

# The Senior Class Leave the College

## Four Seniors Expelled and Their Classmates Strike—Also Demand Restoration of Their Liberty—President Winston Makes a Full Statement

The resistance of the senior class at the A. and M. College to the new regulations came to a head yesterday.

Every senior, with four exceptions, has left the college, at least for the present, and four of the so-called leaders have been expelled. A hundred or more students, all in citizens uniform, were down town yesterday afternoon and were declaring their determination to leave the city unless a compromise was made and the expelled members of the class taken back. In this course they claimed to have the backing of a majority of the junior and sophomore classes.

The seniors have been persistent in their demand for a modification of the new rule which allows them to visit Raleigh only on Friday nights without permission. Of course they have Saturday and Sunday privileges the same as the other students.

The actions taken by the class Monday and Tuesday reached a culmination yesterday. Their meeting before chapel was broken up and they adjourned to Pullen Park, where they deliberated until after the dinner hour. When they learned of the expulsion of four of the seniors, a paper was drawn up and signed by 41 of the 45 members of the class expressing a determination to leave unless their comrades were taken back and the rules modified. The protest was formally turned down and they were told that they were in rebellion.

The junior class then met in Pullen Park and a majority of them signed a similar paper, backing up the seniors. When they filed up to the president of the college he refused to receive the document and ordered them to their duties. A part of the sophomore class followed the lead of the two advanced classes.

During the afternoon college work was virtually suspended, there was no drill. The four seniors remaining at their posts are Major Chambers, Porter, McIntyre and Stack. The other seniors have left college and some are preparing to go home.

The publications of the trouble brought a flood of telegrams and letters sons to remain at college. However, this has not deterred many from signing the papers. There was no trouble at the college last night and the faculty are confident of enforcing the rules successfully.

The differences are best set forth in the statements from each side, given below.

### PRESIDENT WINSTON'S STATEMENT

President George T. Winston made the following statement last night:

"The struggle at the A. & M. College between the faculty and seniors is really as to whether the college shall be under proper discipline and regulation or whether the cadets shall practically dispose of their own time and visit the city of Raleigh as often as they please. To such question there can be only one answer. The college has grown so rapidly and so greatly that its proper government and discipline present very perplexing problems. The proximity of the college to a large city renders it necessary to safeguard the cadets by proper regulations as to hours of study and work and liberty to be absent from college duties or visits to Raleigh.

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## TRIAL BEGINS TO-DAY

### Judge Cooke Over-rules Third Motion to Remove

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 7.—Special. A special venire of one hundred and fifty men were summoned today from which to select jurors to sit in the case against the White brothers, indicted for the killing of Russell Sherrill in Rowan county last September, which comes up for a hearing before Judge C. M. Cooke here tomorrow.

For the third time motion was made yesterday by counsel for the defense for a removal of the case to another county, it being alleged that a fair trial could not be had in Rowan. Counter affidavits were also presented by the state contending that a fair trial can now be had after one year has elapsed.

Judge Cooke promptly overruled the motion and set the hearing for Thursday. Among the prominent attorneys for the prosecution are Hon. R. B. Glenn, L. H. Clement, Esq., and others, while Senator L. S. Overman, Congressman Theo. F. Klutta, Hon. C. B. Watson and Judge Montgomery are retained by the defense. The trial is attracting hundreds of visitors to Salisbury from all sections.

## SUICIDE OF AN EXCELLENT WOMAN

### She Had Nursed Her Mother For More Than Twenty Years

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 7.—Special. Miss Martilla Knight, aged 54 years, an excellent woman living with her brother, Mr. Jabez Knight, at the old Knight homestead, three miles west of Guilford College, committed suicide yesterday by cutting her throat with a razor.

The deceased had been in poor health for some time, but was not confined to her bed. She was engaged in peeling some apples for dinner yesterday morning when she became ill and went into her room presumably to lie down, but in a few minutes two little children went into the room and found her lying on the floor with a deep gash in her throat which was bleeding profusely.

She died shortly after being discovered. Her brother was away at the time and did not return until the afternoon. The burial took place at Guilford College this afternoon.

