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PLUCKY GARRISON AT PORT ARTHUR CAPITULATED ON TERMS HONORABLE

Long Expected Fall Of Pt. Arthur Takes Place and the Japs are Rejoicing. Correspondence Between the Two Commanders Marked by Expression of Esteem

Emperor of Japan Orders That Full Military Honor be Shown the Russian Command. Probable That Whole Garrison will Return Home With Their Arms.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Port Arthur has surrendered. Exhausted by months of almost constant fighting, decimated by disease and casualties, and hopelessly sealed in its rocky fortress, the gallant garrison has yielded to its gallant besiegers, and the end is now written of the most drastic war incident of modern times.

At nine o'clock last night General Nogi, commanding the Japanese army of investment, received from the Russian General Stoessel, a note saying that he found further resistance useless, and asking for a meeting to arrange terms of capitulation. The Japanese General immediately named commissioners to confer with representatives of the Russian commander. They met at noon today to arrange the conditions of surrender. The nature of the terms agreed upon is not yet known, but dispatches from Tokio indicate that they will be most magnanimous in character. Dispatches from Japan have shown the gallant defence of Stoessel and his men has nowhere been given finer appreciation than in the land of his foes. It is more than likely Japan will embrace the opportunity to show her magnanimity and admiration of the gallantry of Port Arthur's defenders by allowing them all honors which war permits a victorious army to bestow upon the vanquished.

From Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Dispatches from Berlin to Lokal Anzeiger from Tokio says:

"An official bulletin has been posted announcing that Port Arthur has capitulated under conditions honorable to the garrison.

General Nogi's Report.

Tokio, Jan. 2.—Gen. Nogi reports as follows:

"At 5 in the afternoon of January 1, the enemy's bearer of a flag of truce came into the first line of our positions south of Shuishiying and handed a letter to our officers.

"The same reached me at 9 o'clock at night. This letter is as follows:

"Judging by the general condition of the whole line of the hostile positions held by you, I find that further resistance at Port Arthur is useless and for the purpose of preventing the needless sacrifice of lives, I propose to hold negotiations with reference to capitulations. Should you consent to the same, you will please appoint commissioners for discussing the order and conditions regarding capitulation and also appoint a place for such commissioners to meet the same appointed by me. I take this opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my respect.

(Signed) "STOESSEL."

"Shortly after dawn today I will dispatch our bearer of a flag of truce with the following reply addressed to Stoessel:

"I have the honor to reply to your proposal to hold negotiations regarding conditions and the order of capitulation. For this purpose I have appointed as commissioner Major General Ijichi, chief of staff of the army. He will be accompanied by some staff officers and civil officials. They will meet your commissioners January 2 at noon at Shuishiying.

The commissioners of both parties will be empowered to sign a convention for capitulation without waiting for ratification and cause same to take immediate effect. Authorization for such plenary powers shall be signed by the highest officials of both negotiating parties and the same shall be exchanged by the respective commissioners. I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to your excellency assurances of my respect.

(Signed) "Nogi."

The news that the Russian forces at Port Arthur have been reduced to such a strait that at last the heroic commander has been forced to propose surrender follows upon a month of reverses. The siege began almost with the firing of the first gun in the war, now nearly 11 months old, and when perhaps the greatest stronghold in the world was garrisoned by 40,000 Russian soldiers, supported by a formidable squadron of modern battleships, cruisers and torpedo boats. These warships have been destroyed or dispersed until but a few torpedo boats remain in the harbor. The garrison at latest accounts, had been reduced to about 5,000 men. On December 4, High (203-Meter) Hill was captured by the Japanese. On December 19, the East Keekwan fort was taken by them and the Rihlung fort fell on December 29. From the hour of the fall of East Keekwan events seem to be hastening toward the culmination for on December 1, Sungshu Mountain fell into the hands of the besiegers and only a few hours later the "H" fort, another strong position, was captured.

