

# ALL ARE ANXIOUS

NOTHING HEARD FROM THE PORT ARTHUR SQUADRON.

## FIGHTING RUMORS CONFLICTING

Russians at Port Arthur Said to Be Short of Ammunition—Another Story Afloat that the Port Has Fallen.

LONDON—Rumors that Port Arthur has fallen are again current, but apparently there is no further warrant for them than on previous occasions. It is regarded as impossible that Port Arthur can hold out much longer, but there is no further news either concerning the fortress or the fate of the Port Arthur squadron beyond the statement from Chee Foo that the protected cruisers Askoid and Novik have entered the port of Kianchau, which is German leased territory.

According to the Che Foo correspondent of the Telegram the Japs tried to blow up the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rleshtelni and her crew had to swim for their lives. The same correspondent states that Lieutenant General Stoessel, the commander of the military forces at Port Arthur, personally commanded the forces in the fight for the possession of the Taku mountain, which was accompanied by fearful carnage. The correspondent adds:

"The Russians are short of ammunition and the garrison is excited by incessant fighting. If the Japanese continue their assaults with fresh troops the worst may happen."

CHE FOO—According to the latest information obtainable the Russian squadron has not returned to Port Arthur.

On the night of August 9 heavy cannonading was heard at sea in the direction of Port Arthur. Advices from the fortress say that the Japanese bombarded the town, placing their batteries in dense kaolin fields, where they were effectively masked. The shells dropped mainly in the western basin, where the squadron was anchored. Many of the shells fell upon the battleship Retvizan, but no serious damage was done either to the town or the fleet. Later the forts got the range of the Japanese field batteries and drove them out from their shelter in the kaolin fields.

On the morning of August 10 the squadron put to sea, where heavy cannonading was heard for several hours. The result of the battle is not known and nothing definite has been learned regarding either squadron.

## HEIR TO RUSSIAN THRONE.

Son Born to Czar and Czarina at the Peterhof Palace.

ST. PETERSBURG—A son and heir to the Russian throne has been born. The empress and the child are doing well. The accouchment occurred at 12:30 p. m. The child will be christened Alexis.

The emperor and empress of Russia (formerly Princess Alix of Hesse) were married November 4, 1894, had previous to the birth of the child today four daughters—Olga, born November 2, 1895; Tatiana, born May 29, 1897; Marie, born June 14, 1899, and Anastasia, born June 5, 1901.

## Matousevitch Dies of Injuries.

CHE FOO—Captain Matousevitch, the late Rear Admiral Withoft's chief of staff, who was wounded during the Japanese attack on the battleship Czarevitch, has died of his wounds. Only one Russian torpedo boat remains at Tsing Chou with the Czarevitch. The Japanese demand departure of the Czarevitch, but the governor of Tsing Chou replied that the vessel would remain, but would be dismantled. The Japanese consul ordered all steamers bound for Japanese ports to postpone their departure.

## READY FOR NOTIFICATION.

Former Senator Davis Starts for White Sulphur Springs.

ELKINS, W. Va.—Everything is in readiness for his formal notification, so far as Vice Presidential Candidate H. G. Davis is concerned. Shortly after 12 o'clock Monday, accompanied by a party of his family and friends, he will leave for White Sulphur Springs in his private car Graceland, going by the regular trains of the Coal & Iron and the Chesapeake & Ohio railroads. With the ex-senator will be his brother, Colonel Tom Davis of Keyser, his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, National Committeeman John L. McGraw and sister, of Grafton; the Misses Sheridan of Mount Savage, Md.; Mrs. R. C. Kerens and daughter, Miss Gladys, and Secretary Charles S. Robb.

## APPEAL FOR MRS. MAYBRICK.

English Paper Urges a Free Pardon for American Woman.

