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**THE WAR.**

Russia's troubles at home have, for the time being, at least, overshadowed in the public mind the war in the Far East, and there is but meagre information regarding the latter. The expected battle of consequence has not occurred, but the Japs have continued the movement of men and guns from Port Arthur to the line of battle on the Sha River, and by this time are doubtless ready to meet all the troops which Kuropatkin can put forward. It is stated that the Chinese residents are moving out of Mukden, believing that active hostilities will soon occur in that vicinity.

The Russian raiding force which interrupted communication with New Chwang for a short time appears to have made its escape. There was a report in the early part of last week to the effect that it had been captured, but this has not been confirmed, and little attention was apparently paid to the story.

Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet is still apparently on its way to the zone of hostilities, but at its present rate of progress it will not reach there for three months, so that there is hardly any likelihood that it will keep on.

According to some writers, the plan of campaign of the Japanese includes a movement upon Vladivostok, the northern naval base, or a point near there at the same time that the forward movement is undertaken against Kuropatkin.

Later information from Port Arthur detracts considerably from the bravery of General Stoessel, and the populace and soldiers are represented as being vigorous in their denunciation of his course in surrendering. The claim is made that while ammunition was running low, it was not exhausted, and that Stoessel had 31,000 effective troops to man the forts. The correspondent of the Associated Press with the Japanese, an American newspaper man formerly in the service of the association at San Francisco, in a recent dispatch, after an examination of the lately besieged city, says that food had by no means been exhausted, and that a good meal was available immediately after the fall of the fortress. He also told of disgraceful scenes on the part of the Russian soldiers, who could not be controlled after it became known that General Stoessel had surrendered. It would seem, however, that there was nothing remarkable about this, for the men had doubtless been under a considerable strain, and when they at last felt the pressure removed they were driven to act somewhat after the fashion of volunteers in the United States sometimes do—sacking liquor shops and stealing things simply because they could. General Stoessel set sail from Shanghai a few days ago for home, accompanied by a number of other paroled officers. The remainder of the surrendered force that was able to be moved are in camp near Nagasaki, where they will likely remain until the war ends—a date which is uncertain, but which is doubtless hastened by reason of the present troubles in St. Petersburg.

Were it not so generally believed that the Russian government is corrupt from the lowest official to the highest, that in its dealing with foreign government as well as with its own people, it does things that no good citizen can countenance, the whole civilized world would probably at this time sympathize with it. It has been badly whipped by a power that was until this time rated as second or third class among the military forces of the earth, while Russia herself has apparently kept other nations at bay for years by reason of her supposed strength and now the people at home are rising against their rulers and perhaps as an outcome of the war in the East a well-nigh successful attempt to wipe out the whole Romanoff dynasty was made last week. Indeed these be dark times for Russia and he will be a strong man in the fullest meaning of the term who will bring her ship of the State to a peaceful anchorage. Despite all the trouble, all the loss of life and the great expense, the final outcome of this can hardly be other than beneficial to the Russians and to the world at large. Things could, as a matter of fact, hardly be worse in the Czar's domains and the conflict in the Far East is probably back of all of the unrest now permeating the empire, with St. Petersburg as the natural center. As to the benefit to the world at large, that is of incalculable degree.

The latest news from St. Petersburg indicates that Russia will likely take speedy steps to end the war on account of the serious conditions at home. As to this, however, of course all is conjecture at present, but that the matter will have a more or less emphatic bearing on affairs in the Far East there is little room for doubt.—Charlotte Observer.

**TRYON NOTES**

W. J. Gaines has Purchased Marshal Wilson Residence—Miss M. Gilbert Building Handsome Residence—Other Notes.

C. W. Ballenger was a visitor in Spartanburg, Friday.

R. B. Engle made a business trip to Asheville, Thursday.

O. Speir, of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, visited his mother and sister here the past month.

G. H. Holmes, proprietor of the Tryon Supply Company, is in town on business.

Mrs. Godshaw and daughter Miss Addie, are visiting in Kentucky.

W. J. Gaines has bought Marshal Wilson's residence on the Lynn road.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hester have gone to Washington, D. C., for a few days.

F. M. Burgess and family, of Columbus, visited relatives in Tryon, Sunday.

W. J. Kremer, manager of the Border State Lumber Company has gone to Norfolk, Va., on business.

Contractor Gaines is erecting a handsome residence for Miss M. Gilbert, near Mr. Freeman's property. Let the good work go on.

**CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE NOTES**

Eureka Society Entertained the Eutopian Society last Thursday Night—Good Work being done by Betterment Society—Other Notes.

The Eureka Society entertained the members of the Eutopian Society last Thursday evening. A short program was rendered after which refreshments were served. Everything passed off pleasantly and all seemed to enjoy the occasion.

Mrs. Whiteside, Miss Morgan and Mr. Shipman, spent Sunday in Spartanburg, S. C. Spartanburg seems to be a very attractive place.

Miss Zerma Sitton and Messrs. Cephas Sitton and W. T. Merritt visited Mr. J. D. Carpenter Saturday and Sunday, and, as usual, had a good time.

