

## THE RUSO - JAP WAR

News of the Week Briefly Told By  
Correspondents.

### RUSSIANS AGAIN REPULSED

By Liao Tung Forces—The Russians  
Are Also Making Some Good  
Plays On Japanese Ranks—  
Other News.

Mukden, May 20.—Terrible hand to hand fighting marked the retreat of General Kurukia. The outposts after an advance on Liao Yang have been checked. The Cossacks and the infantry barred the enemy from all sides. One detachment overtook the rear guard twelve miles north of Feng Wang Cheng. After a desperate hand to hand battle the Japanese, routed, fled.

Another Successful Landing.  
London, May 20.—The Japanese legation today received the following official dispatch from Tokio: "A portion of one army commenced landing at Takushan (west of mouth of Yalu river) yesterday."

Japanese Victory.  
London, May 20.—The Japanese minister this morning gave out a dispatch from Tokio which says:

"The enemy's forces participating in a fight near Kichou Monday, consisted of the Fifth, Fourteenth and Sixteenth sharpshooters with eight quick firing guns. They left dead on the field thirty dead officers and men. According to the prisoners the enemy's casualties were more than three hundred."

Russians Repulsed.  
Tokio, May 20.—The following official statement has just been issued here. A section of infantry of the Liao Tung forces went in the direction of Shanchusset and met two sections of Russian infantry. The Russians were repulsed in thirty minutes. Our casualties were one officer and eight men wounded. The Russian casualties were one officer and forty to fifty men killed. The landing of Japanese troops at Tokushan began yesterday.

Russian Evacuation.  
St. Petersburg, May 20.—An official report has been received that General Rennenkampf's Cossacks fell upon a Japanese column advancing upon Feng Wang Cheng Wednesday and the Japanese were compelled to retreat.

Washington, May 19.—Advises received at the Japanese legation from Tokio confirming the Associated Press account of the sinking of the cruiser Yosino and the battleship Hatause state that after the Hatause had struck the Russian mechanical mines a Russian flotilla of sixteen torpedo boats and destroyers appeared but were repulsed by the Japanese cruisers, which saved 300 of the Hatause's crew, including Admiral Mishiba and Capt. Nakao.

London, May 20.—The Standard's correspondent at Tien Tsin reports that while Japanese fleet were covering the landing of troops near Kai Chou on Monday a fierce engagement occurred at Hie Yeu Cheng. Two thousand Russians were killed or wounded. The Russians retreated and the Japanese occupied both Kai Ping and Kai Chau.

The Chinese governor at Chen Chou has received news that the Russians have destroyed the railway between Tashichao and New Chwang.

Paris, May 20.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Echo de Paris, says: "The Russian cruiser Rogatyr grounded during a fog on the rocks near the entrance to Vladivostok. Her position is critical. The crew was saved."

London, May 20.—Special dispatches from Shanghai to the London morning papers report that the Shikishima was sunk while the Fuji and the Asami had to be towed away badly damaged. Presumably the Russians wrongly identified the vessels, the Shikishima and the Hatause being practically sister ships.

Wei Hai Wei, May 20.—The British sloop of war Espiegle has started for New Chwang to protect British interests there.

New Chwang, May 19.—(Evening)—It is reported here from a reliable source that the Japanese army from the Yalu river has received a heavy blow and been driven back to Feng Wang Cheng.

St. Petersburg, May 20.—(6:40 p.m.)—Following on the heels of the news of the disaster to the Japanese fleet, the general staff today received official advices of the defeat of the Japanese force, which was marching northward from Feng Wang Cheng for the purpose of executing a flank

## COLLINS SELLS TO VANDERBILT

Negro Who Owned Six Acres in  
Midst of Biltmore Makes Trade.

Raleigh, N. C., May 22.—For ten years, ever since George Vanderbilt began his great improvements at Biltmore near Asheville, the newspapers have had stories about his efforts to oust Charles Collins, colored, who owned 6 acres of land in what may be called the heart of the Biltmore estate. It was claimed that Collins had refused to sell his cabin and land at any price, and that he had been offered as much as \$50,000, but had refused it. Mr. Vanderbilt made a personal statement that he had made no such offer, and had had no trouble with Collins, to whose occupancy of the land he did not object at all, Collins being a very quiet man. The matter has now taken another turn, Collins, who is quite old, having rented the 6 acres to another negro. The result is that Mr. Vanderbilt's manager has bought the little estate, paying a really fancy figure for it, one part of the agreement being that he will build for Collins a house elsewhere and keep the same in repair during the old negro's life. Collins is over 60 years of age and was born a slave.

