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NOT A SHORT WAR.

War will be a long and bitter struggle.

No one is looking for an early close of the war between Japan and Russia. It may last two years, or some decisive victory on land or sea may bring it to an end sooner. Although there has been considerable gossip in the foreign dispatches about the possible intervention of King Edward and others on behalf of peace, few well-informed persons expect intervention unless China should be drawn into the conflict.

Russia has been moving slowly, feeling confident that the Japanese advance on land can be delayed till sufficient Russian troops have been assembled in Manchuria to defeat the invading army in a pitched battle. What is to be the Russian plan has been disclosed in an interview with a Moscow friend of General Kurapatka, published in Paris. The correspondent who obtained the interview declares that it contains the views of the commanding general. Whether this be correct or not, it contains matter of sufficient interest to receive attention.

General Kurapatka's friend is made to say that the general does not expect that Russian power in the East will be effective till September or October. The Russian plan is to get the Russian army to the sea in the latter part of August. At that time it will start for the Yellow Sea, following coal ships and will be followed by the Russian fleet. When the combined squadrons reach the coast they will relieve the blockade of Port Arthur and attempt to destroy the Japanese fleet as well as the transports which by that time General Kurapatka is said to believe will be carrying the defeated Japanese soldiers from Korea and Manchuria back to Japan. Whether the Japanese have been driven from the mainland and from the sea the Russians will invade Japan.

It is at Tokyo, and nowhere else, General Kurapatka is made to say, "that we shall sign conditions of peace."

Japan's hope of victory lies in its ability to force matters to a decisive issue before Russia can send her army and navy across or around the continents into the East of Asia.

Warrant for \$40,000,000 - The Largest Ever Drawn on the Treasury.

Secretary Shaw this afternoon signed a Treasury warrant for \$40,000,000, which will be delivered next Monday to J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, as a disbursing agent of this government, on account of the Panama canal purchase. The warrant is dated May 3, and will be delivered by Secretary Shaw personally on Monday next. This warrant is many times larger than any warrant ever before issued by this government.

The largest sum previously covered by a single government warrant was for \$7,500,000, paid to Russia in 1898 on account of the Alaskan purchase. The next sum was \$5,500,000, paid in 1876 to the British government on account of the Halifax award under the treaty of Washington for infringement of fisheries rights in Nova Scotia waters. In 1899 this government paid Spain, through the French ambassador, \$20,000,000 for the Philippine Islands, but this sum was represented by four warrants of \$5,000,000 each. The \$45,000,000 agreed upon as the purchase price for the Louisiana territory was paid in 1803 by the assumption by the United States of the claims of citizens of this country against France, amounting to \$3,750,000, and the issue of France of certificates of stock in the sum of \$11,250,000.

See Tree Company to Pay \$2,340.

The board of assessors appointed to determine the value of the land condemned to the use of the Bee Tree Railway company submitted its report yesterday morning. The amounts to be paid to owners of the property are as follows: Davidson, \$20; Graham \$200; Patton, \$220; Woodward, \$200; Hemphill, \$200. The total length of the tract is about one and one-quarter miles and the total amount of damages is \$2,340.

It is not known whether either side will appeal to the Superior court, but a representative of the railway company stated that the company would pay the amount assessed and continue the work at once.

Royal J. Davis, of Wabash, Indiana, has been chosen for the chair of English history in Oxford college. He is a graduate of Harvard, and was recently connected with the Evanston, Ill., Press.

BRIDAL COUPLES FLOCK TO WASHINGTON.

In March and April about 75 "Happy Pairs" flocked from Old Virginia.

A Washington dispatch the other day says that according to the records at the office of the marriage license clerk, Washington is a regular Mecca for the young people of Virginia who have been smitten by Cupid's darts and desire to become man and wife.

Possibly it would be surprising to the people of Virginia to know how many couples come here to be united under the shadow of the capitol's dome. Hardly a day passes without some young man hailing from the Old Dominion presenting himself before the marriage clerk's desk and asking for a license to marry the woman of his choice. Sometimes several couples are married in one day. They come from all parts of the State. Richmond furnishes a goodly number of the applicants. Within the last few weeks there have been people from Roanoke, Staunton, Big Stone Gap, Bristol, Norfolk and almost every other prominent town in the State.

