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EXCITEMENT AT SHANGHAI

Japanese Vessel Anchors Close By the Russian Battleship

AMERICANS ACT WITH JAPANESE

China Not Being Able to Prevent the Russians From Violating Her Neutrality by Making Repairs on the Askold and the Grozovoi, the Japanese Take the Bull by the Horns.

Shanghai, By Cable.—Shanghai was thrown into a fever of excitement Sunday afternoon by the arrival of Japanese torpedo boat. She passed the Woosung at full speed and started up the river at 10 for Shanghai. The United States torpedo destroyer Chauncey, slipped her cable and followed the Japanese destroyer. The Japanese boat was cleared for action. She anchored off the Cosmopolitan dock, where the Russian Askold is undergoing repairs.

The total notified American Consul Goodnow, who is the dean of the consular body, that China cannot protect the foreign settlements. He contends that Russia ignores the orders issued by China, and that China is not the means of making her obey them.

Consul Goodnow called a meeting of the consular body to take joint action for the protection of foreign inhabitants. The Askold has docked adjacent to the warehouses here of the Standard Oil Company, which are valued at over \$1,000,000. The Standard Oil Company has demanded protection for its property from Consul Goodnow. The dock where the Askold lies is owned by British interests. Inside this dock is German and Dutch property, and on the other side American property.

SURPRISE CREATED IN LONDON.

London, By Cable.—The intervention of the American squadron at Shanghai in the Japanese operations against the Russian Askold, created considerable surprise in official circles here. An official of the legation said: "If the report is not untrue, the American commander must have had good reason for his action, such as the protection of American interests, which would have been endangered by the Japanese."

A Destructive Storm.

St. Paul, Special.—Death to twelve persons, injuries to many others and destruction to property, both private and public, estimated in round numbers at \$1,000,000, resulted from a terrific gale which tore down the Askold of the Mississippi at about 8 o'clock Saturday night from a point somewhere

Corporal Punishment Abolished.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—An act signaling the birth of an heir to the throne will be the abolition of corporal punishment throughout Russia. A ukase to this effect was issued Wednesday. It is reported on good authority that Emperor William of Germany asks the privilege to act as one of the god-fathers to the heir.

Russia Calls Out Reserves.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The Emperor has issued an ukase summoning to the colors all the reserve officers throughout the empire. The Official Messenger announced the mobilization of the reserves in 45 districts, calling to the colors one-tenth of the reserves of European Russia. Considerably over half the first-class reserves of European Russia have now been called out and practically all the reserves in Siberia.

Current Events.

Col. Ismail Montes was inaugurated as President of Bolivia.
 The Board of Public Works is engaged in assessing railroad property in West Virginia.
 "Old Home Week," is being celebrated in Culpeper county.
 The United States immigration authorities, instead of raising any objection to Mrs. Maybrick's coming to America, will facilitate her landing as much as possible.
 Admiral Jewell's squadron will leave the Mediterranean and go to Northern Europe.
 Minister Powell has sent word to the State Department that President Nord, of Haiti, never threatened to massacre foreigners.
 The principal feature of the cabinet meeting was a thorough discussion of the letter of acceptance of the Republican nomination by the President.
 Commander Underwood, American Naval Governor Tutuila, writes that the native chiefs of Manua Island, in the Samoan group, have acknowledged the sovereignty of the United States over the island.
 Some praying for a heavenly blessing who need to pray for some earthly blessings.
 Mary is looking for merit in all.

SOUTH CAROLINA CROPS

Report on Conditions by the Department of Agriculture.

The week ending 8 a. m., August 15, had a mean temperature of 77 degrees, which is about three below normal. The extremes for the week were a minimum of 69 at Greenville on the 9th and a maximum of 92 at Blackville on the 13th. The first five days were generally cloudy, the last two generally clear. There were local high winds accompanying thunderstorms that did slight damage to corn principally.

There were almost daily rains from the 8th to the 13th, and less frequent showers on the last two days. The precipitation was evenly distributed throughout the State, but was not as heavy as during the previous week; but the ground continued thoroughly saturated, and the injury to crops was aggravated by the cloudy weather, and very high relative humidity that prevailed. Some bottom lands were overflooded and the crops on them destroyed. The injury from the rains was confined largely to cotton on sandy lands.

The early corn was not affected by the wet weather except that fodder pulling was hindered and some fodder that was pulled was damaged; late corn continued its recent rapid improvement and has reached a stage of growth which assures it to be a good crop, regardless of subsequent weather conditions.

A few localities in the south central and southeastern parts report no injury from the rain to cotton, but over the greater part it has grown too much weed and is not fruiting correspondingly, on clay and red lands while on sandy lands it has turned yellow and continues to shed extensively, with rust more prevalent than last week. A few open hills have been noted in the southeastern counties, and a "first bale" was marketed on the 13th, although that is not indicative that picking has begun.

