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TAKEN BY JAPANESE

Russians Give Up Kiao Tung With Heavy Loss.

The Russians Had Strongly Fortified the Place, but the Plucky Japanese Fought Their Way Through to Victory

Topio, July 22.—General Kuroki after a severe fight, occupied Kiao Tung on July 19.—The place had been fortified by the Russians, who defended it stoutly. In the fighting General Kuroki's troops drove the Russians from their strongly fortified position on the Chio river which is northwest of Motien Pass, and east of Anping, inflicting upon the enemy more serious losses than they sustained themselves. The fight began on the 18th and ended on the 19th. The Japanese lost 424 men killed and wounded. The Russian losses are estimated at one thousand.

General Kuroki began his advance early in the morning of the 18th. He uncovered and followed the enemy along the Chi river. The Russians seemed to be retiring to the northward when suddenly two battalions with eight guns turned and attacked the Japanese advance guard vigorously. At this point the Japanese suffered before relief came, one company losing all its officers. At a late hour in the afternoon the Russians position was developed. They occupied it until dark while the Japanese forces bivouacked. The Russians made two counter attacks, but were repulsed in each case.

The Japanese renewed the attack at midnight, placing their artillery in the valley below and in the high ground to the south of the Russian position. The main Japanese body was assigned to attack the Russians position. A small detachment was sent toward the right flank and another to watch the enemy's left flank. After these positions had been taken the fighting ceased for a time but it was resumed at dawn. The Russians had 32 guns in action, and vigorously shelled the Japanese.

To this fire the Japanese replied and the bombardment lasted for four hours.

During this time the Japanese infantry moved forward, the flankers had succeeded in scaling the heights on the Russian right by 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the main force was ordered to storm the Russian center. The Japanese artillery protected this movement splendidly, but the infantry met with a severe fire and lost heavily in gaining the heights. The final successful charge was delivered at half past five in the afternoon. The Japanese succeeded in partially cutting off the Russian retreat and this soon became a rout. The enemy went in two directions, to the northward and at the eastward. The Russian forces engaged including in addition the artillery seven battalions of the infantry and a regiment of Cossacks.

The enemy left one hundred and thirty-one dead and three hundred rifles on the field. The Japanese lost one officer and 54 killed and 18 officers and 351 men wounded.

On July 19th, Japanese forces attacked a battalion of infantry and a thousand cavalry who occupied Che Chiao to the northward of Shaoientschzu. After several hours of fighting the Russians retired across the Taitou river. In this engagement the Japanese had 17 men wounded.

Aged Maxton Physician Dead.

A special from Maxton to the Charlotte Observer of the 23rd says: "Dr. W. L. Burns was found dead in the road near Patterson Park this evening. He had been in failing health and it is thought he fell and was drowned in the very heavy rain which was falling. Dr. Burns was once a prominent physician of this place."

Laurinburg News.

Exchange.
We are glad to report that Mr. Rod McRae, who has been quite sick at his home on South Main street, is much improved.

Mr. John McCormick, son of Mr. N. L. McCormick, returned on Saturday last from Mississippi to spend the summer.

The old darkey, Edmond Pemberton, who had a severe case of the smallpox, is now convalescent, and the quarantine of his premises has been raised.

Judge and Mrs. W. H. Neal, Misses Virgie Streeter, Bessie Bryant, Nita Bryant and Alice Diggs are among the visitors at Wrightsville Beach this week.

Miss Emma Willis returned Friday from the St. Louis Exposition. She leaves Monday for Morehead City, where she goes to spend the summer at the home of her brother.

Scotland county cantaloupes are making reputation. More than once we have noticed in the large city dailies and even small town papers where dealers were advertising Scotland county cantaloupes.

Work on Dr. K. Blue's handsome residence is being pushed very rapidly. It is located on Church street, next to Mr. McLaughlin's residence, and when completed will be one of the prettiest homes in Laurinburg.

