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PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

Outline of Events of the Week Condensed by the Balti- more Sun.

The Japanese attack on Port Arthur Wednesday morning seems to have been an attempt to sink several vessels in the channel mouth of the harbor at Port Arthur in order to "bottle up" the Russian fleet in the same manner that Captain Hobson attempted to "bottle up" Admiral Cervera's fleet in the harbor of Santiago, Cuba, in the Spanish-American war.

Like Hobson's, Admiral Toga's attempt seems to have failed, but the Russian forts, it is reported, suffered considerably from the Japanese fire, five guns being silenced.

The Japanese deny positively that any of their war vessels were injured.

There was a rumor in St. Petersburg of still another attack on Port Arthur.

The belief of an understanding between Russia and Germany in case of international complications is growing in St. Petersburg, where the feeling against the United States and Great Britain is bitter.—Friday's Sun.

A 40-minute engagement took place at Port Arthur at 1 o'clock yesterday morning without any decisive results.

The Japanese Foreign Office wires its ministers that the sinking of four old ships to block the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur was a success. Russians declare the ships were filled with oil and explosives.

The Korean Government has decided to order its troops to take the field with the armies of Japan.

Commander Marshall, of the Vicksburg, declares that at the battles off Chemulpo he offered medical aid and sent boats to rescue the drowning Russians.

Charles A. Crane, of Chicago, gave \$10,000 to the fund for relief of Russian soldiers and sailors.—Saturday's Sun.

Several vanguard skirmishes are reported between Japanese and Russian troops. Near Ping-Yang 50 Russian cavalrymen fired on the Japanese camp, but after a lively fusillade were driven off.

Another skirmish near the Yalu was reported from Russian sources in which the Japanese are said to have retreated before the Cossacks. Korean soldiers were dispersed by Cossacks on the frontier. No details are given of the losses in any of the affairs.

The Japanese, it is reported, will attempt to save the Russian cruiser Variag, sunk by their ships off Chemulpo.

Conflicting stories are told as to the extent of the Japanese loss in the attempt to block the harbor of Port Arthur, one account standing that two Japanese battleships and a dispatch boat are missing.

The Russians have abandoned the attempt to float the battleship Retvizan, and she will be used as a fort.—Monday's Sun.

Three Russian cruisers and four torpedo boats were enticed into a naval battle with the Japanese fleet off Port Arthur, and the cruiser Askold was hit until in a sinking condition, the Novik badly damaged and a torpedo boat was sunk.

Two Russian torpedo-boat destroyers are also reported to have been sunk since the attack of Feb. 24.

General Stoessel, Russian commander at Port Arthur, calls upon all Russians there to fight for the death, as he says the Japanese are determined to take Port Arthur and have surrounded that place.

It is believed probable in St. Petersburg that the Japanese have established a blockade at Vladivostok, as no news has come from there in a week.

The Japanese are reported to have landed 120,000 troops so far in Korea, but land operations are awaiting Admiral To-



VICE ADMIRAL TOGO, IN COMMAND OF JAPAN'S YELLOW SEA FLEET.

go's operations before Port Arthur.

Russians are said to be canceling orders for supplies in America because of the alleged American sympathy with Japan.—Tuesday's Sun.

Russian cavalrymen were defeated by Japanese near Anju and Ping Yang, according to a special cablegram from Tokio.

Admiral Togo reported that 2,000 men volunteered to attempt to block the channel at Port Arthur, and that applications were written in the blood of the volunteers.

The Japanese General Staff and a Guards regiment sailed for Korea, indicating, it is thought, hostilities on a large scale shortly.

It was rumored in St. Petersburg that a combined land and sea attack was being made on Port Arthur.

Japan has issued an official defense of its action in beginning the war.—Wednesday's Sun.

Port Arthur, Vladivostok and the country traversed by the Eastern Chinese railway are declared by Russia to be in a state of siege.

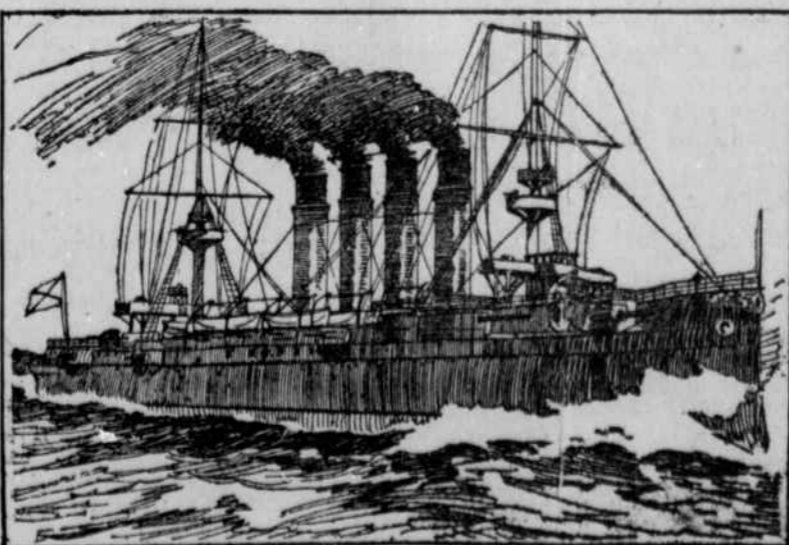
Port Arthur is declared to be surrounded, its communications cut, the railway in the hands of the Japanese, and in Washington its capitulation is expected in a few weeks.

