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This ARGUS o'er the people's rights  
Doth an eternal vigil keep

No soothing strains of Maia's sons  
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep.

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## MIDNIGHT ATTACK

### ON PORT ARTHUR BY THE JAPANESE

Was a Fierce One. The Russians Returned Their Fire and at 11 O'Clock the Japanese Retired From Scene.

Port Arthur, March 17.—All is quiet here. The military bands play twice a week in the public gardens here.

Chefoo, Thursday, March 17.—(4 p. m.)—While entering Port Arthur yesterday, the 16th instant, the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skorri, struck upon an unplaced mine and was blown up. Four firemen were saved.

Chefoo, March 17.—A letter from Port Arthur says that the garrison there consists of 2,500 men.

Liao Yang, March 17.—Troops are still concentrating here and are forming guerilla detachments. Prices have risen enormously.

London, March 17.—A correspondent says that the Russians are retreating across the Yalu river before the advance of the Japanese outposts.

London, March 18.—Under date of March 17 the Chefoo correspondent of the Standard reports that provision trains are arriving hourly at Port Arthur, the railway being intact.

Tokio, March 17.—Russian and Japanese mounted scouts met north of Ping Yang yesterday. After a brief engagement the Russians retreated.

London, March 19.—(Saturday)—Again there is no news from the Far East printed in this morning's paper with the exception of vague rumors of unsuccessful attempts of the Port Arthur and Vladivostok fleets to join hands.

The New Chwang correspondent of the Times cabling under yesterday's date, asserts that there are no Japanese north of the Yalu River and that not any of their scouts have been seen there since the beginning of March. On the other hand, the correspondent says, the Russians are reported to have crossed to the south leaving a small force to guard the river.

St. Petersburg, March 18.—The Admiralty has no confirmation of the reported loss of the torpedo boat destroyers Skorri off Port Arthur yesterday.

Moscow, March 18.—Mme. Shtchensovitch has been informed that her husband, the commander of the battleship Retvizan, has become deaf as the result of the cannonading in the repelling of the Japanese assaults on Port Arthur.

Paris, March 18.—The whereabouts of the Russian Vladivostok fleet is a mystery. Seventy-two hours have passed since the ships left Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—Russian troops continue to pour into North Korea. They are in excellent condition. It is said here that typhus fever is raging among the Japanese forces.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—The government has forbidden the transmission of all cipher messages throughout Russia and also abroad, as a military measure.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—The Foreign Office gives an absolute denial to the statement telegraphed from here that Korea is regarded as belligerent.

Yin Kow, March 21.—The German Consul at New Chang yesterday notified all the German subjects there that if they remained he could not guarantee them protection.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—A telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar in regard to the bombardment of Port Arthur:

"At midnight of March 21, two of the enemy's torpedo boats approached the outer roadstead but were soon discovered by the searchlights of the batteries and fired upon by the forts and by the gunboats Bobr add Otva-zuy. They were obliged to retire.

"A second attack was made at 4 o'clock in the morning by three torpedo boats, which also were repulsed.

"At 6 o'clock our squadron commenced to leave the inner harbor, the cruisers leading, with the Askold flying my flag at their head, and the battleships following.

"Our shells, fired at a range of eighty cables, were well placed. At 10 o'clock a Japanese battleship was struck by a shell and retired.

"We lost no men during the bombardment, which ceased at 11 o'clock, when enemy's ships re-assembled and after passing along the outer roadstead drew off without attacking our fleet."

London, March 23.—A correspondent of the Times at Tokio under yesterday's date cables that it is rumored that the Japanese have succeeded in blockading the entrance to Port Arthur.

London, March 23.—The Daily Telegraph's Seoul correspondent, reports the rising of a mob of Koreans against Japanese soldiers at Samung, north of Gensan. The Japanese dispersed the mob, killing five men and wounding twenty.

### Letter to G. W. Brown.

Goldsboro, N. C.

Dear Sir: There are these five ways of badness in paint:

- (1) stuffed-out with chalk, or something like that;
- (2) barytes, better than chalk, but no covering to it; nobody knows it's there;
- (3) benzine in the oil, or water, or other such stuffing;
- (4) too thin—too much liquid, whatever it is, for the solid;
- (5) short measure;

Now will you buy by the price per "gallon?"