Rev. Livingston Johnson and Editor Archie Johnson were here Monday. The former came Sunday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. T. M. Watson and the latter had been spending some days with his mother at Riverton.

Mr. M. L. John is at Jackson Springs for a few days. We are glad to hear that he is fast recovering from the accident which befell him a week or two ago while trimming some shrubbery in the yard, in which his foot was right badly cut across the top.

Ira L. Pitman.

Ira Lemons Pitman, the sixth child of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Pitman, was born Sept. 2nd, 1884 and died July 10, 1904. He was sick for four weeks with typhoid fever and bore his sufferings with great patience.

From the time of his birth he had been a good boy, always devoted to his home, and there, that training which taught him that which is so valuable to all boys was given. He turned early to the ways of the church, but did not connect himself with one until his thirteenth year, when he was received into the Back Swamp Baptist church. He lived a consistent christian life until his death.

He was prepared for college at the Back Swamp Academy and Robeson Institute. In the fall of 1903 he was prepared and entered the Freshman class at Wake Forest College, but on account of bad health was prevented from completing his year. While at college he was popular with his classmates and was especially noted for being studious. He was quiet, unassuming and unobtrusive. He never shirked duty whether in class room or literary society and was one of the Freshmen for whom a future had been predicted. He was a member of the college Y. M. C. A. and attended the meetings regularly. He did not neglect the spiritual side of education, which is so frequent among college students.

In the home circle he was the pride of the family, he was an obedient and affectionate son, a devoted brother and a loyal friend. An almost ever present smile flitted over his face and he had a disposition that was to be envied by any boy. It was a pleasure to me to have known him and to have numbered him as one of my friends.

When his last hour came and he realized that the end was near he gave the sorrowing loved ones the comforting assurance, "I am all right." What a comfort this must be to the bereaved parents!

Sorrowing friends and school mates tenderly laid him away in the family burying ground on the day following his death. Floral offerings, the sign of the esteem in which he was held, were placed on his grave, but the memory of his character far surpasses them in lasting beauty. He was one of the best boys that I ever knew.

His many friends will hold him in tender remembrance and they sympathize most deeply with the bereaved family. They have lost their jewel, but we too have lost a true and loyal friend.

"No further seek his merits to disclose,
Or draw his frailties from their dread abode,
(For they alike in trembling hope repose,
The bosom of his Father and his God.)"

A FRIEND.

Concerning Fayetteville People.

Observer.
Miss Mamie Alexander has returned from Columbia.

Miss Roxie Dodd is having erected a handsome residence on Green street, next to Capt. Sutherland's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. L. Armfield are visiting Mr. Armfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McLean, at Maxton.

Miss Katie D. McKethan left today for Hickory to join Mrs. J. A. McKethan, who is on a visit to her old home.

Mrs. N. A. Sinclair returned yesterday afternoon from Wilmington on the City of Fayetteville.

Messrs. R. F. DeVape and James Taylor, of Red Springs, were in the city today.

Miss Margaret Gaddy, of Red Springs, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Pearce, on Green street.

Mrs. M. M. Davis, of Linden, returned today from Red Springs, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. L. Williams.

Mr. E. F. Pemberton, of Hartsville, S. C., is here on a visit. Mr. Pemberton is just back from a visit to the St. Louis Exposition.

Mr. Patr McQueen, of Red Springs, who recently suffered stroke of paralysis, was brought to the Highsmith hospital today for treatment.

Misses Mamie Brown, Sadie and Alice Jessup, of Fayetteville, and Miss Nellie Shaw, of Lumber Bridge, left today for Jackson Springs, to spend several weeks.

Stanley McKoy, a colored boy, was arrested this afternoon charged with injury to property on Haymount, by pulling up flowers, plants, etc from the beautiful lawns of that delightful suburb.

The police are having a lively chase after the small boy who persists in jumping on and off of moving trains. There are ten or twelve of these little rascals who are constantly endangering their lives.

