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in ball is a peculiar, a fascinating and a bloody game. It is played on a ground almost like a gridiron. There are two goals 150 yards apart. The object is to pass the ball between these goals. The ball is a baseball-shaped Indian making them themselves with yarn covered with deer skin. A stick about two feet long with a spoon shape at the end backed with long laces is used, and in this the Indian must catch the ball. He is not allowed to touch it with his hands. He catches and throws it with his club. The game is a skilful play on a side. An Indian catches the ball in his stick, if he is successful. He starts on a run for his goal. He is immediately tackled by

## GEN. KUROPATKIN QUILTS LIAO YANG

### The Two Days' Fighting Surpassed All Records. Mukden Train Service Is Cut.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 2.—The news of the occupation of Liao Yang and the withdrawal of the Russian army to the right bank of the Taitse river reached only a small section of the people at St. Petersburg at a late hour last night, and caused intense excitement and disappointment. The majority of the inhabitants had retired, believing that the Russian arms had been again successful, and that the Japanese attacks had been repulsed. Ugly suspicions, however, had been rife during the day, owing to the absence of press telegrams from Liao Yang, leading to the belief that the communications had been cut by Gen. Kuroki. The following statement was obtained by the Associated Press from the war office at 10 o'clock last night:

"Gen. Kuroki's army crossed in force to the right bank of the Taitse river, and it therefore became necessary for the Russians to be in position to repel a blow in this direction.

"In view of this development in the preparations, Gen. Kuropatkin decided to abandon his position on the left bank, and to concentrate his whole army on the other side of the river.

"This position is better both in character and in sight. The great issue will be finally decided there.

"By withdrawing to this position, the Russian army avoids the danger of being divided by the river and enjoys the advantage of compactness.

"Gen. Kuropatkin's move, therefore, is not to be considered as a retreat, but rather as the carrying out of a well defined idea.

"The withdrawal of the Russians to the right bank involved the abandonment of Liao Yang, which is situated on the left bank. The Japanese took advantage of this to occupy the city, but the sternest part of the fighting is still before them unless Gen. Kuropatkin decides at the last hour to again fall back to the northward.

"It is more than likely, however, that he will decide to fight to a finish. The cards are all in his favor, it is believed, now that he has the Japanese divided by the river, thus effectually turning the tables upon his foe.

"The determined pursuit by the Japanese of the Russian outposts, when Kuropatkin gave the first order to withdraw was probably due to anxiety to keep the Russians south of Liao Yang until Gen. Kuroki should be able to strike from the northeast. Gen. Kuropatkin saw the trap, and cleverly avoided it."

#### London Not Advised.

London: Up to 10 p. m. last night the Japanese legation here has received no confirmation of the reports of the occupation of Liao Yang by the Japanese, and is awaiting official information. The legation says it thinks the reports are premature.

#### Japs in Pursuit.

Washington: The Japanese minister has received the following dispatch from Tokio:

"According to telegraphic advices received at headquarters yesterday afternoon, our army corps on the left, by fierce and desperate assaults, took possession of the heights which the enemy's right occupied. Thereupon, all the enemy south of Liao Yang began to retreat. The Japanese army

## DEMOCRATIC HOUSE.

### What It Would Mean for the Republican Future Plans.

Washington: Representative Babcock's admission that the republicans may lose the house of representatives in the coming election has set the dominant party to hard thinking. A democratic majority in the house with a republican president will have the same effect that the republican senate will with a democratic president. Nothing could be done by the administration to insure its success in 1908. A democratic majority in the house will mean that John Sharp Williams will be speaker, that all the desirable committees will be chaired by democrats, and that a vast amount of patronage now controlled by republicans will be gained by the democrats. All legislation which the republican party hopes to get through to insure its success in 1908 will be blocked.

The democratic house will employ every means to prevent the carrying out of republican campaign pledges. No important legislation can be put through at short session of the Fifty-eighth congress, which begins next December and ends March 4, 1905. It will occasion no surprise if a democratic house will offer to hand the Philippines back to the Filipino, knowing that such an idea would embarrass President Roosevelt. It is no secret that labor interests will demand further representation. The democrats when in power have ever been imposing immigration restrictions, and a democratic house is expected to effectually balk any restrictive legislation set afoot by the senate. The distress call of Representative Babcock is aid to be having an excellent effect.

#### A Suspect in the Hazleton Case.

Batson, Texas: A man suspected of the murder of Hazleton Monday night was arrested Wednesday and taken to Kountze.

#### Ants Disappeared.

Taylor, Texas: The several colonies of Guatemalan ants planted on the Government's experimental farm on Washington Heights south of Taylor have mysteriously disappeared, whether from climatic causes or formation of the soil it is not known. These "holl weevil destroyers" were brought to Taylor by Dr. W. D. Hunter and Botanist O. F. Cook of Victoria. Some objections were raised by neighboring farmers at the time concerning their introduction in this territory.

