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## NORTHERN ADVANCE

### Mukden Waits For the Expected "Storm."

### Russians Are Reconnoitering Along the Japanese Frontier--No News From Port Arthur--Stubborn Resistance Expected.

St. Petersburg, September 22.—The Japanese operations against Mukden are rapidly developing. Gen. Kuropatkin announces that the Japanese army at Bentlaputze is beginning to advance northward. The outposts yesterday tried to capture Kaonotu Pass commanding the road to Uahun. The Russians are offering a stubborn resistance, which is likely to retard decisive operations.

A dispatch from Harbin announces that another Japanese regiment is moving further eastward, but it is regarded as improbable that they will move in considerable force from Dziautchan along the roads leading to Mukden, Fushin and Sialatolia. Severe fighting is probable.

The Russians are reconnoitering along the Japanese frontier with a large force of cavalry, supported by guns. With three guns they appeared yesterday evening within 6,000 yards of Yental station and threw a few shells at the station. They continued the cannonading at intervals all today. The Russian force on the Mukden road extends from Shuligo, eight miles north of Yental, to Tsao-toitsu, five miles northeast.

### Mrs. Price Dead.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Jane Price, wife of Mr. H. R. Price, which occurred at her home near Back Swamp church last night about eight o'clock. Death came of heart disease after an illness of several weeks. She was about 90 years of age, well known throughout her section and highly esteemed by those who knew her for her congenial temperament and kindly disposition.

She leaves a husband and one daughter, Mrs. J. H. McKay, of the same community, as well as a host of friends, to mourn her loss. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

### Mr. Carter to Marry.

Friends in this town are in receipt of the following invitations: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Morher request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Henrietta Calista and Mr. A. Marvin Carter on the evening of Wednesday October the twelfth, nineteen hundred and four, at seven o'clock. Sunset View, North Mobile, Ala.

### MARION, S. C.

Messrs. Herbert Gasque, F. F. Covington, and Aubrey Wheeler will leave next week for South Carolina College.

Mr. W. D. Carmichael and Miss Nina spent several days at Hamer last week, having gone to attend the funeral of Mr. Carmichael's nephew.

Miss Belle Boone, of Wilmington returned home Monday, after a visit of several days to her friend Miss Edna Davis, of Eucenia.

John Robinson's circus will be here on October 7th. Their advance agent was in Marion this week, and made arrangements for the coming of the show.

Mr. H. I. Gasque, who has been making a marked success in the mercantile business here, has established a store at Fork in the building in which Mr. B. S. Ellis who has been merchandising for the past seven years.

Mr. M. L. Power has returned from a sojourn of several weeks in the mountains of North Carolina. She was detained in Wilmington at the bedside of her daughter Mrs. J. E. Wingate, who is dangerously ill in a hospital there.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles, of Darlington have moved to Marion, and have rented the dwelling of Mr. W. D. Johnson on South Main Street. They will keep a private boarding house, and have as boarders, already, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and little daughter, and Misses Murphree, Darden, and Aull, of the graded school facility.

All Marion is looking forward to the coming of the Carnival

## RAEFORD.

### Chronicle.

Several real estate deals have been made recently at remunerative prices.

The bell for the new Baptist church has arrived, and work on the building is progressing nicely.

A Mr. Adams, of Florida, was in town last week in consultation with the Electric Power Company, with a view to taking the contract for putting in the dam.

About three hundred bales of new cotton have been received here up-to-date. Four or five thousand bales should be marketed here this season.

A gentleman informed us a few days ago that a practical silk mill man wanted to put in a mill in North Carolina and that he only wanted the citizens to subscribe a small amount of stock, about five or six thousand dollars. It would be well for our business people to investigate the matter and see what there is in it. A variety of manufacturing enterprises is what we need to build up our place from a village to a city.

On last Saturday at the lumber plant of T. B. Upchurch & Bro., some drunken negroes were making themselves a nuisance and being ordered off by Mr. T. B. Upchurch, one of them cursed him and when Mr. Upchurch picked up a stick to drive them off, the negro drew a gun on him. Mr. Upchurch retreated towards his house as they were shooting at him, and after reaching the house, the Mess. Upchurch got their guns and the negro made a "bee-line" for the woods. Marshal Andrews and a posse went in search of the negro but he has not been captured up to this time. It is a great pity that the gentlemen were not armed at the time of the assault and filled the scoundrel full of lead.