It is said the wreck of the Retvizan and other boats blocks Port Arthur harbor to all except small vessels.

The Russians seized the telegraph offices at Anju and Yong Pyou, north of Ping Yang.

Intense cold and diseases, including smallpox, are said to be working havoc in the ranks of the Russian army.

Count Cassini defends the policy of Russia in the present war.—Yesterday's Sun.



RUSSIAN PROTECTED CRUISER VARIAG, DESTROYED OFF CHEMULPO.

Rural Carriers to Get an Increase.

The postoffice appropriation bill as completed by the House Committee today increased the salary of free rural delivery carriers from \$500 to \$700 a year, but adds a proviso that they are to have no further pay or allowance after July 1, 1904, the date on which the increase in salary goes into effect, they shall not be allowed to solicit business or receive orders or carry any kind of merchandise for hire.

This provision will prevent their longer acting as agents for newspapers and was stubbornly opposed in committee on that ground by Mr. Cowherd, of Missouri, but the majority of the committee thought the rural carriers ought to be on the same basis in this respect as city carriers are and the proviso was adopted. Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow recommended a salary of \$750 a year for carriers, but the committee thought \$720 sufficient, as this makes aggregate increase of more than five million dollars for the year in salaries.—Washington Dispatch, 20th, to News and Observer.

Woodard School Close.

The Woodard school in Boon Hill township closed last Friday, February 26th, with appropriate exercises. Owing to the very disagreeable weather the exercises were not had out of doors as had been expected.

The programme, comprising about 60 choice selections, was well rendered, reflecting credit upon all those who took part. The audience, though too large to be seated, was well entertained. The exercises proved that the teacher, Miss Ophelia Woodard, is a talented young lady and that she had worked faithfully in the preparation of this entertainment. J.

Woodall-Robertson.

The wedding of Miss Lena Robertson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Davis, of Nashville, Tenn., to Mr. Julius Ryal Woodall, of Charlotte, N. C., was celebrated at 6 p. m., yesterday in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Winn No. 114 North Fifth Street, this city, the Rev. Dr. Jere Witherspoon, of Grace Street Presbyterian church, being the celebrant.

The color scheme in house decoration was in green and white, palms, ferns, foliage plants and white carnations, with white wax tapers in silver candelabra, being most effectively used.

The bride, who entered with her sister and maid of honor, Miss Sara Robertson, was extremely handsome. She was gowned in sun-plated white crepe de chine, above white silk, trimmed with Cluny lace. Her veil was caught with sprays of natural orange blossoms and her flowers were a shower of lilies of the valley. Miss Robertson wore a pretty frock of white silk mull and lace, over pink, and carried pink carnations.

The bridesmaids—Miss Jonna Mai Laws, of Nashville, and Miss Lula Tubb, of Sparta, Tenn.—were in charming toilets of light blue crepe de chine. They had bouquets of white carnations.

Mr. R. Y. McPherson, of Raleigh, N. C., was best man. The ushers were: Mr. James Walker, Mr. W. L. Jenkins, of Charlotte, and Mr. Allen K. Smith, of Smithfield, N. C.

The ceremony was followed by a delightful informal reception, at which Mrs. Walter S. Tanner and Miss Lelia Dimmock assisted. Misses Sally Reid and Elsie Anderson, Miss Rose Harrison and Miss Anna May Stevenson were at the table which held the flower-wreathed frapped punch.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodall left last afternoon for a tour of the Northern and Eastern cities. They will be at home to friends in Charlotte, N. C., after March 10th, where Mrs. Woodall has many acquaintances to welcome her into society. Mr. Woodall has business interests in Charlotte, and travels for a large company in Lynchburg, Va.—Richmond Times Dispatch, February 25.

BENSON BUDGET.

D. J. Stone has moved into his new dwelling on Hill street.

J. W. Benson went to Rocky Mount Monday on business.

Mr. Zeb Stewart, of Pittsburg, Pa., is at home for a few days.

Mrs. F. R. Hall, of Goldsboro, is here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Charley Johnson is having a handsome residence built on Hill street.

Mr. L. H. Hall returned from Fayetteville Monday, where he went on business.

Mr. N. F. Wheeler and family, of Virginia, are here visiting relatives and friends.

The brickwork on Preston Woodall's store, on Main street, was completed Wednesday.

Miss Lettie Coffield, who has been here for some time, has returned to her home in Apex.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cavanaugh are at Red Springs, where Mr. Cavanaugh went for his health.

G. M. Benson returned Wednesday from Wilson, where he has been spending a few days in recreation.

Mr. Joe Smith and Mr. W. A. Allen have purchased lots on Harnett street, on which they anticipate building neat residences in the near future.

