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A HUGE ARMY BATTLE ON.

Reports of Great Movements of Japanese Forces.

Report of a Great Fight on the Yalu River.

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SAYS RUSSIANS BEATEN.

Another Japanese Torpedo Attack at Port Arthur. That Place Claimed by Russia to be Ready For a Siege.

Advance by Land on Port Arthur. New Commander of Russian Army. Fighting in European Turkey. Be-gun.

Special to Journal.

Paris, February 17.—An official dispatch from Tokio announces that one of the most important movements of Japanese troops yet made is taking place today. A main branch of the army consisting of three divisions are boarding transports. All previous landings of Japanese forces in Corea are said to be small compared with this movement, which aggregates 30,000 to 50,000 men. Every precaution was taken by the authorities to prevent the information from getting out. The destination of this force is believed to be near the mouth of the Yalu river, on the Lia Tung peninsula, making a flank attack on Port Arthur.

Special to Journal.

London, February 18.—There are reports of fighting on the Yalu river but there are no details yet. A report from St Petersburg stated that 14,000 Russians were at Eydukhen and that a Japanese army was across their path, a battle being imminent. Three brigades of Russian troops crossed the Yalu river yesterday and advanced on Wiju, near the mouth of the river. There was no opposition and the Russian troops occupied the town.

Eight transports have left Nagasaki with troops with additional vessels carrying war munitions, bound for the same destination. Detachments of Japanese cavalry have already been landed.

The general Russian advance was then ordered to take place for today. The Russian main body is massed near Chin Tien Cheng.

The fire department reached the college before fire had gained much headway, but as only a four inch main supply at hand, which was too little to make an effective fight. Attention was given to saving the residence of Dr Grimsley next to college which was saved.

The battle now in progress is expected to last for several days.

The loss is estimated at \$75,000, insurance \$35,000. The question of the fire's origin is variously disputed. The citizens of Greensboro gave prompt and hearty tender of their homes to the students.

Paris, February 18.—Cables received here late tonight from the far east declare that a great land battle is raging on the Yalu river near Chin Tien Cheng. One report says that the Russian army has been defeated with tremendous loss.

London, Feb 17.—A Japanese rush torpedo attack was made on the harbor at Port Arthur Sunday. The harbor guard boat was blown up and a Russian cruiser with loss of life. The Japanese boats then withdrew without loss. A blinding snow storm during the morning confused the movements of the boats and only two fired their torpedoes with the results stated.

Tien Tsin, Feb 18.—The Japanese transports and fleet operating from El-Hot's Island have landed troops on the Lia Tung peninsula and they are now marching on Port Arthur and Mukden. Tens of thousands of troops are being landed.

An official statement issued at St Petersburg says that Port Arthur is in a state of siege. Private advances state that the populace is in a state of panic over the proposed removal of the Russian headquarters from Port Arthur to Harbin.

St Petersburg, Feb 18.—General Kuropatkin, minister of war, is appointed to command the land force in the far east, vice-admiral Alexieff. He will start immediately for his location. Alexieff is still Viceroy and admiral of the navy.

St Petersburg, Feb 17.—Admiral Bakhtevsky will leave St Petersburg immediately for the far east, to take supreme command of the Russian fleet under Admiral Alexieff. He will leave from French Somelliant, on the east African coast, and take with him the Russian vessels gathered there to the east of war.

St Petersburg, Feb 18.—Russian troops are being sent to the far east in ordinary freight cars, twenty-five in a car. Great delays are being experienced and food is scarce. Many soldiers have been frost bitten. War officials declare that any serious block to the line from Russia to Manchuria is liable to subject troops to awful sufferings. The temperature is from thirty to sixty degrees below zero.

Tokio, Feb 17.—Possibly 350,000 men will be concentrated in Corea before a collision with the Russian army in large force will take place, and the forward movement will be from properly equipped bases. The landing operations are now taking place on a vast scale on the east and west coasts of Corea.

