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(Specials to The State)

\$2,500 Reward for Murderer of J. T. Smith.

Williston, March 6.—At the coroner's inquest which met today nothing new was developed in the killing of Mr. J. T. Smith, Jr., Solicitor Davis, owing to some rumors of lynching which had circulated, thought it advisable to postpone the case till such time as the ends of justice might be promoted and that owing to these rumors it was thought best to start no investigation which might excite passions which are already much aroused. Upon motion of Dr. W. C. Smith, more than 100 men who were at the investigation pledged their co-operation with the solicitor to prevent any violence to any suspects who might be apprehended.

The Smith family have put up a reward of \$2,500 and the governor will be asked to supplement this amount for the apprehension of the assassin.

Prisoner Shot in Darlington.

Darlington, March 6.—While Policeman Fields was taking a negro, Ed Wilson, from the mayor's court to the guard house today the prisoner, who had been sentenced to 80 days on the chain-gang for carrying concealed weapon, broke away and ran. The negro was getting the best of the race when he had gone about 100 yards and the officer shot at him, the ball entering the back and penetrating the abdomen, making a serious wound.

Penitentiary Recruits From Charleston County.

Charleston, March 7.—The business of the court of general sessions was practically completed today with the sentencing of 15 prisoners to terms in the penitentiary. There were 50 cases on the docket, and 20 of the number have been carried over to the next term to be handled by the solicitor of the newly created ninth circuit. Among the number which went over was that of Elias Hays, who was to have been tried today for murder. Judge Gage refused a new trial for Dan Heddeson, convicted of manslaughter, and notice was served by Attorney W. T. Logan that he would carry the case to the supreme court.

Monazite Discovered in Greenville County.

Greenville, March 7.—Monazite in large quantities has been discovered in the creeks and branches around Lennerman in Grove township, and tons of the mineral is being taken out and tested.

The analyses by reliable mineralogists show a very large per cent. pure monazite in the samples sent for analytical purposes, and a trace of gold is found in every sample.

(Specials to News and Courier)

White Man's Body Found.

St Stephen's, March 7.—The dead body of a white man was discovered lying in the ditch near the railroad, about one and a half miles south of this place, yesterday morning. Magistrate Wilder

empanelled a jury of inquest and examined the body; and found out from letters in his pocket that his name was John E. McCracken and his people live at Conway, S. C.

There was no evidence as to the manner in which he met his death but the marks on the ground indicated that he either fell or was thrown from a southbound train. His head was under water in the ditch.

Not a Bale Sold.

Jonesville, Union County, March 7.—Special: The good weather for the last few days has put new life in everything. Farmers have started their ploughs and they seem lively. They are so far standing to their pledge to reduce their cotton acreage and the use of commercial fertilizers. Not a bale of cotton has been sold in this market since Christmas. A number of bales of cotton have been ginned at this place in the last few days.

ARE YOU ENGAGED

Engaged people should remember, that, after marriage, many quarrels can be avoided, by keeping their digestions in condition with Electric Bitters. S. A. Brown, of Bennettsville, S. C., says: "For years, my wife suffered intensely from dyspepsia, complicated with a torpid liver, until she lost her strength and vigor, and became a mere wreck of her former self. Then she tried Electric Bitters, which helped her at once, and finally made her entirely well. She is now strong and healthy." Crawford Bros. J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Pharmacy druggist, sell and guarantee them, at 50c a bottle.

Liquor Constables Lose Point in Supreme Court.

Columbia, March 6.—The Supreme Court today rendered a very important decision as to the liability of bondsmen of dispensary constables. The case arose from that of Wieters a blind tiger dealer in Charleston, who alleged that constables in making a search of his place assailed him. He sued them for damages in the sum of \$10,000 each and when the case was called the State, through the attorney general, demurred. The case was taken to Supreme Court and the effect of the decision is to hold the bondsmen liable in such cases. The practical outcome will be that the case will go back to the lower court for trial and for the assessment of damages if any be allowed.

GOT OFF CHEAP

He may well think, he has got off cheap, who, after having contracted constipation or indigestion, is still able to perfectly restore his health. Nothing will do this but Dr. King's New Life Pills. A quick, pleasant, and certain cure for headache, constipation, etc. 25c at Crawford Bros, J. F. Mackey & Co's and Funderburk Pharmacy.

Reward will be paid for information which will lead to the recovery of a black Berkshire sow and pig six months old, which left my home last Sunday.

Dave McKinney.

For letterheads, noteheads, billheads, circulars and all kinds of printing neatly and quickly printed, send your work to this office.

Roy S. Strutt.

Kuropatkin Entirely Surrounded.

