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## General News.

### England.

The old mother country has many things that demand attention at this time. Dissensions at home, and trouble abroad. London is pouring her millions into the interior, and the scare of the cholera is great. Thousands of dollars will be expended, and perhaps many valuable lives will have to be sacrificed to rescue Gen. Gordon. Some one is to blame. No indications as yet, as to what will be her policy in the Franco-Chinese war.

### France.

The country of the Bonapartes is suffering with the cholera in many of her cities and towns, and is now fairly in war with China. Foo-chow, the scene of opening hostilities, is called by the natives Hokehim or the Happy-City. It lies in latitude 26 deg.—3 minutes north, and longitude 119 deg.—20 minutes east, on the northern side of the Min, four miles from its mouth, and nine from Pagoda Island. France, of course, has a great many advantages over the Celestial Empire, but if the nations of the earth only preserve a strict neutrality, she will have a serious task to conquer a peace. Cholera is still raging in the cities of France, and is now reaching into the interior.

### China.

On the other hand, has many advantages over her antagonist. She is hard of access, and the climate is not favorable to the French soldiery. She has two separate armies. The imperial army, proper, is known under the name of the Army of the Eight Banners. The Imperial Guard is about 18,000 strong, and is the flower of the army. She has a well equipped cavalry, and splendid artillery. The second is the provincial army, and is called the Army of the Great Banner. Her soldiers are very well drilled, having had the very best English and French drill officers. Her armaments of war are abundant, and we may expect a very stubborn fight; provided—John Chinaman does not repeat himself as he did here in the Brooks-Baxter war, when he returned to Pine Bluff with undue haste, saying "it was all run-nee and no fight-ee."

### Turkey.

"The sick man of Europe" is still in trouble with her Egyptian provinces, besides having trouble enough at home.

### Germany.

is equipping a war vessel for the coast of Africa. The Young Men's Christian Association is now assembled at Berlin, in their chief conclave, called "The World's Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association. Many of the leading men of the world are there. It is a grand occasion, and is cause of great joy and delight to all lovers of morality.

### Austria.

A great fire is reported at Rana, a town of Austrian Galicia. An immense robbery at Vienna.

### Russia.

A Russian paper, reviewing the strained relations between England and Germany, cordially acknowledges England's recognition of the right of Russia to reap the fruit of her sacrifices in Central Asia. It is declared that Russia has no inclination to humiliate the "old mother country." Rather late in the day for such a declaration, after such a complete back-down of the Russian Bear before the English Lion on the Bosphorus, and at the very gate of Constantinople. Russia lost her opportunity then, and may never recover it.

### Italy.

Cholera is advancing in many cities of the "Land of Art," and there is no better understanding between his Excellency, King Humbert, and his Holiness, Pope Leo XIII.

## Our Own Country.

Our people are still driving away at politics. "Flinging Mud" is the order of the day, and it seem to be the business of all parties to blacken the character of the leaders of the other party. What a spectacle to the Christian world. A nation professedly Christian, saying to all men that we can elect none but corrupt men to the highest office in our gift. It is now given out that Blaine has brought suit against an editor for defaming his wife's character. I have nothing to do with parties, but I do honor Mr. Blaine for this act. Editors have no such right. Character is sacred, and a man is no man, who will not protect his home. Four candidates for the presidency, and everything in a muddle, but our God rules, and he will bring order out of confusion. Religious revivals are heard of all over our land, and thousands are being converted to God. Camp-meetings are still being held, with many of the old time results. We hear of a glorious time at Marvin Camp-ground, near St. Louis. Wesley Grove, near Baltimore, was a great success, and in the Old Dominion there are a number being held, and God still honors them with his presence. The annual feast of the tabernacle must never be given up, notwithstanding the flings of corrupt men. Christianity is on the advance among the nations, and this Franco-Chinese war will prize the last gate of opposition off of its hinges; and when peaceful commercial relations are restored and China threaded with railroads, the gospel leaven will speedily leaven the empire. God hasten the day.

## State News.

Of course our people are all excited this week, all over the State. It would be a useless consumption of time to say, keep cool, and vote like sober, thinking men. Our people love excitement—it is the pabulum of their very existence. We venture only this much advice to our readers—be certain to vote for good and safe men, and don't fail to have AGAINST LICENSE, on your ballot.

We see it is given out, as an item for the public, that the Republican committee assembled in Little Rock last week, passed a resolution that all the tickets for their party should have printed on them, "For License." Are we to understand that the Republican party in Arkansas, have pledged themselves for whiskey, and against Prohibition? We ask for information. Who will rise to explain?

Another item is furnished, that Pulaski county has 1500 Germans, and that they will all vote against Prohibition. Our people will note this. What say our friends of the Teutonic race? Are you all for whiskey? We don't believe that.