Miss Bessie Holden returned yesterday from Wilmington, where she has been visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Charles Rankin, of Mars Bluff, S. C., is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. T. H. Sutton, on Cool Spring street.

Mrs. Sarah Andrews died at her home near Flat Branch, Harnett county, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, aged 76 years. She leaves one son, Mr. Joseph Andrews, who resided with her. Mrs. Andrews was the wealthiest woman in this section of the State, and her estate will easily amount to over a hundred thousand dollars. She owns considerable land, but most of her property consists of United States bonds and stock in a number of Georgia cotton mills.

May be Heirs to a Large Estate.

Scattered over the United States, it is said, are at least a score of undiscovered heirs to a fortune of \$15,000,000. The fortune is the accumulation of the property left by Major Sinclair, once of the old Seventy-second Foot Regiment, killed in action nearly 93 years ago.

For some undiscovered reason, the fortune of the major, who had risen from the ranks, has remained unclaimed. Only one descendant of Major Sinclair has so far been discovered. She is Mrs. Mackenzie, the wife of a teamster in Lanarkshire, Scotland. Her individual share amounts to \$40,000. And now the lawyers in Edinburg in charge of the estate are trying to find the other heirs.

The above cablegram from London is of peculiar interest in Asheville, where there are four families of the name—Mrs. A. M. Sinclair, 71 Liberty street; Mrs. Caroline G. Sinclair, 71 Liberty street; James A. Sinclair, 163 Chestnut street, a well known dentist, and G. A. Sinclair, 97 Church street, who is Associated Press operator at The Citizen office. All of their ancestors originally came from Scotland. Mr. G. A. Sinclair's father being born in Glasgow.—Asheville Citizen.

The above may also prove of interest to some residents of Robeson county. Three families of this name reside here; that of Dr. P. Sinclair, of Rowland; Mr. Jno. C. Sinclair, of Howellsville and Mr. D. C. Sinclair, of this town.

Whiteville News.

D. S. Hayes, of North Whiteville, brought in the first crop of tobacco of the season last Saturday.

Council Meares was showing the first sweet potatoes of the season at Vineland Monday.

J. Locke Byrnes, of the Brown Drug Co., Chadbourn, came home yesterday suffering with fever.

Oscar High sold 25,000 brick the past week to be used in the construction of the school house and the Whiteville cotton gin.

Our readers in Columbus county and elsewhere are cautioned against cashing postal money orders. Frauds are being committed every day by swindlers with them.

J. B. Schulken and E. M. Toon were on legal business at Elizabethtown Tuesday before the county clerk of Bladen concerning the dower rights of Mary Jane Heater.

Cape Fear Lumber Co. is shipping a train load of logs to Wilmington everyday from the neighborhood of the Whiteville Narrow Gauge Railroad between Vineland and Clarkton.

E. W. Fuhr, Vineland, who is engineer for the Whiteville Lumber Co., has recently patented a clamp for use on logging cars to hold the standard in place. It is said to be a very useful invention.

Lieutenant Hugh Kirkman, of Fort Sill, Okla., arrived Friday on a visit to his mother-in-law, Mrs. W. G. Burkhead. He left here Monday for Washington, D. C., to see his father who had his foot badly crushed by a street car.

A pocketbook was snatched from Miss Laura McKeithan on the streets of, Wilmington last night just before boarding the excursion train to return to Whiteville, by a negro man. The pocket book contained about \$20. The negro was chased some distance by Donald MacRackan, but made good his escape.

F. Carl Powell, son of Mayor B. F. Powell, of Fair Bluff, arrived at his father's home last Friday night with his bride, Miss Stella Shave, of Eaughallie, Fla., daughter of T. J. Shave, a prominent naval store dealer. Mr. Powell is in the naval stores business himself at Eaughallie. They were married July 13th, at St. Paul's Methodist church, Eaughallie. Miss Mattie Haymans, of Eaughallie, was bridesmaid. The attendant of the groom was R. B. Williams, of Fair Bluff. They will visit among their relatives and friends on the Lumber ten or fifteen days.

