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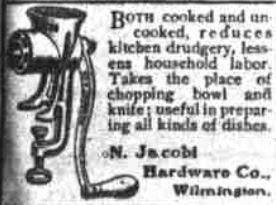
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TO SEIZE ALL KOREA

Japan Keeping Russian Fleet Bottled Up in Port Arthur.

The Japanese Will Act as a Unit in Supporting the Plans of the Government for Prosecuting the War.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington, Monday says information has reached here that nearly 20,000 Japanese troops were landed at Chemulpo Sunday, the first division of a large number which will be thrown into Korea as rapidly as possible, in the effort to occupy the strategic points in the Hermit Kingdom while the Russian fleet is bottled up in Port Arthur. By one conversant with the Japanese plans it is stated that the reports attacks on Port Arthur are not for the purpose of seizing that place at present unless an unexpected weakness in the fortifications there should develop. They are part of a well-defined plan for the harassing of the Russian fleet until Korea can be occupied.

Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister at Washington, has officially advised his government that he is receiving numerous offers of large contributions to the war fund from Americans and requests instructions as to the policy of the government in the matter. It is considered probable that Japan will refuse to accept this proffered aid, while stating that the government is deeply gratified at this and other expressions of American sympathy.

The Cabinet will consider the question and formally instruct Minister Takahira shortly. Many applications for permission to enlist in the Japanese army and navy are coming from various parts of the world. Some of those anxious to fight for Japan have applied personally to the military authorities here. Among the number is included a Turkish officer. All of these applications have been politely but firmly refused. No foreigners will be allowed to participate in the military or naval operations of Japanese except as spectators.

A detailed report of his battle at Port Arthur had not been received from Admiral Togo by the Navy Department and the public is, as yet, without the full particulars of the engagement. A letter from one of the men who participated in the naval fight says that the torpedo attack succeeded through a clever feint. The majority of the vessels comprising the torpedo flotilla maneuvered in front of the Russian line and held its attention, while the rest of the torpedo boats worked around to the rear and got close to the enemy before being discovered. Then they fired their destructive missiles and scurried away from danger as quickly as possible. No further news of the Russian Vladivostok squadron has been received here. It is thought to have returned to the port of Vladivostok in preference to risking a fight or exhausting its fuel.

Enormous military activities continue but the government carefully conceals its plans and does not indicate the date of any projected movement. Although every moment of delay enables the Russians to become better prepared for the conflict, the Japanese apparently are unconcerned and confident. They fully realize that the limited capacity of the Trans-Siberian Railway, the distance of the Russians from their base of supplies and the lack of communication by sea sets limitations on the proposed accomplishments of Russia in Manchuria and Siberia. They feel that no danger attaches in that quarter and are awaiting the completion of Japanese naval program.

Inquiry was made over the phone from Charlotte yesterday whether some of the cotton mills of Gastonia were not shutting down and curtailing. Not at all, says the Gastonia Gazette. Plenty of cotton, coal, steam, operatives, and orders. Only thing we have to stop for is Sunday and hot days.

BILL NYE'S GRAVE

At Fletcher, North Carolina, is Sadly Neglected.

Considerable surprise was occasioned recently at Asheville, N. C., by a brief item which appeared in one of the local papers stating that the grave of Bill Nye, humorist, which is in the graveyard of a country church near Fletcher, N. C., thirteen miles from Asheville, was unmarked by a stone of any kind, says a correspondent to the St. Louis Republic.

The story was denied by friends of the family, but the fact remains that the grave of the great humorist, whose deep sympathy for the neglected and the weak was the basis of his delicate humor, is undistinguishable from the "old field" in which it is located save by an empty bottle, thrust mouth down, into the sod at the head of the grave, and a loose stone placed probably by accident, at the foot.

Bill Nye, or Edgar Wilson Nye, was well known to the country folk for miles around his residence, Buckholls, situated a mile from Calvary church, and the identity of his grave is undisputed. He was sociable with his country neighbors, who revered his memory. The grave mound has sunk to scarcely above the sod, and in a few years there will be nothing to distinguish its location from the surrounding field. In Calvary church there is a handsome memorial window, placed there by Mrs. Nye. Why the grave has been neglected no one seems to know. Since her husband's death, it is said, Mrs. Nye, who is in New York, has been unfortunate in her investments. Buckholls, the former home of the Nyes, which is not far away from Calvary church, is a modern frame dwelling house, well equipped with modern conveniences. From its front veranda there is a lovely view of mountain scenery, and a flashing mountain stream makes constant music at the edge of the lawn.

