for a great big navy. Wonder what the president's proposed visit to his city has to do with the timing of the other's published interview on the big navy question?

The Piedmont summer school for teachers will be held at Davidson college from July 12th to August 4th, Thomas P. Harrison is president. This school was organized two years ago for the benefit of the teachers of Iredell and Mecklenburg counties. Last year Cabarrus and Rowan were added, but the school will be open to teachers from any part of this state and from other states. The object of the school is to equip teachers for the better performance of the practical duties in the school room. Careful courses of study will be prepared and presented by competent instructors.

If we are to take the czar in earnest he is mighty anxious to throw some of the burdens of government on the people. It will be a long time before we see a representative government in this.

## THE EFFECT OF PEACE.

Henry Clews & Co. in their current market letter discuss the effect upon the stock market and commercial business of this country of the establishment of peace between Russia and Japan. Because of the stock market's habit of "discounting events" expected to occur cessation of hostilities will have little effect on the money market or values of stocks and other securities. The greatest effect of peace would be to open up markets now closed to manufactures and other products of this country. Also our shippers would probably benefit by Russia's necessity to rebuild her navy as soon as possible. In one way peace might affect American interests in a very slight degree. There is a good deal of French and German capital invested in this country on loans secured by exchange collateral. If Russia has to pay a large indemnity she would negotiate this in Paris and Berlin. This would cause the calling home of these loans. Clews & Co. say in part:

The financial markets of the world are just now in a cynical state of mind, especially in the instance of the Russo-Japanese war—a skepticism predicated upon mediæval standard of diplomacy that still obtains in St. Petersburg and which furnishes such a distinct contrast to the blunt, straightforward, matter-of-fact, and withal truthful diplomacy so characteristic of our own government at Washington and which the Japanese with their natural aptitude are copying. It must be acknowledged that ample opportunity exists for a considerable display of skepticism, and from the military activity on the part of Oyama it is evident that Japanese estimate of Russia's good faith in the current peace negotiations follows very closely the estimate of Wall street.

When these peace negotiations result in the proclamation of an actual armistice Wall street may be expected to show whatever response the definite termination of hostilities may justify. The measure of this response is, however, apt to be disappointing to those not familiar with the stock exchange habit of discounting important events. Wall street knows today that Russia is beaten to the point of humiliation, and that any efforts the czar may now make are merely attempts to retire with a decree of dignity from a disastrous situation. For all practical purposes—which means for all the influence the formal conclusion of peace may in a broad sense exert upon stock exchange values—the war has ceased to be a New York stock exchange influence if we exclude, first, the sentimental reactor of the influence on the London and continental money centers, which have a much more vital interest in a declaration of peace; and, second, the participation that American producers and manufacturers may eventually secure in the reconstruction both in Japan and elsewhere that will follow the war.

As the warm friend of Japan the United States may expect, and will undoubtedly receive, the very best treatment from a commercial standpoint; and, so far as Russia is concerned, it will be extremely surprising if American shippers do not actively employ in the necessary restoration of the czar's naval power. In addition there is the ultimate benefit of the now permanently assured "open door" in the far east, meaning almost immeasurable expansion of foreign markets for the American manufacturer. But all these are factors of future development—of future prosperity—too distant even for Wall street to immediately discount.

The decision by Secretary Shaw to defer until July 15th his call upon banks throughout the country for government deposits has delayed a moderate adverse influence over the money situation. In all under the current call, New York banks will pay about \$12,000,000 over to the government; but as the July disbursements will in large measure have returned to circulation by the middle of the month the withdrawal of government funds should be made without substantial influence on the banking situation. There is also good reason to believe that Secretary Shaw—himself a former bank officer of prominence—will conduct his future withdrawals of funds in such a way as to interfere as little as possible with the currency requisitions invariably made upon New York for moving the crops. At any rate, usually well informed banking interests of this city are confident that this will be Mr. Shaw's policy. It is, however, not entirely wise to look upon this action as completely clearing the money situation. At the present time a considerable amount of French and German capital is in this country in the form of loans on stock exchange collateral. Should the peace negotiations be consummated with greater speed than now appears probable the czar will probably seek banking facilities for financing his war indemnity in Paris and Berlin, which would in turn be compelled to draw in their reserves and call back their funds from this country.

