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SEIZE BRITISH SHIP

Little Going On At Present in the Far Eastern Struggle

THE JAPANESE BLOCKADERS ALERT

The Sishan, With a Cargo of Cattle and Flour From Shanghai to Port Arthur, Captured Off of Chwang

Continuance of the sale which developed on the China Sea and adjacent waters on October 4 precludes active operations by the Japanese fleet blockading Port Arthur.

Recent Outpost Fighting. Tokio, By Cable.—The imperial headquarters issued a report of the recent Russian military movements and skirmishes with the Japanese south of Mukden, as follows: On October 4, a few of the enemy's cavalry approached the vicinity of Alyanpennien, but our force drove them off.

The enemy, with a battalion of infantry, eleven squadrons of cavalry and five guns, advanced toward Shaliutward on October 4, and retreated toward Huangshan, October 5. In this direction there were also two of three of our squadrons of cavalry, whose outpost lines extended between Niakou-shan and Wancheafan. The Russian infantry heading the column wore Chinese costumes.

On October 4, a small body of the enemy attacked our pickets at Pintai-zai and on Mukden road and were repulsed. The enemy left the dead and rifles behind. All the enemy wore Chinese clothing.

Four squadrons of Russian cavalry came to Sunatsetzai, on the Fushan road, October 3, and remained there until the morning of October 5. The enemy's cavalry patrols have been seen south of Wuncheih and Lungwangia, but they retreated north to Lutokou, leaving a rear guard.

A detachment of the enemy's cavalry, with three guns, advanced toward Sliotai and, taking up a position at Tatal, fired on our troops north of Yontai.

The enemy posted at Chantou on the right bank of the Hun River, has been leaving a small force there in the neighborhood of Taptai-zai. A small force of the enemy recently attacked our outpost on the left bank of the Hun river, but was driven back.

Shanghai, By Cable.—The British steamer Sishan, from Hong Kong, has been seized by the Japanese off New Chwang.

The Sishan carried a cargo of cattle and flour, intended for Port Arthur. The Sishan is a steel-screw steamer of 315 tons, and is owned by Thomas W. Richardson, of London.

New Orleans to Manchester. London, By Cable.—Manchester's fight for a diversion of a portion of Liverpool's cotton trade from America has resulted, according to statements published, in an arrangement with the Leyland Line and the Manchester liners (limited) of Manchester, whereby the two companies will combine for the purpose of carrying cotton to Liverpool from New Orleans to Manchester.

Unrest Among Chinese. Shanghai, By Cable.—Numerous reports received from the interior telling of the activity of secret societies at points widely apart are causing serious uneasiness. It is known that the officials everywhere are displaying great anxiety and are procuring the most modern arms and munitions of war for the purpose of equipping the soldiery. There is no certainty as to whether the anxiety of the officials is directed against anticipated risings or as to whether it is a precautionary movement in view of possible danger from a successful Japan.

Best Winter Quarters. Washington, Special.—Rear Admiral Wise, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic training squadron, has recommended that the squadron spend the greater part of the winter in Pensacola harbor and that vicinity. Wise says that the facilities for boating and other exercises there are good. Officials are disposed to favor the recommendation, and it is said to be followed by the training squadron would not go to Culebra to participate in the maneuvers this winter.

To Receive Death Sentence. Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Sheriff Burgin, who went to Tavares, Fla., to identify and bring back Frank Duncan, charged with the murder of Policeman D. W. Kirkley, of this city, returned with Duncan. Before leaving Tavares, Duncan was convicted of robbing the bank at Leesburg, Fla., and given a 15-year sentence. The sentence was suspended in order to turn him over to the Alabama authorities as a death sentence was awaiting him there. He will be re-sentenced in a few days. Duncan does not deny his identity.

