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The War.

The war between Russia and Japan, in many respects the most notable history, in has practically come to an end.

There is little likelihood that any more fighting of a serious nature will take place, and if the armies in Manchuria are aware of the status of affairs—as they doubtless are—it is likely that they will refrain from attacking each other until a formal armistice is declared. This will probably be within a few days. At the instance of President Roosevelt, the warring nations have signified their willingness to appoint plenipotentiaries with a view to arranging peace terms, the Russian government going so far as to express its willingness to have the meeting occur in Manchuria, Washington or Paris. The latter city, however is preferred by the Czar, and will probably be the scene of at least the preliminary meeting. There has been no indication of what Japan will name as peace terms. Russia thinks she cannot afford to set the price too high, as such action would endanger the future. Japan, however, has won an almost complete victory, and the victors will doubtless name terms that will convince the Russian government that she has been in the fight and gotten the worst of it.

The war, which began February 8, 1904, with the attack of Togo's fleet upon the ships at Port Arthur, has been full of surprises for the whole world, which has watched the triumphal march of the Japanese with astonishment. When the conflict opened nobody save the Japanese themselves expressed a serious doubt that Russia would in time wear out the Yankees of the Orient and crush them, and it is doubtful if the Japs themselves had any idea of such a victory as they have won. Aside from being one of the greatest wars in history in the matter of men and fleets employed, the success of the Japanese in every engagement makes it notable. A glance over the history of the struggle will show not a single victory for the Russians in any contest worthy the name of battle. —Charlotte Observer, 9th inst.

Record-Breaking Shooting by Uncle Sam's Gunners.

New York, June 10.—All records for shooting with five-inch guns were broken by four gunners of the first class battleship Kentucky on the northern drilling grounds, 20 miles outside Sandy Hook last Thursday. One gunner with fourteen shots a minute hit the target 13 times. The second gunner fired 13 times per minute and hit the target each time. Two other men had each 12 hits out of 13 shots a minute.

The range was 1,600 yards and the target 21 feet by 17 feet, consisting of a painted muslin screen and floated on a raft.

Rear Admiral Evans said that if the squadron had been firing at an enemy there would have been no enemy in half an hour.

In some cases a stroke of good luck is almost as bad as a stroke of lightning.

Lots of women laugh only because it gives them a chance to show their teeth.

Patrick Is Held Guilty Of Murder.

Poisoning Of Wm. Marsh Rice
—New York Court of Appeals by a Vote of Four to Three Sustains Lower Courts.

Albany, N. Y., June 9.—The court of appeals today by a divided count voting four to three, sustained the lower courts in adjudging Albert T. Patrick, the New York lawyer, guilty of murder in the first degree, in causing the death of William Marsh Rice an aged millionaire, formerly a resident of Texas. On April 7, 1902, Patrick was convicted on an indictment charging him with murder of Rice by Chloroform and mercury, administered to him during his sickness on September 23, 1900.

The case reached the court of appeals on March 14th of this year.

Patrick has succeeded in postponing the ultimate decision of his fate for over three years by a display of acumen and resourcefulness that has excited the wonder of the members of the bar and the public at large. The opinion of the court was written by Judge Gray. He sets forth that "it was not claimed that Patrick personally committed the murder, for the prosecution had the voluntary confession of Jones that it was he who did it, induced and aided the refo by Patrick; but the defendant was a principal in the commission of the crime, under our law, if he aided and abetted it, whether present or absent."

After a review of the evidence that the death was not the result of natural causes, and that it could only be accounted for as happening in the way testified to by Jones—that is, by chloroform poisoning, administered while the victim was sleeping."

In conclusion Judge Gray said that "the evidence, independently of the testimony of the accomplice, is fraught with a crushing implication of the defendant in the deliberate purpose to kill Rice in order that he might possess his estate."

The dissenting Judges hold that material evidence in the trial of the case and that important evidence in Patrick's favor was improperly excluded. Judge O'Brien's opinion holds that it was not proved that Rice was living when the chloroform was applied to his face, and that "no one thought of chloroform as the agency of the death until Jones had made his fourth and last confession, after recanting three others that were shown to be false."

"In records of this court," says Judge O'Brien, "no case can be found where a conviction for a capital offense has been sustained in the face of such objections as this case presents. I can see no reason for making this case an exception."

Mrs. Rogers Must Hang For Killing Husband.

Albany, June 9.—Judge Peckham, of the United States Supreme Court, declined today to grant a writ of error which would allow the case of Mrs. Mary Rogers, of Vermont, now under sentence for the murder of her husband, to go to the United States Court.

