

HARBIN TO BE THE BASIS OF THE PROPOSED RUSSIAN LAND OPERATIONS

Representative of the Matin Arrives at Harbin After a Perilous Journey Over Siberian Railway

INTENSE FEELING

The Basis Point is Crowded and an Army of 400,000 Will be Scattered Over the Manchurian District

(By Associated Press) Paris, Feb. 19.—A representative of the Matin, who has reached the center of the Russian military operations at Harbin, after great hardships over the great Trans-Siberian Railway, being to the condition of it, being crowded with thousands of soldiers, in a dispatch today to The Matin, conveys the rumor that the place will be made the main basis of the Russian land operations.

Thus far the base has succeeded in maintaining its part with Port Arthur. The concentration of troops is proceeding systematically and provisions have been made for the speedy arrival of 20,000 men from the divisions of Moscow, Kiev and Warsaw.

Within 12 days the Russians will have disposed of an army of 400,000 throughout Manchuria. Intense demoralization exists among the population and the surrounding villages are flocking into the town, seeking to reach Western Russia.

The railway trains are blocked and 2,000 travelers are thus held up. The intense cold has increased the suffering and adds to the difficulties of bringing the troops forward.

Troops Concentrating. Harbin, Manchuria, Feb. 19.—The Russian troops are concentrating with lower Yalu valley. Everybody is in high spirits and are daily expecting reinforcement. Russian families are leaving Manchuria on account of the dearth of provisions, which are all required for the troops. The Manchurian, and especially the Tanshankai railroad are unable to cope with the demands on them. The women and children cannot get to the trains and many are waiting and suffering of cold and hunger. The Chinese are bringing in provisions. The rise in price is due somewhat to the fall in the value of paper money which in some places is refused altogether.

Japanese Boat Arrives. Shanghai, Feb. 19.—A large Japanese cruiser arrived at Wu Sung, a hundred miles north of Shanghai, today.

"The Figaro" Talks Out. Paris, Feb. 19.—Significance is attached to the Figaro's discussing the possible retreat of the Russian forces from Port Arthur toward the North. The Figaro, which is intensely pro-Russian, says:

"The Russian note explaining the delays in military operations had the effect of confirming Viceroy Alexieff's plan to withdraw to the northward toward Mukden and Harbin. The Figaro declares this to be a tactful move, as the Russians can better make a stand further north."

Not Much Joy Over Carnival Week. St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The clos-

NEGRO TORTURED AND THEN BURNED

An Arkansas Mob Makes Quick Work of a Fiend who Foully Murdered a Well Known Planter Near Little Rock.

(By Associated Press) Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 19.—Glenoe Hays, a negro, was hunted down by a mob and burned at the stake yesterday near Crossett, for the murder of J. D. Stephens, a deputy sheriff of Ashley county.

Stephens was a wealthy planter. He had a few words with Hays yesterday afternoon, when without warning the negro went to his house and secured a shot gun. Returning, he walked up to Stephens and fired both barrels. The charge took effect in the breast, death following instantly. The negro then struck the body with the gun and made his escape. Bloodhounds traced the murderer to a house where the negro was found hiding in a well. The mob, several hundred strong, surged around and dragged the murderer out.

Hays made a full confession. With hands and feet tied, he was bound to the stake and brush piled around. The torch was applied, and the man slowly burned to death. All is now quiet in the vicinity of the tragedy.

DOWAGER EMPRESS REPORT-ED DEAD.

London, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Canton says it is rumored in official circles there that the Dowager Empress of China is dead.

ing days of carnival week have been observed practically by a cessation of work. There is little rejoicing, and the no-festivities. Instead, the people gather around military bands in the streets, or follow the troops departing from the front. None of the reports of the Japanese attacks on Port Arthur have been officially confirmed.

An official communication has been published, announcing Russia's withdrawal from participation in the St. Louis exposition.

Must Not Tarry Long. Madrid, Feb. 19.—A Russian warship has arrived in the Canary Islands' port. The authorities have notified the commander of the ship that she may remain a limited time but cannot coal except sufficient to reach the nearest Russian port.

Germany on Lookout. Shanghai, Feb. 19.—It is reported at Wei-Hoan, the most important city in the province of Shantung, that Germany had secured the right in August to uniform the police system in all the cities of Shantung. The Chinese received the announcement favorably.

Report Discredited. London, Feb. 19.—The Chinese legation here has had nothing of the reported death of the Dowager Empress. The report is discredited.

THE STEAMER "LAHN."

Had a Rough Experience On the Old Atlantic.

