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A Charlotte dispatch says that several prominent cotton dealers have, within the past few days, received telegrams from Theodore H. Price asking for quotations on cotton for immediate delivery in New York. The dispatch goes on to say that it is understood that Mr. Price has sent inquiries of a similar nature to all of the large cotton markets throughout the south and the answer everywhere has been the same. But few dealers have cotton on hand, and all agree that the farmers refuse to even consider present prices. Mr. Price gives as a reason for his inquiry, the desire to secure enough cotton to supply the urgent demands that are being made on New York cotton merchants by the mills of New England, and his reasoning may also be very well based on his own personal interests. It is generally understood that he is many thousands of bales short of the market, and unless the farmers begin to let loose their holdings within the next six weeks or such a matter, he stands to lose most of the enormous profits he has been counting as made.—Yorkville Enquirer.

## Grow Scuppernong Grapes.

For some time Commissioner of Immigration Watson has been in correspondence with a big wine firm in Missouri in reference to the possibility of a market for scuppernong grapes from this state. The company says it will take all they can get and Mr. Watson says he has succeeded in making arrangements whereby a profitable market can be found for such grapes. This being so there will likely be a revived interest in grape wine growing which has not flourished in this State owing to the dispensary law.—Columbia Record.

## Three Men Arrested.

Greenville, March 8.—Charlie Crane, Tom Rigdon and a man named Duncan, mill operatives, were arrested yesterday morning by Sheriff Gilreath and placed in the county jail, charged with having broken into the cloth room at Monaghan Mills, in the suburbs of this place, and destroying nearly \$1,000 worth of cloth, stealing a pistol and also several pieces of cloth. The prisoners affirm their innocence.

## Terrific Rain in Texas.

Houston, Texas, March 8.—A terrific rain fell over Northeast and East Texas today and considerable damage was done in the washing away of bridges and fences. Farmers will lose time, but crops are not injured. Trains are badly delayed, as slow orders have been issued on all roads. Five inches of rain fell in less than three hours.

The cotton mills of the State will pay about \$18,000 on account of the new franchise tax. The amount that will be paid by the railroads will be about three times as much as that paid by the cotton mills.

37 prominent farmers in a single community in Anderson county, who plant about 100 acres each in cotton, have agreed to a reduction aggregating more than 1,000 acres in their cotton crops of 1905.

## Japs Reach Hun River

No News Allowed to Pass the Censor and Information Concerning Yesterday's Operations is Lacking.

## SUMMARY OF THE WAR.

Mukden at noon yesterday was still occupied by the Russians. Fu pass, 12 miles to the eastward and on the Hun river, a vital point for Kuropatkin in the retreat of his eastern wing, was bombarded by the Japanese for an hour early in the day. Russian artillery replying vigorously. The outcome at this point seems to be in doubt. A wind storm of hurricane fury was in progress during the day. No reports from the commander-in-chief later than Wednesday have been given out at St Petersburg.

Associated Press dispatches from Mukden indicate that considerable Japanese forces are well north of the city of Mukden, and that the railroad upon which depends so much for the Russian army is seriously threatened, if indeed it has not already been cut.

St Petersburg, March 10, 3.05 a. m.—St Petersburg this morning knows little more of the outcome of the battle at Mukden than it knew Wednesday night, and little more of the fate of Gen. Kuropatkin's beaten army. It is not even known whether the railroad has been cut and communications destroyed, though it is believed that the reported destruction of the line by Gen. Oku's army refers to the damage inflicted on Wednesday, which was not serious, though traffic was twice interrupted. It is evident, however, that the Japanese are pressing closer this indispensable line of retreat. Their shells occasionally cut the wires of the telegraph lines paralleling the railroad, and civilian linemen are displaying no less bravery than their soldier associates by climbing the poles and replacing the wires under fire.

The most important news received from Russian sources is the Associated Press information that the Japanese already have reached the Hun river. Fu pass is only 12 miles of Mukden and well westward of Gen. Linevitch's line of retreat. Whether the extreme Russian left has already succeeded in retiring behind the Hun river and moving down the north bank of the stream to join hands with Gen. Kuropatkin's main force is not stated; but it is extremely probable that unless the Russians are able to defend the crossing at Fu Pass, Gen. Rennenkampf's corps and perhaps additional forces will be cut off and have to shift for themselves in the mountainous region north of Fushun, against expeditionary forces of Japanese which are reported from Chinese sources to be racing toward the Tie pass. The censor allows no word to pass, but it was stated here yesterday that Gen. Kuropatkin had been for some time assembling a force of reserves at Tie pass and Harbin with this in view, to defend the pass and positions until he can make or fight his way back.

South Carolina Negro Kills Panama Officer.

Colon, March 9.—An American negro named John Wells from South Carolina on being refused admittance to a dance here last night drew a revolver and shot and killed a policeman and wounded two other persons. The murderer was arrested and probably will be sentenced to a term of imprisonment in Chiriqui jail as there is no capital punishment in Panama.

## Must Surrender.

Kuropatkin Said to be Surrounded by Japanese Seizure of Tie Pass.

Newchwang, March 9, via Tientsin.—It is reported that Tie Pass has been invested by the Japanese and that Gen. Kuropatkin, having no other alternative will probably be forced to surrender within a week.

Gen. Nogi's army made a forced march of twenty five miles daily and, in conjunction with Gen. Oku's army, surrounded eighty thousand Russians in the direction of Tie Pass, cutting off their supplies.

The hurrying Japanese armies passed a division of Russians without giving any attention until the enveloping movement was completed, when they crushingly attacked the Russians on all sides.

## Over a Billion More.

Cost of Last Cleveland Administration and That Just Closed.

Washington, March 8.—A statement was issued today by Mr. Hemenway, the chairman of the house committee on appropriations, and by Mr. Livingston, ranking minority member of the same committee, relating to appropriations by the session of Congress just closed.

Statements as to the total appropriations for the session agree being \$818,474,914 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, as against \$781,172,375 for the previous year.

Mr. Livingston makes a comparison of the four years of the last Cleveland administration and the four years of the administration just closed, showing that in 1893-1896 appropriations were \$2,016,343,753 and during the years 1903-1906, they were \$3,153,334,292.

Senator Bates Dies in Washington City.

Washington, March 9.—United States Senator William Brennage Bates of Tennessee, twice governor of his State, a veteran of the War Between the Sections, rising from private to major general in the Confederate army and for 18 years a conspicuous member of the upper house of congress, died at his hotel apartments in this city today, aged 78 years. Death was due to pneumonia and defective heart. Senator Bates attended the inauguration ceremonies on March 4, and his death is believed to be due primarily to exposure on that occasion.

Fearful Death Rate From Dreadful Plague.

Calcutta, March 9.—The deaths from the plague, last week numbered 14,000.

Statistics show that the deaths from bubonic plague in India within a few years reached nearly 3,000,000. In 1903 the mortality in India from the plague alone was 850. The number of deaths recorded last week while extraordinary is not unprecedented. The infection recently spread to Buamish where it is making rapid strides. This season of the year always favors its spread.

Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, has prevented so many lynchings that even his critics ought to be willing to give him a little more rope.—Wilmington Star.

The United States senate is composed of three classes of members—those who have not been indicted, those who have and those who may be indicted later on.—Birmingham News.

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