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BLADES OF KOREA WILL FLASH BARE

Seventeen Thousand Troops, Drilled Into the Machine-Like Methods of European Soldiers, to be Ordered into the Field.

THEY GO WITH JAPAN

Gibraltar of the Orient Again Shaken by the Thunder of an Engagement, a Japanese Squadron Advancing and Drawing the Fire of the Russian Batteries. For Forty Minutes the Rocks of Port Arthur are Reverberant With the Roar. Belief That the Japanese are Preparing for a Landing.

(By the Associated Press.)
Seoul, Feb. 26.—The Korean government has decided to order the Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field. The Port of Iju was opened to foreign trade last night. The taxations to be placed on trade and other incidental matters will be passed later. This action necessitates a harbor, so Yungampho has been decided upon.

The Statesman's year book for 1903, gives the following details of the Korean army: The standing army now consists of about 17,000 men with European methods. In 1896 it was taken in hand by a Russian colonel with three commissioned and ten non-commissioned officers, who retired, however, in 1898. A royal body-guard of 1,000 men was formed and has been well drilled, and periodically a draft of well trained men is transferred from it to the other regiments of the standing army.

OUR GOVERNMENT BACKS HIM.

Declares Captain of Vicksburg Acted Right at Ciempuipo.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 26.—The Navy Department today received a cablegram from Commander Marshall of the Vicksburg, at Ciempuipo, saying that he was among the first to offer assistance to the Russian sailors aboard the Variag and Korietz. The following bulletin was posted at the Navy Department:
"A dispatch from Commander Marshall, commanding the U. S. S. Vicksburg, states that he sent medical aid as well as boats, to the assistance of the Variag."
Touching the Russian complaint that

GUILTY, SAY THE JURY MARCHED UP HILL AND DOWN AGAIN

LIKE A BOMBSHELL IT FALLS ON THE EAR

Machen, Lorenz and the Two Groffs Wholly Unprepared.

A DRAMATIC SCENE

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 26.—"Guilty as indicted" was the verdict announced by Carl Petersen, the foreman of the jury in

hibits they were allowed, with the consent of counsel, to take to the jury room, but Justice Pritchard said that to permit them to go over the transcript of the evidence would amount to a retrial of the case in the jury room and their request as to this was denied. They did not again communicate to the court until their verdict was reached.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, HOME.

Four Hundred Thousand Dollars Distributed Among Springs' Heirs.

