

SURGEON DESCRIBES

CARNAGE ON VARIAG.

Report Received From Dr. H. D. Wilson, of the Vicksburg--Bloody Modern Naval Methods.

Washington, May 18.—Never since the development of the modern iron clad has the medical department had so perfect an opportunity to study the terrific effects on shipboard of modern heavy gun fire as that presented in the short and fatal struggles for life of the Russian crews of the Variag and Kometa, and the department has been working with the greatest interest for the report of Dr. H. D. Wilson of the Vicksburg.

This was received today by Surgeon General Ely and is said to be of the greatest value, not only for the technical lesson it teaches but, also as conclusively sustaining the statements made by Commander Marshall of the Vicksburg as to the tender of assistance to the Russian crews. The report bearing on that is as follows:

"Immediately after the Russian cruiser Variag had returned from the fight with the Japanese fleet, and had anchored, I was directed by the captain of this ship (Vicksburg) to go on board and offer to do anything possible in assisting to take care of the wounded. The Russian commander accepted the offer and requested me to go below where the wounded were being carried.

The medical officers from the French, English and Italian ships were on board at work, they having arrived before me as their ships were anchored much nearer the Russian ship.

On deck were most of the dead as they had been instantly killed at the guns; below the wounded were being cared for, each medical officer selecting a convenient place to dress them.

It was impracticable to do more than apply dressing of a most temporary nature as there were so many cases needing immediate attention, and also it was not known but that the Japanese would resume the fight at any time as the Russian ship had not surrendered when she returned to the inner harbor.

"No attempt was made to perform operations and as soon as dressings were applied the wounded were put in boats and taken to some of the foreign ships as the Russian Captain intended to leave his ship and sink her. I offered to send any wounded on board the United States ship Zafiro (which was in port) as the commanding officer of the Vicksburg had directed me to proffer her services for the wounded.

"The offer was declined by both the captain and the executive officer, they informing me there was sufficient room on the other warships.

"I think the engagement showed that it was impossible to attend the wounded during an engagement between modern ships, unless the number of medical attendants is tremendously increased. With the present allowance the wounded would be obliged to take entire care of themselves until the fight was over."

John Sharp Williams and Tom Reed.

There is no better story teller in Congress than the Hon. John Sharp Williams, the leader of the minority, and when he was here last week with the rivers and harbors committee he and Congressman J. F. C. Talbot, who is one of his closest friends, kept a host of people laughing with their political yarns.

One of these, told by Mr. Williams, concerned the late Speaker Thomas B. Reed.

"One day," said Mr. Williams, "I met Mr. Reed coming out of the cloak room and he said to me in that peculiar drawl of his: 'Williams, whatever makes you such a bitter partisan?'"

"Well, Mr. Speaker, that's pretty good coming from you, isn't it?" I replied.

"Never mind me," he replied, "but why are you such a bitter partisan?"

"Well, I'll tell you, said I. 'You know I never saw a Republican until I was 38 years old and I can't get used to them, somehow.'"

"He looked at me reproachfully and walked away without another word."—Baltimore Sun.

Triplets 80 years old celebrated their birthday a few days ago in Hillsdale, Parish of Upland, near Moncton, N. B. The three have lived in the same place all their lives. They are Richard, James and Deborah DeBow, the children of William DeBow. A number of relatives and friends waited on the triplets and presented them a purse of money. The triplets are all in good health and appear to have a good chance of reaching the century mark.

An Open Letter

From the Chapin, S. C. News: Early in the spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe were the pains that we called a physician who prescribed for us, but his medicines failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave each of us a dose and we at once felt the effects. I procured a bottle and before using the entire contents we were entirely cured. It is a wonderful remedy and should be found in every household. H. C. Bailey, editor. This remedy is for sale by China's Drug Store.

Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again," writes D. H. Turner of Deepwater, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach, and Bowels. Paralytic vegetals. Never gripe. Only 25¢ at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store.

Discontent.

"You're discontented." "Yes." "Why?" "Well, I've noticed that the contented man doesn't often get ahead in this world."—Chicago Post.

WEEVIL TO CLAIM HALF OF THE COTTON.

Entomologist Hunter Predicts Its Ravages--It is an Enormous Multiplier.

Washington, May 18.—Some significant official predictions regarding the ravages of the cotton boll weevil are made in a report soon to be issued by the department of agriculture and written by W. D. Hunter, who has charge of the entomological part of the boll weevil investigation in which half a hundred experts are now engaged. Mr. Hunter says that conservative authorities agree that unless contingencies at present unexpected occur, the pest soon will cause an increase in the price of cotton throughout the world.