A serious cutting affray in Hope. It was in a saloon. Of course whiskey was the cause.

The Hamburg News is brimful of good temperance reading this week. It deals some strong blows.

Hon. C. C. Colburn, of the Ozark Democrat, shows, by actual figures, that there is not one fourth the amount of whisky now brought to the Ozark depot as there was before Prohibition. Oh, for a hundred such papers in our state.

Woodruff County Vidette has an able article Against License, by Prof. George R. Foster, M. D. It is masterly, and timely. Keep on that line, Brother Folsom.

Hon. C. R. Breckinridge has been renominated for Congress in his district.

Franklin county starts Hon. W. W. Mansfield for the U. S. Senate.

## Personal.

Rev. G. W. Horn, D. D., has passed away from this earth. He was one of the able men of our church, and one of the best newspaper correspondents in the connection. He was a noble, true man.

Bishop Pierce expects to start for the Indian Mission work on the 3d of September. Three lady missionaries will accompany him, and one transfer. We are getting jealous of "Our Brother in Red." The Bishop just passes right through Arkansas—and don't halt.

Rev. C. C. Godden held Quarterly Meeting at Spring Street this week.

Rev. H. Jewell had a pleasant visit to his family and friends in Dorsey Co. last week. He went to rest and recuperate, but that very clever preacher, Jno. F. Carr, who knows so well how to use his brethren, just put him right into service. Result—a good meeting and a very tired preacher.

Rev. L. M. Keith is expected this week. He writes of a good meeting in progress at Hamburg, and he may be delayed. Many thanks for your kindly notice of this editor, and your brotherly sympathy. He is better, but very feeble.

Rev. Jno. H. Dye is up in the mountains at this writing—on Cleburne mission. A district, in Arkansas, means hard work and plenty of it.

Rev. D. H. Linebaugh writes from Texas, on business. We have a great many preachers in Texas. Can't the great Empire State return the compliment, and send us some, or, return a few? We are needy now.

Rev. A. A. Morrison, D. D., of the Denver Conference, has passed away to his future home. He was one of this earth's noblemen.

Prof. Tillett, of the Vanderbilt, lectured recently, on "The Concessions of the Unregenerate World," at the American Institute of Christian Philosophy. It was well done, no doubt of that.

Prof. Lupton, of the same great University, is up in Canada, attending the meeting of the British Scientific Association, of which he is an honorary member, and we add, he is an ornament to it.

Bishop Granbery is away out in the Great West, and is making full proof of his ministry.

Rev. J. B. McFerrin, our indefatigable Book Agent—away up in the seventies—is far over the Rocky Mountains, preaching and working as no one but he can. Grand old soldier.

Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., our Missionary Secretary, is doing a grand work, both in the field and in his office. A secretariat is, no doubt, a very fine affair, but we hope Drs. Young and Kelly will be at all the Conferences in our connection, and make Missionary Day the great day of the occasion.

Rev. R. S. Yarbrough accompanies Bishop Pierce to the Indian Mission Conference.

Rev. C. B. Galloway, the accomplished editor of the N. O. Advocate, is writing some splendid articles against opening the New Orleans Exposition on Sunday. You are right, Doctor, and stand to your colors.

Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., still continues his Cameos, in the old Nashville.

Miss Bessie Johnson, daughter of Rev. W. C. Johnson, D. D., is on a visit to our daughter, Mrs. Manie Powell, this week. She is always welcome in the City of Roses, where she has a host of friends and admirers. Pleasant visit, Miss Bessie.

Rev. J. C. Rhodes is expecting a grand time at Big Spring camp-meeting this week.

## Field Notes.

Rev. R. T. Nabors has been placed in charge of Murfreesboro circuit, and sends the following report of a meeting in the old town of Murfreesboro. He says: "The meeting has been in progress for several days. Have had several conversions and additions to the church, with prospect of much more good being done. Still many penitents at the altar. We are going to build a church in Murfreesboro." This is good news, truly.

Rev. J. J. Tarleton writes from Clinton circuit: "I have just closed a glorious meeting at Hopefield, resulting in 11 conversions and 8 accessions to the church. Two men professed religion who were over fifty years of age. I hardly ever witnessed such a baptism of the Holy Spirit. We have had a general revival at every appointment. Rev. W. T. England is doing very effective work."

Rev. A. S. Blackwood writes: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Commenced at New Hope last Saturday. Results—25 converts and 25 accessions, to date. Many still calling for mercy. Don't know when it will close, as I have no ministerial help." God is wonderfully blessing Searcy circuit.

Rev. E. M. Wright writes from Holy Grove circuit: "We have had a glorious revival of religion at New Hope. The church members are quickened and made active in the work of the Lord. Twelve accessions to the church—ten received by baptism and ten children were baptized. Rev. M. B. Hill was present, and did good and faithful service."

