

**MEMBERS OF A BATTLE AT SEA**

Some on the Varing While Japanese Shells Were Founding Him.

Some of the survivors of the Varing, 208 of them, including the first officer of the ship arrived in Constantinople a few days ago, en route to Russia.

The more seriously wounded, with the captain, will follow in another transport. That the men on the Varing were heroes fighting bravely against unequal odds no one can gainsay, be he ever so ardent an admirer of Japan.

One of the impressive things about the men was that not a single blue-jacket of the 208 had on a Russian cap. As to the headgear they were a motley assembly of sailors of different nations, for after the battle the men in the other ships in the harbor who had witnessed and cheered their heroic action were eager for souvenirs.

The first officer of the Varing said that soon after the engagement began the electric steering gear was damaged. In the din of the battle, with bursting shell and booming guns, no human voice could be heard.

For some minutes the vessel was exposed to the merciless fire of the enemy, not being able to take a position to avoid the raining of the decks by shot and shell. During the time the men at the guns never faltered. Others came to take the places of their fallen comrades with the knowledge that a like fate was awaiting them.

Before the ship could be veered about 100 men at the guns were killed. The Russian priest who was on board said that after the first few moments he went below to administer the last rites to the dying. The deck was then so slippery with blood and so covered with particles of human bodies that he had difficulty in crossing it.

The man in the crow's nest had a horrible experience. A shell struck the iron work about the platform, ripping it up and wounding it about his feet and legs with such force that they had to be literally cut out, leaving his feet in the mass of iron. The cook had both arms and legs shot away close to the trunk. Yet, strange to say, he is recovering.

The captain, who was made totally deaf by the explosion, has been appointed aide de camp to the Emperor, and all the survivors are to receive the cross of St. George. In anticipation they were wearing yellow ribbons in their buttonholes while they were in Constantinople. The loss of this ship, the best and bestest in the Russian navy, was a noble instance of the strong protecting the weak and going down to destruction rather than desert.

The Korietz was a very small vessel. In Russia they do not even apply the word meaning ship to so small a boat. She was no larger than a yacht. The Varing would easily have outdistanced the Japanese vessels and suffered little damage, but to do this would have meant the desertion of the Korietz, leaving her to fight alone the unequal battle.

**Early Closing Hours.**

The following agreement for closing hours during summer was circulated by THE GAZETTE Friday and was signed by the firms whose names appear below: We, the undersigned merchants agree to close our places of business during the summer months at 7 o'clock in the evening, with the exception of Saturday's, from May 1 to Sept. 1. Thomson Company, Torrance-Morris Co., Swan-Slater Co., Morris Bros., Robinson Bros., J. F. Yeager, D. Lebovitz, Roman, the Clothier, Kinley-Bell, Brothers-Co., J. O. Holland & Co.

The agreement was observed last night. The dry goods clerks and merchants are thus allowed a little relaxation.

Postmaster Hodges and his assistant, A. J. Clark, of Lincoln county, were convicted last week for engaging in a scheme to deceive people through the mails in regard to counterfeit money. Some of the witnesses, who had been among the victims of Hodges and Clark came all the way from Texas and New York to testify against them. Hodges gets 12 months in the penitentiary and Clark twelve months.

**Potter Said He Killed Campbell.**

Richmond Dispatch, April 24.

A startling rumor reached here this afternoon in connection with the tragic death of Boone Potter, who was killed in Watauga last Saturday. It is stated that Potter on his death bed confessed that he killed Charles Campbell.

Campbell escaped from Newton jail and a short time ago was said to have committed suicide. The body was found with a bullet hole through the brain. His death occurred at or near Potter's home, and some of his family claimed to have seen Campbell shoot himself. The story alleged to have been told by Potter in his dying hours was as follows:

Campbell had been in jail at Newton with Clarence Potter, brother of Boone. Clarence was under sentence of death for the same crime as his brother. When Campbell escaped, by Clarence Potter's advice he went to Watauga county and sought out Boone Potter, thinking that they might help each other. Boone Potter saw him approaching and exclaimed: "Don't come on me."

Campbell replied: "I want to know you. I'm in trouble." Potter at once fired upon him and killed him. The suicide story was invented to screen Potter.

**Lumberton Lawyers to be Arraigned by Judge Peebles at Fayetteville Court, May 2nd.**

A special from Whiteville to the Wilmington Star, 18th, says: Despite the inclement weather there was a large gathering of people here to-day at the opening of the April term of the Superior Court. Judge Peebles was on the bench and the rumor on trial the lawyers of Robeson county for contempt of court brought a large crowd, not only from this, but from many adjoining counties, and some attorneys from other portions of the State. Judge Peebles is suffering from indigestion and has been confined to his room and that was the only reason he did not bring the attorneys before him. The Judge feels very much hurt because the attorneys of Robeson did not prepare a calendar for him at the last regular session of the Superior Court of that county, and he will arraign them before him at the Fayetteville, Cumberland county Superior Court on Monday, May 2nd. This is positive, the Judge asserts, unless he be too ill to be present.

