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A BATTLE OF BALLOTS

BOTH PARTIES CONFIDENT AS TO THE RESULT OF TO-DAY'S ELECTIONS.

THE CONTEST IS CLOSE IN OHIO

The Democrats May Elect the State Ticket and the Republicans the Legislature--The Situation Extremely Critical in Maryland--Hardin Claims 15,000 Majority in Kentucky--The Registration in New Jersey is in Favor of the Republicans.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Nov. 4.—On the eve of the election the betting here is on the extent of the reduction of the Democratic plurality in Kentucky and of the Republican plurality in Ohio rather than on the result in either State.

In Ohio the Republicans have had phenomenal pluralities for two years, and claim now a better organization than ever before. They held an early State convention and went to work immediately. The Democrats had a late convention, but claim that the aggressiveness and popularity of ex-Governor Campbell will get out the full Democratic vote and show a close contest. While both parties have paid special attention to the Legislature, which elects a successor to Senator Brice, it is conceded that the Republicans have an advantage in the apportionment which stands till after the census of 1900. Senator Sherman has had Democratic colleagues by the State going Democratic every sixth year since Allen G. Thurman was chosen by the Legislature, elected in 1867. Thurman served twelve years, Pendleton, Payne and Brice each six years.

The Democratic State ticket might be elected by a decisive plurality and the Legislature be Republican. It is conceded that the Republicans can control the Legislature without Hamilton county, in which Cincinnati is located, but that the Democrats must have the fourteen members from Hamilton county in order to get a legislative majority. As ex-Governor Foraker, who lives here, is a candidate for Brice's place, great interest is taken in the result in Hamilton county. The betting is at odds on its going Republican. The Prohibitionists claim the usual vote. Coxe estimates 40,000 votes for himself as the Populist candidate for Governor. It is not believed that the third or fourth party will affect the contest between General Bushnell and ex-Governor Campbell or the legislative tickets.

EXPECTS 15,000 IN KENTUCKY.

That is the Majority that Hardin is Now Counting On.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 4.—One of the hottest campaigns known in the history of this State for many years has closed and if the weather is fair Kentucky, tomorrow will poll the largest vote ever given. The fight, though there are four tickets in the field, is between the Republicans and Democrats for the State offices, beginning with Governor and running down to District Railroad Commissioner. For a time it looked as though the Populists would poll a large vote, but the old parties claim to have whipped the would be deserter back into line and at the close of the battle royal, the finish is between Hardin (Democrat) and Bradley (Republican) for first honor—the office of Governor.

The leaders named have been on the stump for two months, while all others on the respective tickets have been doing more or less public speaking, and now, at the finish, each side claims the victory. Hardin's partisans and managers claim that he will come to this city with 15,000 majority, while the friends of Bradley claim he will win by not less than 10,000.

Both sides claim that this city will favor their respective nominee. All cities in the State will elect municipal officers, and in many cases these local contests are badly mixed. In this city there are three tickets—Democratic, Republican and Citizens. The A. P. A. vote, said to be about 14,000, will be cast for the Republicans. The A. P. A.'s have taken this shot because the Democratic platform denounces the organization. The Democrats state that they will carry Louisville without naming a majority. On the other hand, Republicans and A. P. A.'s put their majority at from 8,000 to 12,000. The probabilities are that the city will go Republican by perhaps 3,000.

In addition to State and city offices, nineteen Senators and 100 members of the House are to be elected, and this Legislature, in turn, will elect a United States Senator to succeed J. C. S. Blackburn. In this body, the Democrats will have the advantage of nineteen hold-over Senators. There is little doubt that the Democrats will have a majority enough to elect the Senator without trouble.

MARYLAND IS DOUBTFUL.

The Campaign Has Been Bitter and Both Sides Claim the Victory.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 4.—The eve of Maryland's most critical political battle finds the issue enshrouded in doubt. Both sides are claiming victory, but the tones in which they make their boasts, and the figures they cite as a basis for their alleged belief do not carry conviction to the mind of an unprejudiced onlooker. The fact is that everybody is at sea, because in the present contest the silent voter is a greater factor than he has ever been in the his-

tory of Maryland politics. The hurrah part of the battle is over, and the position of those who participated in it is known and their votes already counted by the party managers, but the ballot of the silent voter is still in his vest pocket, and this year his name is legion.

