

NO PROGRESS IS MADE FIREBUGS ARE BUSY

WAVE OF FIRE AND TAKE IN WAR AROUND MURDER

Japanese Take Three Villages, Put in Tama and Driven Back—Admiral Alexieff Returns to St. Petersburg.

MURDER.—The Japanese assumed the offensive on the left bank of the Han river and occupied three villages. The Russians however, attacked, drove them out and again established their original lines of defense. Vice Admiral Skrydloff has arrived.

Along the eighty miles constituting the front of the Russian army, everything was quiet except for occasional skirmishes and artillery duels on the center and left where gunners fire occasionally for the sake of practice so as to have the range about the Japanese take the offensive.

The Japanese are industriously continuing work under the cover of darkness, digging immense ditches, into which to deflect the water of the Shakhe river.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Admiral Alexieff, victor in the far east, has arrived in St. Petersburg. In anticipation of his arrival the Nevsky Prospect was crowded with sightseers, but access to the railway platform was restricted to officials and newspaper correspondents.

When a man of short, stout figure and bronzed visage emerged from one of the cars of the special train which had brought him from Mukden he was immediately surrounded by other comrades. Amidst cheers and handshakes the vicerey stepped into the imperial carriage and drove off to the winter palace, where apartments had been prepared for him in the wing formerly occupied by Alexander III, but as Emperor Nicholas was not in St. Petersburg, Alexieff did not stop at the palace, going instead to the Hotel Europe, where he will remain for the present.

Fire To Hide Crime

AUBURN, Cal.—It is now known that Julius Weber, his wife, their fifteen year old daughter Bertha and their son Paul, aged fourteen years, were murdered by an unknown assassin, who set fire to the home in an effort to cover his crime. Before the fire had made any great headway the bodies of the murdered woman and her two children were rescued from the burning house.

An examination of the bodies showed that Mrs. Weber and the children had been murdered before the fire had started. The daughter had been killed by a pistol wound, as had been Mrs. Weber. In the boy's head were several deep cuts. He had also been shot.

An effort to reach Julius Weber, the father, who was also thought to be in the burning house, was abandoned until later, when a search was made in the burning embers and his body was found in the bath room of the dwelling. He, too, had been shot down before being left to be consumed by the flames.

The body of Mr. Weber was so badly burned that it has been impossible to ascertain how often he was shot. It has been ascertained beyond a doubt that the woman were killed in one room and their clothing set on fire, and that they were then dragged into the apartments where their bodies were discovered.

Big Price On His Head

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—As the result of the killing of Constable Walter Jackson in Montgomery by Policeman Elliott and the subsequent capture of the town by the four brothers of Jackson at the head of about forty of their friends, a reign of terror exists there. The mayor being helpless, appealed to Sheriff Daniels. When Sheriff Daniels and John Holt were killed by Ed Jackson the saloons were at once closed and Governor White was asked to send troops. The governor replied he would hold troops in readiness, but advised first forming a large posse. If the posse should meet with serious resistance troops will be sent to their relief. The Jackson followers escaped to mountain strongholds with which they are familiar.

Ernest and Bob Jackson were arrested and brought to this city by Deputy Sheriff Davis and others. They were jailed here.

A posse headed by Marshal Hargison B. Ash of Thurmont is scouring the mountains near Montgomery.

Train Runs Into a Wreck

PITTSBURGH.—An eastbound freight train on the Baltimore & Ohio road was wrecked just east of McKeesport and a five passenger train No. 30 from Cumberland could be dragged it plunged into the wrecked cars which had been piled up on the westbound track. Engineer Samuel Butts of the passenger train and his men, J. Bruce McMillan, were badly hurt and Butts may die.

Lives of Many Imperiled

NEW YORK.—The lives of 250 children were imperiled when fire broke out in a public school building on West Forty-seventh street, but at call to fire-drill the little ones with a rarely a trace of excitement, marched in safety from the burning building. Several of the children who were overcome with fear when they saw the flames and smoke in the hall were hustled out by teachers and firemen.

MANY GO OVER TO ENEMY

RUSSIANS AT PORT ARTHUR SAID TO HAVE JOINED THE JAPANESE

Stage of the Fortress Goes On—Mukden Expecting Daily to Hear of Fall of the Fort—No Big Battle Expected.

FATALITIES IN TENEMFNT

THREE PEOPLE LOSE THEIR LIVES AND TWENTY ARE INJURED.

Prompt Work by Firemen Prevents Greater Loss of Life—Property Loss is Light in Each Instance

NEW YORK.—Three persons lost their lives, twenty were injured, nearly half a hundred were overcome by smoke and an equal number are temporarily homeless as a result of a series of fires in different parts of the greater city.

