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SINKING OF THE NOVIK IN BATTLE

The Chitose and the Tsushima Attack.

DETAILS CABLED HERE

Yet a Despatch From the Russian Commander at Karsakovsk to the Czar Makes no Mention of Battle—Desperate Conditions at Port Arthur.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 21.—The State Department today received the following cablegram from Minister Criscom, at Tokio:

"Japanese fleet sunk Novik off Sakhaline today."
The full details of the attack on the Novik have been received by the Japanese legation as follows:

"The protected cruiser Chitose reports that the Chitose and the protected cruiser Tsushima attacked the Russian cruiser Novik at Karsakovsk Island, on the morning of the 20th. On the morning of the 21st the Novik, which has been heavily damaged, was stranded and partly sunk. The Tsushima was hit once in the coal bunker, but the damage has already been repaired. There was no other damage, nor was there a single casualty on either of the Japanese vessels."

Steamer Sunk—A Wanton Act.

(By the Associated Press.)
Shanghai, Aug. 22.—(Night.)—Evidence given before a naval court today shows the sinking of the steamer Hipsang by the Russians to have been a reckless and wanton act. The name of the torpedo boat destroyer which sunk this Hipsang is not known. No provocation of any kind for the sinking of the steamer had been given. She was on her regular course from New Chung to Chefoo and her lights were burning brightly.

The Fighting at Port Arthur.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chefoo, Aug. 22.—(Noon.)—The Chinese just arrived, who bring the latest information from Port Arthur confirm the statement that the Liaung promontory was not assaulted for the reason that it is inoperable from the seaside and the Japanese are unable to move on it from the north. The Japanese main attack has been the heaviest against the Russian center and right, particularly against the center, fronting which the Japanese have taken up a strong position at Shushlyen.

Pigeons today had been the scene of fighting several days before the final assault had begun, the Japanese never being able to hold for long any territory they might gain. Their attacks were made mostly at night during foggy days and misty mornings.

Civilians are allowed to leave the bomb-proofs during the lulls in artillery fire, but these intermissions are rare and everybody is worn and anxious over the situation. An unusually large proportion of young company officers have been killed, which is partially owing to their duties and to their recklessness.

While the Russians apparently believe they hold the Japanese in check, their confidence in their successful resistance is not absolute. The Japanese have gone mounted on nearly all the hills which formerly formed Russian outposts.

The Japanese fire is accurate. The hospitals at Port Arthur are full of Russian wounded. The mortars are dead ready for burial are stored in warehouses and are then buried on the outskirts of the town, quick lime being used freely to prevent infection.

Three large ships and two gunboats are being repaired in the dock yard and basin, the other ships being behind the shelter of the Tiger's Tail peninsula.

"A Few Houses Destroyed."

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—The Emperor has received a report dated 22 from the Russian commandant at Karsakovsk, Island of Sakhalin, as follows:

"Since seven o'clock this morning the enemy has bombarded Karsakovsk. A few houses have been destroyed. One of the enemy's ships appeared on the horizon at about 6 in the morning, approached to within about 5-14 miles of the shore and bombarded Karsakovsk until 8:15 when the vessel turned and disappeared. The damage done to the town was quite inconspicuous. There were no casualties."

Bombardment of Port Arthur.

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—A dispatch from Chefoo dated August 22 says that according to Chinese reports the Japanese yesterday bombarded Port Arthur from six o'clock in the morning until one o'clock in the afternoon, pouring in a heavy fire, but that the Russians succeeded in silencing the Japanese batteries. The Japanese fleet was not engaged, having put further out to sea.

Japanese Reinforcements Reported.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chefoo, Aug. 22.—(9 p. m.)—It is asserted in reliable quarters at Port Arthur that the Japanese have received reinforcements of thirty thousand men from the north.

ed reinforcements of thirty thousand men from the north. The steamer Victoria, which arrived here this evening from New Chung, reports hearing spasmodic firing at Lousin and Pigeon Bays respectively northwest and west of Port Arthur between 10 o'clock last night and 1 in the morning. She saw searchlights plinking freely and successfully rockets signalling at 1 o'clock this morning. The ship was too far away to hear or see anything further.

On the Diamond.

(By the Associated Press.)

At Chicago—R. H. E. Chicago . . . 001000022—5 9 3 Boston . . . 220000201—4 8 4 Batteries: Brown and Kling; Willis and Marshall.