By living within the fruit of the plant the weevil is well protected from any poisons that might be applied; it occupies but 14 days for development from egg to adult and the progeny of a single pair in a season may reach 134,000,000 individuals; it adapts itself to climatic conditions and is remarkably free from parasites and diseases, all combining to make efforts at control difficult.

The report estimates that the presence of the weevil practically doubles the area of land required to produce a bale of cotton and that the weevil caused the Texas planters a loss of about \$15,000,000 in 1903. Assuming \$500,000,000 as the value of the normal cotton crop of the country Mr. Hunter says the probable ultimate damage when the pest has become spread over the entire belt would approximate \$250,000,000 annually, providing nothing were done to check it.

Planters, however, are adopting changes in methods that tend to so much damage. The report predicts that the weevil eventually will be distributed all over the cotton belt, advancing into new territory at the rate of approximately 500 miles a decade and it probably always will be as destructive in a series of years as it has been in Texas since 1894. The report suggests that the probability of its being carried to West Africa or elsewhere abroad is not at all remote.

In case the seed happens to be sacked or even shipped in bulk there is nothing to prevent the weevils from being carried long distances on shipboard as they are able to adapt themselves successfully to climatic conditions. It is pointed out, however, that the danger could be avoided by fumigation or by leaving the seed sacked in store rooms, isolated from new cotton for a year previous to shipment.

NEW NEGRO THEORY.

Bishop Turner Declares That White is an "Unnatural Pallor" in the Caucasian.

Chicago, May 18.—"God never made a white man. In the beginning all men were black, but in their wanderings on the earth many of them have become bleached. And in their unnatural pallor many of these bleached men, all of whom were made black at the beginning, now look with contempt and indifference—often with prejudice and hate—upon their brothers, the negroes, who have retained the color that God gave them."

Such was the declaration of the Rev. H. M. Turner, senior bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in an address in Quinn chapel before one of the sessions of the church's conferences. The chapel was packed with negroes who are leaders in the religious work of their race, and all applauded vociferously.

"What we negroes need is more education," continued Bishop Turner. "We need not only the various schools now under control of our church, but we need proper instruction imparted. We should write books of our own, poems of our own, scientific treatises of our own, in harmony with our color and our race. And don't learn songs like 'Wash Me and I Shall be Whiter Than Snow,'—a song that I would not tolerate sung in my presence."

"I do not want to be misunderstood, though, and I will say to the credit of the white man—whose race is at the same time the meanest I ever saw and the best—that in whatever our race tries to raise itself as a general rule he will help us."

The Cradle.

Peter Cooper had fifty-five years of domestic happiness and morning fire building. Mr. Cooper was an ingenious man. When a cradle became necessary in his home, as was sometimes the case years ago, Peter rigged a self rocking cradle with a fan attachment. Afterward he patented the device and sold the patent. There were many opportunities "in those days."

The Loser.

"He's what I call a 'good loser.'" "He didn't seem that way to me." "Why, I saw him lose \$150 at poker last night, and he didn't kick at all." "Funny! You should have heard him today when he dropped a half dollar and it rolled down the gutter."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Quickly Saved.

"Yes, for a year and a half she was in doubt as to whether she loved him enough to marry him or not." "And how did she succeed in finding out?" "There was another girl who got to seeing as if she wanted him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Means.

Old Lawyer—Why do you feel that your client will lose his case? Have you exhausted every means at your disposal? Young Lawyer—No, but I have exhausted all the means at his disposal.

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CUTTING OUT POOL ROOMS.

No More Western Union Turf Reports to be Sent--Regular Messages Excepted.

New York, May 18.—Following his action yesterday in discontinuing to all subscribers in this city a report of the racing at various tracks in this country Col. Robt. C. Clowry today notified the general superintendents of the company at New York, Chicago, Atlanta and San Francisco that the collection and distribution by the Western Union Telegraph company of horse race reports would be discontinued forthwith.

The effect of this order is far reaching and will result in the discontinuance of what has been called the racing department of the Western Union company. This department has collected and distributed racing news from all the various tracks in the country to subscribers. Hereafter the company will transmit only such messages concerning races as are regularly filed with it for transmission.

The executive committee of the Western Union had a brief meeting today at which were present Chauncey M. Depew, Morris K. Jessup, Russell Sage, Samuel Sloan and Jacob H. Schiff. President Clowry reported his action and the executive committee approved it.

The New York Telegraph company, which also is accused of "aiding and abetting" the service to poolrooms, advised Police Commissioner McAdoo today that it would at once remove the telephone wires from the east Forty-second street house which was raided yesterday and which was said to have been the headquarters or "central" of a chain of poolrooms. Further, the company promised to see that both wires and instruments are taken out of the subsidiary places—poolrooms which received accounts of the racing from this "central."

