

RUSSIANS AND JAPANESE STILL OPPOSE MEDIATION

In the Meantime Reports and Rumors of Fighting Fly Thick and Fast but Lack Confirmation--Story of the Japanese Capture of Kinchau

London, May 27.—The Shangkai correspondent of the Chronicle says that he hears that 15,000 Russians were surprised in the Tungtung Pass by 30,000 Japanese. The Russian casualties were 4,000 and more than a thousand surrendered.

Russians Lose Over a Thousand

London, May 27.—A dispatch to the Telegraph from New Chung states that a Chinese army captain reports that Japanese scouts discovered the enemy in strength at Tatungling, 50 kilometers northwest of Feng Wang Cheng on May 21. When their exact position was ascertained the Japanese sent a flying column from Suoyen which made a strong demonstration on the enemy's front and at daylight on May 22nd engaged the Russians with artillery from the south. Twenty miles of main force, accompanied by mountain guns, advanced westward from the Feng Wang Cheng road, turning the Russians left flank and enfilading their trenches. The Russians retreated hastily to the Tatungling Pass, losing over a thousand killed, wounded and captured. The Japanese losses were slight. The division which outflanked the Russians were the troops who, according to the St. Petersburg reports retired from Feng Wang Cheng, their retirement being part of the Japanese tactics in Sunday's battle. The Japanese now occupy Tatungling.

Japanese Capture Kinchau

Shanghai, May 26.—It is stated that the Japanese have captured Kinchau. They opened the attack this morning with heavy artillery which they had taken the utmost pains to place in commanding positions. The main assault was delivered at midday. The walled town was occupied in the afternoon. The losses on either side is not known. It is reported the Russians had thirty heavy guns defending Kinchau besides mines and wire entanglements. Their main position was at Nankiang, at the narrowest point of the isthmus. This position, it is now said, the Japanese began bombarding at dawn yesterday. They finally drove out the defenders, suffering little themselves. The main assault followed today. The Russians retired in good order to the southern heights. The Japanese followed and stormed these, also carrying them after a stubborn resistance.

Fighting of Most Desperate Character

London, May 26.—Correspondent of The Central News at Tokio cables that the Japanese attacked Na. Quan Ling on the narrowest part of the Kwan Tung Peninsula yesterday and drove back the Russians by main force. The attack on Kin Chou, the dispatch adds, was begun at dawn today and by noon Kin Chou was in the hands of the Japanese. The fighting continued during the afternoon and was of the most desperate character.

Three Killed, Eighteen Wounded

Tokio, May 26.—General Kuroki, commander of the first Japanese force, reports an engagement at To-Pu. The Russian cavalry took up a position at Patoshi yesterday. A detachment of Japanese infantry and cavalry from Tatzenze attacked them, driving them in confusion to Tichossu. Natives report that three were killed and eighteen wounded.

A Dispatch to The Jiji Shimpo from Feng Wang Cheng reports an action that is apparently the same as that reported by General Kuroki. It locates the scene midway between Feng Wang Cheng and Liao Yang.

Captured Enemy's Guns

St. Petersburg, May 26.—4:45 p. m. Viceroy Alexieff telegraphs that a report is current that Port Arthur was bombarded May 24th, but says he has not received any official confirmation of the rumor.

It is reported that General Rennenkampf's Cossacks, who are operating on the line of General Kuroki's communications, have made an important capture of some of the enemy's guns which were being taken forward to Feng Wang Cheng. No other details are given. This report comes from members of the emperor's suite.

Notorious Fake Mongering

London, May 27.—4 a. m.—There is not necessarily any greater reason for accepting the report of a Russian defeat at Kinchau than there was for believing the recent Russian rumors of a Japanese defeat in the same neighborhood. The reports on the subject here are very brief. All the officials there have nothing to say. All the supposed details come from Shanghai, whose fake mongering reputation is notorious.

The first official mention of the alleged Japanese defeat at Kinchau is contained in General Sakharoff's report and reveals that the story originated from a doubtful source. The Chinese seem to have learned how to gauge the needs of the sensational newspapers of the western barbarians.

There is no independent account of the latest Japanese attempt to block

Port Arthur. The date of the attempt and also of the bombardment of Inchenze Bay can only be inferred. Admiral Alexieff's means of communication with Port Arthur and other Russian centers is not revealed.

Neither Wants Foreign Mediation

Washington, May 26.—Through its ambassador at St. Petersburg and its minister at Tokio the government has made known informally and delicately to the Russian and Japanese governments, that the president stands ready to tender his good offices to bring about peace between them at the moment when both are willing that such a step shall be taken. The attitude of the government in this connection has been discussed not only in the capitals of the belligerents but here in Washington between Secretary Hay and the Russian and Japanese diplomatic representatives. It has been made clear to the United States, however, that neither Russia or Japan is willing to tolerate for an instant at this time, the idea of foreign mediation to put an end to the war. Realizing this, the representatives of the United States have not persisted in pressing the subject but have contented themselves with making plain that when either Russia and Japan are ready to adjust their differences the government at Washington is to be considered a mutual friend who will act the role of peacemaker. It should be understood that at no time was any direct proposal made by this government representative.