In nearly every case the fires were tenement houses occupied by a large number of families, and at least two of them are thought to have been started by incendiaries. In no case was the property loss more than a few thousand dollars. That no more lives were lost was undoubtedly due to the fact that the flames were discovered in every instance before they had made great headway and the excellent use made of lifesaving appliances by the firemen. Life nets, scaling ladders and other apparatus enabled the firemen to save many persons whose escape had been cut off by flames and choking smoke.

Nearly all the fires started in the lower parts of the buildings and the dense clouds of smoke which swept up through halls and elevator shafts drove the panic-stricken tenants to roof and fire escapes.

Many were overcome before reaching the outer air, but with the exception of three all were found by firemen and carried out in safety. A false alarm of fire also contributed to the day's list of injured. Workmen on the roof of the American Cigar company's factory, alarmed by clouds of smoke, which came from an overturned tar kettle in the streets rushed into the factory where scores of girls were at work, and with a cry of "fire" started a panic in which twelve of them were injured. One was so badly hurt that she was taken to a hospital.

The most serious fire of the day was in the upper east side apartment house in which the three lives were lost, several persons were injured and many thrilling rescues were made. Forty-five families were driven from a big tenement house on Boston road in the Bronx, and twenty persons who had been overcome by smoke were rescued by firemen.

The families were forced to flee from a Brooklyn apartment house by an incendiary fire which started in the basement. Two persons were overcome by smoke and were found unconscious and rescued by the firemen. An explosion in the basement of a tenement house in Williamsburg created a panic among the tenants and the burst of flames and smoke which followed sent them to roofs and fire escapes in search of safety. Many were overcome with smoke but all were rescued. A fireman was badly injured by falling through stories while fighting a fire in a storage warehouse on Washington street.

Ill-Feeling Passing Away PANAMA.—Any ill-feeling that may have existed between Panama and the United States on account of the difficulties over the canal zone affairs seem to be disappearing. Panamanians are preparing to celebrate the arrival of Secretary Taft, who with his friends will be the guest of the republic during their stay here.

Falls Dead in Street

LINCOLN, Neb.—Richard M. Keogh, janitor at the Traction company yards, died suddenly shortly after 1 a. m. Thursday from heart disease. He was on his way to his rooms at 2238 O street with a fellow employe when he suddenly fell exhausted at Sixteenth and O street. His companion carried him on his shoulders to Nineteenth and O streets and there called a hack to carry him to the rest of the way but before they reached the room he was dead.

Left Off Military Roll

BERKELEY, Cal.—The riot among the students of the university of California last week over the military order to march into the camp road had a sensational sequel when President Wheeler sent letters to a large number of students declaring that they had been dropped from the military roll. In the notice the disgraced students are given a few days to make a written explanation of their actions.

Gives Life to Save Woman

NEW YORK.—Joseph Capple, a hotel keeper of Chauncy, Westchester county, after saving his aged mother a father and three children from his burning hotel, lost his own life by rushing into the flames, when he learned that his wife had not escaped.

The bodies of Capple and his wife were found later in the cellar lying side by side, burned almost beyond recognition.

MUST KEEP UP THE RATE

RAILROADS DEFEND THE LIVE STOCK SCHEDULE

Three Officials of the Union Pacific Testify—Cases Come Before Interstate Commerce Commission for Adjustment

CHICAGO.—The interstate commerce commission began taking testimony in three cases involving rates on live stock from western and southern points to Chicago and terminal points on the Mississippi river. About one million dollars a year in freight loss is said to be at stake.

J. W. Grueter of Omaha, general superintendent of the Union Pacific railway, was a witness. "The heaviest cattle shipments are made about the same time of the year as the dead freight shipments," said Mr. Grueter, "and in the same direction. This makes the empty mileage on our cars, which must be returned very great. We can but rarely attain the schedule of speed fixed for stock trains and there is the added expense of caring for stock which is on the road longer than it should be."

Mr. Grueter was closely questioned regarding this inability to run the stock train through on time, on account of the density of traffic, when, his own admission, passengers trains maintained a schedule of twenty-eight to forty two miles an hour "which is the more expensive to run these trains fast or slow?" asked Mr. Prouty.

"Of course fast running is more expensive on account of fuel and wear on machinery," replied the witness. "Then you are really saving money by this inability to keep up to the schedule with these trains, are you not?" he was asked.

"No; the trains run as fast as required between stations, but are compelled to wait at switchings and stations for other trains to pass."