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Having qualified as administrator of James Rich, deceased, late of Polk county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of January, 1905, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. W. H. McFARLAND, J. P. Morris, Att'y. Administrator. This 11th day of Jan. 1905. 2-23

**MORTGAGE SALE.**

By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage executed on the 13th day of January 1904, by Coleman Bradley and wife Lathia Bradley, to W. C. Newman, to secure an indebtedness of forty-seven dollars and fifteen cents (\$47.15), which mortgage is of record in Polk county in book 2, at page 52 of the records of mortgage deeds for said county, and which became due and payable on the 13th day of January, 1905, and default having been made in the payment of the same, I will on

Monday, February 20th, 1905,

within the legal hours of sale, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, costs and expenses added, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in Columbus, the property conveyed by said mortgage and described as follows: Lying and being in the county of Polk and state of North Carolina, adjoining lands of Calvin Phillips, J. C. Waldrop and others and bounded as follows: Beginning at an iron-wood on the creek, Calvin Phillips corner, and runs with J. C. Waldrop's line S 29° W 37 poles to a chestnut stump, his corner; thence S 43° E 64 poles to a stake in old road; thence with road N 68° E 10 poles to a pine; thence N 8° E 12 poles to a cedar bush by fence; thence N 18° E 40 poles to a poplar by a spring; thence N 45° E 4 poles to a stake on branch bank; thence up the meanders of the creek to the beginning, containing twenty-six acres, more or less.

W. C. NEWMAN, J. E. Shipman, Att'y. Mortgagee. This 19th day of January, 1905. 2-9

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS.**

North Carolina, Polk County. In Superior Court, Before Clerk.

T. M. Cudd and wife, M. M. Cudd; J. E. Wyatt and wife, M. J. Wyatt; Thos. Smith and wife, M. E. Smith; S. A. Smith, B. L. Steadman and E. E. Steadman; the said B. L. and E. E. Steadman petitioning through their next friend, F. M. Burgess, vs. L. R. Lancaster, Claud Lancaster, Floy Lancaster, Janie Lancaster, Mabel Lancaster, Othiller Lancaster, Carl Lancaster, Justin Lancaster and Thomas Lancaster.

The above named defendants will take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Polk County to sell for division the lands of which J. T. Lancaster, deceased, died seized and possessed and of which the above named plaintiffs and defendants as his heirs-at-law are now seized as tenants in common; said lands lying and being in the State and county aforesaid, adjoining lands of S. A. Smith, Henry Green, Thomas Hayes and others and being lands devised by A. B. Lancaster, deceased, to C. B. Lancaster, R. L. Lancaster and J. T. Lancaster, by the last will and testament of the said A. B. Lancaster, which is of record in Book No. 1, at Page 102, of the records of wills for Polk county; and conveyed by the said C. B. and L. R. Lancaster to the said J. T. Lancaster by deed dated February 14th, 1891, and of record in Polk county in Book No. 11, at Page 345, of the records of Deeds for Polk county; said tract containing one hundred acres more or less and known as the A. B. Lancaster homestead. And the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear and answer or demur to the petition of plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the petition.

This 26 day of December, 1904. J. P. ARLEDGE, Clerk Superior Court. 2-9

**JAS. P. MORRIS**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

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**NOTICE OF SUMMONS.**

State of North Carolina, } In Superior Court,  
County of Polk, } Spring Term, 1905  
Claud Corner } Notice of Publication  
vs. } of Summons.  
Sandy Corner }

The defendant, Mrs. Sandy Corner, the above named defendant will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior court of Polk county, to obtain a dissolution of the bonds of matrimony between plaintiff and defendant on the grounds of fornication and adultery. And the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the next term of the Superior court of Polk county to be held on the 27th day of March, 1905, at the court house in said county, to answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. J. P. ARLEDGE, J. P. Morris, Clerk Superior Court. This 17th day of Jan. 1905. 2-23

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**EXECUTION SALE.**

North Carolina, Polk County, in Superior Court.

Lathia West and J. T. Foster vs. T. J. Davis

Notice of Execution Sale. By virtue of two executions directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Polk County in the cases of Lathia West vs. T. J. Davis and J. T. Foster vs. T. J. Davis, I will

On Monday, February 6th, 1905, within the legal hours of sale at the court house door in said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said executions, all the right, title and interest which the said T. J. Davis, defendant, has in the following described real estate, viz: One tract of land containing fifty acres lying and being in the county of Polk and State of North Carolina and formerly known as the T. J. Davis homestead and bounded as follows: Beginning at a chinquapin in the Columbus and Landrum road, the same being a corner in the Eastern margin of the T. J. Davis tract; thence West 26 1/2 poles; thence South 80 poles; thence East 103 1/2 poles to the Eastern boundary line; North 50, West 80 3/4 poles to the place of beginning.

W. C. ROBERTSON, Sheriff. Columbus, N. C., Dec. 2nd, 1904. 2-2

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