

KUROPATKIN AND KUROKI ARE NEAR THE GREAT BATTLE

That is the Opinion of the Russian War Office at St. Petersburg—Others Say That the Russian General Will Not Risk It.

The Russian Advance in Northern Corea Disturbs the Japanese—Several Skirmishes With Cossacks. Japanese Victorious.

From a mountain monastery five miles distant. The Junk reported that the Russians had landed field pieces at Shari River north of Gensan on Broughton, at which place Cossack reinforcements are expected.

Misused White Flag. Nagasaki, Japan, June 4.—The wounded Japanese, who arrived here from the Liao Tung Peninsula attribute the heavy casualties at Nanshan Hill to the Russians' alleged misuse of the white flag.

Brigands at New Chwang. New Chwang, June 4.—The brigands in this vicinity are becoming bolder after receiving a thousand Manlicher rifles. Their activity is causing discussion among foreign residents of the necessity of gunboats as a protection of the lives and property during the time which must elapse between the departure of the Russians and the entrance of the Japanese into New Chwang.

Russians in Northern Corea. Mukden, June 4.—The situation in the war zone is unchanged and no news has been received here from Port Arthur. Russian successes in Northern Corea are said to be causing great disquietude among the Japanese.

Cossacks Ambuscaded. Seoul, June 4.—A skirmish took place between twenty Cossacks and an unknown force of Japanese scouts twelve miles north of Gensan yesterday morning. The Cossacks were evidently ambushed by the Japanese, who were concealed in the brush on the hill side. The Russians retired toward Hamhung, leaving six dead on the field. The Japanese casualties are not stated.

Three Russian Repulses. Tokio, June 4.—The commander of the Japanese forces south of the Yalu river telegraphed from Seoul today news of a series of fights north of Puhlation, forty miles north of Port Adams, Monday, which he received from Japanese cavalry scouting in the vicinity of Chuchiatung. It is learned that the Cossacks had been located at Talissux, and the Japanese dispatched cavalry and infantry which defeated and pursued them. The Russian force consisted of three squadrons. This force was joined by two more squadrons, and the Japanese again attacked and defeated the Russians. Five companies of infantry and a battery of horse artillery joined the Russians at Lung Wagmiao where the Japanese attacked for a third time and the Russians fell back to Telissu, where the Russian and Japanese cavalry continued to fight Monday night.

Great Japanese Losses. St. Petersburg, June 3.—Since the receipt of General Stoessel's report of fighting at Fenchow Pass the general staff is convinced that Japanese losses at Kinchow are greater than officially stated. It is known that only the very seriously wounded are included in the report. There are indications that the commanders on both sides are pushing this plan, as the wounds made by small caliber of high velocity bullets used in modern warfare, unless they reach vital spots heal quickly and in a few weeks most wounded men are again ready for service.

Sharp Fight Reported. St. Petersburg, June 4.—The War Office has received news of a sharp fight, twenty miles north of Saimata, north of Feng Wang Cheng Wednesday, in which six Cossacks were killed and twenty-two wounded. The Japanese losses are not known. Five companies of General Rennenkampf's Cossacks discovered Japanese detachments at Feng Chouling Pass. The Cossacks dismounted and attacked on foot, but owing to the difficult nature of the ground and the strong defensive position held by the enemy and the latter's stubborn resistance, the attack was not pressed and the Cossacks withdrew.

Women and Children Removed. Tokio, June 4.—The Commissioner of Customs at Gensan, Korea, wires that the Russian attack on that place is imminent. "We are making preparations to send the women and children to a mountain monastery five miles distant."

Sudden Death of Col. Murchison. He was One of the Most Prominent Citizens of Wilmington—He Died of Heart Disease at the Home of His Daughter in Baltimore.

Wilmington, June 4.—Col. Kenneth M. Murchison, a retired capitalist and prominent citizen of Wilmington, died suddenly of heart disease last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Shirley Carter, in Baltimore.