#### School Bonds Approved.

Austin, Texas: The attorney general has approved \$3,500 of Cooledge independent school district bonds. The bonds bear 5 per cent interest and mature in twenty years.

#### Acquitted of Murder.

Lake Charles, La.: Peter McDaniels has been acquitted of the charge of killing Leon Strother. McDaniels' attorneys showed that the killing was done in self-defense.

#### Printers Won.

El Paso, Texas: Two of the daily papers granted the demands of the striking printers Thursday night and their men returned to work. The Herald types and the job office men are still out, but an early settlement is expected.

#### Russian Steamer Sunk.

Tokio: A Russian steamer engaged in clearing the channel at Port Arthur struck a mine and was destroyed last Wednesday.

#### Gen. Marozovsky Wounded.

St. Petersburg: Gen. Marozovsky, commander of the ninth division, was among the officers seriously wounded on Wednesday.

#### Negress Murdered and Robbed by Unknown Men.

Ponchartraine, La.—Lizzie Bledham, a negress who lived about two miles west of Ponchartraine, was murdered and robbed yesterday by two strangers, going under the names of Johnson and Smith, and supposed to be from Independence, La. The murderers obtained some money and other objects, which were in a pocket book. After taking the money they threw the pocket book away, but it was later found near the house by the jury. The verdict of the jury, convened to try, was to the effect that the negress came to her death by three pistol shot wounds at the hands of the two strangers above named. The principal evidence before the jury was the testimony of Frank Wilson, who was present when the crime was committed. Efforts are now being made to capture the two criminals, who have escaped.

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#### ABBENVILLE.

Farmers' Association of Vermilion Parish Organized.

Abbeville, La.—At a meeting held in the court house yesterday the Farmers' association of Vermilion parish was organized, with E. Smiley president and W. E. McFarland secretary. The meeting was not given much publicity, and those present were principally the promoters of the movement. Quite a number of charter members were secured, however, and another meeting will be held in two weeks, at which time the list of members will be largely increased. The object of the association is the discussion of problems of interest to the farmer, and especially to bring about co-operation in the sale of produce, by selling direct to the consumer, through their own agents as far as possible.

#### COVINGTON.

Judiciary Committee for Twenty-Sixth District Meets.

Covington, La.—The judiciary committee for the Twenty-sixth judicial district met at the court house here yesterday as a board of reviewers to canvass the returns of the primary election of last Wednesday. Hon. B. M. Miller presiding. They declared the nomination of T. M. Burns for judge and J. B. Lancaster for district attorney. The new judicial committee for this district will consist of: St. Tammany parish, Warren Balon, H. E. Ellis, W. J. Mayfield, L. L. Morgan and P. C. Smith; Washington parish, W. W. Babin, W. V. Burch, W. P. Crain and J. P. Wood.

#### LAFAYETTE.

Young German Arrested and Also Man Accused of Assault.

Lafayette, La.—Sheriff Laeeste arrested today Henry Farringer, a young German, accused of several serious charges at Bronson, Texas. One hundred dollars reward has been offered for him, but the prisoner refuses to return without requisition papers. The sheriff also arrested J. G. Ryland, white, of Algiers, on a charge of criminal assault on two little white girls at Lafayette a week ago.

#### COVINGTON.

Band Organized and May Join Militia Company.

Covington, La.—A number of musicians met last night at the home of Dr. Smith and organized a brass band. They have already secured their instruments, and will begin practicing immediately.

The band will be composed of C. C. Kornfeld, musica director; M. Planchette, Chaudre Champagne, Gouffrey Champagne, Mr. Wallis, Theodore Zinner, Harry Smith and Paul de Labretton, all of whom are from the best families in town. There is a strong probability of the band becoming a part of the militia company being organized here.

#### PLAQUEMINE.

Parish Committee Appoints Delegates to District Convention.

Plaquemine, La.—At a meeting of the parish executive committee held at the court house today the following delegates were appointed to attend the district convention to be held at Donaldsonville in a few days for the purpose of nominating a circuit judge: A. A. Browne, Judge E. B. Talbot, Joseph A. Grace, Louis Lezard, Fred Booksh, James A. Ware, S. V. Landry, John Wilbert, R. R. Blonin, Dr. W. A. Holloway, Dr. O. G. Browne and Fred J. Grace. No proxies are allowed except to a co-delegate.

#### NATCHITOCHE.

Wards Will Elect District Convention Delegates Direct.

Natchitoches, La.—The parish executive committee met here today and provided for the election of thirteen delegates from this parish to the district circuit court judicial convention to be held here on the 19th, by authorizing each ward to elect delegates direct to the district convention. No opposition was offered to this plan.

A parish teachers' institute is to be held at Camp, beginning on the 12th.

#### SHREVEPORT.

Negroes Assault White Girl, and a Posse in Hot Pursuit.

