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FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

Reports Conflicting, Yet the Japanese Seem to be the Victors.

Ta Tche Ciao, July 14.—The latest reports regarding the storming of Port Arthur July 10 place the Japanese losses in killed or wounded at 25,000 and those of the Russians at 5,500. Japanese retired and the Russians occupied the position.

London, July 16.—The Tokio correspondent of The Times in a dispatch says that the St. Petersburg story of a Japanese repulse with heavy casualties at Port Arthur July 10, is wholly discredited in Tokio, where no such reports have been received.

General Kuroki's headquarters via Furan, July 18.—(Monday) More Russian troops were engaged in yesterday's battle at Motien Pass that in previous engagements. There were probably double the number of those that took part in fight at Yalu River, while opposed to them were only one brigade and one battalion of Japanese forces. The Russian loss is estimated at two thousand. The burial of the dead continues. The Japanese casualties aggregated three hundred.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—For the first time since the war began the Russians yesterday initiated a battle, and 30,000 men delivered an attack on the Japanese position at Motien Pass. The attack resulted in disastrous defeat, General Count Keller reporting to General Kuropatkin that he failed to capture the position and that he lost over 1000 men killed and wounded.

Chicago Ill., July 19.—A special to the Daily News from New Chwang says:

"Hard fighting has been going on for several days in the neighborhood of Tongschu, eight east of Tachia. It is reported that the Russian loss in last night's engagement was 2,100, and the Japanese loss 1,200. The Japanese have also been in active contact with the Russians of Pai Ching, where there have been many minor actions.

"All along General Kuropatkin's front and flank, the Japanese are moving into position, but the general attack is being postponed until supplies and reinforcements come to the front. Progress along the muddy roads and mountain passes is slow."

Chefoo, July 19.—A junk with eight Russians and 50 Chinese on board arrived here this afternoon, five days from Port Arthur. The Russians refused to talk, but the Chinese say on July 11 and 12 the Japanese captured and occupied with 4000 men one of the eastern forts near Port Arthur. Before reinforcements arrived the Russians cut off the 4000 troops in the fort and exploded mines which resulted in the killing of every Japanese soldier there.

Chefoo, July 20.—Information from Dalny states that fifteen transports loaded with provisions and ammunition arrived at Dalny July 17. The Japanese around Port Arthur are not yet prepared to take the offensive. They are simply defending and fortifying the positions they will be ready to assault, the fortress by the end of July. The besiegers are estimated to number 80,000. Reinforcements from Kinchou are arriving.

Night was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Hood Bros' drug store.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. C. W. Edgerton, of Kenly, was here Wednesday.

L. D. Debnam, Esq., spent Sunday at Morehead City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Driver spent Sunday in Clayton.

Mrs. W. H. Call is visiting friends in Richmond, Va., this week.

W. T. Pass, Esq., is here looking after our tobacco warehouses.

See large ad of N. E. Edgerton & Co. for particulars of great guessing contest.

Misses Placide and Lalla Ellington, of Raleigh, are visiting Miss Margaret Etheredge.

Messrs C. W. and R. E. Richardson returned Monday from a visit to Fuquay Springs.

Misses Agnes Driver and Jimmie Batton have returned from a visit to Morehead City, Kinston, LaGrange and Goldsboro.

Mr. N. E. Edgerton, Sr., has bought a nice Banker pony and N. E. Edgerton, Jr., has a Billy goat. Both are well pleased.

Misses Pauline Hood, Fannie Richardson and Rena Edgerton and Albert M. Noble are attending the Teachers' Institute at Pine Level this week.

Messrs. Robert Millard Nowell and George Davis Vick returned from a week's visit to Jackson Springs, and Clarence P. Harper from Fuquay Springs Monday morning.

R. M. Nowell, Esq., has sold his new brick store to Ed. W. Vick, Esq., who will open an up-to-date drug store. He has also bought the Sandy Hastings lot and will this fall build a nice residence on it.

Mr. M. C. Winston says he expects to be able to gin one hundred bales of cotton a day at his new gin, the coming season, and will put in a fifteen thousand dollar corn mill in time for the new corn crop.