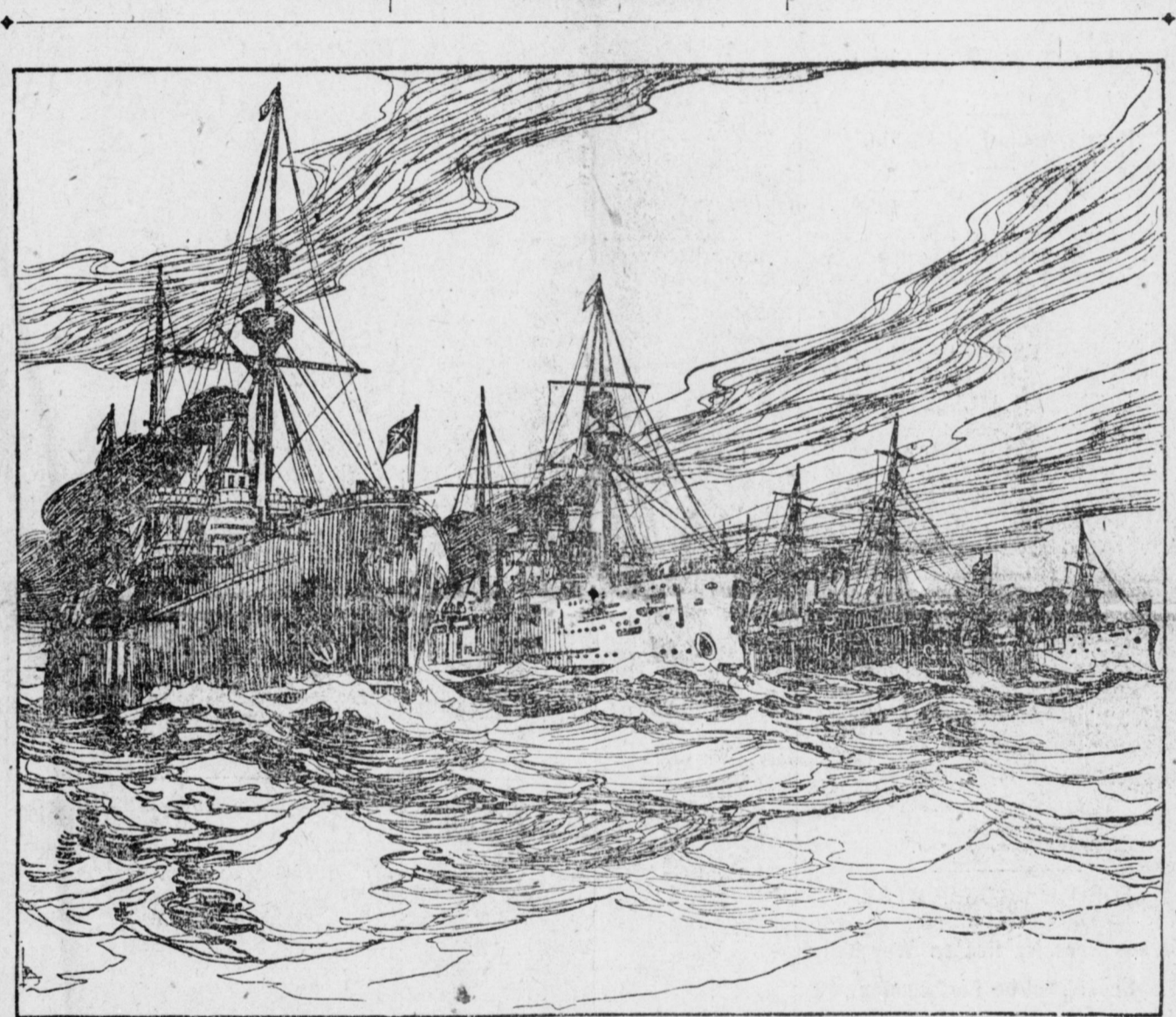
(Special to News and Observer.)
Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 26.—James A. Jones, a Charlotte contractor has secured the contract for the building of the new county home. Mr. Jones' bid was \$15,722.70 and in a bond of \$2,000, he guarantees the completion of the home by the first day of October 1904. Three other contractors submitted bids. It will be seen by the above that Mr. Jones' bid is \$2,257.21 lower than the next lowest bid and \$8,145.21 lower than the highest.
Up to the present date over \$400,000 have been distributed among the heirs of the late H. G. Springs by the trustees.

Maru, 2,331 tons; the Tien Tsin Maru, 2,943 tons; the Hokoku Maru, 2,775 tons; the Bujo Maru, 1,900 tons, and the Bunshik Maru, 1,300 tons. Each carried five men, two steering and three firing and running the engines.

Again Fighting at Port Arthur.

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—A dispatch received here from Port Arthur dated February 26th, says:
"At one o'clock this morning several Japanese torpedo boats were sighted from here with their sails set for the purpose of disguising their character. The battleship Retvizan and the shore batteries opened fire on them and continued firing until daybreak without any visible result. After daybreak a Japanese squadron, apparently conveying transports was sighted. At a quarter past eleven this squadron came nearer and an engagement which lasted forty minutes, ensued. There was no damage. Few shells fell in Port Arthur."
"It is expected here that the Japanese will attempt a landing soon."
"An inspection of the Japanese fire ships sent into this harbor February 24, show they were loaded with coal and

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ARMORED CRUISER ROSSIA. ARMORED CRUISER GROMOVOL. ARMORED CRUISER SOGATY.
RUSSIA'S POWERFUL VLADIVOSTOK CRUISER SQUADRON

kerosene and that electrical infernal machines had been placed in the midst of this cargo."

FIGHT OVER JURISDICTION.

