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THE WAR.

Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron has reached the Far East, and a great battle with the Japanese naval force under Admiral Togo is regarded as imminent, as the opposing fleets are reported close together. The Russian vessels passed Singapore Saturday afternoon without stopping. The fleet consisted of six battleships, nine cruisers, eight torpedo boat destroyers, three volunteer vessels, sixteen colliers, one salvage ship, one hospital ship, and three Hamburg-American liners. What the relative strength of the Russian and Japanese squadrons is at this time a mere conjecture, but it is likely that the Japanese ships are in better shape for fighting than the ships under Rojestvensky, for the latter has had no opportunity to clean the bottoms of his vessels, while Togo's ships went into dry dock shortly after the fall of Port Arthur. St Petersburg is joyous over the way in which Rojestvensky evidently fooled Togo by taking the most direct course to reach his destination, and thereby throwing the Japanese admiral off his guard. It is perhaps a little too early for the Russians to place much store by this, for when the two forces do meet, they will likely find that the Japanese have not been negligent of their coun-

the Russians are basing a great hope on the arrival of their squadron in the Far East. They probably figure that with a decisive victory for Rojestvensky, they would be in much better position regarding the bringing about of peace than at present, with no battle worth the name during the entire war to their credit. The most surprising thing about this naval development is that Rojestvensky actually continued his journey until he reached Far Eastern waters.

There has been little doing in Manchuria during the week, a few unimportant clashes taking place here and there, but nothing in the nature of a battle developing. The Russians are still some distance south of Harbin, which is doubtless their ultimate destination.—Charlotte Observer.

Safe Blowers Guilty.

Charleston Robbers Convicted by Jury in Federal Court.

Special to The State.

Charleston, April 10.—The Latta postoffice robbery case was given to the jury in the United States circuit court this afternoon, after occupying the attention of the court for three days.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty on the three counts—conspiracy, breaking into the postoffice, robbery—against Morgan, King and Rudolph Rabens and not guilty as to Chris Rabens. The jury was out less than two hours and but for the recess of the court the verdict would have returned in even less time.

District Attorney Capers asked that the court do not pass sentence, since the defendants with others are to be tried at once on the same counts in the case of the Kingstree postoffice, and Morgan is to be tried for the Enoree postoffice robbery, for which four of the Nolan gang are now doing time in Atlanta prison. Mr. Hughes gave notice of a motion for a new trial in behalf of Rabens.

Interesting Exercises at Dixie last Saturday.

A Bible and Flag were presented by the Juniors to the Dixie School, April 8th. The very name of Dixie carries with it something that stirs the people up to duty. Why is this?—There are so many reasons that I can't give them all. One grand reason is, Dixie reaches from the clear flowing stream of the Potomac to the Rio Grand, taking in the Sunny South, where the cotton grows, blooming white today and red the next.—Later on the bolls ripen and open in the sun shine, whitening in the night. The great fields shine so white to the Northern traveler, as he looks up to the great pot-shaped sky as it hangs over our heads, and sees what is called the milky way, that he has become to think it is only the reflection of the great cotton fields in the lands of Dixie.

But this Dixie that I shall tell about is a little place eight miles east of Lancaster C. H. The gathering was for the purpose of placing a flag on their new school house and a Bible within. Something new to our people. It seemed like Providence smiled on the occasion. The sun rose beautifully that morning, and everything looked lovely. The gathering of the crowd commenced early in the morning. One thing was noted: when a Junior came his wife and children were with him; the young men generally with their sweethearts. Some came in wagons drawn by fine mules. Where the people came from? Some from Unity, some from Camp Creek, others from Tabernacle, Bethel, Dwight Union, Fork Hill, Elgin and elsewhere. By ten o'clock the crowd numbered some where in the hundreds. The Junior Order was called to assemble in their new hall, by Brother B. F. Adams, who was master of ceremonies. First, the Jr's marched from the new hall to the old school. This was called a "smoking parade," all with cob pipes. On arriving at the old school building we found the students of that well-trained school already formed, with teacher standing at the head of the column, with her friend, Miss Nannie Marks, of that grand old county, Mecklenburg, N. C. Miss Shearer, the teacher, is from Cherokee county, S. C., and is one of the best teachers in the county. Too much cannot be said in praise of her. She is an endless worker; seems never to tire in trying to advance her pupils. After three cheers were given by the school children, they then marched in a body, headed by their teacher, to the new school house, to act their part in the exercises of the day, which they did well. The exercises were then commenced by prayer by the Rev. Winn, followed by a song by the school. The first speaker introduced by B. F. Adams was T. M. Belk, who delivered an address of welcome in a graceful manner. He told of the progress this county for the last twenty years. Then came A. C. Rowell with a short address. The Rev. W. C. Winn, in presenting the Flag and Bible, held the audience at least one hour. He encouraged parents to send their children to school. Next the Flag was raised by H. C. Steele and W. G. A. Porter. Then the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the school. Mr. E. B. Lingle then spoke in behalf of the school. His talk was very impressive. Then W. G. A. Porter, in behalf of the trustees, thanked the Juniors for the beautiful Flag and Bible. He said the Bible

was not new, and hoped that there was not a house in the land but that had one in it; but when he pointed his finger at "Old Glory," as it waved 80 feet high in the air, he gently reminded the audience that it was only one and a half miles to where eighty-four brave Virginians gave up their lives that we might be free. Next J. S. Wilson was called on. He made a short talk. He is the man who organized the Order and he should be proud of the work they are doing.

This ended the speaking. The committee on arrangements for dinner asked all the people that brought dinner, as it was the request of the Juniors, to spread their dinner together, which request all agreed to. The spread was something like fifty or seventy-five yards in length. After everything was in readiness blessing was asked by that grand old man, Rev. Mr. Duffey.—Everybody was invited, and all did eat. Plenty was left.

Dinner over there was a general greeting of old friends and forming new ones. Not a loud word was heard during the day. Nothing occurred to disturb the happiness of the people. As the sun sank slowly the crowd began to leave for home, and State Organizer J. S. Wilson and others left for Rich Hill, to organize a Junior Order there.

Wake up, Antioch, in the interest of schools. Keep in line with Dixie and Richhill, roll back your little house, build you one up-to-date. You have one of the best locations in the county. Well, Mr. Editor, I must stop for this time. P.

Court in Chester.

Chester, April 9.—The work of the Court of General Sessions was concluded Saturday afternoon, after a week of hard work. Judge Purdy has made a splendid impression upon both the Bar and the public, and his manner of dispatching the business of the Court has been cause for much favorable comment.

The following parties, all colored, were sentenced to hard labor in the penitentiary: In the case of Ed Walls and Robt McCorkle, charged with killing Jim Dixon, the former was found guilty of murder, with recommendation to mercy, and given a life sentence. McCorkle was acquitted.

Ike Hemphill, for killing Jim Moore, manslaughter, sent up for five years.

Girard and Frazier Gist, breaking into Southern Railway cars, pleaded guilty and were sentenced to ten and eight years, respectively.

Robert C. McCarter, white, alias Carter, indicted for bigamy, was tried in his absence and a verdict of guilty rendered. A number of other cases of minor importance were disposed of. One murder case was continued till the fall term.

Letter to Geo. C. Heath.

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