

THE WEATHER TODAY:
For North Carolina:
Snows.
For Raleigh:
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THE MORNING POST.

TEMPERATURE:
Temperature for the
past 24 hours:
Maximum, 87.
Minimum, 71.

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AFTER TWO DAYS' FIGHTING KUROKI IS AGAIN VICTORIOUS

Russians Retreated Toward Tanghuyen--Fierce Onslaughts by Japanese Over Steep Country in a Heat of 112 Degrees. Stout Resistance of Russians

London, Aug. 2.—Although the Japanese telegrams are lacking in details, while the Russian dispatches are muddled with customary vagueness it seems probable that the heaviest fighting of the war occurred near Haicheng and Liao Yang, resulting in the severe defeat of the Russians. Three great battles are reported. The report of the occupation of Haicheng is not confirmed, but it may be assumed that this latest Russian reverse marks an important stage of the campaign. Haicheng has always been regarded as one of the strong places of Manchuria.

The question now is: Can the southern portion of General Kuropatkin's army be intercepted before its retreat to Liao Yang is made good? His army is undoubtedly in the greatest danger although it still has the railway to facilitate the movement of its baggage. It is an open question whether it is even worth while to hold Liao Yang now that all hope of relieving Port Arthur seems to be gone.

The weather is abnormal. It would have been impossible any August in the last four or five years for the Japanese to have taken the offensive in the plains on account of the rains. General Kuropatkin doubtless counted upon the rainy season protecting him from serious attack while his army was growing until the end of August. He may yet be assisted by a return of the usual weather. Two days downpour would be sufficient to check General Kuroki's advance.

The Russian explanation of the Malacca and the Knight Commander incidents do not satisfy English public opinion. St. Petersburg evades the question of the Dardanelles. The Russian action in the case of the Malacca is denounced as her visit, which means a search at Algiers, would if admitted, be a tacit recognition by England of the volunteer steamer St. Petersburg's right of searching. It is claimed that nothing justifies the sinking of the Knight Commander.

Two Separate Actions

Tokio, August 2.—(Noon).—After two days' fighting General Kuroki has defeated the Russian forces in two separate actions fought at Yushulitza and the Yangze pass.

The Yangze Pass, or Yangze Pass, is situated thirty miles east of Liao Yang. The Russian army engaged there is generally known as the eastern army, and was commanded by the late Lieutenant General Count Keller, who was killed by the explosion of a shell.

Yushulitza is where the Russian forces have apparently sustained a defeat.

The Official Report

Washington, Aug. 2.—The Japanese legation has received the following official cablegram from the foreign office at Tokio, dated today:

"General Kuroki reports that at daybreak on July 31 our army commenced operations by attacking the enemy occupying Yushulitza (four miles west of Hsihoyen) and Yang Tsuling (six miles west of Motienting), both places situated about twenty-five miles from Liao Yang. The enemy at Yushulitza consisted of two divisions with corresponding artillery.

"The attacking operations were carried out as prearranged and by sunset we defeated both wings of the enemy, but owing to their large force and strong positions were unable to dislodge them entirely. At daybreak of August 1 we resumed the attack and succeeded in expelling the enemy at noon, and pursued them four miles in the westward direction. The enemy fled toward Anping.

"The enemy at Yang Tsuling consisted of two and a half divisions with four batteries of artillery. The attacking operations there also progressed successfully and by sunset we carried the enemy's principal positions, but a portion of them offered the stoutest resistance, and we had to bivouac the night in battle formation.

"At daybreak of August 1 we resumed the attack and at 8 a. m. all the batteries fell into our hands. The enemy fled toward Tanghuyen. We captured some field guns, but details are still unknown. In this engagement the attacking forces were at a disadvantage, firstly on account of the steepness of the ground, and secondly on account of the lack of suitable positions for our artillery, while the heat was over 100 degrees Fahrenheit."

Port Arthur Defense Taken

Tokio, Aug. 2.—(1 p. m.).—It is reported here that after three days' desperate fighting the Japanese have captured Shantailow, one of the important defenses of Port Arthur.

east, are lying in the roadstead at Cronstadt almost ready for sea. They are being fitted with American marine cableways for coaling at sea.

Halcheng Reported Taken

New Chwang, Aug. 2.—It is reported here that the Japanese have captured Halcheng.

Viceroy Alexieff

Harbin, Aug. 2.—Viceroy Admiral Alexieff arrived here today. He will proceed to Vladivostok Friday.

GOT \$1000

Two Passengers Who Were Beaten Improving

St. Louis, Aug. 2.—It was learned today after the arrival of the "Diamond Special" on the Illinois Central Railroad from Chicago that the robbers who held up the train about twenty-five miles from Chicago last night obtained \$1,000 and a number of watches from the passengers. Wm. Toolan of Lansing, Mich., and Leonard Christmas of Ontario, Canada, who were beaten on the head, were able to walk from the train, but Toolan was in a dazed condition.

