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NEWS FROM EAST RUSSIANS TRAPPED JAPS VICTORIOUS

Rumor of the Capture of Three Russian Ships Off Yongampho--Six Hundred Russian Soldiers Frozen to Death in Siberia.

The Japanese Minister at Berlin Lays Blame of War on Viceroy Alexieff-- Says Last Russian Note was Never Delivered.

(By Associated Press)

New York, Feb. 16.—A Herald correspondent at Berlin telegraphs an interview with Japanese Minister Kurino who declares himself convinced that Russia did not desire the war nor did Japan. When hostilities opened it was directly due to the action of Viceroy Alexieff, who by ostentatious preparations had rendered war inevitable. He says the viceroy never delivered the Russian note to the Japanese minister and the minister had no idea what it contained. As to the duration of the war only military experts can determine. Kurino expressed his belief that France will not interfere in the conflict and if she does England can be depended on to stand by Japan.

German Cruiser Fired On.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.6—A semi-official telegram from Port Arthur says the German cruiser Hansa, which had been sent to Port Arthur to remove the German subjects from there, and which had on board also a number of Russian women and children, has been fired upon by the Russian warships. The telegram repeats the statement that three Japanese torpedo boats had been sunk in an attack on Port Arthur.

Secretary Hay's Proposition.

St Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Information has been obtained at the Foreign Office that Secretary Hay's proposition to limit the area of war operations is considered "practicable," and that a response will soon be forthcoming.

Viceroy Alexieff is being consulted and the authorities are doubtless waiting indications as to how the proposition will be received by Japan. The American government is now pressing for an answer to the request that a United States army officer be allowed to accompany the Russian field operations, but it is intimated that Viceroy Alexieff, to whom the request has been referred, has not yet answered.

Threatening Demonstrations.

Ying Kow, Monday, Feb. 15.—Threatening demonstrations have been made against a British gun-boat and the United States gun-boat Helena, by Russian soldiers, whose assaults and depredations against other foreigners continue. The civil administrator is making every effort to arrest the offenders and has assured the commanders and consuls that full reparation wil lbe made.

Russian authorities deny the loss of Russian vessels near Hai Wei. It is stated that Japan will wait indefinitely to land troops in Manchuria as she considers control of sea by Japan nullifies greatly Russian interests in the East.

Uneasy for Missionaries.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 16.—Friends of the missionaries stationed in Corea, Manchuria and Japan are alarmed for their safety. Nothing has been heard from several located in Seoul and uneasiness is felt.

Russla Can't Go to the Fair.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Commissioner General Alexandrovisky today officially announced the abandonment of the proposed participation of Russia in the St. Louis Exposition.

Six Hundred Perish.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—A St. Petersburg correspondent says 600 Rusisan soldiers have been frozen to death while crossing Lake Baikal, Eastern Siberia. The correspondent says the temporary railroad across the lake has not yet been completed and a large detachment of troops sent on a 22-mile march over the ice-covered lake are presumed to have lost their way in the storm and perished.

Japs Capture Three Ships.

Seoul, Feb. 16.—The Corean government has granted Japan the right to traverse the country. It is reported that Japanese warships have trapped three Russian ships off Yongampho. No details regarding the result of this exploit have been received.

Hansa Not Hurt.

Port Arthur, Feb. 16.—Firing on the German cruiser Hansa by the Japanese warships occurred while she was proceeding to Port Arthur to take away the German residents and not when the latter were aboard. The Hansa was not damaged. On her arrival at Port Arthur, she took on board a number of the wives of Russian sailors and left without further incident. Investigation shows that the city and fortress were not damaged by the Japs. attack. People naturaly are anxious and business is at a complete stand still, but tranquility prevails.

Five Steamers Captured.

Tokio, Feb. 16.—The Japs, have captured at least five commercial steamers. These include Ekatorvostav, vessels caught in the [illegible]se, Corean and neighboring [illegible] at various times since Se[illegible] by small Japanese cruisers [illegible] gunboats. Some of the steam[illegible] rich prizes.

