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CONFEDERATES IN SESSION

Survivors of War of Secession Meet in Convention at Nashville.

HOLD MEMORIAL FOR JEFFERSON DAVIS

Addresses Delivered by Acting Commander Lee and General McKim Tell How Former Rebels Feel Today.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 14.—The United Confederate Veterans began their fourteenth annual convention today, and for the first time since the organization was formed General John B. Gordon, the beloved commander-in-chief, whose body rests in Oakland cemetery at Atlanta, did not preside.

The convention was called to order by General George W. Gordon of Memphis, commanding the Tennessee division. The welcoming addresses were responded to by Lieutenant General Stephen B. Lee, who is filling the unexpired term of the late Commander-in-Chief John B. Gordon. General Lee said:

I wonder sometimes whether, when the great balances of the universe are poised and the great judgments of the ancient days are rendered, whether even when the last human life is given to the war between the states and the slow verdict of remote posterity is taken, the cause we loved will not be lost as it once seemed to us. It may be that, in the providence of God and the development of humanity, the fearful sacrifices were necessary for the highest good of this nation and the world. Truly, in human experience, without the shedding of blood, there is no redemption. Rather let us believe that the sword is richer and better, purer and greater, for the tragic and bloody sacrifice of the past. The bloodshed has brought us to our glory and power, incorruptible truths of what a brave and noble people can never be despised.

It is a source of joy to every one of us when we see how prosperous our country has grown. I think we are convinced now that the source of our sin has not again, in material property we have not only reached, but surpassed the achievements of our fathers.

Indulge No Vain Regrets. At the conclusion of his address, General Lee introduced Dr. Randolph H. McKim of Washington, the orator of the occasion. Rev. Mr. McKim spoke in part as follows:

There are two unique features which must arrest the attention of every one of us at this scene today. The first is the fact that all this pageantry, all this enthusiasm, is a tribute to a lost cause. The second is the fact that we are assembled under the stars and stripes, the victorious banner, and that we are reverent homage to the one who quired one. A stranger coming into our midst and who saw this assemblage might suppose that we were here to celebrate the foundation of a state or to socialize in the triumph of a party or to exult in the victory of a great cause. But not so. Our new republic sank forty years ago, to rise no more; our arms were buried; your banner went down in blood. What then? Are we here to indulge in vain regrets for the establishment of our fallen cause? Not so. The love and loyalty which we have for the stars and stripes and the deep hold that caused had upon the hearts of the southern people, and the absolute sincerity and of the complete devotion with which they supported it; but it is no evidence of antiquity and faithless spinning over defeat, nor of any lurking hostility to the union, in which now, thank God, the southern states have their rights and privileges with all the other states of our broad land.

We accepted the results of the war in good faith. We abide the arbitrament of the sword, and we are here to offer to the men who fought against us to the settlement. One flag, one country, one constitution, one destiny. We are loyal to that sturdy banner, the stars and stripes, as the symbol of our united country, and at the same moment that we do homage to the memory of the stars and bars.

Talks of greatest interest to the veterans before the convention met were "who will be the next commander-in-chief" and will there be a permanent reunion city? General Stephen D. Lee, who is now filling the unexpired term of General John B. Gordon, seems to have the support of nearly everybody, but some opposition to him has sprung up, mainly in the Texas delegation. The Texans want General Cabell for commander-in-chief, and one of their arguments is that General Lee is now filling a government position. General Lee is one of the Vicksburg National Military Park commissioners, but his friends say that there is no objection and they will stand by him. Texas also hopes to secure for New Orleans the honor of either being the permanent meeting place of the confederates or the making of that city the place of holding the gatherings every other year. Louisville and Baltimore also seek next year's reunion. General Lee favors the permanent reunion idea, but prefers that any suggestion as to the matter should come from the veterans themselves.

Memorial for Jefferson Davis. The Jefferson Davis memorial service was held today. The memorial address was delivered by Bishop Gailor of the Episcopal diocese of Tennessee. The United States of Confederate Veterans will convene at 3 o'clock. United States Senator William B. Bate will deliver an address. Tonight the veterans and their friends will be received at the state capitol by Governor Frazier and staff. At 2 o'clock Wednesday the laying of the cornerstone of the monument to the confederate private soldiers at Centennial park will take place. After the ceremony Henry Watterston of Louisville will deliver the address. The parade of veterans takes place Thursday morning.

Confesses to Murder in Montana. KANSAS CITY, June 14.—William Merrill, aged 60 years, appeared at the police station here today, and confessed that he had killed John Edwards, a railway brakeman, at Deer Lodge, Mont., nineteen years ago. Merrill said that a man named

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UNDER HEAVY FIRE

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resulting in the loss in that vicinity to the Russians of 800 men. Neither has the War office anything confirmatory of the reported ambush and almost total destruction by the Russians of two Japanese battalions on the Hai Cheng road. The officials of the War office discredited both reports.