At the Preliminary Trial of the Stan-cil Brothers.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Wilson, N. C., Feb. 26.—The preliminary trial of Sam and Dick Stan-cil for the killing of Mr. Harrison, on the latter's farm, near Morehead, was held before Magistrate W. R. Wood at 3 o'clock today. Counsel for the prosecution produced affidavits from witnesses stating that the affair took place in Greene county and claiming that the trial should be there. The defense argued that the warrants were sworn out in Wilson county and that the defendants live there and the trial should be there. The magistrate ruled that he would hear evidence in the morning at 10 o'clock and decide the question of jurisdiction later. The entire afternoon was consumed by arguments of counsel as to jurisdiction.

Told to Vote for Teddy.

(By the Associated Press.)
Roanoke, Va., Feb. 26.—The Republicans of the Fifth Congressional District met in convention at Martinsville today. The Henry county delegation was contested, there being two factions led by C. P. Smith and J. E. Anglin. Smith stood for the State organization and was seated. Delegates were elected to the National Convention and were instructed to vote for Roosevelt.

Italian Steamer Ashore.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 26.—The Italian steamer Mongibello, Genoa, to New Orleans, is ashore near Alligator Light house. She is laden with a miscellaneous cargo, principally lemons. Her condition is reported critical.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 26.—Colonel James A. Fugh, a veteran newspaper man and the first president of the Virginia Press Association is dead.

Yesterday afternoon checks for over \$200,000 were sent to the heirs this being the proceeds of the recent sale of stocks and bonds at the county court house at which \$214,000 was realized. Several hundred thousand dollars had been distributed among the heirs previous to the above mentioned.

At the March term of Mecklenburg Superior Court the damage suit of Orr against the Southern railway will certainly be tried. This suit is to recover \$50,000 damages for the killing of Andy C. Orr, the deceased being an employee of the road, filling the position of engineer. The plaintiff will be represented by Col. Hamilton C. Jones and Mr. C. W. Tillet. The Southern will be represented by Chief Counsel Henderson of Washington, Capt. Charles Price, division counsel, Capt. Geo. P. Basan, and D. E. We the local counsel.

A BLOCK IS BURNED.

The Boyd and Atkinson Property in Rockingham Destroyed.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Rockingham, N. C., Feb. 26.—The entire Boyd and Atkinson block on East Main Street was destroyed by fire this morning about two o'clock. The Boyd buildings were frame structures and occupied by negroes. His loss is several thousand dollars with no insurance. Atkinson's saloon was a new two story frame building. This was the last to burn and consequently a good deal of the stock was gotten and moved. His loss is about \$1,500 with \$500 insurance. The fire when discovered was making good headway in the pool room of "Free and Easy." No one seems to know how it originated.

Negro Drops Dead.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Asheville, N. C., Feb. 26.—A negro named Justice dropped dead in the bottom on the other side of Smith bridge this afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock. The man had been engaged in ditching, and after eating his noon day meal had resumed his work in apparently good health. After working a short time he suddenly fell to the ground dead. Sheriff Reed was

Comic Opera Scene in A. & N. C. Grab in Federal Office and Park Hotel That Left Chagrin Behind.

