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Two news items were published in the daily papers last week (on different days) that recalled the dark days of Fusion misrule in this State and made a striking contrast between those days and the present.

One item was that Rev. T. B. Babb had made a speech in the Republican convention of Beaufort county, in which he had made "a fierce onslaught upon the State Democracy." This is the same individual who was chaplain for the penitentiary for awhile under Fusion misrule, and whose exposure is still remembered by all who read the papers then.

The other item was that our Democratic directors of the penitentiary had, from the profits of the penitentiary, bought up the \$61,000 worth of bonds which had been issued for the purchase of the penitentiary farms.

Thus, one item showed that the same old gang who disgraced the State during Fusion misrule were again striving to capture our good old State. The other item showed how differently the penitentiary is now being managed under Democratic rule. Let Democrats, who are becoming weak kneed, think of these things.

A negro has been elected as one of the two delegates from the District of Columbia to the next national Republican convention. This is very significant and proves that the negroes, wherever they are, can wield any political power, divide political honors with them.

Neither whites nor blacks can vote in the District of Columbia, except in electing delegates to the national conventions of the political parties. Two delegates are allowed in the national Republican convention and two in the national Democratic convention, and when the Republicans recently elected their two delegates, of course one of them had to be a negro!

As long as negroes were allowed to vote in North Carolina they were elected delegates to all Republican conventions as well as to Congress and the Legislature, and if they could vote now they would still be elected not only to Republican conventions but to the Legislature.

LAST Tuesday was "Memorial Day," which is observed on every tenth of May in memory of our Confederate dead. That day is selected because it is the anniversary of the death of Stonewall Jackson. On that day appropriate memorial exercises are held in most of the towns in this State, and they ought to be held in every town and village.

Although nearly forty years have elapsed since the close of the war, yet the memory of our fallen heroes is as fresh and green in our hearts today as nature's foliage, and as fragrant as the beautiful flowers with which loving hands bedeck their graves.

THE Japanese have thus far been successful both by land and sea. At last they have Port Arthur hemmed in by land and sea. A large force has been landed in the rear of that city and cut off all further communication by land. No provisions or reinforcements can now reach the beleaguered fortress. The harbor has been, after several attempts, successfully obstructed by sinking ships in the channel. The latter feat was a most daring one and was accomplished in the face of a most destructive fire from the Russian batteries.

JUDGE Walter Clark's brother, Mr. E. T. Clark, of Halifax county, has renounced his Republicanism and has returned to the Democratic party. He was a fusion senator in the Legislature of 1897, and until last week was chairman of the Republican executive committee in Halifax.

There are many others like him, who will return to the Democratic party, when they see the same old Republican leaders getting control of the Republican party. The Republican party in North Carolina is still controlled by the old revenue ring and federal officers.

Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent. I Washington, May 5, 1904.

The Congress which "has done nothing but spent money" has dispersed itself to forty-five states and four territories and two islands of the sea. Beyond making appropriations it has done barely two of the forty or fifty things it came prepared to do. The required legislation must wait upon party exigency. Four territories applied for admission to the Union as States. They can wait. The Panama canal zone is in a state of anarchy. Laws it gravely needs; but it can wait. Alaska is practically without courts of justice and Senator Nelson declared the other day in righteous wrath that Congress had "not done a dam thing" for Alaska. (Allusion was thus probably made to the tinker's dam—a slight obstruction which tin-smiths make in their soldering pot to prevent the solder from spreading.) But Alaska can wait. Porto Ricans will enjoy for a while longer their inability to be naturalized as American citizens or to practice law. Congress must hurry home. Porto Rico can wait. The people were promised that the trusts would have a terrible over-hauling. But the trusts have given notice that they can wait. Republicans felt that to tackle any of these matters was playing with the fire—dangerous business. Besides, they hadn't time.

It has been settled at last that Mr. Hearst is not confined to The Journal and American as a means of expression. He was cornered in the Judiciary Committee the other day to defend his resolution calling for the punishment of the more rapacious trusts, and he showed clearly, in a few well directed sentences, that he knew what he was talking about and could give the committee a variety of points. He was self-possessed, tactful and vigorous, was not too dignified to use slang or too grave to crack jokes, keeping the purpose of his resolutions all the while in his mind. It was discovered that he had vocal organs and even lung power, and was not merely a "yellow peril." His epigrammatic remark about the Attorney-General having sat on the coal trust evidence for eighteen months "like an old hen trying to hatch a door knob," has taken its place among the tropes of history.

Columbian University in this city is being revolutionized. To avoid the ambiguity occasioned by the resemblance of its name to the Columbia University of New York City, the trustees have resolved that it shall be known as the George Washington University. Moreover, it will be moved from its present site half a mile southward, down back of the State, War and Navy Department; and it will get enough for its old building opposite the Shoreman to erect several far finer ones on the new locality. Eight magnificent marble buildings will be constructed, surrounding the site of David Burn's cottage, and it is believed that the University will assume a new position among the educational institutions of America.

