

BUT THREE FORTS

THAT IS ALL THE RUSSIANS SECURELY HOLD.

THERE ARE OTHERS OCCUPIED

But Owing to Heavy Artillery Fire of the Japanese They are Uncertain—Boys are Fighting in Russian Ranks.

CHE FOO—Golden hill, White Marble and Liaoti mountain, according to Chinese advices, dated the night of August 22, are now the only main forts securely held by the Russians at Port Arthur. Others are occupied by them, but they are subjected to an artillery fire which renders their tenure uncertain. Fort number five, which has frequently been reported taken by the Japanese and retaken by the Russians, is again declared to be in the hands of the Japanese.

A rumor having some points indicating authenticity says that the new European section of Port Arthur is in flames. Owing to the mud and brick construction of the buildings, however, it is probable that the fire is not general.

It is said that the Japanese are using guns taken from the harbor defenses of Kobe, Nagasaki and Yokohama. These guns, numbering 300, are of heavy calibre.

A junk which left Port Arthur August 22 reports that the Russian wounded at that date numbered 5,000 and that the Japanese occupied the heights near Chaochanko. It is further reported that boys are fighting in the Russian ranks now.

Major L. L. Seaman, U. S. A., went from here yesterday to the summit of a mountain on one of the Miao Tau islands, twenty miles from Golden Hill, near Port Arthur. With a powerful telescope Major Seaman could see a great deal of the coast of the Liao Tung peninsula. He heard six heavy shots and much small artillery firing, indicating that fighting had subsided to a certain degree.

JEFFRIES WINS IN SECOND

Butte Miner Unable to Show That He Is in Championship Class.

SAN FRANCISCO—Like the veriest amateur in the prize ring, Jack Munroe of Butte, Mont., went down and out before Champion James J. Jeffries Friday night in the second round. The man from the mining district made such an extremely sorry showing that the great throng in Mechanics' Pavilion roundly hooted him as he protested to Referee Graney against the decision that had been given in favor of Jeffries.

The two giants had not been in the ring two minutes when it was foreseen that the aspirations of Munroe had been quickly disposed of. The miner was scared and awkward and Jeffries in the first round had him twice on the canvas taking the count.

Jeffries directed his bombardment against the stomach of his opponent and each shot was followed by a blow on the jaw that sent Munroe to his knees.

Forty-five seconds after the gong sounded for the second round Munroe was lying on the floor, a bloody, bruised mass of humanity, with Jeffries standing over him ready, if necessary, to put the quietus on the championship ambitions of his adversary. The miner was too dazed to rise to his feet and the timekeepers counted him out.

Repairs Ordered Stopped.

WASHINGTON—Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai cables the State department that the Chinese toatal of Shanghai, through the British consul, has ordered that the repairs to the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi be stopped.

AT PORT ARTHUR

Desperate Fighting Is On From Day to Day.

ST. PETERSBURG—A dispatch from Che Foo, dated August 22, says that according to Chinese reports the Japanese Sunday bombarded Port Arthur from 6 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, pouring in a very hot fire, but that the Russians succeeded in silencing the Japanese batteries.

The following is supplied by a Russian correspondent of the Associated Press:

"With each additional report from Port Arthur wonder increases both at the persistence of the Japanese attack and the heroic stubbornness of the defenders of the fortress. The Japanese are literally throwing away thousands of lives in the hope of shaking the courage of the Russian troops.

"Major General Fock says he is confident the fortress cannot be taken, but that if it is taken the whole Japanese army will have to immolate itself on the slopes of the fortifications.

"There were five desperate assaults on Green hills July 26, the Japanese apparently having inexhaustible reinforcements.

"In the final assault, however, the Japanese broke badly, throwing away their guns, cartridge belts and even their boots to facilitate their flight, and leaving 7,000 dead or wounded.

"Our surgeons worked heroically, impartially aiding Japanese and Russians. The Japanese were so touched that they tearfully thanked the Russian surgeons.

"The assault on Green hills was repeated on July 27, and there were frequent hand to hand encounters, the Russians leaving the trenches to follow their enemies.

"The assaults of July 28 and 29 on the Wolf hills were not followed up, the Japanese being too severely shaken. We evacuated the Wolf hills chiefly for strategic reasons, as the hills made the line of defenses too long to effectually withstand the furious attacks of the Japanese.

"The assault of July 30 was made in the dark of night in the hope of surprising the Russians. Sixty thousand men were hurled against our 43,000, but we drove them back again and again at the point of the bayonet. It was another Shipka pass.

"The Japanese poured in fresh battalions and the slopes, covered with dead and dying, literally ran with blood.

"Our Thirteenth regiment was forced from its position, but the Fourteenth regiment came up and with the bayonet again dislodged the victors.

"The Japanese losses since the siege began have been 28,000 men. The explosion of one mine wiped out 500. This was an awful sight. A volcano of stones dismembered the bodies of the soldiers, while the sky was lit up with a purple glare and the mud walls of the Chinese village were thrown down by the shock. After this fight General Stoessel collected 20,000 Japanese rifles."

Women Spill Much Liquor.

CUBA, KAN.—Four joints or illicit saloons were wrecked by women here and much liquor destroyed. Mrs. E. O. Fites and Mrs. William McDonald, wives of prominent business men, armed with hatchets, first entered without warning the place run by Ben Hull. Without ceremony they began to smash everything in sight and soon they had demolished bar and fixtures and broken every bottle and opened every keg to be found. Later they were reinforced and other joints were raided.

