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KUROPATKIN AND KUROKI ARE NEAR

Russian War Office at St. Will Not Risk It.

Northern Corea Disturbs ish residents insist he should have the support of a gunboat stationed the Japanese --- Several Skirmishes With Cossacks. Japanese Victorious.

(By Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, June 3 .- The War Office at the capital is imbued with the belief that important military develop- day moining. The Cossacks were evi- is true of all the other 38 counties that ments are impending at Laio Yang and dently ambushed by the Japanese, that a general engagement between who were concealed in the brush on Kuropatkin's and Kuroki's armies is imminent. The best informed circles on the field. The Japanese casualties at the War Office do not anticipate a are not stated. decisive battle immediately unless brought out more or less unexpectedly. There are differences of opinion at of the Japanese forces south of the Chatham Russian headquarters as to advisability of taking the aggressive, and it is of Publantion, forty miles north of Davie helieved this is the subject of confer- Port Adams, Monday, which he re- Duplin 12 ence between the commander-in-chief ceived from Japanese cavalry scouting lery in which the Russian army was two more squadrons, and the Japanespecially weak. These have now ar- ese again attacked and defeated the rived. Nevertheless, Kuropatkin does Russians. Five companies of infannot consider himself strong enough to try and a battery of horse artillery risk the possibilty of defeat. Friends say if he gives battle now of his own third time and the Russians fell back accord, victory is certain.

Gensan on Broughton ! _____ at which place Cossack reinforcen. Ats are expected. Misused White Flag. Nagaski, Japan, June 4.-The THE GREAT BATTLE wounded Japanese who arrived here from the Liao-Tung Peninsula at-tribute the heavy casualties at Nanshan Hill to the Rusians' alleged misuse of the white flag. The Gantlemen From For-Brigands at New Chwang. New Chwang, June 4-The brigands That is the Opinion of the 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 dur-Rapidly. Petersburg --- Others Say ing the time which must elapse beween the departure of the Russians That the Russian General New onwang. A British gunboat is still lying at Hyangwangtom,, but the lated Statement of the Indecision of the Washington authorities that the gunboats Wilmington and Corinne will not summer at Canton has been unfavorably considered Highest Candidates for the by the government. Consul Miller's firm and courageous conduct has done The Russian Advance in much to alleviate the fears of all for-Governorship. eign residents. American and Brit-

One of the most accurate political at the mouth of the river. calculators in the State has furnished **Russians in Northern Corea** The News a tabulated statement of the Mukden, June 4.-The situation vote of Glenn and Stedman up to the in the war zone is unchanged and no present time. The figures are accurate news has been received here from Port Arthur. Russian successes in and they put to shame some calcula-Northern korea are said to be caus- tions that have been made by the ing great disquietude among the Jap- friends of another one of the gubernatorial candidates.

Cossacks Ambuscaded. Scoul, June 4.- A skirmish took

acese.

The gentlemen who furnishes the above would remind Charlotte people place between twenty Cossacks and an anknown force of Japanese scouts that the vote of Mecklenburg, as that twelve miles north of Gensan yester- vote was cast, appears below. The same

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appear below: the hill side. The Russians retired Glenn. man.

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> > COTTON ACREAGE.

Out an Important and Interesting

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 4.—Statistics of

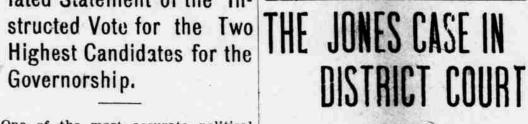
toward Hamheung, leaving six dead Beaufort 11 Bladen 6

Brunswick Three Russian Repulses. Burke Tokio, June 4.-The commander Cabarrus Yalu river telegraphed from Seoul to- Columbus 3 day news of a series of fights north Cumberland

dren to a mountain monastery ty miles distant. The Junk re-ported that the Russians how aded field pieces at Shari River orth of RELIGIOUS EXCITEMENT. ship Rather Complicates Things at OVER ALL OTHERS Tangier. (By Associated Press.) Washington, June 4.-Admiral Chad-IN THE BIG RACE wick today cabled the Navy department the presence of the American fleet at Tangier has a salutary fleet, but that

the community is in a state of great religious excitement. British sources are criticising the wisdom of sending Mr. James H. Pou Gives the syth Now has 307 1-2 American ships to Morocco at this juncture, claiming that the captives, Votes to Major Stedman's Perdicaris and Varley can be more 219 and is Still Gaining safely released by refraining from add-ing to the anti-foreign feeling. Religious excitement is undoubtedly caused in part by the presence os seven American ships with a promise of reinforce-A Specially Accurate labu-

the Mohammedan religion.



