

## PROGRESS OF EASTERN WAR

### After Heavy Slaughter and Hard Fighting On Both Sides There is a Lull

#### KUROPATKIN IS PLANNING A BLOW

A Report of the Concentration of 20,000 Russians Northeast of Liao Yang Gives Rise to the Belief That His Attack May Take That Direction—Port Arthur Fleet Said to be Outside the Harbor—Cold Causing Suffering Among the Troops.

So far as the dispatches from the Far East show, there has been no change in relative positions of the hostile armies confronting each other on the line of the Shakhe river. There is an unconfirmed report that a Russian force of 20,000 men have been concentrated at Keuta Pass, 20 miles northeast of Liao Yang, which may be indicative of the direction in which Kuropatkin is to strike his next blow. Upwards of 20,000 of the Russian soldiers wounded in the battle of Shakhe have reached Harbin. Cold weather is causing suffering to the armies in the field, although it has wrought an improvement in the conditions for the movements of troops. A report has reached St. Petersburg, but lacks confirmation, that the Port Arthur fleet has left its anchorage in the harbor and has taken up a position in the roadstead.

#### Kuropatkin Will Try Again.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—There is no change in the relative position of the armies on the Shakhe river. General Sakharoff telegraphs that the Russians have been bombarding Lamutung and the Buddhist temple at Linshinpu, while the Japanese have been shelling the Russian position at Shakhe and near Lindhinpu. An Associated Press dispatch from Mukden reports that the Japanese are fortifying an important height south of Shakhe, and that neither side shows a disposition either to advance nor retire. Another Associated Press dispatch from the Russian front says the situation is not yet ripe for the resumption of the offensive. This measure but significant admission, all that the censor allows to pass over the wires, doubtless indicates that General Kuropatkin is maturing important plans and distributing his forces in readiness for another attempt to break the Japanese resistance. The winds are now dried by the winds and frost; the cold is intense and flooded fields have been frozen. Thus military movements are facilitated though at the same time it will be more difficult to carry on trenching work. An Associated Press dispatch from the Russian front gives a rumor that the Russian forces made a detour to the west, arriving abreast of Liao Yang, but there is no confirmation of this report. Great importance is attached to a report from Tokio that 200 Russians have crossed the Taitei river east of Benihu and that 20,000 are concentrated at Kauta Pass, 20 miles northeast; this may indicate the direction of Kuropatkin's next blow, or possibly it is intended to disconcert the Japanese and compel them to weaken their force on the railroad. Whatever Kuropatkin's ultimate object may be, there is no doubt that he is desirous of obtaining the most reliable information as to

the number and disposition of the force opposing his left flank. The Cossacks may be relied upon to harass the Japanese line of communication, besides reconnoitering. General Kuropatkin is with the centre of his army. On October 21st he personally conveyed the congratulations of Emperor Nicholas to Count Poulloff and the Nineteenth Rifles for the capture of Lomo Tree Hill.

#### 60,000 Russians Dead.

A telegram from Harbin reports the passage north of 26,000 wounded. The remainder, who are quartered in hospitals at Mukden, cannot exceed a few thousands.

#### Captured 14 Japanese Guns.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—General Kuropatkin, in a dispatch to Emperor Nicholas, under date of October 21, says: "The Japanese retired from the village of Shakhe at nightfall, October 29. Thursday night passed quietly along the front of the Manchurian army."

#### Killing in Barber Shop.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—In a fight in the barber shop of the well-known hotel in this city, W. R. Hopen was killed by Sam F. Ring, by being stabbed through the heart with a pair of scissors today. Both men were barbers. King asserted the killing was done in self-defense. He has surrendered to the sheriff.

#### Shot and Killed by Mayor.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—L. G. Barron, white, was shot and killed Saturday afternoon at Lovett, Laurens county, Ga., by N. A. Thompson, mayor of the town. It is said that Barron had been threatening all the year to kill Thompson, and attempted to draw a pistol when he was shot by Thompson. Yesterday, it is said, Barron was at Lovett, very disorderly, the killing today growing out of that affair. Thompson was formerly connected with the Central & Wrightsville and the Tennille Railroads, and stands well with those who know him.