The decision of Judge Peckham, in the Rogers murder case is taken as meaning that the last hope of saving the woman's life has been exhausted. Gov. Bell of Vermont has announced that he will not grant a pardon or commute the sentence.

Farmers' Institutes.

State Institute to be Held at Clemson College from August 8 to 16—County Institutes can be Arranged.

Clemson College, June 11.—Special: Dr. P. H. Mell is sending out the following circular letter:

Clemson College is now arranging plans to hold Farmers' Institutes this summer in the counties of the State during the period between July 19 and August 5. Citizens who may desire an institute held in their community are invited to send an application to the president of the college, not later than June 20. Suggestions regarding the agricultural questions in which the community may be interested are also invited.

The institute at Clemson College will begin August 8 and continue for one week. Distinguished speakers will address the farmers on important topics during that week. The railway companies have arranged to give rates of one fare, plus twenty-five cents for the round trip from every station in South Carolina. Delegates to the Farmers' Institute at the college will please see that the local railway agent provides himself with the reduced rate tickets in ample time.

The State Board of Equalization Adds \$3,335,760 to the Assessments.

Special to News and Courier.

Columbia, June 12.—The State board of equalization at its present meeting raised the valuation on considerable property that comes under its jurisdiction. Only the cotton mills, cotton oil mills, fertilizer plants and one water power company are assessed by the State board. The State board has added \$3,335,760 to the taxable value of these three classes of property. Of course a great deal of this amount was due to the natural development and growth of the cotton mill business in this State. It will be interesting to note how much of the taxes the cotton mills, cotton oil mills and fertilizer plants really pay. The final valuations as fixed by the board are as follows: Cotton mills, \$24,904,376; oil mills, \$1,684,860; fertilizer plants \$1,844,727. These figures show a net increase for the tax department of 1905 over 1904 as follows: Cotton mills, \$2,700,117; oil mills, \$339,450; fertilizer plants, \$291,193.

Rewarded With a Pardon.

Frank Davis, a negro convict on the Fairfield chaingang, has been rewarded for saving a guards life. Gov Heyward yesterday signed his pardon.

Davis was sent up in 1902 for housebreaking and larceny and his sentence was five years. The other day one of the negro convicts on the same gang with Davis planned to escape. While the guard's back was turned the negro rushed at him with a pickaxe and only the quickness of Davis prevented a tragedy. The other negro fought desperately, but Davis finally overpowered him and the county supervisor of Fairfield at once took steps to have Davis set free. Yesterday Gov Heyward signed a commutation of sentence to the present time and the order for freedom was sent on at once.—The State.

—The Ledger, The Atlanta Journal, Semi weekly, and The Southern Cultivator, all three one year for \$2., but must be paid for in advance.

Happenings In The State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

"Put One in Me," And he did.

Johnston, June 11.—This morning Simp Nipper, a negro about 20 years old, shot and killed a negro boy about 8 years old, six miles from this place. The little negro, with a sister younger than himself and a little white boy, were playing on the roadside, when Nipper came up with a bucket. The girl asked to see the bucket Nipper had and the negro boy said, "Simp what would you do if anybody took your bucket?" Nipper replied that he "would put a 32 in them." The little negro, said, "Put one in me," and Nipper pulled his pistol and fired, the ball entering the left breast. The slayer immediately made his escape and has not as yet been captured.

A Fatal Encounter In A Mill Village.

Greenville, June 11.—As a result of an attack made upon Special Officer Eli Pittman by Newman Burns and George Rigdon last night at midnight, Burns is dead and the officer is painfully wounded. The killing occurred in the American Spinning company's village, on the Buncombe road opposite the Reuben Smith residence.

Officer Pittman is a regular deputized officer, and in attempting to arrest Burns and Rigdon the two men made a murderous assault upon him, Rigdon seizing and holding the officer while Burns slashed him with a knife about the head and face.

The officer by a superhuman effort released his right arm and seizing his pistol, fired three shots at Burns, two of which took effect one in the centre of the throat, the other on the side of the neck, severing the jugular vein.

Called Upon Editor Hull.

(From the Rock Hill Herald.)

The editor, who is still sick and confined to his room, was much pleased to receive a visit from Senator Tillman on Tuesday afternoon last, and the next afternoon Governor Heyward remembering old friendships, came to his bedside and spent a delightful quarter hour with him. He was accompanied by his cousin, Mr. Allen Izard. Senator Tillman still showed some of the painful effects of his accident while riding in a carriage with some young ladies about five weeks ago. The Senator's health is very much improved, and he assured us that he was devoting now most of his time to a study of himself, which, Pope says, is the greatest study of mankind.

The editor is still confined to his bed, but his physicians say that there is a decided improvement in his condition. He had a slight set-back on Wednesday from a dyspeptic attack. He is some better, however, and his doctors say will be all right in a day or two.

