

LAND ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR HAS BEEN BEGUN

The News Comes That the Japanese Have Begun the Fight Against the Russian Stronghold -- The Battle Will Continue for Days.

Rome Hears From Tokio of the Defeat of Kuropatkin's Army With Great Loss. The Russians are Known to be Holding Back News.

(By Associated Press.) Indianapolis, June 1.—A special cable from a correspondent of the News at Changchun today says:

The Japanese land attack on Port Arthur began yesterday. Russian forces that were driven southward from Dalny and Kinchow by Japanese are assisting the garrison at Port Arthur and the Russian navy has joined in the movement to repulse the enemy. There may be several days of skirmishing in outpost work before the Russian city is taken but it is the opinion of the refugees who are here that the Russians must eventually succumb to overwhelming numbers.

News of Big Battle. London, June 1.—A special from Rome says a telegram has been received there from Tokio that General Kuroki defeated completely General Kuropatkin's forces near Sumetz near Salmasa or Salatsi.

All the Russian positions east of Pailcheng have been abandoned and according to a telegram several guns have been taken and the entire squadron of Cosaks captured. It is supposed that the news received in Rome refers to fighting reported by the Associated Press last night from Liao Yang and St. Petersburg. These did not indicate a general engagement, but showed that a series of sharp engagements had taken place of Salmasi, lasting from last Friday morning to Monday, which resulted in severe losses to both sides and the retirement of the Russians upon Samasi.

The Rumored Assassination. St. Petersburg, June 1.—The reports of an attack upon completely Landorff Minister of Foreign Affairs, which grew last night into a rumor of attempted assassination, have their foundation as near as can be ascertained in a personal assault Monday evening by Prince Dolgorouki, a disappointed office-seeker. The Prince is an opponent of Count Lamsdorff's policy and it is said he has become incensed over his alleged grievances. The Prince, it is said, met the Count in the street and without warning struck him over the head with a walking stick, saying that he chastised the Minister in the name of the whole Russian people. The Count's friends are incensed over the matter, which is regarded as the act of a madman.

Fighting Desperately. Liao Yang, May 31.—(5:20 p. m.)—Definite news are lacking. The engagement resulted in the Russians retiring on Simasi, followed cautiously by Japanese detachments. Three companies of Japanese are reported to have ambushed a patrol of the Perinsky regiment near Hunsien, killing three Cossacks. A fourth Cossack had his horse killed under him. Fearing capture, he buried his rifle. He was captured but subsequently escaped, dug up his rifle and rejoined his regiment. Severe fighting is reported along the railway between Stations Vfangyong and Vianan.

The Japanese suffered heavily and would have been annihilated had not infantry reserves come up and forced the Russians to retire into Vfangyong.

A Sharp Action. Liao Yang, May 31.—(5:20 p. m.)—Continuous fighting has taken place northeast of Feng Wang Cheng and the railway above Kin Chou since May 27. A sharp action has taken place eastward of Simasi, thirty-five miles north of Feng Cheng, which lasted from the morning of May 27 until day light. May 28. Both sides suffered severely. Detailed figures are lacking.

Japanese Prisoners. St. Petersburg, June 1.—Advices by mail from Tomsk, Western Siberia, report the arrival there of 26 Japanese officers and 150 men, mostly sailors, Japanese prisoners. All are in good health. The officers were sent to the Officers' Club and the men quartered in the riding school. Food allowance granted officers is \$25 to \$62 per month and enlisted men receive eight cents a day. Workmen have arrived to construct wireless telegraph stations for communication across Lake Baikal.

Fuji Ground. St. Petersburg, June 1.—An unconfirmed report has reached here from Mukden that the battleship Fuji is grounded on a reef off the Miaotao Islands, where it is being guarded by torpedo boats.

Rumors Reach New Chwang. Tien-Tsin, June 1.—A courier arriving from New Chwang says: While it is known that the Russians received reports from Mukden last night giving reports of losses sustained by them during the fighting at Kinchow and Nanshan Hill, and the conditions prevailing, they will not discuss the subject. Officials are desperately gloomy. A press bulletin giving news of fighting on the Kwantung Peninsula with Europeans, comments on the victory of the Japanese here suppressed on arrival at New-Chwang, but released when

LAST DAY AT WINTHROP.

The Commencement at Winthrop College Comes to a Close With Interesting Exercises.