Raft Swamp Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rains have been heavy here for several days.

Mr. B. Y. Tyner will come home from Buie's Creek Academy this week.

Mr. Owen Odum is teaching near Buie's Creek, in Harnett county.

Miss Blennie Powers, of Barkers, spent last week here, the guest of Miss Leona Prevatt.

Thirty passengers boarded Gough's excursion at Pine Log Saturday.

Miss Maggie Stewart, of Buie's Creek, is expected to arrive here Wednesday for a few days visit to the Misses Tyner.

Mrs. J. P. Bowen returned to her home at Laurel Hill last Wednesday, after spending a few days with her father, Mr. M. F. Hodges.

Mr. J. C. Campbell, of Bennettsville, spent last Wednesday night at the home of Mr. W. K. Culbreath. The two children of Mr. Henry Campbell returned to their home with him. They had been here for some time.

Mr. W. C. Townsend, the clever postmaster at Lowe, is building him a new residence at Pine Log, which will be occupied by his family as soon as completed.

A revival meeting will begin at Raft Swamp church next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by Pastor T. J. Baker and Rev. J. N. Tolar.

Mr. Milton F. Hodges returned Sunday from Laurinburg, Laurel Hill and other points, where he had spent the past week.

All farmers in the county would do well to hear the address by H. M. Cates, Thursday. He is a very successful farmer and comes to speak to the farmers of this section on the importance of being organized for mutual help and protection.

Maxton Movements.

Scottish Chief.

Miss Nancy Johnson, of Rowland, is visiting Mr. J. G. McRae, of this place, this week.

Mr. George McQueen has completed his residence on McNair street, and now occupies it.

Miss Sallie McLean returned Tuesday morning from an extended visit to friends at Monroe.

Mr. J. J. Evans who has for the past seven months been in Rowland spent Saturday in town, the guest of relatives and friends.

We are glad to report little Sadie, daughter of Dr. McKenzie, of Pakton, who has been so seriously sick is much improved with prospects of an early recovery.

Captain A. J. McKinnon has commenced the erection of a large and commodious residence at the crossing of Graham and Elm street, near the graded school building.

Mrs. J. W. Brady and children, and Misses Bessie and Lillie Smith, of Greensboro, are visiting their parents Mr. and Mr. Peyton Smith, near town.

Miss Nettie May Glass, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. B. C. Glass, at this place, left for Ashpole Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. A. C. Floyd, to the delight of her many friends in Ashpole, but to the sorrow of her many friends in Maxton.

At least 15 car loads of cantaloupes and 15 or 20 of watermelons have been shipped to Northern markets from this point this week. Many hundreds of crates of cantaloupes shipped by express before the refrigerator cars were put on, we are sorry to learn were lost in transmission for want of proper cars.

Who looks after the windfalls anyway? We have driven around two trees in the road between Maxton and Campbell's bridge, for two days. At last our driver just got down and rolled one of them out of the way. The other was a persimmon, and as the old saying goes "was a hickory nut above my persimmon." When it rots somebody will kick it out of the road.

Two Fine Sermons.

Rev. D. J. McMillan, D. D., pastor of New York Presbyterian church, Seventh Avenue and 123rd street, New York, preached two very fine sermons in the Presbyterian church last Sunday. Dr. McMillan has been spending several days in our town searching the records for some trace of his ancestry, who removed from this section of North Carolina. He is himself a native of Tennessee, but his ancestors on both sides were North Carolinians. His grandfather, Malcom McMillan and wife Johanna Jacobs, with their infant son, Edward, went from Cumberland county to Tennessee in 1805. His grand parents on the other side were from Robeson county. His mother's father, Duncan Brown, son of Angus, and his wife, Mary McFarland, married Margaret, daughter of Neill Smith and his wife, Mary Little, about 1807, and went to Tennessee.