Shreveport, La.—It is reported here that three negroes committed an assault upon a white girl at a point below Mansfield last night, and that a posse is in pursuit. Telephonic communication with Mansfield fails to confirm the story, which, however, was brought to Shreveport by a responsible citizen of that town.

#### CHAMPION TELLS TWO YARNS,

And as Fish Stories They Are Mighty Hard to Beat.

After supper I joined the caucus on the gallery of the hotel, and there, friends, citizens, and fellow countrymen, I met up with the great-granddaddy, the genuine, original of all the fish yarners in the world. He was a small old man with a white beard and a serious demeanor, and he spoke in a low, even, flute-toned voice that never quavered. I cannot give all the tales he told out there, but I can give a couple of samples. Said he:

"Up at my place a short spell ago the boys and me cut down a big tree. After it fell we set down a nite to rest on the trunk, and I hear something making a noise inside.

"Boys! sez I, 'ain't this tree hollow?"

"No," sez they, 'it's sound and solid."

"Then I hear the fuss inside again. I grabbed an ax, and sez I, as I went to choppin'."

"There's something inside this here, and I'm agoin' to know what it is."

"By Ned! There was a holler place inside, and in there was a nine-pound catfish what I'd been hearin' flappin'."

"How'd that fish get in there?" asked a listener.

"Haven't got any idea how he did 'es 'in the tree growed around him, which I reckon it had, some time or other."

For a second sample the old man furnished the following:

"There was a terrible big fish," said he, "what used to come up the Osage before the war, and we got to hearin' so much about it that a passel of us fellers set in to catch him. We got 200 feet of inch and a half rope, had the blacksmith weld us a big hook, and we put on a whole dog for bait. We set our line, and soon, sure enough, the fish swallowed the dog, hook and all, and the hook hung. We couldn't nigh pull him out, though there was ten of us, so we hitched on two yoke of oxen, and after a hard struggle we managed to drag that fish out on the bank. He was nine foot between the eyes, and his eyes set closer together than they ought to set in a fish of that size."—Kansas City Star.

#### German Colonists in Palestine.

Industrial conditions in Palestine have suffered severely from the loss to labor by a steady stream of emigration of Palestine's people to other parts of the earth. An exception to this rule is presented by the parts of Palestine in which Europeans have settled. In these the land has been made to yield not only larger but fairly profitable harvests. To the German colonists a great deal of credit is due for their success in proving that a great future awaits the agriculturist and horticulturist who goes the right way to work in Palestine's fields and among its vineyards and orchards. A German colony that settled on the heights of Haifa thirty-four years ago has prospered. Not one of its ninety families is poor. All are fairly well-to-do. They have raised grapes from Affentaller and Riesling, scions from which a wine free from alcohol is made. This is sold to the natives and serves as a very refreshing drink.

#### Idyl of Idleness.

When woes unnumbered tear your soul to bits  
And on your brow the blues have jammed their crown,  
When desperation pulls off both its mitts  
And taps your solar plexus when you're down,  
Buck up!—to sadness never thus know-low!  
Sweet nature smiles—enjoy her with a will—  
Employ a sunbeam to massage your brows.  
Ask nightingales to give the standard trill.  
Call jowills "John" and gay carnations "Nat."  
Lie down in woods and gently swell with glee.  
Climb behelders, as stealthy as a cat,  
And stink the timid bits of scenery.  
Ah! live and laugh throughout the idle day,  
Watch speckled cows, for sunsets lie in wait,  
Converse with brooks and—how's that?—does it pay?  
Well, I don't know—the competition's great!  
—Thomas R. Ybarra.

#### Why They Do Not Speak.

"Good morning, Miss Sweetie!" cried Cholly Sparkers to the fair damsel of his acquaintance whom he had just met; "pray what brings you out so early in the day?"

"Oh, I've just been to the photographer's with my pet pug Pansy, and we have had our portraits taken together, haven't we, dear? Beauty and the beast, you know," she added, with a saucy little laugh.

"And what a little beauty he is, to be sure," replied Johnson, as he tenderly stroked poor Pansy's cranium. Then he suddenly coughed, went red, and tried to explain. But she turned away, leaving him to become hot and cold in turn; and thus they parted—strangers for evermore.

#### A Reminder of His Wild Oats.

Richard Croker once visited an ancient English castle, the owner being absent at the time. The valet in charge was generous with his information, and as a climax to the series of interesting rooms opened a door and disclosed a large number of bottles, placed in perfect symmetry, and reaching to the lofty ceiling.

"A pyramid of empty bottles?" exclaimed the New Yorker. "What does it mean?"

"My master comes in here occasionally," said the guide softly, "to realize what a gigantic ass he has made of himself."—Portland Oregonian.

#### Duchess' Claim to Fame.

The dowager duchess of Abercorn has 140 living descendants, including seventy-one great-grandchildren.