(Special The News.) Rock Hill, S. C., June 1.—The last day of commencement at Winthrop dawned grey and threatening. As the morning progressed the clouds thickened and threatened an inundation. A slight shower, however, was all that came of the menace and the morning exercises were none the less well attended.

Friends and relatives from all quarters are gathered to see the sister or daughter or friend receive the cherished diploma—the certificate that testifies to ripe scholarship and to the establishment of character that is not less well grounded. The corridors are filled at all hours with groups of visitors that are conducted around by one of the girls. These are family parties and are one and all partial family reunions, for the beloved daughter has now completed her course and some member or members of the family have come to see her receive her reward.

At ten o'clock this morning the Alumnae Association held its annual meeting. The association numbers among its members most of the graduates of the college and the meetings from year to year are well attended. Immediately upon assembling the roll was called. This was done by classes and revealed the presence of a goodly number.

Next the class of 1904 was presented to the association by Miss Lucia Bee Able, '03, and suitable response was made by Miss Mae Ziegler, the president of this year's class.

Several reports were then read; namely, the report of the committee appointed to arrange for an alumnae catalogue, a report from a committee appointed to suggest changes in the constitution of the association; and a report from the treasurer, Miss Douglas.

Two new members were added to the scholarship committee, making it consist of Miss Dunbar, chairman; Misses Ora Smith, Eloise Scaife, Nannie Grist and Mrs. James White.

Misses Miller, Blankenship and Pope were appointed to nominate new officers for the coming year. The following were nominated and elected: Miss Barron, president; Miss Lucia Bee Able, 1st vice-president; Miss Carrie Cain, 2nd vice-president; Miss Sarah Gillespie, 3rd vice-president; Miss Pawnee Jones, secretary, and Miss Maude Martin, treasurer. Miss Oliver Newton, '04, was appointed to edit the Alumnae Department.

After discussing a few other topics of no considerable importance, the association repaired to the auditorium where they listened to an interesting address by Mr. S. E. McPadden, one of the leading members of the bar of Chester.

Mr. McPadden's speech was along the line of optimism in all things and optimism everywhere. The times are good, the nation is prosperous; crime is on the wane. It is therefore, everybody's duty to be pleased and happy.

Mr. McPadden compared life of today with the disadvantages and needs suffered by our ancestors. In graphic language he pointed out how unmeasurably greater are our privileges, and how unmeasurably greater is our duty to be happy. He concluded with an exhortation for us all to aid in silencing the "croakers" and so to harry future generations would know them only as a name.

Mr. McPadden's address teemed with good things. Wit and prudence and sparkling epigrams abounded. Altogether it was one of the very best efforts of this attractive young speaker.

At 6:30 o'clock in the afternoon occurred the Daisy Chain Procession, an exercise participated in by the Juniors and Seniors. This was very spectacular and was held in the gymnasium. The rain came up at the hour announced for the exercises, and succeeded in causing it to be delayed and finally in causing the program to be curtailed. The display was a beautiful one, the costumes of the girls being lovely and the floral decorations no less lovely. Some beautiful music accompanied the girls in marching while several catchy and appropriate songs helped to make the exercises more enjoyable.

At 8:30 occurred the regular graduation exercises. The evening was opened with an earnest prayer by the Rev. W. E. Thayer. This was followed by two selections, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" and "Whither," rendered by the Cecilia Chorus.

At the conclusion of the music President Johnson in a neat speech presented Dr. P. H. Mell, President of Clemson College, who was to deliver the address to the graduating class.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

A Well-Known Man From Southern Alabama Shot From Ambush.

(By Associated Press.) Mobile, May 31.—James Hughes, well known resident of Chastang, 26 miles north of Mobile, on the Southern Railroad, was assassinated this evening, being shot from ambush by an unknown party while walking along the railroad within a mile of his home.

Murder in Georgia. (By Associated Press.) West Point, Ga., June 1.—Lucius J. Weldon, head mail carrier on Rural Mail Route No. 3, was killed near here yesterday by his cousin, Dr. G. H. Weldon. A double barreled shot gun was used and the young man's brains were blown out.

Briefs. —Mr. T. L. Boyte has opened a grocery store at 13 East Eighth street.

—Mr. R. B. Redwine, of Monroe, was here today, returning from Chapel Hill, where he went to attend a meeting of the trustees of the State University.

—Mrs. S. J. Harris, mother of Mr. A. H. Harris, arrived today from New Orleans and will spend sometime in Charlotte. She is the guest of the Buford hotel.