This is the fifth death in the Knight family within the past twelve months. The only cause that can be assigned for the rash act of Miss Knight was the giving way of her mind under the strain incident to nursing her mother who died recently after having been an invalid for more than twenty years.

## Two Stills Captured

Durham, N. C., Sept. 7.—Special. Deputy Marshals D. C. Downing and W. G. Pool of Raleigh came here last night and returned home this afternoon, having destroyed two blockade plants. The first capture was made about 10 miles north of Durham this morning at 1 o'clock. The second capture was made at 11 o'clock this morning within three miles of this city. In both instances the stills had been removed and the officers captured other fixtures, and poured out about 500 or 600 gallons of beer at each place.

## Threatened by Waves

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—All the coast towns in Dandiego, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties are threatened by great waves rolling in from the Pacific, though there is no wind. These waves began last night and they have increased in force and height, rolling in at regular intervals like great tidal waves. Some waves are said to be as high as forty feet, but this is probably exaggerated.

## Henry G. Davis Speaks at West Virginia State Fair

### Address on Importance and Usefulness of Agriculture—Assurances of Support from Several Wheeling Republicans

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 7.—At the West Virginia state fair today Henry G. Davis made a brief talk on agriculture, speaking from a judge's stand in the live stock section.

In the course of his talk ex-Senator Davis referred to this as man's natural occupation and the most important and useful to mankind. The agriculturist, he continued, has always been found in the advance guard of the march of civilization. Nearly all who worked an dought for our independence and liberty were tillers of the soil; nearly all of our early presidents had been farmers; the majority of our successful men of today have come from the farms; farmers, as a class, are a liberty-loving people.

"In the early days of the republic of Rome," he said, "much attention was paid to agriculture. Cato, Cicero and Cincinnatus and many of the great Romans," he went on, "were farmers and a man could not hold office unless he owned and farmed so many acres of land. When Rome began foreign conquest an neglected agriculture she began to decay, and it is always so with nations.

"Agriculture started England on the high road to prosperity and the com-

## TRINITY'S OPENING

### Considerable Increase Over Last Year Evident

Durham, N. C., Sept. 7.—Special. Trinity College opened for the fall session today under very bright and flattering prospects. A large percentage of the old students have returned and there are quite a large number of freshmen on the campus. While it was not possible to get the exact enrollment up to this time it is evident that there will be a considerable increase over last year. Some of the college officials are expecting 450 students on the campus this year.

The formal opening took place with the chapel exercises this morning. Two short talks were made to the student body, one by President J. C. Kilgo and the other by Prof. S. F. Mordecai, the head of the new law department. Both were short and of a general nature.

After the chapel exercises there was hustle and bustle on all sides in getting ready for the work of the year. The freshmen were taken in charge by the examining committee and the work today was in getting the new assigned. It will be sometime tomorrow before the fresh class is installed. Of course many enter on certificate but there are others who have to take the examination. There will be very little work done before Friday when the regular lectures will begin.

The law department is organizing and getting ready for the opening. Professor Mordecai is here and Mr. Percy Reade of Durham, an assistant in this department, went up to the campus this morning and all is ready to begin. The other two men have not been announced as yet. There are to be six men on the law faculty and two of them being Dr. Bassett and Dr. Glasson who will teach constitutional law and economics. It is thought that the selection of the remaining two members of the faculty, who are to be men who have license to practice law in this state, will be announced in a few days.

The Trinity Park school will open tomorrow with Prof. F. S. Aldridge as temporary headmaster. A delay of one day was occasioned in the opening of this school on account of the sad death of Prof. J. F. Bivins. Many of the students of this school reached here yesterday and today. Among the number are many new students.

## Death of Rev. A. N. Campbell

Bules Creek, N. C., Sept. 7.—Special. Our community has felt the grief, that comes only when the most useful and the most upright godly man or woman dies.

Rev. A. N. Campbell, father of Prof. J. O. Campbell after a long illness departed this life for eternity at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. His death was caused from coma, from which he never aroused.

He was a consecrated Baptist minister, and the highest Free Mason in this part of the state. The Baptist church, the Masonic order, the educational interest of the county will miss this man as it would miss no other. We are sure that the students and friends of Bules Creek Academy will join with Prof. Campbell, in sympathy, in this the hour of his deepest grief.