**THE FALL OF ADAM.**

Not Apples but Passes Over the Southern Railway Were the Temptation.

Charlotte Observer, 29th. Adam Stedman, a young negro who has been employed in the superintendent's office of the Southern Railway, has succeeded, not only in riding free on the railroad himself but has been securing and trafficking in railroad passes for others. Inquiry made late last night developed no news as to what disposition can be made of Adam's case. If the matter comes to an issue, certain acquaintances of Adam, who, however, may not be friendly towards him, say that he will in all probability, take the attitude of the first Adam and blame it on the woman.

**To Patch Her Up With Pigskin.**

Richmond News-Leader. Saturday at noon Drs. Trevilian, Syce, Rex and Crump will begin to apply pigskin to the arm of Mollie Hatam (colored) at the city hospital.

The woman's arm was terribly burned in a lamp explosion, and so much of the cuticle was destroyed that there was no remote prospect of getting human skin enough to graft it.

A 2-month-old pig—white—has been secured and is now in training for the event. He will be chloroformed and his skin removed in patches and placed on the arm of the woman.

**A Valuable Asset.**

Lumberton Argus. The ability in an employe to imitate without, at the same time, becoming officious is a valuable characteristic, one that every young man should cultivate and young women as well. A person that can do only what he is told, be he ever so efficient, is handicapped when it comes to competition with him who not only does what he is told to do, but can see what should be done and does it without being told. Good judgment is surely a valuable asset.

**An Instance.**

Lincoln court adjourned on Wednesday afternoon of last week. It was a two weeks term and lasted only three days, yet some people say that putting liquor out of the country hasn't lessened the work of the courts. The tax-payers rejoice when the court's sessions are short.

**THE HOOSIER POET FEELS UP.**

Says he Wrote "Leouaine" and Said he Didn't.

New York Sun, 13th.

James Whitcomb Riley the Hoosier poet, made a statement about "Leouaine," the poem which he wrote in his youth in imitation of Poe, and which Alfred Russell Wallace recently published in the Fortnightly Review, crediting it to Poe and giving the circumstances of the find.

"It was a mistake due to the folly of my youth, that I ever wrote that poem," said Dr. Riley "and God knows how I have suffered from it. It is always coming up at the most inopportune times and I suppose it will do so until the end of my life, but I must stand by my error. Of course I reassert that I wrote it, but as to its merits I am not the judge. This same man who wrote this article published one several months ago in the same magazine. It was at the time I was in Philadelphia to receive a degree of honor that it came out and I was humiliated beyond belief.

"All I have to say about the author is that he is entitled to his belief, as I have stated both that I did write the article and that I did not. In fact, he is as good a man as he believes me to be bad and that is the greatest praise I could pay him.

"About eighteen years ago I was working on the Anderson Democrat. A lot of us got to talking one day about critics, and I said that they did not know what they were talking about. I said that some of my poems were just as good as other poets', but I could not sell them because I signed them simply 'J. W. Riley,' and no one knew who I was."

Riley then told the story of writing the poem and of having it published in a Kokoma paper, with a story to the effect that it had been found in an old book. The poem was widely copied and led to much discussion, and when proof was demanded a young man named Richards was employed to write it in the fly leaf of an old dictionary. He wrote with a quill pen, and with diluted ink, to make it look old and it was almost a perfect imitation of Poe's handwriting. The old dictionary was purchased by Mr. Foote, of New York, and Paul Lemperly, of Cleveland, Ohio, now has it.

"When the truth came out," continued Mr. Riley, "I lost my position on the Anderson Democrat. No paper would ever print my explanation of the affair. The memory of that time still stands out as one of the saddest experiences in my life and one that I can never outlive. Even as it is now, there is nothing for me to do but to acknowledge that I wrote it, as I do; but that does not stand since I once denied being the author. I wrote it, but I did not; I did not write it, but I did, and I am a liar any way you put it."

**Summer School in Raleigh.**

The summer school for teachers to be held in Raleigh will doubtless be a great success. It will be held at the State Agricultural and Mechanical College from July 4th to August 4th. The faculty will include forty-four members with forty special lecturers. The offer is made to accept the entire teaching force of any county in the state for seventy-five dollars. Several county boards have already declared their intention to accept this offer. Persons attending singly will be furnished board very cheap. Anyone desiring a copy of the prospectus should write to Chas. J. Parker, secretary, Raleigh.

**Trains Held for Wedding.**

A special from Monroe to Wednesday's Observer says: The Seaboard train due in Monroe at 5:35 a. m. today was held five minutes for the wedding of Mr. John Cox, of Lexington, and Miss Clara Terrell, of Columbus, Ga. Miss Terrell boarded the Seaboard train in Atlanta and came to Monroe, where she had an engagement to meet Mr. Cox from Lexington, and while the train waited they were happily united in marriage by the Rev. H. W. Elder. From here the couple go to Mr. Cox's home at Lexington, and Mr. Elder continues his way to Virginia, where he goes to attend the Southern Christian Convention.