At St. Louis—R. H. E. St. Louis . . . 04305000—12 14 Brooklyn . . . 000102000—5 5 6 Batteries: Taylor and Grady; Garvin and Bergen.

American League.

(By the Associated Press.)

At New York—R. H. E. Chicago . . . 000100002—3 7 2 New York . . . 200000002—4 8 1 Batteries: Smith and McFarland; Powell and Kleinow.

At Boston—R. H. E. Boston . . . 00201103*—13 9 St. Louis . . . 000000000—0 7 3 Batteries: Young and Criger; Glade and Sugden.

Second game. At Boston—R. H. E. Boston . . . 01100100—3 5 2 St. Louis . . . 000000000—0 2 1 Batteries: Gibson and Farrell; Howell and O'Connor.

Southern League.

(By the Associated Press.)

At Atlanta—R. H. E. Atlanta . . . 200000003—5 7 3 Montgomery . . . 000000100—4 11 3 Batteries: Ely and Clarke; Gardner and W. Clark.

At New Orleans—R. H. E. New Orleans . . . 00000210*—3 5 2 Memphis . . . 000000000—0 4 4 Batteries: French and Sullivan; Elhret and Hurlbut.

At Birmingham—R. H. E. Birmingham . . . 41000001—6 11 2 Nashville . . . 010000000—1 4 3 Batteries: Clark and Millerick; Herman and Fisher.

South Atlantic League.

(By the Associated Press.)

At Columbia—R. H. E. Savannah . . . 000000131—5 9 2 Columbia . . . 010110000—3 10 4 Batteries: Thatcher and Holmes; Heisman and Shea.

At Macon—R. H. E.

Macon . . . 000000110—2 8 4 Charleston . . . 00002102*—5 5 1 Batteries: Segars and Hamish; Kerr, Rosson and Smith.

At Augusta—R. H. E. Jacksonville . . . 004000000—8 3 Augusta . . . 000000000—0 6 4 Batteries: Persons and Robinson; Lucas and Dunlap.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

A Memorial Service and Unveiling in Oxford Sunday.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Oxford, N. C., Aug. 22.—A handsome tombstone erected "with willing hands and loving hearts" by Woodmen of the World, was unveiled in Elmwood cemetery Sunday afternoon. The tombstone, which represents an oak tree, beautifully carved, and is most fitting memorial of the order. A large crowd of people from Oxford and the country were present to witness the beautiful ceremony.

At 4 o'clock the band of Woodmen of the World, wearing regalia and in command of Grand Sovereign Frank C. Spencer, marched to the cemetery. On account of the extreme heat of the day an awning had been placed near the grave, and seats arranged for the choir and relatives of the deceased.

The services opened with singing "Nearer, My God to Thee" and a touching ritual of the order was read by Dr. C. D. Fort and Mr. F. W. Hancock, who paid loving tribute to the memory of the deceased, and also gave a brief sketch of the order, in which it was stated that Woodmen of the World organized in Oxford seven years ago with seventeen members, and is now in very flourishing condition. Her high members today have lost three members—Mr. John Meadows, James Renn and James Day. Each of the last two were chief of police of Oxford. Three handsome tombstones, each by the brotherhood, now mark the graves.

After the singing of "Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Gathering Home," the services closed.

WIFE KILLER CAPTURED.

His Mother-in-Law Plugged Frank Snow Twice.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 22.—Frank Snow, colored, who shot and killed his wife at Rural Hall Saturday night, was captured and committed to jail today. While Snow was shooting at his wife his mother-in-law shot her pistol and fired at him, one ball took effect in his right shoulder and another grazed his head. Snow and his wife separated two months ago.

FELL AND BROKE HIS ARM.

Mr. Manly, a Carpenter of Goldsboro, Meets With a Serious Accident.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Goldsboro, N. C., Aug. 22.—Mr. Ethel Manly, a well-known house carpenter of this city, met with a very serious accident this morning while at work on the new home of Mr. A. H. Edgerton on George street. Mr. Manly was working about twenty feet from the ground and was standing on a narrow staging and lost his balance and

fell to the ground with terrific force, breaking his arm and receiving several severe bruises on the legs and body. In falling he struck a piece of timber attached to the staging about half way from where he was standing to the ground, which broke his fall in part, and probably saved his life.

He was taken to his home on Park Avenue on a cot by fellow workmen, and Dr. W. H. H. Cobb was summoned, who dressed his wounds, and at this writing is resting quietly.