The directors of the Tobacco Warehouses met Tuesday night and raised ten thousand dollars to run the tobacco market here next season. The exact date of the opening sale will be announced next week.

Last Thursday the remains of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Morton was brought here from Spencer, N. C., and buried in our cemetery. Mrs. Morton is the daughter of the late S. W. Parker, Esq., and we sympathize with them in their loss.

Fred B. Oliver and D. T. Massey have associated themselves for the transaction of a general merchandise business under the name of Fred B. Oliver & Co., and have bought the stock of goods of John H. Parker. They will occupy the old store of John H. Parker. We wish them success.

The infant son of R. B. Whitley died here Sunday morning and was buried Monday at the old Applewhite Richardson burying ground. Rev. J. O. Guthrie conducted the services at the M. E. church here at 8 o'clock Monday morning. Rev. J. J. Harper and Misses Myrtle and Fannie Harper were here to attend the funeral. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of our people.

Miss Margaret Etheredge gave a delightful moonlight hay ride, to the old picnic grounds, to her guests Tuesday night. Those present were: Miss Placide Ellington with Mr. R. M. Nowell, Miss Julia Fuller Etheredge with Mr. Stanford Robertson, Miss Lalla Ellington with Mr. E. W. Vick, Miss Margaret Etheredge with Mr. Sam P. Wood, Mrs. W. H. Etheredge and Robert C. Etheredge.

Do not forget that Dr. Seth Arnold's Balsam is the best known Remedy for all Bowel Complaints. Warranted by Hood Bros.

With two exceptions there have been no young men elected to the office of Vice-President of the United States. These two exceptions were John C. Breckinridge, who was 36, when he became Vice-President, and Theodore Roosevelt, who was 43.



JOSEPH WINGATE FOLK.

Folk For Governor of Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 21.—Joseph Folk, circuit attorney of St. Louis was nominated for governor at 3:40 this morning by the Democratic state convention. The ballot stood: Folk 551, Hawes 114, Reed 46. The nomination on motion of Hawes was made unanimous. Folk was escorted into the hall and appeared on the speaker's stand. The applause which greeted him exceeded that given Bryan at St. Louis.

GENERAL NEWS.

Judge Parker, Democratic nominee for the Presidency, takes a swim in the Hudson river every morning.

The governor general of the Panama canal strip wants 100,000 yards of wire gauze to keep out mosquitoes.

D. Chas. Kent, of the University of Virginia, it is expected, will accept the presidency of the University of Tennessee.

Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of the State University, has declined the presidency of the University of Tennessee, to which he was recently elected.

The number of rural free delivery mail routes in the state is now 610, being brought up to this figure by the addition of 12 more routes Monday.

Judge Walter Clark has finished the compilation of North Carolina laws from 1665 to 1791 and they are to appear in the State Record, in two volumes.

The general loss committee, composed of expert insurance men, which was organized shortly after the great Baltimore fire of February 7, made its final formal report through Chairman Paul Turner. The report states that 3,778 separate claims were handled by the committee and that the amount of insurance paid on these claims was \$29,074,358.51. There are still eleven claims unsettled, and in addition there were probably 1,000 or 1,200 smaller claims which were settled direct by the companies. The amount involved in these small claims will not exceed \$1,500,000, so that the total insurance paid to those who lost in the fire will be about \$30,500,000.

Most of the talk one hears these days is about the crops. For example, James H. Pou, who is a big farmer in Johnston county said: "I never saw such crops in mid July in North Carolina." In the northeastern and southeastern counties it is yet very dry and rain is needed very greatly, although it may not be said to be as yet a serious drought. In Moore and Anson counties there has been too much rain. Along the northern border of the state and in the middle section, as well as in the west, there are glorious crops. Taking the state over, it is to be doubted whether there was ever a more favorable year or a finer prospect.—Raleigh Cor. Wilmington Messenger.

Marriage in Oneals.