RAILROAD IN GUATEMALA.

Sir William Van Horn and Other Capitalists Interested—No Revolution in Honduras.

(By Associated Press)

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 16.—Robert H. Manser, manager of the United Fruit Company, in British Honduras, in Mobile today says: "If there is a revolution there he does not know of it. He says his company and others secured control of the Guatemalean Railway, running 135 miles into the interior from Port Barrios and will take the management of the road after the meeting of Congress, March 1st. The company is bound to construct at once an additional 65 miles through a fertile section of Guatemala. The company acquiring the road is headed by Sir William Van Horn, of the Canadian Pacific, and other capitalists.

THIRTY TRUE BILLS.

Grand Jury's Good Work Today Number Cases Disposed Of.

The grand jury at the present term of Superior Court is equalling all former records for the amount of work done, that body today having returned over thirty true bills up to three o'clock this afternoon.

The true bills found are mostly larceny and assault cases.

The court resumed its work at ten o'clock this morning, and many cases were disposed of today.

The most important case heard was that of Toole Berry, colored, charged wih larceny, who was sent to the county roads for a term of three years.

Other cases disposed of were:

Geo. Chandler, carrying concealed weapon, fined $10 and costs.

Jack Jordan and Will Dunlop, larceny, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

A. L. Fox, assault on W. B. Newell, guilty, sentence not pronounced.

A. L. Fox, carrying concealed weapon, guilty; sentence not pronounced.

Luther Gordon and Charley Broadway, assault and battery; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

John Beatty, larceny, four months on the roads.

John Beatty, larceny, second case, four months on roads.

In the case of Henry Simpson and Mary Lou Archer, violation, the court was taking evidence this afternoon at the hour of going to press.

SOUTHBOUND TRAIN WRECKED IN GEORGIA

The Wreck was on the Western and Atlantic Near Atlanta--Twelve People Injured, Two or More Fatally--Axle of Coach Broke.

(By Associated Press)

Atlanta, Feb. 16.—Southbound Florida limited on Western and Atlantic road was wrecked eight miles from here this morning by breaking an axle of a coach. Twelve were injured, two of whom may died. The train was an hour and a half late, running at high speed carried a full complement of passengers going to Southern resorts, including many from Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Paul and other western and northern cities. The cars were overturned .A wrecking train with physicians were sent immediately to the scene.

The full report has not yet been made and full extent of injuries is not known.

Those believed to be most seriosly injured are Mrs. Foster Thralkaild, Tolsu, Ky., and Mrs. M. C. Keating of St. Paul. Several others are hurt, and the extent of their injuries may increase the list of probable fatalities.

THE WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.

The De Forrest Company Has Located a Plant One Mile North of Cape Hatteras.

(Correspondence The News)

Washington, N. C., Feb. 15.—The De Forrest Wireless Telegraph Company has built for its system a skeleton structure 204 feet high, the structure being 23 feet square at the base and topping to eight feet at the top. It is constructed of wood, painted dark brown, and is in operation. Its location is one mile north of Cape Hatteras light house and is a conspicuous object from seaward.

Erected, also, in eleven foot water on Bluff Saol, Pamlico Sound, is a fount order light flashing red every 10 second, illuminating the entire horizon. The faceal plane of the light is elevated 38 feet above the water, and she should be visible 11½ miles in clear weather. The construction consists of a foundation of fire brown iron piles, surmounted by a square white wooden dwelling with a brown roof and black lantern.

The Norfolk and Southern Railroad has bought the Washington and Plymouth railroad, and are widening it to standard gauge. Washington has unsurpassed transportation facilities, two outlets by rail to the north, and competing water transportation, which will always insure moderate freight rates.

PARCELS POST LAW IS NOT FAVORED BY RETAIL STORES

The Express Companies Tyranize over the People but the Merchants do not Care for the Competition of the Department Stores.

The Delegation That Called on the President Yesterday Composed of Prominent Mill Men, Several of Them From Charlotte.