BASEBALL VS. POLITICS

Candidates Can't Get Audiences to Hear Them

New Orleans, Aug. 2.—Last year many complaints were made about the baseball fever, which raged among the negroes of Mississippi and particularly in the Yazoo Delta. This craze, it was urged, greatly interfered with the picking of the cotton crop, and an appeal was made to the legislature to so regulate baseball as to prevent it interfering with cotton or cutting down the leaf. This year it is complained that politics also is seriously handicapped.

MURAVIEFF SUGGESTS VON PLEHVE

The Minister of Justice to Become Minister of the Interior

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—It is officially announced that Prince V. V. Muravieff, minister of justice, will succeed M. Von Plehve as minister of the interior.

SUBWAY TAVERN

Model Saloon Opened in New York—Bishop Potter's Address

New York, Aug. 2.—Bishop Henry C. Potter delivered the principal address today at the formal opening of "Subway Tavern" a model saloon which was established by a number of leaders in the reform movement in the city. The purpose of the promoters of the enterprise is to serve pure liquor and food at low prices under the best possible moral conditions. In his address Bishop Potter said he believed in the liquor situation. He said he believed in the old village tavern as the meeting place where a long evening could be spent without the necessity of intoxication.

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No Doubt Now as to Murderers of the Entire Hodges Family Last Week

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 2.—A special from Statesboro, near the scene of the murder last week of Henry Hodges, a farmer, and his family, says: "All further need of the proof of the guilt of Will Cato and Paul Reed for killing Mr. Henry Hodges and the members of his family is now dispensed with. Statements made in the coroner's court seem to fix the crime upon them. Reed's wife on the witness stand gave away the whole crime. She says the negroes went from her house and found money buried in the Hodges' yard. They dug it up and were starting off with it when Hodges caught them. He told them to give him the money, which was in a pot, and handed it to his wife, who took it in the house. They demanded that he get it and divide and he refused. They brained him with an iron brace to a buggy top. Mrs. Hodges was followed to the house and brained. Both babies were killed before they burned the house. Kattie, the six year old daughter, had hidden and her death was effected by a blow in the head with a lamp, which Reed gave her.

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The new railway station and other improvements at Esopus being made by the West Shore Railway will be completed before the octification. Storekeepers and residents are preparing to make August 10 the greatest day in the history of Esopus. A large supply of bunting and flags has been procured for decorative purposes.

E. C. Wall of Wisconsin, who was a candidate for the nomination which Judge Parker won, is expected at Rosemount about noon tomorrow. Mrs. Wall will accompany him. They will remain for dinner. Mr. Wall probably will be consulted on the question of the treasurership of the national committee. Just now it is believed that George Foster Peabody will be elected.

The story in the Brooklyn Eagle that Judge Parker has decided to resign before August 8th is characterized as Rosemount as idle speculation.

Judge Parker has told no one what he will do about resigning. It is more than possible that he has not decided. He has conferred with his associates in the court of appeals on the subject but he has not informed them of his final decision.

The candidate did not work hard this afternoon. He spent about two hours on horseback.

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VARDAMAN'S EDITORIAL WAS THE CAUSE OF THE REFUSAL

Postmaster General Payne So Announced After the Cabinet Meeting and Gave Name of Timberville to the Mississippi Postoffice. W. A. Lloyd at Chapel Hill

Washington, Aug. 2.—Special.—Postmaster General Payne today bestowed the name of "Timberville" upon the village in Chickasaw county, Miss., which the people desired to bear the name of Vardaman in honor of the governor of the state.

The subject was brought up at the cabinet meeting today, where it was discussed with much deliberation. In fact the Vardaman incident is said to have overshadowed all other matters brought before the cabinet. Immediately after the president and his advisers had dispersed, the postmaster general gave out the following official statement explanatory of the unusual action of the administration:

"On the 6th day of May, 1904, a petition was filed with the department asking for the establishment of a post office at a certain point in Chickasaw county in the state of Mississippi and requesting that it be named 'Vardaman.'

"Immediately the usual investigation made by the department as to the necessity of the establishment of the office was undertaken. Pending the inquiry a copy of the 'Daily Clarion-Ledger,' a newspaper published at Jackson, Miss., dated August 25, 1903, was filed with the department, containing an article to which the department's attention was called. This article was a copy of the editorial printed in the 'Commonwealth' under date of January 10th, which paper is published and edited by Governor Vardaman. The article in question was so vile and indecent in its statements concerning the mother of the president of the United States as to be unfit for reproduction. The postmaster general did not deem it proper to give a post office the name of any man who had used such language regarding any woman. The post office in question has been established and given the name of 'Timberville.'

"In exercising the discretion given him by the law the postmaster general frequently rejects names suggested for proposed post offices. He has never been clearer as to his duty than in this case.

"It is proper to say President Roosevelt had no knowledge of the incident referred to.

"No one endorses Governor Vardaman's indecent reference to the president's mother, but the action of the administration in noticing it and denying any people the privilege of naming their town and substituting therefor a desk name is considered very small, to say the least.