The report that the non-combatants of Port Arthur had been accorded asylum behind Liao Tie Mountain may have been in indication that the Japanese commander foresaw that the surrender of the Russians withi na very brief time was assured.

The Russians have evacuated several forts during the night and this morning have blown up the majority of their ships in the harbor.

Joy in Japanese Capital.

Tokio, Jan. 2.—Tokio is wildly joyous over the surrender of Port Arthur. Newsboys crying extras carried the news to holiday crowds in the street.

Within a few minutes the firing of royal bombs and daylight rockets had begun in various parts of the city. Bands appeared and a score of small processions formed and surged through the streets. Japan has paid a heavy price for the Russian fortress and its fall is cheered by the people as no other event of the war has done.

Emperor Orders Honor to Stoessel.

Tokio, Jan. 2.—Upon the receipt of the news of General Stossels letter to General Nogi saying that further resistance was foolish, the Emperor telegraphed to General Nogi commending General Stoessel and directing that full military honors be shown him. The chief of staff met at noon to discuss the terms of surrender. Captain Ijichi representing General Nogi has plenary power.

Terms Accepted.

London, Jan. 2.—A dispatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio says that General Stoessel's proposals for the surrender of Port Arthur have been accepted by General Nogi.

Liberal Terms.

Tokio, Jan. 2.—It is believed that the Port Arthur garrison has received liberal terms. There is a general disposition to be magnanimous in view of the garrison's marvelous defense. It is possible that Japan will permit the entire garrison to return to Russia with their arms upon giving their parole.

ANCHORED AT SAINT MARE.

Division of Second Pacific Squadron—Reported that Russian Warships are in Good Condition.

Tamatave, Madagascar, Jan. 2.—Admiral Rojestvensky's division of the Russian Second Pacific Squadron consisting of five battleships, three cruisers, transports Kamschatka and Anadyr, and hospital ships Orel, anchored in the roadstead of Saint Mare today. The despatch boat Libau afterwards visited Tamatave to file despatches.

She will rejoin the division this evening. Libau reports that the Russian warships are in excellent condition.

Torpedo Boats at Chefoo.

Chefoo, Jan. 2.—Three Japanese torpedo boat destroyers arrived here today, and after entering the harbor and making a demonstration, joined the other Japanese warships waiting outside. Opinion is general that interesting developments are likely to occur tonight.

RUSSIAN VESSELS ESCAPE.

Boats in Harbor at Chefoo Disarm—One Boat Carried 800 Wounded Soldiers From Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Jan. 2.—The Russian torpedo boats Skory, Strantni, Vlastni and Seredity, now in Port Cheffoo, have been disarmed. The torpedo boat destroyer Smirli, and Boiki and a transport also left Port Arthur last night, the latter carrying 800 wounded soldiers, and according to dispatch from Tsingtau, succeeded in reaching that port. The departure of ships was dedided upon at a council of war, at which it was determined to negotiate for the surrender of the fortress. Rear-Admiral Iren asked General Stoessel permission to save the destroyers, etc., which was readily granted. The destroyers, transports and a launch crept out of the harbor between six and eleven last night without encountering the Japanese.

Fighting at Mukden.

Mukden, Jan. 2.—A heavy cannonade and rifle fire commenced on the Russian center early this morning, and continued during the day. It is reported that the Japanese attacked in an effort to break the centre, but were driven back with great loss.

Suffering in Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Jan. 2.—Russian officers who arrived here from Port Arthur on the torpedo boat destroyers which escaped from that place, declare that the sufferings of the garrison for the past five days were beyond description.

There was not a single spot in the town which was safe from Sharpnel.

Many hospitals were hit and the wounded refused to stay in them. Some lay in the streets in heaps of debris, exposed to bitterly cold weather, and staggered back to the front hurling stones and defying the Japanese till taken prisoners or death came mercifully to end their sufferings.