The fierce and persistent attacks upon Senator Gorman and the outcry which his opponents terms Gormanism, has undoubtedly influenced many who have heretofore voted the Democratic ticket and will induce them to vote against Hurst, who is known as Mr. Gorman's candidate. Upon the other hand the bitterness of the attack has brought Mr. Gorman's friends closer to him than ever before and they will get out every vote at their command. It is also possible that the same conditions will bring him voters to his aid who have heretofore stood by the Republicans, out of sheer admiration for the plucky fight he is making against his enemies in his own party.

Then, too, the color line has been drawn for all it is worth, and every known device has been taken advantage of, to lead the voters of Maryland to believe that Republican victory means negro supremacy. With such arguments as these as the sole issues in the campaign, it would be idle to predict a result, and all that can be said of it is that it looks like anybody's victory.

The officers to be elected are: Governor, Comptroller of the State Treasury, Attorney General, a Legislature which will elect a successor to United States Senator Gibson, Mayor of Baltimore city, City Surveyor, State's Attorney for Baltimore city, three Judges of the Orphan's Court, and Sheriff of Baltimore city.

TAMMANY WILL WIN.

But Republicans Will Probably Carry New York State.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—The campaign in this city and State closed Saturday night and little was done to-day beyond the distribution of sample ballots and the issuing of final instructions by the leaders. An important detail of the election work was the distribution to-day of the last installments of cash for the expenses of the watchers and other necessary uses to which the money will be put.

The State offices to be filled by to-morrow's elections are: Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, State Engineer and Surveyor, Judge of Court of Appeals, sixteen justices of the Supreme Court and an entire legislature. A representative in Congress will be elected in the Tenth District to fill a vacancy. Morton carried the State last year by 156,000.

In New York political interest centers in the contest for County Clerk and Register. Both the Democrats and the Fusionists claim the result in the city. The polls in New York city open at 6 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. Much interest is taken in the experiment with the blanket ballot which has never been used in this State before.

WILL RE-ELECT GREENHALGE.

Republicans Will Elect Their Entire Ticket in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Nov. 4.—The Republicans of the city and State brought their campaign to a close with two grand mass meetings held at noon to-day—one under the auspices of the Market Man's Republican Club in Faneuil Hall, and the other in charge of the Republican State Committee at Music Hall. At the former Senator Geo. F. Hoar, of Worcester, divided honors with Gov. Greenhalge.

Governor Greenhalge is expected to be a second time re-elected with decreased majority, the difference being accentuated more or less by general apathy, with an off year. The entire Republican State ticket, as customary, will follow the leaders, and while in senatorial and representative fights on the local issues, there promises to be little change, thereby leaving the complexion of the next general court as during the past year.

The principal local issue has been precipitated by the recent census bulletins, for the increase in population calls for an entire redistricting of the State next year. The largest possible majority in the Legislature is accordingly an object worth fighting for in the opinion of controlling powers in both parties. Election day is expected to be very quiet throughout the State.

THE BATTLE IN NEBRASKA.

Republican Candidates for State Offices Will Be Elected.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 4.—All voters throughout Nebraska have their eyes on Omaha to-night and the city is restless. The campaign has centered around Omaha exclusively.

All concede that the Republican candidates for Chief Justice and Regents will be elected. Since they are the only State officials little attention is paid to that part of the election. The gold and silver Democrats, however, have exhibited some spirit and each faction asserts that their State candidates will poll the full strength of their wing and in that manner the relative number of the voters favoring or opposing the white metal in Nebraska.