### Again in the Shadow of the Gallows.

It is a rare occurrence that a man is twice tried for his life for murder, but such will be the fate of James B. Bennett, of Brunson, S. C. A few years ago he was convicted for murdering a man and was sentenced to be hanged, but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

A few months ago the governor pardoned Bennett with the understanding that he would leave the state. He went over into Georgia but every now and then would return to his old home and see his wife. A few weeks ago his wife was shot and killed while he was making one of his visits to her. He was arrested on suspicion of having murdered her, but was released on the appearance that his wife was accidentally killed. He then went to Savannah and enlisted in the army. Before he could be sent away, however, the South Carolina authorities caused his arrest again. Fresh evidence against him has been discovered and he will have to stand trial for his life on the charge of taking her life. If he escapes the damning charge now against him he will be a man of phenomenal luck. He once narrowly escaped the gallows and again has the hangman's noose dangling over his head.

### Good Old Robeson.

We have been in every township in Robeson county and have never yet had the door closed against us. Our people are a whole-souled, generous folk, and know how to make a weary traveler feel at home.

We spent a Sunday at Ashpole not long ago, with our old friend, Dr. John Brown, and received a welcome that did our heart good. His gracious wife is a rare house-keeper, and we had for breakfast on Sunday morning the first possum of the season, neither Doctor or your humble servant had any mercy on his possumship, leaving but a remnant of him when the meal was over.

Ashpole is a coming town and her business people seem to be thriving. A few thriving towns in a county are better than a big city.—Scottish Chief.

## CLARKTON ITEMS.

### Express.

Miss Minnie Clark began teaching the public school at Rounddale Monday.

Miss Mary Clark has been engaged to teach near Chadbourn again this year. She began Monday.

Miss Emma Kelly left Friday for Raleigh, where she entered Peace Institute as a student.

Miss Eva Cromartie left some days ago for South River to spend a while with her relatives there.

Cotton is rolling in now at a rapid rate. The gins have been running regular now for several days.

Mr. R. J. Hester has opened up a general merchandise business in the R. B. Cromartie store, where he will be glad to serve his many friends.

A protracted meeting is in progress at Mt. Zion this week. The pastor, Rev. W. S. Ballard, is assisted by Rev. R. E. Peele.

Our merchants have the fullest stock of goods this fall that we ever saw in Clarkton. Their stores are so full and attractive as those in a city.

Mr. N. A. Carie has been appointed by Governor Aycock a commissioner to the Cotton Growers' Association, which meets in St. Louis next month.

The scarcest article in Clarkton right now is girls; we mean, of course, young women. Eleven are off at college, which shows up pretty well for a town with only 300 inhabitants, and several others are off teaching. In the meantime life is hardly worth living—to the unmarried men.

### An Intelligent Home List of Papers.

The newspaper subscription season is coming on, and, as we have observed that our readers are taking the habit of making lists, we submit here a combination with a view to aiding them.

Of weekly papers, mainly religious:

First, a religious newspaper of national outlook. The Congregationalist, Boston; or The Outlook, New York.

Second, a Baptist newspaper of national outlook. The Standard, Chicago; the Examiner, New York; or the Watchman, Boston.

Third, a Southern Baptist newspaper, The Baptist Argus, Louisville; The Religious Herald, Richmond.

A foreign weekly. The British Weekly or the Spectator, London.

A literary journal, the Critic, New York.

Your local paper, of course.

Your own State denominational weekly.

We risk our judgment that one who will read the papers in the foregoing list, cue in each class, will find himself as well-informed, as thoughtful and as generally helped as newspapers can make out.

To make the list complete there should be a daily, like the Charlotte Observer, for the State, and the Washington Post, Baltimore Sun, or New York Herald for the Nation; a woman's paper, like the Ladies Home Journal or the Woman's Home Companion; a young people's paper, like The Youth's Companion and the monthly St. Nicolas; a general magazine, like The Century, Scribner, Harper's or McClure's; and a technical paper, if say you are a farmer, like The Progressive Farmer.