A benevolent organization has been formed in Los Angeles to take over the liquor business of that city, making a monopoly of it and running it in the interest of temperance. The Charlotte Chronicle thus describes the plan:

The prohibition people of Los Angeles, Cal., are about to try the Gothenburg system. To provide for this, half a million dollars will be needed, but much of this sum has already been raised. The following are the main features of the proposed system: Reducing the number of saloons from 200 to 75; closing all in the residence districts and replacing them with coffee clubs; guaranteeing to the city a revenue of \$188,000 a year; limiting the possible profit of the corporation to 6 per cent. on the capital actually invested; permitting the sale only of beer and light wines in saloons in the mill and manufacturing districts; guaranteeing the expenditure of all profits above \$210,000 a year in public improvements; pledging the purchase of the fixtures of the 200 saloons now in operation at a price to be adjusted; providing for payment of a sum to the saloon owners for the good will of their business.

The basis of this Gothenburg system is absorption and monopoly. It will place entire control of the liquor business of Los Angeles into the hands of a "benevolent corporation." It is the dispensary divided up into many parts and operated on a more "benevolent" plan.

## BOTH THIEVES IN CUSTODY

Were Charged With Breaking Into Freight Cars—Fine Horse Drowned.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Goldboro, N. C., June 20.—The passenger train from this city which arrived in Raleigh yesterday afternoon carried a negro who was fleeing from the clutches of the law, and the train which arrived in Raleigh last night from here carried an officer who apprehended the culprit and brought him back here this morning. The negro was Big Bill Artis, who was wanted here for breaking into freight cars on Sunday night. His partner in crime was arrested here yesterday morning while attempting to board a train and leave the city. Artis utilized that part of his leg which was turned up for him to walk on and left the city by a country road. He boarded the train at Princeton, and went on to Raleigh. When he arrived in the capital city, Chief of Police Mullins was waiting for his guest. Artis was given proper entertainment until last night. Artis and his partner, Shake Fulford, were given a hearing before Justice Broadhurst at this morning's court and were sent to jail. During the investigation it was found that Artis was guilty of running a blind tiger.

Mr. M. L. Lee had a fine horse drowned yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lee and his son Edwin drove down to Little river to inspect their fish trap. The river was very low and instead of crossing in a canoe, they forded the stream. They left the horse standing near the bank of the river while they went to the fish trap. They heard a splashing in the water and when they reached the scene they found that the horse had tried to recross the stream, and was drowning in deep water. They did all they could to save the animal, but to avail.

## Governor Glenn to Address Tammany.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., June 20.—Governor Glenn states positively that he will speak at Tammany Hall on July 4. He had a prior engagement to address the State Press Association at Asheville, but cancels it.

## Dying of Famine

is, in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption, from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers, of Cearfoss, Md., "after trying different medicines and a good doctor, in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery, which quickly and perfectly cured me." Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at R. R. Bellamy's drug store, price 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Trial bottle free.

## SOUTHERN'S HIGH FENCE

Around its Yards at Spencer to Cause Several Law Suits.

The citizens east of Spencer are greatly wrought up over the building of an unusually high fence which the Southern Railway company is constructing around its entire yards and plant in Spencer. The fence is a most substantial one and will be about 12 feet high. It is found that a number of dwellings erected several years ago having frontage immediately upon the line of the right of way of the Southern will be practically cut off, even the porches in some instances being removed in order to clear the line for the fence. There seems to be no recourse for the property owners as the Southern has a right to build a fence upon its own line.

Quite a number of cases for damages, injunctions, etc., will be brought against the Southern on account of the proposed building of the fence around its yards and shops.—Salisbury Sun.

Fatal Results of a Political Feud. Cameron, Texas, June 20.—Sheriff R. Tool today shot and killed ex-Sheriff Miles C. Everett, the shooting being the outgrowth of a political feud.

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Pure water and the equipment to keep it pure was his scheme. It is so simple, so saving of grief, pain, and even of cash, that one wonders why civilization continues to permit a disease that ought to be as nearly obsolete as its distant cousin, typhus.

All typhoid is traceable to polluted water. If, for a year, the world were to stop drinking dilute sewage, typhoid fever would vanish from our vital statistics. Nine tenths of all infection comes direct from bad water, the other tenth would disappear if the principal cause were eliminated. Infected cities—and nearly all of our large cities are constantly infected—get the disease in one of two ways. They drink water polluted either by themselves or by others. Lake communities drink their own offshoots. Residents of river municipalities welcome to their warm and hospitable interiors the germs which come down stream to them from diseased cities of rural districts directly infected, above, and having poisoned themselves therewith, pass them on to the waiting settlements further along the current.—Samuel Hopkins Adams in McClure's.

Church—"Why do you suppose they always put the band in the rear at the time of a battle?" Gotham—"Judging from some hands I have heard, I suppose it is because most of the soldiers would rather go forward and take the chances of being shot down, than go back and listen to the band."—Yonkers Statesman.

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