In Omaha, the battle has been hot, hotter in fact than in any previous contest. Early in the fall the city was startled by the discovery that the city treasurer and his deputy were short \$30,000. They were at once relieved. Other irregularities were discovered in the city departments and a committee of 500 of Omaha's most prominent business men met and issued a call for all citizen's favoring reform to

organize a citizen's league. This was done and a ticket composed of business men of varied political affiliations named. It was endorsed by the Democrats and Populists.

The Republicans were, it is claimed, controlled by the A. P. A. The battle has been between these two forces.

CLOSE CONTEST IN NEW JERSEY.

But the Registration Has Been in Favor of the Republicans.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Nov. 4.—New Jersey will to-morrow vote for a Governor to succeed George Werts, the present Democratic incumbent, seven members of the State Senate and a full House of Assembly, sixty members.

The Democratic candidate for Governor is Alexander T. McGill, the present chancellor of the State. His opponent is John W. Griggs. The election is claimed by both parties by between two and five thousand. The voting will probably be light throughout the State, except in isolated counties where local fights on the assembly tickets have added interest to the campaign. In the large counties the registration is light and in favor of the Republicans.

The State campaign has been fought on the same issues upon which the Republicans carried the State in the last election. The race track and administration of State affairs by the Democrats during the ten years preceding 1893 were the issues raised by the Republicans. National issues have not entered into the fight in this State to any great extent. Both sides contented themselves with State affairs.

A WALK-OVER IN MISSISSIPPI.

The Democrats will Carry it by an Overwhelming Majority.

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 4.—The State canvass was closed in Mississippi to-day by Hon. A. J. McLaurin, candidate for Governor, who made his last speech at Morton. The whole Democratic State ticket will probably be elected by an overwhelming majority, and it is claimed that the Populists will not carry half a dozen counties in the State. It is claimed that Capt. Frank Burkitt, the Populist nominee for Governor, will not carry his own county of Chickasaw. Full State, District, county and beat tickets will be elected. The Legislature to be chosen will elect a successor to J. Z. George, who is not a candidate for reelection. The canvass just closed has been practically one sided. The indications are that the weather will be perfect to-morrow.

IN BLEEDING KANSAS.

The Populists Making Unusual Efforts to Elect All the Sheriffs.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 4.—The greatest interest in the election to-morrow in the State, particularly in the eastern half of the State, will be centered on the office of sheriff.

The Populists are making unusual efforts to elect the sheriff in every county. In this city there will be the hardest fight on this office that has been known for many years. Democrats and Populists have combined on O. B. Kepley, a Democrat, to beat David Burge, the present Republican incumbent, and if by any chance Kepley should win the victory in this Republican stronghold, it will be used to advantage by the Populists in the next State campaign.

The only State officer to be voted for is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. David Marvin, Republican, appointed to the position last summer, was nominated by the Republicans. Neither the Populists or Democrats made any nomination and his only opponent is C. K. Holliday, Jr., independent.

A Light Vote in Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 4.—Virginia is not a storm center this year, as no important issues are involved and no State officers are to be elected. The campaign has been listless and a light vote is expected to-morrow.

Republicans Confident in Iowa.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 4.—The Republican and Democratic headquarters were closed to-night. The campaign work is done. The Republicans are confident of victory.

GOOD ELECTION WEATHER.

Special Bulletin Furnished by the Weather Bureau for To-Day.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 4.—The Weather Bureau furnishes the following special bulletin on the weather for election day:

The following is the forecasts for weather on Tuesday, November 5, in the States in which important elections are to be held:

Massachusetts—Fair until Tuesday afternoon.

Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland—Fair weather is likely to continue until Tuesday afternoon.

Western New York—Fair, probably followed by local showers on the lakes Tuesday afternoon or evening.

Western Pennsylvania and Ohio—Fair, followed by light local showers Tuesday afternoon.

Kentucky—The conditions are doubtful, but the indications are in favor of fair but partly cloudy weather.

Iowa—Probably a cold wave.

Corbett Returns to New York.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 4.—James J. Corbett leaves to-night for New York. He says he will pay no more attention to Fitzsimmons and is contemplating a final retirement from the ring.