Chefoo, Feb 18.—The Japanese plan as ascertained is to continue to harass Port Arthur from the sea until she is ready to begin her land campaign. The Japanese say the attacks thus far have been merely skirmishes, though they proved unexpectedly successful. The Russians will be surprised when the real attack begins.

London, Feb 17.—According to special dispatches from Tokio published this morning, the Russian squadron has returned to Vladivostok. The correspondent at Chemulpo of The Daily Express makes the astonishing statement that Japan has already landed 130,000 troops in Corea, 80,000 of fighting front, south of the Yalu river.

THE TURKS AT WAR.
Salonica, Turkey, Feb 18.—The Turkish troops have routed 16,000 Albanian insurgents who were besieging Shemal Pasha battalion in Babjost. The rebels lost 8,000 killed and wounded and the Turkish losses were heavy. The government is hurrying five additional battalions from Usukub to the scene of the Albanian uprising.

The press attaches the greatest significance to the departure of Viceroy Alexieff from Port Arthur, and comments upon the sudden throwing of Russian troops into New Chwang as indicating Russian apprehensions that Port Arthur is in danger, and that the Japan so attack may not after all be made where it is expected, on the Yalu.

According to a dispatch to the Paris edition of The New York Herald, 450 torpedoes, being two-thirds of Russia's entire available supply of these articles, were destroyed on board the Russian cruiser Varyag at Chemulpo.

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THREE PROPOSITIONS

Now Before Governor For Atlantic & North Carolina.

Strength State Guard. In Jail For Arson. Rev Kilgo Honored. Mules Being Purchased. After Violators Audubon Game Law.

Raleigh, Feb 17.—Last evening your correspondent thought that there might be soon "something doing" to use an expression of the day in the way of the Atlantic & North Carolina railway. For this morning the governor was asked a very direct question about the matter. His reply was—"There has got to be a better offer than I have as yet received or nothing will be done." There are three propositions before the governor, one of Captain McBea, another that by H. L. Finlayson, Walter W. Mills, and their associates who have the charter of the Atlantic railway company, the third being a sort of a proposition made by Mr Edwards of Sanford, whose plan it is to have the railway extended from Goldsboro to Sanford. It appears that at one time Capt McBea and Mr Edwards were together, that is represented the same syndicate of Philadelphia, but that now their propositions are along different lines. It seems to be pretty certain that the governor and the council of State have not favored any lease, up to this time, and there does not today seem to be any change of view on that line. The governor evidently expects a proposition better than any yet made.

Adj. General Royster said today that the total strength of the North Carolina National Guard was found to be 5901, this being a considerable increase over its strength a year ago. All the old Springfield rifles with which the guard was armed up to this year have been returned to the state arsenal here and as soon as they can be repaired will be sent to an arsenal designated by the war department. All the guardsmen are now of course armed with the Krag magazine rifle and have new equipment and rifles being also entirely new.

Today John Oden, from Bath, died at the soldiers Home, where he had been sick for some time.

A young negro, B. S. Paschal Blake is in jail here on the charge of burning the new dwelling house of Dempsey Turner seven miles northwest of Raleigh on the night of the 5th inst. Blake seems to be about 18 years old and is said to be half-witted.

The college of Bishops of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church appoints Rev Dr John O. Kilgo, president of Trinity College their fraternal messenger to the general conference of the Northern Methodist Episcopal Church which meets at Los Angeles, California, in May. This is one of the highest honors the church confers and it is the first time North Carolina has ever received it. The Bishops endeavor to select the most representative clerical delegates and lay delegates in the bounds of their jurisdiction. As yet the lay delegate is not named, but will no doubt be from another state. It is understood that sev-

eral prominent Methodists will go to California with Dr Kilgo, among these being Mr and Mrs W R Odell of Concord.

A new floor is being laid in the State Treasury, owing to the fact that defective steam pipes under the floor frequently burst, the steam coming through the cement and tiles. There are trap doors in the new wooden floor, by which the workmen can get at the pipes.

Farmers in this section of North Carolina are buying a great number of mules this season, and the mules are much larger and finer than any ever brought here before.