PLAN TO RESIST JUSTICE FULLER'S SUPERSEDES ORDER

The Attorneys for the Receivers Say That the Order Cannot be Retrospective and That Since the Receivers are in, Will Stay.

Editor Daniels in a Room at the Yarborough Hotel—He Expects a Writ of Habeas Corpus From Washington. The Other Prisoners.

(Special The News.) Raleigh, June 1.—Officials of the A. & N. C. Railroad appeared before Judge Purnell this morning and filed a \$25,000 bond, required by Chief Justice Fuller, in vacating the order of Judge Purnell, taking the road out of their hands and putting it in the hands of Meares and McBee, receivers, pending the full hearing of the Cuyler complaint and application for receiver.

The bond was signed by President J. A. Bryan, W. H. Smith, H. Weir, of Greensboro, A. W. Granger and L. Harvey, of Winston, Carl Duncan and Dempsey Wood. The judge set the hearing at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Counsel for receivers raise the point that a supersedeas such as Chief Justice Fuller issued has no retrospective force and the order to restore the road to its officers cannot operate to remove the receivers. So another hard legal fight in this seemingly endless litigation will begin tomorrow when the question of accepting the bond comes up.

Regarding the resistance to the filing of the bond of officers of the A. & N. C. road, under order of Chief Justice Fuller, Col. Argo, of counsel for receivers, says they will make their fight on several grounds tomorrow. One that such order cannot be retrospective, receivers having taken charge, it cannot have effect of ousting them, but could, if in time, have prevented their taking possession. Attorney General Gilmer says resistance of receivers cannot hold and there remains only for the bond to be received, obligation to accept it being good and sufficient, its binding on Judge Purnell.

Editor Daniels. Editor Daniels, of The News and Observer, is spending today in room 28, of the Yarborough Hotel, awaiting the result of a trip of R. T. Gray to Wash-

ington to apply to Chief Justice Fuller for a writ of habeas corpus. He left Raleigh on a belated train at 5 o'clock this morning and a telegram is expected at any time now, notifying the parties here that the writ is allowed.

The programme now is for the marshal to carry Mr. Daniels to Washington for a hearing as soon as the writ is received. In the meantime, Editor Daniels is busy in his room writing editorials and attending to matters of business connected with his paper. He promised the marshal not to leave the room and no officer is with him.

The Other Prisoners. It was expected that habeas corpus writs issued yesterday by Justice Connor for Kerr, Southland, and Carroll, who were ordered to jail last week by Judge Peebles for making affidavit that they had seen him drunk, would be heard here before the Supreme Court today, but the prisoners failed to arrive on the morning train from Lumberton as was expected and the hearing cannot be had until tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Corporation Chartered. A charter was issued to the Houk Ginning Co., of Newton, the capital being \$25,000; incorporators S. D. Houk, J. C. Smith, D. P. Rowe.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS.

What the State Conventions in Three States and a Territory are Doing.

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, June 1.—The State Democratic Convention is meeting here today. Prior to the call to order at noon the condition was chaotic which conferences among the leaders for several days has been unable to settle in advance of the convention. The question of most interest is whether or not the delegation to St. Louis shall be instructed for Parker, first, last and all the time, or whether the delegation shall be bound by unit rule, with resolution from the convention urging it to support Parker so long as he shall seem the most prominent candidate before the convention. No bitterness has developed, but the contest is likely to be warm.

Conventions Meets. Atlanta, Ga., June 1.—The convention was called to order at noon and J. J. Spalding was made temporary chairman. A permanent organization was perfected with the choice of M. J. Yeoman, of Dawson, chairman. One contest was settled by the convention, sending both delegations from Hall county State officers nominated in the April primary were confirmed and the committee on resolutions named. There is no report yet, but it is believed that the delegation will be instructed for Parker.

The Nebraska Convention. Omaha, Neb., June 1.—Nearly all of the thousand and fifty-nine delegates to the Democratic State Convention arrived this morning before being called to order at noon. Williams J. Bryan, to whom every body looked as the central figure of the convention did not arrive till noon. The convention is not expected to divide on any question, the contest being for delegates at large, three of whom, Mr. Bryan, C. J. Smith, of Omaha and W. H. Thompson, the last Democratic candidate for Governor, were practically settled upon before the convention was called to order. At that time the fourth candidate for delegate at large had not been decided upon.