(A. W. Hughes.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—Many protests are being received by members of Congress in the shape of petitions against the passage of a more liberal parcels post law, and at the same time, the agitation in favor of the passage of such a parcel post law seems to be increasing greatly in every section of the country. It is undoubtedly true that our postal service with regard to the handling of packages is far behind the service afforded by the postal departments of Germany and England, as it is in various other imporatrait respects also. It is incontrovertible also that the important express companies have a subsidy on the package carrying business that they frequently exercise in an arbitrary way that is anything but agreeable. Relief from this in great measure at least would certainly be gained by the passage of a liberal post parcel law, and at first sight it appears also that such a law would greatly benefit every one engaged in any sort of commercial activity.

So far as retail merchants, however, are concerned, there seems to be another side to the question that is decidedly important and which seems now to be coming to the fore. This is that mail order houses, which today handle about everything that can be imagined would be benefited much more by such a law than would retail merchants, especially in the smaller towns. With the additional advantage of very low carrying rates they could cut into the small business much more than they have as yet.

The other good features of the proposed law may outweigh this objection but it is being thought of at least and must be given due consideration.

The President at noon received a large delegation from the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association. Headed by President Heath of the association, the delegation extended to the President, Secretary Hay and Secretary Cortelyou, who were present with the President, invitations to attend the annual meeting of the association in this city, May 11.

In addition to presenting the invitation, which the President and Secretaries Hay and Cortelyou, said they should be pleased to consider, the delegation thanked the President and Secretary Hay for the open door in the east. Resolutions to the same effect were some time ago adopted by the association, but this was the first opportunity the cotton mill men have had to personally extend their thanks.

The cotton manufacturers of the South were represented in the committee by the following gentlemen: Mr. W. C. Heath, president American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, and president Monroe Cotton Mills, Monroe, N. C.; Mr. C. B. Bryant, secretary and treasurer American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. S. B. Tanner, treasurer Henrietta Mills, Henrietta, N. C.; Mr. E. W. Thomas, member board of governors of American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, and general manager of Oympia Mills, Columbia, S. C.; Mr. J. P. Leak, member board of governors American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, and treasurer Midway Mills, Rockingham, N. C.; Mr. J. P. Wilson, president Louise Mill, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. J. C. Smith, member board of governors American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, and treasurer Newton Coton Mills, Newton, N. C.; Mr. R. M. Miller, Jr., president and treasurer Elizabeth Mills, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. R. S. Reinhardt, chairman board of governors American Cotton Manufactures' Association, and president Elm Grove Cotton Mills, Lincolnton, N. C.; A. P. Rhyne, member board of governors American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, and president Tuskagee Manufacturing Co., Mt. Holly, N. C.; Mr. E. A. Smith, member board of governors of American Cotton Manufacturers' Association and president and treasurer Chadwick Mills and Hoskins Mill, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. W. T. Jordan, agent Mountain Island Manufacturing Co., Mt. Island, N. C.; Mr. Geo. B. Hill, member board of governors American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, and president Rhodhiss Manufacturing Co., Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. J. M. Rhodes, vice president and general manager, Rhodhiss Manufacturing Co., Rhodhiss, N. C.; Mr. John M. Miller, Jr., vice president and cashier of First National Bank, Richmond, Va.; Mr. T. H. Rennie, superintendent of Graniteville Manufacturing Co., Augusta, Ga.; Mr. John Van Landingham, firm of Heath Bros. and Co., Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. A. H. Washburn (Cotton mill machinery), Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. F. Dilling, president Dilling Cotton Mills and Cora Cotton Mills, King's Mountain, N. C.; Mr. J. A. Abernathy, president of Abernathy Cotton Mills, Lincolnton, N. C.; Dr. D. O'Donoghue, Charlotte, N. C.

MOTHER, DAUGHTER ARE RE-UNITED

Two Women Criminals --The Daughter Served her Term and the Mother was Released by the Governor --Corporations Chartered.

