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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## RUSSIAN RETREAT STREWN WITH DEAD

Japanese Capture Many Men  
and Valuable Stores.

### KUROPATKIN AGAIN REPORTS

He Says Japanese Army Is Being Constantly Re-enforced—Russian Soldiers Are Disheartened and Surrender in Squads to Mikado's Men.

Tokio, March 14.—11 a. m.—A telegram received today from headquarters in the field, says:

"In the direction of Singchin our forces have been dislodging the enemy in Yingpao 18 miles from Fushan, and on March 11 occupied the place.

"In the direction of Singchin our all of our forces are continuing the pursuit of the remnant of the enemy and many Russian officers and men are surrendering to our train guards in the mountainous districts east of the Tie Pass road.

Additional spoils taken in the direction of the Shakhe river are wagons and carts captured southeast of Chilu likoutzu. They exceeded 1,000 loaded with gun and ammunition, small ammunition, entrenching tools, telegraph and telephone equipment, pontoon material, supplies, and water boilers.

They also carried 14 eight-centimeter, 1,400 fifteen-centimeter shells and 1,200,000 small ammunition, and various military supplies.

In the direction of Singchin the spoils included 120,000 small ammunition, 800 shells and 3,000 entrenching tools.

### Russians Surrender in Squads.

General Kuroki's Headquarters in the field, via Fusan, March 14.—The country is swarming with hungry, disheartened Russians, who are surrendering in squads to any pursuing Japanese they meet. The Japanese officers have refused to criticize the lack of mobility displayed while driving the Russians through the pass.

Most of the foreign attaches with the Russian army, including two American and English officers were captured at Mukden.

### 10,000 Russians Killed.

Japanese Left Amies, March 8, via Yin Kow, March 13.—(Delayed in transmission.)—From noon until darkness yesterday the left column from General Oku's army fought a desperate fight near Likempu, 7 miles north of the Hun river, and 8 miles west of the railway. The Russian forces outnumbered the Japanese 3 to 1. The Russians, who had been heavily re-enforced in the south, rushed out of their trenches to meet the advancing Japanese and a fierce hand-to-hand fight ensued, the soldiers using their bayonets and the officers their swords. The Russian casualties were over 10,000 killed and wounded and the Japanese a little over 3,000. The Russians dead were left on the field in heaps among the many staff officers.

### Report from Gen. Kuropatkin.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—General Kuropatkin in a dispatch dated March 13 says he has received no further report of any fighting between organized bodies of troops and announces that the Japanese are making reconnoissances.

In a dispatch filed the previous day the Russian commander in chief, notified the emperor that General Meyerendorf fell from his horse March 19 and fractured his collar bone. He was taken to Harbin and his early recovery is hoped for.

### Denies Recall of Squadron.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—A semi-official denial was given out here today for the reported recall of the Russian second Pacific Squadron.

### Big Sale of Coal Lands.

Birmingham, Ala., March 15.—A deal has been closed whereby ex-Governor E. E. Jackson, of Maryland, disposed of 20,000 acres of coal lands on the Esley Southern railroad to the president of the Alabama Coal company of this city, for \$500,000.

## SENATOR TELLER IS OPPOSED TO TREATY

Wants Senate to Consider It  
In Open Session.

### MONEY FOR CONSCIENCE FUND.

Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce Will Begin Its Meetings April 17 to Consider Question of Freight Rates.

Washington, March 15.—When the Santo Domingo treaty was taken up in executive session of the senate today Senator Teller again made a plea for an open session for the discussion of the law points which he said were involved in the treaty. The senate committee on foreign relations were complimented by Senator Teller for the efforts it had made to satisfactorily amend the treaty and he declared that the convention with perhaps one or two additional amendments had been put in the best position.

"But," he said, "it is impossible to amend the treaty so that it will satisfy me. I am opposed to it for fundamental and basic reasons. He declared that the policy to be embarked upon under the treaty was contrary to our form of government and a dangerous precedent to establish.

Objection was made by Senator Foraker to opening the doors. After this question had been disposed of for the second time, Senator Morgan took the floor and discussed the Dominican debt for the purpose of showing that it was largely made up of fraudulent claims. He talked also of the revenues of the government and used as a basis the data which he recently presented to the senate and which was printed as a senate document.

Chairman Elkins, of the senate committee will begin hearings on the railway rates subject Monday, April 17.

No quorum appeared today when the committee was called, but Senator Elkins ascertained the views of the members of the committee and fixed the date.

The absence of a quorum was suggested by Mr. Gallinger, when the senate convened at 11 a. m. today. The roll was called and after some delay 44 senators, a quorum, responded to their names.

At 11:14, on motion of Mr. Cullom, the senate went into executive session.

Secretary of Treasury Shaw today received the following communication:

"Dear Sir—I am sending you herewith enclosed \$12,000 which is to go to the use of the United States government. Years ago I defrauded the government of money, but have returned it all, and now am paying four-fold in accordance with the teaching of Scripture. The way of the transgressor is hard, and no one but God knows how I have suffered the consequences, and I would seek to do a bountiful restoration. May God pardon me, while the United States government is benefited. (Signed) A Sinner."