LONDON—In the form of a letter from a correspondent, signed "Heathcote Hardinge," the Daily Chronicle Tuesday morning makes a strong appeal on behalf of Mrs. Maybrick. The letter urges that Mrs. Maybrick is innocent and that she ought to be granted a free pardon, and contends that she never would have been convicted had there been a court of criminal appeal in England. The Chronicle also prints an editorial which strongly supports "Heathcote Hardinge's" views of the case. A bill was introduced in the house of commons Monday by two prominent lawyers providing for the retrial of criminal cases.

## Report of Russian Attack.

GENERAL KUROKI'S HEADQUARTERS IN THE FIELD, VIA FUSAN—Unofficial reports were current yesterday that a large force of Russians were advancing to attack the Japanese right. Heavy firing heard in that direction today appears to confirm the report. Russian soldiers, who have been taken prisoners, say the Russians were sometimes short on rations. Two days of hard rains have followed a fortnight of severe heat. The Japanese in the fighting of August 1 were 990.

## Retail Meat Trade Stops.

CHICAGO—With an army of more than 300 pickets, the Ice Wagon Drivers' and Helpers' union on Tuesday established a blockade of the retail and cold storage meat market business of Chicago. The union determination to extend the strike to the cold storage warehouses came as a distinct surprise to the packers, and this was accentuated by the action of the ice car helpers, who on Tuesday declared an intention not to handle ice for any dealer who patronizes the strike-affected packers.

## Violate Lottery Laws.

BOSTON—John Marshall Barry and Francis C. Webster, officers of an organization known as the North American Trust, were arrested on Thursday by United States officers on a charge of conspiring to defraud the public. They are also accused of conducting a business in violation of the anti-lottery laws. The concern has branch offices in a number of cities. In June Massachusetts officers instituted proceedings against the concern, and the supreme court appointed Burton P. Gray as receiver.

## Confers with His Lieutenants.

WASHINGTON—Chairman Cortelyou of the National republican committee, who is in the city for a few days, had a long conference with President Roosevelt. The chairman will return to New York on Monday. Secretary Hay was at the White house for some time Sunday night, as was also Secretary Wilson. The latter has just returned to the city from the west and gave the president some information regarding the political and crop conditions in that section of the country.

# NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

During an electrical storm lightning struck the cupola of the high school building at Humboldt, completely shattering it and doing damage estimated at \$100.

A far-reaching cattle quarantine will soon be established upon the territory of the northwest, beginning either at Oakdale or at O'Neill, and running west. The exact line has not yet been determined.

During a heavy electrical storm at Ashland at 1:30 in the morning, Mrs. H. C. Henry discovered a man standing within three feet of her bed. She screamed and the burglar retreated, securing no booty.

The executive committee of the Otoe County Old Settlers' association has made arrangements to hold the thirty-seventh annual picnic in Morton Park on Monday, September 5. Committees have been appointed to complete the final arrangements.

Captain Ashby, an attorney of Beatrice, was in Lincoln and made application for the pardon of Kelley and Himebarger, two boys sent up from Wymore to serve three years in the penitentiary for highway robbery. They have served but one year.

Some twenty-five of the heavy taxpayers of Nemaha county filed with the county board a protest against running upon the tax list the 5 per cent increase on the valuation made by the state board of equalization and certified by it to the county clerk of the county.

A Lingle, employed on a hay pressing machine in Otoe county, sustained a terribly crushed foot while feeding hay into the machine. The hay got caught in the wheels and he tried to push it in with his right foot, which was caught by the cogs and the bones were crushed.

Quite a strife is being carried on at Thurston by parties interested in the saloon business. The township has only sixteen freeholders. One man has secured the signatures of five of them already and the other parties say they will stay in the fight, and if necessary put in another saloon.

Miss Francis Knight Wilson of Nebraska City has been engaged for the coming season to sing the prima donna role in the comic opera "The Tenderfoot." She will commence rehearsals in Chicago in two weeks. Miss Wilson was the leading woman in "The Chinese Honeymoon" company last season.