VICIOUS ASSAULT ON OFFICERS.

Bodies of Four More Men Drowned in the Barringer Mine Recovered.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 22.—Late Saturday night Officers Cault and Torrence, of the Salisbury police force, were the victims of a most vicious secret assault by two brothers, Miles and Fred Shell, colored, but for the agility of the two officers would have resulted in a fatal tragedy. Two negroes had been arrested, and it was with the hopes of freeing them that the officers were attacked. Officer Cault was severely choked by his assailant, who was finally subdued and placed in jail.

In addition to the three bodies recovered Saturday from the Barringer gold mine by the floating of which eight men were drowned on the 11th, last, four more were taken from the pit Sunday. The latter were about 600 feet under ground and were found floating in water, presenting a ghastly sight on account of the high state of decomposition.

AN OLD FASHIONED RUNAWAY.

Mr. S. Van Scott and Miss Elizabeth Griffin are Wed.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 22.—Rev. Dr. Egbert Smith at the Guilford Hotel here tonight united in marriage Mr. S. Van Scott and Miss Elizabeth Griffin, of Sanford.

It was a good old fashioned runaway. Mr. Scott, who has recently been elected a manager of the Cape Fear Power Company at Fayetteville, had been spending several days here with his brother, Dr. Chas. L. Scott, before going to Fayetteville. This morning Miss Griffin left her home in Sanford ostensibly to visit relatives in Chapel Hill. Mr. Scott met her at Ore Hill, the two came to Greensboro and were married tonight. They go on a bridal trip to Asheville and the Sapphire country and will make their home in Fayetteville. Mr. Scott is a popular and well known gentleman, having once been manager of a Raleigh baseball team.

FLETCHER GATES IMPROVES.

The Young Soldier's Wife is Now With Him.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Goldsboro, N. C., Aug. 22.—Mr. Fletcher Gates, the young soldier who was injured in the removal of the soldiers from Morehead City last Friday, and who is in the Emergency Hospital, in this city, is reported much better today, and unless some serious complications set in, he will be able to leave for home in a few days.

He admits that the parties on top of the train had all been drinking heavily, and that they had disobeyed orders, and attaches no blame to anyone for the terrible accident.

Mr. Gates is receiving every attention, and as above stated, his injuries are not thought to be serious. Mrs. Gates, the young wife of the injured man, is in the city with her husband, having arrived Saturday.

MRS. BOTKIN FOR LIFE.

The Judge Regrets That He Cannot Impose the Death Penalty.

(By the Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 22.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was sentenced today by Superior Court Judge Carroll Cook to life imprisonment in the State prison at San Quentin, for the murder of Mrs. John F. Dunning in Dover, Del., by means of poisoned candy mailed from this city.

In passing sentence Judge Cook expressed regret that he could not impose the death penalty as the jury in its verdict had fixed the punishment. Mrs. Botkin received the sentence without evidence of emotion.

An appeal to the Supreme Court will be taken by Mrs. Botkin's attorneys.

JEFFRIES AND MUNROE.

These Two Fighting Up the Training for the Night Friday Night.

(By the Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 22.—Jeffries and Munroe are now putting on the finishing touches for their fight next Friday night. Today Munroe did a big day's work, Kid McCoy giving him all the boxing he could stand. He will quit the work tomorrow, after which he will taper off. Jeffries also put in a good day with the punching bag and weights followed by boxing and a row on Lake Merritt. Betting on the fight has begun. Jeffries opened at 10 to 4 favorite. No large wagers have yet been placed.

Special School Tax Voted.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Spring Hope, N. C., Aug. 22.—The election held Friday in Jackson township, Nash county, for special tax to have better schools and longer terms was carried by a majority of fourteen, as there were only sixty-six ballots cast, out of these were forty in favor of special tax, and only twenty-six opposing. May Stanhope High school rises once more.

WITH MRS. MAYBRICK.

The Vaterland From Antwerp is Sighted Near Fire Island.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Aug. 22.—The steamer Vaterland from Antwerp, with Mrs. Florence Maybrick on board, was sighted southeast of Fire Island at nine o'clock tonight.

PARKER WILL NOT STUMP THE WEST

Doesn't Believe in Flooding Country with Words

SUNDAY HELD SACRED

The Murphy-McCarren Matter Assumes a Less Threatening Phase—Taggart Finds Conditions in New York, as Satisfactory as Elsewhere.