The old Riggs Bank, opposite the Treasury, is being demolished and the historic structure is now little more than a memory. It was built by Nicholas Biddle during Monroe's administration and sheltered the famous United States Bank. Its public functions ceased when Robert B. Tney, by direction of Andrew Jackson, removed the deposits. On its site will be erected the most spacious financial temple in Washington.

A couple of months ago Governor Taft, proconsul of the Philippines, told your correspondent that he was in favor of freedom for the Filipinos when they were "fit for it." Now, he charges the hundreds of statesmen, scholars and college presidents with "intermeddling" because they favor self-government there. Intermeddle, indeed, upon what meat doth this our Caesar feed? Is this the language of a servant of the Republic?

The enforcement of the exclusion act against Chinese immigration is accompanied with serious abuses. A case is before the Immigration Bureau here of the editor of a Chinese paper in San Francisco. After living in this country many years he went to Pekin on business and on his return was forbidden to land, on the ground that he was neither a teacher, a merchant, nor a tourist, as the law requires. He protested that he was a teacher, being an editor and also a teacher of a Chinese Sunday school. Knox and Cortelyou have combined to turn him down, and he is at this moment imprisoned on the wharf at San Francisco almost within sight of his property, and has been there for four months.

Senator Burrows' committee investigating the Smoot case has adjourned its hearing indefinitely but will go junketing to Utah. Miss Clara Barton is very anxious to get out of the tangle resulting from not reporting or auditing the Red Cross funds. She is willing to compromise if she can remain president.

Severe storms in Texas, last week, killed several persons and destroyed much property.

The Battle of Kin-Lien-Cheng.

St. Petersburg, May 8.—The Emperor has received a dispatch from Gen. Kurapatkin giving the report of Lieut. Zassalitch of the Russian losses in the battle of Kin-Lien-Cheng. The report states that Major General Kastabinski was injured in the head by a stone. The brunt of the fighting, Gen. Zassalitch says, was borne by the Eleventh and Twelfth Rifle Regiments and the Twenty-second Regiment. The fighting was so desperate that Russian regiments were obliged to make several counter attacks and to cut a way for themselves with the bayonet against their enemy, who was five times stronger than the Russians, and was supported by very numerous artillery.

In this fight, so terrible, but glorious for the Eleventh and Twelfth Regiments, the losses in killed were four officers, including the commander of the Eleventh and 481 non-commissioned officers and men, and a chaplain, while 700 were left on the field.

Gen. Zassalitch confirms the reports of the enormous mortality among the artillery horses, and concludes his report as follows: "Our losses on April 30 and May 1 altogether amounted to 70 superior and subaltern officers, and 2,384 killed, wounded or taken prisoners. This total, 1,081, were left on the battlefield, but it is not known whether they were killed or wounded.

"In consequence of the heavy losses in men and battery horses and the difficulties encountered in the roadless country, it was almost absolutely impossible to bring away the guns and machine."

The list encloses an exact statement of the forces under Zassalitch. Gen. Kurapatkin says the Japanese forces were five times greater and far superior in artillery to the Russian forces.

The casualties show that one-fifth of Zassalitch's command was placed out of action. The Eleventh and Twelfth Regiments lost more than half their men in the fight. The third battery of the Third Artillery Brigade was almost annihilated, losing eighty-eight killed or wounded, and seventy-two out of one hundred and ten horses. The second battery of the Sixth Brigade lost (figures missing) in killed and wounded and one hundred and eight out of one hundred and ten horses. The third battery of the Sixth Brigade lost twenty-four killed or wounded and forty-three horses. Of the machine gun detachment only twenty-six were not killed or wounded.

The name of the priest of the Eleventh Regiment who led the gallant charge, and who was among the wounded, is H. E. Tischerbackofsky, of the Orthodox Greek Church.

Gen. Kurapatkin says that no prisoners were taken by the Japanese, but he admits that seven officers and 579 men were left on the field, but it is not known whether they were wounded or dead. The only gleam of brightness in the dark cloud overshadowing the East lies in the official information from Major General Pfling that Port Arthur is not yet blocked by the Japanese. How this information was obtained the officials will not say, but they insist that it is reliable.

Young Wentz's Body Found.

Bristol, Va., May 9.—The body of E. L. Wentz, discovered in the mountains near Kelleyville, Wise county, Va. Sunday afternoon by Dave Raleigh, a miner, employed at Blackwood, Va., while hunting a lost cow, lies tonight identically as it was first seen, and around it stand a guard of twenty-five men.

The place in which the body lies has recently been burned off by forest fires and his hair and clothing scorched. The body is lying about thirty feet from the mountain path and is now easily seen for a hundred feet. Last fall when the searching party was held, the spot was hidden by undergrowth and leaves. The color of his clothing is so much like that of the logs upon which the head rests that the searchers failed to find him last fall, though they passed within 20 feet of him. Numbers of men have recently passed near the spot without discovering the body, though from all appearances there seems no doubt that it has lain there all the time. Hundreds of people visited the spot last night and today.

Heroic Act of James Shay.

