

RUSSIA VIOLATES THE LAW OF NEUTRALITY

Consequently a Meeting Was Held Today at Shanghai of Consuls of the Various Nations

Meeting Was Called By the American Consul—The Russian Consul at Shanghai Has Refused to Disarm War Vessels Now in the Chinese Port or to Order Them Away—Excitement in Shanghai—Other Important Cablegrams and Current Domestic News By Wire.

(By Publishers' Press.)
Shanghai, August 22.—A meeting of the consuls of the various nations, called by Mr. Goodnow, the American consul, was held today for the purpose of discussing what means shall be taken to compel Russia to observe the neutrality laws, the Russian consul-general here having flatly refused to disarm the cruiser "Askold" and the torpedo destroyer "Grosdovi" or to order them to leave the harbor. The meeting adjourned without a definite decision being reached today.

Rome, August 22.—It is announced today that the Italian squadron in the far East has been ordered to co-operate with the Americans to maintain neutrality in China.

Japs Capture Another Fort.

Chefoo, August 22.—The Japanese have swept the Russians from Pigeon Bay, and captured the northernmost fort of the defenses at Port Arthur. The Russian artillery prevents the Japanese from occupying the fort on Pigeon Bay.

Russia's Greyhound Cruiser Sunk.

Tokio, August 22.—After a severe engagement with the protected cruisers "Chitose" and "Tsushima," the greyhounds of the Japanese navy, the fleet Russian cruiser "Novik" has been vanquished. The fight occurred last evening. After the battle the "Novik" in a sinking condition, was run ashore in Korsakovsk. A shell from the "Novik" struck the "Tsushima" in a bunker. Temporary repairs, however, rendered the Japanese cruiser seaworthy.

The Japanese suffered no casualties. It is believed the Japanese ships today completed the destruction of the "Novik." The news of the destruction of the "Novik" has been received in a curious manner by the Japanese public. From a political standpoint it is highly dangerous for the "Novik" could have been most dangerous as a commerce destroyer, but, considering the matter from a sentimental standpoint, much regret is expressed at the loss. The "Novik" has been splendidly handled and bravely fought throughout the war, and Japanese naval officers and the public generally have frequently expressed admiration of the cruiser, her commander and her crew.

The "Novik" was one of the Russian fleet that steamed out from Port Arthur on the morning of August 10th to force its way through the Japanese lines.

INSURRECTION AT SPEDE.

(By Publishers' Press.)
Belgrade, August 22.—An insurrection has broken out among the inhabitants of Spede and Turkish troops have been dispatched to the scene to restore order.

NOBODY WILL HAVE IT.

(By Publishers' Press.)
Manchester, England, August 22.—A dispatch today says the czar has already offered the position of minister of interior, made vacant by the assassination of M. Plehve, to seven men, and that of these all have refused.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Oyster Bay, August 22.—President Roosevelt resumed routine work here this morning after a four-weeks stay in Washington. After attending to correspondence he played tennis with his sons today.

ACTORS INJURED IN R. R. WRECK.

Fitchburg, Mass., August 22.—A special theatrical train from Albany to Boston, with members of the "Eternal City" and a melodrama company aboard, was wrecked here last night by colliding with a freight train. A number were injured.

WAR MATERIAL TRUST.

Birmingham, England, August 22.—A Berlin dispatch says that negotiations are in progress between three of the largest arms and ammunition firms in Germany for the purpose of forming a combine. The Krupps are believed to be in the combine.

UNCLE SAM ON DECK

Cabinet Officers in Conference Over the Neutrality Trouble at Shanghai.

(By Publishers' Press.)
Washington, August 22.—A long dispatch was received at the State department this morning from Consul-General Goodnow, of Shanghai, confirming the press dispatches relative to the threatening of the entrance in to the harbor of the Japanese torpedo-boat destroyer, followed by the American torpedo-boat "Chauncey."

CONSULS AGAIN IN SESSION.

Shanghai, August 22.—The consuls will meet again this afternoon for another session. The Taotai has given the "Askold" and "Grosdovi" until noon tomorrow to leave this port. No repairs to vessels here will be permitted. The "Askold" cannot cross the bar this week owing to the low tides.

