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## STEADILY JAPANESE ADVANCE.

### Have Destroyed Fifty Miles of the Siberian Railroad North of Kin-Chou.

St. Petersburg, May 16, 4:55 p. m.—The Japanese evidently are determined that there shall not be any further rail communication between General Kuropatkin and Port Arthur. Official advices received to-day by the general staff say the Japanese have destroyed fifty miles of the railroad north of Kin-Chou. No resistance was made by the Russians, who are gradually abandoning it. On the Japanese approach, Colonel Spiridorof, of the Amur railroad battalion, is seeking to render the railroad as useless as possible to the enemy by removing the switches and otherwise disabling the road. The Russians are retiring because of the approach of the Japanese columns sent westward by General Kuroki immediately after the occupation of Feng-Wang-Cheng.

Experts who discussed the military situation to-day expressed the opinion that General Kuropatkin will not remain at Liao-Yang. Their view seems to be borne out by reports from Liao-Yang announcing the departure of Russian families from that point.

It is said that General Kuropatkin is not at all discouraged by the advance of the Japanese. Telegrams received here to-day from Liao-Yang report him as being "Perfectly satisfied" with the outlook.

It was announced to-day that the Tenth and Seventeenth army corps will leave May 18th for Manchuria. This force includes the Orenburg division of Cossacks and artillery armed with the new model rapid-fire field guns.

### Col. Worthington Dead.

Hanover, N. H., May 14.—Col. Denison Worthington, of North Carolina, died here this morning, at the home of his daughter, the wife of Dr. Horne, of Dartmouth College, after a long spell of sickness. He had made many friends here, who esteemed him highly for his many noble traits of character. Though having been here for some time he never failed to speak out for the South, to whose cause he had given valiant service as a Confederate soldier.

Col. Denison Worthington was a man well known in North Carolina, and had taken a prominent and leading part in the political life of the State. He was a good man, a jurist of ability, an eloquent speaker and a gifted writer, being the author of "The Broken Sword," a story of the civil war. On many Confederate Memorial days his burning eloquence has moved many to tears and renewed afresh the love of men for the South and its cause. His death will be heard of with deep regret by a host of friends.—News and Observer.

### Sorrow is Felt in Johnston.

Mr. E. O. Smithdeal wrote as follows yesterday from Smithfield:

"Much grief is felt in this community over the recent death of Mr. R. M. Furman, who has so long and so ably edited The Morning Post. We always feel a sense of loneliness and desertion when we see men of such strength and influence over the public mind bid us farewell.

"Avery, the talented young Lycidos of the west, is dead; and now comes the call for one whose energies had always borne fruit in the life of this people, and whose high ideal of life was such as to attract, from year to year, a large audience to hear and love him. \* \* \* In the death of Mr. Furman, the battle-scarred veteran, we exclaim with Milton: "But, oh! the heavy change,

Now thou art gone, and never must return."

—Sunday's Post.

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## Lawyers File Answer in Contempt Case.

Lumberton, N. C., May 16.—Court convened at 12:15 o'clock p. m., in pursuance of an order made at Fayetteville on Saturday, to continue the hearing of the contempt case.

The respondents were represented by Messrs. C. W. Tillet, C. M. Busbee, J. D. Shaw, Jr., Robinson and Shaw and U. L. Spence. A motion was made by respondents to dismiss, on the ground that at this time the court has no power to hear the proceeding, which has been discontinued. The motion was overruled, to which ruling respondents excepted. The respondents further moved that they be not required to answer, or do anything whatever in regard to these proceedings, as this court has at the present time no power whatever to take action in this matter. This motion was also overruled, and respondents excepted. The respondents further moved to dismiss, on the grounds that the affidavit of J. A. Parker, on which this action was brought, does not purport to have been made by any one having actual knowledge of the facts therein; that said affidavit is made solely on information and belief; that said affidavit does not state facts on its face sufficient to constitute contempt, or to justify proceedings for contempt. The motion was overruled, and respondents excepted.

The answer was duly filed, and its reading waived. On the affidavit of respondents, a motion was made for removal, which motion was overruled, and the respondents excepted.

The court then offered to remove the causes to Cumberland, Harnett or Johnston, and submit all the issues to the jury should respondents agree, that if such motion was taken, Judge Peebles should hear the case. The counsel for respondents agreed to removal to any county in the district, except Cumberland, the case to be tried by some other judge.