John Robertson of North Bend was found lying alongside the tracks of the Union Pacific railroad near that city in a partially unconscious condition, with some bad cuts and bruises on his head and body. A partly empty whisky flask was in his pocket and it is supposed that while intoxicated he was walking along the tracks and was struck by a passing train. He will probably die.

Myron, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Thomas of Plattsmouth, died from the effects of arsenical poisoning. While the other members of the family were absent from the house the little one awoke and mounted a high-chair near a cupboard. Reaching the door-latch, he opened the cupboard and took therefrom two rat-biscuits, which he ate, with results before indicated.

During a heavy hail storm at Nebraska City thousands of sparrows were killed. Under a tree at the home of Mrs. E. Krebs over 200 sparrows were found dead and many other citizens say a large number of sparrows were found dead under trees in their yards. The trees were not struck by lightning and the hail stones in the city did little damage and people are at a loss to account for the wholesale slaughter of these little birds.

## VALUATIONS IN NEBRASKA.

What the State Board of Equalization Has Decided On.

Secretary Bennett of the State Board of Equalization has compiled a table showing the assessed valuation of the various counties in the state. Without the valuation of the railroad property the table below shows all other property for last year and this year:

| County.        | 1903.         | 1904.         |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Adams          | 2,092,501.80  | 4,007,504.81  |
| Antelope       | 1,436,595.50  | 2,393,604.00  |
| Banner         | 254,056.00    | 188,917.99    |
| Barnes         | 151,607.08    | 117,808.15    |
| Boone          | 1,695,128.20  | 3,350,061.29  |
| Box Butte      | 626,284.60    | 728,816.04    |
| Boyd           | 1,090,350.00  | 1,886,002.95  |
| Brown          | 612,900.30    | 581,255.00    |
| Buffalo        | 2,149,957.65  | 3,746,182.19  |
| Burt           | 2,680,895.92  | 4,079,753.03  |
| Butler         | 2,126,679.00  | 4,760,237.00  |
| Cass           | 4,837,791.90  | 6,141,678.00  |
| Cedar          | 2,792,101.40  | 3,987,208.00  |
| Chase          | 524,542.00    | 210,499.09    |
| Cherry         | 1,769,114.00  | 1,425,503.20  |
| Cheyenne       | 910,554.00    | 908,824.40    |
| Clay           | 1,830,467.82  | 3,594,646.00  |
| Colfax         | 2,028,095.90  | 3,600,389.00  |
| Cuming         | 2,417,912.00  | 5,312,690.48  |
| Custer         | 3,388,609.08  | 3,329,218.86  |
| Dakota         | 1,444,228.00  | 1,776,276.25  |
| Dawes          | 776,752.70    | 790,853.17    |
| Dawson         | 1,394,701.81  | 2,523,509.28  |
| Deuel          | 447,942.00    | 550,441.01    |
| Dixon          | 1,678,986.43  | 2,974,314.27  |
| Dodge          | 2,759,700.90  | 5,052,419.73  |
| Douglas        | 24,835,309.44 | 27,596,270.00 |
| Dundy          | 484,996.00    | 408,551.46    |
| Fillmore       | 1,662,813.50  | 3,846,103.58  |
| Franklin       | 1,052,148.38  | 1,864,009.56  |
| Frontier       | 970,269.00    | 1,002,643.85  |
| Furnas         | 1,396,838.86  | 1,805,771.00  |
| Gage           | 4,575,280.00  | 7,574,030.99  |
| Garfield       | 221,700.00    | 328,468.29    |
| Gosper         | 711,908.50    | 929,244.43    |
| Grant          | 390,986.20    | 301,253.30    |
| Greeley        | 934,098.00    | 1,379,052.00  |