The Judge's Charge was Rather in Favor of the In- been released by Judge Pritchard, is nocence of the Accused. The Attorneys of the Robeson Lawyers in High Spirits James Pou took with him the pen

(Special The News.) Raleigh, June 4.—The United States District Court jury has had for two officials would like to know who is

Jones, for robbing the postoffices at Atlantic & North Carolina Railway, Whiteville and Apex and sel'ing issued by the State in 1857. All the stamps, knowing them to be stolen. bonds issued by the State in aid of About an hour ago they returned to this road have been refunded except the court room and asked if they the \$134,000. It is conjectured that cculd convict on one count, and ac- these are held by one person, who, quit on others. The Judge told them for some unknown reason, them could. Nothing has been heard avail himself of the act of 1879, profrom them since. In the charge the judge told the tion, and settlement of the State debt. tian character. He was a good man and from the sullen attitude of the ne-

jury that there was no evidence that This particlar class of bonds was re- the world is better for what he gave it. groes it is surmised that the leaders the stamps lones received from J. K. funded at 24 cents on the dollar of Those who loved him and were his had an idea of protecting the woman



Suggestion That Somebody son, Mr. Ira Ranson, who lived with him, had come up town to his work. Owning These Bonds is Back of the Persistent Attempts to Get A. & N. C.

dential Situation in a Muddle---The Hitt Boom has About Collapsed --- Availables Do Not Want the Job.

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. He

had started to get up when he complained of being very sick and died al-most instantly. His wife and two daughters, Misses Rebekah and Laura May, were with him when he died. His son, Mr. Ira Ranson, who lived with

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. Last night he sat on the front piazza and talked with his famly until 9 o'clock and rested as well as

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

nent will be at Huntersville. The immediate surviving relatives of Mr. Ranson are his wife and six chilaren, two brothers and two sisters. The children are Rev. A. J. Ranson, of Corsicana, Texas; Rev. E. A. Ranson and Mr. Loyd Ranson, of Pennsylvania;

(A. W. Hughes.)

Mr. Ira Ranson and Misses Rebekah Washington, June 4 .- Mrs. Daniels, and Laura May Ranson, of Charlotte. wife of editor Daniels, who has just The brothers are, Messrs. R. M. Ranson, of Charlotte and W. J. Ranson, of Huntersville and the sisters, Miss Eliza a sister of worth Bagley, the only Ranson, of Anderson, S. C., and Mrs. United States naval officer killed dur- 1. E. Stack, of De Quesne, Ark. ing the Spanish-American war. When Mr. Ranson was 56 years old. He and he left for Raleigh last night, Mr. this section from their home at Anderson, S. C. in 1864, their father havwith which Judge Pritchard signed the writ of habeas corpus. He will at Huntersville and farmed until his present it to Mrs. Daniels.

Mr. Pou says that North Carolina business. hours the case against Charles C. the holder of \$134,000 of bonds of the

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PRICE: 3 CENTS.

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.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, June 4.- A charge by police reserves has been necesary 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 his brother, Mr. R. M. Ranson came to aged millionaire manufacturer, with having secured from uim by blackmail nearly \$700,000 in cash and real ing been killed in the war. He lived estate. Mounted police headed the charge and were compelled to use exhealth became so bad that he had to treme measures to drive off the crowd, give up active participation in any which was composed largely of ne groes friendly to the woman. She Six years ago he moved to Charlotte has been besieged in her home by and has since resided here. He was a deputies seeking to serve warrants. member of the Associate Reform and as it is a civil case the officers Presbyterian church of this city and are not empowered to break into the when able was quite active in church house. They have waited about pawork, being an elder in the church. tiently expecting the woman to at-The fact that two of his sons are minis- tempt to escape. The crowd became ters of the Gospel speaks eloquently so dense that Central Park West was viding for the compromise, commuta. of his purity and honest, sincere Chris- crowded a block in both directions.

Great Japanese Losses.

St. Petersburg, June 3.-Since the receipt of General Stoessel's report of staff is convinced that Japanese losses at Kinchou 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 pusuing 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 Saimatza, north of Feng Wang Cheng Wednesday, in which six Cossacks were killed and twenty-two wounded. The

Japanese losses are not known. Five ments at Feng Chouling Pass. The Carter, in Baltimore. Cossacks dismounted and attacked on of the ground and the strong defensive 73 years of age. He was born in Cumposition held by the enemy and the tack was not pressed and the Cossacks withdrew.