One of the finest amateur performances ever given here or possibly in the State, was that last night in aid of St. Mary's Guild, no less than 165 persons taking part. It showed a great amount of real talent locally. The audience was one of the largest ever in the Metropolitan Theatre.

President F P Hogwood of the Oxford Female Seminary which was recently burned was here today. Work on the new building is soon to begin. It will be larger and handsomer than the old one.

Game warden Upchurch of this county who has been to Tarboro and other places on a tour in search of infractions of the Audubon Game Law, says that in charge of the express office at Tarboro is a pioneer in the matter of discovering illegal shipments of birds by means of a dog. He says that the Baltimore man attempted to ship partridges disguised as old clothing; in other words the birds were wrapped up in old clothing, but the lady sent for a well-trained bird-dog owned by a gentleman there and this dog did not lose a moment in discovering the birds and "p'inted" them as if they had been a covey.

Among today's arrivals were Thomas J. Jarvis, Greenville; Charles M. Stedman, Greensboro; H. L. Adams, Wadesboro; J. A. McMillan, Maxton; Alex Page, Rockingham.

TUSCARORA.

Feb 18th.

Mr Dolphus Coleman of Charlotte has moved near our berg.

Mrs J H Stanley of Charlotte is the guest of Mrs W A Adams.

Miss Annie Wetherington returned home today from Rogue, where she has been spending a few weeks with her sister.

While cutting wood Tuesday morning Mr O H Wetherington had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly. The wound was dressed by Dr Perkins at Cove.

Mr Walter Ippock of Cove passed through our town yesterday on his way to Mrs Susan DeBruhl, where he expects to work for this year.

Mr E D Wetherington of Cove spent yesterday with his brother, Mr O H Wetherington.

Black Eyes.

Two Big Wilmington Fires.
Our sister city Wilmington suffered from two large and destructive fires on Wednesday. The warehouse of Hall and Pearsall, and Naval store yards, less \$30,000. Also Koeller's jewelry store and adjoining buildings were damaged some \$15,000 or \$20,000. Both fires were fairly well covered by insurance.

G. F. COLLEGE IN RUINS.

Building In Ruins. Students Escape and Much Personal Property Saved.

Special to Journal.

Greensboro, Feb 18.—At 2,20 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the Greensboro Female College, it originating about the same place as that of two weeks ago. Fire being back of sleeping rooms, the students had ample time to escape, and with aid of citizens trunks, bedding, furniture, and other articles were quickly carried out.

The fire department reached the college before fire had gained much headway, but as only a four inch main supply at hand, which was too little to make an effective fight. Attention was given to saving the residence of Dr Grimsley next to college which was saved.

The loss is estimated at \$75,000, insurance \$35,000. The question of the fire's origin is variously disputed. The citizens of Greensboro gave prompt and hearty tender of their homes to the students.

Greensboro Female College was the first chartered college for women in North Carolina and with the exception of the Wesleyan Female College at Macon, Ga., the first south of the Potomac.

It is the same age as the North Carolina Conference, that conference having begun its separate existence in 1838 and the college having been chartered later in the same year. The college was opened in April, 1846, with Rev Solomon Lea as its president. His successors have been Rev William Albert Mitchell Shipp, Rev Dr Charles F Deems, Rev F M Jones, Dr B F Dixon, Dr B L Held, Dr Dred Peacock, Mrs Lucy H Robertson. This is the second time that the college has been burned down. It was first burned about forty years ago.

GOVERNOR MAY ENTERTAIN

Proposition to Lease A. & N. C. Road. What He Says.

Special to Journal.

Raleigh, February 18.—Governor Aycock has informed bidders for the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina road that he will not consider any bids of less figure than 3 per cent for first ten years; 4 per cent second ten years; 5 per cent for third ten years; 6 per cent for last ten years, and fifty years to be the limit of the lease.

DIED.

In this city Wednesday afternoon Sarah Elmer, Daughter of Mr & Mrs F. G. Mitchell, of this City, age 16; months.
The funeral services will be held this afternoon from the Tabernacle Baptist Church at 8 o'clock.

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