Tobacco curing is nearly finished; uncut tobacco is making a new and damaging growth; some injury to the leaf by the damp weather, tobacco in barns. Rice made substantial improvement, but is ripening slowly. Peas are growing nicely. Late melons are watery. Late peaches are rotting extensively. Pastures, gardens and minor crops are doing well, but need more sunshine. The conditions were favorable for fall truck planting and germination.—J. W.

South Carolina Items.

Rumors continue to be circulated that Eddie Kennedy, who is suspected of having killed Jacob King, his employer, in Charleston, has been arrested first in one city and then in another, but there is no truth in the stories. Kennedy seems to have a good start on the police and he is probably in safe quarters for a while at least. He is a Northern man and it is likely that he has returned North where his accents and mannerisms would not likely open chances of his detection, as would be the case in the South.

Will Anderson, a negro railway employe, was seized with a violent attack Monday afternoon while carousing and drinking with a crowd in depot flat in Spartanburg and it is believed he was the victim of a black conspiracy to drug him and rob him. Physicians

is he still suffering great agony and is in a precarious condition. The three other negroes who were with Anderson are being held on suspicion.
 The first bale of new cotton, which was taken to Charleston on Saturday, consigned to F. W. Wagener & Co., from H. C. Folk of Bamberg, was sold Monday to the Goldsmith Mercantile Co. for 12 cents. The bale weighed 445 pounds and was classed as fully middling. The bale is eight days ahead of the first bale of last year and 11 days later than the first bale of the year previous.

Benedict College, a negro institution in Columbia, will have within a few months a library building for which plans have been drawn and which will cost \$5,000, the money having been donated by Andrew Carnegie.

The Pickens county candidates are discussing the automobile, all of them, it is reported, being in favor of some restrictions being placed on the free use of the automobile on the public roads.

Wm. J. McIntosh, 40 years old, the flower and seed dealer of Charleston, who on Sunday was pronounced dead in New York and apparently came to life a short time afterwards, died Tuesday night at the Hudson street hospital in that city. The physicians at the hospital have been unable to diagnose the cause and the coroner's office has been notified.

The Palmetto Dry Goods company, of Greenville, capitalized at \$10,000, has applied to the secretary of State for a commission to conduct a dry goods and shoe business at Pelzer. The incorporators are W. K. Huggins, of Pelzer, J. Thomas Arnold and G. H. Mahon, of Greenville.

Miss Mamie Pearson, of Woodruff, has been awarded the scholarship to the church in the Cross Anchor section of Spartanburg county. The college gives a limited number of scholarships each year in every county of the State for which competitive examinations are held.

Capt. Wm. H. Bertless, a gallant Confederate officer of Col. Simonton's regiment during the war, died at Port Royal Monday night after a protracted illness. He was for some years in service at the Port Royal naval station and was highly esteemed.

Hugh Price, a Marion county farmer, died a few days ago, leaving an estate worth \$123,000, including \$3,000 in cash in bank. He began life with out a dollar after the war, and is said to have been wholly illiterate.

Atlanta Man a Suicide.—William J. Montgomery, vice president an general manager of the Georgia Cotton Mill Company, shot and killed himself at his office here Friday evening. He was sitting in his private office and had just been conversing with his office force, who had left him. The ill entered his mouth and ranged upward, penetrating the brain and causing instant death. No cause of the act has been given.

Washington Leaves Smyrna.

Washington, Special.—Rear Admiral Jewell, commanding the American European squadron, called to the Navy Department announcing the departure of his command, comprising the Olympia, Baltimore and Cleveland, from Smyrna for Gibraltar. This action is taken on the instruction from Minister Leishman, at Constantinople, that the squadron's presence is no longer necessary at Smyrna.

WATSON IS NOTIFIED

OUR MINERAL RESOURCES

Paper to be Read Before American Mining Congress.

Under the direction of the State department of agriculture, commerce and immigration, State Geologist Earl Sloan has prepared a paper on the mineral resources of South Carolina as viewed from a commercial standpoint—that is their adaptability to commercial usage.

This paper will be read before the American Mining congress at Portland, Oregon, in October. It is classified into three heads as follows:

1. Metals—Gold, copper, tin, iron, nickel. The location and names of owners of all deposits are given together with the character.
2. Non-metals—Monazite, kaolin, Fuller's earth, potter's clay, pyrites, granite, marble, limestone, etc.
3. Agricultural adjuncts—Marls adapted to the manufacture of Portland cement and fertilizers.

No phosphate is dealt with because it is considered that about all the capital that can be invested in that industry is now here and is being used.