Both Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador and Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister had interviews with Secretary today. Afterward Count Cassini took luncheon with President Roosevelt at the White House.

There is no desire or intention on the part of this government to take any measure for bringing the war to an end that would be unacceptable to the two belligerents or either of them. Adhering to the principle of non-interference in the affairs of foreign nations, the government holds that it has no warrant to attempt by even the most conservative means to bring about an ending to the war unless both Russia and Japan cordially desire it to act as mediator. Anything beyond a mutual tender of good offices might lead to difficulties and embarrassments which the government has no desire to encounter and what has been done so far has been done in a most delicate way so as to afford neither belligerents opportunity for taking differences.

The Novoremya, the leading newspaper of Russia has been quoted as saying that Russia would welcome a proposal from the United States to have the whole far eastern question considered with a view to ending the war.

From what has occurred, the administration doubts that Russia would look kindly on any such proposal.

Stories of Strength and Position

St. Petersburg, May 26.—In a dispatch dated May 25 General Sakharoff reports:

"Our scouts near Pitsewo and in the Kwantung peninsula ascertained on May 23 that Japanese outposts occupied the heights three kilometers south of Vafandian Station. Two squadrons of cavalry and two companies and a half of infantry are four kilometers in their rear. Infantry and cavalry are disposed further southward along the villages bordering the railway. There are three thousand of all arms with five guns in the neighborhood of Pulandien. The Japanese landing continues near Pitsewo and further south. The troops landing are moving south toward Kinchau, with covering detachments thrown out to the west. Chinese reports a battle at Kinchow on May 15, the Japanese losing 700 and the Russians fewer."

General Sakharoff, referring to the Feng Wang Cheng district, reports that the Japanese strength consists of 20,000 infantry, 2,000 cavalry and 36 field guns. General Kuropatkin, in his last report, stated that there were 40,000 Japanese concentrated at Feng Wang Cheng and that four line regiments were at Pianmin. General Sakharoff adds that the Japanese advance guards have reached thirty kilometers north of the Al river. Their front is turned towards Salmatze and Kuantien. They are not making other movements of the Al river. It is reported that many Japanese cavalry horses are exhausted.

A Japanese landing at Takushan began five days ago. It is reported that 50,000, principally infantry, landed, but is not sufficiently verified. Those who landed are marching towards Yuayen and also in the direction of Port Arthur towards Singtuisze. An encounter between a Japanese detachment and a stonk of Cossacks on the night of May 21 at Sitkhouchintze caused consternation among the Japanese, who fired wildly at the Cossacks, and also, owing to the darkness, at their own men. Russian reconnoiters got behind the Japanese army near Tansanchints on May 21. They found a detachment of three hundred on the main road from Sakhodza to Liao Yang. Heavy transport wagons were passing incessantly. The Russian

scouts watched for sixteen hours and saw fully 18,000 Korean and Chinese coolies pass with two hundred carts. The Japanese finally discovered and attacked the scouts, all of whose horses were killed, and they were obliged to return on foot.

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THEY LEAVE WINSTON

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No Other Remedy Can Compare With It
Thos. W. Carter, of Ashboro, N. C., had Kidney Trouble and one bottle of FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE effected a perfect cure, and he says there is no remedy that will compare with it.

Thirteen Were Killed; Three Fatally Injured

Explosion of Boilers Which Totally Demolished the Towboat Fred Williams Near River View Park Yesterday

Louisville, Ky., May 26.—Thirteen persons were killed, three fatally injured and five hurt by an explosion of boilers which totally demolished the towboat Fred Wilson of River View Park today.

The Wilson was the property of the Monongahela Coal and Coke Company, and left Pittsburgh last Friday with six barges, twelve coal boats and four flats, bound for Louisville. She arrived here about midnight, had proceeded down the river and was about to tie up when the explosion occurred. The cause of the accident is not known. Henry Sikes, the first mate, could give no explanation of the cause of the disaster. He and Chief Engineer Walker were the only men on the boat who escaped injury. Neither man could give the names of the deck hands nor did they know the name of the passenger who was making the trip with Captain Price, save that he came aboard at Pittsburgh and that they had gained the impression that he was in the insurance business.

Herman Shively, second engineer, was blown through the side of the Wilson and landed twenty-five feet away on top of a shanty boat. Father Cunningham was one of the first to arrive at the scene and gave extremeunction to several men who were dying. The police and hospital ambulance and the automobiles of the morning newspapers carried a corps of physicians and nurses to the scene.