Oklahoma Democrats. Anadarko, Okla., June 1.—Before the Democratic Territorial Convention to select six delegates to the National Convention was called to order here today, indications were that a determined fight would be made against instructions for Hearst. The contest for delegates at large is about equally divided.

Michigan Democrats. Detroit, Michigan, June 1.—Before the Democratic State Convention was called to order today both Hearst supporters and the anti-Hearst men claim a victory in the convention in the election of a delegation to the National Convention.

Illinois Deadlock. Springfield, June 1.—The Republican State Convention assembled again this morning and the 60th ballot for a candidate for Governor was begun with no prospect of a change in sight.

The sixty-second ballot showed no essential change with Yates leading, Lowden second, followed in order by Deneen, Hamlin, Warner, Sherman and Pierce. A resolution was offered for a secret ballot, which was referred to the committee on resolutions. At eleven-thirty the convention took a recess until 2 o'clock.

JUDGE GRAY, PRESIDENT.

Not of the United States yet but of the Arbitration Conference.

(By Associated Press.) Mohonk, Lake, N. Y., June 1.—The tenth annual conference on international arbitration opened here today with three hundred present. The opening address of welcome was by Albert K. Simley, prayer by Edward Everett Hale, Judge George Gray, Delaware, was chosen president. He made an eloquent address on taking the chair. He reviewed the history of the year in arbitration made by Dr. Benjamin F. Trueblood, Boston, Secretary of American Peace Society. Other addresses were delivered by Dr. Hale, Thomas Nelson Page, General James Grant Wilson, Prof. Henry M. Leipziger and Prof. John H. Gray.

FLOODS IN WYOMING. Floods in Green River and its Tributaries Make a Big Death-List.

(By Associated Press.) Green River, Wyo., June 1.—Floods in the Green river and tributaries have cost two lives and much damage to property. The messenger has just arrived with news from the inundated district, who says the death-list will likely be greatly increased when the full reports come in.

Rented the Lowe Home. Mr. James A. Hardison and family will make their home on West Seventh street. Mr. Hardison has rented the Lowe residence and he and family will move in shortly. Mr. Hardison has taken a position with the Burwell & Dunn Co.

LIGHTNING'S WORK.

Mr. Freeman Badly Stunned and His Cow Killed.

Mr. A. H. Freeman, of Berryhill township, came near being killed by lightning yesterday afternoon. He was sitting in his front porch delighted with the splendid downpour, when a vivid flash of lightning completely blinded him.

He was knocked from his chair and for a few minutes was rendered unconscious. The after effects were sickening and even this morning Mr. Freeman had not thoroughly recovered.

Soon after the shock attending the stroke had passed off, some members of Mr. Freeman's family went to the barnyard to see if all was well. As they entered the lot, the body of a fine milch cow was to be seen lying near the fence. Near the center of the barnyard a large tree stands. This had been shattered by the lightning, and it was this bolt that shocked Mr. Freeman and killed his cow.

In other sections of the county a severe electrical storm was reported but so far no damage of any consequence resulted.

All over Mecklenburg the thirsty earth received a splendid drenching and the growing crops are today looking entirely different from yesterday. It would be impossible to calculate in dollars and cents, just what yesterday's rains were worth to Mecklenburg farmers.

TUESDAY, JULY 19.

Is the Day Set for the Baptist Excursion to Asheville.

The excursion committee of Tryon Street Baptist Church has decided to run the annual excursion on Tuesday, July 19. Asheville will be objective point.

As usual, there will be two trains, one starting from Concord and going by way of Spartanburg and the other starting from the Trade street station and going by way of Statesville, Hickory and Morganton.

It is useless to add that a large crowd will take advantage of this low rate and pleasant trip to the mountains.

Ordination Services Sunday. Rev. Walter Walsh will be ordained in the First Presbyterian church next Sunday. The commission appointed by the Presbytery yesterday will have charge of this service. The commission is composed of the following: Revs. J. A. Dorritee, J. R. Howerton, M. D. Hardin, G. W. Belk and J. R. Bridges, and Elders R. A. Dunn and James W. Pharr.

The Presbytery licensed Mr. E. B. Robinson to preach and changed the name of the Barclay Presbyterian church at Marshville to the Marshville Presbyterian church.