(By the Associated Press.)
Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 22.—It was made plain at Rosemount today that there is no certainty of Judge Parker making any speeches in the West, in connection with his St. Louis trip, or at any other time or place. The principle on which Judge Parker will act in the matter was learned from an intimate associate of the Judge, who said:

"Judge Parker has no faith in the utility of speech-making for its own sake, and will make no speeches anywhere for the mere purpose of appearing in any given locality. He believed a stumping tour by a Presidential candidate to be improper, and he will undertake no such tour. The only condition upon which he will make any speech anywhere will be that he has some definite thing to say, and that he is convinced by his own reason that some given time and place best suits the saying of it there and then. You may say that this is a very old idea, but it is under no other conditions will Judge Parker make any speech anywhere."

Except for a casual visitor, who introduced himself to Judge Parker as "a With Jersey Democrat," there was no one at Rosemount yesterday to disturb the Sunday quiet. The usual stream of Sunday sightseers, rather than the usual parade of politicians in carriages and on foot, but did not disturb the Parker family. Judge Parker has caused a "to be understood" that he does not desire excursions or parties of visiters to come to Rosemount on Sundays.

John G. Carlisle Ready to Work. Former Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle is passing the night at Rosemount. Judge Parker met him at the station. The judge said tonight that Mr. Carlisle had come at his request to talk over various things pertaining to the campaign. Mr. Carlisle said he did not know whether he would take an active part in the campaign, but was at the disposal of Judge Parker.

Former Representative R. W. Taylor, of Ohio, who was in charge of the prosecution of Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, Mr. Carlisle is associated with the prosecution of Senator Reed Smoot, and it is supposed that the Smoot matter was under discussion tonight.

National Committee Meet.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Aug. 22.—The Democratic National Executive Committee met here today. Previous to the meeting of the committee, Charles F. Murphy, candidate for Governor, was urged by Victor J. Dowling, called on Chairman Taggart, of the National committee, and also saw other members of the executive committee. Soon after the meeting, Mr. Taggart, Chairman of the National committee, and William F. Rodie, chief of the Bureau of Organization of the State committee, came to the National Executive Committee. It was understood that the State and Tammany leaders met with the National Executive committee for the purpose of trying to settle the difference that exists between the Democratic National Executive Committee and the State Executive Committee, and August Belmont, former Senator, Smith, of New Jersey; Senator Martin, of Virginia; DeLancey Nicol, vice-chairman of the National committee, and George Foster Peabody, treasurer of the National committee. In the absence of Chairman Sheehan Mr. Belmont presided. It was reported that the Murphy-McCarren matter was not brought before the executive committee but that the condition throughout the country. Chairman Taggart announced that the reports that had been received were very encouraging. "I feel forced to say," he added, "that the conditions in New York, both State and city, are most satisfactory."

Chairman Meyer after a conference with members of the State Executive committee, among whom were Patrick H. McCarren, made the following announcement:

"I am glad to say that the Democratic State committee has added Senator Victor J. Dowling to its executive committee. William S. Rodie has already been assigned, in charge of the Bureau of Organization for the organization of the party outside of New York. New York Senator Dowling will perform similar duties in the Greater New York, having due regard to the existence of county committees therein and to organize within

that territory for the purpose of assisting in politics—the entire Democratic vote for the Democratic ticket. The plan set out by Mr. Dowling for the position named was a result of the conference at Democratic National headquarters. It is intended to restore political harmony between McCarren and C. Murphy, and so far as the organization for the State and National campaign is concerned it will have that result. Dowling will have charge of Greater New York and his close association with Murphy makes it sure that the organization will be thoroughly Tammany. But it does not end the feud between the men either personally or politically. A Tammany man close to the Murphy-McCarren fight in the primaries on the 30th would go on."

The Democratic National Executive committee refused "officially" to take up the Murphy-McCarren row, but the committee thoroughly discussed "unofficially."

Individual members offered their advice and no doubt assisted the Dawling selection which is believed to be the best of the conditions for the campaign in Greater New York and enlist an earnest Tammany support.

SUPERIOR COURT IN GULFPORT.

