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## JAPAN WINS BIG BATTLE.

### General Kuroki Whips Russians at Yalu River.

#### The Old Bear Retreats With Loss of Over 800 Men and Many Guns—Japanese Loss 700 Killed and Wounded.

Tokyo, May 1.—After five days of fighting, largely with artillery, the first Japanese army, under General Kuroki, has forced a crossing of the Yalu River, and today, with a gallant infantry charge, covering a frontage of four miles, it drove the Russians from Chientcheng and the heights on the right bank of the Iho or Aida River, which enters the Yalu from the north almost opposite Wiju.

The Japanese turned the left flank of the Russian position, and in the battle of today they swept away the new front interposed by the Russians to check their onward movement.

The present position of the Japanese is a dominating one, and they may force the abandonment of the defenses erected by the Russians at Antung and other points lower down the river.

LOSSES, 700 JAPANESE, 800 RUSSIANS.

The Japanese losses in today's battle were about 700 killed and wounded. The Russians lost over 800 men. The Japanese captured 28 quick-fire guns, 20 officers and many men. The Russians made two stands. Their force engaged was about 30,000 men.

General Kuroki began the movement on Tuesday by ordering a detachment of the Imperial Guards division to seize the island of Kurito, which is in the Yalu above Wiju, and a detachment of the second division to seize the island of Kinteito which is situated below Wiju. The detachment of the Imperial Guard met with some resistance, but it succeeded in clearing the enemy out and occupied Kurito Island. The Russians abandoned the island of Kinteito when attacked by the detachment of the second division.

### Over 3,000 Dead in Battle.

St. Petersburg, May 3.—In a report received by the Emperor from General Kuropatkin, under today's date, it is stated that at least from 3,000 to 4,000 men were killed in the Yalu River fight.

After having defeated General Zassalitch on Sunday, at the Yalu, General Kuroki, with the Japanese army, pursued the Russians on Monday between Antung and Fengwangcheng, resulting in the loss of 300 men on the Japanese side and the surrender of two batteries of Russian artillery, after the Russians had sustained heavy losses. Three hundred and thirty Russians were made prisoners.

General Zassalitch has fallen back to the walled town of Fengwangchen, where, it is said, there are 50,000 Russians. The Japanese army advancing on Fengwangcheng is believed to consist of 80,000 men, and it is much stronger in artillery than the Russian force.

The Japanese fleet under Vice Admiral Togo made an attempt early this morning to block the harbor at Port Arthur by sending in fire ships. Viceroy Alexieff reports that the attack was successfully repelled, eight fire ships being sunk, and that he is informed that two Japanese torpedo boats also were sunk by the Russian fire. His report does not state definitely whether the harbor is still open.

Alexieff, as Viceroy, has hitherto always sent his reports to the Czar. Today his report was addressed to the Grand Duke Alexis, High Admiral of the Fleet. This indicates that he is reporting simply as Admiral in command of the fleet at Port Arthur.

The commissioners of Henderson county have decided to build a \$40,000 court house.

## More About Yalu Battle.

Toko, May 3.—A supplemental report from General Kuroki, dated to-day, says:

"Yesterday the enemy offered a stubborn resistance against our casualties. The enemy stood with resolution until their artillery, consisting of two batteries, lost the majority of its men and horses. They then broke the breeches and closing apparatus of their guns and hoisted the white flag.

"According to a captured Russian officer, Major General Kashtalinsky, commander of the Third East Siberian Rifle Brigade; the colonels of the Eleventh and Twelfth Rifle Regiments, and the commander of the Rifle Artillery Battalion were killed in the fighting at Hamatan.

"It seems that the enemy was entirely routed by our attack, because since yesterday many have come in and surrendered. Our prisoners include 30 officers, 200 of whom are wounded, and 300 men, 100 of whom are wounded.

"A preliminary report from the chief surgeon of the First Japanese army shows that we had 798 men killed and wounded. These casualties are divided as follows: The Imperial Guards, 162; Second Division, 350; Third Division, 216."

### Losses Over Two Thousand.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—(3:47 a. m.)—The Russian losses at the battle of Kiu Tien Cheng were 2,000 men and forty officers—far greater than previous reports indicated.