The court expressed its purpose to reserve the right, with the consent of the respondents to change the above rule, and secure some other judge to hear the case, should he see fit. Pending their action, court adjourned until 3 p. m.

At 3 p. m., court was convened, counsel asked the court to rule which of the affidavits would be admitted, as the respondents were unwilling to file any which were not pertinent. The court declined to do so, but agreed that respondents should have the opportunity of withdrawing any or all of such affidavits at the time set for the regular hearing. At that time, opportunity should be given them to file affidavits in rebuttal of any which he might file.

Referring to the charge of drunkenness, Judge Peebles declared that no one ever saw him drunk, except once, and that was when he was seventeen years of age. He characterizes the answer of respondents in regard to the Haywood case as vague and indefinite, and not in accordance with the instructions which he had given, as to the way in which such answer was to be made.

The court ordered the following record to be made: On the court docket, in re, N. A. McLean, etc., in the matter of contempt, the case was called to-day at 12:15, in pursuance of removal of the case from Cumberland county to Robeson county. After the overruling of the divers motions, the originals of which were filed with papers and copies of same, respondents filed answer and thirty-three affidavits. Five days are allowed to file additional affidavits or to mail by registered letter or express to R. B. Peebles, judge, at his home in Jackson, and no affidavit will be considered thereafter, except as may be in rebuttal or reply to respondents. The case is continued to be heard on Thursday, May the 26th, in Lumberton court house, Lumberton.—Wilmington Messenger.

## GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Santa Cruz, Cal., May 17.—By a majority of 19 votes the Democratic State convention tonight instructed the delegation to the national convention at St. Louis to vote for Congressman W. R. Hearst for president.

Geneva, Switzerland, May 14.—The Gazette De Lausanne has received a telegram from Bitlis, Asiatic Turkey, confirming the reports of fighting between Turks and Armenians. According to these advices about 700 Turks and 900 Armenians were killed.

New York, May 16.—The Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey today declared a dividend of eight dollars per share payable June 15th. This compared with the dividend of seven dollars for the same period last year. Including the dividend declared today the company has declared twenty-four dollars in dividends on each share this year.

Washington, May 13.—It is stated in Washington tonight, upon what is claimed to be authentic information, that Congressman Bitt has not only been decided upon as the choice of the Republicans for the office of vice-president, but that the Illinois statesman has virtually agreed to become the running mate of Roosevelt in the coming campaign.

Augusta, Ga., May 15.—Charley Cummings, a negro, 19 years old, was taken from jail at Appling, 20 miles from Augusta, shortly after 12 o'clock this morning and lynched by a mob of 75 to 100 masked men. Early last week Cummings entered the room of a young lady living near Appling and attacked her. She managed to cry out and Cummings fled.

New York, May 14.—Signor Marconi announced today on his arrival on the Cunarder Campania that he had succeeded while coming across in transmitting wireless messages a distance of 1700 miles. As this is more than half the distance across the Atlantic it means that messages can be received either from one side or the other during an entire voyage.

Chicago, May 15.—Boys in pursuit of pigeons to-day discovered the body of a man hanging in the belfry of Immanuel Baptist Church, one of the swell institutions of the city. He was last seen Thursday evening, and it is believed he hanged himself that night. He has been employed by the church people, and gave his name as James McCready, but investigation at the address given showed that no such person was known there.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—No matter who is nominated by the Democratic National Convention for President, William Randolph Hearst will support him. This announcement he today authorized the Washington Post to make for him unequivocally. He ridiculed a story sent from Albany that he and Mr. Bryan, Arthur Brisbane, Weaver, of Iowa, and others were planning a huge bolt and the formation of a new party. He said he had been making his fight for the nomination in the name of progressive Democracy, but his fight had been within party lines and would continue to be so. Whatever the result, he intended personally and through his newspapers to support the regular ticket.

### Blew up Jap War Ship.

Tokyo, May 16.—The attempt of Admiral Kataoka to clear out the Russian mines off Port Dalny has been attended by the loss of two war ships, the only losses sustained by the Japanese navy since the beginning of the war. The destruction of torpedo boat No. 48 on May 12 was followed last evening by the blowing up of the unarmored cruiser Miyako, which struck a mine and sunk in 22 minutes. Two men were killed and 22 wounded. The remainder of the crew were rescued.