#### Lottery Tickets Confiscated.

New York, Special.—In a series of raids, representatives of District Attorney Jerome's office seized \$100,000 worth of lottery tickets here are arrested six men and one woman, all residents of the lower East Side, charged with selling lottery tickets. Most of them ostensibly sold "steamship tickets," though one advertised his place of business as a real estate office, and another was proprietor of a dry goods store.

## A TRAGEDY IN COLUMBIA

Scenes of the Awful Deed Was the Old Richmond Building Just Back of the Police Station.

Columbia, Special.—What will result in a terrible tragedy occurred Friday night about 7 o'clock in the old Richmond building just in the rear of the police station. Marie Watkins, colored, threw a lighted lamp at Thomas Broom, colored. The latter was so badly burned that she will probably die.

From the story of Florence Guizard, a small, mulatto girl of some 13 years and considerable intelligence, it seems that these two half grown negro girls were in a room in the old building, which was by common consent of the many colored families living there used as a parlor. There was a bed in this room and the two were lying on it. The lamp was on a table had little oil in it and an altercation arose as to who should fill it. A friendly tussel began, which merged itself into a sharper attack. The Watkins woman seized the lamp and threw it at the other woman as she lay on the bed. Her light cotton garments flared up and the room was filled with smoke and fire. So large a blaze it was that the whole yard was lighted up although it was bright moon light outside.

The Watkins woman, terrified, ran from the room down the hall, down the stairs and hid herself. She was found about 30 minutes later by Officer James Dunning who pulled her out from under a house and locked her up.

The unfortunate Broom girl leaped from the bed and ran out of the room down the long hall screaming in pain and fright. As she neared the stairs she saw one throw a blanket over her but she did not stop, and it fell away and the flames leaped higher and higher above her head. By this time some one was on hand with buckets of water and as the girl fell exhausted on the stairs she was taken up and carried to the hospital. She was found upon her. The spot where she fell was marked by the scorched and burnt rags of her clothing. Almost all of it was burned off.

She was frightfully burned about the hips, neck and shoulders. Dr. D. S. Peck, the city physician, was called in and attended the woman. He said she will recover. The case against Marie Watkins will be brought up this morning in the recorder's court and will probably be carried up to the circuit court.

#### Successful Experiment.

Beaufort, Special.—On a farm a few miles from Beaufort, under the management of Mr. Spelmer, a very successful experiment has been made in corn planting. A patch containing one acre has produced 121 bushels, or about 85 bushels to the acre. The very large yield is attributed to close planting. A bed five feet wide was thrown up and the seed planted in two rows 22 inches apart. The stalks stood 20 inches apart in the rows. "Alton's prolific" is the name of the seed used, which was planted during the first week in May. Two tons of cotton oil sweepings, costing about \$2, was the only fertilizer used. The land planted was low, heavy and new. It is a part of Capt. Peter Lea's farm at Burton. The wonderful growth has been watched with much interest by the farmers of that vicinity.

#### New Enterprises.

The Darlington Steam Laundry has applied for a commission, capitalizing it at \$3,000. Incorporators, R. E. Deans, J. L. Nettles, E. R. Cox, R. J. Riverbank.

The Osteen Publishing Company of Sumter was chartered, capitalizing \$15,000. Directors, C. P. Osteen, president; N. G. Osteen, vice president; N. G. Osteen, Jr., secretary and treasurer; H. P. Osteen, J. H. Levy, Abraham Ryttenburg and I. C. Strauss.

The Ocean View Social Club of Charleston was chartered. S. J. Preginal, president; J. O. Moisin, vice president; John Conway, secretary and treasurer.

#### By Wire and Cable.

At an informal luncheon to Rear-Admiral Jewell and other American naval officers King Edward drank a toast to the American navy.

The Cuban Congress closed, after a fruitless session.

The Ameer of Afghanistan has decided to send his son to meet Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, on the latter's return.

Senator Knox before the Union League Club of New York explained President Roosevelt's attitude toward combinations.

General Mills, superintendent of the West Point Academy, urges the erection of a building for the treatment of infectious diseases.

The Democratic Congressional Committee has issued a statement advising that a close watch be kept upon the pending negotiations for a new Chinese treaty.