He left here only three days ago in the best of health. Col. Murchison was 73 years of age. He was born in Cumberland county. In 1853 he graduated from the University of North Carolina. He was colonel of the Fifty-fourth North Carolina Infantry, Hokes Brigade, and served with great distinction throughout the war.

HOW GLENN LEADS OVER ALL OTHERS IN THE BIG RACE

The Gentlemen From Forsyth Now has 307 1-2 Votes to Major Stedman's 219 and is Still Gaining Rapidly.

A Specially Accurate Tabulated Statement of the Instructed Vote for the Two Highest Candidates for the Governorship.

One of the most accurate political calculators in the State has furnished The News a tabulated statement of the vote of Glenn and Stedman up to the present time. The figures are accurate and they put to shame some calculations that have been made by the friends of another one of the gubernatorial candidates.

The gentlemen who furnishes the above would remind Charlotte people that the vote of Mecklenburg, as that vote was cast, appears below. The same is true of all the other 38 counties that appear below:

Table with 3 columns: County Name, Glenn, Stedman. Lists counties like Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, etc.

COTTON ACREAGE.

The Department of Agriculture Gives Out an Important and Interesting Estimate.

Washington, June 4.—Statistics of the Department of Agriculture estimate the total acreage of cotton planted in the United States this season at 31,730,371 acres, an increase of 2,823,016 acres, or 9.8 per cent. over the acreage of last year.

Aside from the large increase in acreage, due mainly to high cotton, there are no conditions calling for special mention now.

FLOOD, WIND AND HAIL.

Oklahoma Territory is Getting Its Share of All Three Just Now.

Lawton, Oklahoma, June 3.—A tornado demolished part of the town of Walters, near here. One man was killed and twelve injured. The hail storm damaged crops about here many thousands of dollars and heavy rains in this part of Kiowa and Comanche Nations turned all streams into torrents and valleys are inundated.

ENGINEER KILLED.

Collision on the Southern Railway Near Harrodsburg, Ky.—Engineer Roasted to Death.

RELIGIOUS EXCITEMENT.

The Presence of the American Warship Rather Complicates Things at Tangier.

Washington, June 4.—Admiral Chadwick today cabled the Navy department the presence of the American fleet at Tangier has a salutary effect, but that the community is in a state of great religious excitement. British sources are criticizing the wisdom of sending American ships to Morocco at this juncture, claiming that the captives, Perdicaris and Varley can be more safely released by refraining from adding to the anti-foreign feeling.

THE JONES CASE IN DISTRICT COURT

The Judge's Charge was Rather in Favor of the Innocence of the Accused. The Attorneys of the Roberson Lawyers in High Spirits

Raleigh, June 4.—The United States District Court here has had for two hours the case against Charles C. Jones, for robbing the postoffices at Whiteville and Apex and selling stamps, knowing them to be stolen.

Later.—The jury renders a verdict finding C. C. Jones guilty of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, sentence to be pronounced at 3:30. Wake county primaries will be held at 8 o'clock tonight. A hard fight is on Glenn is conceded to have made gains recently, though it is thought that Stedman will receive the majority.

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WHO OWNS BONDS? NORTH CAROLINA WANTS TO KNOW

Mr. James H. Pou Gives the Suggestion That Somebody Owning These Bonds is Back of the Persistent Attempts to Get A. & N. C.

The Republican Vice-Presidential Situation in a Muddle—The Hitt Boom has About Collapsed—Available Do Not Want the Job.

Washington, June 4.—Mrs. Daniels, wife of editor Daniels, who has just been released by Judge Pritchard, is a sister of Worth Bagley, the only United States naval officer killed during the Spanish-American war.

Mr. Pou says that North Carolina officials would like to know who is the holder of \$134,000 of bonds of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway, issued by the State in 1857. All the bonds issued by the State in aid of this road have been refunded except the \$134,000. It is conjectured that these are held by one person, who, for some unknown reason, does not avail himself of the act of 1879, providing for the compromise, commutation, and settlement of the State debt.