Wednesday afternoon, July 20, at three o'clock a host of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. Charley Hatcher to witness the marriage of his daughter, Miss Zettie, to Mr. Richard P. Corbett. The parlor was nicely decorated for this interesting event. The ceremony was performed by Squire J. L. Jones.

The attendants were: W. R. Corbett and Miss Marcy Morgan, Eddie Hatcher and Miss Katie Bailey, J. M. Brown and Miss Minnie Hatcher, Robert Bailey and Miss Piety Brown.

After the ceremony the happy couple with a host of friends and relatives went to the home of the groom's father, where a sumptuous supper awaited them. Best wishes for a prosperous life. A Friend.

Grave International Incidents.

London, July 19.—In British official circles the recent seizures and overhauling of British ships in the Red sea by the Russian volunteer fleet steamers Smolensk and St. Petersburg are regarded as very grave international incidents.

The seizure of the Peninsular and Oriental steamer Malacca by the St. Petersburg and her arrival in the Suez canal as a prize of war on her way to Libau on the Baltic, has come as a climax and the cabinet to-day is considering the course to pursue.

The British law officers acknowledge the right of Russians to seize and detain mails, provided that only official communications are taken, but they take the most serious view of the statutes of the two Russian ships patrolling the Red sea and if any official action or protest ensues it will be chiefly in regard to the passage of these erstwhile merchant ships through the Dardanelles and their subsequent transformation into ships of war.

Ends a Thirty-Day Fast.

Plainfield, July 15.—Edward R. Taylor, Plainfield's city missionary, ended yesterday, a thirty days' fast and appears none the worse for his ordeal. When he started to abstain from solid food he tipped the scales at 220 pounds and today he weighs but 25 pounds less.

During the time of his abstinence from solid nourishment Mr. Taylor took walks for exercise, and part of the time attended to his duties as missionary. He declares that his general health is much better than it was, and he has no fear of any reaction. One year ago he fasted for fifteen days.

A negro woman died in Raleigh Saturday, aged 106 years.

Ill health caused Dexter Moon, a wealthy man of Jamestown, N. Y., to take his life, Monday.

BENSON BUDGET.

Chas. F. Neighbors left for Baltimore Tuesday.

Mrs. W. G. Hall, of Roxboro, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Mary Lucas, of Lucama, is visiting Miss Lillie Turlington.

Benson can now boast of as handsome a depot building as any town its size.

Miss Elizabeth Brooks, of Jonesboro, will visit Mrs. J. W. Whittenton Saturday.

Miss Netie Penny left Tuesday to spend a few days with Mrs. R. S. Dickson, of Rowland.

Mr. John G. Rayner was stricken with paralysis at his home Sunday night. He is yet very sick.

Miss Addie Barbour, of upper Johnson, recently spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. F. Lee.

Misses Mattie and Annie Drawton, of Bennettsville, S. C., are visiting relatives in and about town.

Nathan Johnson, of Florida, has been in town for several days. He is a brother of Dr. Johnson, of this place.

Mr. W. J. Hooks, and family, returned Saturday from Seven Springs, where they have been for some time.

Dr. G. E. Parker and Mr. I. W. Rose attended the Pharmaceutical association, held at Asheville last week.

Mrs. Ed. Boykin and Miss Nellie Parrish returned Saturday from Richmond, Va., where they visited Mrs. Boykin's relatives.

C. F. Johnson has much improved the looks, as well as the comfort, in front of his four brick stores, with a very nice pavement.

Prof. Jas. P. Canaday, former principal of Benson Academy, will get the solid vote of Banner, for the House of Representatives, at the convention to be held in Smithfield August 17.

J. M. Morgan, Ex-Representative, says "that the Democratic County Convention will endorse or repudiate the present Dispensary system—that is, as to the distribution of the profits."

Rev. Jim Tart, (Col.) and Ellen Hamlin, of ebou hue, were the star actors in a performance on Cemetery Row Monday night, which monopolized the attention of the entire community for a few minutes. The buxom damsel hails from South Carolina, and is proficient and highly accomplished in all the arts of bastinado; wherefore the Rev. Jim regrets exceedingly that he ever made her acquaintance, and more exceedingly that he ever spoke disparagingly of her ladyship, or vocalized doubtfully on her pristine virtue. Amelia, Jim's better half, greatly desires an opportunity to measure arms with the heroine of that occasion.