A glance at the records in the clerk's office shows that during months of March and April about one hundred and fifty young Virginians were married in Washington. This, as will be noticed, is seventy-five couples, or over one couple a day. Some of these couples are still in their teens, and few are over 30 years of age. Some of the girls are shy maidens of 18, while others are blushing widows. Some of the parties have been divorced, and are making another effort to secure agreeable partners. Clerk Meigs says that next to Washingtonians, Virginians are his principal source of revenue.

The reason most of these people leave their homes and come here to be married is that it is a very easy matter to secure a marriage license here. The women have to be over 18 and the men 21. These together with a few other minor points, are all that is necessary. Some of these young people have parents who object to their relations, and nothing is easier than to take a train for Washington, where no questions are asked. Then, again, some of the couples merely desire to take a pleasure trip and come to Washington to be married with that end in view.

Retort Cost Lawyer \$50.

Louisville, Ky., Times.

The appointment of Judge Stafford, of Vermont, to the district bench to succeed Judge Pritchard, who has been named as circuit judge, calls forth this story from Representative Foster of that State:

"When Chief-Justice Chase, a man of great abilities and marked characteristics, was presiding in one of the county courts of Vermont, an appeal case from a justice's court came up before him, so small and contemptible in its origin that he ordered it stricken from the docket. The case was where a turkey had trespassed upon the garden of a neighbor and got shot for his depredations. The owner brought suit to recover damages, and failing before the justice had, appealed the case. Judge Chase was angry, and when he ordered the case from the docket, said:

"The lawyer who consented to appeal this case ought to be thrown from the window of the court-room. Why didn't he have the case referred to some of the honest neighbors for settlement?"

"Because, your honor," retorted the attorney, getting hot under the collar, "it was our intention not to let honest people have anything to do with it."

"True this was a neat retort, but it cost the lawyer just an even \$50 for contempt of court."

John Sharp Williams and Tom Reed.

There is no better story-teller in Congress than the Hon. John Sharp Williams, the leader of the minority, and when he was here last week with the rivers and harbors committee he and Congressman J. F. C. Talbot, who is one of his closest friends, kept a host of people laughing with their political yarns.

One of these, told by Mr. Williams, concerned the late Speaker Thomas B. Reed.

"One day," said Mr. Williams, "I met Mr. Reed coming out of the cloak-room and he said to me in that peculiar drawl of his: 'Williams, whatever makes you such a bitter partisan?'

"Well, Mr. Speaker, that's pretty good coming from you, isn't it?" I replied.

"Never mind me," he replied, "but why are you such a bitter partisan?"

"Well, I'll tell you, I said. You know I never saw a Republican until I was 35 years old and I can't get used to them, somehow."

"He looked at me reproachfully and walked away without another word."

WOMAN IN BULL FIGHT.

Mrs. Browning Killed the Animal When Attacked.

Durham Herald, 4th.

Mrs. J. B. Browning, who lives some three miles west of Durham, adjoining the plantation of Mr. R. M. Jones, engaged very unexpectedly in a fight with an enraged bull yesterday at noon and she was not long in dispatching his bullship. She ended his life with a well directed shot gun, which, fortunate for her, was close at hand when she was attacked.

The animal, it is said, belonged to Mr. B. N. Duke and was of very fine stock. He had broken away from "The Meadows," Mr. Duke's farm near University Station, and had wandered as far as the home of Mrs. Browning, when he came to his sudden death.

Mrs. Browning went out about noon to look after her cow, which was tied near the home. She wore a red shirtwaist. The bull was coming that way and seeing the red dress decided that it was a challenge to battle and accepted the challenge at once, charging towards Mrs. Browning.

To gain safety in flight Mrs. Browning did not have time, so she decided quickly on what course to pursue. Her husband had a shot gun in the field, close at hand, which he had been using to keep crows away from his corn. Mrs. Browning remembered this in the moment of her peril and she used it with a quickness and directness of aim that would have done credit to an old veteran of many battlefields. Grabbing the gun, she raised it to her shoulder and fired both barrels at the enraged animal, now but a few paces away. The entire charge of shot struck the bull fairly between the eyes and he was a dead fighter in less time than it takes to reckon how it all came about.