The injured were taken to the residence of Colonel John H. Whallen. Mr. Whallen's house which is about 150 yards from the river, was badly damaged by the explosion but none of the family was injured. The front doors were splintered, the chandeliers shattered and nearly every window in the house was broken.

Growth of Southern Conservatory of Music

Present Occasion Marks the Sixth Annual Commencement—Certificates Presented and the Prizes and Medals Awarded

Durham, N. C., May 26.—Special. The sixth annual commencement of the Southern Conservatory began last night. This morning the commencement exercises proper took place at which time diplomas and certificates were presented and prizes and medals awarded. The speaker of the occasion was Judge R. W. Winston.

Tonight the beginners and junior departments, assisted by the department of elocution, gave a concert. Tomorrow evening the commencement or final concert will take place. This will end the commencement exercises.

The Conservatory of Music began six years ago with a total of forty students at the close of the first year. This year the enrollment has reached one hundred and forty-one.

Commencement Exercises

The exercises this morning began at 11 o'clock. Diplomas were awarded as follows: Soloists diplomas Miss Blanche Barnes, of Clayton, and Miss Hattie Brinson, of Goldsboro. Teacher's diplomas Miss May Saylor, Miss Edith Gibson, Miss Emma Davis and Miss Ella Keith. Teacher's certificates Misses Annie Whitmore, Ethel Fletcher, Josephine Young, Nettie Rogers, Mabel Johnson, Mary Wily, Mary Hunter, Pearl Little, Annie Hearn and Mary Beaman.

These diplomas and certificates were presented by Judge R. W. Winston, who made an appropriate talk. He referred to the great work being done and to the high honors won by those receiving the diplomas and certificates. Quite a number of prizes and medals were given for work done during the year. The medals given were as follows: Piano medal, given by M. H. Jones, awarded to Miss Rosa Green, this city. Murray medal for voice, Miss Hattie Brinson; Snyder medal for best improvement in violin, Miss Ella Keith. Medal for best paper in fifty important things, Miss Emma Davis.

Two prizes were given. Prizes in assistant teacher's department was given to Miss Felicia Kueffner. Prize in the department of elocution, Miss Addie Upchurch. The prizes and medals were presented by Mr. Gilmore.

Junior Concert

The concert given by the beginners and juniors this evening was quite a lengthy program. Like the morning exercise it was largely attended by Durham's music loving population. The program for the evening was as follows:

Piano quartette, "March," Mohr—Misses Ann and Emily Bridges, Margaret Glenn, Ruby Elliott.
Recitation, "The Clock Speaks"—Louie Carter.

Recitation, "Uncle Remus and the Hants," Harris—Addie Upchurch.
Piano duo, "March," Gobbuerts—Emma Noel and Josie Byrd.
Vocal solo, "The Gondolier," C. Whitney Combs—Miss Rosa Green.
Violin solo, "Farewell Song," B. Laye—Master Glenn Pate.
Recitation, "Old Ace," Brooks—Matie Mizell.

Recitation, "Uncle Snake Bit Bobs Sunday School," Pymelle—Magnolia Tatum.
Piano trio, (a) "Little Indian Boy," Diets; (b) "Thro' Field and Forest," Vogel—Misses Margaret Leyburn, Mary O'Brient and Master Tom O'Brient.
Elocution, "At the Concert"—Mary Loomis Smith.

Elocution, "The Picaninny"—Elise Lloyd.
Vocal solo, "Carmina Waltz"—M. J. Inez Angier.
Piano solo (2 pianos), "Love's Greeting," Bohm—Misses Felicia Kueffner, Mary Loomis Smith.

Cello solo, "Guten Abend," Jul. Weiss—Master Max Wily Bryant.
Elocution, "The Culpitris," Pymelle—Nellie Piper.
Elocution, "I Hate Missionaries," Bowden—Hannah Pope.
Vocal quartette, "There's One that I Love Dearly," Kucken-Hawley—Misses Hattie Brinson, Blanche Barnes, Mabel Johnson, Ella Keith.
Piano quartette (4 pianos), "March," Schultz—Misses Lottie Burroughs, Murray, McCollum, Riley, Hooker, Day, Placide Burroughs, Kueffner.
Elocution, "Tableaux Mouvant"—Misses Upchurch, McAdams, Gibson,

STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE

Opening Event of the Annual Commencement

Greensboro, N. C., May 26.—Special. The opening event of the annual commencement of the North Carolina State Normal and Industrial College took place last evening at seven o'clock, when the senior class held their class day exercises in the assembly hall of the main building and around the class fire, which is located at the southeast corner of the campus. The occasion was interesting and the program carried out novel and unique.

