

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1904.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1880 and the *True Southron* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southron* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

In the death of Col. J. A. Hoyt, editor of the *Greenville Mountaineer*, the press of this State has lost one of its oldest and ablest members and South Carolina one of her most patriotic sons.

The State campaign this summer will be given over largely to the wrangling of the various and variegated candidates for the railroad commissionership. This is the only office for which there seems to be a scramble, and the campaign circus, bids fair to be a tame affair that will draw smaller crowds than ever before.

The Hearst boom having almost petered out, the effort is being made to work up another boom in opposition to Judge Parker with Mayor McClellan, of New York, as the central figure. Gorman, Hearst, Bryan and the anti-Parker element in Tammany are charged with being in the McClellan movement.

We are somewhat surprised at the attitude of the Northern papers respecting the trial and conviction of former Congressman George W. Murray for forgery. We fully expected, judging the present by the past, that there would be a great outcry and the charge made, without regard for the facts, that Murray was the victim of persecution and malice. On the contrary, they condemn Murray as the enemy of his race and have no sympathy to waste upon him.

Some of the up-country newspapers claim to be unable to understand why Senator Latimer was defeated in the State convention for delegate at large to the National convention. The solution is easy: The other candidates had more friends in the convention. Senator Latimer's friends in the up-country who have been so grievously wounded by his defeat evidently forget that he was elected to the Senate by a combination of circumstances, and not by reason of his popularity and recognized ability. The majority of the voters of the State cast their ballots in the first primary for Henderson, Hemphill, Johnstone and Elliott, and in the second voted for Latimer as the lesser of two evils, John Gary Evans being the other. If either of the other candidates had been in the second primary with Mr. Latimer, the same thing that happened to him in the State Convention would have occurred then. Senator Latimer's friends should not forget that he is a political accident and not the originator and leader of a movement. A proper understanding of the situation makes it plain why Senator Tillman was chosen and Senator Latimer rejected.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, May 31.—The week ending 8 a. m., May 30th, had a mean temperature of 77 degrees, which is 2 above normal, due to higher day and night temperatures. The extremes were a maximum of 86 at Blackville on the 28th, and a minimum of 52 at Greenville on the 24th. There was an excess of bright sunshine, and the winds were generally light to fresh westerly during the first part, southerly during the middle, and easterly at the close of the week. The relative humidity was exceedingly low during the greater part.

Light rains occurred on the 27th over the eastern parts, amounting to slightly more than a trace at a few places only, and copious showers during the night of the 29th in Lexington, Edgefield, Saluda, Laurens, Union and Spartanburg counties, the amounts ranging from trace to over an inch. This rain occurred after the correspondents' reports had been mailed, and will materially improve the conditions set forth by them. The drought is unrelieved over the rest of the State. One correspondent reports the drought on the coast to be the worst in 166 years or since rainfall records have been kept. In many places wells have failed and streams have dried; in most places the effects of the drought are confined to the various crops which are suffering severely.

Farmwork made uninterrupted progress with cultivation active and thorough and all field crops clean of grass and weeds.

Except in the driest sections where corn has become withered and yellow there is an improvement in its condition although it continues small for the season. Late plantings and replantings have come up to stands while worms continue destructive and stands are broken as a rule although good stand reports are more numerous than heretofore. Old corn has received its second cultivation.

The hot weather caused a noticeable improvement in the color and growth

of cotton but the continued dry weather has been detrimental by preventing its coming up on clay and red lands—both first and replantings. The plants are small for the season. Chopping has been finished in many places. Cultivation has been thorough and fields are remarkably clean. Sea-island cotton is in poor condition on account of the severe drought that prevails along the coast.

Tobacco continues small and stands have become broken by the dry weather. Rice is doing fairly well but is small.

Oats are ripening in all sections and harvest is well under way. The crop is good in a few places fair in many and a failure in some. Wheat is an average crop; some has been cut. Peach shipments are light but increasing. Fruits are plentiful in most sections; berries need rain to ripen them. Pastures, gardens and truck generally are badly parched. Melons are backward. The ground is too dry to set sweet potato slips.

The Weekly Crop Report.

Washington, May 31.—The weekly summary of crop conditions issued by the weather bureau today says:

Although cotton continues small, a general improvement in its condition is indicated, especially in the central and western districts where rains have been well distributed and generally ample.