Rev. H. W. Brooks writes from Center Point Ct: "Last Thursday night I closed a meeting at Liberty church, it having lasted six days. A very cold church was revived, and 14 members added to it—all happy in their first love. And besides these, I feel confident that there were many others whose hearts were strangely warmed. We could have no camp-meeting at Liberty this year. God bless you and the METHODIST."

Rev. A. S. Scott writes from Black Springs, on Mt. Ida circuit: "I feel so much rejoiced at the success of a meeting which I have just closed. I shall endeavor to tell of what the Lord has done for us at Black Springs. Our meeting lasted nine days, and the happy result was, 50 conversions and 45 added to the church. We are expecting great things of the Lord this year on this circuit, and we feel like God has heard and answered a boy preachers prayers. There is a fine spiritual interest all over my work. I must confess that I have never been at a meeting where everything worked more harmoniously. All seemed to be of one heart, and to enjoy religion to the fullest extent. In conclusion, I want to say, of the forty-five received into the church, only three were immersed. Pretty good for Black Springs, thought. God sent us a good rain during the meeting. Oh, how we ought to love God! and we do love him, and praise him for his goodness." And don't you forget the METHODIST.

Rev. A. D. Jenkins writes: Our meeting at Carlisle was not a success; but at Shady Grove we had four conversions and nine applications for membership. Have another meeting this week."

Rev. V. A. Walker writes from Little River circuit: "We are having some refreshing seasons. The church is greatly revived, and sinners are being converted to God. We praise him who giveth us the victory through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We expect a general revival. Corn is good, generally, though in some neighborhoods it is cut short by drought. Cotton is very promising throughout the

entire country. Collections are far behind, but we hope to be up at the close of the year. Success to the METHODIST." Thanks, my brother; but remember it takes subscribers to make success. Send them, and we will help you with the collections.

Rev. A. C. Griffin writes from Harrisburg circuit: "The Lord has been good to us over here. I have held three protracted meetings, and the Lord has been with us in the conversion of many precious souls—something near 40, and 30 have joined our church. I am now engaged in a meeting at Harrisburg, with a prospect of a good time. I have two meetings to hold yet. I am under obligations to the local preachers, Bros. J. T. Haley, T. J. Graves, T. B. Hilburn and T. J. Settle for ministerial aid, The ARKANSAS METHODIST is read and highly appreciated by those who take it." Many thanks. Continue to help us, my dear, good brother, and we will still improve.

Rev. G. H. Gold writes from Mt. Pleasant circuit, Little Rock Conference: "Our first protracted meeting for the season just closed at Green Hill. Ten conversions and an accession of nine. Grand-ma Gaddie, mother of Rev. E. L. Gaddie, who died in Hamburg, on the 9th inst, and went to his reward, spent her 77th birth-day at the meeting. We thought it appropriate to have a communion service for the benefit of her and other old people who could not often go to church. It was good to be there. We felt that several there would no more drink of the fruit of the vine till they shall drink it over in the kingdom. Thank God for their presence and holy example. Brothers D. B. Gilham, G. W. Duncan and R. P. Wilson assisted."

Rev. R. C. Atchley writes from Tulip circuit, L. R. Conference: "Closed a four days meeting at Rock Springs, on the night of the 19th inst. Delightful communion on Sabbath. No conversions. Did my best to stir the church on the subject of family religion. Corn crop tolerably good. Cotton very promising, but rain is needed in some localities. Some sickness, but in general, health is very good." Try them again.

Rev. G. W. Logan writes from Emmet, L. R. Conference: "Closed a meeting last night at Harmony church that lasted six days. Had 12 conversions and 25 penitents at the altar when we closed. Will commence at Shiloh in the morning. No ministerial aid, but find lay workers. Success to the METHODIST." Thanks, my old friend, and help us make it a success by writing and working for it.

Rev. O. H. Tucker, writes from his circuit in the Arkansas Conference: "Have had a meeting at the Crooked Creek appointment, with four conversions and one accession." Look after the other three. We must quit shaking down fruit for other people.

Rev. James A. Anderson writes from Bayou Metoe circuit White River Conference: "Have held three protracted meetings, with small results; three or four conversions and four accessions to the church. My health failed and I had to close these meetings. Have three or four more to hold, and with returning health, hope for better results. Rains very partial; crops good in some localities, but in others not more than a half crop will be realized." We hope our dear brother will soon be well. The Master meant a great deal when he said: "The spirit is truly willing but the flesh is weak." God grant you health and strength for your loved enemy.

We don't remember whether we made mention at the time or no, of a letter from our old-time friend, Rev. R. G. Brittain. He was in good heart, and was just entering on his protracted meetings. Send the subscribers and pay at Conference.