

# IN SHAPE TO RESIST

TRAIN OF AMMUNITION GETS TO PORT ARTHUR.

# ABLE TO RUN GAUNTLET

KUROPATKIN PRAISES OFFICERS WHO CONDUCTED IT.

Prepared to Blow Up Cars if the Enemy Approached—Russians Make An Attack On Korean Town.

ST. PETERSBURG.—General Kuropatkin has telegraphed to the czar that a trainload of war material from Liao Yang has arrived at Port Arthur.

The text of General Kuropatkin's dispatch follows:

"Reconnaissance between Salitszapudza and Feng Wang Cheng failed to discover Japanese troops. A Japanese column of considerable strength advanced from Feng Wang Cheng on May 8th in the direction of Hai Cheng.

"Feng Cheng station is occupied by our frontier guards, and the damage to the railway by the Japanese as far as Manchilpu has been repaired. All the work was carried out under the supervision of Lieutenant Colonel Spiridonoff of the Fourth railway battalion. This gallant officer undertook to get through to Port Arthur, a train full of ammunition which had arrived at Liao Yang after the ending of the Japanese at Pitsewo.

"Every preparation was made to blow up the train in case of necessity in order to prevent its falling into the hands of the Japanese.

"The task was carried out and the self-sacrifice of the men of the Fourth railway battalion was crowned with success.

"Shortly after 4 o'clock in the afternoon the train arrived at Jin Shau station (forty miles from Port Arthur), where it was handed over to General Jokoff, who immediately dispatched it under proper protection to Port Arthur. Lieutenant Colonel Spiridonoff returned on a locomotive.

"After landing at Pitsewo the Japanese began marching toward Kin Chau. On the night of May 10th their forward guard, consisting of about two regiments of infantry, passed the night on the heights above Sanchilpu (on the railroad about sixty miles from Port Arthur.)

"About thirty Japanese vessels are lying north of Cape Terminal on the east coast of the Lao Tung peninsula below Pitsewo."

## Have Stormy Time.

OMAHA, Neb.—The annual meeting of the supreme council of the Bankers' Union of the World developed into a stormy session, during which the police were called to restore order and the sheriff served an injunction on Dr. E. C. Spinney, restraining him from transacting business.

At this juncture, and just as Chairman Spinney called for nominations for president, Sheriff Power appeared and served an injunction on Spinney and a number of his associates, who were restrained from taking a further action in the election of officers and from the voting of proxies. Dr. Spinney at once appointed Ezra Howard chairman, and retired to a seat with the delegates. Howard continued the session, proceeding at once with the election. It resulted:

President, E. C. Spinney, Omaha; vice president, A. W. Field, Lincoln; secretary, E. H. Drake, Lincoln; banker, Ezra Howard, Edgar, Neb. physician, D. Fuch, Omaha; correspondent, Miss M. Murdock, Omaha; guard, Dr. A. M. Laird, Kansas City; sentinel, A. Savill, Glen Carbon. Attorneys have been retained by the Swartz faction, who declare they will fight the matter out in the courts.

Nebraska Boys Admitted.

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—The medical examining board ordered to the naval academy for the purpose of physically examining candidates who recently passed their mental tests, accepted eleven men. These include Harry Pike Letton and Christian Albert Reimers, Nebraska.

# READY FOR A SIEGE

RUSSIANS WILL HOLD PORT ARTHUR AT ALL COSTS.

Place Regarded Impregnable From Land Assault, and Provisions and Ammunition Ample Supply.

## ST. PETERSBURG.—It is evident

from a private letter written by an artillery officer at Port Arthur dated April 20, that General Stoessel, the Russian commander there, was then fully expecting the cutting off of his communications. The officer reports that everything was ready to withstand a siege and expressed surprise at the fact that the enemy had delayed so long. He said the fortress was practically impregnable, adding that there was a triple row of forts around the Port Arthur glacis, each position being fronted by a moat, with a hedge of barbed wire beyond, with bomb-proofs behind all the batteries. The officer further declared that they had plenty of supplies and ammunition and that the garrison was in excellent spirits and confident of being able to hold out nine months of a year against any number of the enemy, even if they possessed siege guns. General Kuropatkin offered General Stoessel reinforcements, but the latter declined them, saying he had enough men and did not care to run the risk of an epidemic as the result of over crowding.

