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RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

The Japs Win Great Victory at Mukden.

Record of Appalling Losses Suffered by the Russian Army.

Washington, March 12th.—The Japanese legation has received the following cablegram from the foreign office at Tokio dated today:

"The armies on the Shakhe quarter reported up to Sunday morning the following approximate figures, which are still increasing:

"Prisoners, over 40,000, including Major General Nachmoss. Russian corpses on the field, 26,500. Other Russian casualties, 90,000. Trophies, two ensigns, sixty guns, 60,000 rifles, 150 ammunition wagons, 1,000 army wagons, 200,000 shells, 25,000,000 shots for rifles, 74,000 bushels of grain, materials for light railroad for 46 miles, three hundred wagons for light road, two thousand horses, twenty-three Chinese carts full of maps, 1,000 Chinese carts full of clothing, 1,000,000 portions of bread, 150,000,000 pounds of fuel, 223,000 bushels of horse allowances, and 125,000 pounds of hay. The report from the Singing quarter has not yet been received."

This morning prior to receipt of the foregoing cablegram the Japanese legation received the following cablegram from Tokio: "Report received in the afternoon of the 11th of March.

"Our various detachments hotly pursuing enemy from all directions and inflicting considerable damage upon him everywhere. Occupied on the afternoon of the 10th of March the line extending thirteen miles to the north of Hunbo, and are still continuing pursuit on the 11th of March.

"Our detachment which proceeded northward on the morning of the 11th of March from the neighborhood of Puh, met a large column of the enemy retreating northward, and after hand to hand fighting we enveloped the column, which finally surrendered.

"Near Mukden we are now engaged in clearing remnants of the routed enemy, some of whom still continue resistance, while the others come to surrender.

"Heaps of Russian corpses are found everywhere.

"According to the report received on the night of the 11th of March the number of Russian prisoners was estimated up to the 10th of March at 20,000, and since then is continuously increasing.

"Our total casualties since the 26th of February to the morning of the 12th of March were 41,222."

Oyama's Strategy Deceived Kuropatkin.

Fushen, March 13th.—Every hour increases the magnitude of the disaster suffered by the Russian army. To-night 25,000 dead are known to have been left on the field, making the casualties at least 100,000. Between fifty and sixty thousand prisoners, some seventy guns and enormous quantities of ammunition and provisions, fell into the hands of the Japanese. The Japanese losses do not exceed those of former battles, even General Kuroki's army losing only 5,000.

Field-Marshal Oyama's plan deceived General Kuropatkin. The Russian commander misjudged the positions and the strength of the Japanese. He at first thought that General Nogi's Port Arthur army was pressing his east flank, and concentrated a great force there. This force he was afterward obliged to shift to Mukden, where it arrived in a state of exhaustion after a forced march and was unable to fight. A retreat from Mukden began on March 9th. It became a demoralized flight when the Russians discovered that their egress was blocked by Japanese infantry and artillery from the east. The

rapid approach of the Japanese was a complete surprise to the Russians, who expected that their retreat would be harassed only by the Japanese cavalry from the westward.

Russia Not Ready For Peace.

St. Petersburg, March 14th.—Russia will continue the war to the bitter end. That is understood to be the decision of the war council, at Tsarskoe-Selo today, at which War Minister Sakharoff, General Dragmiroff and others were present. Ways and means were discussed, but decision on some points was reserved. The question of Kuropatkin's successor was also discussed, but the emperor has made no final decision. Grand Duke Nicholasvitch, second cousin of the emperor and inspector general of cavalry, was again mentioned and General Grippenburg is said to be a candidate, together with General Grodekoff, but the weight of opinion of the emperor's advisers now favor General Sukhomlimoff, governor general of Kieff, who formerly was General Dragomiroff's aide de camp.

A semi-official denial was given out here today of the reported recall of the Russian second Pacific squadron.

Gen. Kuropatkin Resigns.

St. Petersburg, March 13—2:15 a. m.—General Kuropatkin has sent in his resignation to the Emperor.

General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to Emperor Nicholas, assuming himself all the responsibility for his defeat, making no excuses except that the strength of the Japanese was miscalculated, and refusing to place any of the blame upon the council of generals upon whose advice he determined to give battle. His reputation as an offensive strategist is gone, and, though the Emperor's military advisers know not where to look for a better general, his resignation will be accepted.