We furnish our agents with a state chemist's certificate of analysis that tells what's in Devos.

Yours truly,  
F. W. DEVOS & CO.

P. S.—Smith & Yelverton sell our paint.

### ELLIS TRIAL POSTPONED.

Wilson, N. C., March 18.—Magistrates W. J. Eason and T. R. Eagles at Saratoga postponed the trial of Ellis until Tyson, whose condition continues favorable, is able to appear in court.

Judge Fred Moore will to-morrow at ten o'clock hear the motion by counsel of the Stancil boys for bail. The Stancils are now in jail.

San Francisco, March 21.—The trial began to-day of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin for the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning by poisoned candy, which, it is claimed, she sent by mail from this city to Dover, Delaware. On the first trial five years ago, Mrs. Botkin was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment, but appealed.

**D. W. H. WAKEFIELD,** of Charlotte, N. C., will be in Goldsboro, at Hotel Kennon, on Tuesday, April 5th, for one day only. His practice is limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, and Fitting Glasses. Happenings of a Week in this Thriving City.

**REMOVAL NOTICE**—Mr. H. B. Parker, Jr., attorney-at-law, has moved his office from the court house to the new office building in rear of Mr. I. F. Dortch's law office on the court house square, where he will be glad to see all of his old friends, both in a social and business way. Loans negotiated and collections promptly attended to.

**FOR RENT!**—A six-room house on Mulberry St., West, near George St. Possession given April 1st. Apply to Mrs. K. L. Hurtt 113 George St., North.

## A PECULIAR WILL.

### A MOTHER CUTS HER CHILD OFF IN WILL.

There is a Clause in the Document Directing the Executor to Purchase Her Daughter a Calico Dress.

Asheville, N. C., March 21.—There was an interesting will offered for probate in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Buncombe county Saturday afternoon. It was the last will and testament of Mrs. Samantha Wilson, a well known resident of Asheville, who died several months ago. Although Mrs. Wilson's estate is quite valuable, by the terms of the will she cuts her daughter, Mrs. Clara Featherstone, off with a "calico dress" and bequeaths all her personal property to Miss O. Chatam, of Elkin, Surry county.

For several years before her death Mrs. Wilson entertained a strong dislike for her daughter by reason, it is said, of litigation between the deceased and her husband, and as a result of this dislike Mrs. Featherstone was not given a child's part. The clause in the will relating to the part the daughter shall receive is as follows:

"I direct that my executor herein-after named, purchase one calico dress of the value of one dollar and give it to my daughter, Mrs. Clara M. Featherstone."

The deceased assigns as the cause for this unusual action the manner in which she alleges she was treated by her daughter.

### LIFE'S REAL DUTY.

On the whole, we are inclined to the belief that any one who thinks the world is growing worse must have either a very limited outlook, or else be something of a mental hypochondriac. And the way to make the world grow better, anyhow, is not by crying out that it is growing worse.

Optimism is a duty which every man owes to himself and to his neighbor. Not random, driveling optimism, which is a species of hypocrisy, frequently affected, but the real kind, which sees the bad in the world and the good in the world at the same time, and in their proper relations: which goes quietly and hopefully to work, without getting hysterical about the matter, at doing all that it can to remedy or prevent the one; and which can enjoy the presence of the other in a light-hearted manner.

And the next best thing to being optimistic, if you can't be really so, is to pretend you are—to put up a rattling good bluff at it in the face of life, death, time and eternity.

### WOOD CONFIRMED.

Washington, March 18.—Leonard Wood, Brigadier General U. S. A., was to-day confirmed to be a Major General by the Senate by a vote of 45 to 16. The vote was taken, of course, in executive session, and while the result was made public the roll call was not. The only Republicans voting against General Wood's confirmation were Messrs. Scott, of West Virginia and Kittridge, of South Dakota. The Democrats voting for General Wood were Messrs. Cockrell and Pettus, of the committee on military affairs, Dubois, of Idaho, Patterson, of Colorado and Clarke, of Arkansas.