Oyama Lost 40,000 Men, Half That Number of Dead Russians Being on the Frozen Ground.

Newchwang, March 8.—It is reported here that scouts of General Negi's and General Kuroki's armies are already in touch behind Tie Pass. If the report is true this means that Gen. Kuropatkin is entirely surrounded by the Japanese.

Kuropatkin's loss in killed and wounded up to last night is placed at 23,500. Oyama is believed to have already lost fully 40,000 men.

The Japanese army, according to prisoners, is greatly exhausted. They repeat the statement that some of Gen. Negi's men have not had any food for two days.

Headquarters General Rennenkampf near Obepusa, March 9.—The road northwest is covered so far as the eye can reach by a continuous file of two wheeled Chinese carts full of wounded. Each cart bearing from three to five wounded men whose exhaustion is almost too utter for them to feel pain. Scarcely a groan or a cry is heard, not even the moans of the dying, only the dismal creak of the road wheels and the thud of the hoofs. Most of the wounded have their heads covered with Chinese blankets or dirty coats, stiff with coagulated blood, biting wan and dirty faces, distorted with pains, sunken eyes and distended nostrils. Here and there is seen a cart with two wounded men, between whom is a corpse, which with every jolt pounds against the helpless living comrades of a man on whose face death had sealed its unbearable agony. The valley in front of the Russian positions has become a valley of death. Corpses strew the debatable ground from which neither side can remove its dead. In many places two foes lie side by side with bayonets sheathed in each other's breasts.

Everywhere corpses, corpses, corpses! Near the "Hill with the tower" the Japanese were discovered yesterday heaping up corpses as defenses. The Russian field batteries immediately opened fire and forced cessation of the work.

In Full Retreat Northward.

Russians Have Evacuated the Whole Line Along the Shakhe River, and the Fall of Mukden Appears Imminent.

General Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, March 8, Morning.—The Russians last night, under cover of darkness, evacuated the whole line along the Shakhe river, and are now in full retreat northward. The Japanese infantry is pressing them closely. Before retreating, the Russians set fire to great heaps of supplies, which burned throughout the night. The fall of Mukden appears imminent.

The Japanese are pushing the Russians hard on the east.

Notice to the Public.

I will hold all inquests in the county. Phone to my residence at Pleasant Hill for me when needed.

J. Montgomery Caskey,
apt. 20—If Coroner L. C.

40-Mile Race for the Pass.

Wearied Japs May Lag Behind No Other Hope Left Russians

General Kuropatkin's Condition Recognized in St Petersburg as Worse Than at Liao Yang.

St Petersburg, March 9, 3 a m.—The battle of Mukden has resulted in a Russian defeat.

Field Marshal Oyama has once more proved himself one of the greatest masters of offensive strategy since Napoleon, while General Kuropatkin is now engaged in endeavoring to defend his title as a master of successful retreats and bring off his army, with its immense train, safely to Tie Pass, where a position was long ago prepared with this contingency in view. The problem before the Russian commander-in-chief is more difficult than the one he met successfully at Liao Yang, since now he is threatened on both flanks, his left wing being entangled in a mountainous region from the railroad.

BASE HOPE ON JAP'S FATIGUE.

Nevertheless, Russian military men here express a fair degree of confidence in General Kuropatkin's ability once more to extricate his army and avoid a Russian Sedan. Besides his skill in rear-guard action, they base their hopes on the physical condition of the Japanese soldiers, who, although they are the greatest marchers in the world, are well nigh exhausted by their strenuous endeavors of the last fortnight. Only to the initiated is the news of the reverse positively known at this time. Emperor Nicholas and high military officers, of course, were informed by General Kuropatkin's telegram of Tuesday, stating tersely that Mukden must be abandoned, and they received details of the withdrawal as they appeared in excised portions of the official dispatches given out yesterday. Last evening a newspaper contained a vague report of doubtful origin, credited to Chinese sources, but the first positive statement was derived from the dispatch from General Kuroki's headquarters, the contents of which were quickly telegraphed to many liberals from friends abroad. The report probably will not be printed in this morning's papers, the government, true to its policy of breaking bad news gently, only preparing the way by authorizing the publication of a number of premonitory telegrams. The news, however, is only what was expected, ultimate retirement having been discounted from the moment the battle began.

RACE FOR THE PASS.