Things that are serious have oft a comic side, and this was never more fully demonstrated than last night. It was in some incidents in the appointing of a receiver for the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad that this came about, and the ending last night was fit for an opera bouffe performance scene, in which "The King of France with forty thousand men, marched up the hill and then marched down again." The plot unfolded itself as follows:
The train from Goldsboro yesterday afternoon brought to Raleigh ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, a shining light in Republican bow-ties and an old-time side partner of Dan Russell, once by grace of Fusionism a Governor of North Carolina. He hurried from the depot and barely taking time to cast his grip into the hotel was soon in consultation with the counsel who played the chief part in the railroading in of Receiver-elect McBee to take charge of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. He has been added to the advisory board of lawyers concerning McBee, which before W. S. O'B. was signed, consisted of Day and Bell, and Col. John W. Hindsdale.
After seven o'clock last night the ex-judge with a large section of the alphabet before his name, together with Col. Hindsdale, was in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court on the topmost floor of the postoffice building. Deputy Clerk Tonnofski was present, as were also Deputy U. S. Marshal John Sharp and Deputy John Dockery, who were present to receive the papers to serve on James A. Bryan to oust him from his position as President of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, and put Receiver McBee in possession.
The bond of Mr. McBee, in the sum of \$50,000, for his performance of the duties of receiver for the road, had been approved by Judge Farnell in Norfolk yesterday morning, and with his approval stamp on it became a matter of record in the clerks office. This being entered, the original and duplicate Finch complaints, Purnell orders, and McBee bonds were all certified and the time for action had arrived.
But just before the party was ready to move, a colored hack driver appeared in the room.
"A gemmen ask if you is ready," said he to Col. Hindsdale.
"Who is it?" asked Col. Hindsdale.
The negro hesitated. Then some one said: "Its Mr. McBee, isn't it?"
"Yes, sir," was the reply and the driver was told to go below and announce to the waiting receiver-elect that the "gemmen" above would soon join him.
"Will you have the papers served on Mr. Bryan in New Bern tomorrow?" was asked Col. Hindsdale.
"No," was the reply. "He is in town tonight and the papers will be served on him here. On the early train the United States Deputy Marshal will go to New Bern with a Captain McBee and serve the papers on Superintendent Dill, as well as on other officials of the road."
Then downstairs started the party. At the lower door Judge Robinson was asked:
"Are you now one of Mr. McBee's counse?"
"Yes," he answered. "I am now with Messrs. Day and Hindsdale."
"Are you to be the attorney for the Atlantic and North Carolina?"
"It would be assumacy on my part to say so," he laughed, and added as he and Deputy Marshal Dockery headed for the carriage in which sat Captain McBee, "My modesty forbids that I should say so." From this it is inferred that it will soon be the job of Atlantic and North Carolina attorney that W. S. O'B. Robinson is holding, unless there is a slipping of eggs.
As Messrs. Robinson and Dockery entered the carriage to join Captain McBee the city fire bell began the fire alarm. Was it an omen? Did the bell ring out that the "grab" was about to be consummated?
There was a large crowd in the lobby of the Park Hotel when the door opened and Col. W. S. O'B. Robinson entered. Following him came Deputy Marshal John Dockery with the papers in his pocket to serve on President Bryan. The door closed as these passed across the lobby, and then opened, and Captain McBee, his white felt hat an oriflame of war, entered and joined the two at the register.
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A RUSSELL REDIVIVUS

Alphabet Robinson Slated for Attorney of A. & N. C. and Bill Day as High Muck-a-Muck Counsel of Federal Made Receiver—Elect "Bunch" McBee Makes it Look Like the Old Time of Fusionism.

THREE PLACES FOR TAR HEELS

Congressman Kitchin is Prominent in Naval Bill Debate.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Each day's proceedings in Congress now seem to justify the prediction as to an early adjournment. Yesterday the Senate passed two appropriation bills, and today the House completed consideration of the Naval Appropriation, which makes the seventh of its thirteenth appropriation bills that are now out of the way. Monday it will begin on the eighth. The best opinion seems to be that Congress will adjourn from April 15th to May 1st.

In its selection of officers today, the southern branch of the National Dental Association, which is in session here, conferred three places upon North Carolina dentists: President, Dr. Charles L. Alexander, of Charlotte; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. J. A. Gorman, of Asheville; Dr. V. E. Turner, of Raleigh, is a member of the executive committee. The convention ended today and tonight and tomorrow those attending it will return home.
During consideration of the Naval Appropriation bill in the House, Congressman W. W. Kitchin, who is a member of the Navy Committee, took a prominent part in the debate and always with great credit to himself and usually with applause from his party colleagues. Mr. Kitchin is recognized by his fellow members on both sides of the chamber as a man of strong character and well versed in any subject about which he attempts to speak; hence he always has the close attention of the House.
Senator Overman has returned from North Carolina, where he has been for the past two weeks attending court.
Mrs. Charles A. Moore, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia for several days, died this morning about 8 o'clock. Her death had been expected for several days. The remains will be taken to her old home at Mt. Tirzah for burial. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. George Moore, oferson county. She left a husband and three children besides a large number of other relatives.
FRED L. MERRITT.

NIGHT HAVE BURNED MILLIONS.

Fire in Yards of Newport News Shipbuilding Plant.