This is the official estimate of Major General Kashtalinsky, who directly commanded the division that suffered the brunt of the attack and whose report was received yesterday by the Emperor. Many are inclined to place the Russian losses even higher. General Kashtalinsky mentions also that more than 700 wounded had arrived at Feng Wang Cheng and these may not be included in his report. He made no attempt to estimate the Japanese losses, merely stating that they must have been colossal. The magnitude of the Russian losses had an almost stunning effect on the authorities and aroused general grief, mitigated only by satisfaction at the bravery displayed by the Russian troops.

Not for a moment was there any intention to pay such a terrible price for delaying the enemy's crossing the Yalu.

### Many Bills Introduced—Few Passed.

The total number of bills introduced in the House during the session just ended was 15,576 and in the Senate 5,687. Most of these were of a private nature, involving appropriations for claims or pensions.

The total number of private laws approved by the President up to noon today was 1,441, the total number of public laws 181, and the total number of resolutions which have become law 27. The aggregate number of bills was not above the average of a long session, but the number of private bills passed was far in excess of those generally enacted during a similar term.

The total number of reports on bills in the House alone was 2,943, or nearly double the usual number. The amount of public business transacted was far below the average.—Washington Dispatch, April 28.

### Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gullede of Verbena, Ala. was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c. at Hood Bros., Druggists.

The State has chartered the International Railway Signal Company of Winston, with a capital of \$250,000, to equip railways with a new signal system.

## PRAISE OF JUDGE PARKER.

### John Sharp Williams the Minority Leader Points to Candidate And Issues.

Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, the Democratic leader of the House, believes that the nomination of Judge Parker at the St. Louis convention is assured. He thinks that, with the adoption of a platform combining nothing but live issues, the Democrats can win next fall with Parker at the head of the ticket.

"It seems clear to me now", said Mr. Williams, "that Judge Parker will be nominated by such an overwhelming vote that there will be substantially no opposition when the time for the convention arrives.

"I individually favor his selection. I favor him because he comes from the right section and the right State. He is the logical candidate, geographically and politically. I favor him because he seems to be an eminently conservative, careful, and healthy minded man. I favor him because, although he has differed with a majority of the party upon some great questions, notably one great question, he was still a Democrat, in spite of his difference, and thought Democracy, even with one or two planks wrong, infinitely better to the country than Republicanism. I think Parker is a fundamental Democrat—an anti-Federalist by nature. He is a Democrat by temperament, as well as by study and association. That goes very far with me.

### PARKER ALWAYS REGULAR.

"I have heard it questioned that he is a regular and orthodox Democrat; it being asserted that he failed to support the Democratic ticket of 1896 and 1900. I know that he has been regular at all times. I know it from a letter that he wrote during the campaign recently and I know it from his own personal assurances of the fact in a talk I had with him.

"I believe that if the Democracy can win at all it can win with Parker. And moreover, I believe that with a good, brave fight, with a sound and unequivocal platform asserting Democratic policies in connection with real and living issues and ignoring dead issues, the Democracy stands a better chance of winning than it has stood since Cleveland was elected in 1892. It ought to win, and it ought to win because Democrats are now together. We may not be united upon everything that has occurred or every political issue, but about the things that are now issues having become such by application of fundamental Democratic doctrine to present actions and conditions, we are united."—Washington Post.

### Another Wreck on the Coast Line.

Train 35, fast West India limited mail, and the second section of train 208, north-bound vegetable freight, both on the Atlantic Coast Line, had a head on collision at 4:45 o'clock this morning, a mile of Scranton, Williamsburg county. The impact was so great that the big locomotives, as they went together, 'reared up' and turned crosswise of the track. The mail car was broken in half. Persons on the passenger train were not hurt. One of the engineers and his fireman and a mail clerk were slightly hurt.

Engineer McMillan, of the freight, places the cause of the wreck on the fact that his watch had lost time, and he was twenty minutes slow. He had reached Scranton, where he should have sidetracked for the fast mail, he running a north bound freight, but thought that he had time to make the siding at Cowards, and pulled on for that point. A mile from Scranton he struck the fast mail going south. The night was foggy, and Engineer McMillan was not certain whether the light he saw ahead was a head light or not until the two trains struck.