There are collateral branches radiating from these two counties that are desired in order to make up the family tree.

Any of our readers who may be able to assist Dr. McMillan in his researches will confer a favor by addressing him at Fayetteville.

Mr. A. W. McLean was in Wilmington on business Friday.

The family of Mr. John Kaneer, who have been visiting relatives at Gastonia, are expected today.

Mr. T. A. Norment left yesterday evening for Gastonia, where his wife has been visiting for several days.

Miss Jessie Fuller and brothers, Messrs. John and David Fuller, returned Saturday from a visit to relatives in Randolph county.

List of Letters

Miss Mary Brigman, Mathew Bryant, C. A. Crout, T. J. Dunn, Miss E. L. McKay, Miss Will Ivey, C. H. Spruell, Miss Nellie Williams.

Mrs. Robleson Dead.

Friday afternoon about one o'clock our town was saddened by the unexpected news of the death of Mrs. Comfort Robleson. For several weeks she had been in constant attendance on her daughter, Mrs. Blake, who has been very ill with fever, and on last Monday she was stricken with the disease. Her constitution was not strong, and she was not long able to withstand the ravages of fever. Although it was known that she was confined to her bed, few thought she was seriously sick, and her death was a severe shock. Several years ago her husband preceded her to the better land, since which time she had lived with and devoted her life to her children, all of whom survive her.

The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. Z. Paris, assisted by Rev. C. H. Durham, and the remains were interred in the new cemetery. During a life which has not always been unclouded, she was one of the most beautiful examples of resigned and consecrated Christian womanhood we have ever known. Always cheerful, gentle and kind, her very presence was helpful. She was a devout member of the Methodist church by which she will be greatly missed. To the bereaved ones we extend our deepest sympathy and although their loss brings sadness, she is at rest, wearing the crown for which she worked so faithfully.

Norfolk Horse Show.

Norfolk Fair Association and Horse Show. More than ten thousand dollars in purses and premiums. The greatest event of the summer in the South, largest steel frame exhibition hall in America, 450 feet long, 175 feet wide. The fair opens Monday, August 1st, and continues five days.

In connection with the Fair the Seaboard Air Line will operate a Norfolk Special, which will surpass in equipment any excursion carried out of the State this year. Parties at Lumberton and points along the line to Laurel Hill will take the regular afternoon train August 2nd, connect with excursion at Hamlet, arrive in Norfolk at 7 o'clock a. m., the 3rd, returning, leave Norfolk at 8.30 on the evening of the 4th, thus allowing two whole days, the biggest of the Fair, in which to visit this great Southern city. The fair and the many resorts and points of interest such as Old Point Comfort, Newport News, Virginia Beach, Ocean View, etc. This special train will be in charge of Frank Gough, the well known excursion manager, which is sufficient guarantee that only the best may be expected, 'tis strictly high class and the fare is only \$3.00 for the round trip.

Meeting of Stockholders.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Lumberton has been called for August 1st. The purpose of this meeting is to increase the capital stock of this bank from \$20,000 to \$50,000. This step, which has been deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, will be accomplished at that time. This is one of the most successful institutions in the State and with increased capital and the efforts which will be made on the part of the management, there is every reason to believe that its usefulness as well as its business will be largely increased in the future.

His Fingers Cut Off.

John Biggs, a young white man employed in the car department of the Atlantic Coast Line, got his right hand caught under the knife of a joining machine in the shops early Friday afternoon and was so severely injured that all four of the fingers had to be amputated at the James Walker Memorial Hospital to which he was taken soon after the accident. The unfortunate young man is about eighteen years of age and lives at his father's home on Harnett street. As soon as he recovers from the operation, young Mr. Biggs will be sent to the A. C. L. Relief Hospital at Rocky Mount.—Wilmington Star.

Mr. Doc Prevatt and wife leave today for Williamsen, where they will make their future home.