(Special The News)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 16.—Governor Aycock today granted a pardon to Minerva Strickland, a white woman, of Surry county, who served ten years of her 15 years' sentence for killing a little girl. Her daughter, Laura Bell, has just completed a ten-year sentence for her connection with the same crime. The pardon is in order to turn the mother out of prison at the same time the daughter goes out.

The Secretary of State charters J. B. Mathis Shoe Co., of Greensboro, to do a general manufacturing and wholesale shoe business. W. B. Devlin, H. Dunbar and others are incorporators. The capital stock is $100,000 authorized; $15,000 subscribed.

Another charter is to the Patterson Co., also of Greensboro, wolesale mercants and jobbers; capital $50,000; incorporators, J. W. Scott, J. W. Patterson and oters.

K. P. Hill Co., of Louisburg, is cartered with $20,000 capital, to do a general mercantile business; incorporators K. P., C. G. and J. P. Hill.

This morning in the Supreme Court the appeal of State vs. Daniels from Jones county, was called for argument. Daniels is the negro who murdered the late Furnifold Simmons, father of United States Senator Simmons. He was convicted of murder in the first degree in the lower court and sentenced to be hanged December 11th. The appeal as argued today is on a motion by the defence to squash the bill of indictment on the ground that the county commissioners of Jones discriminated against negroes in drawing the jury. Attorney General Gilmer argued for the State and there was no counsel contra. A negro lawyer, J. E. R. D'Hara, made up the case on appeal for the prisoner.

Judge Thos. R. Purness of the Eastern, N. C., district, has been designated as one of the circuit judges to sit with the United States court of appeals at Richmond during the May term. The other circuit judge to sit with him will be Judge T. J. Morris of Maryland.

There was a conference last night between Governor Aycock and the president and directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad regarding the proposal through Capt. McRee to lease the property. Governor Aycock stated afterwards that he will announce his decision within the next day or two. It is not believed that the road will be leased although the proposition now in hand is by odds the best ever made to the State.

The Atlantic Coast Line has filed through Jas H. Pou as counsel notice of appeal to the Superior Court from the recent order of the commission in the matter of the Selma connection. A $500 appeal bond was filed.

Mr. Percy R. Albright of the North Carolina Car Service Association, today sold his handsome Hillsboro residence to Mr. Thos. S. Fuller. It is understood that Mr. Albright will move to Wilmington March 1st to become assistant to General Manager Kenly of the Atlantic Coast Line.

William Jennings Bryan's subject for his lecture here February 22nd will be "The Value of an Ideal."

EXTREME COLD IN THE NORTH

The Thermometer Dropped to Zero in New York City—Colder in Pittsburg.

(By Associated Press)

New York, Feb. 16.—A piercing wind today with a drop of 25 degrees in ten hours made great discomfort here. The temperature is one above zero and in outlying districts five to ten below. At Syracuse a fierce snow storm is raging with the thermometer 15 degrees below zero during the night. Cleveland reports the coldest day in five years, 8 to 15 below. At Detroit, Mich., last night, it was the coldest of the season, the government thermometer being 10 below. Throughout Michigan are record-breaking temperatures. At Pittsburg, Pa., it is 5 to 10 below and two men were found frozen to death in that vicinity.

Storm in Cape Cod Section.

(By Associated Press)

Provincetown, Mass., Feb. 16.—The entire Cape Cod section was swept by a furious blizzard yesterday and last night, the worst since November 18, 1898. Traffic on land and water is seriously impeded. Railroad trains are working out of drifts today. Many passengers spent last night on the cars with nothing to eat.

SENATOR BURTON'S TRIAL.

The Judge Overrules the Demurrer of Senator Burton to Indictment.

(By Associated Press)

St. Louis, Feb. 16.—Judge Adams in the United States Court today overruled the demurrer of Senator Joseph R. Burton, of Kansas, to the indictment charging him with accepting money for his influence in preventing the issuance of a fraud order against the Rialto Grain and Securities Company.