Last night a piano recital was given in the college chapel by Misses Eugenia Harris, Julia Hamlin and May Stewart, the audience being large and appreciative. The program was of a high order of excellence and reflected credit upon the young ladies and the institution.

This morning at 11 o'clock the laureate sermon to the graduating class was preached by Rev. Robert Strawn, D.D., of Richmond, Va., whose able discourse was one of the most scholarly and eloquent ever heard in Greensboro. Dr. Strawn took for his text the 4th verse of the 4th chapter of Philippians and his theme was "Thoughtful." Another large audience was present at the distinguished divine made a deep and lasting impression.

This afternoon at 4:30 the laying of the corner stone of the new dormitory takes place under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina. Tonight four representative essays will be read by members of the graduating class as follows: "The Lights on the Physician's Life," Florence E. Ledbetter, of Guilford county; "Architecture as the Expression of National Life and Character," Temp H. Dameron, Warren county; "The Passing of the Fire Place," Evelyn B. Royall, Cumberland county; "The Forces in the Development of North Carolina," Anna Belle Hoyle, Wake county. Tomorrow morning the graduation exercises will occur, when the annual address to the graduates will be made by Governor Charles B. Aycock.

ARMORED CRUISER TO BE NAMED NORTH CAROLINA

(Continued from Page 1.) of Inquiry and as such came into prominence before the country. He is extremely popular, a fact attested by his election as president of the Army and Navy club.

It was said in the office of the secretary of the navy today that Commander Diehl's selection emphasized the intention of the administration in filling desirable billets, to give consideration to the claim of officers who are on foreign stations and are not able to press their cases in person in Washington.

Result of Democratic State Conventions

The result of the Maryland Democratic convention today makes 550 delegates selected for the national convention at St. Louis. During the present week conventions were held in the states of Ohio, Tennessee, Alabama and Maryland, Ohio, with its 46 votes, Alabama with its 22 votes, and Maryland, with its 16 votes, sent unopposed delegations to the convention. Tennessee with 24 votes instructed for Parker and Arizona sent six votes to the convention for Hearst. The Alabama delegation while unopposed is regarded as certainly for Parker.

Of the 550 delegates selected 255 are unopposed. The remaining 295 are divided as follows: Parker 146, Hearst 91, Olney 32, Wall 26.

Five Democratic state conventions casting 84 votes will be held next week and the indications are that the unopposed votes will continue to increase. Conventions will be held in Georgia, Michigan, Nebraska and Oklahoma on Wednesday and in Wyoming next Thursday.

Georgia has been counted certain for Parker but there is now said to be some doubt about the state instructing Governor Terrell has come out in a statement against instructing and as he will control the convention the state may send an unopposed delegation, Michigan and Nebraska are expected to send unopposed delegations, while Wyoming and Oklahoma are said to be inclined for Hearst.

The revenue cutter Seminole will at an early date be stationed at Wilmington, N. C., which port has been without a revenue vessel for several months.

Evidently Suicide

Paris, May 26.—The youngest son of Dr. John Evans, a leading American dentist, has been found dead from a bullet wound.

Evans, who was 22 years old, had just returned from Nice, to which place he had eloped with a South American woman, married and the mother of two children.

A number of mysterious features are connected with the case, but the police, after an examination, are satisfied that death resulted from suicide.

He—Do you think you can learn to love me?
She—I'll tell you when I've seen the engagement ring.—Princeton Tiger.

Suspended From Exchange

New York, May 26.—The suspension of J. B. Newcombe from Exchange privileges for five years was announced by the Stock Exchange today. Mr. Newcombe was the Exchange member of the firm of Stewart, Brown & Company, the dissolution of which was announced a few days ago. It was reported that Newcombe had been suspended from business for W. E. Woodcock's part in the case against the Stock Exchange.

Will H. Masters Dead With Half of His Head Blown Off
Asheville, N. C., May 26.—Special. A shooting accident occurred this afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock about three miles north of Asheville when the shot gun that Will H. Masters was handling was in some manner discharged and the right side of his head blown off. Mr. Masters had been shooting early in the afternoon some distance from the scene of the accident and returning stopped at the dairy of the Greenwood.

In the barn engaged in the evening milking were several men, including Mr. Greenwood. Mr. Masters was on a box in the barn and placed his gun on his right side. The men heard a general conversation when in a constant the deafening report of the gun was heard and Masters fell over with blood and brain matter oozing out. He close was Mr. Greenwood, who had that blood and portions of the head and face were scattered on his coat.

Sheriff Reed and Coroner Hampton were notified and an inquest will be held some time tonight. Mr. Masters was employed by the government as a rural free delivery carrier and was very popular. He is survived by a wife and two children.