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RUSSIAN FLEET IS COALING

Rojestvensky, Apparently, Plans to Proceed toward Vladivostok—Reports Conflicting

FLEET SEEN ON TUESDAY HEADING FOR SAIGON

Singapore, April 13.—The liner Nubia reported this morning that at nine o'clock Tuesday morning she passed the Russian fleet, consisting of not less than 42 ships, in latitude 80 degrees North and longitude 109 degrees East, steaming northward at the rate of 9 knots an hour, being presumably bound for Saigon.

Hong Kong, April 13.—The British cruiser Iphigenia reports that she passed 42 Russian warships 140 miles South of Saigon. The fleet was headed North. Two Japanese warships passed Cape Rock, near Hong Kong, Tuesday night, going South at full speed. The vessels showed no lights.

London, April 13.—Messages received here says that the Russian squadron is engaged in coaling off the Natuna Islands. As they were already heavily coaled when passing Singapore, this is taken as an indication that Rojestvensky does not intend to put into Saigon, Cochin China, but is planning to continue his voyage through the China sea to Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—General Linevitch reports that on April 11 the Russian artillery dislodged the Japanese from their position at Nanchintala. On April 6 the Russian cavalry was driven out of Tawango by the Japanese, who, aided by a number of Chinese, had taken Nansukudis and then retired beyond it. Later the Russian took Nansukudis.

London, April 13.—It is guardedly admitted in Tokio, according to the Express correspondent there, that Admiral Togo has completed his battle organization by dividing his fleet into squadrons, flying, main and reserve. The flying squadron, made up of the fastest cruisers, already is scouring the China sea and will open the fighting. The main squadron, made

up of most of his battle ships and armored cruisers, is to follow into action; the reserve squadron, comprising the remaining battle ships and cruisers, will complete the attack if necessary and guard against any attack in the rear.

Tokio, April 13.—The British steamer Henry Bolckow was seized by the Japanese guardship off the Island of Hokkaido, April 7. The character of her cargo has not been divulged and her destination is not stated in the official announcement. It is presumed however, that the vessel was bound for Vladivostok.

Singapore, Straits Settlements, April 13.—The British cruiser Sutlej has arrived from Hong Kong. She reports having passed the Russian second Pacific squadron, including seven battle ships, steaming north at daylight on April 11.

London, April 13.—The Associated Press is able to confirm absolutely the statement that the Russian battle ship passed Singapore going eastward April 8, so that all of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron are accounted for. This definite news about the battle ships was sent to Singapore by wireless telegraph from the China sea. It is presumed here that the battle ship passed further out to sea than the rest of the squadron, since the divergent reports regarding the number of ships.

Singapore, April 13.—The German collier Hindoo, now at this port, loaded with 4,200 tons of Cardiff coal for the Island of Tanjong, Pandan, has been refused clearance papers for Saigon, unless her commander gives bonds to deliver her cargo through the British consul there. A guard has been placed on board the steamer

Sunday in July. One of the firm objects of the next meeting will be the establishment of a Coportage agency here in Rowan county.

Some of our farmers will plant no cotton at all this year. Most of the others will greatly reduce their acreages. The motto of our farmers farmers seems to be less cotton and better prices.

Another cold wave struck us yesterday evening. We hope the fruit crop will be spared. It seems not to have been hurt by the last cold snap. A few of our farmers are done planting corn. W. L. S.

AGED CITIZEN DEAD

Mr. G. W. Whitlock, has sent word of the death of his father at Porters in Stanley county last night. Mr. Whitlock has been seriously ill for sometime and death has been momentarily expected for the last few days.

Rev. D. J. Rumble, Rev. J. H. Gray and J. Samuel McCubbins went to Lenoir this morning to attend the Presbytery now in session in that city.

RALEIGH NEWS

Raleigh, April 13.—John M. Jeffries, of the University of Florida, gardener and horticultural foreman of that institution, has been selected by the State Department of Agriculture as superintendent of the state test farm, to be located at Willard, Pender county. Mr. Jeffries is a man of wide acquaintance in this field of labor, and has had fifteen years experience in truck growing, and comes well prepared for this work. His knowledge extends thoroughly over every line of experiment work to be carried on at the test farm. He will come to North Carolina in a few days, and will begin his occupation on the test farm at once. He has already resigned his position with the University of Florida and has delayed coming to North Carolina until the state has entire control of the land at Willard.

The deed has not yet been transferred, but the papers will be received at the department today, and it is expected that the deal will be perfected this week.

