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RUSSIANS DEFEATED

Another Battleship Destroyed By Their Own Mines.

But the Japanese Claim that Their Torpedo Boats Did the Work, Which is Strenuously Denied by Russia.

Rear Admiral Prince Oktomsky wired from Port Arthur Thursday that the Bezatshni, one of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers sent out during the night to reconnoitre became separated from the rest of the fleet, owing to the bad weather prevailing, was surrounded by Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and was sunk in the light, says a St. Petersburg dispatch. Five men were saved. Admiral Oktomsky adds: "I have taken command provisionally of the fleet since the disaster to the Petropavlovsk."

"During some manoeuvring of the battleship squadron the Pobieda struck against a mine amidship on the starboard side. She was able to regain port by herself. No one on board of her was killed or wounded."

The Pobieda is a battleship of 12,674 tons displacement and of 14,500 horsepower. She is 401-1-4 feet long, has 71 1-2 feet beam and draws 26 feet of water and is heavily armored with steel. She was completed in 1901, has a complement of 732 men, her estimated speed is 18 knots. The steel armor of the battleship varies in thickness from 4 to 9 1-2 inches along her belt. The armament of the Pobieda consists of four 10-inch guns, eleven 6-inch guns, sixteen 3-inch guns, ten 1-8-inch guns and seventeen 1-4-inch guns. She has six torpedo tubes.

A Tokio dispatch says: A brief report from Rear Admiral Uriu, of Wednesday's fighting off Port Arthur reached the Navy Department Thursday. It says Vice Admiral Togo's fleet attacked Port Arthur in the morning and succeeded in sinking a battleship of the Petropavlovsk class and one torpedo boat destroyer. The Japanese sustained no losses, one Japanese was wounded.

It has been learned from Japanese sources in Chefoo that the attack on the Russian Port Arthur fleet of yesterday morning was planned and put into effect in the following manner: At daylight the Japanese torpedo boats made a demonstration before the port and at the same time laid mines across the outer entrance to the harbor. They then retired and joined the main Squadron. The Squadron then advanced and as it drew near the Russian ships were seen coming out. The battleship Petropavlovsk struck one of the mines laid by the Japanese torpedo boats and was destroyed.

North Carolina Odd Fellows.
The Odd Fellows of North Carolina will be interested to know that at their coming meeting in Durham on the 10th of May the reports of the officers will show a large increase in membership, and that the order has made derapid strides all along the line, says the Raleigh Times.

It is a fact that the past year was, in every sense, the greatest in the history of the order, and the reports of Grand Master McBrayer, of Asheville, and Grand Secretary Woodell, of Raleigh, will show marked changes for the betterment of the Odd Fellows of North Carolina.

Grand Secretary Woodell's report shows that up to December 31, 1903, there were 137 lodges in North Carolina, and that in 1903 sixteen new lodges were instituted, the charters of three renewed, one consolidated, and seven charters surrendered, leaving the number now 148, showing a gain of eleven lodges.

The membership up to December 31, 1903, was 8,128, and at the end of 1903 this had grown to 9,490, a gain of 1,362. For relief in subordinate lodges the amount paid out in 1903 was \$6,877.89, while the receipts in the subordinate lodges amounted to \$66,290.04. The disbursements for relief amounted to \$48,075.90, and this added to the \$16,877.89 paid out by subordinate lodges, amounts to a total of \$64,953.79. The assets of the subordinate lodges less all encumbrances, amounts to \$130,851.90, and this shows a net gain over last year of \$8,968.11.

At 8 o'clock Wednesday evening in the Methodist church at this place, Miss Annie Leak Wall, daughter of the late Col. H. C. Wall and Mrs. Fannie L. Wall, of Rockingham, was married to Mr. Howard Alexander Foushee, of Durham, by Rev. John H. Hall, of Rockingham Anglo-Saxon.

POULTRY FOR PROFIT.

This Industry is Attracting a Great Deal of Attention.

Correspondence to the Robesonian.
"Better poultry and more of it" is an old saying that is applicable to this section of the country, as housekeepers who failed to get sufficient eggs and chickens for their use during the past winter, will testify.

It is a little strange that there should be a shortage in North Carolina of this most desirable addition to the table, as a more ideal climate for the business of raising fowls could not be desired. All over the land this industry is attracting more and more attention and daily more people are becoming interested in the work, the wide awake individuals are taking it up with an enthusiasm that argues well for their success.

Many who are not strong physically or who desire out-door occupation are sure to be attracted to this work when its possibilities are realized, for if intelligently managed the returns are large from small investments. There is no question as to the fitness of women for this business for they are master hands as poultry breeders on both large and small scales.