## NORTH CAROLINIANS HONORED

Varner and Farris Made Officers of  
National Editorial Association.

St. Louis, May 19.—At the meeting of the National Editorial Association held here to-day Mr. H. B. Varner, editor of the Lexington Dispatch and Labor Commissioner of North Carolina was unanimously elected to the office of third vice-president, and Mr. J. J. Farris, of the High Point Enterprise, was elected National committeeman to succeed Mr. Varner. Members of the North Carolina Press Association who are here feel proud of the fact that the association has at last honored the Tar Heel State with a high office. The Association today appropriated \$100 to the erection of a monument at Asheville to the late Bill Nye. An effort will be made to have the press association hold its meeting in Asheville in 1906. The next meeting will be held in Guthrie Okla.

The following members of the North Carolina Press Association are here: H. A. London and wife, G. M. Beasley and wife, H. B. Varner and wife, Miss Ethel Ward, Miss Esther Shaver, M. Oliver and wife, Mrs. J. F. Havley, Miss Nannie Archibald, W. C. Hammer and wife, Miss Olinger, Miss M. V. Cuthbertson, Miss Hand J. T. Britt, Miss Lottie Britt, J. B. Sherrill, G. J. Farris, R. G. Foster, C. H. Poe, C. D. Wilkie, G. L. Hackney, D. T. Edwards, W. B. Thompson and wife, H. P. Deaton, G. S. Escott, J. A. Noell and wife Archibald Johnson, W. F. Wood and wife. President Francis and other officials have furnished them all passes into the grounds, to all the attractions on the Pike, and on the street cars. Secretary Sherrill, of The Concord Times, deserves much credit for the interest he has taken in looking after the pleasure of the crowd. The body leaves to-morrow night for home in to special Pullman cars. Most of them will reach their homes Sunday morning.

## FAKE MOVING PICTURE MADE

With the Capitol as a Background,  
To Actors Get up a Representation  
of the President Assisting a  
Negro in Distress

Washington, May 19.—The Washington police have investigated an incident which occurred on the plaza of the capitol to-day, in which an attempt was made, before a moving picture machine to impersonate President Roosevelt giving assistance to a pretended negro in distress. The incident occurred shortly before 8 o'clock this morning. A moving picture machine had been placed where it could command the scene, and a man made up as a negro approached, and when directly in front of the statue of George Washington, he fell to the pavement. A man who bore a striking resemblance to the President was in a carriage near-by and he, with aid of a negro coachman, who were a livery the counterpart of the White House livery, tenderly lifted the pretended negro to a fictitious presidential carriage. The man simulating the President then tipped his hat, offered the negro a cigar, and ordered the carriage driven on. The incident was witnessed by a number of people, including two capitol policemen.

The police investigation disclosed the fact that the man who participated in the episode belonged to the theatrical profession. They are believed to have left the city.

## JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS OUT HOT FOR PARKER

Minority Leader Declares That for  
the First Time in Twelve  
Years We Have the En-  
emy on Defensive.

New Orleans, May 17.—In an address before the Mississippi Press Association at McCob City, Miss., John Sharpe Williams, minority leader in the lower house of Congress, has come out squarely for Parker for the Democratic nomination, thus assuring him the vote of the Mississippi delegation, which was regarded as doubtful and likely to be anti-Parker because of the refusal of the New Yorker to state his political views publicly.

Mr. Williams said: "For the first time in twelve years we are able to say that we have the enemy on the defensive. They will be on the defensive for five months more yet, and with the help of God we mean to keep them there. The things which have been issues we are not looking back to, and if they attack us on them we will ignore them as time and circumstances have done. The cry is Eyes front, forward, march! the enemy's on the run; and they are going to remain on the run. It is impossible to believe that the common sense of the people will not respond at some time to the demand for equal opportunities and equal burdens."