The large quantity of cotton and tobacco coming to our market reminds us of the opening season in the fall; and tobacco is bringing fancy prices, too, as well as cotton. N. T. R.

In the election held in Greenville Wednesday, the Dispensary won by one majority.

CLAYTON CHIPS.

Dr. J. A. Griffin went to Selma Tuesday.

Mr. G. W. Ellis went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. Sallie Surles went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. I. S. Bagwell went to Garner Tuesday.

Mr. C. J. Hunter, of Raleigh, was here Tuesday.

Mr. Chas. Creech will move to his farm in the country some day this week.

Mr. Marvin Smith, of Richmond, Va., is visiting his brother, Mr. O. G. Smith.

Mrs. Henry Olive, of Raleigh, spent part of last week with Mrs. J. G. Barbour.

Mr. J. W. Massey was here last Saturday. It is rumored that he will soon move here.

Mr. Marvin Ellis returned from Burlington Tuesday and left Wednesday for Weldon.

The Foleys are billed to show here Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of this week.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard was here first of the week. He will fill his regular appointment next Sunday.

Mr. Michaelow, a professional photographer, is here now and making good pictures at cheap prices.

Prof. R. F. Williams attended the district meeting of the Knights of Pythias last Friday night.

The concert for March 14th, will undoubtedly be a good one. It is for the benefit of the M. E. Church.

Miss Irene Hinton, of the Wilson Sanatorium, spent two days here this week returning Wednesday accompanied by her mother who will take treatment at the Sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Blades, of Newbern were here Sunday. Mr. Blades returned to Newbern Monday. Mrs. Blades will remain with her mother Mrs. J. B. Robertson some days.

Messrs. Forbis, Hay, Allen, Masters, Todd, Hunter, Colwell, Taylor, Jones, Horne, Austin, Guley, Johnson and Stallings, were a few of the Life Insurance agents here Tuesday. How about it?

For the last two weeks "Yelir" has tried his level best to tell the readers of THE HERALD that Hon. R. B. Glenn will deliver the annual address at Clayton High School Commencement May 31st. But for some cause the printers seem to have gotten it first R. B. Green, next R. B. Gleen. We hope this will be explanatory. (O Legibility, thou art a Jewel! Especially when used by the newspaper correspondent.—PRINTER.)

March 2. "YELIR"

A disastrous fire broke out in Rocky Mount about mid-night Tuesday night, which destroyed nearly \$100,000 worth of property. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin. The principal losers are the Masonic Order, \$14,000, Post Office and Opera House \$6,000, Cutbrell Bros. \$12,000, Bank of Rocky Mount \$6,000, W. D. Cochran \$19,000, Taylor and Cutrell, \$12,000, and several others.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the neck of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Cerealite now for sale by The Austin-Stephenson Co.

MRS. HELLEN W. POST SENTENCED

Mental Science Healer Given One Year And a Day in Penitentiary.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 29.—In the United States Court today sentence was passed upon Mrs. Helen Wilmans Post, the mental science mind-cure healer, convicted of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

The sentence was that she be confined for one year and one day in the penitentiary at Nashville, Tenn.

An appeal was taken and granted and bond fixed at \$5,000, which was given. The case now goes to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans.

When asked if she had anything to say as to why sentence should not be passed upon her, Mrs. Post said:

"You cannot pronounce sentence of guilt against me. The sentence you are going to pronounce will be against the ignorance of the age, and this sentence will not only fail to condemn me, but it will exonerate me from all participation in such ignorance."

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. J. I. Godwin, of Asheville, is visiting friends here this week.

Mr. Jarvis Edgerton went to Benson Sunday returning Monday.

Mr. A. H. Hardson, of Elm City, moved his family here today.

Mr. J. T. Edgerton made a business trip to Smithfield Thursday.

Dr. G. A. Hood, of Benson, recently spent a few days in town visiting friends.

Miss Emma Mathews spent several days in Smithfield last week, visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Ora Hooks who has been visiting friends and relatives in Benson returned home last Wednesday.

Mrs. H. F. Edgerton and children who have been visiting relatives in Smithfield for several days, returned home Tuesday.

School having suspended for a few days on account of Small pox, Prof. Smith went home Thursday to spend a few days.

School has been suspended for several days, on account of small pox, but all danger being past, the school board announce that school will begin again next Monday.

The excitement over Small pox is abated, Mr. Wiggs the only one having it is now well, and the doctors have allowed him to go where he wishes. No new cases have developed. Rex

Rev. J. D. Bowen's appointments.

Rev. J. D. Bowen has this week moved from Apex to Four Oaks. He has accepted work in this county and we are asked to announce his appointment for March as follows: First Sunday Oliver's Grove church at 11 o'clock. Four Oaks at 3 o'clock and night. Second Sunday Trinity church at 3 o'clock and Saturday before at 3 o'clock. Third Sunday Sardis church at 11 o'clock, Pine Level at 3 o'clock and night. Fourth Sunday, Four Oaks at 3 o'clock and night.

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A car of Chattanooga Wagons now on hand at The Austin-Stephenson Co. For reference see Walter Rand, W. C. Lassiter and Polie Gardner.