The site will be transformed into a modern model farm. It will have the best system of scientific irrigation, which is practical an every farm. The immediate work on the land will be to plant the cleared land in corn, cow peas, and small acreage of cotton. After these crops are provided for additional land will be cleared, and preparations will then be made for the fall and winter truck crops.

Vast interest has been taken in the establishment of this test farm throughout the entire eastern counties, and locations were offered from the South Carolina border counties to the Virginia line.

The land chosen for the test farm is between Willard, Pender county, and Wallace, Duplin county. The farm is situated on the Atlantic Coast Line railway and a mile north of Willard. It was secured from Mr. J. M. Johnson, merchant, and postmaster of Willard, who has 300 acres of clay sub-soil, and in part is shell marl with in two feet of the surface. The lands are wonderfully productive, berries and potatoes and vegetables of all kinds flourish, and the acreage of cultivation has been increasing, but will now be greatly extended, owing to the impetus given by the test farm. Willard station shipped 10,000 crates (300 crates to the car) of strawberries last year, and has barrels of white potatoes. Several small saw mills near by ship considerable lumber.

The Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society, at an important meeting held a few days ago, decided to send the Secretary of the Fair, Colonel Joseph E. Pogue, to the north to personally select the amusements for the midway. Col. Pogue will leave Raleigh for Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston and the other principal northern cities in a few days, and will be away for two or three weeks. It is the intention of the Secretary to contract for only the superlative characterized attractions, and they must be not only new and novel but original and instructive, and up-to-date, exhibiting nothing that would offend the most fastidious.

Colonel Pogue says there will be a large increase in the number of counties represented this year. The highest number heretofore to exhibit at the fair has been twenty, but the Secretary has received communications from interested parties in thirty five counties, and these will undoubtedly be represented, besides a number of counties that have not as yet been heard from.

The office work of the fair authorities is increasing every week, and indications now are that more space will be occupied this year than at any previous fair. The agricultural contests especially are to be more generally participated in this year.

FARMERS MEETING TODAY

Hon. Harvey Jordan of Georgia and Mr. Smith of South Carolina Speak

COL. CUNNINGHAM OF PERSON ALSO PRESENT,

Perhaps two of the best speeches ever delivered in the county Court House were those of Honorable Harvey Jordan of Georgia President of the Cotton Association of the of the Southern State and Mr. Smith of South Carolina President of the Association in his State.

The speakers were introduced by Col Cunningham of Pearson county who made a few brief remarks.

The speech of Mr. Jordan was clear logical and full of common sense. He endeavored to show to the farmers why organization is so necessary to the cotton growers.

Mr. Jordan said that since coming into North Carolina he had spoken to large and enthusiastic gatherings and felt that much good had been done.

He spoke of the convention held recently at New Orleans and said the verdict of that convention was that the cotton acreage should be reduced by at least 25 per cent, and the fertilizer correspondingly reduced.

From all accounts he is encouraged to believe that the reduction will be at least 20 per cent and perhaps considerably more.

He further said when the convention met in New Orleans cotton was down as low as 6 cents and kept going down lower and lower and it seemed that nothing could stop it.

However the price advanced in a few days to 8 cents and the farmers were thereby saved \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000.

So long as the farmer continues to stand alone he will be the prey of the speculator.

Up to 14 cents a pound there is not a fabric of any kind that can be manufactured that can compete with cotton at that price.

We have only four competitors against cotton, wool, silk, flax and foreign cotton and where the southern farmer makes a mistake is by allowing home grown cotton to compete with itself.

There is not a man in the South today who knows how to market a bale of cotton nor is there a buyer who knows how to buy it. The buyer pays the market price, the farmer takes it and the price is set by speculators hundreds of miles away.

So long as the mill people can depress the price of your cotton and get it at a low price they are going to do it, and the farmer should not fall out with them for doing it, but should not allow himself to sell at a price for which he cannot raise it.

If cotton goes down to 4 or 5 cents per pound by the indifference of the farmer, then a lot of them will go down on their knees at night and regret the day when they failed to give their attention to this important matter.

When I leave North Carolina to-morrow I will have been through every cotton growing state in the Union and I am satisfied that the decrease in the cotton acreage will be at least 20 per cent, and the reduction in the amount

of fertilizers used much greater. Mr. Jordan explained that not being in a proper position to take care of their cotton was the cause of the southwestern States selling at this time.

