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## The War.

There has been little fighting during the past week, but considerable talk of effort to bring about peace between the belligerents in the far East. It seems that Japan, in an unofficial capacity, sounded Russia as to whether she were willing to enter into negotiations, and found that she was not, and so ended the matter for the present. It seems, however, that Japan expects a more favorable outlook for ending the war when the fall of Port Arthur has been accomplished. That accomplishment is yet in the future, for only rumors have come from the beleaguered garrison since last Monday. One of these stated that General Stoessel had asked an armistice, and another was to the effect that the Japanese officers feared a message when they finally captured the city, the Japanese soldiers being so exasperated by the prolonged siege.

In Manchuria the armies continue to face each other at such close quarters that the Russian and Japanese soldiers are said to be able to swap cigarettes and other things and to jeer each other. But the fighting seems to be at a minimum, both sides apparently waiting for something to turn up. Meanwhile the severe Manchurian winter is coming on. When soldiers can do little more than maintain themselves and hold their positions.

A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press, telegraphing from Mukden Saturday declares that the report circulated some time ago that General Kuroki was killed during the battle of Liao Yang has been confirmed. He asserts that his death occurred on October 4th, and that his body was sent to Japan. It seems almost impossible that the death of so prominent an officer should be concealed for over a month, and, therefore, there may be some doubt as to the accuracy of the information. However, when it is recalled that the Japs kept in doubt for months the fact that the battleship Yashima had been sunk, despite reports of the event which were circulated shortly afterward, they could doubtless do the same thing regarding the death of Kuroki. If it is true that he is dead, Japan has lost one of her best men. It was the army under his command which won the victory at Liao Yang, and he was rated as one of the best officers Japan had in the field.

The Russian Squadron is continuing its course toward the scene of hostilities, and is now off the coast of Africa.—Charlotte Observer.

In Minnesota, the Democratic nominee for governor was assailed on the ground that his mother was a washer-woman and the voters turned out and elected him, although the state went for Roosevelt by 150,000.—New York Herald.

## Secretary Hay To Remain.

Washington, Nov. 11.—President Roosevelt made the announcement today that Secretary Hay would remain secretary of the State during the four years beginning March 4, 1905. When asked concerning any other possible changes, the president indicated that nothing was to be said at present.

## Dispensaries Closed at Once in Cherokee.

Prohibition Now Prevails Under the Brice Law. Much Interest in the Matter.

The State, 12th inst.

There has been great interest all over the State, and even outside the State, in the first election under the Brice law, which resulted in such a heavy majority against the dispensary in Cherokee county. The fact that on the appeal of the dispensary devotees Senator Fillman went to Cherokee and made a speech in support of the "great moral institution" properly fumigated has added to the interest in the result.

The Cherokee dispensaries have already closed the law going into effect at once as soon as the result was declared. The Gaffney papers say that County Supervisor Whelchel tabulated the votes for dispensary and no dispensary Thursday and sent the following communication to N. H. Littlejohn, chairman county board of control:

To N. H. Littlejohn, Chairman Board of Control:

I, J. V. Whelchel, county supervisor of Cherokee county, S. C., hereby certify that at the election held on Nov. 8th, 1904, and from the returns made by managers of said election, that there was in said election 1,251 votes cast for no dispensary, and 349 votes for dispensary.

J. V. Whelchel,  
County Supervisor.

On receipt of above communication Mr. Littlejohn ordered the two Gaffney dispensaries to close their places of business and wired the same order to the dispenser at Blacksburg.

## The next House.

The Republican landslide in the election of a house of representatives is almost as remarkable as in the election of president. Chairman Babcock had not figured on more than a majority of fifty. It will be double that. The belated returns only indicate that more Democratic representatives have been blown out of public life. There is not a state where the party has gained a seat, unless it be in Colorado, where the ex-Representative Shafroth is supposed to be elected, and in Maryland.

The membership after March 3 next will be approximately 244 Republicans and 142 Democrats. That reckoning comes from conceding Shafroth's election in Colorado and the election of five Republicans in Missouri. It also counts Nevada as sending a Republican to congress. On that basis the Republican majority will be 102, far and away the largest the Republicans have had there since 1894, when the county reversed its overwhelming Democratic verdict of 1892 and elected a national house of 249 Republicans and 108 Democrats and Populists. Then the Republicans had a clear majority of 141. The figures for the next house will not vary materially from the one just given; and the majority will be in the neighborhood of 100. The Republicans will have almost two thirds of the membership.