(By Associated Press) New York, Feb. 19.—The steamer Lahn, that reached Port Arthur today, reports a tempestuous voyage from Genoa to Naples and Gibraltar. She was battered by the heavy seas, and mountainous waves broke repeatedly over her foredeck.

Captain Bolte and Second Officer Glund were knocked from the bridge and severely injured. The Italian Sicilia, from Italian ports, had a similar experience.

WE WANT A "SIGHT."

At the Field Operations Over in the Far East.

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 18.—Having failed so far to secure permission from either the Russian or Japanese government for United States army officers to accompany the forces in the field in Manchuria, the War Department has determined to make an effort to induce the Korean government to permit an observer to be stationed in that country. Brigadier General H. T. Allen, of the Philippine constabulary, is said to be likely to be designated as military attaché at Seoul.

Rebels Fired On.

(By Associated Press) New York, Feb. 19.—A Herald dispatch from St. Thomas, D. W. I., says it is reported there that the United States cruisers Newark and Columbia have been forced to fire on the Dominican rebels outside the city of San Domingo because the insurgents fired on an American mail steamer.

The American commander has forbidden either party fighting within the city limits. Great distress and starvation prevail in the city of San Domingo. The town of Jeremis, in the south of Hayti, is declared in a state of siege.

Want More War Ships.

(By Associated Press) New York, Feb. 19.—A Herald dispatch from Valparaiso says that England and France are trying to buy four or five Chilean warships. The English bid was the better. It is also rumored that England proposes to buy all the Chilean squadron excepting the three French built ships.

To Meet in Jacksonville.

(By Associated Press) Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 19.—The Swayne committee was in session till 10 o'clock last night. A number of witnesses were examined. No testimony of a startling nature. The committee adjourned to meet at Jacksonville Saturday morning.

Reply Favorable.

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 19.—Secretary Hay received today a cablegram from Ambassador McCormack, the reply of the Russian government to the proposition relating to Chinese neutrality. It is considered by the Department to be responsive to our interests and its substance has been given the governments of Japan and China.

Death Closes the Chapter.

(By Associated Press) Macon, Ga., Feb. 19.—C. H. Troutman, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Milledgeville, died this morning of a half-hour's illness, inflicted by himself. Investigation of his accounts as treasurer of the State Sanitarium and as officer of the bank is now under way.

Abner McKinley Very Ill.

(By Associated Press) Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 19.—Abner McKinley, brother of the late President, who has been suffering from nervous exhaustion, is reported worse at his summer home in Sumners, being confined to his room.

PUBLICATION OF TRAFFIC RATES.

Important Decision by Inter-State Commerce Commission.

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 18.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission announced today as a result of its investigation of the feasibility of requiring railroads to publish their tariffs, for the movement of export and import traffic, the same as domestic traffic, it has decided to leave the matter in abeyance for a time. If the Inter-State commerce act is not amended within a reasonable time, so as to relieve the commission of the necessity of requiring such publication, the commission holds that it will be its duty to enforce the publication of import and export rates in the manner now provided by law, but so far not complied with.

The committee holds that it would be a grave misfortune if export and import traffic would be withdrawn from the supervision of the laws; that the foreign rate may be the direct equivalent of concessions on domestic traffic and that if the American rail line is allowed to make whatever rate it sees fit upon export business, to pay whatever rebate and grant whatever concession it pleases to extend facilities to one shipper which it denies to another, the power exists to discriminate against a competitor, to the extent of driving him out of business and chaos would result.

Peach Growers at St. Louis.

(By Associated Press) Fort Valley, Ga., Feb. 18.—The Georgia Peach Growers Association in meeting here today resolved to make a special exhibit of Georgia peaches at the St. Louis Exposition. The finest selected fruit will be shipped daily to keep up the exhibit during the peach season. A fund was subscribed and several leading growers donated stated amounts of selected peaches.

Cold Wave Warnings.

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 19.—Cold wave warnings have been issued for Western Florida, Alabama and Eastern Mississippi.

DR. JAY AGAIN PLEADS GUILTY

The Murderer of his Three Little Children Again in Buncombe Court—Patrolman Buckner Still Lives—A negro Has a 40 ft. Fall.

(Special The News) Asheville, Feb. 19.—Dr. J. V. Jay pleaded guilty of the killing of the other two of his little children in court this morning.

Judgment was suspended, and Dr. Jay will go to the penitentiary for 20 years on the original charge. Last night Patrolman Buckner, and his employee, named Stepp, disputed about the collected fares for carriage hire. Stepp called Buckner a liar, then Buckner slapped Stepp's face. Whereupon Stepp plunged his barlow knife four times into the body of Buckner. Stepp is in jail, and Buckner is in the hospital, and is probably fatally wounded.