Mr. Sloan's paper is included in the whole report which bears the signature of Commissioner Watson. The introduction reads: "To the American Mining Congress: "At the request of your secretary, I was recently named by the governor of the State to undertake through this department of the State government, the preparation of a paper dealing with the mineral resources of the State, viewed from the standpoint of their value commercially. No attention, therefore, has been given to various mineral resources that are not of sufficient commercial value to warrant successful development. This State has been for many years without class of information about her varied mineral resources that would prove of value to the investor. These properties have simply been lying idle awaiting intelligent direction and sufficient capital to develop them. When this department was established five months ago I at once determined to secure this information and present it to investors in such form as to command attention and give them facts they wished to know. A hasty study of the mining statistics of the State showed an utter lack of development, there being only 28 mines, quarries and wells operated in the State employing only 2,694 wage earners, and showing only \$1,834,134 as the value of the produce placed upon the market, of which \$1,415,115 in silver, not including the State's possession, mining property, was owned by non-residents of South Carolina and neighboring States."

"Knowing the value of the undeveloped mineral properties in the State, I had already determined to carefully prepare just such a paper as you requested in your secretary's letter of May 4 to the governor. Consequently I have endeavored to give you the most complete and accurate information, care than was originally intended, and at once I invoked the aid of our very competent State geologist, who has furnished me over his signature the resume of our mineral resources incorporated in this paper."

As to the properties incorporated in the statistics of the geologist I will say that it is the business of this department to push their development as far as possible. The department will endeavor to show inquiring investors over the properties, offering to invest over the further aid of the State geologist when his services are needed.

The department will also endeavor to secure such properties as may be wanted at the lowest possible prices and upon the best terms for investors, and the proposition is coupled with the assurance of the purchaser that he intends to immediately develop the property, and there is an absence of merely for speculative purposes. Among the properties now listed with the department is the Mary copper mine referred to below.

"Having had considerable experience with development matters, I do not hesitate to say that I feel that there is a fine opportunity for those who undertake the development of an excellent mineral resource of South Carolina, particularly in view of the fact that the field is practically a virgin one and unworked almost, and in view of the further fact that these properties are so well located as to railroad and water transportation, being almost in the suburbs of the eastern markets and seaports."

An extract from Mr. Sloan's paper dated writes: "The magnetic ore, or numerous deposits of iron are in this State, occurring in formations ranging from the tertiary to the silurian, but up to the present time none have been noted excepting in the King's mountain district. One zone, beginning north of King's mountain, extends westerly through Cherokee and parts of Spartanburg and Union counties, and comprises the Broad river near Cherokee ford, five miles east of Gaffney, and half a mile north of a spur track of the Southern railway. It consists of lenticular bodies of magnetite crowded in talcose schist, pitched at high angles, attaining places the width of 40 feet, and extending to depths as yet undetermined. The sorted ore in large lots exceeds 50 per cent of metallic iron, and is free from objectionable association excepting in the nature of the magnesian gangue which adds somewhat to the difficulties of fluxing. The exposures of this ore adjacent to the Broad river are the most prominent and most favorably situated for development."

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New Mississippi Railroad.—Mobile, Ala., Special.—A special to the Register from Jackson, Miss., says a charter for a new railroad, the Delta Southern, has been filed with the Attorney-General, J. S. B. Thompson, of Atlanta; M. M. Richey, of Birmingham; W. W. Stone and Joshua McMuller, of Greenville, and are incorporated in the road will traverse Washington, Bolivar, Sharkey and Yazoo counties—about 60 miles of the richest country in the State.

Four Killed in Collision.—Chicago, Special.—Four people were killed, another fatally hurt and 23 severely injured in a collision late Wednesday evening between an express train on the Chicago and Great Western Railway and a train of three trolley cars. The dead and fatally injured are: Mrs. Frances Rautman, William Irving, died in hospital after amputation of leg; Mrs. Jeremiah Shuckrow, of Danville, Ill., unidentified woman about 30 years old, fatally injured; Michael Ryan, motor-man of trolley car, skull fractured.

MINISTER KNOCKED OUT ELDER

Diagnosed Scandal That Has Disrupted Pennsylvania Church.

Rev. Samuel P. Montgomery of Pittsburg is among the best known Western Presbyterian preachers in western Pennsylvania. The reverend gentleman has some mining stock which he tried to unload on members of his flock. Elder Edward P. Heath thought this was unclerical in the extreme and he said so to Mr. Montgomery at a church meeting. The latter, a muscular Christian, promptly knocked the elder down. Mr. Heath jumped up and the two clinched for a moment, but the preacher landed once more and the elder "went down and out," as they say at godless prize fights. Next day Mr. Heath caused the arrest of the pastor, who gave bail. All of which has caused great scandal and commotion among the faithful of the congregation.

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