Mr. Williams asserted that the Republicans have stood where Hamilton had stood and the Democrats where Jefferson had stood one hundred years ago, and there could not be a better Democratic platform than the inaugural address of Jefferson in 1801, which he advised his hearers to read. "The Republicans claim that we have no issues," he continued. "They have raised so many that we only have the trouble to pick out the issues we want for this campaign. The chief one is the man that everybody is for and nobody wants, the strenuous, earthquaky Teddy Roosevelt, perhaps the most unsafe man ever sent to the presidential chair. We can go to the farmers and mechanics and ask if they want peace and quiet or volcanic eruptions, if they want to be guessing how far the president is going to bring us into conflict with other nations, or what he is going to stir up in domestic politics."

Relative to Judge Parker Mr. Williams said:

"We will nominate a man who knows how to keep his mouth shut when it is necessary. A man of brains always knows when to keep his mouth shut; a man who will lead our cohorts to victory, as I hope, or at least, to an honorable defeat, lives in the great state of New York and knows better than to be talking all the time. He is a man of sound body and mind of whom I can speak with some knowledge. He has been a lawyer and a judge and has contracted the habit of looking at things in the old and safe way. He knows that one cannot create history over night but a man who is a statesman informs himself of the facts of the past and thus decides what should be struggled for in the future. We have got such a man. He has not agreed with us always on everything. I myself, was in favor of the free coinage of silver long before Bryan was. Judge Parker was not. Here he deserves more credit than you or I. He is a democrat on principles. Anybody can be a democrat on his own platform but it requires a democrat surely who says that he is for the democrat anyway even if all the planks don't just now agree with his views and candidates don't."

Mr. Williams also pointed out the necessity of tariff revision. He also said that reciprocity was tariff reform by piecemeal. The place for the the government funds is in the government treasury and there should be no more revenue than the government needs, with a working margin over. Everything that is taken to pile up uselessly is taken unjustly. Public funds should not be dealt out to favored banks. Are these issues? Asked Mr. Williams. The speech was generously applauded and seemed to express the sentiment of the democratic press in Mississippi.

## Senator Latimer Addresses Good Roads Convention.

St. Louis, May 18.—United States Senator Latimer, of South Carolina, father of a bill pending in Congress for the government expenditure for improving the roads, opened to-day's programme at the Good Roads Convention with an address on "National Aid."

## REPUBLICAN POLITICIANS GETTING WARMED UP

Over the Two Factions—Well  
Known Asheville Man Says  
Federal Clique Made Many  
Breaks at Convention.

In regard to the republican convention recently held in Greensboro, a prominent Asheville Republican said yesterday:

"There was a general mix-up of things. The Revenue Ring went in with the determination to nominate Judge Bynum as a delegate at large to the national convention and as good as had him nominated when they suddenly found that he was not a member of their clique, and their leader rushed to the rostrum and said that they must not nominate him because he would not serve even if he was chosen."

Judge Bynum told them that they could see the following interview, which was then in the hands of a newspaper reporter and was then in the building in which the convention was being held: "The time has come in the tide of republican politics in North Carolina when one of two things must be done. Either the Federal office holders must own, control and manage the affairs of the party absolutely, as they seem to be doing at this convention, or they must abdicate and allow the party to be managed and its politics shaped by those whose political ties and principles are governed by other considerations than office-getting, greed, graft and graft."

"If the Federal officeholders continue in control, then no self-respecting man can or will be induced to take part in republican politics in this state. If they are forced to abdicate, as should be done, then there is a future for the party. This may as well be said here and now. The party seems to be adrift without a leader or any one who has the courage to speak above a whisper. Everything is subordinated to the chance of being a delegate or getting office."

"The thoughtful, prudent people of North Carolina never will, and never ought to, consent to the management of the affairs of this great state to such an irresponsible cabal as now controls the affairs of the Republican party of this state."

"The crowd soon saw its mistake and turned and nominated R. Z. Liny for the place."

Continuing, the gentleman said: "Why the most ridiculous thing that I have ever heard of was that Judge Ewart arose, soon after the opening of the convention, and made a resolution that the chairman of the executive committee appoint six new members of the state executive committee. You and everyone else knows that such a resolution, which provides that the chairman of the executive committee make such appointments, is directly against the principles of Republicanism and Democracy. I am positive that the nearest approach to such an action was that taken by the legislature several years ago which authorized that Governor Russell make appointments for the city offices at Wilmington and Newbern.—Citizen."