Dr. Chadwick Gives Bond.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 2.—Sheriff Barry and Leroy S. Chadwick arrived here yesterday from New York and were driven at once to the county jail where a bail bond for $10,000 was furnished for Dr. Chadwick's appearance in the criminal court next Tuesday, when he will be given a preliminary hearing. The bail bond was signed by Virgil P. Kline, counsel for Dr. Chadwick and also for Mrs. Chadwick. As soon as the formalities in connection with the bond were completed Dr. Chadwick was admitted to the women's department of the jail where he held a long conference with his wife.

Governor Higgins Inaugurated.

By Associated Press.

Albany, Jan. 2.—Frank Wayland Higgins was today formally inaugurated as governor.

Tennessee Legislature Meets.

By Associated Press.

Nasville, Jan. 2—The fifty-fourth session of the Tennessee general assembly convened here today. Gen. W. B. Bates, will be elected to succeed himself as United States Senator.

INNOCENT, SAYS MITCHELL.

Oregon Senator Makes a Statement in Connection with the Land Fraud Charges.

By Associated Press.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 2.—Senator John H. Mitchell has made the following statement regarding his connection with the alleged land frauds conspiracy and his indictment by the federal grand jury:

"I am as innocent as a babe unborn of any complicity in any land frauds in Oregon or elsewhere. I assert in the most positive terms that the indictment must be based upon the testimony of self-confessed and convicted land thieves and perjurers, who have been offered immunity in case they meet the vindictive desire of Secretary Hitchcock and his agents who have by their testimony involved me and others in the frauds:

"The prosecuting officer, Francis J. Heney, fed the newspapers of the United States with press dispatches from Portland 10 days before the grand jury met, to the effect that I was involved in the land frauds. I immediately left Washington for Portland to answer any charges made against me by the grand jury and I wired Heney that I desired the privilege of going before the grand jury to answer any charges against me. On my arrival in Portland I made a similar request of the foreman of the jury.

"I was told by Mr. Heney that I could go before the grand jury. Upon my appearance there I was told by Mr. Heney that no evidence had been submitted to the jury against me. I then said if there was no charge against me to answer, I was still ready to submit to an examination. I did so for two hours and a half and answered promptly all questions. I was not advised as to what the charge against me was and assured the jury that I was ready and willing to answer any other questions which either Heney or any member of the jury might wish to ask me, and especially did I desire the privilege of answering any charges that might be made against me by any witnesses.

"Having been assured that no such evidence, up to that date, had been submitted, I then remained in Portland for four days after that and, receiving no word either from Heney or the grand jury, the latter being in session all the time, I left Portland last evening for my place of duty in Washington.

"If an indictment has been returned against me I am prepared to meet it before a trial jury immediately, and in this connection I defy the prosecuting officer to produce against me one particle of evidence worthy of a moment's belief which in any manner improperly or criminally connects me with any land frauds, or with any confessed criminals, and I shall demand a trial at the earliest possible moment.

"That there have been land frauds in Oregon I do not deny, but, speaking for myself, I do deny in the most positive and unqualified manner that I have been in any wise, either directly or indirectly, connected therewith or received any benefit therefrom."

MONEY COST OF RUSSIA'S WAR.

Total Expenditures For Year Amount to $364,000,000.

Paris, Jan. 2.—That Russia's total expenditure for the war in the East totals $364,000,000 is shown by a statement of Russian finances furnished in connection with the approaching Russian war loans in Paris and Berlin.

The expenses of the war up to November 23 amounted to $238,000,000, of which $161,500,000 was for the army, $41,000,000 for the navy and $35,500,000 for various military requirements, making about $22,500,000 per month. The outstanding credits up to the same time were $1[illegible],000,000 of which $83,000,000 was for the army, $31,000,000 for the navy and $12,000,000 for miscellaneous expenses. That makes the total war expenditures for the year $364,000,000.

The statement then shows that the Treasury possesses $149,000,000 and that there is a stock of gold amounting to [illegible],000 to secure the note circulation.