## AMERICAN RACING BEATS THE ENGLISH

London, Sept. 7.—John J. Ryan, the horseman, sailed for New York today on the steamship Kronprinz Wilhelm, after a month's motoring in France, England and Ireland. Before sailing he said that racing in America is far ahead of the same sport in England. He added: "The English race-gods are absolutely emotionless. I saw horses at Gatewick finish neck and neck. The crowd did not cheer, it did not even applaud. A funeral would have been livelier. Under the same circumstances an American crowd would have gone wild with enthusiasm."

# Bulk of Russian Army at Mukden

## Casualties on Both Sides Estimated at Sixty or Seventy Thousand--At Port Arthur Japanese Trying to Undermine Forts

London, Sept. 8.—The Russian reports, that General Kuropatkin has reached Mukden with the bulk of his army constitutes the only news this morning, and what also has happened in the last two or three days is entirely unknown here.

The estimate of the casualties continues to increase, the latest being that the losses on both sides amounted to sixty or seventy thousand men.

Colliers Weekly's story of the bombardment of Liao Yang and the Russian stampede, has been received here and is the first detailed narrative thereof that has been printed here.

According to reports from Chefoo nothing of consequence has happened at Port Arthur for some days. Incidents of the siege more or less authentic crop out daily. Refugees at Chefoo are quoted as having predicted that the next general attack will result in the fall of the fortress. The Japanese shells have set fire to the only flour mill in the place. The mill was Chinese property.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph asserts that an official message from General Stoessel has been received here stating that all has been quiet for four days, except desultory fighting. The Japanese are now trying to undermine the Russian forts.

### Both Armies Exhausted

St. Petersburg, Sept. 8.—Beyond the announcement that General Kuropatkin is at Mukden and that skirmishing is still going on, there is no news from the front. The general staff is either uniformed or the censorship is being enforced. It was stated at midnight that nothing was known of a retreat beyond Mukden. It is the impression here that such a retreat is virtually impossible owing to the physical exhaustion of the army which must also be the same condition of the Japanese forces. This consideration leads to the expectation that there will be no immediate renewal of the fighting. Practically nothing is known as to what defenses have been constructed at Mukden. It is assumed that they are strongly defensive and that fighting will follow the recuperation of the combatants.

### Critical Stage Passed

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—5:35 p. m. The bulk of the Russian Manchurian army is near Mukden. While there is no specific information on this point the general staff believes that only a small rear guard is in the neighborhood. Further fighting of importance is expected south of Mukden. The critical stage is regarded as having passed, and the announcement was made this afternoon that the war office will no longer give out two bulletins each day.

Generals Kuroki and Kuropatkin have been marching northward along parallel lines, both armies being greatly hampered by heavy roads, the Japanese in a rough region and the Russians along a flat country, but embarrassed by the high Chinese corn, which prevented marching on the side of the main road. No difficulty is being experienced at the Hun river a few miles south of Mukden, where bridges had been provided for crossing the stream. There has been constant fighting at the Russian rear and along the eastern wing, but so far as known by the war office nothing of importance has occurred since the retreat began.

A telegram has been received from Admiral Skrydloff asking that the 300 dockyard workmen be sent to Vladivostok to repair the cruisers Rossia and Gromobol. It is believed that these repairs will require three months time. It is stated that by the end of October the fourth, the eighth and thirteenth army corps, totalling 192,000 men, will reach the front and that before the end of September 100 guns will have been dispatched to Gen. Kuropatkin.

### Rear Guard Safe

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—The general staff gave out a statement at five p. m. today that there was no news from General Kuropatkin's army leading to the supposition that any part of the Russian rear guard had been isolated.

### Withdrawing from Mukden

London, Sept. 7.—A dispatch to a news agency states that the main Russian army is withdrawing from Mukden to the northward. The troops that have not arrived at Mukden yet are likely to be cut off.

### Mukden in State of Siege

London, Sept. 7.—A dispatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that in pursuance of General Kuropatkin's orders, Mukden since Sunday has been placed in a state of siege, though it is believed that the Russians will take up their position further to the north. Five thousand Chinamen are employed in demolishing houses, bridges and even trees that might cover or facilitate the Japanese advance. The Russians are guarding the passage of the Hun river. All preparations have been made for the abandonment of Mukden. The traffic station has been moved to Hsingtaitsze and orders have been given to be ready to move it to Tsehangtu.