In losing General Kuropatkin, the army will lose the idol of the private soldiers, an officer who, in spite of the intrigues of his generals and his failure to win a battle has won their confidence and affection.

Japanese Occupy Tie Pass.

New Chwang, March 16th.—Tie Pass, regarded as at least the temporary rendezvous of the fleeing Russians, was occupied by the Japanese at midnight between Wednesday and Thursday.

Sully Again Enters Market.

New York, March 14th.—The entry of Dan Sully into the cotton market yesterday was signalized by a rise of from only 8 to 10 points, but to-day all future quotations showed increases of from 20 to 25 points, and the great bull leader seems to be about to start another great campaign.

Having been discharged from bankruptcy, Sully is now free from all encumbrances and is said to have extensive plans for recouping his losses. Whether or not he will be able to rout the bears, is the question which is now agitating all cotton men.

Sully is said to have unlimited backing. He is quoted as saying that the South raised not a bale too much last year and that the world needs this cotton and must have it. He believes in an increase of prices, and points to the efforts of prominent bears to cover their shortages as evidence that they share his belief that the South is not really long on cotton.

Incredible Brutality.

It would have been incredible brutality if Chas. F. Lemberger, of Syracuse, N. Y., had not done the best he could for his suffering son. "My boy," he says, "cut a fearful gash over his eye, so I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which quickly healed it and saved his eye." Good for burns and ulcers too. Only 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store.

WORK OF OUR LEGISLATORS.

A Review of the Bills Introduced by the Johnston County Members of the General Assembly.

The following local laws were passed by the recent General Assembly, affecting Johnston County:

1. The appointment of Magistrates for the different townships where needed in the county—mostly by Senator Jones.
2. The establishment of the Smithfield Graded School—Canaday.
3. Amending the Selma Graded School law by making the number of trustees five instead of three—Gower.
4. The establishment of a public school district from parts of Johnston and Harnett counties—Canaday.
5. Prohibiting hunting and fishing in Moccasin Creek—Gower.
6. Assessing real estate of railroad companies by corporation commissioners for stock law tax—Canaday.
7. Amending Clayton road law—Gower.
8. Amending charter of Jerome changing name to Micro—Canaday.

The following bills regulating the liquor traffic in Johnston county were introduced by Senator Jones and are now laws:

1. Dividing the net profits of the several dispensaries of the county, giving one-half of said profits to the town, and the other one-half of said profits to the general school fund of the county. (This law takes effect after July 1st, 1905.)
2. Prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in Johnston county in towns having a population of less than two hundred and fifty. (This law is an amendment to the Abell law of 1903, and is now in force.)
3. Amending the special dispensary acts of the county so that upon petition of one-third of the qualified voters of any town in which a dispensary is situated the commissioners shall grant an election on the subjects of "Dispensary" and "Prohibition." (This act took effect from ratification. No open bars can be established in the county. The bill establishes anti-jug law for the county, and makes the holding of government license to sell liquor in prohibition territory prima facie evidence for illicit selling against the holder of said license.)

The present members of the County Board of Education were reappointed for two years; W. F. Gerald, John Stephenson, John W. Wood.

GENERAL LAWS.

The following bills introduced by Johnston county members of the General Assembly were enacted or covered by other general laws:

1. Anti-"bucket shop" by Gower—enacted in the Woodard bill which became a law.
2. Amendment to school law in regard to examination of teachers by Canaday—its principles enacted in the general omnibus school law amendments. (This bill was drawn by Prof. Turlington and fills a long-felt need.)
3. To make the goods of men doing business in their wives names (not free traders) liable when refusal is made to pay for the same—by Canaday—enacted in the Gilliam Senate bill. (This was Brooks' bill.)

BILLS THAT FAILED TO PASS.

1. To amend the constitution of N. C. so that each race may get its proper share of the public school funds. Failed on the ground that section 24 of the present school law allows a very equitable distribution of school funds—Canaday.
2. To prohibit Sunday freight trains except loaded with perishable vegetables or livestock—opposed by railroad attorneys and eastern truckers and was withdrawn—Gower.
3. To compel through mail trains to stop at county seats—(failed)—Jones.
4. To protect the Pure in Art—(failed)—Gower.

5. To make abduction, seduction, or elopement and adultery a felony—failed because as drawn one section of the bill it was claimed would suppress testimony in a case of adultery—Canaday.