Japan and Russia Ready Now to Make Peace Terms

Washington, June 12.—Official assurance that the president's efforts to bring Russia and Japan together to discuss peace will be crowned with success was brought to the White House today by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, who called by appointment and in the name of Emperor Nicholas, formally accepted the president's "offer of good will."

Foley's Honey and Tar for children, safe, sure. No opiate.

A Delightful Occasion—The Celebration of Mr. John A. Bird's 71st Birthday.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me space in your valuable paper to give your readers a little sketch of a meeting held last Saturday in the First creek section.

A number of relatives and friends of John A. Bird assembled at his home on Saturday, the 10th day of June, to join him in celebrating his 71st birthday. Mr. Bird is a very young looking man, for that age. He has 14 living children, 73 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, making a total of 98 in his family. They were all present except 2 grand children and 3 great grandchildren. Before 12 o'clock, in over 400 people had assembled on the grounds, counting family and all. At 12 o'clock, the farmers' dinner hour, a table was prepared about 100 feet long, and it was beautifully spread with the best our country affords. And after all had eaten till they were satisfied, there seemed to be nearly enough left to feed another such a crowd. The afternoon was spent under these beautiful shade trees, in social conversation and listening to some good music, and drinking ice cold lemonade, which was made by the barrel and served to all free. All present seemed to enjoy themselves very much. I must say that it was a delightful time, for young and old. Hoping that Mr. Bird may be spared to meet with his relatives and friends on other occasions like this,

I remain, etc.

M. C. G.

Stand by Your Own Town.

Some people claim the right to try and discourage everything that goes to help build up their home town. This is all wrong and all should make up their minds to the fact that if there is any chance to boom business in it. Don't put on a long face and look as though you had a sour stomach. Hold up your head, smile and look for better things. Hide your little hammer and try to speak well of others, no matter how small you really know yourself to be.

When a stranger drops in jolly him and tell him this is the greatest little town on earth—as it is. Don't discourage him by speaking ill of your neighbors. Lead him to believe that he has at last struck a place where "white" people live.

Don't knock. Hold yourself along by becoming popular, and push your friends with you. It's dead easy. Be a good fellow and soon you'll have a procession of followers. No man ever helped himself by knocking other people down in business or character. No man ever got rich by trying to make others believe he was the only man in town who knew anything. You can't climb the ladder of success by treading on other peoples' corns.

When a man comes to town and he hears the character of nearly every one traduced, he is nearly always suspicious of the traducer, and will generally keep away from the man who knows all the bad things of the town, for it is likely a case of taking a thief to catch a thief.—Rock Hill Record

Riot at Negro Church.

Greenville, June 12.—In a bloody riot at Bethlem church on Sunday afternoon, Jim Berry, a negro was shot and several others received wounds.

Banker Bigelow Gets Ten Years.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 10.—Frank G. Bigelow, defaulting president of the First National bank of Milwaukee, was sentenced in the federal court this afternoon to 10 years at hard labor in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kans. Bigelow pleaded guilty to an indictment of 10 counts, returned by the federal grand jury, charging violations of the national bank law, and was sentenced by United States District Judge Quarles to a concurrent sentence of 10 years dating from to-day.

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COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

J. E. Stewart, Esq. Probate Judge.
WHEREAS, J. A. BRIDGES made suit to me, to grant him letters of administration of the estate of and of the effects of Robin Duncan.
THESE ARE THEREFORE, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said Robin Duncan deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of Probate, to be held at Lancaster, S. C. on Tuesday, June 27th next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why said administration should not be granted.
Given under my hand and the seal of the County of Lancaster, this 14th day of June A. D. 1905.
J. E. Stewart, Probate Judge.

Notice to Colored Teachers

A two weeks' summer school for colored teachers will be held in the Lancaster Normal and Industrial Institute of this place, beginning on July 20th 1905.

W. M. Moore,
Co. Supt. Ed.

Examination for Scholarships

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, July 7th, 1905, examinations will be held at the Court House in Lancaster, S. C., for scholarships in Winthrop College and in the normal department of the South Carolina College, and in the College of Charleston.

W. M. Moore,
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Notice To Teachers

The Summer School for white teachers will be held at Yorkville S. C., commencing June 12, 1905. I want to urge every white teacher in the county who can possibly do so to attend. I will ask that all who expect to attend to notify me at once so that I may arrange for board.

W. M. Moore,
County Supt. of Education,

Notice to Debtors and Creditors of C. H. Lathan

All persons having claims against the estate of Charles Harvey Lathan, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment, and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the same. John T. Green, May 12, 1905-1m. Executor.