New Commissioner.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 16.—It was announced today after the cabinet meeting that W. Cameron Forbes ,of Boston, had accepted office of Philippine Commissioner, vacated by the resignation of Governor Taft, and the promotion to the Governorship of General Luke Wright.

SECURITIES SOLD AT SPLENDID PRICES TODAY

Stocks and Bonds to the Amount of Nearly a Quarter of a Million Disposed of at Public Outcry in in Charlotte Today.

The Property was a Portion of the Estate of the Late H. G. Springs and Most of it was Bought by the Heirs to the Estate.

One of the largest executor's sales ever held in Charlotte took place today, beginning at noon, in the county court house, at which the stocks and bonds, the property of the late H. G. Springs, were sold at auction, the total figures realized at the sale being $214,617.75.

The bids were regarded as exceptionally good and the best financiers of the city say that the prices realized were most satisfactory and were up to the expectations of even the most optimistic. The sale lasted one hour and thirty minutes and was attended by many capitalists from outside the city.

The first bonds to be offered were the 6 per cent. North Carolina bonds of the State of North Carolina, 62 bonds in all, each in the sum of $1,000. These bonds were bid in by Judge A. Burwell, attorney, at $1,347.50, or a total price paid of $83,545.

The second sale was 65 Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad bonds, each in the sum of $500; ten bought by Dr. S. J. Woodcock, of Asheville, at 116; 10 bonds bought by Mrs. Evelyn Montgomery at 114; 10 bonds bought by Solicitor J. L. Webb, attorney, at 114; 10 bonds bought by J. L. Webb, at 113½; 10 bonds bought by J. L. Webb, at 113½; 15 bonds bought by J. L. Webb at 113½; total for 65 bonds $37,587.50.

In the third sale 10 bonds of the city of Statesville, N. C., of the par value of $1,000, with coupons attached, were offered, maturing July, 1909, with 5 per cent. interest, offered one at a time with the privilege of taking 10. Five were bid in by Mrs. Evelyn Montgomery at $1,000 each; five bought by C. H. Duls at $920 each; total $9,600.

One bond of the county of Mecklenburg, valued at $1,000, was next sold to C. H. Duls, attorney, at $1,125.

Next there were offered 7 per cent. bonds of the town of Taylorsville, valued at $500 each, one bond offered with the privilege of taking seven. The bonds run four years with coupons attached. Sold to O. F. Mason, of Gastonia, at 90 for $450 per bond, total $3,150.

Two bonds of the city of Concord were next offered for sale, valued at $500; sold to Paul Chatham at 106, total price $1,060.

Twenty-five Stanly county bonds in the sum of $1,000, at 6 per cent. were next offered. These bonds were questioned as to validity, but the validity has been established by the Supreme Court, the costs as yet being undetermined. The bonds are due July, 1920, interest payable annually. After receiving a bid of 80, these bonds were withdrawn from sale.

The next sale was 402 shares of the capital stock of the Merchants and Farmers National Bank, of Charlotte, each share of the par value of $100. The bidding on these shares was spirited, the first bid being 100. Ten shares were bid in by J. MvN. Johnson, of Abbeville, S. C., at 138½; fifty shares to R. H. Jordan at 135; thirty-five shares to J. J. Hutchison at 135; twenty-five shares to C. N. Evans at 135; five shares to J. McN. Johnson, of Abbeville, at 134½; twenty-five shares to Chas. A. Bland at 134; twenty shares to H. W. Wilson at 134; twenty-five shares to A. T. Summey at 134; twenty shares to Jno. M. Scott at 134; twenty shares to W. H. Belk at 134; twenty-five shares to A. T. Summey at 134; twenty-five shares to Chas. A. Bland at 134; fifty shares to A. T. Summey at 134; seven shares to Geo. A. Howell at 134; ten shares to John Blue, of Abbeville, at 134¼; ten shares to Mrs. Evelyn Montgomery at 134¼; ten shares to Mrs. Evelyn Montgomery at 134¼; thirty-five shares to A. T. Summey at 134¾; total, $54,036.75.