**\$100—Dr. E. Detchon's Anti-Diuretic** may be worth to you more than \$100 if you have a child who soils bedding from incontinence of water during sleep. Cures old and young alike. It arrests the trouble at once. \$1. Sold by M. E. Robinson & Bro. druggists, Goldsboro.

## GOSSIP OF THE WORLD.

### TERMS OF INTEREST FROM DIVERS SOURCES.

The Latest Telegraphic News of the Day Boiled Down to a Focus For Busy Readers.

The Colombian army of invasion has struck for its pay and have gone home.

Russian taxes rise as Russian ships sink. The Japs may next raise their scalps.

The Republican party seems to be rent in New York if not rent in twain.

Money is the root of all evil except the evil which lack of money is the root of.

We are selling Russia our canned meat, but Japan is apt to be the receiver.

It might have been better for the Mormon church had it kept out of politics.

Korea knows that she is an orphan, but she does not know who is her guardian.

There are hopeful indications that the common people will eat eggs on Easter, after all.

Looks now as if the majority in Congress ought to be mad enough to investigate the Postoffice Department.

The New York man who married his mother-in-law is not suing for a divorce. He has simply mysteriously disappeared.

The Russians must feel relieved to have finally been permitted to bid that dear General Kuropatkin a final farewell. He's off.

The Iroquois Theatre in Chicago, is to be reopened. Why not follow Richmond's example and reopen it as a memorial church.

The fact that Mr. Carnegie has renewed his great gift enterprise is taken to mean that the iron industry is about to take on new life.

Daniel J. Sully, like many other speculators, has discovered that there is a vast difference between cash in hand and paper profits.

That postoffice investigation doubtless makes some Congressmen feel like a man on horseback—when the animal rears up and falls backward.

It is said that when the Czar read a letter from Kaiser Bill he "burst into tears." Wonder how a letter from War Lord Teddy would affect him?

Mr. Cleveland rejoices in the details of home life at Princeton. That is further notice to people to stop talking about him in connection with the presidency. He wants to hear no more about it.

The failure of Daniel J. Sully, the "Cotton King," recalls a striking definition of futures which was once given by an observant man in Congress, viz: Buying what you don't want from a man who hasn't got it.

Uncle Sam would save money by paying Teddy \$75,000 per annum if the raise would stop the perquisite grat. It is said the present tenant of the white house has worked more "extras" out of the United States treasury than all the presidents since Grant combined.

Says Mme. Patti, by way of explaining her abrupt departure from these shores: "The trouble of the whole matter lies in the fact that there are not enough big cities in America." Too bad! The diva carried only \$200,000 back to Wales with her, representing forty cities at \$5,000 each. But, maybe, a lot of the disappointed towns will come to the \$5,000 scratch before the madame discontinues her farewell tours.

Chicago, March 21.—Ruddy Ryan was to-night given the decision over Jack O'Keefe after six rounds of fighting.

Lynchburg, Va., March 21.—Ernest Murphy has been arrested here charged with shooting Chief of Police Miller, of Salisbury, N. C., March 12.

The Russian name "Vladivostok" means "I conquer the East." We didn't know before that the Russian sense of humor was so highly developed.

King Menelik is seeking President Roosevelt with a hyena and other wild beasts, and the President already has the G. O. P. elephant on his hands.

Boston, March 21.—The first edition of a daily newspaper established in this city to-day under the name "Hearst's Boston American and New York Journal."

Norfolk, Va., March 21.—Twenty thousand tons of coal are being shipped to the Japanese navy from the Lambert's Point coal piers. Four of the vessels which will carry the fuel fly the British flag.

Washington, March 21.—Congressman Charles Winton Thompson, of the fifth district of Alabama, died at his apartments at the Metropolitan Hotel at 3:55 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Two sons survive Congressman Thompson.

Boston, March 21.—Reports from various parts of New England indicate that an earthquake shook was felt this morning in nearly all sections of New England and the maritime province. The extent and severity of the disturbance is said by astronomers to show that it was the most remarkable in twenty years.

### FURNISHES MI-O-NA ON TRIAL.

J. H. Hill & Son's Coupon Offer

That Enables All To Use This Flesh Forming Food Without Risking a Penny.