The whole would cost about \$30.00. Omitting the dailies about \$20.00. It is a small sum when you consider their educational value and their contribution of pleasure. Children reared in the atmosphere of these papers will have acquired before they enter college much that colleges find great difficulty in imparting. Indeed such a home, especially if there be also a list of wholesome books, is itself a great educational institution.—Biblical Recorder.

Mr. W. F. Rowland, who formerly held a position as manager of the sewing machine department for the McAllister Hardware Company leaves shortly for Rowland where he will open up an up-to-date sewing machine business.

## ASHPOLE.

### Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Among those who attended the ice cream supper at Barnesville on last Friday night were A. W. Ashley, Clemmy B. Thompson, P. R. Floyd and J. L. Stephens.

Mrs. J. F. Parker and Miss Annie, of R. F. D. No. 8 were welcome visitors in town last Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Ashley and children spent part of the week here among relatives who were glad to greet them again.

Mr. J. T. Williams is improving rapidly, and will be at his work by the time this is in print.

The telephone line had to be repaired all the way from Lumberton to Rowland after the storm and we had no service for the past several days. It was greatly missed and we hope that no further misfortune will befall it.

Cotton is coming in rapidly and we are afraid the price holds up.

Four members were added to the Baptist church last Sunday night as the visible result of the recent meeting.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. McKeaghan who was right sick last week, is improving fast.

Mr. A. L. Blue, of Marietta, spent Sunday here the guest of Mr. Knight Caswell.

The poem in last week's paper by Paul Hamilton Hayce was a gem worthy of preservation in our opinion. Let us have more such.

Messrs. Sinclair and Morrison of Lumberton, were in town Tuesday.

### Queries on Public Education.

How many white children of the school age in North Carolina? Answer, 454,855.

How many colored? Answer, 221,958.

What is the percentage of white pupils enrolled? Answer, 69.8.

What is the percentage of colored? Answer, 30.2.

What is the average daily attendance of whites? Answer, 170,489.

Of colored? Answer, 77,079.

What is the amount actually paid on account of schools by white property and polls? Answer, 771,929.82.

What is the amount paid on account of schools by colored property and polls? Answer, 82,739.05.

What is the sum appropriated to white schools? Answer, 810,154.01.

What is the sum appropriated to colored schools? Answer, 259,581.84.

The foregoing statistics were copied from the report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1902.—Biblical Recorder.

### A Horrible Story.

The following horrible story comes from Madrid, Spain:

"The report of a wholesale murder of children comes from the village of Castalia. It appears that it was a case of the women there, who desired to conceal their shame, to deliver their illegitimate to an old woman who lived in the mountains. The police discovered that the old woman gave the children to a mastiff dog, which had been trained to devour every portion of the body, leaving nothing.

Already 140 of these murders have been traced to this old woman who, together with several of the mothers, has been arrested."

Mr. Elide Prevatt, of Back Swamp, passed away at his home after an extended and lingering illness with that dread disease, Consumption. He has been in a very low state for some time and death was not unexpected.

## Lumber Bridge Locals.

This community was bereaved last Saturday when the news spread in the early morning that Miss Ellen Robinson was dead. She had made her home here with her sister, Mrs. L. M. Love about eight years and had drawn to her many and strong friends. She was a gentle woman, warm hearted and pure the very kind of personality that is ever most attractive. She was about 64 years old. Her health had been waning for years and nearing the end her sufferings became severe. No murmuring word fell from her lip. All feel a good woman has gone to enjoy the reward of the just. The sympathies of the town go out to the sister and household who ministered to her comfort with such rare deftness and devotion and whose hearts are now so sorrowful and bereaved. The interment was made in the family cemetery in Bladen.

Miss Annie Johnson left for the University at Chapel Hill Saturday where she goes to pursue her studies.

Miss Lithe Lancaster left Monday to enter the Baptist Female University in Raleigh.

Rev. Dr. C. G. Vardell could not go to Presbytery on account of the pressing duties at the great opening of the college. He has been the busiest man possibly in the county. His school is full. Girls have been rejected because he has had no place for them. It is wonderful how rapidly everything has adjusted itself and everybody has gotten down to hard class work.