6. To establish a colony for lunatics and epileptics—Gower. Failed for lack of funds by the State.

7. To extend corporate limits of the town of Benson—Canaday. Failed because all the parties owning real estate to be taken in the corporate limits were opposed. It would have been force.

SELMA NEWS.

Hon. A. K. Smith was here Tuesday.

Mr. M. C. Winston went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Messrs. Wheeler and J. P. Richardson, of Wilders, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Parker is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. E. F. Pate, at Goldsboro.

Mrs. Pet Temple, of Wake county is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parker.

Messrs. R. L. Ray and Conard Godwin will shortly open a stock of goods in the J. M. Vinson & Co. store.

Isaac Price, colored, had his left arm and hand broken and dislocated while at work at the Oil mills last week.

Mr. W. M. Richardson who was seriously hurt at Pembroke some days ago, is now able to be about the streets.

Mr. J. P. Jones, the very capable Superintendent of the Chemical Works here was married at Durham to Miss Beulah Lemoine, of that place last Sunday, and arrived here on the 6 o'clock train. We wish them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Selma Cotton Mills last week when they ordered that the capital stock be increased to \$90,000, the additional stock was taken at once by the stockholders. So the mill starts to work out of debt, a thing that very few mills in this state have been able to do. The mill under its present management is bound to make money. The stock now is not for sale so those who were skeptical about the mill and would not take stock in it are left out in the cold.

The closing exercises of the public school at Capps school house near Pine Level were held in the school house last week.

The programme consisted of recitations by the children of the school and music by the neighborhood Orchestra. The recitations were of a high order, all knowing their speeches perfectly and showed that all of those participating had done faithful work. We would like to mention each by name, but space forbids. The music by the neighborhood orchestra was much enjoyed and they deserve the thanks of all those present for the splendid music. The literary address was delivered by Rev. J. O. Guthrie, whose subject was Education. His address was much enjoyed by all present and was a literary treat. The prizes for attendance and good lessons were won by Miss Bettie Eason. This young lady won both prizes, which speaks well for the diligence and hard work done by her. Miss Rena Edgerton was teacher of this school and she deserves great credit for the progress made by the scholars and the fine showing at the closing exercises. Miss Edgerton speaks in high praise of the people of that section.

Startling Mortality.

Statistics show startling mortality, from appendicitis and peritonitis. To prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills: M. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Biliousness." 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION.

Charley Watson Sent to Pen Fifteen Years.—Four Colored Boys Get Two Years Apiece on the Roads.

Superior Court convened here Monday for a two weeks term. Judge Walter H. Neal presiding.

The following grand jury was drawn: John W. Hocutt, J. M. Westbrook, John A. King, J. O. Johnson, Willis H. Jones, Chas. E. Creech, A. J. Massey, J. H. Hare, Sam White, Lewis A. Ennis, D. W. Raynor, J. W. Thompson, Jr., J. Walter Bailey, H. Hinton, Jno. T. Talton, Victor Austin, A. F. Holt and W. B. Johnson.

John W. Hocutt was appointed foreman of the grand jury and Jno. T. Avera was appointed officer of the same.

The following criminal cases have been disposed of:

John Boykin was tried for assault with deadly weapon. Verdict not guilty.

State vs A. C. L. Railway. Obstructing road. Plead guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs John Cole, carrying concealed weapons. Plead guilty. Fined \$10 and cost.

State vs Joe Mile, C. C. W. guilty; Fined \$15.00 and cost.

State vs Louis Raynor and Charity Sanders. Fornication and adultery. Jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The Judge said he did not wish to censure the jury but did not see how they could have brought in such a verdict. He then excused them and told them their services would not be needed again this term.

State vs Enly Eason and Willis Rains. A. D. W. Eason guilty; Rains not guilty.

State vs Jody Baker, resisting officer. Guilty.

State vs Levi Watson, C. C. W. Plead guilty and fined \$10 and cost.

State vs Charlie Massengill, Needham Massengill and Mat Gregory, affray, Charlie Massengill not present. The other defendants plead guilty and were fined \$10 each and cost.

Charley Watson, who has been in jail here for some time charged with rape, went before the court and said he was not guilty of the crime charged but guilty of an assault with intent to commit rape and was sentenced to fifteen years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

Ham Richardson was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to four months on the Smithfield roads.

State vs Percy Wood and Tom Wood, A. D. W. Guilty. Percy Wood fined \$75 and one-half cost; Tom Wood fined \$25 and half cost.

State vs Francis Jones, nuisance, not guilty.