## STATE NEWS NOTES.

The Republicans of the Seventh district have nominated H. F. Seawell for Congress.

The temperance forces won by three majority in the local option election in Newport Tuesday.

C. A. Reynolds has been unanimously nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the Fifth district.

At the Republican convention at Newton Tuesday J. F. Newell was nominated for congress in the Ninth district.

Will Flowers and Tom Massey, both negroes, got into an affray at Angier Tuesday. In the melee Flowers shot and killed Massey and then made his escape.

The Mates Beverly fertilizer Company of Baltimore with a capital of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars has decided to locate its manufacturing plant in Salisbury.

Chief of Police Gray, of High Point, killed Joe Jackson Tuesday afternoon. Jackson was drunk and grappled Gray and tried to take his pistol away from him.

The Republican county convention of Cumberland county, North Carolina, the other day, formerly suggested that the Republican National ticket should be made up of Theodore Roosevelt for President and Jeter C. Pritchard, of North Carolina, for Vice-President.

The committee of arrangements have closed a contract for Banner warehouse as the place for holding the Democratic state convention June 23rd at Greensboro. The building will be supplied with chairs and seats for five thousand people and numbers of electric fans will be distributed all over the place which will be well ventilated and fitted up with all conveniences for the comfort of the delegates and others who will be present.

Circled in flame. Prof. Antoine S. Danton, the Hungarian high diver, one of the attractions of the carnival here last week, on Thursday night shot downward from the little platform at the top of his 110-foot ladder into the tank of water and lambent fire below, but in doing so he made a slight miscalculation, his head and shoulders coming in contact with the side of the tank with such violence that he was made unconscious and remained in that condition until he died on Friday evening about 7 o'clock.—Gold-boro Headlight.

### Republicans Name a Ticket.

Greensboro, N. C., May 18.—The Republican State convention, presided over by District Attorney A. E. Holton, at seven o'clock completed the nominations of the State ticket as follows:

Governor, Charles J. Harris, of Jackson county; Lieutenant Governor, Isaac M. Meekins, of Pasquotank; Attorney General, W. H. Yarborough, of Franklin; Secretary of State, J. J. Jenkins, of Chatham; Treasurer, C. G. Bailey, of Davie; Auditor, Frank Linney, of Watauga; Superintendent of Public Instruction, C. P. Fraxier, of Guilford; Corporation Commissioner, D. H. Abbott, of Pamlico; Commissioner of Agriculture, W. R. Dixon, of Craven; Labor Commissioner, J. Y. Hamrick, of Cleveland.

Judges Supreme Court, R. M. Douglass, of Guilford; W. A. Montgomery, of Warren.

Electors State at large: J. J. Britt, of Buncombe; R. Z. Linney, of Alexander.

Delegates to national convention: Thomas S. Rollins, E. S. Blackburn, E. C. Duncan, B. F. Mebane, Alternates, R. H. McNeill, Claudius Dockery, Mark Brown, H. L. Grant.

The nominee for Governor is a wealthy leather manufacturer and miner of the mountain district, aged fifty, who came to the State from Minnesota eighteen years ago and is a member of the Reese Harris Tanning Company.

## Selma Graded School Close.

The commencement exercises of the Selma Graded School were held in the opera house on last Wednesday and Thursday nights. Large crowds from Smithfield, Clayton and the surrounding country were in attendance, and, from all the reports that have been heard, the people were well pleased with the closing exercises and the address by Hon. E. W. Pou.

On Wednesday night Miss Bass and her music class rendered an interesting program, which showed that her pupils, though none are very far advanced, had received good instruction and had made marked improvement since their last appearance before the public. At the end of this program Mr. Charles U. Harris presented two prizes, which were awarded to Misses Annie Noble and Florence Johnson for receiving the largest number of good lesson cards during the year.

Following the delivery of the prizes, Mr. Brannock, the superintendent of the school, in a beautiful and appreciative way, introduced Hon. E. W. Pou as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Pou's address was beautiful, thoughtful and inspiring, and admirably suited to the audience and the occasion. It was more-over delivered with a simplicity, eloquence and moral earnestness that gave all the impression that standing before them was a man of high moral and intellectual power.