N. T. R.

CLAYTON CHIPS.

Miss Lona Williams went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. C. B. Turley is spending this week in the country.

Mr. I. S. Bagwell went to Smithfield on business Monday.

Mrs. Dewey Hicks, of Raleigh, is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Robertson.

Watermelons on every hand. A good many have been shipped from here.

The Misses Penny, Miss Murray and Miss Smith are visiting Mrs. O. G. Smith.

Mr. Walter Barham and Mr. Chapell made a business trip to Selma Tuesday.

A goodly number of our town-folk attended a fishing picnic at Sealey's Wednesday.

Mrs. E. L. Hinton spent last week in Raleigh visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ellington.

The Baraca class gave a delightful lawn party at the Baptist church lawn last Friday evening to the Philathia class. The decorations were elaborate and appropriately arranged.

The Clayton Buggy and Furniture Co. have received their first shipment of buggies.

A new photographer in town, Mr. Emmet Parrish, and he makes good pictures too.

It looks like the Clayton High School will be overrun from the number of catalogues the secretary is mailing daily.

Mr. D. H. McCullers is having his dwelling remodelled. When finished it will be one of the handsomest residences here.

Little Silas Jones, son of Mr. Frank Jones, has a slight case of typhoid fever. Generally speaking, the town is in a very healthy condition.

Mrs. J. A. Griffin left Tuesday for a short stay at Panacea Springs for her health. Her many friends here wish her a complete recovery.

The excursion date has not yet been fixed. The authorities hope to have things arranged in a very short time—by the time you get done crop possibly.

There will be a big tent show here on July 25th at the Academy grounds. The drawing cards are: Lunette, the flying lady; Lareno, the wonderful Cuban half lady; Vilala, the queen of serpentine dancers. Free balloon ascension. Doors open at dark.

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. J. R. Sauls went to Princeton Monday, returning Tuesday.

Mr. C. W. Edgerton made a business trip to Smithfield this week.

Mrs. Raiford Liles, of Tarboro, visited relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. R. T. Renfrow has moved into his handsome new residence near the Academy.

Mr. W. R. Perkins, of Pikeville, spent Monday night here with his son, D. T. Perkins.

Miss Mary Hollowell left Wednesday morning to spend a few days with friends at Youngsville.

Rev. Marvin Culbreth, of Raleigh, preached an able sermon in the Free Will Baptist church here Sunday night.

Mess. W. H. Edgerton and W. L. Hooks attended the Sunday School convention at Nahunta church last Thursday.

Rev. W. H. Frost, the pastor of the Free Will Baptist church here, was unable on account of sickness to fill his appointment Sunday. His pulpit was occupied by Rev. Troy Phillips, of Lucama.

Quite a number from here attended the Beulah Township Sunday School convention at Zion church Tuesday. A very large crowd was present and much interest was manifested in the work. A full report will be given next week.

The tent meeting conducted for the past two weeks here by Rev. R. B. Jackson and M. D. Sellers closed Sunday night. A few professions were made during the meeting, but considering the number in attendance, but little interest was manifested by the people.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kenly Academy Monday night, the following faculty was unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Principal, Prof. D. J. Sipe, of News Ferry, Virginia; Intermediate Department, Miss Julia McEachern, of Lumber Bridge, and Miss Fannie Freeman, of Taylor; Primary Department, Miss Emma Mathews, of Kenly; Music teacher, Mrs. D. J. Sipe.

The work on the brick buildings is being pushed forward rapidly now. The bank and hotel building will soon be completed. The bank will be ready for business by August 15. Bailey Bros & Kirby are now having their store plastered and will be ready to move into it about two weeks. The brick work on the two story stores of Messrs. J. W. Darden, L. B. Richardson, G. M. Morris and R. A. Hales will be completed by the end of this week.