LYNCHED FOR LARCENY

A WHITE MAN SHOT TO DEATH FOR BREAKING INTO A STORE HOUSE.

HE STOLE \$25 WORTH OF GOODS

He Had his Preliminary Trial Saturday and was Bound Over to Court but at 2 o'clock Sunday Morning he was Taken from Jail by a Mob of Armed Men and Shot to Death--He Had Been in Several Shady Transactions and Bore a Bad Reputation.

WYNNE, Ark., Nov. 4.—About ten days ago Albert England, a white man, who claims Cross county as his home, broke into a store at Vilonia, Ark., a small inland town, twenty-five miles west of Beete, and stole \$25 worth of goods.

He was arrested and brought to Wynne and turned over to the officials who took him to Vilonia and turned him over to the police there. He had his preliminary trial Saturday and was bound over to the Circuit Court. At 2 o'clock Sunday morning a mob took England from the officers and shot him to death. He had been in several shady transactions in this part of the country and bore a bad reputation.

ABDUCTION CASE DECISION.

The Boy has Been Given to the Father and is Now in School.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.

HICKORY, N. C., Nov. 3. Prof. Sevario D'Anna, who figured extensively in the abduction case, left yesterday for his home at Sayre Institute, in Lexington, Ky.

The boy, Hugh, who was the innocent cause of all this contention, has been once more placed with his step-grandmother, Mrs. Alice Murrill, from whose custody he was taken by his mother, Mrs. Thompson. The little fellow will at once resume his studies at Claremont Female College. The decision of Judge Timberlake was received with unfeigned satisfaction by a majority of the people of Hickory, where all parties to the case are well known. The judgment finds the following facts:

1. That Thompson is a drunkard, a gambler and a spendthrift.

2. That Mrs. Thompson is a woman of high character and, were it not for her husband, a suitable person to have the custody of the child.

3. That Sevario D'Anna is a man of irreproachable character and in every way fitted to provide support and education for the boy.

The decree also directs that the mother shall be allowed to see Hugh whenever she wills. He is not to be removed from the State for two years and at the end of one year, if she so desires, Mrs. Thompson may apply for the custody of her son by showing any new facts that should entitle her to the possession of him.

Judge Timberlake made no secret of the fact that his sympathies were with the woman. He decided in favor of Prof. D'Anna only from stern conviction that the future of the child demanded it. In their argument of the case, Messrs. Hufham and Bickett, who conducted the plaintiff's case in Louisville, took substantially that ground. Judge Timberlake remarked after the judgment was signed: "If I thought that I would have another case like this, I would telegraph my resignation to the Governor at once." The defendant has appealed, and the case will probably be heard in December.

Should the contest be renewed at the end of a year, some interesting developments may be expected.

AN AWFUL CRIME IN OMAHA.

An Eleven-Year-Old Girl Outraged and Then Choked to Death.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 4.—Early this morning the police found the body of Ida Gaskin, aged 11, in a vacant room on Howard street. She had been outraged and then choked to death. She had been missing since last evening. Three young men, Ed. Sanford, George Morgan and Booder were arrested, charged with the murder.

"The feeling against the prisoners became so strong during the day that it was decided to remove them from the city and they were hastily removed to the penitentiary.

The police are satisfied that Morgan, who is a teamster, is the rapist and murderer. More than 5,000 persons viewed the remains of the child at the morgue to-day and to-night a large crowd surrounds the jail from which the prisoners have been removed.

DEATH OF EUGENE FIELD.

He Retired in Good Health but Died Suddenly About Daybreak.

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—Eugene Field, the poet, died in his bed of heart failure about five this morning. He retired last night in health and apparently slept soundly until daybreak, when his son, who occupied the room with him, heard him groan, and putting out his hands found that death had already taken place. Mr. Field leaves a widow and five children.