Women and Children Removed. Tokio, June 4.-The Commissioner throughout the war. of Customs at Gensan, Korea, wires that the Russian attack on that place is imminent. "We are making preparations to send the women and chil-



A Leak of the Natural Gas Caused the Explosion. Four People Fatally Injured --- The Wounded Ones **Rescued With Difficulty.**

(By Associated Press) Fairmont, N. J., June 4 .- An explosion early today destroyed the Fairmont Coal Co. house. Eight occupants were injured, four fatally.

Durnam and the Viceroy at Mukden Tuesday. in the vicinity of Chuchiatung. It is Forsyth learned that the Cossacks had been Franklin ble in number and the character of dispatched cavalry and infantry Granville troops at his disposal, with important which defeated and pursued them. Greene and large reinforcements of field artil- The Russian force consisted of three Guilford squadrons. This force was joined by Harnett Hertford Hyde 21/2 Johnston 18 McDowell Mecklenburg 15 joined the Russians at Lung Wagmiao New Hanover where the Japanese attacked for a Northampton Orange 7½ to Telissu, where the Russian and Pamlico Japanese cavalry continued to fight Perquimans

Monday night.

Robeson Rockingham Rowan Sampson COL. MURCHISON Stokes Surry 13 Union 9 Wayne 16 Wilson 7

He was One of the Most Prominent Citizens of Wilmington--He Died of Heart The Department of Agriculture Gives Disease at the Home of His Daughter in Baltimore. the Department of Agriculture esti-

mate the total acreage of cotton planted in the United States this sea-(Special The News.) Wilmington, June 4.-Col. Kenneth son at 31,730,371 acres, an increase

M. Murchison, a retired capitalist and of 2,823,016 acres, or 9.8 per cent. Wilmington. Another charter was to is .o be a fight. The Indiana Republiprominent citizen of Wilmington, died over the acreage of last year. The companies of General Rennenkampfi's suddenly of heart disease last night at average condition of the crop on May son, capital \$6,000, W. C. ... ayo princi- go except to vote for him. They will The end came peacefully, after an Cossacks discovered Japanese detach- the home of his daughter, Mrs. Shirley 26 was 83, compared with 74.1 on pal incorporator.

May 26 last year, 95.1 for the corre-He left here only three days ago in sponding date in 1902, and a ten year the term last afternoon, at the same Their loyalty to and support of Sena- nia. foot, but owing to the difficult nature the best of health. Col. Murchison was average of 85.8 per cent. The percentage of increase of acreage in the berland county. In 1853 he graduated different States compared with that of latter's stubborn resistance, the at- from the University of North Carolina. last year, follows: Virginia, 19; North He was colonel of the Fifty-fourth Carolina, 13.5; South Carolina, 9; North Carolina Infantry, Hokes Bri-Georgia7.2; Florida 10.7; Alabama 9; gade, and served with great distinction condition of crop in different States

Estimate.

North Carolina 34; South Carolina

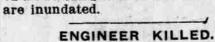
acreage, due mainly to high cotton, turned to Wilmington. He had invested his capital freely in this city. He there are no conditions calling for spebuilt the Orton Hotel, founded the Mur- cial mention now.

Cotton Acreage Increase. chison National Bank, and was connec-The cotton acreage is 31,730,371; ted with a number of other business interests here. He leaves an estate re- increase 2,823,016, or 9.8 per cent. Average condition of growing crop is lars. He is the father-in-law of Mr. 83, compared with 74.1 last year.

FLOOD, WIND AND HAIL.

Its Share of All Three Just Now. (By Associated Press.)

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 thousand dollars and heavy rains in this part The Murderer of Attorney Marcum is of Kiowa and Comanche Nations turn-



Near Harrodsburg, Ky .- Engineer district attorney is confident of con-

Monroe were stolen, that the evidence principal, with nothing for interest. It is thought that possibly de holder of his death and sorrow with the fam-Apex was circumstantial. They had of these bonds may be the backer ily, those to whom he was most dear and who were most dear to him in and white men. the testimony of the postmaster at of Cuyler and Finch, of New York, their bereavement.

Apex as to his recognition of Jones who brought the suits for a receiveras the man who got a twenty dollar ship of this road. 14

bill the morning before the robbery. The June bestowal of "crosses of They had the testimony of witnesses honor," to Confederate Veterans by for the detendant as to the presence the Stonewall Chapter, U. D. C., at of Jones in Goldsboro on that day Confederate Veterans' Hall, this city, and night. It was a matter for them will occur this evening, the exercises to consider and the circumstances beginning at eight o'clock. As the

had to be strong enough to rebut the warm weather usually prevailing at presumption of innocence which the the summer distribution heretofore, law raised in his behalf. proved to be unfavorable for a lengthy Visiting counsel who were here in program, a limited one has been arconnection /vata the Judge Peebles ranged for this occasion. Judge Seth catempt proceeding left this morning Shepard will deliver the address.