From good information, it is known that general Kuropatkin contemplated retirement before the beginning of the battle, and that he had hoped to accomplish it without a serious combat. The Japanese, however, forced him to accept battle. The double turning movement compelled him to send the major part of his reserves to the fighting line, and rendered an effective counter-stroke out of the question, and the decision to retire was immediately taken on March 8, and was stated in the dispatches of that day. Withdrawal was actually begun during

the night. The great question now and over which the general staff burned its lights late into the night, is whether Field Marshal Oyama has entangled the Russians in the strategic net sufficiently to prevent a successful retreat to Tie Pass. General Rennenkampf's forces, to the eastward, admittedly is in great danger of being cut off, and a considerable force of Japanese appear to be operating on the Russians right well toward Tie pass. If the Japanese succeed in reaching the railroad and interrupting traffic, if only for a few hours, it may have the greatest consequences for General Kuropatkin, who is now engaged in a race with the Japanese to reach the naturally defensible position, 40 miles northward. Thus far, he has stood off all attacks directly against the flanks of his army, and holds the way of retreat open.

The Russians on Tuesday captured 500 prisoners, who appear to be almost exhausted.

The losses on both sides have been enormous. The casualties on the Russians left flank on Tuesday exceed 7,000.

The burning of commissariat warehouses and the destruction of supplies south of Mukden, which has been in progress several days, is said by Russian officers to be complete. Everything that could not be carried away was destroyed.

To-day the situation is most tense. A terrific cannonading is in progress and the streets of Mukden rumble as with 10,000 drums.

CASUALTIES OF BATTLE HUNDRED THOUSAND.

Tokio, March 9, 6, a m.—The great battle in Manchuria raged all day yesterday along the entire enormous front. The Japanese were victorious, and they drove the Russians from a series of important positions. By nightfall it seemed imperative that Gen. Kuropatkin would have to withdraw his shattered legions and avoid a complete disaster. Indeed, it appeared impossible for him to effect a retreat without heavy loss of prisoners, guns and stores. The continuous battle is already the bloodiest of the war. Upon the ground that Gen. Oku alone gained lie 8,000 Russian dead. The reports from other armies are expected, to triple this figure.

It is estimated that the Japanese have lost 50,000, making the joint slaughter far exceed 100,000 men. Details of the combat are lacking, but it is believed that the Japanese cut the railway north of Mukden, leaving only the roadways and a light railway from Fushun to Tie pass as avenues for the retreat of the Russians, but army headquarters refrain from affirming or denying a report to that effect.

It is thought that Mukden is still in the hands of the Russians.

ATTACKED BY A MOB

and beaten, in a labor riot, until covered with scars, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch of Tekonsha, Mich., "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25c at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co's and Funderburk Pharmacy.

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Judge John H Reagan Dies at Texas Home.

Was Sole Surviving member of Confederate Cabinet. Pneumonia Caused his Death.

Houston, Texas, March 6.—Judge John H Reagan, sole surviving member of the Confederate cabinet, died today at Palestine, Texas, of pneumonia. Judge Reagan, who was 86 years old, had been failing for a year or more.

Judge Reagan was postmaster general in the Confederate cabinet. Before the War Between the Sections he was elected district judge in Texas. He went to the United States senate in 1886. After retiring from the senate Judge Reagan was appointed chairman of the State railroad commission, but from this he resigned a few years ago. At the time of his death he was engaged in writing his autobiography.

For Coughs—at your drug gists or direct from Murray Drug Co., Columbia, S. C.—Murray's Horehound Mullein and Tar. 25c for large si size bottle.

In the face of a big crop and in spite of enormous receipts, the cotton market is holding its own with remarkable steadiness at the advance recorded some time ago. The organization in the south to make and market cotton on business principles is responsible for the advance and for the steadiness, but is responsible for much more. The farmers and merchants must give it credit for maintaining the price of cotton above 5 cents a pound. Without the counter movement made by the Southern Cotton association the bears, with the tremendous leverage given by the size of the crop and the receipts, would have long since succeeded in doing what Theodore Price predicted—driving cotton to five cents a pound. Receipts are too heavy, but they are coming chiefly from Texas where more organization is needed. The control of the crop before warehouses are provided for storing and before provision is made for advancing money is not to be expected, but the need of such control is made more manifest daily. The farmers must unite in this movement and help themselves; they will receive all needed assistance. They are backed by the business interests of the south.—The State.

LIKE FINDING MONEY

Finding health is like finding money—so think those who are sick. When you have a cough, cold, sore throat, or chest irritation better act promptly like W. C. Barber, of Sandy Level, Va. He says: "I had a terrible chest trouble, caused by smoke and coal dust on my lungs; but, after finding no relief in other remedies, I was cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds." Greatest sale of any cough or lung medicine in the world. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk's Pharmacy drug stores; 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

Take Murray's horehound Mullein and Tar and stop coughing. 25c for large bottle. Your drug gists or Murray Drug Co., Columbia S. C.—Hore