On the grounds is a spacious bathroom, built with an exterior imitation of a log cabin, over whose polished floor the Misses Nye and their friends were wont to glide in many a merry dance during the happy three years the family lived in this ideal country seat.

There is some talk of a local effort to erect a monument, but nothing has been done, and it has been suggested that the general reading public of the nation would be glad of an opportunity to show its affection for the humorist and his purely American humor.

Mr. Nye during his residence at Buckholls was a frequent visitor to Asheville, and his tall, stawart figure was quite familiar to every one in the city.

He used to laugh considerably at the steep grades of the city streets, saying the town was like human life, "Only two ways to go, one up, 'other down."

He did most of his syndicate writing and entertained his intimate friends in the little tower room above the veranda.

A Peculiar Habit

There is one peculiar habit that is followed by men of all vocations and that is the habit of whittling, says the Wilmington Messenger. In nearly every country store on a winter's day, can be found a crowd of men gathered around the fireside and as a rule each man will have a piece of plank whittling on it. The farmer will sit by his fireside and pass the time away by whittling. Let two men lean on a fence and talk for half an hour and if that fence is examined when they leave, it will be found that they have been cutting notches in the planks. The farmers and men in the country usually whittle on plank, the kind they prefer being white pine. In towns, paper is used for whittling purposes. There is possibly no class of men who can chop up more paper than a crowd of lawyers. Visit the court house some evening after court has adjourned and this statement will be found to be true. For the past week there have been four large piles of finely cut paper on the floor each evening. Now there have been a number of attorneys in the court house for the past week, but there were four who appeared in the cases being tried that were specially given to cutting paper. The largest pile of chopped up paper represented the day's physical work of Mr. Herbert McCannemy, following him a close second came Mr. Marston Bellamy, then Solicitor Duffy and last Mr. Tom Davis. To see the floor around the attorney's chairs late in the afternoon after a hard day's legal battle reminds one very much of the floor in a printing office.

A woman's idea of a hero is exemplified in a six-footer with a moustache.

M. A. HANNA DEAD.

The Ohio Statesman Passes Away in Washington.

After an Illness of Only Two Weeks He Succumbs to Typhoid Fever Without Signs of Pain, Surrounded by Family

Marcus A. Hanna, United States Senator from Ohio and one of the foremost figures in American public life, died Monday evening in his apartments at the Arlington Hotel, at 6:40 p. m., of typhoid fever, after an illness of two weeks. He passed away peacefully and without pain after being unconscious since 8 a. m., at which time the first of a series of sinking spells came on, from the last of which he never rallied.

All the members of the family with one or two exceptions, were at the bedside when the end came. They were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Miss Phelps, H. M. Hanna, and Mr. Dover.

During the last hours life was kept in his body only by the use of the most powerful stimulants. President Roosevelt was immediately notified by Postmaster General Payne of Senator Hanna's death.

Mrs. Senator Hanna was not at the bedside when the end came. She had been ill with a severe headache a short time before had been given a narcotic and she went to bed.

Senator Hanna's fatal illness, in its beginning, dated back nearly two months. About the middle of December he informed his friends that he did not feel quite well but declined to take a period of rest. A month later Hanna visited Columbus during the session of the Legislature, which he was re-elected Senator and on returning to Washington was taken ill January 19. His trouble was diagnosed as grip. It was not until February 30 that his illness assumed a serious form. On that day he suffered a congestive chill and two days later, on the fifth, his physicians announced that he had a case of typhoid. As the disease progressed the Senator's condition became more serious and his relatives were sent for. The Senator gradually grew weaker, his pulse rose to 103 and was with difficulty reduced; saline injections and oxygen were administered. On Friday last the Senator was seized with a chill, from which he rallied only to lie on the ground again slowly until the end.

Both houses of Congress adjourned Tuesday immediately upon the announcement of the death of Senator Hanna. No business will be transacted in either house. The usual committees to attend the funeral will be appointed.

The flags on the capitol are at half mast and will remain so until after the funeral. The desk of Senator Hanna in the Senate Chamber will be draped in mourning and remain covered until after he is buried.

