

THE WAR NOW ON.

Japan Victorious in Two Naval Battles—Land Battles Expected Soon as the Japanese are Determined to Take Port Arthur.

The long expected war is now on between Russia and Japan, and the latter has already gained two naval victories, and the Japanese government first officially claimed that in the first twenty-four hours of the war, 10 Russian warships were placed out of action in one way or another. Later dispatches make the number larger. There were two fights, one at Port Arthur, the Russian stronghold, and one at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, the capital of Korea. The fighting occurred on Monday night and Tuesday morning. The Russians at Port Arthur were taken completely by surprise by a Japanese fleet of some fifteen vessels. The Russian ships were lying in the roadstead, feeling safe. The attack was by torpedo boats. A dispatch says:

"Nearly all the Japanese torpedo boats were dispatched on their dangerous and daring task. They rushed, full steam, on the enemy, who were completely surprised. A great number of small arms greeted the invaders, who, however, escaped unhurt, and the Russian, the Czarevitch and the Palladi were almost immediately torpedoed. The Japanese dashed along the entire line of the Russians, exposed by now to a terrific fire from machine guns and small arms from both the ships and the shore. There was the utmost consternation among the Russians, which probably accounts for the Japanese torpedo boats escaping unhurt and joining the admiral's fleet."

Of the fight at Chemulpo on Tuesday a dispatch says:

"The Japanese fleet, commanded by Admiral Uru on the flagship Admira, arrived at noon and sent a wireless telegram to the Japanese cruiser Chigoda, which was lying at anchor between the Varing and Koriet, to join the fleet outside. The Russians found themselves trapped. Admiral Uru then signalled, giving the Russians five minutes to surrender. The Russians ignored the demand to surrender and the Japanese opened fire. A brisk engagement lasting two hours followed. The Russian vessels getting the worst of an encounter, in which the odds were overwhelmingly against them, steamed back into the harbor. The Varing, which was badly injured, listed heavily. Two hours the Russians attempted to break through the Japanese fleet, which was encountered four miles from the inner harbor. A fierce fight followed. The Russian vessels were badly damaged. The Koriet was blown up, presumably by its own crew, in order to escape capture. A portion of the crew was rescued by the French and Italian vessels in the harbor. The Varing tried to escape, but suddenly an explosion was heard and the Varing was seen to sink. Whether she was sunk by a Japanese shell or by her own crew is not known. The United States gunboat Vicksburg and the British cruiser Talbot witnessed the battle."

Advices from Sagaka dated Friday, February 12th, state that absolute reticence is maintained by the government. An intense war feeling prevails among all classes, although there is an apparent absence of excitement. Among the striking features of the situation are the strict censorship which is exercised over all cablesgrams and the close concealment of military and naval movements.

The mobilization of the Japanese army has been carried out methodically. It is estimated that 300,000 troops are now ready to be placed in the field without impairing the national defenses. The movements of the troops are surrounded by secrecy. They are being moved at night toward their bases at Sasebo, Kuremiji and Yokosuka and the lights of ordinary trains are extinguished when in the neighborhood of troop trains.

Members of the reserve force immediately step into the places of the outgoing regulars. Their organization is perfect and a full equipment is ready for each one of the reserves.

Hundreds of hotels, tea houses and temples have been requisitioned in Tokio and other divisional centers. All the steamers of Japanese merchant lines are being rapidly converted into auxiliary cruisers, armed with quick firing guns and fitted with torpedo tubes.

The Japanese are convinced that the Russians will be unable to concentrate and maintain 50,000 troops at any important point of military operations.

Information has reached here that nearly 20,000 Japanese troops were landed at Chemulpo yesterday, the first division of a large number which will be thrown into Korea as rapidly as possible, in the effort to occupy the strategic points in the Hermit Kingdom while the Russian fleet is bottled up in Port Arthur. By one conversant with the Japanese plans it is stated that the repeated attacks on Port Arthur are not for the purpose of seizing that place at present unless an unexpected weakness in the fortifications there should develop. They are part of a well defined plan for the harassing of the Russian fleet until Korea can be occupied.