Severe Storm in the East

NEW YORK.—The storm which swept up through the Atlantic coast states from the gulf dove out into a gale of hurricane force as it moved forward, resulting in the most complete break-up of wire communication that the eastern states have experienced since the memorable snow storm of 1888; disarranged train schedules, paralyzed trolley lines and piled several wrecks along the coast. A downpour of rain and heavy snow which accompanied the storm added to the destructive force of the gale. The telephone and telegraph poles, borne down by the weight of snow and ice encrusted wires, gave way before the sweep of the wind, and whole sections were cut off. Both the telegraph and telephone companies with long distance wires reported their fields of operation restricted to the territory bounded on the west by Philadelphia, on the east by Boston and on the north by Newburgh, N. Y.

BOSTON.—The furious storm which came up the Atlantic coast passed eastward and the skies are broken with some promise of fair weather. The gale moderated rather slowly, and followed by a high wind blowing along shore, highland light on Cape Cod reporting a velocity of 65 miles an hour. Telegraph and telephone wires were down in Maine but there was little trouble with the lines north, south and west of Boston. Woods Hole had been unable to restore interrupted communication with Tisbury Cove, and ascertained the facts of the crew Arcularius which was wrecked off Nahant island last night.

Think Young Weber Guilty

AUBURN, Cal.—The Weber murder case is progressing slowly as nothing can be done until the entire ruins have been run through the miners' sluice box. The weapon that was used to commit the murders has not been found.

The debris will have all been worked over soon and if the 32-caliber revolver is not found there will be proof that Julius Weber, the father, did not commit the crime. The officers are in possession of evidence that points strongly toward Adolph Weber as the man who robbed the Pacer County bank here last May. The coroner's inquest will be resumed soon. The feeling against young Weber is running high but as he is in the county jail there is no fear of any unlawful act on the part of the citizens. Only his relatives and lawyers are allowed to see him.

Vote Against Chu ch Union

THENTON, N. J.—The New Brunswick presbytery, in session here, voted adversely on the proposition for the union of the Presbyterian church of the United States with the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The vote was thirty-eight against the union and ten for it. On the vote for organizing a separate presbytery for colored people it was forty-two for a separate presbytery and two against it.

WAR TAX MEASURE

JAPANESE FRAME BILL TO PRODUCE MORE MONEY

RUSSIANS AGGRESSORS

REQUERED WITH LOSS IN ATTACK ON JAP OUTPOST

China's Forces Lose on the Jag Mao on the Shakhe River—No News From Fort Arthur.

TOKIO.—A draft of the war tax measure which the government plans to submit to the diet, which is to meet on November 28, shows a proposed increase in import duties of \$750,000. Divided among a large number of articles, the increase on individual articles is small, except in the case of tobacco, glassware, beverages and kerosene.

The duties on a number of articles exclusively of Chinese production are increased. The budget to be submitted to the diet will be practically the same as outlined in previous dispatches of the Associated Press, except that further reductions have been made in ordinary governmental expenditures.

Baron Sone Arasuke, minister of finance, answering the criticism of the terms of the recent foreign loan, said that the loan was unsatisfactory to the government, but the delay in capturing Port Arthur and the departure of the Russian Baltic fleet had created a hitch in the negotiations and had compelled the acceptance of terms less advantageous than those of the first foreign loan. The Manchurian army headquarters, telegraphing says: "In the direction of the left army the enemy attacked from Wanchental November 11 at 1:30 o'clock in the morning. They were repulsed."

On November 9, 200 infantry and 300 cavalry appeared in the direction of Sialiton. Our force stationed there repulsed them. The Russians retreated to Machuantu.

GENERAL OKU'S HEADQUARTERS.—The Russian forces are still encamped north of the Shakhe river. The Russian bombardment of the Japanese has lessened lately. From the beginning it has accomplished surprisingly little damage, although on many days a hundred big shells were fired. No Japanese were killed by the bombardment and very few were wounded.

Charged With Murder

GENEVA, Neb.—John Broer six ty five years of age, a farmer whose home was near Oniowa, is dead and his son, Henry Broer, is in jail in his city charged with his murder. It is alleged that the son beat the father to death with a broken single tree from a wagon and left him lying in the road between Bruning and their home. The son shows no remorse over the deed, but has expressed a desire to be liberated long enough to attend the funeral. The murder is said to have been the outgrowth of a drunken quarrel between father and son. It took place Friday night, November 11 but the acts in the case become known later.