The amount, which was in currency, has been deposited in the treasury to the credit of the conscience fund.

### Sultan's Officers Flee for Life.

Constantinople, March 15.—Another palace intrigue, so common in the sultan's entourage has just come to light involving a trio of high Ottoman officials, Generals Akmet Pasha and Riza Pasha, aide-de-camp of the sultan and Aref Bey, his majesty's chamberlain. It is said that the three officials fled to escape the machinations of a secret police cabal at the Yildiz kiosk, who were said to be bent on their destruction. Riza Pasha was recently attacked and wounded in the abdomen. The assault is alleged to have been at the instigation of the chief of the secret police.

### Aged Woman Dies of Fright.

New York, March 15.—Mrs. John Fletcher, 69 years old, is dead from fright at her home in Lakewood, N. J. Her grandson had set fire to a brush heap in the front yard, and Mrs. Fletcher, fearing it would spread to the house, hurried out with a pail of water. A puff of flame caught the bottom of her dress and she fell dead with a scream of terror.

## CORNER-STONE OF HOLY TRINITY

Will Be Laid in a Few Days With  
Most Imposing Ceremonies.

### BISHOP WEED WILL PRESIDE

Cornerstone Will Be of Fine Georgia Creole Marble, Properly Inscribed. Building Will Be Credit to City and Congregation.

Great preparations are being made, and a great deal of interest is centered in the laying of the corner-stone of the elegant new stone edifice of Holy Trinity Church, which will be held in a few days.

The stone, which will be of the finest Georgia Creole marble, has been ordered by C. D. Schater, the stonecutter, who will execute the inscription as follows: "Holy Trinity Church, 1905."

Naturally there will be a large attendance at these ceremonies, which will be conducted by Rt. Rev. Bishop Weed. It was desired to hold the ceremonies on Wednesday, the 22d inst., but there is a question of doubt as to whether the stone will be ready by that date. The function will be carried out as soon after the 22d as possible, due notice of which will be given in The Sun.

As has been said before, this building, when completed, will be one of the finest edifices in the State. The material used is brick and McCarrell stone, which is equally as handsome and durable as granite. The building will be a credit to the city and congregation.

### SANTA FE HAPPENINGS.

School Closed on Account of Grippe. Other Notes of Interest.

Santa Fe, March 15.—Owing to the prevalence of la grippe, which has visited almost every family in the district, the public school has closed here, which event is greatly regretted by the patrons, as the term only lacked three weeks of being out. Miss Annie Price, the efficient teacher, has returned home and will wait until further on to finish the term.

J. H. Osteen of Willeford, a member of the county executive committee, accompanied by W. S. Osteen, Sr., with their wives and children, visited their brother, J. A. Osteen of Santa Fe, last week. They say that the West End was never in a more prosperous condition than now.

Owing to the continued dry weather in February and up to the 10th of this month, many farmers have lost their fences by the burning of the woods. Some of them have had a sad experience.

The rain, which was so much needed by the farmers, was hailed with joy for more than one reason. It put out the fire that was raging in the woods and gave moisture so as to enable planting to go on with great rapidity.

The watermelon growers have finished planting their crop. The potato crop is up and looking fine, with good stands. The growers are delighted with their prospects.

Miss Alma Blitch, who has been in the Central City for the past week, a guest of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Rivers, returned home Tuesday.

The farmers are busy now planting corn. The outlook is for a large average in corn and plowds this year. Cotton is being planted by some, but the bulk of the crop will be planted later on.

The circuit court being in session does not disturb this part of the county, as we are not allowed to sit on the jury from this distant section.

### Fire in Big Printing Office.

Chicago, March 15.—Fire destroyed the printing and box department of the Grand Crossing Tack company plant at Seventy-ninth street and 60th Chicago avenue. The loss is \$150,000. The entire plant, valued at \$1,000,000, employed 800 men. At the first show of fire there was panic among the women and girls on the upper floors but the firemen and superintendents throughout the plant got employees out without loss of life. Scores of children are employed at the plant.

## TWENTY LIVES LOST IN TENEMENT FIRE

Heroic Work of Firemen and  
Policemen Save Many.

### 40 OTHERS SERIOUSLY INJURED

New York City Is the Scene of a Terrible Calamity—Explosion of a Kerosene Lamp Starts Awful Blaze Which Resulted Fatally.

New York, March 15.—At least a score of persons were burned to death, several were so badly hurt that they may die and 40 others received slight hurts in a fire that practically destroyed a five story tenement house in Allen street early today. The fire had gained great headway before it became known to most of the tenants, and many of them were cut off before they could make an attempt to save themselves. Thrilling rescues and daring leaps for life marked the fire. Scores were carried from the blazing building. Firemen with scaling ladders braved the flames and reached the imperiled tenants. Those so far recovered only the following have been identified:

Rachel Solomon.  
Jacob Solomon.  
Abraham Solomon.  
Isaac Solomon.  
Jessie Cohen.  
Rose Wiener.  
Emanuel Wiener.  
Ida Muskowitz.  
Harry Kaufman.  
Rose Miller.  
Morris Miller.