Chinese Are Sore at Japan.

TIEN TSIN—The reported violation by Japan of the neutrality of China in the capture of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshitelni at Che Foo has resulted in alienating to a great extent the sympathy of Chinese officials for Japan.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Threshing machine men have decided not to make any exhibit at the state fair.

The citizens of Hooper have taken preliminary steps for organization of a commercial club.

Wages of county teachers in Lancaster county have been considerably increased, still good instructors are a scarce article.

Just now a great many western sheep are being shipped into Johnson county to be fed the coming fall and part of the winter.

Imposing ceremonies will attend the laying of the corner stone of the new postoffice building at Lincoln if present plans are carried out.

While traveling from Wisconsin and while asleep in the Omaha depot, Salem Twist, a resident of Callaway, was robbed of a billbook, which contained a draft for quite a sum of money, besides his pension voucher and other valuable papers.

Patrolman R. C. Joerger of the Lincoln police force has sued the Lincoln Traction company for the sum of \$5,000. The suit is a result of the police-street railway war, the company having withdrawn all free trolley transportation from the policemen.

In the justice court at Seward John I. Goeggers was bound over to the November term of the district court in the sum of \$500, charged with impersonating an officer. Defendant is the young man who tried to gain access to funds of the Tamora bank by claiming to be a bank examiner.

While the youngest child of Rev H B Smith of Falls City, who lives upstairs over a grocery store, was playing about the back door the screen was pushed open and the child fell to the platform below, a distance of about twenty feet, lighting on its head and receiving injuries that are likely to prove fatal.

Olney D. Smith, alias Brent A. Neal, a young man who, it is alleged, succeeded in defrauding several banks of Beatrice and private citizens in amounts aggregating about \$2,000 by forged checks and misrepresentations, was arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He was bound over to the district court.

Charles F. Junken, an old soldier and a carpenter, 76 years of age, met with a serious accident at Bancroft. He, with some other laborers, were engaged in raising a roof on a dwelling, a section of which dropped and caught Mr. Junken, one leg being crushed at the knee, one arm was badly torn, besides being badly bruised on the body. He is not expected to recover.

Deputy Game Warden Hunger has reported the arrest and conviction of three prominent citizens of Ord, Neb., for violation of the state game laws. Mr. Hunger was at Ord and arrested T. Rockford and C. H. Patridge for having in their possession ten young prairie chickens which they had slain. They were assessed \$50 and costs amounting to \$5.90. When the two men were arrested they at once sent out mounted messengers to notify others hunting in the vicinity of Ord.

Frank Barker who is under sentence to be hanged September 2, is at work wheeling cement for workmen within the walls of the prison. He is not compelled to work. The warden, out of deference to the usual custom, would rather keep the man in seclusion because of the nearness of the day for the execution, but he was obliged to accede to Barker's request for work. The man pined away when shut up in his cell for three days and now the workmen witness the unusual spectacle of a fellow laborer whose life is drawing to a close on the gallows working along contentedly at their sides.

MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOLS.

Various Counties in State Are Increasing Amount for Education.

LINCOLN—The school returns, which are being made to the office of the state superintendent, show that many of the county school authorities have made decreases in the average levies, but in most cases the decreases in the rate of taxation are not equal by several per cent to the increases in the valuation, and the result will be that the aggregate of school taxes will be in excess of the totals for last year.

An example is the case of Otoe county, which scored a 50 per cent increase in the taxable valuation, the average levy for all the districts was reduced from 8 to 6½ mills, a decrease of 18 per cent, or slightly more than one-third of the increase reported in the taxable valuation. In no case reported so far has the levy decreased at the same rate as the increase in the valuations. The following table shows the changes in levies and the rate of increase in the valuation of each of the reporting counties as compared with last year:

County.	Levy 1903.	Levy 1904.	Inc. Val. Pr Ct.
Sarpy	13	9	33½
Polk	19	11	161
Platte	12	7	115
Jefferson	16	12	64
Johnson	13	10	38
Saunders	14	9	207
Antelope	21	17	65
Butler	17	11	97
Dixon	16	12	76
Gage	13	9	68
Greeley	17	13	53
Harlan	19	15	60
Kimball	13	14	33
Hamlin	12	8	62
Otoe	8	6½	50
Saline	16	10½	75
Hamilton	17	12	72
Thayer	15	13	43

DISPOSITION OF STATE LANDS.

Recommendation That They Be Leased at 3 Cents an Acre.

In response to an inquiry from Gifford Pinchot, head of the United States bureau of forestry, Land Commissioner Follmer has recommended that the public lands in the western section of the state, not homesteaded under the terms of the Kinkaid law, be leased at not less than 3 cents an acre, or as much more as it will bring at a competitive bidding or auction. This it is believed would help the state in disposing of the leases of its school lands.

"I am unable to see," he says, "where the state would receive any greater value by exchange or consolidation with the national government, other than co-operation regarding the leasing of public land."

This last response was in answer to the query of the head of the forestry bureau as to the possibility of some kind of a joint management or national control of the public land in the west. The proper method of handling the problem is the leasing of the vacant United States domain at not to exceed 3 cents an acre.

Work on Normal Delayed.

LINCOLN—The work on the Kearney Normal school is making slow progress. According to the statement of an official who has just returned from that city, the footings for the walls have not yet been completed, although it is more than three months since the contract was let. The contractors are at work preparing the cement blocks which are to enter into the construction of the building. Some delay was experienced in securing the necessary machinery for the construction of the blocks of the two sizes needed.