The Republican Congressional convention will meet in Hendersonville April 20.

Yesterday a big negro swung under the big trestle of the railroad bridge near the French Broad River to escape a train. He was unable to get back, and fell about forty feet. He was picked up more dead than alive.

PIECE OF PINEAPPLE CAKE.

Causes the Death of One and Probably Three Children.

New York, Feb. 19.—Tenderly striving to awaken eight-year-old Evelyn Burke with a kiss yesterday morning, as was her custom, and meeting with no response from the lifeless lips, the horrified mother swooned and was found unconscious a half-hour later when James Burke, her husband, entered the nursery of their home at No. 109 East One Hundred and Eighth street.

This was the tragic sequel of a ptomaine poison mystery which the coroner is investigating, and which threatens to end in the deaths of James, 12 years old; Gladys, aged seven, and Irene, aged two, in the Burke household.

As a reward for good behavior little Evelyn had received ten cents from her mother last Friday. She invested it in a piece of pineapple cake and was soon dividing it with her brother and two sisters. Saturday morning the four children were taken violently ill and Dr. O. A. Stiers, of No. 167 East One Hundred and Ninth street, was called in. He prescribed an antidote, but as they grew rapidly worse Dr. U. S. Ward was called Tuesday, and left a prescription for ptomaine poisoning.

That night little Evelyn died. Her father applied to Dr. Spier for a death certificate yesterday, but was referred to Dr. Ward. Dr. Spier notified the coroner and an autopsy will be held. Mrs. Burke is in a critical condition as a result of her tragic discovery, and the lives of the other poison victims were despaired of last night.

Mrs. Hill's Condition Serious.

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 18.—The condition of Mrs. Hill, widow of the late Senator Ben Hill, of Georgia, is very serious and ill it is not thought she can survive long. Her two sons, C. D. Hill and D. H. Hill, of Atlanta, arrived here today and are with their mother at her daughter's home.

SLAYERS OF JONES TAKEN TO PEN FROM WILSON

Their Different Sentences are Recorded and the Men Begin Their Work for the State—The Five All Went in Together.

The Insane Department of the Penitentiary is Full to Overflowing—Catawba Prisoner Will Hardly be Able to Find Room.

(Special The News)

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—The five men from Wilson, convicted of the murder of Jones, the insurance agent at Wilson, were brought to the penitentiary this morning. W. H. Rich and George Whitley are to serve ten years each; Tom Bass and John Allen, six years; John Patterson, eight years.

The funeral of Miss Eleanor Haywood was conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock from Christ's Church. The deceased was a daughter of Mrs. Julia Ogden Haywood and a sister of Mrs. Carl A. Woodruff.

The Secretary of State charters Tubert-Hix Co. of North Wilkesboro, \$25,000 capital authorized, \$6,000 subscribed by C. H. M. Tubert, J. H. Hix and E. B. Tubert. The company will do a general mercantile business.

Sheriff Julian, of Rowan county is here to commit Bert Finger and C. F. Ward to the penitentiary. Finger was sentenced for 15 years for highway robbery; Ward four months for getting goods under false pretense. Ward is only 19 years old.

Sheriff Killian, of Catawba county, is here today to commit a prisoner to the criminally insane department of the penitentiary. He found this department of the pen filled to its utmost capacity.

Gov. Aycock has taken the matter in hand and is making an effort to make room for him.

J. MALCOLM FORBES DEAD.

Was Big Shareholder of the Bell Telephone Company.

(By Associated Press) Milton, Mass., Feb. 19.—J. Malcolm Forbes, the noted horseman, and a heavy shareholder in the Bell Telephone Company, and who is very wealthy, died this morning, aged 60. The cause of death was an internal malady.

JOSEPH CANFIELD DEAD.

Big Rubber Manufacturer Dies of Aphyxiation.

(By Associated Press) Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 19.—Aphyxiation by a coal furnace is believed to have caused the death of Joseph Canfield, superintendent of the Canfield Rubber Company.

A Swedish servant was also aphyxiated. His wife is also severely affected.

FATAL TRAGEDIES CAUSED BY KNIVES

Armed With These Weapons Two South Carolina Women Kill Their Antagonists—An Interesting Game of Polo at Camden, S. C.

(Special The News)

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 19.—A fatal cutting affray, in which two negro women were the principals, occurred in Newberry county on Wednesday night. Laura Mitchell and Rebecca Neal, who live on the Mark Nichols place, near Utopia, had a quarrel which grew out of some jealousy, the Mitchell woman cutting the Neal woman to death.