The next block of stocks offered was 166 shares of the capital stock of the First National Bank, of Charlotte, of the par value of 100.

Fifty shares were sold to H. S. Victor at 150; sixty-six shares to F. C. Abbott at 150; fifty shares to H. S. Victor at 150.

The next sale was a gold watch and chain, the property of the late H. G. Springs. This was bid in for $101 by Thos. W. Springs.

The sale of 25 shares of the Southern Railway preferred stock, par value of 100, was postponed.

Only 65 of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio bonds were sold, not 85 as announced, 20 having been disposed of at private sale.

Applications for Receivers.

(By Associated Press)

Baltimore, Feb. 16.—Application made today for appointment of receivers for Baltimore and Home Fire Insurance Companies, both of this city.

THE WEATHER.

Unsettled Weather Tonight and Wednesday.

DEATH OF SENATOR HANNA.

Annonced in the Senate by His Colleague, Senator Foraker—Arrangements Being Made fo rthe Funeral Services.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 16.—The formal announcement of his death was made by Senator Foraker, his colleague, immediately after the Senate convened today. After prayer Senator Foraker made the announcement and offered resolutions after the adoption of which the Senate adjourned as a mark of respect. Most of the Senators were in their seats when the Senate convened. The galleries were crowded and a sense of depression was felt through the entire assemblage. Hanna's desk was drapped with black and will so remain till after the interment at Cleveland. The reading of the journal was omitted and Senator Foraker was recognized. The resolutions expressed the sorrow of his colleagues and provided that a committee of twenty five from the Senate be appointed to superintend the funeral in the Senate Chamber at noon tomorrow; that the remains be removed to Cleveland in charge of the Sergeant at Arms and that the House be invited to name a committee to act with the Senate. It was declared today that the President will not go to Cleveland but will attend the funeral in the Senate Chamber tomorrow. A special train with the remains will leave Wednesday evening and reach Cleveland at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. The train will be met at the borders of Ohio by Governor Herrick, who will leave in advance of t ehparty. The body will lie in State Thursday at Cleveland and the funeral will be held some time on Friday.

House Resolutions.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The House took recess today soon after convening, transacting little formal business. When the House re-convened the Senate clerk announced the death of Senator Hanna. An impressive scene followed. Resolutions were adopted similar to those from the Senate and a committee of 25 named to act with the Senate in conducting the funeral and other duties connected with the last tributes to the dead Senator. The House then adjourned till tomorrow. It will attend the Senate chamber services in a body.

Mr. Skinner Has Apendicitis.

Mr. Frank Skinner, of the Manufacturer's Club, has been quite sick for the past few days. It is said that Mr. Skinner is suffering from appendicitis.

A GHASTLY FIND NEAR CHARLOTTE

Skeleton of a Man Found in the Old Henderson Mine in Mallard Creek Township--The Skull Examined by Charlotte Physicians

Mr. J. C. McClure, of Mallard Creek township, was in the city today and was exhibiting the skull of a man, the skeleton of which his boys found in the old Henderson mine, located on his place.

Yesterday, while the boys were examining the shaft of the mine, they were attracted to a spot where a large pile of bones lay. On going to the spot the children were horrified to see that the bones were of a human being. They returned to the house and informed their father of what they had seen.

Mr. McClure went to the mine and there in the 8-foot-tunnel leading from the main shaft was the skeleton of a man.

Mr. McClure examined the bones carefully and when convinced that they were of a human body, he picked up the skull and placed it in a sack. Today he brought the skull to Charlotte and several physicians examined it, all agreeing that it was the skull of a man. As to whether the dead was a black man or a white man the physicians were unable to determine.

Mr. McClure says that he has owned the place on which the Henderson mine is located for the past 13 years and during that time, so far as he can recall, there has been no mysterious disappearance in that section.

The skeleton bore evidence that the body had been in the mine several years. There was no flesh on the bones, they being as dry as a powder horn.

COTTON ADVANCES.

The New York Market Steady and Moving Up—New Orleans Closed Today.