### Mikado Congratulates Forces

Tokio, Sept. 7.—There is considerable speculation over the official silence regarding General Kuroki's movements

since Sunday. The Kolumin says it learns on good authority that General Kuroki, after taking the heights near Helying Tai, about fifteen miles north-east of Liao Yang, occupied a line from Yental to the mines by not pursuing the Russians on September 4 and 5.

The Russians destroyed their own ammunition and other supplies when captured in the fortifications and the railway station.

The Mikado has congratulated his forces upon their brilliant victory in the face of tremendous difficulties, adding that the end of the war is in the distant future and exhorting care and patience.

### Kuropatkin at Mukden

St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—General Kuropatkin arrived at Mukden today. The morning Novoe Vremya publishes a pessimistic message from Mukden of yesterday's date, foretelling further losses for the Russians because the enemy "possesses initiative."

### Chinese Bandits Oppose Russians

Tokio, Sept. 7.—A report that a Russian force was at Singmintung is denied. A large force of Chinese bandits is prepared to oppose actively any attempt of the Russians to follow the Ildao River and they will not attempt to do so unless compelled.

### The Wounded

London, Sept. 8.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Kupanitz dated yesterday says railway cars at the end of eighty a day, loaded with wounded are passing through the station at Mukden. The injuries of those wounded by shrapnel are of a frightful nature. A majority of the sufferers lie on the way to the hospital. Heavy fighting continues north of Liao Yang. The Mail's correspondent says the correspondents of the London Times and New York Herald arrived at Welpantse from Liao Yang on Wednesday. They keenly resent their treatment by the Japanese. They say that foreign correspondents see fighting and are treated as spies. Native correspondents are permitted to witness the fighting and telegraph their papers freely.

### Russians Use Coolies

London, Sept. 8.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle says that during the recent fighting at Port Arthur the Russians placed Chinese coolies in untenable positions near the Japanese lines, notwithstanding the objections of the Chinese. The result was that the positions were killed and wounded. When the Chinese advanced to the assault Chinese emerged and gladly surrendered.

### Novoe Vremya's Edition Seized

Paris, Sept. 7.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg states that police seized yesterday's edition of the Novoe Vremya because it was not enough to attribute the Russian reverses in the war to inadequate preparations and to make a thinly-veiled attack upon the bureaucracy as being responsible.

### Financial Situation Satisfactory

London, Sept. 7.—In an interview with the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Financial News, Kabanov, minister of finance, states today that the revenue for the seven months of the war has been eleven million rubles more than in 1903. He said he viewed the financial situation with respect satisfaction. The war had cost to date 272,000,000. He expected that would have cost 300,000,000 more next January. There was no prospect of any difficulty in meeting the demands upon the treasury, which was in a most satisfactory and solid position. He had just concluded an operation in central Russia which would result in there being 750,000,000 rubles after January. The minister expressed pleasure to see that the United States was regarding Russia with a favorable eye than formerly.

## PRETTY POLLY WON ST. LEGER STAKES

London, Sept. 7.—The race for the St. Leger stakes for three-year-olds one mile six furlongs and 132 yards was run today at Doncaster and was won by Major Eustace Loder's Pretty Polly. Henry the First was second and Almscliff third. The betting was 2 to 1 on Pretty Polly to 50 to 1 against Henry the First and 100 to 5 against Almscliff. Six horses ran.

## High Scores

Rifle Range, Seagirt, N. J., Sept. 7.—Dr. George E. Cook, a member of the Manhattan Rifle and Revolver Association, this afternoon won the Loder's Pretty Polly cup match by a score of 91. Private Simon of the second Ohio also scored 94, but Dr. Cook won because he had two points better on the 1,000-yard target, the respective scores being 91 and 91.

Company I of the second District of Columbia won the company match of the second year in succession, scoring 316 out of a possible 350, and got 25 in cash.

## President Boss Here

President J. M. Barr, of the South-east Air Line, passed through Raleigh last evening in his private car, attached to the southbound train leaving at 7:20 o'clock. His destination was not ascertained.