The least favorable crop reports are received from Georgia, Florida and portions of South Carolina, where the drought continues. Rice are not so generally reported in the central and eastern districts as in the previous week, except in Georgia, but boll weevils continue to increase in the southwest and central cotton counties of Texas. As a rule the crop is well cultivated.

Tobacco transplanting has progressed slowly in Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina and this work awaits rain in Maryland. Planting has made favorable progress in New England, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

ARRESTED FOR CONTEMPT.

Two North Carolina Lawyers and a Mail Carrier, who Swore they Saw Judge Peebles Drunk.

Editor Daniels Fined.

Wilmington N. C., May 31.—E. W. Kerr and R. C. Southerland, of Clinton, and C. F. Carroll, of Warsaw, were placed in the Robeson county jail this afternoon by Sheriff McLeod under the order issued Saturday night by Judge R. B. Peebles, at Lumberton. In the contempt proceedings against the lawyers of Lumberton, Kerr, Southerland and Carroll made affidavit that they had seen Judge Peebles drunk, and as a result of the statement Judge Peebles, held them in contempt of Court and ordered the three affidants to go to jail for thirty days and fined them \$250, \$200 and \$100, respectively. The papers were served this morning. When the prisoners arrived at Lumberton they received an ovation. As soon as they were placed in jail Supreme Court Justice Connor was wired at once to start habeas corpus proceedings. Judge Connor ordered the prisoners to be brought to Raleigh tomorrow. Kerr and Southerland are lawyers and Carroll is a mail agent. All are men of prominence in their respective homes. Judge George H. Brown, to whom Judge Peebles transferred the contempt proceedings against the Bar to be heard at Fayetteville, June 14, asked to be excused from serving on account of family connection with one of the respondents. If he will not serve Judge G. S. Ferguson will be asked to hear the case.

Raleigh, N. C., May 31.—Judge Purnell in the United States court here today fined Josephus Daniels, editor of *The News and Observer*, \$2,000 and refused an appeal on the charge of contempt of court brought against Daniels because of editorials which *The News and Observer* published last Sunday. The court ruled that it had jurisdiction, which was against the contention of the defense. The defense also argued that Mr. Daniels had purged himself of contempt in his answer, that it was not the intention of the editorials to bring the court into contempt but simply to present the matter involved in the receivership of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.

Mr. Daniels so far has not paid the fine and is in the custody of a United States marshal. His lawyers are preparing papers to Judge Purnell, who refused an appeal, asking the judge to take bonds, or to take bond for an appeal.

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JAPANESE NOW HOLD DALNY.

Russians Abandoned City Hastily and Japs Secured Valuable Stores and Railway Cars.

DOCKS WERE NOT DESTROYED.

Constant Fighting in Progress Around Feng Wang Cheng. Japanese Said to Have Advantage in Every Skirmish. Famine Prices Prevail in Port Arthur.

Washington, May 31.—The Japanese legation today gave out the following dispatch from the home government at Tokio embodying a report from Gen. Oku as follows: "Gen. Oku, commanding the army operating against Port Arthur, reports that our troops occupied Dalny on May 30. Over 100 warehouses and barracks, besides telegraph offices and railway station, were found uninjured. Over 200 railway cars are usable, but all small railway bridges in the neighborhood are destroyed. All dock piers, except the great pier which was sunk, remain uninjured. Some steam launches were also found sunk."

St. Petersburg, May 31.—The war office has received a detailed report of the fight at Ai Yang Pien Men, about 60 miles northeast of Feng-Wang-Cheng, on Saturday night in which two battalions of Japanese infantry and one squadron of Japanese cavalry, numbering about 2,200 men, attacked five squadrons of Cossacks. The official dispatch follows: "From May 29 to May 30 all has been quite in the neighborhood of Feng-Wang-Cheng." At 10.30 p. m., May 27 a force of Japanese infantry from Kuan Dian Sian commenced a frontal flank attack upon a position occupied by our Cossacks near Shaogo, 15 versts northwest of Kuan Dian Sian. The Japanese, under the cover of darkness, opened a running, desultory fire, using field search lights. The Cossacks retired on foot to Chanlin Pass, two versts west of Shaogo, and subsequently on Ai Yang Pien Men, 16 versts west of Chanlin Pass. The firing ceased at 2 a. m., May 28, when the Japanese ceased the pursuit at the entrance of Chanlin Pass.