Four Dead in Hotel Fire. St. Joseph, Mo., Special.—Four persons perished in a fire which destroyed the Tracy Hotel, in South St. Joseph. The dead: Lafayette Frew, livestock buyer; C. F. Morton, employe of stock yards company; Mrs. Anna Weston, of Gentry county, Mo.; unknown man. Weston, 12 years old, son of the dead woman, is fatally burned. Wm. Simmons was also badly hurt by jumping from a third-story window.

IN PALMETTO STATE

Occurrences of Interest in Various Parts of the State.

The Case of Ben Bennett.

Hampton, Special.—On Monday morning a true bill for murder was found by the grand jury against Ben Bennett. Arriving on the afternoon train from Columbia he was brought into court and arraigned. The case went to trial with Solicitor Davis for the State and Senator E. F. Warren and W. J. Thomas, Esq., appearing for the defendant. The jury retired at 7 p. m. and at 9 p. m. Judge Klugh and the court officers and attorneys were sent for. A verdict of guilty of manslaughter with recommendation to the mercy of the court was received.

The case was called up under a motion made by his attorneys to have the case continued to the next term of court, Bennett having been only arraigned and the usual three days allowed him for preparation.

His attorneys made earnest appeals to the court for a continuance, but were opposed in a very strong and clear argument in reply by Solicitor Davis, who rehearsed the circumstances connected with Bennett's case, the conditions under which he had been pardoned by Governor McSweeney, when he was serving a life sentence in the State penitentiary, and also referred to a telegram which the solicitor had just read from Attorney Colding of Savannah, who had represented Bennett during the ordeal of his extradition from Georgia, to the effect, "It was impossible to attend court in Hampton because he had to be present at the Supreme Court of Georgia."

Attorneys Warren and Thomas urged the court to grant the continuance, because they had only been employed this week. Judge Klugh refused the motion. Bennett's case was heard Thursday.

Conway Railroad. Conway, Special.—The Conway, Coast and Western railroad had a force of men at work laying track on the extension to Marion, which is another link in Conway's connection with the world. This work is another evidence of the aggressive activity shown by Mr. F. A. Burrows, the projector and backer of the enterprise. In 1899 Mr. Burroughs began building his railroad in Marion

that the road will be pushed as fast as is consistent with permanent work. The other end, which goes to Little River, will not be forgotten in the shuffle, but will be carried right through. The Conway, Coast and Western has a road within ten miles of Little River now. This point is 23 miles from Conway, just across the North Carolina connection with Little River will mean connection with Southport, N. C., where there is plenty of water for vessels of deep draught, there being 25 feet of water on the bar at dead low water with five or six rise of tide.

South Carolina Items. C. H. Reed, a flagman on the Southern Railway, running between Augusta and Columbia, was killed by a passenger train at Langley Monday night between 8 and 9 o'clock. He was sitting beside the track asleep when struck by the train and instantly killed. It appears that he was the flagman on the freight train No. 130 which was on the way from Columbia to Augusta and due to arrive there at about 9 o'clock. His brother was conductor of the train.

William T. Latham, who has been confined in the county jail at Camden for several weeks awaiting the fall term of court, to be tried for shooting a Mr. Redmond on the streets of Camden some months ago, committed suicide Tuesday afternoon at about 5:30 o'clock by drinking two ounces of lysol, a poisonous disinfectant which had been given him to use on the clothes and when found he was in the last throes and made no statement to any one.

Fourteen boarders and two servants were punished at Mrs. Mattie J. Wilson's boarding house, 1523 Washington street, Columbia, Sunday, by eating ice cream made from pineapple in which too much acid had been used in the canning process. None will die, but are still painful. Some half a dozen who ate the cream were not affected.

J. Edward Anderson, the depot agent at Mayesville, who killed Hurst, a painter with his attorney before Judge Dantzer Tuesday under habeas corpus proceedings. The motion was resisted by the solicitor on the grounds that he had not been served with copies of the affidavits and the judge postponed the hearing until last night in Sumter.