ALEXANDRA'S JEWELED COLLAR.

Display by American Women Makes Queen Envious.

London, Jan. 2.—Queen Alexandra has been so impressed by the beauty and value of the jewels worn by some leading Americans in London that she has recently asked as a favor if one superb tiara of sapphires and diamonds being reset by a French jeweler for one of the richest Americans in England might be sent to the palace for her inspection. It remained there for several days.

So struck was her Majesty by the splendor of the gems, which quite threw her own in the shade, that she has now ordered a magnificent ornament to be made for herself by the same jeweler. It is in the form of a collar of enormous diamonds, with bars of still larger stones down the sides; the front comes down to a point and from this falls a long fringe, on which are pendant cabochon emeralds with diamond drops.

GIANT FOSSILS FOUND IN NEVADA

Remarkable Specimen of Ichthyosaurus Taken From Limestone.

Berkeley, Ca., Jan 2.—Important discoveries in Western fossil beds were announced by Prof. John C. Merriam, of the University of California, before the Geological Society of America. A remarkable specimen of the very early ichthyocaurus was unearthed in the middle triassic limestones in Nevada.

Another important find, made in the Samuel Cave, in Shasta County, was a new sheeplike form of enormous size, hitherto unknown to science. It consisted of the greater part of the skeleton of an animal as large as an elk, but with distinctly sheep and goat affinities.

Money found in the Iroquois Theatre at Chicago, after the disastrous fire a year ago, has been turned over to the city for the police pension fund.

HAPPY NEW YEAR IS CELEBRATED IN THE WHITE HOUSE

Thousands of Officials and Other Residents of the Capital, Pay Their Respects to President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Brilliant Reception.

Every Class Represented. The Doors Thrown Open to All the World and Rich and Poor, Black and White, Red and Yellow Enter in.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The officials and residents of Washington this morning extended New Years greetings to President and Mrs. Roosevelt. The reception was characterized by true democracy. The portals of the White House were swung wide open for all the world. All the people, whether of high or low degree, whether rich or poor, were welcomed to the historic mansion and were afforded the opportunity personally to greet President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Thousands embraced this opportunity. By the President's directions no absolute limit of time was placed on the reception which began shortly after 11 o'clock. The sky was overcast and early in the day it sprinkled a little. The air, however, was as balmy as that of April.

As the callers entered the White House, they were greeted by a burst of melody from the Marine Band, a blaze of color and a breath of perfume from beautiful floral decorations; and a scene of splendor the brilliance of which was enhanced by the soft glow from myriads of shaded electric lights.

The immediate receiving party consisted of President and Mrs. Roosevelt and several members of the cabinet and their ladies. The party was arranged in an arc of a circle, in the southend of the blue parlor. Between the two sections was a lane through which the guests passed. Every precaution was taken throughout the house to insure the safety of the President and others. About 1 o'clock the general reception to citizens began. Every phase of life was represented in the line, old and young, rich and poor, black, white, yellow and red. All were greeted by the President and under the stirring music of the band, people were kept moving rapidly past the receiving party.

MAY BLOCK KING'S MARRIAGE.

Vatican Discussing Alfonso's Match With Niece of Edward VII.

Rome, Jan. 1.—Rumors of the contemplated marriage of King Alfonso to Princess Victoria, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, and niece of King Edward VII, are being discussed from a religious point of view at the Vatican.

It is contended there that the British Constitution, which is most positive on the point of a change of religion by any member of the royal house, would render necessary the celebration of a mixed marriage, after which the Princess Victoria, being no longer a member of the British royal family, could become a Catholic. The Vatican, however, is most exacting regarding the marriage of Catholic sovereigns, and does not like the idea of marriage first and conversion afterward, and it is stated, admitting that a marriage between King Alfonso and Princess Victoria is contemplated, that a solution of the question, so far as the Vatican is concerned, may be found in the descision of the Vatican rendered when negotiations were opened looking to a marriage between the present King of Italy and Princess Victoria, daughter of Edward VII.