"The same day the first section of a Japanese detachment approached Ai Yang Pien Men but afterwards retired to the summit of the hills west of the town. At 10 a. m. they formed up in order of battle, the force consisting of two battalions with another in reserve. At 11 a. m., a battery of artillery took up a position and opened fire with shrapnel. While crossing the valley, the Japanese infantry advancing in close formation, suffered heavily. At 11.20 the Cossacks, observing that the Japanese were turning their right flank, retired in good order on Siamatza. The fire of the rear guard ceased at 2 p. m. We lost two officers and seven Cossacks.

"On May 30 the Japanese advanced toward Saimatza. Their movements were watched by Cossacks. When this telegram was dispatched the Japanese had not arrived at Saimatza. Up to May 29 the Japanese had not occupied Siu Yen. All is quiet on the coast at New Chwang, Kin Chou, Kai Ping and Seniu-Chen.

"Shortly before noon, May 30, our cavalry opened fire near the railroad station of Vagenfuchn against an advancing Japanese force, consisting of eight companies of infantry, eight squadrons of cavalry and four machine guns. During the ensuing battle our mounted solnias brilliantly attacked a Japanese squadron on the enemy's left flank and almost completely annihilated it. The solnias then attacked the infantry, but retired under the fire of machine guns. The advance of the Japanese infantry in order to turn our left flank was stopped by the fire of our battery, which inflicted considerable loss on the enemy. Our losses have not yet been definitely ascertained, but so far as known one officer and 21 men were wounded and 25 horses were lost."

DESTROYED GUNBOAT.

Tokio, May 31, 8 p. m.—The Russians destroyed the gunboat used at Talien-Wan against the Japanese, left during the battle of Nan Shan Hill. The name of the gunboat is not known but it was possibly the Bobr.

LEFT IN HURRY.

Tokio, May 31, 3 p. m.—The Russians evacuated Dalny so hastily that they failed to destroy much property which will prove highly valuable to the Japanese. It is evident that the Russians fled quickly when Nan Shan Hill was lost, expecting that Gen. Oku would immediately take possession of Dalny. All previous reports on occupation of the town were false.

FAMINE PRICES PREVAIL.

London, June 1.—The Daily Mail's news correspondent at New Chwang, says: "Some Chinese fugitives from Port Arthur, who arrived here, described the situation of the inhabit-

ants as desperate. Famine prices exist. The cost of provisions increases weekly. Many persons are reduced to eating Chinese food and even that is dear. Milled flour costs \$6 a bag. Whole streets and several public buildings have been wrecked by Japanese shell fire. The hospitals are packed with sick and wounded."

The Tokio correspondent of *The Chronicle* telegraphs: "Russian strategy has undergone another change. Ying Kow is to be again fortified. Four guns have been brought from New Chwang, the garrison increased and the harbor mined."

BATTLE REPORTED.

Che Foo, June 1.—11 a. m.—An unconfirmed rumor is current among the Chinese that a battle occurred six miles from Port Arthur yesterday (Tuesday).

SEVERE FIGHTING.

Liao Yang, May 31.—Severe fighting is reported along the railway between the stations of Vfangyong and Vfangdien. The Japanese suffered heavily and would have been annihilated had no infantry reserves come up and forced the Russians to retire into Vfangyong.

HARD FIGHTING.

Lia Yang, May 31, 5.20 p. m.—Continuous fighting has taken place northeast of Feng Wang Cheng and the railway above Kin Chou since May 27. A sharp action has taken place eastward of Simatzi, 35 miles north of Feng Wang Cheng, which lasted from the morning of May 27, until daylight May 30. Both sides suffered severely.

HANGED CHINESE.

London, June 1.—The correspondent of *The Standard* at the Japanese army headquarters telegraphing May 31 says: "Repeated reconnaissances show that none of the enemy's troops are within 15 miles of Feng Wang Cheng or east of the Tayang river for 30 miles in the direction of Siu Yen. Motienleng Pass may delay but it cannot prevent the Japanese advance as the pass can be turned on either flank."

The Morning Post's correspondent at Shang Hai learns that the Russians hanged a number of Chinese who had been caught signalling to the Japanese fleet near Vladivostok.

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