To Organize New Camp. Mr. W. R. Matthews, Deputy Sovereign Commander Woodmen of the World, leaves tomorrow for Gastonia to organize a new camp of this order. Mr. Matthews is an enthusiastic Woodman and has done much to increase the membership in this order here. The Gastonia people will find Mr. Matthews allright in every way.

Westminster School Picnic. The annual Sunday school picnic of Westminster church in Dilworth will take place tomorrow. The picnic grounds will be the R. E. McDonald woods, south of Dilworth.

The party will leave the church at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning in wagons and will spend the day in the woods. A most pleasant trip is contemplated.

JUDGE PRITCHARD QUALIFIES TODAY

The Judge Takes Charge of the Fourth Circuit, as United States Judge Today. Mr. James H. Pou on the Democratic Situation.

(Special The News.) Washington, D. C., June 1.—Judge Jeter C. Pritchard qualified today at Richmond, Va., as United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. His first official act as a member of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia occurred yesterday when he signed the bill of exceptions in the Machen-Lorenz-Groff Postoffice Department conspiracy case.

Hon. Thomas J. Jarvis, former Governor of North Carolina; Robert D. Gilmer, Attorney General, and James H. Pou, who is a brother of Congressman E. W. Pou, are guests of the Riggs House. When asked as to the situation in North Carolina Mr. Pou said: "It is not probable that the Democratic State convention will send instructed delegates to the national convention. At present it appears that the prevailing sentiment favors Judge Parker, but this proceeds from belief in his availability and from no personal attachment."

Big Crowd on Southern. All passenger trains on the Southern these days are crowded. Since taking off four passenger trains daily, those remaining are crowded to the packed state. It is said in Charlotte that conditions warrant the statement that the trains taken off will be restored, and that right early.

Rented the Lowe Home. Mr. James A. Hardison and family will make their home on West Seventh street. Mr. Hardison has rented the Lowe residence and he and family will move in shortly. Mr. Hardison has taken a position with the Burwell & Dunn Co.

Ernest Howie, the young son of Mr. H. G. Howie, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is improving.

FOUR DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS MEET; RESULT FORECASTED

The South is Now Considered Practically a Unit on the Conservative Side -- The Loss of Ohio to the Hearst Forces a Crushing Blow.

Interest in the Nebraska Convention -- Oklahoma May Go for Hearst With Georgia to Balance With Instructions for Parker.

(By A. W. Hughes.) Washington, D. C., May 31.—If the success of the conservative element had not been indicated already by the action of most of the great States of the East and Middle West, the conventions held the past week would settle it. The South will be practically a unit on the conservative side. The Hearst element makes no impression here at all. Alabama is solidly for the conservatives; and Tennessee, where the Hearst people had their best chance of winning some delegates, is equally or even more emphatic. The loss of Ohio is perhaps the most crushing blow that the radical element has received. Even the result in Indiana was less discouraging, because more expected. In Ohio the leadership of Tom Johnson was expected to throw the State to the Hearst people without much difficulty. On the contrary, the conservatives have triumphed easily, and the State delegation will go to St. Louis nominally desiring the success of the local candidate, but really pledged to any good man of conservative record and disposition.

All this makes distinctly for Democratic success, while Judge Parker has been the great immediate gainer from these movements, while delegates are being added to his list daily and the probability of his nomination grows apace. There is less of interest in this than in the more potent fact that the action of the various Democratic State conventions has now determined the nomination of a man of his type. It matters not whether it be Judge Parker or one of the dozen others who might be named. It seems to us that the New Yorker is by all odds the most promising of the candidates avowedly in the field. The great thing is to have a Democratic candidate who, whether his name be Parker or not will represent, as New York's candidate does, the sober, modern, progressive and conservative element that stands in Democracy's front today; to which the people of the country must turn as their relief from Republican corruption and autocracy without falling into the gulf of a radicalism inviting public distrust and unrest. One after another the great Commonwealths of the country declare themselves for the rule of a conservative Democracy.

Four Democratic conventions will be held tomorrow, and the booms of prospective presidential candidates will receive further impetus. Georgia, Nebraska, Michigan and Oklahoma Democrats will meet in conventions to declare their choice for presidential candidate. The Nebraska convention will be very interesting, as it will demonstrate the hold which Mr. Bryan still retains upon the State. The platform of the Nebraska convention, in case Mr. Bryan is in control of the convention, may forecast the attitude which the Bryan faction will take at St. Louis.