U. S. GOVERNMENT FIRM.

Washington, August 22.—It can be stated on high authority that the United States will not permit a violation of the neutrality of the port of Shanghai, and the endangering of lives and property of Americans and other foreigners, by an attack from the Japanese upon the two Russian warships now within the confines of that harbor. Moreover, Admiral Stirling will be expected to see that the Russians either dismantle or leave the harbor within a reasonable time.

In view of the fact that the Japanese fleet is outside the Russians will probably disarm until the close of the war. It cannot be conceived by the navy department here that the Japanese intended to fight in Shanghai harbor, especially in view of the presence of so many foreign warships. The American torpedo boat destroyer "Chauncey" is commanded by Lieutenant Earle P. Jessup, a native of West Virginia.

The fact that he anchored apparently with the deliberate intention, between the Russian and the Japanese destroyers, is thought to be due to the zeal of Lieutenant Jessup, who bears the reputation in the navy of being a most capable and energetic officer.

LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE.

Japan Resents American Interference and Talks "Sassy."

(By Publishers' Press.)
London, August 22.—A prominent Japanese here, in an interview with your correspondent today, says that "Japan regards the question of the neutrality of China as one between her and China alone, and resents the American interference."

The Russian cruiser "Askold" and the torpedo destroyer "Grosdovi" now in Shanghai harbor, must either disarm or come out or be torpedoed at sea get in the way and get hurt it will be their own fault," he adds.

UNIQUE LAWN PARTY.

For the purpose of raising money to aid their comrades to pay their railroad fare to the reunion at Asheville, Dr. Winston, having kindly tendered the use of the lawn at the A. and M. College, L. O. B. Branch Camp of Confederate Veterans will hold a watermelon lawn party on the lawn Thursday evening, 25th inst., from 6 to 10 o'clock. Ladies who will assist will please notify the commander of the camp, Mr. A. B. Stronach.

TIMELY TOWN TOPICS

Embracing Some of the Minor Incidents of the Day.

H. E. Norris, Esq., spent Sunday in Pittsboro.
F. B. Arendell, Esq., went to Durham this morning.
Sheriff Page spent Sunday on his farm near Morrisville.
Mr. Cary J. Hunter spent Sunday with his brother, in Apex.
Mr. E. G. Horton went to Durham this morning on business.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daniels arrived today from Goldsboro.
Prof. Morson, who is at Rex Hospital, is rapidly improving.
Mrs. Walter H. Jones and son are the guests of Mrs. Geo. N. Walters.
Rev. J. O. Guthrie past through today en route for Macon and Warren-ton.

Miss Blanche Van Dorpe, of Wilmington, is in the city visiting friends a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. White went to Washington, D. C. this morning for several days.

Miss Anie Dughi and Miss Anie Jones have gone to Baltimore, Washington and other points north on a pleasure trip.

Dr. F. L. Stevens is back from Siler City, where he attended a most successful farmers' institute.

Miss Georgia Hughes, of Danville, Va., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. T. B. Wilkinson on Jones street.

The Raleigh Male Academy will open October 3d. The change of date is due to the illness of Prof. Morson.

Mrs. Columbus Durham and daughter, Miss Ellen Durham, left this morning for Durham to spend several days.

Mr. N. C. Brandon, a popular druggist who resided here for several years, is in the city on a visit. Mr. Brandon is now located in Danville, Va.

Miss Florence Sawyer, of Waco, Texas, and Miss Bettie Perry, of Louisville, N. C., two charming young ladies, are the guests of Miss Leola Whitley.

Miss Sallie Lathrop, a popular young lady of Norfolk, Va., is in the city, the guest of Misses Walters on New Bern avenue.

Proprietor Howell Cobb, of the Park Hotel, is having measurements made of the interior of that building with a view to its very complete remodeling, and, it is said, will spend some \$10,000 on it.

Miss Lucy Glenn, of Greensboro, rendered a most beautiful solo yesterday during the morning service at the First Baptist church, in a most accomplished manner.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Moseley and son have returned from Waynesville, where Mrs. Moseley and son have been spending the summer.