Vardaman has been a thorn in Roosevelt's side. The president is said to have been very resentful over Vardaman's recent statement comparing him to a boll weevil. It will be recalled that Governor Vardaman referred to Mr. Roosevelt, while occupying the floor at the St. Louis convention, as the "national terror."

It was announced at the post office department that those Mississippians who do not like the name "Timberville" can go elsewhere for their mail. As in the Indiana case, the people of Mississippi are to be given another dose of executive and personal government.

It is a good thing for the people of Kitchin, the village of Halifax county, N. C., that they chose that honored name before the Terrible Teddy assumed control of the government. Claude Kitchin in his famous speech referred to Roosevelt as "the relentless blackguard of the presidents of the nation." He told a simple truth and his colleagues cheered him to the echo. It was less majestic in Roosevelt's eyesight. Who knows but that the Terrible Teddy will abolish the post office at Kitchin if he is re-elected? He has been guilty of stranger and freakier acts since the assassin's bullet placed him in the White House.

The preliminary report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, shows that North Carolina contributed \$88,841.53 more for the support of the federal government than during the previous year. The total aggregate collections of internal revenue in North Carolina during the past year amounted to \$4,667,182.60. Of this amount \$2,256,775.58 came from the eastern district and 22,410,405.02 from Collector Hastings' territory. Collector Duncan's district shows a greater increase in the way of contributing revenue for Uncle Sam's purposes than that of his colleague. The gain in the eastern district was \$221,354.55 and that in the western district was only \$197,486.98.

The receipts from all sources of internal revenue for the year aggregated \$222,904,004.63, being an increase of \$2,163,079.41 over the receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903.

It is impossible to state the exact amount expended for the collection of this sum until after all accounts of collectors for the fiscal year have been received and adjusted, but the expenses of collection for the past fiscal year will approximate \$4,513,259.33.

Ex-Representative E. Spencer Blackburn was here today and conferred with Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes for some time. Mr. Blackburn's special business was to urge the appointment of a North Carolinian as revenue agent to succeed the late Mr. Patterson. Mr. Blackburn maintained that North Carolina is not represented in this branch of the service, and that the importance of the state as a revenue producer merited such recognition. It could not be learned whom Mr. Blackburn favored, but the statement was made this afternoon that the man he is endorsing will probably get the plum. Mr. Yerkes has not finally decided that he will appoint a Carolinian, but if he does Sams of Madison is likely to land it.

After the cabinet meeting today the announcement of the appointment of W. A. Lloyd as postmaster at Chapel Hill was made by Postmaster General Payne along with a number of others. The fight over the postmastership at the University has been on for some time and was between two relatives, both of whom are named Lloyd.

There is a movement in many quarters of the south to attract Italian labor from the cities of the east for the purpose of harvesting the cotton and other crops. Immigration experts predict that this initiatory movement means the settlement of a large foreign population in the south for agricultural purposes.

C. S. Pippard, manager of the Society for the Protection of Italian Immigrants in New York, has just returned from an inspection of southern cotton fields and declares his intention to ship a large number of Italian families from this port to Mississippi to take the place of negro laborers who are abandoning the industry. The planters in and around Greenville, Miss., he explains, wanted good Italian workers. "All the planters," Mr. Pippard added, "are anxious to procure labor to gather this year's crop. The gathering will be started about September 15th. I am advised by reliable parties that a green hand can pick from 100 to 150 pounds of cotton per day and on becoming an expert from 250 to 400 per day. By this means any family sent down in Greenville and vicinity on or before September 15th will be assured of a cash income up to the time of the next planting in January, 1905, when they can take a farm for each family of as many acres as they can properly handle."

"In my estimation we are going to have a very satisfactory crop year," said Mr. Wilson, secretary of agriculture, today. "Corn is looking better than it has at this season for three years. Wheat compares well with past years, is better in fact than at this time last year or the year before, and the reports from the cotton belt are encouraging. All the hay crops are reported good, and so are the oats. I cannot make any predictions on prices. That is somewhat out of my line, but I will say that I see no reason why the prices should not prove satisfactory."

A prominent gentleman from Mississippi who arrived tonight said the name of Timberville will probably be satisfactory to the people, although it does sound like "big stick." They had begun to fear that if they ever did get a post office it would be named "Minnie," "Cox," "Crum," "Vick," or "Booker."

Baldwin's Airship

San Francisco, Aug. 2.—A successful ascension was made today in Oakland by Capt. W. S. Baldwin in his new airship. The craft ascended about five hundred feet, made circuits and landed in the space from which it had started. Captain Baldwin will compete for the prize at the St. Louis fair.

Killed by Son-in-Law

Tarboro, N. C., Aug. 2.—Special.—Mr. Varnell of this county was killed this afternoon in a personal encounter with his son-in-law, Joe Phillips. The killing took place near Macesfield in No. 9 township. Joe Phillips has been arrested and is now in custody. The trial will take place tomorrow at Macesfield before Justice J. T. Harris. Mr. Varnell was a highly esteemed citizen of the county and his death is deeply deplored.