Nobody was seriously hurt; both Engineer Mills, of the fast mail, and McMillan, of the freight, put on emergency brakes, and that broke the force of the blow very materially. Both engineers and firemen jumped and are bruised from their fall. The narrowest escape of all was that of the mail clerk, who was in the corner of the mail car that was smashed. When the engines struck they turned both together towards the pine woods and a car followed them. The end of the mail car, which was next the engine and the first box car of the freight were smashed. The mail clerk was R. B. Tharin, of Washington. He and his weigher, J. R. Thomas, of Washington, were bruised, but both could walk when they returned here. They were sent on by way of Sumter with the train.—Florence (S. C.) Times 30th.

### Receivership Again Asked For.

A second proceeding looking to the appointment of a receiver for the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Company, was begun before Judge Purnell in the United States Court here yesterday, the complainant in the new proceeding being John P. Cuyler, of New Jersey. On complaint of Mr. Cuyler Judge Purnell issued an order for the defendant railroad company to show cause May 21st why a receiver should not be appointed to take charge of the affairs of the company.

Counsel by whom the complaint was prepared and filed were Fleming & Fleming, of New York, and Capt. W. H. Day and Col. Thos. Argo, of Raleigh.—Raleigh Post, 3rd.

### Heavy Fighting in Balkans.

Constantinople, May 1.—According to official advices there has been serious fighting in the Sassun district of Asia Minor between the troops and 2000 Armenian insurgents. The troops lost 20 killed and 23 wounded.

Twelve villages in the Tabori district have been destroyed, but whether by insurgents or Kurds is not known.

There are 10,000 troops in the disturbed area.

Private advices say Kurds attacked two villages north of Sassun, losing 26 killed.

### Mr. Bryan's Inconsistency.

There is no consistency in Bryan's present opposition to Judge Parker and his desire to have him on the ticket with him in 1900, at which time he said the Judge was eminently fit to be President. In 1900 Bryan was sure of the first place. He did not care who had the second place, provided it were some one who would help him to carry the election, and Judge Parker would have made the Bryan ticket a little less objectionable in the East. Now Mr. Bryan has no chance of getting the first place, and he is determined that no one who can be elected shall get it if he can prevent it. Bryan's status as the hoodoo of the Democratic party is pretty secure. If some one else should now lead it to victory that place would be absolutely safe. Besides, Mr. Cleveland has expressed his high regard for Judge Parker, and Mr. Bryan's antagonism to the Judge has developed rapidly since that incident.—Philadelphia Record.

### A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Trial bottle free. Reg. sizes 50c, \$1.00.

## STATE NEWS NOTES.

### Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our Exchanges.

The State has chartered the Greensboro Real Estate and Loan Company, with a capital \$100,000.

The State has granted a charter to the Eastern Land, Lumber and Manufacturing Company, of Wheaton, Beaufort county, with an authorized capital of \$100,000.

The comptroller of the treasury has authorized the First National Bank of Sanford, N. C., to remove to Lillington, Harnett county, under the title of the National Bank of Lillington.

The State has chartered the Laxo Drug and Chemical Company of Durham, with a capital of \$275,000; also the Planters' Cotton Seed Oil Company, of Rocky Mount, capital \$50,000.

The State has chartered the Lawing Bobbins Company of Charlotte, with a capital of \$10,000; also the Gastonia Furniture Company, capital \$50,000; also the Buffalo Lumber Mills Company of Elizabeth City, capital \$25,000.

W. H. Rich, about 25 years old, a brakeman on the Southern, with a run between Danville and Spencer, was caught between two cars at Spencer last week and instantly killed. His home was at Danville, where he had a wife and two children.

The case of the Corporation Commission against the Atlantic Coast Line in Wake Superior Court ended last Saturday, the jury sustaining the Corporation Commission. The Commission ordered the Coast Line to run a train from Rocky Mount to Selma to connect with the Southern's train due at Selma at 2:25 P. M. The Coast Line appealed to the Superior Court. The Judge has not yet rendered his decision.