| Hall           | 2,209,777.00  | 3,773,204.00  |
| Hamilton       | 2,241,092.00  | 3,851,219.00  |
| Harlan         | 1,039,363.00  | 1,611,618.00  |
| Hayes          | 357,124.00    | 358,381.34    |
| Hitchcock      | 691,448.21    | 674,356.89    |
| Holt           | 2,149,908.00  | 2,297,615.43  |
| Hooker         | 62,143.45     | 76,235.45     |
| Howard         | 1,180,340.90  | 1,594,302.00  |
| Jefferson      | 2,102,569.00  | 3,646,302.00  |
| Johnson        | 2,309,622.50  | 3,111,033.65  |
| Kearney        | 1,081,262.25  | 2,105,095.28  |
| Keith          | 417,405.10    | 429,180.25    |
| Keya Paha      | 604,515.00    | 16,149.71     |
| Kimball        | 271,250.40    | 239,744.71    |
| Knox           | 2,020,829.20  | 2,346,530.87  |
| Lancaster      | 7,357,301.20  | 12,688,893.00 |
| Lincoln        | 1,232,193.20  | 1,745,266.88  |
| Logan          | 201,041.51    | 176,266.80    |
| Loup           | 204,355.14    | 194,506.30    |
| Madison        | 2,265,474.29  | 4,093,711.00  |
| McPherson      | 187,409.84    | 146,017.88    |
| Merrick        | 1,383,349.00  | 2,303,381.33  |
| Nance          | 1,433,731.00  | 2,564,442.00  |
| Nemaha         | 2,432,640.95  | 3,937,084.51  |
| Nuckolls       | 1,757,432.90  | 2,746,794.29  |
| Otoe           | 4,750,896.00  | 6,965,089.57  |
| Pawnee         | 2,576,047.00  | 3,279,019.80  |
| Perkins        | 316,954.70    | 352,353.70    |
| Phelps         | 1,157,568.50  | 2,185,658.00  |
| Pierce         | 1,435,649.00  | 2,534,987.76  |
| Platte         | 2,280,747.89  | 5,055,862.26  |
| Polk           | 1,307,440.47  | 3,279,168.33  |
| Red Willow     | 1,053,278.25  | 1,320,346.87  |
| Richardson     | 3,084,838.51  | 5,395,512.42  |
| Rock           | 506,426.37    | 513,230.65    |
| Saline         | 2,422,556.26  | 4,392,126.27  |
| Sarpy          | 1,864,134.23  | 2,309,676.71  |
| Saunders       | 3,138,019.79  | 7,045,716.18  |
| Scott's Bluffs | 584,925.15    | 534,037.94    |
| Seward         | 2,349,268.00  | 4,314,933.00  |
| Sheridan       | 877,815.79    | 943,841.00    |
| Sherman        | 781,972.60    | 1,109,137.60  |
| Sioux          | 488,733.30    | 363,194.00    |
| Stanton        | 1,544,662.09  | 2,536,795.90  |
| Thayer         | 2,338,982.00  | 3,243,041.00  |
| Thomas         | 79,039.15     | 87,760.00     |
| Thurston       | 576,156.60    | 525,767.00    |
| Valley         | 942,528.00    | 1,635,993.00  |
| Wash'g'tn      | 2,378,556.70  | 3,701,807.71  |
| Wayne          | 1,860,907.00  | 3,490,860.62  |
| Webster        | 1,633,056.00  | 2,334,191.73  |
| Wheeler        | 309,492.36    | 232,024.77    |
| York           | 2,347,728.90  | 4,835,167.00  |

## FILING ON THE ROSEBUD.

William McCormick of Nebraska Chooses Best Quarter Section.

NORFOLK, Neb.—Filing began at Bonesteel Monday morning. William McCormick of Washington, D. C., who registered from his home county, Lancaster, Neb., filed on the quarter section running lengthwise of the new town of Roosevelt. Ruggs, who drew No. 2, took the quarter section directly behind it.

Three new towns, Roosevelt, Burke and Gregory, have been started and valuable quarter sections are being taken up with fine discrimination. All of the people who are making filings have evidently become well posted as to where they should locate.

So great was the rivalry for select locations that some warm disputes arose among the first 100 to go on the reservation, and for a time there was danger of shootings, but the authorities succeeded in preserving order.