Early Monday morning a negro named Thompson went to the place of Mr. W. T. Smarr in Bullock's Creek township, near Broad river, and killed another negro named Jeter, using a double barreled shotgun, firing both leads into his victim. Jeter was picking cotton in the field at the time. The trouble arose over the wife of Jeter.

Unless there is a commutation of his sentence Aaron Williams, the negro, will be hanged in Camden on November 4th next.

Mr. Giles L. Wilson, cashier of the Central National Bank of Spartanburg and of the Spartanburg Savings Bank, has been appointed receiver for the Valley Falls Manufacturing Company, and has assumed charge of the property of the company.

The fertilizer tax now amounts to \$203,570.40 and more money is coming in every day. Last year the income from this source for the entire year was only \$98,909.40 and the money received after October 5th was \$6,823.25. All of this money goes to Clemson College in addition to other appropriations.

GEN. RANSOM DEAD

Prominent Southern Statesman Goes to His Reward

WAS LOVED, HONORED, RESPECTED

The Imperishable Career of North Carolina's Most Distinguished Private Citizen Closes at the 78th Milestone in His Life.

Weldon, N. C., Special.—Ex-Senator Matt. W. Ransom, North Carolina's foremost citizen, died suddenly Saturday morning at his country home in Northampton county, near Carysburg, of heart failure.

The end came shortly after 1 o'clock and was the peaceful passing of a flame which had flickered but feebly for some months. It was his 78th birthday.

Gen. M. W. Ransom was born on Oct. 8, 1826, in Warren county. He became Attorney General for the State of North Carolina in 1852, being only 25 years of age at the time, thus being the youngest man to hold this position in the history of the State. By reason of Gov. Vance being unable to qualify as Senator after his election, Gen. Ransom, in 1872, which position he held constantly until 1893, immediately after which he was appointed United States minister to Mexico, in which capacity he served for two years.

The bill of arbitration in the Venezuelan trol was with Mexico. He leaves five sons and one daughter and a wife. He was probably the largest landowner in the State, the acreage being variously estimated from 14,000 to 18,000. In fact, he recently remarked: "There is only one person who knows how much land I own and that is myself."

The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and the interment will be made in the family burying ground. He will be buried with Masonic honors.

The following is a brief life sketch of Ex-Senator Ransom: He was born in Warren county, this State, in 1826, and is now 78 years of age. For more than half a life-time he has been a conspicuous personage, and a man of recognized ability and pronounced influence in North Carolina. Shortly after his graduation from the University at Chapel Hill, in 1847, he was admitted to the bar and five years later he was elected Attorney General of the State. Few men have merited or won such success so early in life, and fewer have followed it with so continuous a public service. In 1855 he resigned the office, but was not again in office until the year 1858, when he was a Representative in the State Legislature. And again, in 1859 and 1860, he filled that position. He was sent to

STATE LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE

First Annual Meeting to be Held in Columbia.

MR. WATSON WRITES

Letter Accepting Populist Nomination Made Public

SCORES BOTH OTHER CANDIDATES

Populist Nominee Declared That He Devotes Most of His Fire to Parker as an Artful Dodger, since Roosevelt Bravely Beldy Out in the Open.

The following statement and call was issued by Mr. Howell Morrell, secretary of the State Temperance, Law and Order League, by order of the President, Capt. J. W. Hamel, of Kershaw:

"The first annual meeting of the State Temperance, Law and Order League will be held in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association in the city of Columbia, Thursday, Oct. 27th, at 8 p. m.

It is desired that at this meeting there will be representatives of all temperance organizations, churches, committees, and individuals, who sympathize with the efforts now being made to restore, establish and maintain law and order in this State. And an invitation is hereby extended to meet with us on this occasion. The purpose of this gathering will be to complete such an organization as may be efficient in stemming the flood tide of lawlessness which is sweeping over our beloved State.

The officers who have issued this call request the county papers throughout the State to extend wide publicity as widely as possible. The State League was organized during the State fair last year. It has been at work ever since and no doubt has accomplished a great deal, but no report can be obtained from the officers.