for their homes, all gratified at the Ex-Secretary of the Navy mlary A. turn taken in the case. The injection in the answer of the Camp, will preside, representing, by

disclaimer to reflect on the "personal request, Mrs. Magnus S. Thompson, integrity." as well "the official char- president of the chapter, formerly of acter" of Judge Peebles smoothed the North Carolina. There are fortytroubled waters. The general com- three applicants for the crosses this ment is that it is a great pity that year, though a number, living some this wasn't done at first. The whole distance from the city, will probably record is to be expunged from the be prevented from attending. This ccurts, in which there were hearings, will probably be the fourth distribution of crosses under the auspices of Father of Mrs. Stuart W. affidavits, etc., to be withdrawn. Verdict of Guilty. Stonewall Jackson Chapter.

Later .- The jury renders a verdict Senator Fairbanks, who is in Washfinding C. C. Jones guilty of receiving ington this week, affirms that he in stamps, knowing them to be stolen, no way has altered the position he has maintained from the beginning sentence to be pronounced at 3:30.

Wake county primaries will be held at as to his nomination for the vice pres-8 o'clock tonight. A hard fight is on idency on the Republican ticket. He Glenn is conceded to have made gains is not a candidate and will not per recently, though it is thought that mit a hand to be turned for the honor He will accept the nomination if it

Stedmand will recive the majority. The Secretary of State charters the comes to him without a fight and with Wilmington Wood Co. of Burgaw the evident desire of the Republicans with \$10,000 capital, the principal in- of the country. He will not allow the corporator being J. H. Gore, Jr., of use of his name for the place if there the Mayo Bros. Hardware Co., of Wil- cans will do nothing for him at Chica- home, Bennett Hall, Bellerica, Mass. understand that they are not to do

The Supreme Court adjourned for any booming or soliciting of votes. time handing down one opinion. It tor Fairbanks must be as full of digwas by Justice Douglas in the case nity as his own position. of Roper Lumber Co. vs. the Eliza- That describes the vice-presidential beth City Lumber Co., two appeals, situation as it revolves around the both in favor of the plainuff.

Senator from Indiana. The Hitt boom Receivers McBee and Meares, who appears to have run its course, and last winter here, returning to Boston were dispossessed of the A. & N. C. Speaker Cannon stands firm against in the early spring. His Boston home railroad yesterday arrived in the city the use of his name. Representative is No. 326 Commonwealth Avenue and last night and are in consultation with "Fete" Hepburn, of Iowa, said today: it was there he and his wife resided their counsel, W. W. Clark, of New- "Mr Cannon means just what he says during their residence in the city.

bern, W. H. Day and T. M. Argo of when he declares that he will refuse The deceased was about 70 years old the nomination if offered to him. I and was one of the best known citizens this city The trial of Charles C. Jones, of know how resolute he is and he would of Boston. He was a man of considerrefuse it quickly. He is a good deal able wealth though had never em Goldsboro, in the Federal Court on the charge of complicity in the robbery better off where he is, even if he is tarked in any line of business. the leader of the minority, than he The funeral will take place from of the postoffices at Apex and Whiteville, begun yesterday is attracting would be as Vice-President. Mr. Hepburn evidently recognizes Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. much attention. Evidence is all in and the case will go to the jury to the fact that Mr. Cannon has a chance morrow morning. Jones is the man of occupying the position of "leader citizen, a Christian gentleman and a who figured in the Jonesboro bond of the minority" instead of the Speakcase, extorting from H. L. Godffrey er's chair in the 59th Congress.

Star postal service will be establish- met him while in Charlotte will regret \$1,000 for the return of bonds taken from the safe in the postoffice there. ed from Highlands, N. C., to une to learn of his demise which was very He claimed that the bonds were Mountain, Ga., six times a week from sudden and not at all expected. pawned to him. One of the charges July 1. W. T. Potts has the contract Mr. and Mrs. Cramer and the chilagainst Jones in the trial pending is at \$7.39. Napoleon B. Sellars, Delway, has the tend the funeral. selling large quantities of stamps to

Goldsboro, and not being able to ac- to Rosehill, six times a week for remain at the Tinkham country home count for having the stamps in his \$3.97. possession. The postmaster of Apex The President announced the folpositively identified Jones as a man lowing appointments for North Carowho came into the postoffice on the lina today: John Parker to be postmorning vefore the office was robbed master at Smithfield; R. P. Reinhardt G. Graham, better known as "Peg and pushed his way into the inner at Newton, N. C. office and watched him open the safe

Only One Killed.