There was an official funeral in the Senate Chamber at noon on Wednesday, the body lying in the Senate marble room in the morning. The Senate will adopt resolutions inviting the President, members of the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, the diplomatic corps, the lieutenant general of the army, the admiral of the navy and the house of Representatives to attend the funeral services. Other details are yet to be arranged. It is expected that the Gridiron Club quartette participated in the service and sang the hymns. This will be done on account of Senator Hanna's intimate relations with the club. His last public appearance was at the annual Gridiron dinner.

The Instation of Conscience.

It may be only a coincidence, or a series of them, but it is an incontrovertible fact that American sympathies have always been on the winning side on the foreign wars, says the Philadelphia Telegraph. In the Crimean War of fifteen years ago our sympathies were with France and England, and they won out; in the Franco-Prussian War of 1871 we wanted Germany to win, and win she did; and now in the contest between Japan and Russia, our hearts go out to the plucky little islanders. In each and every one of these cases the philosophers would tell us beforehand that our sympathies were on the wrong side, but the plain people, as Lincoln called them, somehow have a way of opposing their opinions, which the logic of event, and history itself, usually prove to be correct.

Dishes that are washed by machines look it.

STATE NEWS.

The city of Concord, N. C., has decided to put on an electric light plant, to cost \$14,000 or \$15,000.

The Monroe Journal says it isn't unusual for stock dealers there to sell mules at \$400 and \$455 per pair, which shows that mules are as high as 10 cent cotton.

The noted jig law case was argued in the supreme court from Durham Thursday. It was one of the most important of the kind ever presented to the supreme court.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Bankers' Association will meet in Greensboro on February 22 to select a place for holding the next session of the association. It will probably be held at Wrightsville.

Asheville Citizen: The Appalachian Park bill seems to be in danger of being sidetracked. The people of North Carolina should now buckle on their armor and present a united front to the national legislators who threaten to ignore our interests.

The appointment of the second \$100,000 to aid the public schools of the State has been completed. The aggregate is about \$23,000, apportioned among 58 counties. The largest amount given to any one county is \$4,000; the smallest amount \$522.29.

The North Carolina Ice Association held its convention in Raleigh Thursday. E. R. Conner, of Edenton was elected president; N. W. Thompson, of Greensboro, vice president; William Dunn, of Newbern, secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. F. Harrison of this city, is one of the board of directors.

Principal Farrow, of the West Salem public school, who was tried before Magistrate Judge Byrnes and Robinson Thursday afternoon, was fined \$10 for whipping four pupils. Through his counsel, Hon. C. B. Watson, notice of appeal to the Superior Court was given. Lawyers W. M. Henderson and G. H. Hasten represented the prosecution.

H. W. D. Siler, of Siler City, a representative in the State Legislature, is seeking to be the largest rabbit raiser in North Carolina and he probably has the largest rabbit industry in the South. Mr. Siler has given up practicing law as a profession and has gone to raising rabbits for the market. On Wednesday he carried to Raleigh 4,000 rabbits.

The gallies for the hanging of John Hunter at Whiteville Thursday have been constructed in the yard there within the past few days, says the Wilmington Star. Contrary to the expectation of many it is said that the execution will be public—a fact which many of the citizens of Whiteville deplore. Contrary to their information.

Mr. E. L. Crawford, of Frankfort, who has been in the city here, says the Salisbury Star. It will be recalled that several weeks ago he found gold in a considerable quantity on his farm and since that time several prospectors have been made him for parties who desire to seek shafts on the place. He has not yet made any deal. Yesterday Mr. Crawford found some more very valuable specimens of which he brought to Salisbury last night.

Maxton News.

Miss Anna Lane McKee spent Saturday and Sunday at G. H. Dr. Wakefield of Charlotte, was in the city on professional business Friday.

Miss E. L. Wilson of Greenville, S. C. is visiting her sister Mrs. L. L. McLeod of this place.

Mrs. Anne D. Maclean and Littlejohn Angus were the guests of Mrs. J. A. McLean the first of last week.

The smallpox situation is still not alarming. Just a few cases—that's all. But that don't make much difference, since most of them are of a mild type.

A wreck on the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line near Pee Dee Saturday necessitated their trains coming by Maxton for a short while until the wreckage had been cleared.

Capt. J. E. Williford, Section master for the A. C. Line at this place, joined in the strike for fewer hours and more pay less week. The entire maintenance of way force have made this demand on their employers and refuse to resume work until the demand is met. The company has ordered all of the men to vacate their houses or living cars at once, and unless they return to their work by the morning of the 15th of Feb. it will be understood that they have refused and will be forced to leave the houses owned by the company and others put in their place.

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