Mr. Field was born in St. Louis, Sept. 2, 1850, and was therefore 45 years old at the time of his death. He was the son of Roswell Martin and Frances (Reed) Field. His parents were both natives of Windham county, Vermont.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

The President Designates November 28 as Thanksgiving Day.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—President Cleveland to-day issued a proclamation designating Thursday, Nov. 28, as Thanksgiving Day. The proclamation follows:

"The constant goodness and forbearance of Almighty God, which have been vouchsafed to the American people during the year which is just past, call for their sincere acknowledgment and devout gratitude. To the end, therefore, that we may with thankful hearts unite in extolling the loving care of our heavenly Father, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 28th day of the present month of November, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, to be kept by all our people. On that day let us forego our usual occupations, and in our accustomed places of worship join in rendering thanks to the giver of every good and perfect gift for the bounteous returns that have rewarded our labors in the fields and in the busy marts of trade, for the peace and order that have prevailed throughout the land, for our protection from pestilence and dire calamities, and for the other blessings that have been showered upon us from an open hand. And with our thanksgiving let us humbly beseech the Lord to incline the hearts of our people unto Him that He will not leave or forsake us as a nation, but will continue to us His mercy and protecting care, guiding us in the path of national prosperity and happiness, ending us with rectitude and virtue and keeping alive within us a patriotic love for the free institutions which have given to us our national heritage. And let us also on the day of our thanksgiving especially remember the poor and needy, and by deeds of charity let us show the sincerity of our gratitude.

"In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and in the one hundred and twentieth year of the independence of the United States.

(Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:
RICHARD OLNEY, Secretary of State.

TWO DAMAGE SUITS DECIDED.

A Young Woman Injured in Great Falls Mill Gets \$1,500.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.

ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Nov. 4. The October term of the Superior court of this county adjourned to-day. A good week's work has been done. Judge Hoke presided. He is an able lawyer and a good judge.

The two cases of the most interest were Ellerbe administrator, vs. Carolina Central Railroad, a suit for the killing of the son of the plaintiff by the cars of the defendant. This suit was decided in favor of the railroad.

The other case referred to was Miss Edna Hailey vs. the Great Falls Manufacturing Company. The plaintiff was an operative in the Great Falls Cotton Mill at this place, and in April 1893 was injured by the elevator, on which she was going from the 2nd to the 5th story, falling with her a distance of about 30 feet, by which she sustained serious injuries. The plaintiff sued for \$5,000 damages. After a trial of three days, the jury returned a verdict of \$2,250 in favor of the plaintiff.

The Judge reduced the verdict to \$1,500 upon defendant's agreeing to settle it without an appeal.

T. E. D. Smith, a painter and Aston Porter, a compositor in the Rocket office had quite a serious affray on the street here this afternoon in which Smith was cut and Porter shot. Porter is seriously hurt and it is thought he will die.

CARTER CASING MACHINE SUIT.

Judge Dick Decides It in Favor of the Winston Manufacturers.

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WINSTON, N. C., Nov. 4. Judge Dick of the United States Circuit Court, has rendered a decision in the long and hotly contested suit brought against eight of Winston's tobacco manufacturers by the Carter Casing Machine Company, of Danville, Va.

The decision is in favor of the defendants and taxes all the costs on the Danville company. The case was tried before Judge Dick, in Greensboro, October 3d. The decision is very voluminous.

The Carter Company have a patent on a tobacco-casing machine which they claimed had been infringed upon by Winston manufacturers who were using machines invented and made by J. C. Frost, of this city, and they asked for heavy damages. The suit was tried in the name of P. H. Hanes & Co. as a test case.

S. W. Eiland, dealer in groceries, assigned here to-day. L. M. Swink is trustee. The liabilities are placed at \$1,500; assets, \$3,500.

President Edmunds' report shows 272,852 pounds of leaf tobacco sold on Winston market during October. This is a decrease of 751,890 pounds over October, 1894. The shortage was caused by the drought.

Evangelist Fife opened his meeting here last night. Great crowds are flocking to Centenary church at every service to hear him.

The Wachovia Loan and Trust Company will build a five-story factory here for the storage of leaf tobacco.

THE REVOLUTION IN CUBA.

Spain Will Not Recall its Ambassador to the United States.