Private, but reliable, advices from Port Arthur, dated June 8, are to the effect that the Japanese on that date were still a considerable distance from the fortifications. No mention was made of an engagement. The absence of official news from Tokio regarding General Oku's movements before Port Arthur is raising a suspicion that preliminary operations on land are not succeeding well and that news is being withheld until the Japanese can accomplish a victory.

ARMIES TRY TO GAIN ADVANTAGE Vafangow Battle Believed to Have Been Heavy Affair. ST. PETERSBURG, June 15.—The general staff remained in session until almost 3 o'clock this morning and gave out Lieutenant General Baron Stakelberg's message announcing the fight at Vafangow. This unusually late hour indicates that the authorities attach considerable importance to the message.

It is believed that the Vafangow affair may prove to have been quite a heavy fight. The fact that the Russians held their position in the face of heavy losses also supports this theory and it is believed it may turn out to be a severe check to the Japanese northern advance.

The movement of 3,000 Japanese north of Kuan Dian Shan only adds to the blindness of the situation in the northeastern field of operations. It is unquestionable that the Cossacks have been worrying the Japanese north of Feng Cheng and the movement may be merely an effort to clear the country, or it may be a move to hold the possibility of a demonstration against Mukden, one of the main roads leading directly east from Mukden toward the region to which the Japanese are now advancing.

The consensus of opinion, however, is that the advance is more in the nature of a demonstration than a preliminary to an actual attack. A special dispatch from Liao Yang, dated June 14, says: "Yesterday (Monday) at the battle of Vafangow Japanese troops numbering 20,000 tried to pass our flank, but were discovered. We changed our position, flanking the Japanese and opened a heavy fire. The result is unknown."

The date of this dispatch does not agree with the Associated Press dispatch from Liao Yang or with Lieutenant General Baron Stakelberg's message to the emperor, both of which indicate that the battle took place Tuesday. It is thought probable that there have been two actions.

RUSSIANS RETURN TO MANCHURIA Supposed to Be Party Which Started Toward Ping Yang. (Copyright, 1904, by New York Herald Co.) SPOULI, June 14.—New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.—The Russians who were reported last week as proceeding westward toward Ping Yang went as far as Yangtzen, whence small parties of scouts were sent south and east. Today a considerable body of Russian troops is reported crossing the eastern of the Yalu and marching into Manchuria. It is presumed these troops are identical with the above scouts.

Great Battle Expected. PARIS, June 14.—A dispatch to the Temps from Liao Yang says that the Japanese divisions which departed at Takushan and General Kurusu's divisions, which were at Siu Ken, are marching toward Hai Cheng. It is added, point to a great battle soon in the region southeast of Hai Cheng.

CITIZENS AFRAID TO SPEAK (Continued from First Page.) plot that was to furnish the excuse for all subsequent outrages. Bell Issues Statement. CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., June 14.—Adjutant General Coleman Bell, in command of the military here, has issued a statement concerning the deportation of union miners and others from the Cripple Creek district. The statement was prepared at the request of an eastern newspaper for an opinion as to why the deportations do not conflict with the provisions of the constitution of the United States against depriving any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law. It reads in part as follows:

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DECISION HANGS ON LETTERS Verdict in Dennison Case Withheld Until Character of Evidence is Proven. MUST SHOW DEFENDANT WAS IN IOWA Court intimates that Unless They Disclose This They Will Not Be Admitted as Evidence in Case.

The entire time of Judges Day, Troup and Redick of the district court was consumed yesterday morning by the arguments of counsel as to the admissibility of the letters offered by the respondents in the Dennison case. During the afternoon the court decided to have the letters read and tentatively admitted for such bearing as they might possibly have on the case, but reserved its decision as to whether the letters should be finally admitted as evidence until such time as the cross-examination of Dennison should develop the fact that they had a bearing on the question of whether or not Dennison was in Iowa between the dates of November 4, 1892, and January, 1893. The sentiment of the court was expressed by Judge Redick, who said that unless the letters in question, purporting to have been written by Dennison, showed on their face that Dennison was in Iowa between the two dates mentioned, they would be inadmissible under the issues of the cause being heard.

The case has not yet been submitted for final argument, but may reach that stage today.

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Fire Record. Unfortunate Chicago Factory. CHICAGO, June 14.—The building of the Vulcanite Roofing company, which was valued at \$50,000 by fire a few days ago, suffered today in a similar way to the extent of \$50,000. The police believe both blazes were incendiary.

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