But for the gun being close at hand and the promptness with which Mrs. Browning acted there is no doubt but that she would have been seriously, if not fatally hurt.

Coming Presidential Election.

New York Commercial.

What the addition to the total number of voters in the country is likely to be this year is very hard to conjecture, for the reason that between 1896 and 1900, so far as the election returns show, there was practically no gains in the number of electors. From 1876 to 1880 there was a gain of 800,000; from 1880 to 1884, a gain of 1,000,000; from 1884 to 1888, a gain of 1,300,000; from 1888 to 1892, a gain of 500,000, and from 1892 to 1896, a gain of 1,900,000. Between 1876 and 1896 the popular vote for presidential electors increased 65 per cent, or from 8,400,000 to 13,900,000.

Apparently owing to the fact that a vast multitude of voters did not go to the polls at all in 1900, the total popular vote in that year was only 40,000 greater than it was in 1896; and, if anything like a full vote is polled next fall, there should be an enormous unprecedented increase in the total vote. In the eight years ended with November, 1896, this vote increased 2,400,000, and, as the population of the country has been steadily expanding since 1896, the total vote this year should show a far greater increase than that of 1888-'96.

A thing that renders it extremely difficult to forecast what the increase in this vote may be is the fact that an exceptionally large number of immigrants have landed on our shores in recent years. In the eight years ended with 1903 over 3,500,000 foreign-born persons were added to our population and a considerable proportion of those persons is now naturalized, and they will take part in the next election. What the proportion may be however, it is impossible to judge.

It is none too early for political leaders and managers to grasp the fact that "first voters" are likely to constitute a more important factor in the approaching campaign than ever before and, as a consequence, that they are likely to prove a greater unknown quantity than has even been the case hitherto. Evidently both of the great political parties will need to do a vast amount of missionary work if they hope for victory in November.

Rabbit-Round-Ups in Oregon.

Portland Oregonian.

"It is worth the trip to see a rabbit drive in eastern Oregon," said J. P. McKnight, of Seattle. "The farmers drove 10,000 rabbits into a space no larger than that lawn at one I saw a few days ago," pointing to the circular lawn in front of the Portland Hotel. "The canny people pick out the best, cut off their heads with a cleaver and take them away. They do not care more than 25 per cent. of the whole number, but they kill the rest of them and the farmers feed them to the hogs."

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned having this day finalized the executorship of the last will and testament of Mrs. M. M. Jones, deceased, all creditors of the estate of the said decedent are hereby notified to present their claims to me on or before the 14th day of April, 1904.

Not authenticated for payment, or this notice will be deemed as bar of recovery thereon.

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Harvard Lampoon.

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North Carolinians Honored.

In the election of officers of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association at its closing session Thursday in Washington several North Carolinians were honored with positions of trust and responsibility. Mr. R. S. Reinhardt of Lincolnton was elected President of the Association and Mr. R. R. Ray of McAdenville was made Chairman of the Board of Governors. Mr. J. C. Smith of Newton, Mr. J. P. Leak of Rockingham, and Mr. W. C. Heath of Monroe are also members of this board. The next convention will be held at Knoxville, Tenn., in May 1905.

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NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina. In the Superior Court Gaston County, May Term, 1904.

V. L. BARNETT }
vs. }
MAYNIE BARNETT }
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Gaston County for the purpose of obtaining a decree of divorce and for the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony now existing between the defendant and plaintiff above named; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to answer at the next term of the Superior Court of said County, to be held on the 25th Monday after the 1st Monday in March, 1904.

at the court house of said county in Dallas, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

The 4th day of May, 1904.

J. C. CORNWELL,
Clerk Superior Court.

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North Carolina Next.

Asheville Citizen.

In State convention assembled, the Democracy of Indiana instructed the delegates to vote as a unit for Judge Alton B. Parker for president. This is the state where Hearst is alleged to have extensively used his check-book to secure endorsement of his candidacy. This goes to show that as far as nominations are concerned, money "cuts no ice at all." North Carolina is next on the list.

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