HAVANA, Nov. 4.—Three insurgent prisoners have arrived at Cienfuegos. The insurgents have liberated sixteen Spanish prisoners who were taken during the recent engagement at Tardio, near Cienfuegos.

A detachment of fifty-three guerillas at Los Alfonso, Santiago, de Cuba, has had a skirmish with two hundred and fifty insurgents, commanded by Miro. The enemy left four wounded and retired. Two insurgent officers, Major Rodolfo Zahas and Lieut. El. Perna were captured.

The insurgents have burned the plantation of Purge, near Trinidad, Province of Santa Clara.

Capt. Gen. Martinez De Campos has arrived at Villa Clara. As soon as the weather permits active operations against the insurgents will be begun.

It is officially denied that the Spanish government intended to recall its ambassador at Washington, Senor Dupuy de Lome. It is added that the government is perfectly satisfied with the course Minister de Lome has followed.

A despatch from Nuevilas, Province of Puerter Principe, says that the insurgents have derailed a train near that place by dynamite.

At Remedios, in the Province of Pinar Del Rio, thirteen young men have been arrested and imprisoned on the charge of having conspired against the government.

At Torone Burro, near Caibarien, Province of Santa Clara, the pilot boat Mercidita, which was loaded with groceries, has been captured by the insurgents. The crew was rescued.

The inhabitants of the Province of Matanzas have raised bands of from 100 to 400 volunteers, and a detachment of 100 colored firemen have left for Santa Clara.

A body of 1,000 volunteers will be mobilized in this vicinity and sent to Matanzas.

An Interview With Gen. Campos.

MADRID, Nov. 4.—The Herald to-day publishes an interview with its correspondent in Cuba, that he has had with Capt. General Martinez de Campos, in which the latter declares he is not disposed to agree to the independence of Cuba, but thinks that the reforms should be applied in a more liberal manner. He added that he proposed to pursue the campaign vigorously and that no proposal for peace had been addressed to him by his insurgents.

To Buy a Cruiser For Spain.

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 4.—The Spaniards here donate weekly a certain proportion of their earnings, ostensibly for maintaining Spanish hospitals in Cuba, but really for a fund to purchase a new cruiser for Spain to be donated.

WHITAKER FOR GOVERNOR.

John B. Hussey Reported as Saying That the Populists will Support Him.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 4. Mr. John Hussey, private secretary of Senator Butler, and the Washington correspondent for the Caucasian, in speaking of who the Populists would support for Governor, is reported as saying that Spier Whitaker will be the next Governor of North Carolina, that the Populists and Republicans can easily agree upon that one subject.

The progress of acetylene gas, which was discovered in North Carolina some time ago, is receiving considerable attention recently. The verdict of the scientific world as to its economic value for light, heat and power is beginning to be accepted not only by the general public, but by the old gas companies. That the Chicago Gas Trust Company, a combination of all the gas companies in that city, has purchased the exclusive right to manufacture and use the new gas in that city is a fact of no small significance. Companies are being organized in nearly every Northern State, and the whole field has been practically taken. The original plant for the manufacture of this new liquid gas was formed at Spray, N. C., and within the last year has largely increased its capacity.

Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, is at the Shoreham. He spent this evening looking for a suitable residence, for he is thinking of moving his family here very soon, and intends to keep house.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Battle, of Rocky Mount, passed through here to-day, returning from a Northern trip.

Capt. Arthur Barnes received a telegram from Minister Ransom yesterday concerning some private business. In it Mr. Ransom says he is enjoying very good health.

THE PATCHEN-GENTRY RACE

Preparations Now Complete for the Great Event Today.

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REIDSVILLE, N. C., Nov. 4. Preparations for the great Patchen-Gentry race to-morrow are now complete. The track is in first class condition and the prospects are that the time will be fast. The two great horses are in excellent condition. An exceedingly interesting programme of races is also arranged for Wednesday.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—A special dispatch from Shang-Hai says that Liu Yung Fu, the Black Flag leader, in the island of Formosa, is reported to have escaped on a German warship from Amping to Amboy.