TAGGED CATS TO ADVERTISE.

Court Holds Practice Cruel and Fines Manager $10.

Kansas City, Jan. 2.—When Colonel Greenman, humane agent, heard that cats were being bought and liberated at the Giles' Theatre with tags tied to their necks advertising a play at that house, he caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of the business manager of the theatrical company, for cruelty to animals.

"Such a form of advertising is an injustice to cats," said Colone l Greeman, "and the Humane Society will not tolerate it. The cats are taken in many cases from comfortable homes and left to shift for themselves.

About 50 tagged cats were freed at the theatre. Shortly afterward Malley was arraigned in Police Court and fined $10.

HELD FOR THE SLOCUM HORROR.

Owners of Ill-fated Steamboat Enter Pleas of Not Guilty.

New York, Jan. 2.—President Barnaby, Secretary Atkinson and Commodore Pease, of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, owners of the steamer General Slocum, and Captain Van Schaick, commander of the Slocum, entered pleas of not guilty when arraigned Saturday in the United States Circuit Court on indictments charging them with criminal responsibility in connection with the Slocum disaster.

Owing to the illness of former Judge Ditenhoefer, of counsel for the respondents, the trial was deferred until March.

The city water works at Ithaca, N. Y., passed into municipal control through condemnation proceedings.

DEPOSED RECTOR LEAVES.

Rev. Dr. Ingram N. W. Irvine, of Huntington, Pa., Leaves for East—A Surprising Move.

By Associated Press.

Huntingdon, Pa., Jan. 1.—The Rev. Dr. Ingram, the deposed rector of St. John's Protestant Episcopal church left here for the east at noon today.

Dr. Irvine looked careworn and haggard. During his short visit he maintained an uninterrupted silence to all newspapers interviewers.

Dr. Irvine's unexpected departure today is viewed here as inexplicable, alike by his friends and opponents. He communicated with none of his former vestrymen or parishoners, and denied himself to all friends. It is generally believed that the briefness of his visit was due to his failure to influence the vestrymen who have repudiated their signatures on the presentment to permit their names to remain on that paper.

It is understood that an effort was made by Dr. Irvine to communicate with John Langdon, one of the men who repudiated the presentment, but without success. When asked today whether he had seen Dr. Irvine, Mr. Langdon said: No, and I don't want to. He knows better than to come to my house. I feel deeply grieved at the publicity my name has been given in the matter, and would gladly escape any further annoyance. It seems that Irvine's sole purpose is to destroy the tranquility of our parish."

It is known definitely that Vestryman W. G. Miller received the telegram with Dr. Irvine's name attached to it, asking him to keep quiet and that a letter explaining the misrepresentation would follow. Dr. Irvine's chief counsellor, Herbert Noble, denies that such a telegram was sent by the deposed clergyman. Since the receipt of this telegram, Vestryman Miller, who secured the signatures to the presentment, has brusqeuly refused to speak further on the subject.

RICH WOMAN TAKES BABY.

Father Allows Rich Woman to Take Away Child Whom He Could Not Support.

New York, Jan. 1.—Driven by the haunting dread that his baby girl would follow his young wife into the grave from the want and privation of which the wife had died on Thanksgiving Day, William Ridemeyer, of 189 West End avenue, yesterday allowed the little one to be taken away by a richly dressed woman who refused to give her name or address and who exacted from the father a promise that he would not attempt to seek her out nor to learn her identity.

Unwillingly the father gave his consent, but poverty pressed hard, and he saw no alternative but to relinquish all claim to his child.

The woman who took the baby drove up to the tenement in a brougham and the door was opened for her by a liveried footman. She was magnificently dressed and costly jewels were on her fingers and wrists. She took the baby into her arms and cooed over it so lovingly that the father's heart warmed toward her, and when she told him that she had lost a blue-eyed, golden haired baby girl just a month ago, he said he would let her take his little one to take the dead child's place.