Oklahoma probably will instruct for Mr. Hearst, according to the best information obtainable here. His agents were busy in Oklahoma early in the contest and it has been assumed that they had the delegation bottled up for their chief. Oklahoma will send six delegates to St. Louis.

In Michigan the Hearst and Parker delegates for control of the convention and for and against instruction and the unit rule. If the unit rule is not applied Hearst would probably split up the Michigan delegation pretty badly.

Mortuary Report.

Mr. Moses Thomas, keeper of Elmwood cemetery, has submitted the following report of the two cemeteries for the month of May: Elmwood—Number of deaths 9; heart disease, 1; congestion of the brain, 1; lagrippe, 2; still born, 1; erysipelas, 1; suicide, 1; dysentery, 1, and phthisis, 1. Pinewood—Number of deaths, 19; from peritonitis, 1; meningitis, 1; tuberculosis, 2; thrombosis, 1; pneumonia, 1; lagrippe, 1; cholera morbus, 2; phthisis, 1; consumption, 1; gunshot wound, 1; still-born, 2; cause unknown, 1; old age, 1; dysentery, 1; lung trouble, 1, and suicide 1.

Arm and Nose Broken.

The News has been listening for the echo of a razor since the Salisbury excursion, and up to this morning no such familiar sound had reached Charlotte. But, the following from the Salisbury Sun indicates that at least one of the excursionists did not reach home in safety: "A Charlotte negro who came over yesterday to celebrate the thirtieth was badly bruised at the depot last night while jumping from a train. His nose and left arm were broken."

THE WEATHER.

Showers Tonight. Generally Fair and Warmer Thursday.

UNCLE SAM'S NOTE PLEASES FRANCE

In Asking Help it Acknowledges the Claims of France in Morocco—The News is That Tangier Will be Bombarded in Eight Days.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, June 1.—Request of U. S. for the co-operation of France in bringing about the release of Perdicaris and Varley has produced a favorable impression at foreign office here where much significance is attached to the request as embodying the first distinct recognition of France's paramount influence in Morocco. It is expected this will lead to a more emphatic exercise of French authority over Morocco with a view to suppressing lawlessness and protecting foreigners. Ambassador Porter today conferred with Foreign Minister Delcasse who said yesterday's negotiations were progressing favorably at Tangier and Fez, the chief reliance being placed on the Sultan's yielding before the united representatives of France, the United States and Great Britain.

To Bombard Tangier. Tangiers, June 1.—The United States cruiser Olympia is flying its flag of Rear Admiral Jewell commanding the European squadron and the cruisers Baltimore and Cleveland have arrived here. No further developments concerning the kidnapping of Perdicaris and Varley but the report is current, that eight days have been allowed the Sultan to produce the prisoners after which time Tangier will be bombarded. The report is not confirmed.

Uncle Sam in Earnest.

Washington, June 1.—Secretary Hay and Secretary Moody conferred with the President today over the latest advice from Tangier. Consul General Gummere has been called to inform the Moorish government that regardless of the action of any other governments, the United States will insist that the bandit Raisouli be held personally responsible for the safety of his prisoners and if any harm comes to Perdicaris this government will demand the capture and execution of Raisouli. To make sure of the delivery of this important message to the Moorish government and through its agent to the brigand chief, the State Department also called it to Ambassador Choate, who is expected to see that it reaches the British minister at Tangier and will be brought to the attention of the Moorish government.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

A Well-Known Man From Southern Alabama Shot From Ambush.

(By Associated Press.) Mobile, May 31.—James Hughes, well known resident of Chastang, 26 miles north of Mobile, on the Southern Railroad, was assassinated this evening, being shot from ambush by an unknown party while walking along the railroad within a mile of his home.

MURDERER ARRESTED.

Meade, the Strike-Breaker, Admits the Killing of Sam Ricker.

(By Associated Press.) Leadville, Col., May 31.—Albert S. Meade, who is accused of murder, was arrested today. Meade admitted killing Sam Ricker, at Spring Gulch, Pitkin county, last Saturday. Two other men in the fight in which Ricker was killed, Meade is 19 years old and came to Colorado from Virginia with a party of strike-breakers who were sent to Spring Gulch several months ago.

Cleveland Declines.

(By Associated Press.) Mexico, June 1.—Grover Cleveland has written to the Fourth of July committee saying that his engagements preclude his acceptance of the invitation to address his fellow countrymen in Mexico.