The Russian and Japanese armies were foughnd, preventing hostilities. The fighting was reported to be still going on at Port Arthur.

A breach has been made in the Manchester ship canal at Runcorn, and when the tide is out water pours into the bed of the river Mersey at the rate of 70,000 to 100,000 gallons per hour. As, however, the tide swents into the canal twice in every twenty-four hours no appreciable difference appears to be made in the level of the waterway. The danger lies in the possible undermining of the wall at this point. The "breach" has occurred at a point where there was experienced great difficulty in building the wall.

## THE TWO NOMINEES

Graphic Pen Sketches of Presidential Aspirants.

### CLEVELAND AND LODGE WRITE

In Magazine Articles the Ex-President and the Massachusetts Senator Paint Rival Portraits of Parker and Roosevelt. . . . .

New York, Special.—Former President Grover Cleveland and McClure's for November gives his personal estimate of Judge Parker as a candidate for President. He says of him in part: "We sometimes find features of character so prominently visible in a man's mental organization that, like the features of his countenance, they need no proof of their existence. This is pre-eminently true of Judge Parker's intense deliberation in reaching conclusions and his inherent judicial conservatism. These qualities of his mind are so distinctly apparent that they are at once seen and known by all who gain the slightest knowledge of the man. This should make it thoroughly understood that those who love presidential pyrotechnics must look elsewhere."

"I have known Alton E. Parker for more than twenty years. He impressed me on our first acquaintance as a sincere, honest and able man, and this impression has, with time and observation, grown to clear and undoubting conviction. I am sure that I venture upon in making the positive assertion that the guiding trait of his character is his constant and unyielding devotion to duty."

"Judge Parker's experience in judicial investigation, added to his natural aptitude in the same direction, ought to satisfy the most cautious and sceptical of his abundant ability to discover in the light of constitutional requirements, and in the atmosphere of enlightened but conservative Americanism, the manner in which a President should best serve his countrymen."

"I am persuaded that the American people will make so much of the place implicit reliance in Alton E. Parker's devotion to duty, in his steadfast persistency against all temptation to leave the way where duty leads, and in his safe and conservative conceptions of presidential responsibilities."

In McClure's for November, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge gives a glimpse of President Roosevelt as he sees him. He says of him: "No man has lived the life of his time so amply as he; no one has shown humanity in so many phases, no one has wider sympathies or so many interests. It would be worse than idle for anyone, no matter how intimate his knowledge, to fancy that he could depict a character so manifold, so tried and tested in such multifarious experiences, within the space allowed me here. His daily life does not differ in any respect from that of any other very busy man of great energy, who finds rest and relief not only in active out-of-door life, but in a wide and constant reading of books—a habit, by the way, quite as characteristic as any other, but of which the newspaper critics and humorists tell us little."

Theodore Roosevelt apprehends very quickly. When he has thought a subject out thoroughly and knows what he means to do, he acts promptly. When, after full consideration, he has made up his mind as to what is right he is unbending; but no man has been in the White House for many years who is so ready to take advice, who has made up his mind more slowly, more deliberately, and after more consultation than Theodore Roosevelt.

"Every nation, or rather every historic race, has certain attributes in addition to the great and more obvious virtues which it believes to be peculiarly its own, and in which it takes an especial pride. We of the United States like to think of the typical American as a brave man and an honest man, very human, with no vain pretense to infallibility. We would have him simple in his home life, democratic in his ways, with the highest education that the world can give, kind to the weak, tender and loyal and true, never quarrelsome, but never afraid to fight, with a strong, sane sense of humor, and with a strain of adventure in the blood which we shall never cease to love until those ancestors of ours who conquered a continent have drifted a good deal further into the past than is the case today. These are the qualities which all men admire and respect, and which, thus combined, we like to think peculiarly American. As I enumerate them I describe Theodore Roosevelt."

#### Telegraphic Briefs.

General Kuropatkin has made good his stand at the Shakhe river and is protecting his line of retreat.

The Infanta Mercedes, sister of King Alfonso of Spain, died the day after the birth of a daughter.

There is a reaction against mob rule in Italy and calm prevails in anticipation of the general election.