After Mr. Pou's address the stage was cleared and the audience entertained by a patriotic zobo drill. In this drill were sixteen children dressed in beautiful red, white and blue suits, and each carrying a flag and a zobo. Accompanied by Miss Bass on the piano the children, while marching in numerous beautiful figures, played almost every national air on their zobos, finally stopping with "My Country, 'tis of Thee," and forming in a beautiful semi-circle with the boys holding their flags over the girls, while a magnesium light was thrown over the tableaux and a quartette behind the curtain sang our national hymn. This drill, which was gotten up principally by Mrs. Ashworth, was pronounced the finest thing of its kind ever seen in Selma.

The program for Thursday night was principally the performance of "Bibi," the spectacular musical comedy of Charles Barnard. In this play were twelve main characters, all of whom acquitted themselves with credit, and thirty-five or forty children in the Maypole dance, flower, paper dolly and letter block drills. Everything passed off beautifully and there have been many expressions of praise heard since the entertainment was given. A great many want the program repeated because on account of the immense crowd Wednesday night some could not hear.

Four students completed the course this year and were awarded diplomas. They were Willie Francis Creech, James Samuel Mitchener, Annie Stephens Noble and Beulah Robertson. The majority of them will go to college this fall.

We had the largest crowd we ever had and all would have enjoyed it if the ladies had only left their big hats at home, it is impossible for any one behind one of those big hats to see, and no matter how pretty a lady's hat is before the show ends the party behind it thinks a ten cent straw looks just as nice as it does. Can't the ladies be prevailed on to leave them at home the next time they go to a commencement. Also can't the young boys be persuaded to find out when to clap his hands. Did any of your readers ever look at a young fellow who had been clapping his hands and see as he looks around proud of the fact that he has made a noise, what a simple grin he has on his face? If not, just keep a look out the next time you go to a commencement or any other entertainment where he is allowed to clap his hands.

## BENSON BUDGET.

Miss Bessie Johnson is visiting at Dunn this week.

Mr. W. J. Boon is spending a few days with his parents.

There will be a picnic at J. D. Parrish's pond tomorrow.

Dr. Claude Johnson has returned and will locate here as a dentist.

Mrs. Esrom Johnson left today for her home in the Spilona section.

Mr. A. L. Barefoot will take his wife to Raleigh tomorrow for treatment.

The meeting closed Sunday night at the Baptist church with nine additions.

Mr. David Gower, of the Clayton section, was in town a day or two last week.

Miss Sallie Whittenton, of Harnett county, is visiting her brother, Mr. J. W. Whittenton.

Miss Elen Eldridge, of the Newton Grove section, has been visiting the family of Mr. W. A. Rose.

Mrs. Phebe Royal, of Bellfield, Va., is here on a two week's visit among her many relatives and old friends.

Something very unusual on our streets Tuesday—Seth Allen was seen smiling. A baby boy at his home.

The funeral of William Canada, father of Prof. J. P. Canada, was preached by Rev. Hannibal Jernigan at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday evening. A very large congregation was present. He was buried at the Benson cemetery.

Mr. Joseph Smith and Miss Susan Jones were married Wednesday night, N. T. Ryals, J. P., officiating. Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. I. J. Smith, of near Benson. The bride is a daughter of our townsman, Mr. J. W. Jones. We hope for the young couple a long life of happiness and comfort.

## SELMA NEWS.

Mr. M. C. Winston went to Raleigh Monday on business.

Nine houses at the cotton mills have been framed and the builders are now putting on the sleepers.

Rural Free Delivery route No. 4 from Selma was put on last Monday. Mr. Thos. G. Creech is the carrier now.

Mrs. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, spent Monday and Tuesday in our town the guest of Mrs. Moses C. Winston.

Mr. Charles U. Harris went to Lumberton to be present at "contempt" hearing before Judge Peebles. He returned Tuesday morning.

Dr. R. J. Noble left Wednesday for Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Surgeons of the Southern Railway Company.

Mrs. J. W. Vick has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Alex. Martin, of Summerville, S. C., who came back with her. Mr. Geo. D. Vick came down Saturday to be with his mother and sister Sunday.

### 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.

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