Anyone who is suffering from dyspepsia or who is thin and under normal weight is urged to take advantage of the following coupon offer that J. H. Hill & Son are making on Mi-o-na, the flesh forming food:

### COUPON.

This coupon entitles any reader of the ARGUS to have the purchase price of Mi-o-na refunded in case it does increase the weight and cure stomach troubles. We assume all the risk, and Mi-o-na is absolutely free unless it gives satisfaction. J. H. Hill & Son. WE TAKE ALL RISK.

J. H. Hill & Son's offer is made to convince you of their faith in Mi-o-na. This faith is the outcome of actual knowledge of the results following the use of this scientific, flesh forming food. Simply take this coupon to their store, and as an evidence of good faith, deposit fifty cents with them, for which they will give you a receipt. If Mi-o-na fails to cure dyspepsia and give an increase in weight, J. H. Hill & Son will refund the money and the loss will be theirs. If you say the trial has not been satisfactory, there will be no questions asked, but the money you deposited with them will be returned at once.

### Do You Want Strength?

If you want to increase your strength you must add to and not take from the physical. In other words, the food that you eat must be digested, assimilated and appropriated by the nerves, blood and tissues before being expelled from the intestines. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure adds to the physical. It gives strength to and builds up strength in the human system. It is pleasant to the taste and palatable, and the only combination of digestants that will digest the food and enable the system to appropriate all of its health and strength-giving qualities. Sold by Goldsboro Drug Co.

Earnestness alone makes life eternity.

## A TRAGEDY IN HENDERSON.

### CRASH! GOES WATSON'S GUN AND BASKET FALLS

To the Sidewalk Mortally Wounded. The Two Men Had Had An Altercation This Morning at Basket's Farm.

Henderson, N. C., March 19.—A terrible shooting affray took place here this afternoon in front of the postoffice on Main street. Mr. W. T. Watson and Mr. Joseph Basket were the parties engaged, both farmers living near here.

They had an altercation relative to land on Mr. Basket's farm this morning, and Mr. Watson was shot in the neck, but not seriously. He came to Henderson, had his wound dressed and returned home.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the two met in front of the postoffice, Mr. Watson firing at sight. The shot would have penetrated Basket's heart but for Mr. A. C. Zollicoffer, who happened to be near, knocking the barrel of the gun down.

The streets were crowded but none of the load struck any one. Mr. Basket fell just in front of Dr. Tucker's office and was at once attended by the doctors, while Mr. Watson was taken to jail.

Both men are married and have families.

Later—Mrs. Watson did not bring Mr. Watson to town as reported, but came in a carriage to stop him and arrived just as he shot J. B. Basket. The doctors here operated upon Basket, but have given up all hope, as the shot turned upward into his abdomen.

### "LITTLE SORREL"

Brief History of General "Stonewall" Jackson's War Horse.

Richmond Times-Dispatch.

One of the most noted war horses known to history in the annals of the Southern Confederacy is the chestnut gelding Fancy, or "Little Sorrel," as the horse was affectionately named by the second corps. He was owned by General T. J. Jackson, who fell from Little Sorrel's back at Chancellorsville mortally wounded, after riding him safely through the battles of First Manassas, Kernstown, McDowell, Winchester, Port Republic, Cross Keys, on the Chickahominy, at Cedar Mountain, Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Harper's Ferry, Fredericksburg, and at last at Chancellorsville.

General T. J. Jackson, "Stonewall," was wounded on this horse on the night of May 2, 1863, and passed away seven days later, aged 39 years. After General Jackson was wounded, Little Sorrel escaped into the Federal lines, and was recaptured the following morning by the second corps, under command of J. E. B. Stuart. Little Sorrel was presented to the Soldiers' Home, Richmond, Va., in 1864, by General Jackson's widow, Mrs. Mary Anna Jackson, of Charlotte, N. C. He was exhibited at the New Orleans Exposition in 1885, after which he was returned to the Soldiers' Home, where he died in November, 1887, at the age of thirty-six years. After his death the body of Little Sorrel was carefully prepared by a taxidermist, and now, mounted and shown in a glass case, forms an object of interest to visitor from many different sections and climes.

### It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25cts. Sold by J. H. Hill & Son, druggists.