Crowded fire escapes in the rear of the tenement house were largely responsible for so many deaths and injuries among its population, which approached 200 souls.

The scenes about the building after the fire was over and when the search for the dead was begun were heart-rending. Nothing so pitiful has been seen in New York city since the Siccum disaster, when 1,000 people lost their lives.

The fire started in the basement, occupied by Isaac Davis, his wife and three children. Davis had been out last night and returning to his home early this morning went into his store on the same floor just in time to see a kerosene lamp in the rear explode. He awoke his wife and both tried to put out the flaming lamp but without success and then gave all their attention to getting their children out of the burning building. A policeman who heard the cry of alarm rushed to the scene and an effort was made to arouse the sleeping persons in the house.

In the meantime the flames had spread with startling rapidity and when the persons who had been asleep on the upper floors awoke they found themselves confronted by a wall of flames on nearly every side. Scenes of the wildest description followed with the panic stricken people rushing for the fire escapes only to find them littered with rubbish of all descriptions and almost impassable.

Down through this cluttered narrow passage way fled a stream of humanity. On some of the escapes the rubbish was so closely packed that it became impossible to pass certain points and men, women and children stood literally roasting to death as the flames roared through windows around them.

### One County Worth \$200,000,000.

New York, March 15.—The state and county taxes in Westchester, which are to be apportioned by the supervisors will show an assessment on \$260,000,000 worth of property, and Westchester people will pay \$450,042.67 in taxes, which is more than is collected in the state of Nevada. The great estates of the Rockefeller and other millionaires are the cause of the great assessments.

### Gaynor-Greene Case Postponed.

Montreal, March 15.—At the request of the attorneys of Messrs. Gaynor and Greene, whose extradition the United States authorities are endeavoring to effect, their case has been postponed until March 22, when, it is said, it will positively be taken up.

## JURY HUNG ON MURDER TRIAL

Verdict in Chamberlain Murder  
Case Not Reached Last Night.

### FATE WILL BE KNOWN TODAY

An Endless Chain of Witnesses Were Examined by Both State and Defense, and Case Was Delivered for Consideration of Jury in Late Afternoon.

After completing the examination of the numerous witnesses in the famous case of the State vs. Fletcher Watson, charged with the murder of Garrett V. Chamberlain, and the argument of counsel on same, the case was delivered to the jury Wednesday afternoon about 5:45 o'clock.

Attorney C. C. Thomas opened for the State. He was followed by Attorneys Syd L. Carter and W. E. Baker for the defense, when State's Attorney Benj. F. Calhoun closed for the State. Attorney Baker, who settled here less than a year ago and established his practice, spoke for nearly two hours, and his argument in behalf of the defendant was a most earnest one. Although a young man, Mr. Baker is one of the most impressive speakers to a jury heard in this court room for some time, and it is a foregone conclusion among the "older heads" that he will yet make his mark.

The court adjourned for supper and reconvened at 8 o'clock. At 9 o'clock no verdict had been reached, when the court adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

The court convened at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. The jury came into court and reported that they could reach no agreement, when they were returned to the jury room by order of the court, with the hope that an agreement could be arrived at without continuing the case for another trial. At the hour of going to press (10 o'clock a. m.) no verdict had been rendered.

### CONFERENCE MEETING.

Reports From Methodist Church Departments Were Encouraging.

A meeting of the Church Conference of Kavanaugh Methodist Church was held on Sunday morning last, after the regular service, at which the reports of the pastor, Rev. T. J. Nixon, the Sunday school, the Junior Epworth League, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary societies and other departments of the church were read and received.

These reports were encouraging indeed, and showed every department of the church in a most healthy condition.

It was decided in future to hold the conference on the second Sabbath morning of each month.

Rev. T. J. Nixon acted as chairman and H. L. Phifer secretary.

### EAST FLORIDA NORMAL.

Opened Monday With Fair Attendance. More to Come Later.

The East Florida Seminary Normal opened on Monday with an attendance of about twenty teachers from various sections of the county, which was quite satisfactory, in view of the fact that the majority of the school terms have not closed. As these schools close it is expected the enrollment will increase, and before a great while the normal will be in a healthy condition.

Prof. Pound anticipates a most successful term. Students at the normal may enjoy the privilege of the regular Seminary courses without the cadet regulations. The Professor will be glad to furnish any further information desired.

### Colored Politicians.

One of the most largely attended and most enthusiastic meetings among the colored people ever held in this city convened at Johnson's Hall, North Pleasant street, Monday evening, when the following municipal ticket was nominated:

For mayor, W. E. Thomas; for marshal, E. A. Roeker; for assessor, William Bradford; for aldermen, A. M. Cushman, W. E. Taylor, L. C. Lynch and J. B. Padgett.