The Mitchell woman has surrendered to Sheriff Buford, of Newberry. At a negro house on the Capers plantation on St. Helena Island, last evening, Emeline Green and Sarah Lockwood, sisters-in-law, had a quarrel over the ownership of a spoon, which resulted in Emeline fatally stabbing Sarah with a pocket knife. The Lockwood woman died shortly afterwards as a result of her wound.

At Camden yesterday a large crowd witnessed the hardest game of polo ever played on the local field, between the "Reds" and the "Blues," which resulted in a score of 7 to 3 in favor of the "Reds."

The weather was ideal, and the ponies were in fine condition.

Shortly after the ball had been put in play, during the first period, Mr. Samuel Russell, an expert player, was accidentally struck by Mr. Whistler, which resulted in dislocating his right arm. His position was filled by Mr. Sage, of Albany, N. Y.

Four periods of fifteen minutes each were played, and 27 horses were in the game.

GAMBLERS FINED.

Important Cases Disposed of—Arson Case in Court.

The cases against A. Block, Felix Hayman and Will Jones, charged with gambling, were finally disposed of in Superior court today. Hayman was fined \$75 and costs and Jones and Block \$25 each and costs. This closes one of the most sensational and widely discussed events in local police circles for many a day.

The court this afternoon took up an important case, that of Bizah Morrison, colored, charged with arson, in attempting to burn a house occupied by Mamie Hagler, colored, the story of which has been previously printed in these columns. It is understood that while the State's witnesses who appeared in the Recorder's court will swear that the wood on the building where it was fired was charred, Insurance Deputy, W. W. Orr, will swear that the wood was not charred, he having also made an examination of the burned wood.

The case was being considered at the hour of going to press. Other cases disposed of today were as follows: Stover Isom and Ed. Cothran, colored, charged with an affray. Stover fined \$10 and half the costs; Cothran sentenced to eight months on the roads. Isom lost an eye in the difficulty.

Arthur Alexander, assault, 18 months on the roads. Tom Owens, larceny, 18 months on the roads.

Jno. Adams, the white man who was engaged in the difficulty in Norman's bar two weeks ago last Saturday afternoon, in which he was badly cut, and others were injured, was fined \$15 and costs.

Steamer Ashore.

(By Associated Press) London, Feb. 19.—The Belgian steamer "Phillippeville," leaving Antwerp yesterday for Congo with a hundred passengers aboard, went ashore off Dungeness, in a fog today. Tugs and life boats are in attendance.

FIRE INCENDIARY; SO STUDENT SAYS

Greensboro Female College Set Fire in Three Different Places—Odor of Oil-Hose Cut by Unknown Party.

Greensboro Female College, destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, was found to be on fire in three different places at the same moment, there were evidences of oil having been used, the hose were cut by an unknown party after the arrival of the firemen and after water had been turned on. This statement is made by Miss Ellen Thompson of this city who was in the building at the time of the fire and who returned this morning from Greensboro.

There was an immediate suspicion aroused in the minds of Charlotte people yesterday that the fire was of incendiary origin, when it was remembered that an unaccountable blaze was discovered in the college building three weeks ago and in further view of the facts that the large dormitory, constituting the main building at the State Normal and Industrial College was only recently burned in the same city.

The young lady who arrived from Greensboro today says that some time before the fire the students noticed the odor of kerosene oil, but thought little of the matter at the time. Now however the faculty and students are nearly all unanimous in the belief that the fire was started by a miscreant or miscreants against whom some telling and strong evidence is accumulating.

The burning of the college came at a time of great importance, the college recently being reopened after it had been decided to close its doors, friends of the college coming to the rescue with money and promises of help.

The burning of the college has caused much regret here among the Methodists and other friends of the college, and it is hoped that if the suspicions of incendiary origin of the fire are correct, that the guilty party or parties will be brought to meet the punishment they have so strongly merited.

FIRE ABOARD SHIP.

Causes An Estimated Loss of \$100,000.

(By Associated Press) Galveston, Tex., Feb. 18.—Until an official survey is made it is impossible to correctly estimate the loss suffered by the British steamship Anelma de Larinaaga, but a rough estimate places it at about \$100,000. The ship was loaded with 52,000 bushels of corn and over 8,000 bales of cotton when the fire was discovered in the hold in the evening. The fire department put water in the hold after which the hold was battered down and steam injected all Wednesday night. It is believed that the corn is ruined and many bales of cotton damaged.

Schools Must be Separated.