State vs Thurston Frazier and Buck Morgan, A. D. W. not guilty.

State vs E. Grant, Ben Collins, Bud Blake, and Joe Graham, affray. Defendants plead guilty.

State vs Jim Horne, Wm. Holt, Bud Stallings, Lester Snipes, Marvin Snipes and Hemby Bailey, A. D. W. not guilty.

State vs Ransom Holder, cruelty to animals. Plead guilty. Fined \$10 and cost.

Elmer Woodard, Joe Burnett, Arthur Bryant and Walter Stevens. Defendants plead guilty. Burnett and Bryant were sent to Clayton roads two years and the latter two to Smithfield roads two years. These were the colored boys who stole some money from the cash drawer of The Austin-Stephenson Company several weeks ago.

State vs Jerry Sanders A. D. W. guilty. Fined \$10 and costs. Court will continue through this week and part of next.

Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, Monday, extended an invitation to President Roosevelt to attend the annual assembly of the school teachers of North Carolina to be held next June. The President expressed his appreciation of the invitation, but indicated that he would be unable to accept it.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Hon. Ashley Horne spent Monday in Raleigh.

Mrs. Beckwith is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ashley Horne.

Mrs. C. H. Belvin, of Raleigh, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Horne.

Mrs. J. A. Griffin returned Wednesday from a visit to Mrs. L. D. Debnam at Selma.

The students of Clayton High School have been "enjoying" an examination this week.

Mr. Butler Austin of Hoffman, N. C., is the guest of his relatives and friends in this section.

Miss Carlotta Barbour has been visiting Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Nick Allen at Garner.

Miss Katie Bailey, of Selma, and Mr. Scott, of Pamlico Co., are here this week to enter school.

Mr. C. L. Barnes returned Thursday from a visit to his brother, Mr. John Barnes, of Greensboro.

Mrs. John Robertson and Miss Lessie Barnes spent Sunday with Mrs. Dewey Hicks near Raleigh. Mrs. Hicks returned with them.

Messrs. Ralph L. Johnson and Joe T. Barnes went to Garner Wednesday night to participate in a celebration of the J. O. U. A. M.

Clayton guano is going at the rate of 30 to 40 tons a day. Anything bearing that magic name, goes to the front with rapid strides.

Mr. Ernest L. Hinton left Tuesday night for Northern markets for the purpose of buying spring stock for his firm, Messrs. J. G. Barbour & Sons.

Messrs. M. G. Hunter and N. J. Heyward, special insurance agents of Charlotte, spent Tuesday here. They planted two splendid fire insurance companies in our town.

The J. O. U. A. M. Council will have some interesting exercises at the Hall of the order on Friday night. National Councilor W. E. Faison, of Raleigh, will be here to assist in some initiatory work.

Prof. D. D. Ellis will attend a school closing at Baptist Center, on Saturday, and deliver an address before the students. The school has been most successfully conducted by Miss Vivian Johnson during the present term.

Mr. Bill Johnson, brother of our townsmen, Messrs. J. L., J. D., and D. L. Johnson, died at his home on Mr. M. Mial's plantation Monday, and was buried in the cemetery here Tuesday. Mr. Johnson leaves a wife and several small children. We sympathize with the bereaved family.

A number of our people, who are inclined to literary recreations have organized a "Reading Circle," which meets once every two weeks. The circle has selected Shakespeare's Plays for some meetings, planning to read a play every two sessions. The tragedy of Macbeth was selected as a beginning.

The following little ladies had the pleasure of attending the birthday reception of Master John S. Barnes, Jr., last Saturday afternoon: Ruth and Duscara Barnes, Maud and Rochelle Gulley, Larue and Mozelle Williams, Maud Barbour, Sulu McCuliers, and Rosa Hinton. Nearly as many little boys were present. They enjoyed themselves immensely and vote John, Jr., a splendid host.

The Colonel's Waterloo.

Colonel John M. Fuller, of Honey Grove, Texas, nearly met his Waterloo, from Liver and Kidney trouble. In a recent letter, he says: "I was nearly dead, of these complaints, and, although I tried my family doctor, he did me no good; so I got a 50c. bottle of your great Electric Bitters, which cured me. I consider them the best medicine on earth, thank God who gave you the knowledge to make them." Sold, and guaranteed to cure, Dyspepsia, Biliousness and Kidney Disease, by Hood Bros., druggists, at 50c. a bottle.