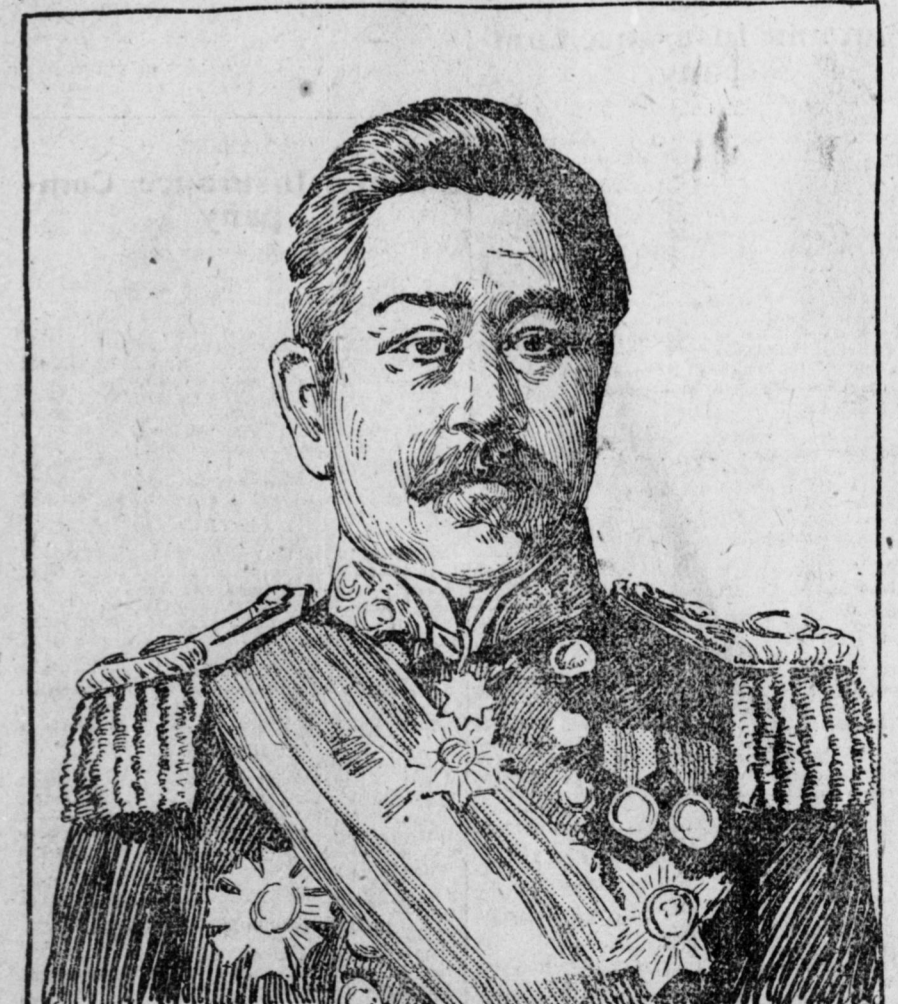
(By the Associated Press.)
Newport News, Feb. 26.—Fire of unknown origin broke out in the angle-iron shed of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company's big plant tonight and totally destroyed the building, the only frame structure in the ship-yard.
The fire fighting facilities of the yard were sufficient to prevent the flames from spreading to other buildings. The total loss is estimated at \$15,000, the loss is covered by insurance.

A \$70,000 Fire.

(By the Associated Press.)
Decatur, Ala., Feb. 26.—Fire which broke out in a large two story frame building next to the Echols Opera House block early today caused a loss of \$70,000, partially covered by insurance. A defective fire caused the fire. Several stores and residences were destroyed.

Death of Bank President.

(By the Associated Press.)
Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 26.—John Armistead, president of the Mercantile Bank of this city died today at St. Josephs Hospital from a complication of diseases. He was widely known throughout the South.



VICE ADMIRAL ITO, SAID TO BE IN SEARCH OF THE VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.
Vice Admiral Ito is one of the most popular men in Japan. A short time before the opening of hostilities he disappeared, and at the same time several warships of the Japanese navy are said to have left Nagasaki. Since then nothing has been heard of him, and there is a theory that he is hunting the powerful Vladivostok cruiser squadron. It was the hero of the Yalu river sea fight during the Chino-Japanese war, being in command of the fleet which put practically all the Chinese vessels engaged out of commission. He is sixty years of age.