The Criminal Docket Overflowing—A Two Week's Term.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 22.—Judge Henry R. Bryan opened his court here this morning. This term is for the trial of criminal cases only. Owing to the fact that there was two weeks ago, the largest number of cases known, and that one week would not be sufficient to even clear the jail, there being 55 prisoners confined there, the county commissioners petitioned the Governor for an extra week to the court. Judge Walter Neal has been assigned by the Governor to hold next week's court here. Of this fifty-five cases against parties confined in jail, three are for murder of their wives by negro men, two by shooting, two by poison; three white men are charged with murder, two by administering drugged liquor for purposes of robbery, causing death of their victim, and another charged with killing by cutting an antagonist's throat, there are several cases of burglary and highway robbery. When the magistrate's returns are all in, there will be at least 225 cases on the docket.

Last night eighteen of the fifty-five prisoners in jail came getting out. They had cut through the iron bars of the cells, and were out in the upstairs corridor trying to file off the locks to the heavy doors, when the jailer was informed of the situation, and the wholesale delivery or escape was prevented by the sheriff. A traveling jeweler was put in jail last week and in his grip of tools, left on the outside was a first class hand-saw. A trusty prisoner had used this saw to saw the iron bars of the cells, and succeeded in letting a whole gang of desperate men out of duress, among them being those accused of capital crimes.

THE LADY'S SON OBJECTED.

And Registered His Objections on Mr. Hauf's Face.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Asheville, N. C., Aug. 22.—One evening last week a man named Hauf drove into Asheville with his head and face bruised and gave out a story to the effect that about three miles from Asheville he had been held up and robbed of \$50. It developed today, however, that the story was a fake; that Hauf was engaged in enlarging pictures, that on the day of the alleged holdup he had taken the home enlargement of a photograph. The work wasn't satisfactory and the lady declined to take the picture. Hauf became abusive. It is alleged that the lady's son put in an appearance and when Hauf left he was in a somewhat battered condition.

FIRE AT GOLDSBORO.

Splendid Work Done by Firemen in Double Heat of Sun and Flames.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Goldsboro, N. C., Aug. 22.—Fire in the northern part of this city about two o'clock this afternoon, destroyed four dwelling houses. It was beyond the city limits, but the fire department rendered what aid they could, and after some little time they got a stream of water on the fire, thus ending what threatened to be the wiping out of the whole colored village, which is composed of seven hundred inhabitants. The loss is estimated at \$200 with partial insurance. The heat of the sun today combined with the fire was most fierce, but our firemen stuck to their posts of duty until the last spark was out, thus perhaps saving the city from a conflagration.

CURTIS GOES FOR THREE YEARS.

Burglary Was the Charge, He Submitted to Receiving Knowledge of Stolen Goods.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 22.—In Superior court this evening the grand jury brought in true bills against two parties, one for rape and one for arson. C. C. Curtis, of Winston, for burglary at High Point, submitted to receiving goods knowing them to have been stolen. The solicitor accepted the plea and the judge sentenced him to the penitentiary for three years. There were two indictments against him, both were found to be true bills this morning.

A Sable Bird in Truth.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 22.—Henry Jones, colored, who was arrested here yesterday accused of stealing a watch from another negro named John Severs, not only had the watch on him, but turned out to be an incorrigible thief. His record being looked up, and his own admissions, show that he has served a term in the Federal prison at Albany for counterfeiting and has been on the county convict

forces of Wake and Wayne counties for larceny. The County Democratic Executive committee of Guilford Saturday evening, Colonel W. H. Osborn, mayor of the city of Greensboro, and president of Keely Institute, was unanimously elected chairman of the executive committee, vice A. M. Scales, resigned, to become candidate for the State Senate from Guilford, four years ago, when Col. Westcott Roberts was nominated for the House, and appropriateness of his resignation as city attorney of High Point was suggested, and he resigned that office before entering on the campaign.

The streets here in the business portion of the city will soon be torn up again to enable the telephone and telegraph companies to place their wires underground.

BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS

The Young Men Who Were Killed at Dark Bridge Friday.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Durham, N. C., Aug. 22.—The double military funeral at which time Privates J. H. Johnson and W. Bun Warren, who were killed while returning from Camp Lee at Morehead City, last Friday, took place yesterday morning. They were accorded military honors in the soldiers' plot at Maplewood cemetery.

The double funeral was preached from the city armory at 10:30 o'clock by the Rev. Gorton Matheson, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church. Rev. E. R. Leyburn, chaplain of Company A, being absent from the city.