Both the contracting parties belong to good families in their respective towns. Mr. Cox is the leading photographer in Lexington. Miss Terrell made a very handsome bride, in spite of her long, trying journey and the unusual hour and circumstances of the wedding. She is a member of the Christian church of Columbus, of which Mr. Elder is pastor.

The large livery stable of McCallister & Price in Morganton was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. All the horses and vehicles were saved except a lot of wagons belonging to the United States Geological Survey.

**GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.**

Alfred Daniels, the murderer of Mr. F. G. Simmons, father of Senator Simmons, will be hanged at Trenton, Jones county, on May 19th.

At the Democratic primary held in Greensboro Wednesday night Major Charles M. Steadman was unanimously endorsed for Governor.

The county commissioners of Henderson county have decided to build a \$40,000 court house at Hendersonville. They will issue bonds. Work is expected to begin the middle of July.

General Joseph Dickinson, the last of the Adjutant-Generals of the army of the Potomac, and Chief-of-Staff under Generals Hooker and Meade in the Civil War, died in Washington Tuesday.

Wallace Helms, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. A. D. Helms of Crab Orchard township, near Charlotte, was accidentally shot by his father one day last week and as a result of the wound, the boy will lose his left leg, and the right will probably be injured for life.

Mr. Henderson Stewart, of Davie county, a young man about twenty-one years of age died suddenly last Wednesday in Salisbury. Two weeks before he swallowed a piece of steel while drinking water, but it was thought by all that his recovery was certain.

A special from Pensacola, Fla., dated 13th, to the Charlotte Observer says: While on the target range this afternoon, 1,600 pounds of powder exploded on the battleship Missouri, killing five officers and twenty-four men, and injuring a number of others, two of whom will die.

Mrs. R. L. Taylor was granted a divorce from her husband, Governor Robert L. Taylor in Knoxville last Thursday. Mr. Taylor has served three terms as governor of Tennessee and has a national reputation as a lecturer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have had children by former marriages and they, it is said, were the cause of the unhappiness.

A terrible tornado passed over Fairland, Indian Territory, last Sunday, destroying half a dozen business blocks and killing and injuring many people. At Prior Creek, I. T. six were killed. It is estimated that the damage will amount to \$10,000,000. The towns of Pastoria and Sherrill, in Arkansas, were also sufferers from the storm. Several lives and much property being lost.

The Yorkville Enquirer says: There is a farmer in the Bersheba neighborhood who has been giving considerable attention to fruit within the past few years, and who now has over 300 trees. He has learned that fruit trees will do a great deal more if they receive proper attention than if allowed to look out for themselves, and he has lots of confidence in the ultimate outcome of his venture.

President Roosevelt has appointed Justice Jeter Pritchard, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, to succeed the late Judge Simonton as judge of the United States Circuit Court of the fourth district. Judge Simonton was a Democrat, and it would have been gratifying if his successor could have been of the same political faith. The position is for life and the salary is \$7,000 a year.

For sometime there has been no room in the Morganton Hospital for additional female patients. Dr. Murphy laid the matter before Gov. Aycock, who with the concurrence of the Council of State provided the hospital with \$12,000. This has enabled the Superintendent to write for all the insane women in the district who were supposed to be curable or who were in jail; also to relieve the overcrowded hospital at Raleigh. There are yet nearly 100 beds vacant in the female department.

There was unearthed in Greensboro recently the most gigantic fraud against the government ever practiced in North Carolina. A whiskey concern at Milton, Caswell county, has defrauded the government out of no less than thirty thousand dollars. To do this, it had to have the co-operation of the sworn revenue officer put in charge of the concern by the Collector of Internal Revenue. Gaugers Andrew J. Davis and W. M. Mebane, who were recently removed, were last week tried and convicted in the Federal Court at Greensboro. Low proof stamps were used for a high proof class of goods.

**Sealskin Wife and Minkrat Salary.**

Durham Sun. There was a great discussion recently at the Eastern Methodist Conference over the question of how to support a sealskin wife on a minkrat salary. It is a vexatious problem, but why should a good Methodist preacher have a sealskin wife? The sooner preachers drop the fashions of this world the better will they succeed in their legitimate business.

**To Rebuild Greensboro Female College.**

The friends of Greensboro Female College—and they are legion—are making great efforts to soon begin to rebuild. A special from Greensboro says Mr. B. N. Duke has just made a proposition to donate \$10,000 to Greensboro Female College, provided the college is rebuilt and \$30,000 more raised on an endowment fund.

The church now owns this beautiful, historical site valued at \$30,000, with walls standing worth \$12,000, in the midst of one of the most progressive cities in the state. The friends of the institution have already subscribed over \$16,000, including the sum secured last November and December.

The bonds will all be retired within a few days, and the property will be unincumbered by debt. Work on the new building will begin when \$20,000 more is secured in good subscriptions. The friends of the college are hopeful, and an active campaign is being made in behalf of securing funds for rebuilding.

Miss Nannie L. Smith of Greensboro was in Gastonia Friday and Saturday in the interest of the college, going from here to Bessemer City.

The High Point Enterprise commences this month to publish a semi-weekly instead of weekly.

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