(By Associated Press)

New York, Feb. 16.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 7 to 15 points on covering and buying encouraged by the firmness of Liverpool, small receipts and reports of a better demand. The market was not active and there appeared to be little outside buying. Brokers representing New England mills and spot interests were fair buyers on near months. New Orleans market was closed on account of Mardi Gras.

Capt. Barroll in Spartanburg.

The Spartanburg Herald says: Capt. M. K. Barroll, general recruiting officer for the Carolinas, with headquarters in Charlotte, N. C., spent several hours in the city yesterday. He mustered into service Mr. Arthur McKinstry, who was sent to Columbus barracks, Columbus, O. Mr. McKinstry recently completed a 3 years enlistment in the Philippines, and was anxious to resume service.

MAYOR P. M. BROWN WILL NOT STAND FOR RE-ELECTION

In an Interview Given the News Today He Asserts That he Will Retire From Municipal Politics at the Expiration of Present Term.

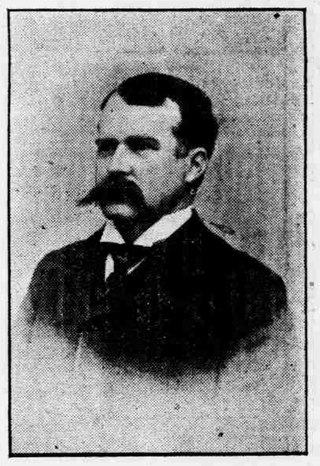
The Mayor Thinks That the Term of Office of the City's Chief Executive Should be Four Years Instead of Two.

"At the expiration of my present term as mayor of the city of Charlotte I shall retire from municipal politics and will never be a candidate for mayor again."

The above statement was made to a News representative this morning by Mayor Peter Marshall Brown, and the way in which he said it convinced the reporter that he was intensely in earnest.

"No," said Mayor Brown, "I am too good a Democrat to run for the office of mayor three times in succession. I believe that two terms should satisfy anyone. It is indeed an honor to be called twice to the highest office in the gift of a municipality like Charlotte, but at the same time I feel that four years should be the limit, and that I should step aside and give the reins of office over to some one else."

"While I am on this line I would like to say that it is my idea that the mayor of Charlotte should be elected for four years and at the expiration of this period the mayor should lay aside the toga and some one else should be selected to preside over the city's destiny. I am firmly



MAYOR P. M. BROWN.

convinced that this would be a splendid idea, and one that would meet with public favor."

"But, how about the Board of Aldermen? Would you elect thirteen members to serve four years?"

"No, I think this would hardly be advisable. Probably six had best be elected for two years, and the other seven for four. At any rate I am sure that the mayor should be selected for a four-year term. This would satisfy anyone who has a mayoralty bee in his bonnet, and it will certainly give the successful man plenty of opportunities to serve his people."

"Well," said the News man, "I am going to tell the people that you will not be a candidate for re-election."

"That is exactly right. Nothing could induce me to run again. I am out of municipal politics for good. This is a plain, unvarnished fact, and my friends are hereby notified that with the expiration of my present term I will step down and out."

Mayor Brown was asked whom he was for for mayor, but he declined to say. He, however, remarked that the right man would be brought forward in due time."

SCHOONER LOST.

The Nova Scotia Schooner, Scotia Queen, Believed to be Lost With Five Men on Board.

(By Associated Press)

Nantucket, Mass., Feb. 16—The Nova Scotia schooner, Scotia Queen, struck Tuckernuck Shoals last night and as nothing is seen of the vessel today it is believed to be lost with her crew of five men.

Government Sustained.

(By Associated Press)

London, Feb. 16.—By a majority of 51 the House of Commons last night defeated John Morley's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, censuring the government's fiscal policy. There were 276 votes in favor of the amendment and 327 against it. The division took the form of a vote of confidence in the government, which impelled many Unionists who totally disagree with the idea of protection to vote to keep Premier Balfour in power. The Irish party voted solidly against the government.