Miss Carrie Youngblood, of Wilson's Mills, who has been visiting Miss Stephenson, has returned home. She was accompanied by Miss Stephenson.

HISTORICAL VIEWS

Showing an Interesting Spot in Duplin County.

The Evening Times had a look today at three interesting photographic views depicting historical spots of interest to North Carolinians.

One of the views represents the scene of the battle of Rock Fish Creek, in Duplin county, N. C., where the American troops, commanded by Col. James Keenan, fought Cornwallis' British troops, commanded by Colonel Craig, on August 2, 1781.

Another shows the creek and another the earthen breastworks which partly remain to this day. The views were procured by Mr. J. O. Carr, of Duplin, who is preparing a history of Duplin county.

The commander of the American troops, Col. James Keenan, was the great grandfather of Col. Thomas S. Keenan, clerk of the supreme court, of this city.

DEATH OF MR. W. H. BRAGG.

Died at Raleigh, in the early morning of August 22, 1904, at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. E. Page, after an illness of seven weeks, Mr. William Hill Bragg, son of the late Dr. John Bragg, of Petersburg, Va., and of Maria Hill Bragg, who was a sister of the late Dr. William Hill, of this city, and daughter of the Hon. William Hill, for 46 years secretary of State.

His father was a most prominent physician and one of the most influential citizens of Petersburg, his beautiful home on Bragg Hill being for many years the centre of social life in that city.

Mr. Bragg was a devoted son, a loving brother, and a kind friend. He was the last male member of his father's family, and leaves an only sister surviving him. His death will be greatly lamented by a wide circle of relatives and friends in this city and in Petersburg, where his early life was passed.

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ANOTHER OFFER TO LEASE

Company Forming to Bid for A. & N. C. Road

Conference of Representatives Held With Gov. Aycock Today—The New Company Will be Composed of Business Men Along the Line of the Road, from Goldsboro to Beaufort—Will Submit an Offer for Lease of the Railroad in a Few Days.

(By Publishers' Press.)
An important conference was held in the executive offices this morning, concerning the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

The conferees consisted of Governor Aycock and Messrs. E. B. Bordon, of Goldsboro; W. S. Chadwick, of Beaufort, and W. L. Kennedy, of Falling Creek.

The three last-named gentlemen represented a new company which is being formed for the purpose of submitting a bid for the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

This company is being made up entirely of capitalists and business men who reside on the line of the railroad, from Goldsboro to Morehead and Beaufort.

It is their purpose, as soon as organization is perfected, to formulate and submit a bid for this property, to be considered by the stockholders at the meeting to be held at New Bern September 1st.

SOLDIERS BURIED.

Bodies of the Two Boys Killed on a Trained Interred at Durham.

Yesterday at Durham the funeral of the two young men, J. H. Johnson and J. Bin Warren, who lost their lives on the train while returning home Friday afternoon—as printed in the Evening Times Friday afternoon—look place, and the bodies were interred in Maplewood cemetery.

They were buried with military honors. Adjutant-General Royster attended the funeral, as did Col. Alfred Williams, of Raleigh, and Col. J. Harper Erwin, personal aide to the Governor, and a number of other prominent members of the State Guard.

The lot on which the two soldiers were buried is a plot set aside by the city as a soldiers' plot, being originally dedicated to the Spanish-American war soldiers. On the plot now rest the remains of Matthew Barbee, who was killed in the wreck near Savannah, Ga., in 1898, when the soldiers were being taken to Jacksonville, Fla.; Rufus Stevens, member of same company, who died in Florida; H. G. Bessent, member of the home militia, and the two who were killed Friday. There is also a tablet to the memory of George Hubanks, a Durham soldier, who died while in service in Cuba, and whose remains now rest in Arlington National cemetery at Washington. In the center of the plot is a suitable monument to the memory of those who volunteered in the Spanish-American war.

Injured Men Improving.

Fletcher Cates, who was left at the hospital at Goldsboro, is said to be getting along very nicely. It was reported from there that he would be able to get out in a few days. All day there were persistent rumors that Cates was dead, but these reports proved to be untrue.