Scranton, Pa., May 8.—James Shay, engineer at the Blue Ridge colliery, did a heroic act last night. With flames all about him and a hose company playing a stream of water to keep his clothing from taking fire, he stood at the lever in the fiercely burning engine house and safely hoisted 15 men to the surface. A moment after he staggered out of the building with his face and hands badly blistered, the roof of the building falling in. The engine room, house and tower were completely destroyed.

A young white man from this State, who is employed in the government printing office at Washington, objected to a negro setting type from the same case with him, but was told he must leave if he objected, for Roosevelt would not allow any distinction between the races.

Russians Retreating.

Shan Hai Won, May 8.—It is reported here that there has been severe fighting at Fen Wang Cheng, in which the Japanese were victorious. They took many prisoners.

The Russians are retreating toward Hai Cheng, thirty-two miles east by north of New Chwang, and are evacuating the western side of Liao Tung peninsula.

On Thursday and Saturday of last week the Japanese landed 10,000 men at Kinchau Bay, 10,000 at Foo Chou Bay, 7,000 at Pitewo. They occupied the towns of Wa Fun Tien and Pu Lantien, and destroyed several miles of railroad. Heavy firing has been heard in the direction of Kai Chau, where Japanese troops have been seen recently.

The isolation of Port Arthur is complete. Sixteen Japanese warships protected the landing of troops at Kin Chau Bay, directing a sweeping fire over the narrow isthmus before the soldiers disembarked. Seventy-five Russians who were wounded in this fighting were brought on the last train to arrive there. Food is scarce at Muckden. The troops are eating bean cakes.

Tokio, May 8, 12 m.—Last Friday, after sharp cavalry skirmishes at Ehrbitsun, Santsuin and other places, a detachment of Gen. Kurapatkin's army took Fen Wang Cheng.

The Russians before retiring exploded the magazine, but left large quantities of hospital stores, which are being used by the Japanese hospitals. Refugees from the woods and small villages are constantly surrendering. The Russians buried many of their dead.

Natives in the city of Fen Wang Cheng say that last Monday the Russians carried about 800 wounded through that place and their casualties probably were above 3,000.

St. Petersburg, May 8.—Gen. Kurapatkin has sent the following telegram under date of May 7th: "Lieutenant General Zassalitch today reports that the enemy's cavalry and units of their advance guard occupied Fen Wang Cheng today."

"Two companies and two squadrons of their force proceeded toward Chuan-diap-Tse. Our cavalry and units withdrew toward Schliudjane. A third division, advancing by the valley of the Ai river, occupied a position near Khuandiap-Tse and posted batteries to fire upon Fen Wang Cheng, counting upon finding our troops there."

"The Japanese advanced slowly and very cautiously upon Fen Wang Cheng."

Government of Panama Canal Strip.

Washington, May 9.—The President's formal instructions to the canal commission were issued late this afternoon. They are embodied in a letter to the Secretary of War. Among other things the commission is authorized to make all needful rules and regulations for the government of the zone. To establish a civil service for the government of the strip; to make and cause to be executed after due advertisement all necessary contracts for any and all kinds of engineering and construction works; to make rules and regulations regarding a comprehensive system of book-keeping, showing the state of the work, and expenditures by classes and the amounts still available.

The inhabitants of the isthmian canal zone are to be guaranteed security in their persons, property and religion, and in all their private rights and relations, while the municipal laws of the canal zone are to be administered by the ordinary tribunals substantially as they were before the change. The commission is authorized to appoint temporarily a judge for the canal zone, to have authority equivalent to that usually exercised in Latin countries by a judge of a court of first instance, and also to appoint additional or appellate judges should the public interest require.

Major General Davis, who is to be the governor of the canal zone, is directed to see that the laws are faithfully executed, and is vested with power to grant reprieves and pardons. In sudden exigencies he may call on any available military or naval force of the United States for assistance.

The President urges the adoption of approved and effective methods for the improvement of health conditions on the isthmus as was done in Cuba and Porto Rico.

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The primaries will be held in the several precincts at 3 o'clock p. m., on Saturday, the 21st, for the purpose of sending delegates to the county convention. Each precinct can send as many delegates as it may deem proper, but will be allowed to cast only the number of votes allowed under the plan of organization.

The primaries will also elect five committeemen for each precinct, who will also attend the convention for the purpose of electing an executive committee and a chairman.

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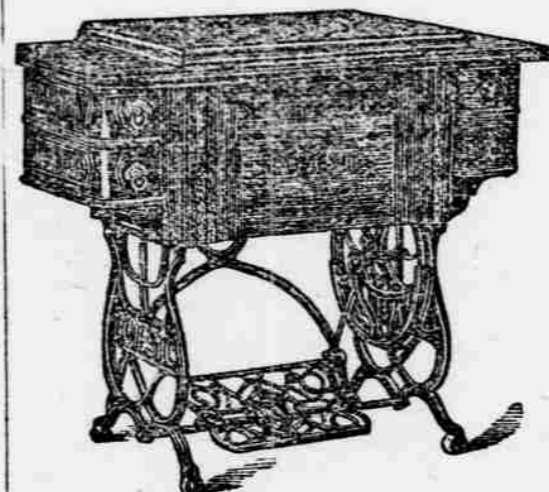
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