A summary of national banks organized since March 14, 1900, up to the present time was issued last week by the comptroller of currency. During the period fifteen national banks have been organized in North Carolina with a capital stock of \$485,000; only two were organized with capital stock exceeding \$50,000, while the thirteen with less than that amount had a total capital stock of \$335,000.

At the Federal Court at New Bern last week H. C. Hodges and A. J. Clark, postmaster and assistant postmaster, respectively, at Mineola, Beaufort County, were convicted of engaging in a scheme to deceive people through the mails in regard to counterfeit money. The victims of the fraud were found in New York, Texas and other States. Hodges was sentenced to 18 months and Clark to 12 months in the penitentiary, and the punishment was light enough.

Durham, N. C., May 2.—Suit has been instituted by J. W. Coble against Dr. N. M. Johnson, county health officer, J. W. Allen, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and the board of commissioners for \$5,000. Coble was sent to the pest house by Dr. Johnson. He remained there with small pox patients but came away without breaking out with the disease. A few days later he broke out with the eruption and was again sent to the pest house. He claims that he contracted the disease by being forced to stay with patients, and wants damages from the county.

### Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again" writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

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## JAPANESE DIE FIGHTING.

### Report From Tokyo on Sinking of Transport by Russians.

The Japanese Legation at Washington Friday received the following official report from Tokyo on the sinking of the transport Kinshiu Maru:

"Tokyo, April 29.—As Ninth Company, Eighty-seventh Infantry Regiment (peace strength about 150), were returning to Gensan in transport Kinshiu Maru, registered tonnage 2,389, after reconnoitering Yiwon and neighborhood of Hangyongdo, they were stopped at 11:10 p. m., April 25, off Sinpo, by three Russian cruisers and torpedo-boats. The Russians then approached her. Her ship's captain, accompanied by the superintending naval officer and two other officers, went aboard the Russia, where they were detained. The enemy gave an hour's respite for surrender, but soldiers in strict discipline obeying officers' order refused. At 1:30 a. m., the enemy discharged a torpedo, whereupon our soldiers, forming themselves into lines on deck, exchanged fires with the enemy, during which many of our officers and men perished. At about 2 p. m., another torpedo was discharged, and, hitting the engine-room, split the transport in two. Some coolies and merchants had previously taken to boats, and were subsequently joined by some soldiers after the explosion. The boats were then rowed westward, and after indescribable sufferings, the men reached Sinpo on the 27th. There were forty-five petty officers and privates, six coolies, and three merchants. Most of crew and coolies appear to have been taken by the enemy. All military except the above mentioned survivors believed to have died. Of the company lost there were two captains, two first and one second lieutenants, one ensign, seventy-three privates, and two interpreters. Of the surviving soldiers, ten are slightly and one seriously wounded."

### Walter Fuller for Sheriff.

Smithfield, N. C., May 2, 1904. EDITOR SMITHFIELD HERALD: I will write a short piece for your paper, if it does not find its way to the scrap basket, as I have heard a good deal of talk about the office of Sheriff of old Johnston. We have as good as any county can boast of, but I hear he is out of the race. If so I think the county could do no better than nominate W. L. Fuller their candidate for that office. The best test of a man's real worth is the estimate in which the people among whom he lives holds him. Measured by this standard, W. L. Fuller our candidate for the nomination for Sheriff is all O. K. We have lived in Smithfield for six years and in the county for thirty years, and it is safe to say that no man has been reared among us that has more endorsed himself to the people of Johnston county than W. L. Fuller. He is recognized by all as being a gentleman in every sense of the word. He is a fine business man, his sympathies and efforts are always with the oppressed, he abhors injustice and is opposed to those who seek to use the government to enrich the few at the expense of the people. His popularity among the masses of the people of Johnston county is deserved and if elected Sheriff no county can boast of a truer and better Sheriff.

A. B. SASSER.

—Mr. Wiley H. Whitley, a highly esteemed citizen of Wilders township, died of heart trouble last Saturday. He had been complaining for a week or more but had been in care of the doctor for only three or four days. He was nearly seventy-nine years old. He was buried Sunday at the Woodard graveyard. Many will regret to hear of his death.

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