Republican national campaign managers gave out a table, claiming 290 electoral votes as certain for Roosevelt.

## PALMETTO MATTERS

Occurrences of Interest in Various Parts of the State.

### The General Cotton Market.

Galveston, quiet	9 1/2-10
Baltimore, nominal	10
Boston, quiet	10 1/2
Philadelphia, quiet	10 3/8
New Orleans, quiet	9 3/4
New York, quiet	9 1/2
Mobile, quiet	9 1/2
Memphis, easy	9 1/2
Augusta, quiet	9 1/2
Charleston, quiet	9 1/2
Louisville, firm	10
St. Louis, steady	9 3/4
Houston, quiet	9 1/2
New York, quiet	9 1/2

### Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid for various grades of cotton:

Good middling	9 1/2
Strict middling	9 1/4
Middling	9 1/4

### South Carolina Items.

L. A. Martin, the sixth man alleged to have been implicated in the Eutawville lynching, but who was not discovered by the detectives and special deputies at the time the other five men were taken to Columbia. Lawyers E. J. Dennie and R. W. Haynes were there to confer with the men under arrest. The lawyers will not discuss their plans, but it is thought that they will apply for bail. Application for habeas corpus or a demand for a preliminary hearing are also open to them. This was a brutal murder of Kit Bookard, without even a semblance of sentimental justification and Governor Heyward has been working several months on the case with Pinkerton men. There has been heavy expense during the several months the Pinkerton men have been working, but the Governor met this out of his own funds, the continuing fund having been exhausted. This is the first time a Governor of this State has employed Pinkerton men to run down lynchings, and it is expected to have a salutary effect. Governor Heyward is determined that lynchings in this State shall cease, and this will not be the last case in which he will employ detectives to ferret out evidence.

At a meeting of the State board of health it was decided to take up the matter of recommending to the Legislature the turning over to the Federal Government of the coast quarantine service of the State. The president of the board, Dr. T. Grange Simons, will confer with Surgeon General Wanan of the marine hospital service, and after consulting those in charge of the stations at Georgetown, Charleston, Beaufort and Port Royal, will report back to the meeting of the board to be held on the 8th of December, when the board's annual report to the Legislature will be formulated. The December meeting will also hear from Secretary Evans as to the report of vital statistics from Columbia, which the city board has for many months been endeavoring to get from the city physicians.

The Governor last week issued a reward of \$200 for the capture of Sam Brown, the negro who killed Mr. Allen P. Hettington, at Meggets, in August. This was a particularly brutal murder and it aroused much feeling in that section of the State at the time. For a time it was thought Brown had been lynched, but he seems to have escaped the mob that was after him. A reward of \$150 was also offered for Jim Thompson, who killed Isiah Jeter in York county a few days ago.

The Governor has appointed two special judges in the persons of J. Y. Culbreath and J. P. Carvey, the former to preside over a two weeks' special term, beginning in Pickens on the 24th of October, and the other to hold a special two weeks' term, beginning in Abbeville on the 7th of next month.

The Secretary of State issued two almsosenary charters Friday—one to the Morris Industrial (colored) School of Buffalo, and the other to the Mt. Lebanon View Presbyterian Church at Campobello.

### Homicide in Marlboro.

Clio, Special.—The coroner's jury is investigating a homicide which occurred near here on Sunday. Frank Seat struck Wm. Sweat with a piece of an ax handle while Sweat was advancing on him with a drawn knife. Sweat's skull was fractured and he died Tuesday evening. Seat made no effort to escape and is now in the guard house here.

### Gilbreath Case Dismissed.

Spartanburg, Special.—The case against Mayor Jas. Gilbreath of Greens, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, was scheduled for investigation in Magistrate Kirby's court it was discovered, however, that the alleged assault occurred in Greenville county, the boundary line running near Greens. Magistrate Kirby had no jurisdiction in the matter. The case was dismissed. In all probability a warrant will be secured from a Greenville county magistrate, and the case will come up for investigation in that county if it is pushed.