Will Take Testimony. Testimony will be taken again in the matter of the Lexington township bonds next Friday. This is quite an interesting case. Some years ago the townships of Fork, Saluda and Broad River in Lexington voted an issue of about \$40,000 in bonds to aid in the construction of the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens railroad. Interest was paid on these bonds until recently, when the townships wished to be released, claiming that the bonds were illegal. This issue has been brought up before, but the bonds have always been thought valid. There are some new grounds this time, however, and one of them being that the railroad was not a contracting company, and that as the contracting firm was dissolved practically the same man that the railroad was owned by, there was a profit derived by them from the issue of the bonds.

The testimony is being taken by Mr. John J. Barle, of this city, who has been appointed special referee by the Supreme Court. This body decides the issue in the case. Testimony was taken yesterday. The report was taken by Mrs. E. L. DePortes, Edwin W. Robertson, J. Caldwell Robertson, Edward Ehrlich, Edward S. Jones and E. K. Palmer.

Fire at Opera House. Sumter, Special.—Fire was discovered in the opera house at 8 o'clock Friday night. It originated in the old unused ticket office at the head of the steps from the alley way. It was full of paper and trash. It is believed to have been incendiary. Firemen responded quickly and put the blaze out in five minutes. The first National Bank underneath was damaged to the extent of \$269 by water. Decker & Bolman, by water, \$150. The loss to the opera house is \$1,000.

If the fire had been later many lives would probably have been lost. The show was to begin at 8:30 o'clock. There are no fire escapes.

Only 25,000 Georgians Voted. Atlanta, Special.—The Constitution estimates the total vote in the State election of Wednesday at about 25,000. There was a light vote throughout the State, except in those counties where there was opposition to the Democratic candidates for the Legislature and for county officers.

Child Severely Burned. Alton, Special.—On Wednesday afternoon little Joe, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Cortez, of Graniteville, was severely burned by the result of playing with matches that he died that night at 10 o'clock. The little fellow and his older brother were playing in the yard, exploding match heads with a pop gun. It is thought that he was burning the match heads, but the grandmother heard him screaming and when she ran to him the little fellow's clothes were in a mass of flames. It is thought that he also swallowed some of the fire. He was buried Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Graniteville cemetery.

Engine Fell 15 Feet. Saluda, N. C., Special.—Passenger train No. 14, from Asheville to Spartanburg, ran over the end of the first safety track on Saluda Mountain at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, the engine and tender falling over, a distance of about 15 feet. The engineer and fireman escaped injury by jumping. No passengers were hurt beyond slight bruises sustained by a few. The damage to the engine will amount to about \$500.

Extra Session of Legislature. Montgomery, Special.—Acting Governor Cunningham has declined to call an extra session of the Legislature in response to the almost universal demand of members of the bar of this State because of the recent decision of the Supreme Court declaring the Judiciary bill, involving the entire judiciary system of the State, to be unconstitutional. The action of the Governor makes it incumbent upon the executive committee to meet and decide who a Democratic nominee.

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The letter of Hon. Thomas E. Watson accepting the Populist nomination for the presidency is in substance as follows:

"To Hon. Samuel W. Williams, Chairman Committee on Nominations: "What two great political parties have, in turn, governed a country, and have, between them, brought unsatisfactory conditions, it is but a natural fact that a third party should arise. Citizens who have looked in vain to the two great parties for remedial legislation lose confidence in both after a while, and adopt one of two courses: They either submit to the evils of bad government, or protest by organizing a third party.

"To the student of history, there is nothing more saddening than the tendency of the people to submit. As a rule, political education never reaches the masses. State-craft, like priest-craft, jealously guards its secrets. There is always the inner sanctuary, which the people are taught to believe would be profaned by the touch of their unholy feet."