Who You Talking About?
Charlotte Chronicle.
It is remarkable how very wise people are about selling cotton when they have none, and how very foolish they are when they have it to sell.
If you want to save money see us before you buy corn.
Collins & Biggers.
They are going fast! Fine pianos going at sacrifice prices. Rodge's Book Store.
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RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The notices of the amounts appropriated to the several districts asking for aid from the second \$100,000, were sent out by the County Superintendent last week. The appropriations for this purpose this year were much better than ever before. The State Superintendent writes that this money can be used only for lengthening the terms of the schools, and cannot be held over.

The following extracts are made from a letter received from one of the best young lady teachers of the county:

"You know, I have advanced work in connection with the public work. I spend about six and three-quarter hours in the school room. I can't tell exactly how much time I put on each study, but do all I can for the children. I am busy all the time. I have always done personal work for my school. I think the County Superintendent and we teachers have a great work to do—second to none. I realize every day teaching is a hard work, day rightly done, and that a teacher is a martyr, my feeble efforts to bring North Carolina from the foot of the list and place her where she should be, since she was always foremost in the bloody conflicts and her sons shed their blood to gain liberty."

"It is sad to think of the children, and older people, too, still being chained under the tyrant, Ignorance."

Accompanying the monthly report of one teacher, is this note: "Both patrons and students are becoming more and more enthusiastic over the school. The educational interest, I am glad to say, is growing rapidly in No. —. The average attendance of this month is 47.7-10 as against 31 for the corresponding month last year." Could anything be better than that?

Mr. T. L. Price, teacher in district No. 1, Goose Creek, sends the School Column the following interesting information:

"You will please enclosed find samples of 'perfect' cards I have introduced in my school. My plan for using them is, viz.: I grade each class at each recitation very rigidly, and give a perfect card to each student having made a perfect grade. In connection with the cards, I offer a prize to the student of each class having the greatest number of cards at close of term. These classes spelling on book, where grading can't be done successfully, a card is given to the one standing head, thereby keeping them encouraged. I have written rules and each student is required to make a daily report of his conduct. Those having made no violations are also given perfect cards, and prizes will be given only to those having made perfect department grades for the entire term. I can highly recommend the use of these cards to the teachers of the county, and think they are a great introduction in the school room. They certainly accomplish that for which they are intended. Not only do they serve as a factor by which greater zeal is put forth, but they greater encourage regular attendance. Their cost is nothing when compared with their results. My classes have been making a much higher mark since I introduced them. I am more than pleased with their results."

Have any other teachers tried this method?

An Educational Rally.
Written for the School Column.
On January 26th, a large crowd met at Beulah to celebrate the completion of their new school house. This academy was built by the people of their district at their own expense. Their district was the territory that adjoining districts came near absorbing. All opposition, however, was overcome by Mr. Sam Stewart and his friends, and they have now a school house in easy reach of their children.

Mr. Stewart first addressed the crowded academy giving in full an account of the work done to bring about the building of their commodious academy, after which he introduced to the audience Prof. Philips of Weddington Academy.

Prof. Philips' talk was along educational lines and to the point. He encouraged them to go on with their work that they have so nobly begun.

Rev. Philip Jones, one of the patrons of the school, made a most interesting speech. Among other things that he said, was that they were unlike the Israelites in that they had neither a Moses nor a Joshua, but like them in that they had a Samuel to lead them. This was very complimentary, indeed, to Mr. Sam Stewart.

In the audience was Mr. J. N. Price, one of the Union county Board of Education. Mr. Price was prevailed upon to address the audience, and did so in a splendid extempore style. Mr. Price, by the way, has set the pace for Union county, for the whole State, and for that matter the whole South. He is one of the leading men who have made Wesley Chapel graded school famous as the first rural graded school in the South. His words were full of wisdom and gave much encouragement to the good people of Beulah in their laudable enterprise.