### Shot His Wife and Himself.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—Wednesday afternoon as a result of a quarrel Charles Harding shot his wife three times and then turned the pistol on himself, the bullet penetrating the base of the brain. In conveying Harding to the city hospital the ambulance was struck by a trolley car and wrecked, the driver being thrown out and severely bruised. Harding and his wife are fatally wounded.

## SHAKESTONE A MYTH

Supposed National Poison as a Poison Antidote is False.

South Africans, as a rule, trouble themselves but little about snakes, although it is well known that a few varieties are particularly deadly. Among the natives the properties of the "shakestone" have for many generations formed a centre of half superstitions credulity, and, even by people who might be expected to know better, have been supposed to effect the most surprising cures of snake bite. An investigation of its properties by the government bacteriologists of Natal, who submitted an Indian snakestone to the test of applying it to animals infected with snake venom, has shown conclusively that its properties are quite mythical and that it does nothing that is claimed for it. According to tradition the shakestone, which has absorbent qualities, and which there is some reason to believe is frequently artificially prepared, is placed on the wound inflicted by a snake bite. There it is believed to suck out the poison, and it has been said that if afterward placed in a bowl of milk the venom will exude and the milk turn blue. In certain experiments narrated in the British Medical Journal all these directions were followed. To the two rabbits injected respectively with the venom of a black mamba, a very deadly South African colubrine, and with puff adder venom, the snakestone was at once applied. The stone, by virtue of its absorbent nature, adhered to the wound, but here its adherence to tradition ended. Both rabbits died, and what was more disappointing, two other rabbits, used as a "control experiment," which were injected with the same amount of venom, recovered. Nor when the stone was placed in milk did the milk change color, though a small quantity of it was absorbed. The amount of absorption that the stone could possibly effect would be no more in hours than ordinary suction by the lips could achieve in a few minutes; and its only possible usefulness might be that of improving the physical condition of the patient by impressing him with the belief that a valuable remedy was being applied.—South Africa.

### WORDS OF WISDOM:

The way to be nothing is to do nothing.—Howe.

Much bending breaks the bow; much unbending the mind.—Bacon.

It is always the biggest craven who gives the dead dog the heartiest kick.

When a man gives to be seen of men he generally has a good deal to hide from the Lord.

For people who live happily together the real secret is that they shall not live too much together.—English Proverb.

The darkest hour in the history of any young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without honestly earning it.—Horace Greeley.

Never compare thy condition with those above thee; but to secure thy content, look upon those thousands with whom thou wouldst not, for any interest, change thy fortune and condition.—Jeremy Taylor.

Let us rightly search our lives that, if there be any evil in the day gone, before the angel closes his book we may repent, and the fair white page of holy deeds and genuine repentances be our only record.—John E. W. Ware.

Life our battleground, death our release; cares and sorrows upon earth, repose in heaven—of these we all have heard. But do we really grasp the thought that in our death and judgment we are confronted with new opportunity?—Isaac Ogden Rankin.

Award by Sight of Wealth.

A Southern planter employed a man to work some of his land during the past year on shares. On account of the high price of cotton the employer's half of the proceeds amounted to \$1000. The planter knew that it would ruin any such man to get such a sum of money, and decided that half of it would be enough. Upon further reflection the conviction grew upon him that \$800 would ruin any such man in the world, so he cut the sum in half again, and piling up 400 shining silver dollars on his desk, sent the negro and brother, and said that he was ready to settle. The man came in and fairly gasped at the amount of wealth in sight.

"Land, boss," he said, "is that money all ours?"

"Yes."

"Well, then, divide it in two piles and you take your half and I'll take mine."—Minneapolis Tribune.

Our Willow Ware.

In ten years Maryland has jumped from fifth to third place in the willow-ware industry in the United States, now ranking next to New York and Pennsylvania. Baltimore is one of the three willow-ware centres which only have shown any actual growth in the business. In Maryland the centre of the willow district lies in Howard County. In the neighborhood of Elkridge alone the output of willow exceeds \$5000 per annum, while Anne Arundel County contributes \$2500.

Jap Advertising.

The Japanese advance in advertising is in all else. Here is an illustration: "Our wrapping paper is as strong as the hide of an elephant. Goods forwarded with the speed of a cannon ball. Our silks and satins are as soft as the cheeks of a pretty woman, as beautiful as the rainbow. Our parcels are packed with as much care as a young married woman takes of her husband."