The two caskets rested side by side on a small platform in the center of the armory. The platform was covered with an American flag, with the armory, inside and out, was draped in mourning. The flag from the mast pole floated at half mast. A platform made of gun boxes and covered with black cloth formed a stand for the minister. The service was short and simple.

The way from the armory to cemetery the band rendered a funeral march, at the grave a detail fired a salute of three volleys and then taps were sounded.

The following names were as follows: General B. S. Royster, Colonel William Landis, of Oxford; Colonel Alfred Williams, Adjutant General, of Raleigh; Colonel J. Harper Erwin, Durham, personally in charge; Colonel J. C. Michie, Chief of Engineers, and Major A. E. Lloyd and Captain W. M. Fallon, Assistant Chief of Engineers, all of Durham; Col. Jones Fuller, Assistant Judge Advocate General; Major J. L. Loughlin, Quartermaster Third Regiment, and Major R. P. Hackney, Commissary Third Regiment, all of Durham; Major J. J. Bernard, Major Third Regiment, of Raleigh, who attended the funeral. These were Col. Alfred Williams and Major J. C. Bernard, and nine enlisted men. These all rode to the cemetery on the afternoon train yesterday.

Rev. R. T. Bryan and family left here Saturday evening on their return trip to China. They will stop a few days at St. Louis, go on to San Francisco and sail from there on August 30th for Shanghai, China. In the party were Rev. and Mrs. Bryan, Miss Lula Bryan, Miss Eliza Bryan, and Master Robert Bryan.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bryan, who are in this country to complete her education. This is the second time that Rev. Bryan has been home since he went to China twenty years ago. The Rev. and Mrs. Bryan were on this trip he remained about eighteen months. Mrs. Bryan is a daughter of Mayor J. F. Freeland, of this city.

COLUMBUS TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

Work Done Which Will Bear Rich Fruit in Years to Come.

(Special Correspondence.)
Whiteville, N. C., Aug. 22.—The teachers institute of Columbus county closed Friday. It has been in session for two weeks. Lasting good was done for the children of the county. The teachers will go to their work this fall better equipped and fuller of zeal for this worthy calling.

The institute was conducted by Prof. T. R. Foust, superintendent of the school system of Columbus county, assisted by Miss Etta Spiers, who has been engaged in primary work in the same schools.

Prof. Foust has a way of going to the heart of his subject whatever it may be, that makes anything he handles interesting.

Miss Spier came as an entire stranger, but the county may well be congratulated that she has proved herself a teacher of rare gifts, and well adapted to institute work.

On Tuesday afternoon the Ladies Society for the Betterment of Schools met at the school house in the institute. Mrs. J. A. Brown Chadbourn, district vice-president, was present, and by request presided over this meeting. Reports from the various members showed that work had been done in many districts in the improvement of school houses and grounds.

Mrs. Lee Powell of Whiteville, was elected county president and Mrs. W. H. Speight vice-president for the ensuing year. Mrs. Brown came with the proposition, that instead of requiring the county president to travel over the entire county the constitution should be so amended as to give each township a vice-president, whose duty it should be to organize the various districts in her own township. This was adopted unanimously and the vice-presidents were appointed for all the townships. With this new organization and with speeches which were made by Hon. J. A. Brown and others, the movement has given a new impetus to the work of the institute, that very efficient work will be done during the following year.

Sunday School Conference.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 22.—The Sunday School Conference held at Turkey Creek twelve miles from Asheville, Sunday, was a most successful affair, nearly two thousand people being in attendance and an old-fashioned picnic dinner was served. Among the speakers were Hon. J. D. Murphy, democratic House member, and the very efficient work will be done during the following year.

BLOW AT CHINA'S SPINAL COLUMN

She Must Decide Question of Neutrality.

ASKOLD AND GROZOVOL

The Refusal of Russia to Disarm These Vessels or to Leave Shanghai Jams the Matter Right up Against China's Flimsy Vertebrae.

(By the Associated Press.)
Shanghai, Aug. 22.—The meeting of the foreign consuls here today resulted in the preparation of a statement of the established facts regarding the Russian warships Askold and Grozovol. The Russian authorities show a disinclination to reconsider their refusal to comply with China's demand that the two ships leave Shanghai or disarm.

Japan and Russia Unyielding.

(By the Associated Press.)
Shanghai, Aug. 22.—John Goodnow, the American consul, who is dean of consular corps, presided at the meeting of the foreign