Will McEade, another of the wounded, who came on to Durham with his company, is getting along as well as could be expected. He attended the funeral of his two dead comrades.

NEW CHAIRS FOR THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Mr. Sherwood Upchurch goes to New York tonight to buy 600 new opera chairs for the Academy of Music.

These chairs will be of the best and most up-to-date sort, and will be used for the hall down stairs. The best of the old chairs, which, by the way, are very good, will be used for the galleries.

The hall will be complete and ready for business by September 10th.

MR. THOMPSON PROMOTED.

We note with pleasure that Mr. Geo. G. Thompson has been promoted from division freight agent here to the same position at Birmingham, Ala. This is a promotion which Mr. Thompson richly merits and the Evening Times hastens to offer its congratulations regarding in the meantime that he will have to leave Raleigh.

OAK CITY GUARDS.

Every member of the Oak City Guards are ordered to be at their armory tonight at 8 o'clock. By order of V. D. STRONACH, Capt. LOUIS SMITH, First Sergt.

HABEAS CORPUS CASE

Chief Justice Clark Liberates a Negro Prisoner from Wake Jail.

In the supreme court room today at noon, before Chief Justice Clark, a writ of habeas corpus was heard in the case of a young negro man, named Allen alias "Piggin" Jones, of House's Creek township, Wake county.

"Piggin" has been in jail about two weeks, committed by Magistrate Seppark for six months, in default of a \$500 bond to keep the peace, the defendant having been arrested on the charge of threatening Mr. J. H. Aycock, a white farmer of House's Creek township, for whom Jones had been working. The words used, according to Mr. Aycock, being: "You have not lost anything yet, but you will be damn sure to lose something before you get through with this."

After hearing the testimony of Mr. Aycock and the prisoner, Chief Justice Clark reduced the bond to \$50, with the understanding that the negro shall at once leave the premises of Mr. Aycock.

This action was taken with the consent of Mr. Aycock.

Mr. J. H. Fleming, who appeared for the prisoner, went on the bond and Jones was liberated.

Mr. W. B. Jones appeared for the State, and the decision reached met with his approval.

THE TRAP SHOOTERS

The State Meet Will Begin in Raleigh Tomorrow.

The annual meet of the State trap shooters' association will take place tomorrow in this city, continuing over Wednesday.

Expert shots from the various gun clubs throughout the State will be here. Many have already arrived. The affair has grown to be one of much interest.

The tournament met in Charlotte last year, and it is well remembered how the Raleigh team made off with its portion of the honors. And this year upon its home ground, greater things may be reasonably anticipated from our marksmen. The contest will be in somewhat the following order:

In the team work five men will shoot at 25 targets to each man; in the individual shoot there will be 50 targets to each man, and with \$200 as added money it will be of much attraction and interest. The entrance fee in each event will be \$2.00.

The fact that the events will be for the State championship promises to make it all the more spirited, and large crowds will no doubt attend the contest.

The next meet will be at Charlotte, in 1905.

AFRAID OF CLEVELAND.

Republicans Alarmed Over Prospect of ex-President's Activity.

New York, August 22.—Chairman Cortelyou goes to Oyster Bay this week for a conference with President Roosevelt on the preliminary reports which have been received from all the doubtful States.

These reports, which include the results of the first canvass in this State, have given the Republican managers a genuine scare. The reports from New England have been almost alarming. They are to the effect that unless vigorous work is done Rhode Island will be lost to the Republicans, while in Maine and Vermont the majorities will be cut down far below the margin of safety.

Equally disquieting have been the reports from Connecticut, West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. Connecticut is said to be in serious danger of capture by the Democrats, while Maryland and Delaware are put down as certainly Democratic. West Virginia is still claimed by Senators Scott and Elkins, though they cannot conceal their fears of Democratic victory.

The preliminary canvass of this State has been extremely discouraging.

Of all is the theYue mB d-sy. shrd East New Jersey is the only one from which encouraging reports have come. Governor Murphy and Senator Dryden have both told Chairman Cortelyou that they feel confident they will be able to keep the State in line for Roosevelt.