## FLOODS IN WYOMING

Disastrous Cloudburst Fills Stream  
and Sweeps Away Houses

Cheyenne, Wyoming, May 21.—The bodies of four persons drowned in last night's floods have been recovered. It is feared there have been other casualties, as a number of persons are still missing. The dead resided near the river and were asleep in bed when the cloudburst came. A wall of water six feet high came down the valley, sweeping buildings and fences in its path. Five hundred people living in lowlands along the creek had no warning and many escaped from their beds with only their night clothing.

## Will Blackburn Capture the Taylorsville Convention?

There is an interesting rumor in the eighth congressional district to the effect that Mr. E. Spencer Blackburn will capture the convention to be held at Taylorsville, the 29th instant. This convention was called by Dr. Carson, of Alexander county, chairman of the executive committee of the district. It will be recalled that Blackburn was nominated by his forces at the convention held at Wilkesboro last month. The same convention was adjourned on account of a lack of a quorum of qualified delegates, as found by the majority of the committee on credentials. If Mr. Blackburn should attempt to take possession of the Taylorsville convention there would more than likely be a very lively row. This comes as an interesting political rumor.—Observer.

## NO REORGANIZED DEMOCRACY.

Bryan's Opinion is That the Reor-  
ganizers will be Defeated.

Chicago, May 22.—Wm. J. Bryan said to-day while in Chicago that he thought that the Democratic party would not be re-organized at the St. Louis convention. "The plan to bring about a re-organization of the party will be defeated," he said. "The paramount issue in the campaign will be government by the people as against people will control the St. Louis platform will be re-affirmed, in my judgement." "Do you expect to go to St. Louis as a delegate?" was asked. "Well it looks that way now, though I can't be sure," was the reply.

## POLITICS IN BUNCOMBE

Republicans Divided on Question  
of Nominating a Ticket

Asheville, May 15.—The candidates for local offices held a long meeting Saturday and arranged for the holding of the Democratic county primaries on June 4th. The primaries will be conducted in a legalized manner, and a committee was appointed to select pollholders for each of the voting precincts. The primaries will be held in the afternoon in the county and at night in the city. With the primaries less than three weeks off the fight of the candidates for the Democratic nomination for the various county offices is growing warm. Notwithstanding the apparent harmonious feeling that exists among the candidates, it is known that there is considerable undercurrent, and that it will take all the tact and common sense of the party leaders to prevent any open breach in the ranks. The Republicans have not formally decided whether they will or will not have a county ticket in the field. It is generally believed, however, that a full ticket will be nominated although there are many influential Republicans who believe that it would be best not to place a county ticket in the field; that they have little chance for victory, and that if a ticket was not nominated it would aid Judge Ewart in reducing the Democratic majority in this county, or of possibly carrying the county. There will, however, be opposition to the Democrats, whether the Republicans formally nominate a ticket or not. Several Republicans have already announced their candidacy, and if there is no straight Republican ticket they will run independently.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Southern Presbyterians Continue  
Their Sessions in Mobile

Mobile, May 20.—The second day of the assembly of the Southern Presbyterians was called to order and Rev. Stonewall Jackson McMurry, of Laredo, Texas, was unanimously made temporary clerk. The report of the executive committee of foreign missions was read, which showed the largest ingathering was that of the African mission, which reports an addition of eight hundred and seventy on profession. The war in the Far East was reported not to have interfered so far with the work in Japan or Korea. The Cuban mission showed substantial growth. Receipts from all sources during the year for foreign work were two hundred and thirty-six thousand dollars. The reports of the committee on home missions was then read.

The assembly was called to order at the afternoon session by the retiring moderator, Rev. A. C. Hopkins, the first order of business being the election of a new moderator. The candidates presented to the assembly were Rev. W. E. Boggs, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Rev. J. H. McNeill, of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. J. B. French, of Fort Worth, Tex.; and Rev. S. M. Neel of Kansas City. On the third ballot Dr. Neel was elected. He was conducted to the chair and congratulated by the retiring moderator making a suitable response.

On the seventh ballot, Rev. T. H. Law, of Spartanburg, S. C., was elected stated clerk. There were eight candidates nominated for the position.