(By Associated Press) Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 18.—The House today by a party vote passed the bill prohibiting co-education of the races in any educational institution in this State. The bill effects Berea College, where whites and colored pupils are taught together. The bill was amended so as to permit corporations conducting such schools to maintain separate schools, which shall be at least 25 miles apart.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR M. A. HANNA DRAWS DISTINGUISHED PARTY TOGETHER

PASSES DOLLAR MARK. Chicago, Feb. 19.—May Wheat sold this morning at \$1.01 3/8 cents. The war scare coupled with the scarcity of good wheat for milling purposes was the cause of the advance. The other deliveries showed a moderate advance.

HACK DRIVER STABS OFFICER.

Serious Affair Occurred in Asheville Last Night.

(By Associated Press) Asheville, N. C., Feb. 18.—Patrolman M. L. Buckner, in an argument with a hack driver, Nathan Stepp, aged 20, was seriously and probably fatally stabbed tonight. Stepp used pocket knife with a three-inch blade, stabbing the policeman four times in the left side near the heart, each wound penetrating the lung.

The officer is in the hospital and the physicians state that he is liable to die at any hour. Stepp was captured at 10 o'clock by Sheriff Reed, at his home on Hay creek, where he was found in bed. He admits his guilt.

W. A. PATRICK A SUICIDE.

Prominent Georgian Kills Himself With a Revolver.

(By Associated Press) Columbus, Ga., Feb. 19.—W. A. Patrick, a prominent citizen of Muscogee county, suicided at his home two miles east of this city this morning by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. He was 50 years old and leaves a family. Despondency, owing to ill health is supposed to have been the cause.

FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

North Carolinian Arrested in West Virginia.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 18.—Chief Howard C. Smith, of a local detective association, arrived here last night from Leaksville, N. C., with Frank P. Griggs, who is wanted for alleged embezzlement of funds of the Prudential Insurance Company, whose agent he was in Fayette county, this State. Griggs was indicted along with William E. Myers. He and Myers were both captured by officers at Norton, Va., but in some way Griggs escaped. The case was put in the hands of the detective association, and Griggs' arrest in North Carolina followed, the officers there having recognized him from a description sent out.

Griggs came from Virginia recently, and says he has relatives at Martinsville, Va. He is twenty-two years of age. Officer Smith took Griggs to Fayette county today. It is charged that Griggs and Myers had for some time been issuing bogus life insurance policies, Griggs acting as agent and signing the policies, while Myers acted as physician. In this way, it is alleged, they obtained several hundred dollars. When the fraud was discovered they both fled.

Senator Clark's Daughter Free.

New York, Feb. 19.—By the discovery in the office of the County Clerk at White Plains yesterday of the divorce decree freeing Mrs. Everett Mallor Culver, daughter of Senator William A. Clark, from her husband, the mystery surrounding the Culvers is at last unveiled.

Since the sensational Culver divorce hearing some weeks ago extraordinary secrecy has been maintained by lawyers for both sides as to the court decision. Only by accident was the document found in White Plains, but its authenticity was admitted by the Westchester County Clerk and by Attorney Henry G. Atwater, of counsel for Mrs. Culver. By the terms Mrs. Culver is given the custody of her daughter Kathrine, aged seven.

Thanks to Firemen.

The Carolina Manufacturing Company desires, through the columns of The News, to thank the firemen who on yesterday afternoon worked so faithfully and successfully as well, to save the plant of the company from the flames.

Respect for the Dead.

Cincinnati, Feb. 19.—By direction of the President, six Federal offices were closed at 1 o'clock this afternoon, out of respect to the memory of Senator Hanna. The United States Court, local courts, chamber of commerce, and the stock exchange adjourned also at that hour. The Power Traction Co. shut off at five minutes to 1 o'clock, and every street car is stopped.

D. L. PROBERT, New Y. M. C. A. Secretary

The above is a cut of Mr. David L. Probert, the General Secretary-elect of the Young Men's Christian Association, at Charlotte, who comes here from Philadelphia, Pa., where he was assistant secretary of the central department of the Y. M. C. A. of Philadelphia. Mr. Probert has been in the Y. M. C. A. work over ten years, spending the first seven years of his labor at Yonkers, N. Y., where he worked with H. D. Caskey, general secretary of the association there, later removing to Philadelphia, where he became department secretary of the central association.

Mr. Probert arrives tomorrow morning and will go with the Charlotte delegation to the convention at Spartanburg, S. C. Returning next week he will enter upon his duties here.

A reception will be tendered Mr. Probert next Friday night, under the joint auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Baraca Bible Classes and the Y. M. C. A.