The June bestowal of "crosses of honor" to Confederate Veterans by the Stone Wall Chapter, U. D. C., at Confederate Veterans' Hall, this city, will occur this evening, the exercises beginning at eight o'clock.

Senator Fairbanks, who is in Washington this week, affirms that he in no way has altered the position he has maintained from the beginning as to his nomination for the vice presidency on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Tinkham had visited Charlotte twice since the marriage of his daughter and was very much in love with the city. He and his wife spent most of last winter here, returning to Boston in the early spring.

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Only One Killed. Kansas City, June 4.—By a head-on collision between two Missouri Pacific trains twenty-two miles south of this city, one person was killed and nineteen injured, most of the latter being passengers.

DEATH OF MR. RANSON.

Mr. J. J. Ranson Dies Quite Suddenly This Morning—Funeral Monday at Huntersville.

Mr. John J. Ranson, died this morning about 6:30 o'clock at his home, number 405 North Graham street. Though an invalid, his death came quite suddenly and unexpectedly.

The funeral will probably be held Monday though it can not be said with certainty, as it is the desire of the family to hold the remains until the sons of the deceased arrive home.

Mr. Ranson had been an invalid for 15 years and while his health for the past three or four days had been worse than usual there was no fear of his immediate death.

Six years ago he moved to Charlotte and has since resided here. He was a member of the Associate Reform Presbyterian church of this city and when able was quite active in church work.

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KILLED BY FOLDING BED.

Minneapolis, June 4.—Mrs. A. M. Woodward, wife of the president of the South Side State Bank, died today as the result of a folding bed accident.

The bed suddenly closed last night. Mr. Woodward got one arm out of the bed and beat on the floor until help came, when it was found that three of Mrs. Woodward's cervical vertebrae were broken.

GEORGE W. TINKHAM DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Father of Mrs. Stuart W. Cramer Dies of Pneumonia at His Country Home at Bel'eric, Mass. The Funeral Will be Tuesday.

A telegram was received yesterday by Mr. Stuart Cramer, announcing the death of Mr. George W. Tinkham, father of Mrs. Cramer, at his summer home, Bennett Hall, Bel'eric, Mass.

The end came peacefully, after an illness of only a few days of pneumonia.

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POLICE CHARGE NEGRO CROWDS IN NEW YORK CITY

The Negroes Massed Themselves in a Solid Body at Central Park in Defense of the Octoroon Sued for Blackmail.

The Aged Millionaire Manufacturer Confesses to Having Given Away Large Blackmail to the Mulatto Female.

New York, June 4.—A charge by police reserves has been necessary to drive away the thousands of persons blocking Central Park West in front of the home of Hanna Elias, the octoroon charged by John R. Platt, an aged millionaire manufacturer, with having secured from him by blackmail nearly \$700,000 in cash and real estate.

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As soon as possible the pulley was raised off the prostrate man and a physician was summoned and Mr. McLeod was taken to his home on South Church street.

The attending physician states this afternoon that no bones were broken and Mr. McLeod's injuries only consist of painful bruises. The unfortunate man was given every attention by the management of the shops.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for tonight and Sunday for Charlotte and vicinity: Fair tonight, showers and cooler Sunday afternoon.

For North Carolina: Fair tonight except showers in extreme west; porting Sunday showers with cooler in the afternoon. Fresh southerly winds.

For South Carolina: Fair tonight, showers and cooler Sunday afternoon. Fresh south to southwest winds.

The extensive storm area in the West is moving steadily eastward. It is unsettling the conditions throughout the Mississippi valley and the Lake region today. It caused heavy rain during the past 24 hours over the territory extending from North Texas to the Dakotas and Minnesota and showers spread eastward over the Great Lakes and the central Gulf states.

MURDER OR SUICIDE OF BOOKMAKER

The First Theory was Suicide but Later the Police Thought He was Murdered by an Actress in the Hansom With Him.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, June 3.—Frank T. Young, bookmaker, horse owner and stockholder in Pacific Coast race track, was shot and killed today in a hansom cab while on his way to the White Star Liner pier to join his wife, with whom he expected to leave for Europe.