Henry Broer, charged with the crime, says he and his father were in Bruning and left that village late in the evening to go home. He says they drank together a several times, that the father drank whiskey while Henry says he drank beer only. When they left Bruning the father was very much intoxicated. They began quarrelling soon after leaving town. The father insisted they were driving in the wrong direction to get home. The son said they were going right. The son avers that his father drew a knife on him, but that he took it away from the old man and put it out of his reach.

Wreck On Wabaah

ST. LOUIS.—A north bound Wabaah passenger train was partially wrecked in the outskirts of North St. Louis on a sharp curve of the best line tracks of the Merionta terminal R.R. way a station near the west approach to the Merchants bridge over the Mississippi, injuring fourteen persons. The accident was caused by the wheels of the tender leaving the rails.

To Escort Liberty Bell

ST. LOUIS.—The committee of the select and common councils of Philadelphia have arrived over the Vandall road to escort her to its resting place in Philadelphia old liberty bell, which has been on exhibition in the Pennsylvania building on a date at the exposition. Exercises will be conducted in the nature of a far well to the bell and it will soon start on the homeward journey.

NEBRASKA NOTES

P. G. Schneider of Pickrell, who lost his implement house by fire several evenings ago expects to rebuild it once.

Pearl Burnell a colored boy wanted in Nebraska City on a charge of burglary, has been arrested at Superior, Neb.

Sheriff Charles E. Shrader of Nebraska City has recovered a horse and buggy stolen from John William of that city. The rig was found at the edge of a farm.

Mrs. Charlotte Converse of Brookfield, Mass., died at Chadron, Neb., at the age of 63. Mrs. Converse was here visiting a great nephew, A. M. Bartlett.

Miss Lulu Erelaud daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Erelaud of Nebraska City died of consumption at the age of twenty-one years. The remains were shipped to Lewiston, Ill. for interment in the family cemetery at that place.

After an absence of fourteen years in the Klondike country, Thomas Perry has returned to his home in Beatrice. Mr. Perry brings with him some very fine nuggets and specimens from the mines of the northwest.

John S. Walker a janitor of the First National bank block at Beatrice while engaged in cleaning windows fell a distance of twelve feet from a stepladder and received severe injuries. He will be confined to his home for some time as a result of the accident.

A petition is being circulated among the taxpayers of Hickman school district asking the school board to discontinue the case against Miss Owens, who has received a judgment of \$200 in the justice court for salary due her and which has been appealed to the district court by the defendants.

A public sale was held by Cook & Scott last week on the farm of the former, two and one-half miles north of Beatrice. Horses sold for \$100 to \$25 each, and nine head of cows brought an average price of \$835 per head. Frank E., a pacing horse was sold in by Mr. Scott, its owner, for \$225.

While Burlington freight train No. 30 was switching at the clay pit, west of Louisville last week, Brakeman A. R. Marr was crushed to death by being caught between the dump and a flat car. Marr was about 35 years of age and leaves a wife and one child. His home was at Lincoln, where the remains were taken.

Ed Jones, a bank driver of Nebraska City shot himself in the left hand recently which may result in his losing a portion of that member. He was fooling with a hammerless revolver, which he did not know was cocked. He pulled the trigger, discharging the gun and the bullet made an ugly wound in his hand.

The Union Pacific has a large gang of men at work unloading coal in the yards at Columbus and several thousand tons are piled up. The company, it is said have a two fold reason for handling this coal twice. One is that they want the coal which are badly needed to handle the grain rush, and another reason is that they fear there may be snow block-ade any time now between there and the Wyoming mines.

Occur Persons and William Lindley of Central City were out hunting and while getting into their buggy one of their shotguns was accidentally discharged, inflicting a slight flesh wound in the arm of Mr. Lindley and emptying the full contents of the charge in the forearm of Mr. Persons, inflicting a very serious wound which may necessitate amputation. They are both young men, Mr. Lindley being a high school student and Mr. Persons being an employe of the Nebraska Telephone company.

A stranger swindled Mrs. Brust, who resides in the southeast part of Nebraska City out of \$10 by putting up a smooth talk. The man arrived at the Brust house and engaged room and board for one week. He told her that he had nothing but bills of large denomination and could not get them changed and requested the loan of a dollar to have his trunk brought to the house. She did not have any money smaller than a \$10 bill and the man promised to have it changed at a store and return the change to her. She gave him the bill and nothing has been seen or heard of him since, although the police were notified of the swindle.

M. L. and Richard G. Crandall and Orme M. Sophor have filed an objection and protest in the county court at Nebraska City to the probating the will of their step-father, the late Thomas Wilson. The deceased was a wealthy farmer living in Berlin precinct, and in the will he requested to the step children \$300 each, provided they did not contest the will. The balance of the estate was to be equally divided among his three sons.