Their chief fear is that the East are gloomy, the outlook in the West is the reverse. Chairman Cortelyou has not the slightest doubt about Illinois. He is not so confident of Indiana, but is by no means alarmed in Wisconsin. The Republicans hope to settle their disputes. Nebraska and Colorado are put down as safely for Roosevelt.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Epworth League of Central church meets tonight at 8 o'clock. The subject will be, points taken from the sermon of the pastor yesterday morning, by each individual member, which points will be fully and freely discussed by each member tonight. Each member is urged to be present and take an active part in the meeting; friends also invited.

FIGHTING AT PORT ARTHUR; ITS FALL IS IMMINENT

Japs Sweep Russians from Pigeon Bay and Capture Innermost Defenses

It Seems to Be Certain that the Capture of Port Arthur Will Be Effected Very Soon—United States Torpedo Boat Gets Between a Russian and Jap Men of War at Shanghai—The Latter Left Today Bearing Important Dispatches to the Jap Fleet Off the Mouth of the River—Jap Losses During Last Attack on Port Arthur 2,500 and 63 Officers—Other War Details.

(By Publishers' Press.)
Chefoo, August 22.—A tremendous conflict, which began a few days ago at Port Arthur, is still raging. Chinese men who have just arrived here declare that the Japs have taken an important point on the Itshan hills.

Chefoo, August 22.—The Japanese have swept the Russians from Pigeon Bay and captured the northernmost fort on the western line, innermost of the defenses of Port Arthur. The Japanese were prevented from occupying Pigeon Bay or the fort on account of the terrific fire of the Russian artillery. The latest reports say that Port Arthur will soon fall.

Cause of Excitement at Shanghai.

Shanghai, August 22.—Shanghai was thrown into a fever of excitement last evening by the arrival of a Japanese torpedo boat. She passed the Woosung at full speed and started up the river Ju for Shanghai. The United States torpedo boat destroyer "Chauncey" slipped her cable and followed the Japanese destroyer. The Japanese boat was cleared for action. She anchored off the Cosmopolitan dock, where the Russian cruiser "Askold" is undergoing repairs. The "Chauncey" came to anchor practically between the dock and the Japanese destroyer. A foreign pilot ship reports having seen a Japanese battleship and two cruisers 60 miles outside of Woosung.

The Torpedo Boat Leaves.

Shanghai, August 22.—The Japanese torpedo boat, whose arrival here yesterday caused such great excitement, left this morning with important dispatches for the Japanese fleet now lying off the mouth of the river.

30,000 Reinforcements.

Chefoo, August 22.—According to reliable information received here from Port Arthur the Japanese have received 30,000 reinforcements from the north.

UNDER DIFFICULTIES

The readers of the Evening Times are asked to be indulgent and good-natured in their criticisms of this issue of the paper.

We are getting out this edition under many difficulties—the first issue in our new building—surrounded by workmen in putting the finishing touches on both machinery and building.

It was impossible to get our Mergenthaler typesetting machines to running until noon today, and it has been a great strain to get out a paper at all today.

Of course much matter is necessarily left out of this issue that, ordinarily, would have been printed.

LOSS THREE MILLION

Sixteen Lives Lost and Scores Injured by the Storm.

(By Publishers' Press.)
St. Paul, August 22.—Sixteen people lost their lives in yesterday's tornado and scores are injured. The property loss will be over three million of dollars. Many of the outlying districts are cut off from all means of communication and it is impossible to give an accurate casualty list. An army of men are engaged today in clearing the streets of the wreckage. When the tornado was at its height the wind blew 10 miles an hour. A report has reached here that the town of Brainerd, Minn., was practically destroyed by the storm. All the wires leading to Brainerd are down. The tornado came from the southwest and the roofs of houses were rolled into bundles and deposited in the streets.

SENATOR HOAR DYING

(By Publishers' Press.)

Worcester, Mass., August 22.—Senator Hoar is resting comfortably this morning, but he is gradually growing weaker, and his death is hourly expected.

LOST—A gold-rimmed pair of spectacles, belonging to the First Baptist church and No. 119 North Dawson St. Reward at 119 North Dawson St.

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