PALMER DALRYMPLE.

Debate in Buford.
Correspondence of The Journal.
A big debate came off between Mt. Carmel and the Macon Debating Club of Mt. Prospect Saturday night, the 5th. The question was, "Resolved, That women should enter public life." The negative side was represented by Messrs. P. L. Plyler, M. D. Starnes and E. C. Hinson; the affirmative by Messrs. J. H. Edwards, M. H. Richardson and Amos Richardson. The judges gave the question to the negative.

Molasses, molasses, cheap at Collins & Biggers.

SENATOR HANNA DEAD.

Died at 6:40 Yesterday Evening of Typhoid Fever—Had Been Kept Alive by Powerful Stimulants.

Marcus A. Hanna, United States Senator from Ohio, and one of the foremost figures in American public life, died this evening in his apartments at the Arlington Hotel at 6:40 o'clock of typhoid fever, after an illness of two weeks. He passed away peacefully and without pain, after being unconscious at 3 a. m., at which time the first of a series of sinking spells came on, from the last of which he never rallied. All the members of the family, with one or two exceptions, were at the bedside when the end came. They were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Miss Phelps, M. H. Hanna and Mr. Dover.

During the last hours life was kept in his body by the use of the most powerful stimulants.

Mrs. Senator Hanna was not at the bedside when the end came. She had been ill with a severe headache and a short time before had been given a narcotic and she then went to bed.

Drs. Osler and Carter and two nurses were at the bedside when the end came.

Senator Hanna's death followed a sinking spell that lasted 10 minutes, beginning at 6:30.

A public funeral in the Senate chamber will be held at noon Wednesday. The funeral will be held in Cleveland Friday.

Senator Hanna's final illness, in its beginning, dates back nearly two months. About the middle of December he informed his friends that he did not feel quite well, but declined to take a period of rest. A month later Mr. Hanna visited Columbus during the session of the Legislature, when he was re-elected Senator, and on returning to Washington was taken ill in January 19th. His trouble was diagnosed as grip. It was not until February 2d that his illness assumed a serious form. On that day he suffered a convulsive chill and two days later, on the 5th, his physicians announced that he had a case of typhoid fever. As the disease progressed the Senator's condition became more serious and his relatives were sent for. The Senator gradually grew weaker, his pulse rose to 105 and was with difficulty reduced, saline purgatives and oxygen were administered. On Friday last the Senator was seized with a chill, from which he rallied only to lose ground again, slowly until the end.

Marshville News.
Marshville, Feb. 15.—Presiding Elder J. E. Thompson preached at the Methodist church Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Meek, was called home to see his daughter, who is very sick.

Marshville boasts of two libraries, one for the school, and one established by the Sunshin Society for the benefit of the public. Certainly there is no excuse for those who do not read with the present library system.

The students of Marshville Academy were highly entertained by their teachers at the academy Friday night. The program consisted of guessing contests, etc.

Mr. J. H. Lee and sons, Messrs. Allen and Tom, spent Tuesday of last week here.

Mr. Oscar Bursall of Wilmington spent a part of last week with his sister, Mrs. Irene Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morgan returned Sunday night from a week's visit to Liberty, Mrs. Morgan's home.

Miss Ora Williams of Wingate spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. M. K. Lee.

Mr. Ed S. Marsh of Wadesboro was in town Saturday.

Mr. E. C. Griffin left this morning for the West to buy more mules.

Dr. Armfield went to Richmond today to take a special course in medicine.

Messrs. G. A. and H. B. Marsh went to Monroe today.

Mr. Bill Weevil is occupying just about as much attention now as any subject other than the strictly war, fire, and market stories.

Baltimore is grinding herself for the task of rebuilding, and bravely says she will not receive outside help. Sympathy for and admiration of the city have been unbounded. Even the Pope of Rome and the Emperor of China sent messages.