## De Kalb Mill Goes to Block.

Charleston, Nov. 11.—Judge Crawley in the United States court today signed an order directing a resale of the DeKalb cotton mills at Camden. Standing Master Gilliland is authorized to sell the property December 21 at not less than \$150,000. The decree is the third ordering the sale of the mills.

## Worse Than McCue Case.

Young Man Charged With Murdering Both Parents, Sister and Little Brother, and Then Firing the House.

Auburn, Cal., Nov. 13.—Adolf Weber has been placed under arrest, charged with the murder of his parents, sister and young brother last Thursday night and with having set the family residence on fire afterwards to conceal the crime. Weber took his arrest coolly. The arrest took place immediately after he left the witness stand, and after he had reluctantly answered the questions asked him by Coroner Shepard, the district attorney and several of the jurymen.

The latest theory in the Weber murder case is that the murderer shot the father first; then, as the sister appeared in the hall, he shot her; and then the mother, seeing what had been done, screamed and started from him, when he shot her. She continued on across the room, and raising her left hand, took down the telephone receiver to call for help, at which time she received the second shot which penetrated the body just under the left arm. The child being the only one left, the murderer struck him over the head and felled him. The operator at the central telephone office says that the line at Weber residence showed "busy" at about half hour before the fire was discovered.

Adolphus Weber, in jail this morning, had nothing to say beyond that he had a good night's rest. No effort has been made to get the young man out on a writ by his attorneys.

Weber's description is said to tally with the description of one of the robbers who robbed the bank here.

## Washington Swept by a Snow Storm.

Washington, Nov. 18.—As a result of a snow storm which set it here shortly before 11 o'clock this morning, Washington today for several hours was completely cut off from telegraph and telephone communication with the outside world. Later a wire was obtained west, but none north, south or east. Both the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph companies report severe damages to their wires and their inability to get any messages through. Inquiry at the railroad stations developed the fact that trains were departing on schedule time but that incoming trains were three or more hours late.

The snowfall of today was the first of the season, several inches covering the ground. It started with a drizzling rain which later turned into heavy wet snow. The local telephone service was seriously hampered in its operations.

## Murdered Family and Burned House.

Auburn, Cal., Nov. 11.—It is now known that Julius Weber, his wife, their 19-year-old daughter Bertha, and their son Paul, aged 14 years, were murdered last night by an unknown assassin, who set fire to the home in an effort to cover his crime.

According to reports we are soon to have a self-operated typewriter. What the most of us really need is a machine that will get busy and do its own thinking.

We might as well have nominated a Southern man for president, after all, for all the support we had from the Northern states in the fight for Parker.—Charleston Post.

## THE NEWEST AND MOST MODERN

## LINE OF

## DRY GOODS

EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

Our Mr. Heath has just returned from the North, where he scooped in some startling values in dress goods and lots of other bargains too numerous to mention.

## BROWNS AND GREENS

Being the prevailing colors, we bought heavily in those two shades in Mohair, Cravinetts, Mixed Cheviots and Whipcords. Broadcloths in all shades. Our notion department is complete and right up to the notch, and anything you may wish in that line we have it. Tailor made Skirts, Jackets and Capes. A tremendous line, and we think the prettiest and cheapest ever shown on this market. An inspection of same will be appreciated and will insure us a sale.

## CLOTHING

We are still handling the celebrated high art clothing manufactured by Strouse & Bro., Baltimore. Also A. B. Kirschbaum & Co., and Sneltenburg & Co., and other lines. Beautiful patterns in browns, grays and any color you may call for. All we ask is to give us a look, and if we do not dress you up, we will be perfectly satisfied for any of our competitors to have the sale. We are still handling the

## DOUGLAS, GODMAN, and DREW SELBY

Shoes, which are three of the best and strongest lines that are manufactured. Not wishing to carry over, have decided to sacrifice the price on all our Lawns, Piques and Voils, so come at once and make a purchase for surely they will go at some price. Just received a beautiful line of Furs, which are very cheap. Be sure to watch for the Fall Millinery Opening, first Wednesday in October, 5th day. All the ladies are cordially invited. Groceries of all kinds and such that will satisfy the inner man. Thanking all for past patronage and hoping for more in the future, we are

Yours to serve,

-Heath Banking &amp; Mercantile Co.-

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