JAPANESE EMPIRE

Was Founded by a Chinese Medical Student Who Feared Death.

One of the traditional accounts of the origin of the Japanese Empire mentioned by the famous Jesuit traveler, Pere de Charlevoix, refers to the emigration thither of a Chinese colony—under rather peculiar circumstances. Sinociko ascended the throne of China in the year 26 B. C., and at once entered on a career of cruelty and tyranny. He was, nevertheless, most anxious to enjoy the privileges of his position for as long a period as possible.

For the purpose of endeavoring to obtain some specific agent by which the duration of human life could be prolonged he dispatched trusted messengers and explorers into all countries with which he held any communication or of the whereabouts of which he could obtain any knowledge. Taking advantage of the circumstances, one of his medical attendants—who was living in hourly dread of a sudden sentence of death—told the Emperor that he had learned that such an agent existed in the juices of a plant which grew only in the islands which now form the Japanese Empire. The plant in question was also reported to be one of so delicate structure and sensitive nature that if not plucked with pure hands and special precaution it would lose all its mysterious virtues before arriving within the limits of the Chinese Empire. It was suggested that 300 young men and the same number of girls—all of spotless physical health and moral purity—should be selected to proceed to Japan for the purpose of procuring a sufficient supply of the precious plant.

The suggestion was promptly acted on. The medical adviser patriotically volunteered to conduct the expedition himself, and the offer was accepted. The expedition embarked as speedily as possible for the Japanese islands, but not one of its members was ever seen within the bounds of the Chinese Empire again. The previously unoccupied parts of Japan were rapidly populated with a race more fresh and vigorous in body and mind than the average inhabitants of the land of the Celestials itself! The medical chief of the expedition, of course, created himself king of the country and soon had a magnificent palace erected for his residence, which he called Kanjoku (i. e., "grande maison, semblable auxieux.") We are further told that the Japanese mention the historic fact in their annals; that they point out to visitors the spot on which the medical founder of their empire landed, and also show the ruins of a temple which was erected in his honor.—American Medicine.

St. Louis, May 18.—United States Senator A. C. Latimer of South Carolina, author of a bill pending in congress providing for government expenditure for improving roads, opened today's programme at the Good Roads convention with an address on "National Aid."

Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gullidge of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25¢ at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store.

New Orleans, May 18.—Attorneys for heirs of Mrs. Amelia Nequez, an eccentric old widow, who died about two weeks ago, broke open an old safe in her late home today, under order of the Court. In the safe they found gold, silver and currency amounting to more than \$40,000. Mrs. Nequez had lived a simple life and had been hoarding the money for forty years.

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STEMMERY BURNED IN FLORENCE.

It Had Just Been Repaired After January Fire.

Special to The State. Florence, May 17.—The Enterprise Tobacco stemmery was burned here this morning about 3 o'clock.

This was the best equipped and built stemmery in South Carolina. The building, which had just been completed since the fire in January when it was damaged considerably, cost the company \$16,000.

It was insured for \$10,000. Chas. A. Gregory, who had the plant leased, lost about \$1,000 in fixtures. He had no insurance.

The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin.

This is the second big fire Florence has had in the past few weeks, the Pee Dee warehouse having burned in the same way a few weeks ago.

Raleigh, N. C. May 19.—At Trenton, N. C., at 1.36 this afternoon Alfred Daniels, colored, the murderer of F. G. Simmons, the father of United States Senator Simmons, of this State was hanged for his crime. Daniels said nothing on the scaffold except that he had been forgiven for the deed.

New York, May 19.—All grades of refined sugar were advanced 5 cents a hundred pounds today.

A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50¢ at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store.

Charleston, May 19.—The first and only casualty of the Confederate reunion occurred this afternoon in the capsizing of a small catrigged sail boat between Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island and Fort Sumter, resulting in the drowning of J. D. Carmichael of Dillon and J. W. Harmon of Lexington. J. H. Bond of Lexington and another man from the same place had a narrow escape, being rescued in an exhausted condition, requiring medical treatment at the army hospital on the island.

Advice to the Aged.

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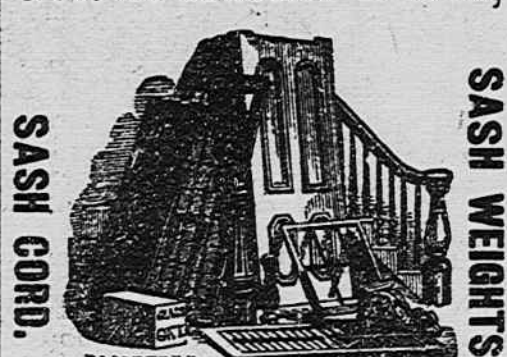
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY SCHEDULE Effective Apr. 17, 1904.

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