Mr. Walter Love has been a visitor in town several days and made his friends glad.

King Solomon's Lodge had an informal but most enjoyable meeting last Thursday night.

### Prospect of a "Holy War."

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—It is rather significant that, with the great success of the British in Tibet and the protest of Russia against the British Tibetan treaty, some Russian newspapers have suddenly become greatly disturbed over the importance of the Buddhist pilgrimage to Mouran in February. According to information which has been drifting eastward from the depths of the Mongolian agitation for a holy war, noted at the time of the time of the pilgrimage to Ourga July last, wandering Liams are spreading the agitation not only among the Buddhists in Mongolia, but among the Buddhists in the Altai region of central China. According to reports at Ourga there is a general agitation among the Buddhists in favor of freeing themselves from the dominion of China, some favoring the removal of Daclai Liams to Northern Mongolia and beginning a holy war for the establishment of a Buddhist Kingdom.

### Author of "Dixie."

A movement is on foot to erect a monument to the memory of the author of "Dixie," Daniel Decatur Emmett, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, the city of his birth and death.

Upon the occasion of the death of Mr. Emmett, which occurred recently, the Mayor of Mt. Vernon, at the request of the Lodge of Elks of that city, who had charge of the funeral, appointed a committee of prominent citizens to act as a memorial commission to solicit and receive subscriptions to the fund for the monument. Those desiring to subscribe to the fund should send remittances to the secretary of the commission, Mr. S. D. Snodgrass, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, will make acknowledgment of the same.

Mr. A. A. McLain, of Maxton is town today.

## September the

September the Mrs. Kate Smith, wife of Wm. J. Smith Esq., after an illness of eight weeks fell on a slip in Jesus leaving a husband and two children to mourn their sad loss. She was buried at Asbury Church amidst a large assembly of sympathizing friends and relatives.

Her record is good. She had been a consistent church member for about fifty years. May His comforting grace abound with the stricken ones and by this affliction may we all learn God's statutes more perfectly.

The pale horse and his rider again visited our town Sunday, September 18th and carried away at his victim the sweet spirit and lovable wife of Mr. R. L. Rogers, the hardware man. She was a niece of the late Mrs. Smith and had been sick about two weeks. Still her death was a shock to our little town.

She also leaves evidence that all is well.

May the good Lord bless her heart-broken husband and be a mother to the five little children.

Both these ladies were members of the Methodist church.

We as a church feel a great loss. Their pastor, J. W. BRADLEY, Monday September 19th, 1904.

"Meanest Man in World." This is from the Sanford Express:

"A man who recently moved to this place to put his children in the cotton mill, was asked the other day if he wouldn't send his children to school. 'No,' said he, 'I took care of my children when they were small; now they must support me.' When Governor Aycock spoke before the school here last spring a year ago, he paid his respects to the father who refuses to send his children to school because he wished to live off their labor, by saying 'he is the meanest man in the world.' The governor hardly put it too strong. This man should be ostracised from society. He is an enemy to his own children. It is for such as he we need a compulsory school law."

Hardly any punishment is too severe for a man who deliberately works his children in a mill or elsewhere and deprives them of educational advantages in order that he may live in idleness, and often in vice, off the proceeds of their labor. These are the ruffians that are a disgrace to the race. While we disapprove of lawlessness we think sometimes that a well regulated band of whitecaps is the only agency through which such people could be reached effectively.—Statesville Landmark.

A newspaper writer or somebody else who was close to Abraham Lincoln had been misrepresented wantonly and furiously went to this astute American and told him he was resolved to reply and exorcise the fellow and asked him if he was not right in the resolve. "Why yes," write, was the reply "and I will tell you what I think of your effusion." The fellow did so and it was a terrific and bitter castigation he wrote. When he brought it to his distinguished friend and read it, to his great surprise he was told to burn it. When asked why he replied it would do no good and when the good feeling between you and your antagonist for life perhaps and to the unhappiness of both. Then why did you tell me to write? To which came this philosophical reply. "I know you would sooner feel better if you put your views in writing." The fellow burned the paper and that ended the matter. We have recently burned a paper. Lumber Bridge editorials