ACCIDENT AT LIDDELL'S.

Killed By Folding Bed. Minneapolis, June 4 .- Mrs. A. M. Mr. J. M. McLeod Badly Mashed by

Woodward, wife of the president of the South Side State Bank, died today There was a right serious accident as the result of a folding bed acci- this morning at Liddell's Foundry. Mr. J. M. McLeod, one of the carpendent.

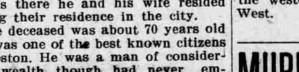
vertebrae were broken.

Herbert, president of the Confederate Camp, will preside, representing, by request, Mrs. Magnus S. Thompson, DIES VERY SUDDENLI

> **Cramer Dies of Pneumonia** at His Country Home at Bel'erica, 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 illness of only a few days of pneumo-

Mr. Tinkham had visited Charlotte twice since the marriage of his daughter and was very much in love with the citiy. He and his wife spent most of



Emmanuel Episcopal church, Boston,

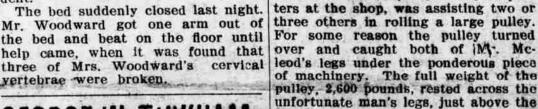
Mr. Tinkham was a public-spirited worthy citizen of the great State of which he was justly proud. Those who

dren leave tonight for Boston to at-

the manager of the Hotel Kenyou at contract for star service from Delway Mrs. Cramer and the children will during the heated term.

> This Day 40 Years Ago. Today 40 years ago Mr. Robert

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 3.-Frank T. Young, Leg Graham" underwent an operation bookmaker, horse owner and stockwhich deprived him of a leg. The op- holder in Pacific Coast race track, was eration was performed by Dr. Robert shot and killed today in a hansom cab, Jordan, father of Mr. R. H. Jordan, while on his way to the White Star (By Associated Press.) Jordan, father of Mr. R. H. Jordan, while on his way to the White Star Kansas City, June 4.—By a head-on the popular druggist. Today "Peg Leg Liner pier to join his wife, with whom



a Heavy Pulley.

knees. 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. STATE FORECASTS.

For North Carolina: Fair tonight except showers in extreme west portion; 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.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. 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 extendng from North Texas to the Dakotas and Minnesota and showers spread eastward over the Great Lakes and the central Gulf states. High temperatures are general east of the Mississippi river, but it is comparatively cool on the western plains and over the far G. R. OBERHOLZER,



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.

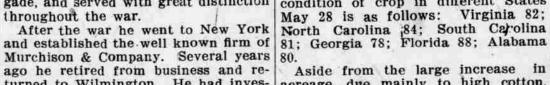
puted to be worth several milion dol-James Sprunt of the great cotton exporting firm. Col. Murchison is survived by his wife and five children. The

latter are Mrs. James Sprunt, Wilming- Oklahoma Territory is Getting on; Mrs. Shirley Carter, Baltimore; Mrs. Frank Ellis, Atlanta; Mrs. Chas. H. Heircamp, Fredericksburg, Va., and Kenneth Murchison, New York. The body will be brought to Wilmington.

CURTIS JETT.

Taken to Frankfort to Serve His ed all streams into torrents and valleys Life-Sentence. (By Associated Press.) Louisville, June 4 .- Curtis Jett, un-

der life sentence for the murder of Attorney Marcum, at Jackson, was taken Collision on the Southern Railway to get change that he desired. The to prison at Frankfort today.



Four people fatally hurt and eight seriously injured today by explosion of natural gas, which wrecked the boarding house her. Immediately following the explosion fire broke out and the occupants buried in the ruins were rescued with difficulty. Those fatally hurt were Mrs. W. Dent and two daughters, and Mrs. E. M. Wraafey. The explosion was caused by a leak of natural gas.	SPRINGS' ESTATE INHERITANCE TAX. Clerk J. A. Russell has for- warded to State Treasurer B. R. Lacy \$6,475—the amount of the inheritance tax on the estate of the late Henry Gratton Springs.	Kansas Čity, June 4.—By a head-on collision between two Missouri Pa- cific trains twenty-two miles south of this city, one person was killed and nineteen injured, most of the latter being passengers. Both trains were bet:nd schedule and were trying to make up lost time. —Mrs. Annie P. Morris of Wardlaw, is quite sick. Kansas Čity, June 4.—By a head-on the popular druggist. Today "Peg Leg Graham" is hustling around as lively an ever and is one of the foremost run- ners in the Times-Democrat's. Free Trip to Nashville. Many of the old soldiers are interest- ing themselves in the outcome of this trip Coupons are coming in from far and near and by the time the contest thousands.
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