## Southern Baptist Convention Adjourns.

Nashville, May 16.—The 49th Southern Baptist Convention, which has been in session here since Friday last completed its work to-night and adjourned to meet next year in Kansas City. It was announced that almost \$250,000 has been raised during the year for foreign missions and that now workers are needed more than money. Officers of the various Church boards were elected as recommended. At the night session a resolution was adopted against Baptist ministers performing the rights of matrimony where one or both of the contracting parties have been divorced on other than scriptural grounds.

## REPUBLICANS MEET

At Greensboro and Name a Full  
Ticket.

### CHAS. HARRIS, FOR GOVERNOR

Delegates Appointed to National Con-  
vention—Nominations for State  
Officers—Story of the Con-  
vention.

Greensboro, N. C., May 18.—Special Delegates at large—State Chairman T. S. Rollins, Collector E. C. Duncan, B. Frank Mebane, Ex-Representative Spencer Blackburn. Alternates—R. H. McNeill, Claudius Dockery, Mark Brown, H. L. Grant.

Nominees for state offices:  
Governor, Chas. J. Harris, Jackson county.

Lieutenant governor, I. M. Meekins, of Pasquotank.

Secretary of state, J. J. Jenkins, of Chatham.

Treasurer, C. G. Bailey, Davis.

Attorney general, W. H. Yarbrough, Jr., of Franklin.

Auditor, Frank Linney, of Watauga. Superintendent of public instruction, C. P. Frazier, of Guilford.

Corporation commissioner, D. H. Abbott, of Pamlico.

Labor commissioner, J. Y. Hamrick, of Cleveland.

Commissioner of agriculture, W. R. Dixon, of Craven.

Supreme court Judges, W. A. Montgomery, of Wake and R. M. Douglas, of Guilford.

CONVENTION STORY  
Greensboro, N. C., May 18.—Chairman Rollins refused to call the convention to order until an elevated platform on the stage for the use of the presiding officer had been removed. This done he modestly took his seat and called the convention to order.

The proceedings began with divine invocation by Rev. P. J. Carraway on behalf of the city of Greensboro. C. P. Frazier welcomed the convention to Greensboro. He produced the first real spasm of applause when he declared that the necessity existed in North Carolina for two great political parties of the same race. The cheers that followed found no sympathy among the negroes in the gallery. Prof. J. J. Britt of Buncombe responded to the address of welcome.

Chairman Rollins then addressed the convention. He made the first reference to Theodore Roosevelt and feeble applause followed. When he spoke of victory in November there was sure enough noise on the convention floor. When Mr. Rollins concluded Spencer Blackburn suddenly made his appearance from the wings and as he moved to his seat in the center of the stage there was a demonstration on the part of the followers of the drummer boy.

Committees Appointed.  
The announcement of the committee on credentials was made by Chairman Rollins as follows: Claude Dockery of Wake, Mark W. Brown of Buncombe, R. L. Grant of Wayne, Frank Brown of Onslow, Frank Benbow of Yadkin.

There came an objection from an unknown delegate to the complexion of the committee and later this was voiced by Robert Hancock of Craven, who pointed out that in a committee with a membership of six two were chosen from the third district. Reference was made to Grant and Brown. Chairman Rollins said in reply that he endeavored to select men who are in no wise connected with either party. Hancock then withdrew his objection.

Committee on Resolutions: First district, Harry Skinner; second, D. W. Patrick; third, H. L. Grant; fourth, T. T. Hicks; fifth, C. A. Reynolds; sixth, Fred Rice; seventh, J. W. Hasty; eighth, H. C. Cowles; ninth, D. E. Delane; tenth, J. J. Britt.

Permanent organization: First district, J. Q. A. Wood; second, Robert Lewis; third, Robert Hancock; fourth, W. H. Yarbrough; fifth, J. E. Alexander; sixth, John Underwood; seventh, John Q. Holt; eighth, S. G. Parsons; ninth, N. G. Lance; tenth, H. S. Harkins.

Nomination for State Officers.  
Chas. H. Harris of Jackson county was nominated for governor. His name was presented by Zeb Vance Walser and on motion of Ruff Henderson the nomination was made unanimous. Walser introduced Mr. Harris as the next governor of North Carolina, who thanked the convention for the honor.

Isaac M. Meekins of Pasquotank was nominated for lieutenant Governor by acclamation. Harry Skinner in pre-  
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