For years the poultry fanciers have spared neither time, trouble or expense in developing certain points in fowls, and the purchaser today has only to make up his mind what he will make a specialty and without difficulty can make satisfactory selection of stock.

It is a mistake in any branch of stock raising to be satisfied with poor stock and as a consequence half way success, and poultry business is no exception; a hen that will produce from 160 to 180 eggs a year is more profitable than one that will lay only half of that number; and chicks that are ready for the table in ten weeks are a better paying investment than those that take four to eight weeks longer to reach the proper weight, and it is possible at a comparative small outlay to stock one's pens with profitable fowls.

It is safe to prophesy that in the near future not only the owners of large plantations but those who possess sufficient grounds for a limited number of fowls, will have first class poultry a feature not for market alone but for home consumption.

April is the banner month for setting hens, which accounts for the shortage in eggs just now; the wide awake poultry farmer knows well the value of early hatched pullets, and with an eye to profit, endeavors to stock his pens at the earliest possible moment. Later we will consider the difference in the number of eggs laid by old hens, early hatched pullets and late hatched pullets.

ATLISIE CRAIG,
Boardman, N. C.

Dragged to Death.

Thigpen Whitley, a son of W. B. Whitley, of this city, and Charles Fortescue, a young negro, were drowned at Red Banks, just below Greenville, late Thursday afternoon, says a Washington, N. C., special to the Raleigh News and Observer. Herman Ricks, also of this city, succeeded in reaching the shore and was saved. The particulars of the occurrence are meagre. Young Whitley was about 17 and has been assisting his father in towing on the Pamlico and Tar rivers with gas boats. He was a bright and interesting young man. Young Whitley, Herman Ricks and a negro left there for Red Banks to bring back some logs. They arrived at their destination all safe and while getting the raft in shape had occasion to leave the gas boat and take a small skiff. Both of the white men got in the boat right, but when the negro attempted to jump in the small boat she overturned and all three were thrown into the water. The negro could not swim and he immediately grabbed young Whitley, and they both went down and were drowned. Ricks clung to the boat and was rescued. Parties have been dragging the river all day with the hope of securing the bodies; as yet they have been unsuccessful. When the mother of young Whitley heard the news of his death she was on her knees engaged in family prayer. Our entire community is saddened by the occurrence.

J. G. White, who operates toms in the Mooresville Cotton Mill at Mooresville, met with a painful accident Tuesday evening. His hand was caught in the machinery and two fingers severely cut. He at once went home, dressed his hand and saturated the bandage with turpentine, and while holding his hand near the fire the turpentine caused the bandage to ignite and his hand was badly burned in addition to the first injury.

MISSOURI BLOWN UP

Five Officers and Twenty-four Men Killed Outright.

Experts Say That the Cause of the Explosion Was Due to Flames Blown Back from the Muzzle of the Guns.

While on the target range Wednesday afternoon 10,000 pounds of powder exploded on the battleship Missouri, killing five officers and twenty-four men and injuring a number of others, two of whom will die, says an Associated Press dispatch from Pensacola, Fla.

Thursday two more ordinary seamen injured in the explosion on the battleship Missouri, at target practice Wednesday, died, making the total 31. Also one man is missing from the turret crew. It is believed that he was either blown overboard or escaped from the turret and crazed with pain, jumped overboard. Expert officers of the vessels in port say that the explosion is due to "blow-back" or flames blown back from the muzzle of the gun by the wind, igniting the powder charge being hoisted for the next load. Extra precautions had been taken to guard against such an accident, realizing that it could occur, and for three days there was no firing with large pieces on account of the wind being off shore. Yesterday the wind shifted and it was deemed safe to begin firing. The officers of the Missouri differ as to the cause, and it is probable that the exact cause will never be known. A board of inquiry was convened yesterday and is still in session. There will be no finding for several days.

Impressive ceremonies over the 26 dead seamen were conducted this afternoon at the navy yard. The bodies of the five officers are being held awaiting advice as to burial or shipment to their homes.

The President and Secretary of War each contributed \$100 as a nucleus for a fund for the relief of dependent of enlisted men who were killed on the Missouri. In a letter to the Secretary of War, accompanying his check, the President says: "Under condition of modern warfare, in order efficiently to prepare for war, a risk must be run similar in kind, though not in degree to the risk of battle, and these men died for their country as much as if the ship had been in action against the enemy."

The best medicine—cheerfulness and temperance.

Old People.

I want to say a word to old people. I see you wherever you go. I see you on the street cars. The conductor gives the car an extra rest when you get on or off, out of courtesy to your slow steps. I see you at church. You nod sometimes, but the sermon is not complete without your nod of approval. I see you in the warmest corner of the hearth reading the paper.