They do not have the ware houses necessary to care for their crop and have to pile it out in the open without anything under or over it and as a result there is a loss of 80 or 70 pounds from each bale caused by molding and rotting.

The bankers who advanced the money on this cotton are demanding that it be sold or additional securities given them.

Every bale of cotton that has gone to the ports from the southwest has been marked damaged and has been sold at some loss to the grower.

Mr. Smith, of S. C., was then introduced and in a very pointed manner showed these present the necessity of organization.

Mr. Smith is a cotton buyer himself and understanding the situation pretty clearly.

Mr. Smith unlike Mr. Jordan is of a rather fiery temperant and spoke in a rather fiery temperant and spoke in forceful terms of the manner to be used to get out from under the control of Wall street and the speculators.

He said: The cotton buyer makes just as much money out of 4 cent cotton as he does when it is to 10 cents and the more bale you have got the more money he puts down in his pocket and he don't give a damn whether you get anything or not.

Both gentlemen made excellent speeches and it is to be regretted that more farmers were not present.

Those few who were there were very much impressed and it would have been worth the time of any man who grows cotton to have laid aside his work for today and been present at this speaking.

It may be a long time before this question will be discussed by men who have the brains and are as thoroughly familiar with the situation as were these gentlemen today.

The short talk by Col. Cunningham was very interesting and to the point. This gentleman is a friend of the farmers and has striven hard to uplift him and better his condition.

A NEW COMER TO SALISBURY

Mr. W. A. Robinett, recently with the Miller Dry Goods Co., of Charlotte, one of the largest department stores in this State, has accepted a position with the hustling Spot Cash Store.

Mr. Robinette is a young man of experience and energy well known by a host of friends who regret his loss to Charlotte.

We congratulate our town and Mr. C. S. Minor on this advantageous acquisition to our merchantile ranks.

Advertise in The Sun, it pays

LOCAL BRIEFS

A. W. Klutz of Organ Church was in Salisbury today.

Geo. W. Garland, Esq., went to Wilmington this morning on legal business.

C. O. Moore, chief of police of Woodside, was in Salisbury today and called at The Sun office.

P. M. Phillips of Route 6 is in town today and renewed his subscription to The Evening Sun.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

A marriage of especial interest will occur in this city on Thursday April 27th.

Miss Jennie Mitchel Rankin, one of the most beautiful girls in the state will be married to Mr. John Stoddard of Savannah Ga.

Miss Rankin, who has lived in Salisbury all her life is one of the best beloved young ladies in the city and Mr. Stoddard may well consider himself very fortunate in winning such a prize.

Mr. Stoddard is a prosperous business man of Savannah and is held in the highest esteem by the people of his home town.

Following is what the Charlotte Observer has to say of the approaching marriage:

An inter-State marriage which unites North Carolina and Georgia and interests society in both States, will take place here at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday, April 27th, when Miss Jennie Mitchell Rankin becomes the wife of Mr. John Stoddard, of Savannah, Ga. The wedding will be a quite home affair, with Mr. Edward S. Stoddard as best man and Miss Adelaide Rankin as maid of honor. Miss Rankin

is a belle and beauty, known and loved throughout the State. Salisbury will lose one of its jewels in her parting. Mr. Stoddard is a highly successful business man and socially distinguished as well.

COMMENCEMENT AT CHURCHLAND

Followin it the programme of the second annual commencement of the Churchland High School to be held April 25-28:

H. L. Koonts, chief,
O. T. Davis,
J. H. Beck,
George Beck,
J. F. Broadway,
A. R. Williams,
M. L. Barnes,

Tuesday, April 25th, 8 p. m. debate for medal by Demosthelen Society, Query; should N. C. have a compulsory system of education.

Aff
J. A. Walker,
G. O. Beck,
O. T. Davis,

Neg.
J. F. Broadway,
J. H. Beck,
H. L. Koonts,

Wednesday, April 26th 8 p. m. exercises by the Ladies Athenian Society Thursday April 27th 8 p. m. Annual Musical Concert.

Friday, April 28th, Commencement day 9:30 a. m. declamations and recitations for medals.

1:30 p. m. Library address by Rev. W. H. Rich of Salisbury, N. C. Presentation of medals.

The commencement exercises will be held in the new academy which has just been completed.

The Thomasville Cornet Band will furnish music for the occasion.

W. G. Means, Esq., of Concord was in Salisbury yesterday on legal business.

L. H. Clement is in Wilmington today on legal business.