The woman said that she lived in Broadway between Seventy-ninth and Eightieth streets and that she would bring the child back every month for the father to see.

The baby girl's name was Louise, but in her new life she will take the name of the baby who died.

The woman came to Ridemeyer's humble home in answer of an advertisement which Ridemeyer inserted in the papers offering the child for adoption.

VOICE RESTORED BY PRAYERS.

Woman Declares that a Miracle Was Wrought by Philadelphia Priest.

Trenton, Jan. 2.—A miracle was wrought by Rev. Father S. Corkemas, an Assyrian priest connected with St. Monican's Church, at Tenth and Ellsworth streets, Philadelphia, according to the declaration of Miss Mary Dickson, of Trenton.

The girl is the daughter of Mrs. William Dickson, of No. 837 South Warren street. Last August she lost her voice and had become convinced that she was to be dumb all her life, until last week Patrolman Patrick O'Hara, who had been cured of rheumatism, urged her to visit Rev. Corkemas. The girl acted upon the suggestion, and says that Rev. Corkemas told her her voice would return in a few days. On Wednesday morning the prophecy was verified, the girl awakening to find herself in possession of her speech.

NAKED PROFESSOR IN SNOW.

Jumped Into a Big Drift at Midnight on a Wager.

La Crosses, Wis., Jan. 2.—To win a bet Professor Osmond Jerstad, of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, stripped himself naked on the porch of his house and then jumped into a 20-foot snowdrift.

To the surprise of the Professor and his friends on the roof he stuck fast in the drift and before he could be dug out was badly frostbitten.

Road to Stay Open.

New York, Jan. 1.—William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., has lost his fight to close a public road running through "Deepdale," his country estate near North Hempstead, L. I., just when he had the brightest hopes of success. So stubborn is the opposition of the farmers of Nassau County and residents of North Hempstead to having the road closed that it is not believed the young millionaire will renew his legal battle to shut the public out from the beautiful Lake Success, which is leased by him as part of his estate.

The new protected cruiser Chattanooga started from Newport, R. I., for a 40-hour endurance run Saturday.

$511,000 SCHOOL MONEY.

And Over 19,000 Pupils in Country—Apportionment Being Made.

The county board of education was in session all day today engaged in the work of calculating the available school funds for the county for the coming year.

The board this morning did not reach the work of apportioning the nearly $51,000 among the idividual schools, but was only able to compute the amount that will be divided among the schools from the various sources from which the school monies are derived each year, including regular school taxes, State taxes and revenues from fines, etc.

The exact amount that is available this year is $50,940.07, which is derived as follows:

Total from district No. 1..	$ 9,533.22
Total from district No. 2, Charlotte..	28,756.93
Total from district No. 3..	7,023.16
Total..	$44,713.33
State tax..	2,769.78
Amount from fines, etc	2,446.96
Grand total	$50,940.07

The work of appropriating this money among the various school districts was begun by the county board this afternoon and the board expected to be in session during tomorrow also in order to complete this work, when the figures will be made out.

Thes chol census of the various townships as made out by the county superintendent, for the year is as follows:

Charlotte, 3,275; Berryhill, 706; Steel Creek, 814; Sharon, 723; Providence, 802; Clear Creek, 749; Crab Orchard, 1,165; Mallard Creek, 847; Deweese, 808; Lemley, 525; Long Creek, 730; Paw Creek, 866; Morning Star, 668; Pineville, 531; Huntersvills, 670.

The grand total of all scholars in the county schools for the year is 19,395 against 18,852 yast year.

THE COMMISSIONERS MEET.

The County Commissioners Met Today—They Attend to Routine Business and Draw Two Juries.

The board of county commissioners met in its regular monthly session this morning. All the members were present, and only routine business was attended to. The following jurors were drawn for the two weeks of criminal court beginning February 13th.