You have one great temptation—it is to think that your days of usefulness are over. You are in the way, so you feel, and you'd better be out of the world. It is a great mistake. If the Lord thought that old people were useless, he would devise some way to get rid of them.

Not what makes a person useful? Not ability to work. A baby cannot earn a penny, cannot do a stroke of work, yet it is often the most important factor in the household. Baby's coming often makes father "straighten" often unites the estranged hearts of husband and wife; often brings society and industry into the home life.

An old man sitting in an armchair, feeble and helpless, may be the most useful member of the household. Let me say three things to you:

1. Old people are a blessing, because of their accumulated wisdom. You have made the journey of life. You have the rich experience. That boy is a bright boy who forms the acquaintance of some aged person.
2. Old people supply a necessary conservative force. You make society more stable. You bring reverence to it. The age that is wise rises before the hoary head.
3. Old people link us to heaven. You remind us of the future life. "My old mother knows how to pray," said a merchant, recently, to me. You bind us to the throne of God.

The earth would be positively poor without you. I am not sure but that you are the most useful members of society.—Advance.

STATE NEWS.

The board of aldermen of Greensboro have positively declined to give a permit for any other street carnival. One, they think, is enough for any town.

The village of Barnardsville, some miles west of Asheville, was almost wiped out by fire last week, few houses being left standing. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, with little insurance.

Jon M. Hill, son of the late Gen. D. H. Hill, of North Carolina, and well known to many people in the State, has won the Democratic nomination for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas.

The Inter-Denominational Sunday School Association of North Carolina was in session at Salisbury last week, with trans-State touring party in attendance. Prominent speakers addressed the meeting.

A disease known as Sleeping Sickness has been discovered, the first symptoms of which is disinclination to work. It has been prevalent since the foundation of the world. Glad a name has been found for it. Greensboro Record.

Ten applicants for the Cecil Rhodes scholarship stood examination in Raleigh, recently. Fifteen made their appearance; but, for some reason, five retired before the examination began. It was concluded Wednesday, and the papers were sent to Oxford, England.

Millard Rouseau, colored, of Statesville, tried to end his life by taking an ounce vial of laudanum. A physician arrived and saved the negro from an untimely end. Rouseau has grown despondent under the impression that he is not treated right in the world and that the world is against him.

Alexander Evans, whose alleged violation of the Watts law in Boone township has caused wide comment, was arrested in Lexington, by Sheriff T. S. F. Dorsett, and held in \$1,000 bond for his appearance at the August term of court. Evans is indicted in five cases. It is said that all of the stills formerly operated in Boone township have recently been removed to Salisbury.

The accident on the battleship Missouri, resulting in the killing of thirty-one men, was a most deplorable event and a frightful cost to pay for the target practice of the fleet. The officers and men of the navy are thoroughly trained and careful, and it is probable that the investigation which will follow will show that the accident was due to no carelessness on the part of officers or men, but that it was due to causes that could not have been foreseen.—Charlotte Chronicle.

The Chester Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy held an interesting meeting this week with Mrs. Lucius Melton, says a Charlotte Chronicle. A report of the funds raised to wards the erection of a monument to the unknown Confederate dead in the public square, showed over \$300 to the chapter's credit. The fund has only recently been organized and placed under the management of Col. I. W. Reed, with the above gratifying results. A committee of Miss Annie Hardin, Mrs. Lucius Melton and Miss Mary Withers, was appointed to invite the speaker for the memorial day exercises and to make all necessary arrangements for that occasion.

Give Your Farm a Name.

Honor and distinguish your farm by giving it a name, which should be pleasant to the ear and suggested by the flowers, grove or brook that contribute to the beauty of the farm, says the Durham Sun. Nothing adds so much to the beauty of the rural home as vines and flowers; they coat but little of either time or money, and the income is four-fold in pleasure. No matter how unsightly the house may be, flowers and vines, with their simplicity, beauty and grace, will cover everything ugly and give new character to the surroundings. Let it be said of all as it was of Shakespeare, "the most have lived in a rural home, to have had such a perfect idea of floral beauty."

"Even remember that the city home cannot shut out care, it is not where you are, but what you are, that makes life what it is."

In the south of Ireland, near Inchageath, is the "Cat's Well," the waters of which are supposed to exert marvelous remedial effects upon all ailing tabbies.

BLACKER BROS

We want to call your attention to the fact that we are in better shape to serve our many customers now than we have ever been. We have just opened up a fresh line of clothing of the latest style, and the PRICES ARE RIGHT. We have also added a nice line of Dress Goods of all kinds, Laces, Embroideries, Insertions, Ribbons, Ladies' Hats, Dress Skirts, Shirt Waists, and a thousand other things.

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES!

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A. WEINSTEIN.

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