Mr. Watson then takes a full out of the ruling classes in England, Germany, Italy, Egypt and India, and continues:

"How is it in our own land? God never made a grander home for his children than that which the cavalier of Virginia, the Dutchman of New York, and the Puritan in Massachusetts sought as a refuge from the systems of the old world. In natural advantages this earth holds no rival superior to ours. Once it belonged to the people. With this gift, the common man won from the Indian, the Frenchman, the Saxon, and the Spaniard. What the common man did not win with his gun, he bought with his money. From sea to sea, the land which was once ours was bought with the money of the people to pay for it with the money of his blood.

"What has become of it? With bewilderment and rapidity, it has been taken from the common people and given to the

profit of more than thirty million dollars of which they derive from the special privilege of using the public credit for their private benefit. Clothed with the sovereign power of creating what they can contract it or expand it when they please; and, if they decide to give the country a taste of their despotic power, as in 1893, there is no power which can protect the victim. No class of citizens should be clothed by their fellow-citizens with such terrible advantages over their fellows.

The question of transportation is discussed at considerable length, as also the trust question. There is also a characterization of Parker and Roosevelt. The Populist creed is given in length. Mr. Watson claiming that it represents true Jeffersonian principles.

In conclusion, Mr. Watson says: "The People's party favors the public ownership of public utilities. In nearly every civilized country the government owns the railways, the telegraphs and the telephones. The last two should be a part of our postal office system, to which should be added the parcel post, to take our people from the exorbitant charges of the express companies. The People's party has always advocated the graduated income tax. This would not only throw the support of the government upon the rich, where it should be, but would, in a great measure, prevent the accumulation of huge, unnecessary and dangerous fortunes. We favor the eight-hour law, and the abolition of child-labor in factories; where the unhealthy moral and physical conditions are almost certain to destroy the child. We believe it to be a part of man's natural liberty and right to labor for himself and not for a master, and that the laws should be so framed that there should be no living or the dead. Recently we have heard the insidious voice of those who tell us that man is not born free, but must earn his freedom. This pernicious and false statement comes from one opinion as censorious as the books are censored by the Carnegie libraries.

"Upon this subject Mr. Jefferson said that the God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time. He also announced as a principle that the earth is given as a common stock to labor and live on. If for the encouragement of industry we allow it to be appropriated, we must take care that other employment be provided to those exacting from the annual right to labor the earth returns to the unemployed."

FINAL APPEAL. "To the courage and the intelligence of the voter, I appeal. If you think I am right, vote this way, or you think a moral coward. Do not fear that your vote will be thrown away. Your vote is never thrown away until it ceases to be the representative of your honest convictions."

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An Awful Japanese Custom.

It was a custom in old Japan to bury living retainers, servants and even horses, upright in a circle round the grave of a member of an imperial or noble family. The heads of these poor wretches were left exposed and their cries of agony during their lingering death could be heard night and day. This awful custom was changed by a tender-hearted monarch in the second year of our Christian era.

rough clay images being substituted for the living beings, but so late as A. D. 646 another emperor had to legislate against the recurrence of such living burials.

Much of the best Eastern farming talent is being directed to dairying, including the production of milk for the wholesale markets. These, with poultry, fruit and vegetables, are fast becoming the money products of the whole section, the Massachusetts Ploughman asserts.

Interrupted. He was in the society of many couples and old maids at a tea party. The conversation had turned on the question raised by the Leeds Physical Society, "Does the Wearing of Hats Make Men Bald?" and he took up his parable. "Not hats, dear friends, but shirts. Now you will have noticed that a man takes off his shirt over his head, thereby dragging the hair out by the roots, whereas a woman

Here three teacups dropped.—Lionel du Sporting News

Tuberculosis in Belgium. It is estimated that the deaths from tuberculosis throughout the kingdom of Belgium in 1904 were 13,467. This malady is seemingly on the increase and efforts are being made to provide sanatoriums for the afflicted. The province of Liege has already expended 1,500,000 francs (\$250,000) in this matter, and will go further in its endeavor to offer medical care and attention to the afflicted.

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