First week—G. M. Kistler, A. D. Campbell, B. J. Alexander, S. A. Wilson, W. H. Young, G. F. Overcash, W. E. Stevens, A. O. Garrison, W. A. McGinn, S. B. Alexander, J. R. Pharr, C. L. Abernathy, D. F. Short, W. G. Rogers, J. M. Gray, W. R. Dawns, J. A. Hirshinger, F. A. Cochrane, J. O. McCoy, W. I. Friday, G. W. Norman, N. C. Frazier, J. C. Northey, W. M. Ardrey, J. M. Stevens, Silas H. Bynum, W. L. Jenkins, Joseph Bailes, J. L. Lowing, J. D. Hoover, Jr., C. M. Hurlee, H. S. Bryon, J. B. Watt, A. Q. Neely, M. B. Yandle, A. D. Baker.

Second week—Jas. R. Porter, W. H. Block, L. C. Brown, W. [illegible] Smith, John D. Culp, J. W. Elliotte, W. A. Cochrane, J. Starr Neely, T. D. Gilmer, J. T. A. Lawing, W. J. Hutchison, J. F. Jameson, J. W. Hipp, W. E. Hipp, Jr., T. A. Washom, W. E. Snell, John L. Houston, D. W. Hartis.

Special Delivery Named.

Mr. John Kirby, son of Mr. A. H. Kirby of this city, has been appointed by Postmaster Smith as a special delivery clerk and Mr. Kirby began his duties today.

The Charlotte office has progressed rapidly in the special delivery business and today the postmaster reports that the number of these letters received at the local office amount to 800 per month.

There are now two special delivery men, Mr. Kirby and Mr. Albright.

Mr. Kirby succeeds Mr. Frank Cooper, who has resigned to accept a position with a leading business house of the city.

Off to Erskine College.

The following young men went over the Southern at 12.35 today for Due West, S. C., where they attend Erskine College: Messrs. W. A. McAnloy, Joe Gallant, Frank Grier, John D. McClelland, C. B. Elliotte, H. W. Elliott, Brice McLaughlin, Hony Todd and Ralph Alexander. Others of the Due West students will go tomorrow.

New Woodmen Officers.

There will be a meeting of Hornet's Nest Camp, Woodmen of the World at their hall on East Trade street tomorrow night at seven-thirty o'clock. The newly elected officers will be installed and all members are requested to be present as well as visiting Woodmen.

Manchester Cloth Market.

Manchester, Jan. 2.—In cotton goods business last week was inactive and the turnover was meagre. Neither buyers nor sellers seem disposed to operate. The large cotton crop is keeping off buyers more than ever at present prices. Sellers do not press, partly because the supply is sold well ahead, and partly because of small stocks of cloth and a healthy condition no trade aboard. There is little India or China inquiry. In yarn users are encouraged to hold off by the decline in cotton, and confine their purchases to immediate requirements.

Oliver Clifton Dead.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 2.—Oliver Clifton, three times mayor of Jackson, died here. When he died he had only been mayor two hours on his last term. He qualified while in bed. He was 57 years of age and came from a very prominent Mississippi family.

For Murder of Mabel Page.

By Associated Press.

Cambridge, Mas., Jan. 2.—Charles L. Tucker of Auburndale, appeared in Middlesex county in the Superior Court today to answer to the charge of murdering Miss Mabel Page, at Weston, Mass., March 31st, 1904.

It is better to resolve and fail than never to resolve at all.

ANONYMOUS LETTER TO COTTON MEN CONSIDERED A FAKE

President of Memphis Cotton Exchange is Notified That Prominent Financiers in New Y[illegible] Want the Cooperation of Southern People to Boost Cott[illegible]

Proposed That Each Sec[illegible] point Commission to h[illegible] ton at 10 Cents. Weber Says That i[illegible] Needed.

By Associated Press.