One elegant square piano for \$65.00 cash, Chas. M. Stieff's great factory sale, at Rodge's Book Store.

Sewing Machines, best and cheapest, at the Monroe Furniture Company's.

Simplicity.
Simplicity is the crowning jewel of all virtues. Great messages, great truths, great discourses and great events are ever simple in their elements. Simplicity makes the great noble and lifts the obscure to places of eminence. It is the bright charm of innocent childhood and the radiant gem of the old and learned.—Maxwell's Talmian.

A Deep Scheme.
Mr. Deepe—I want you to sit right down and write to Mrs. Jenks inviting her to view the parade from our house.
Mrs. Deepe—I thought you said the route was almost sure to be changed, so that our house will be cut out?
Mr. Deepe—It will be changed, and the parade will pass her house now.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Costly Recovery.
A young wife's rainbow smile—the kind that comes after a shower—is beautiful, but it is also the most expensive bit of scenery produced on the human face.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Every man has at times in his mind the ideal of what he should be, but it is not.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
Cures Croup; Prevents Pneumonia

CHILDREN ARE SANE.

But Grow Up People, Most of Them, Are More or Less Insane.

There is no disadvantage which is involved in the very nature of education—that is, that we have to assume that grownup people are representative. We have even to go the length of assuming that grownup people are sane. When we talk about encouraging health in children and discouraging morbidity, when we talk of such and such a child being abnormal or interesting or neurotic or a genius, we are all the time taking for granted that we ourselves have attained to what is profitable and eternal in human nature. But there is at least something that may reasonably be said upon the other side. It may at least very plausibly be maintained that it is children who are, age after age, sane and reliable and grownup people who are, age after age, more or less fantastic and disconcerting. The great majority of grownup people in any age will be in all probability slightly insane, for since no human philosophy is perfect, and since every human philosophy naturally treats itself as if it were perfect, the chances are in every generation that the majority of educated people will be essentially certain of something that is quite untrue. Children, on the other hand, it might be maintained, represent the actual primary and untouched human nature. Whatever agrees with that is sane; whatever disagrees with it is eccentric. Children are always children, or, to limit the matter with more precision, babies, at any rate, are always babies. But few will be so paradoxical as to maintain that men are always men or women always women—Black and White.

An Eloquent Peroration.
"And," said the rising young politician as he reached his eloquent peroration, "I predict that our candidate will, when the votes are counted, be found to have ridden to success upon a tidal wave of glory that will have swept all before it like wild fire breaking in flying spray upon the strand where the sun of victory shall blaze forth its most effulgent rays upon the close of one of the most noble, most memorable campaigns that have ever been launched upon the sea of politics to gather strength and carry all before it like the cyclone sweeping across the broad prairies from which even the orb of day has disappeared in terror."

B. W. BAKER.
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One lot Bright New Percals, both light and dark styles, 10c value, our price 7 1-2. One case 10c Remnants, solid colors, 6 1-2. One lot Solid Gingham this week only 7 1-2. 100 pieces A. F. C. Gingham, newest styles, latest patterns for early Spring wear, color warranted. 10c Cannon Cloth, heaviest grade 8 1-2.

Clothing Department.

First Spring shipment opened up this week. Biggest values we have ever offered. \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00 Suits. Big lot job counter men's suits only \$5.00. We have several hundred men's fine suits in Steel Gray and Black Clay Worsted, Fancy Mixed and Flannels, worth 7.50 and 8.00, any suit on these counters at one low price for this week, \$5. Men's odd coats \$1.00 and \$1.50, worth twice as much. Hundreds of customers have been pleased with our showing of Embroideries, both Val and Torchorn. Our Silk Sale was certainly a winner; silk as cheap as cotton. We still have a nice assortment to close out 15, 25, 38 and all our 85 to 1.48 Fancy Silks at 50c. To-day's showing in all lines new, up-to-date Spring goods are very attractive. Come, we will show you how far a dollar will go. Phone 74. BELK BROTHERS.

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