The Hospital states that 2,289,578 patients are treated annually in London hospitals and dispensaries.

## THE M'CUÉ TRIAL

Famous Case Brought to Trial and Verdict Summoned

### ALLEGED WIFE SLAYER COMPOSED

July Nine Jurors Obtained Out of the 50 Veniremen From Petersburg and an Officer Sent to Richmond For 50 From That City—An Essential State's Witness Absent Without Explanation—Prisoner Affectionately Greeted By His Children and Kin—Several Times By His Brothers.

Charlottesville, Va., Special.—The case of former Mayor McCue, accused of wife murder was called for trial Tuesday. Soon after the opening of the court it was announced that W. O. Durrette, an important witness for the Commonwealth, was absent from the city. Captain Michah Woods, who is assisting the prosecution, said that Mr. Durrette was an essential witness. It was stated that Mr. Durrette, when last heard from was in Roanoke, Va. Mr. Lee, of counsel for the defense, stated that they were anxious to go on with the case and that if Captain Woods cared to disclose what he expected to prove by Mr. Durrette he thought it very probable the defense would agree to admit Captain Woods did not make this disclosure, but said that he had sent several telegrams after the witness and would like a little time to ascertain the result of these messages. Without disposing of the question, the court took a recess until afternoon.

A large crowd was in attendance in the court room when the case was called. The special venire from Petersburg, from which a jury will be drawn to try the case, was present. Mr. McCue, when he came into court, was affectionately greeted by his children, all of whom were present except Samuel. His youngest daughter cried bitterly while seated in her father's lap.

Comment was made on the fact that Mr. Durrette, the chief witness, should have gone to Roanoke where the children of the accused were taken several weeks ago and from which city they returned. The afternoon session of the court was consumed in the examination of the fifty veniremen from Petersburg, and out of the fifty only nine jurors were obtained. A number of the Petersburgers declared that they would not convict on circumstantial evidence. At the conclusion of the session the city sergeant of Charlottesville left hurriedly for Richmond, where he will summon fifty more veniremen to serve in these cases.

The striking feature of the trial was the fact that several of McCue's brothers, who were in the court room with him, kissed him a number of times. The prisoner is said to have gone to jail this evening whistling a tune.

### Resigns Missionary Presidency.

Des Moines, Iowa, Special.—Rev. Washington Gladden, of Columbus, O., resigned the presidency of the American Mission Society, perhaps the greatest home missionary organization in the country. The new duties of moderator of the Congregational National Council forced Mr. Gladden to give up the less important office.

Prof. W. E. DuBois, of Atlanta University, (colored), created a sensation by a statement in his address that the rise and education of the ambitious young negro student is a menace to the security and class superiority of the rich, the well-born and white. He said the negro problem is only a phase of the greater problem of class distinction. The greatest crime of the United States, he said, is stealing, which is manifested in the arrogation of special privileges by the well-to-do and the white over the poor and the black man.

### Served With Summons.

Huntsville, Ala., Special.—Sheriff A. D. Rogers, against whom impeachment proceedings have been instituted in the Supreme Court for alleged neglect of duty in allowing a mob to lynch Horace Maples, was served with a formal summons today to appear before the Supreme Court November 24. The summons was served by Coroner E. B. Stewart.

### Tobacco Factory Burned.

Richmond, Va., Special.—The R. A. Patterson Tobacco Factory No. 2, was practically destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Loss, about \$100,000, which is covered by insurance. The fire is thought to have been due to spontaneous combustion. It originated in the granulating department. About 250 persons were employed in the plant.

### Attack British Steamers.

Shanghai, By Cable.—The British steamers Pak Kang and Hoi Ho, were attacked by pirates in the west river near Canton Tuesday night. A British gunboat has been dispatched to the scene.

### Accepted Invitation.

Washington, Special.—Senator Don Emilio de Ojeda, the Spanish minister, has received authorization from his government to accept the invitation of the governor of Florida and the mayor of Jacksonville to attend the celebration of the reconstruction of Jacksonville after the disastrous fire. The minister has advised the Florida officials of his acceptance.