Memphis, Jan. 2.—E. F[illegible] President of the Memphis [illegible] change today said he had [illegible] telegram from New York [illegible] proposition by the banki[illegible] to render financial assis[illegible] Southern farmers who d[illegible] their cotton for higher p[illegible]

Mr. Webber said he w[illegible] notice of the telegram be[illegible] as he knew, it came fro[illegible] source, being signed with[illegible]

Mr. Webber said he [illegible] farmers in the South ar[illegible] to hold their cotton wi[illegible] aid. The smaller farme[illegible] marketed enough cotton [illegible] over until the next cro[illegible] instances he had from f[illegible] on hand awaiting highe[illegible]

Source of the [illegible]

New York, Jan. 2.—[illegible] of local banking interes[illegible] the South, and captalis[illegible] the condition of the co[illegible] a meeting in this city, [illegible] a plan to avert demo[illegible] cotton market, prevent furti[illegible] ing of the crop by southern g[illegible] and to insure a steady price for [illegible] staple in the future.

As a result of the conference mes[illegible] sages were sent to southern financiers interested in cotton, who were asked for their co-operation. These men in[illegible] cluded E. F. Webber, president of t[illegible] Memphis Cotton Exchange; Col. Har[illegible] vie Jordan, president of the Cotto[illegible] Growers' Association of Monticell[illegible] Ga., and W. P. Brown. The propos[illegible] plan suggests that each cotton gr[illegible] ing section appoint certain trust[illegible] who will act in the interests of the [illegible] ton producers, and that the growers [illegible] liver, or agree to deliver [illegible] of their holdings to these [illegible] the condition that this cot[illegible] withdrawn from the [illegible] not be sold for less [illegible] price; that these tr[illegible] cates to the cotton [illegible] ing these conditions [illegible] tion that cotton to [illegible] 1,000,000 bales be re[illegible] plan becomes effec[illegible] cent., it is argued, [illegible] at any time at the [illegible] and the trustees [illegible] proceeds arising [illegible] holders of the [illegible]

Bankers and [illegible] also suggested [illegible] to be used in [illegible] be withdrawn [illegible] held undersi[illegible]

REDUCED [illegible]

People of Ocil[illegible] to Reduce t[illegible]

Ocilla, Ga., Jan. [illegible] of about 300 farme[illegible] of this place, a ba[illegible] thrown off a wagon o[illegible] streets of the town an[illegible] G. S. Wilcox, a membe[illegible] cantile firm of B. E. Wil[illegible] and burned to ashes yes[illegible] noon. Many citizens w[illegible] scene with curious interest, [illegible] not what it all meant. As [illegible] planters and merchants [illegible] aorund the fire and held an [illegible] indignation meeting in conto[illegible] Wall street cotton speculator[illegible]

The people here have [illegible] a bale at every decline i[illegible] cotton.

Woodmen's Annual S[illegible]

The committee consisting of J. [illegible] Williams, W. S. Charles and J. E. [illegible] ton, appointed to make arrangem[illegible] for the sermon before the Woodme[illegible] the World at East Avenue Taberna[illegible] next Sunday at 11 o'clock, has sent o[illegible] the invitations to all of the Woodme[illegible] in the county, there being five camps.

The Woodmen will gather at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the hall of the Hornets Nest Camp and will marc[illegible] to the church in a body.

The indications are th[illegible] a very large attendance [illegible] Woodman in the county [illegible] attend.

Every Woodman is req[illegible] the hall at 10 o'clock sh[illegible] to march to the churc[illegible] and visiting members.

Board of A[illegible]

The regular mecti[illegible] aldermen will be he[illegible] 7:30 o'clock, and a [illegible] tant matters will [illegible] eration, includ[illegible] water bon[illegible] stituted [illegible]

Tonig[illegible] years [illegible] the g[illegible]

It [illegible] other [illegible] night'[illegible]

Sev[illegible]

Fi[illegible]