Information reaching the general staff indicates that there is much sickness among the enemy's troops in Korea. Typhus especially is said to be rampant.

The ministry has received the following dispatch from Major General Pfing dated May 11:

"According to information received May 10 from Feng Wang Cheng, one of the guards divisions advanced along the Hai Cheng road and about a division and 1,500 cavalry were too advanced by the Feng Wang Cheng road to Samatra.

"Up to the present time there has been discovered at Kwan Tien Sien advance guards consisting of a battalion of infantry and three squadrons of cavalry with a mountain battery.

"According to reports received the Japanese troops who before May 7 were in the neighborhood of Feng Wang Cheng were dispersed in two sections the first a day's march to the southwest of the Feng Wang Cheng and the second on the lower course of the Tayang river. The latter commenced to cross on the same day.

"There is no precise information yet to hand regarding the enemy's forces, which have landed at Pitsewo."

## Says He Killed Himself.

BRISTOL, Tenn.—Edward L. Wentz "came to his death by the accidental discharge of his own pistol" is the verdict of the coroner's jury, which for nearly two days has been investigating the circumstances and conditions surrounding the death of the young millionaire, whose body was discovered decayed and unburied on a spur of Black Mountain last Sunday.

The verdict was a surprise to many of those who heard the evidence and examined the conditions surrounding the body as it lay on the mountain some believe the case to be one of suicide, while others say Wentz was murdered. Regardless of the jury's verdict of accidental killing it is certain that detectives will remain in this region in connection with the case. There is little doubt that the Wentz family believe there was crime in the death. D. B. Wentz expressed himself as of the opinion that there had been an encounter before his brother was killed.

## Row At Negro Conference.

CHICAGO.—When the committee on credentials recommended the unseating of a delegate today at the general conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church half the members of the conference jumped to their feet demanding the floor. The committee on credentials recommended that C. S. Long of Orlando, Fla., be unseated as a delegate from the Windward island conference and that Richard E. Moore of Chicago be seated. Bishop C. S. Smith obtained the floor and attempted to make an explanation, but was hissed and cried down by the delegates.

# NOT INSURED

Mrs. De Style—"Marie! Is the dog chained?"  
Servant—"Yes'm"  
"And the cat put out?"  
"Yes'm"  
"And the children tied to the bed-post in the nursery?"  
"Yes'm"  
"Very well Then you may light the piano lamp"

## All Right Again.

Opal, Wyo., May 16.—After suffering terribly for four or five years, Mr. A. J. Kohner of this place has been completely restored to good health. His case and its cure is another proof of the wonderful work Dodd's Kidney Pills can do. Mr. Kohner says: "For four or five years I have been a sufferer with Kidney trouble and a pain over my kidneys. I thought I would give Dodd's Kidney Pills a trial and I am glad I did so, for they have done me good work and I feel all right again."

Many cases are being reported every week in which Dodd's Kidney Pills have effected cures of the most serious cases.

These strong testimonies from earnest men and women are splendid tributes to the curative properties of Dodd's Kidney Pills and judging by these letters, there is no case of Kidney trouble or Backache that Dodd's Kidney Pills will not cure promptly and permanently.

## A World-Wide Reputation.

Wherever men are there will be illness, and wherever people are ill, Dodd's Kidney Pills will be found a blessing. Solely on their merits have they pushed their way into almost every part of the civilized world. Their reputation as an honest medicine that can always be relied on has been built up by the grateful praise of those who have been cured. The two following letters indicate just how the reputation of this remedy knows no geographical bounds. The sick and suffering all over the world are asking for Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Dear Sirs—I have been suffering for some months from a Kidney complaint. The doctor who attended me has recommended me to take your pills, "Dodd's Kidney Pills." After two boxes I got some relief. But unfortunately I have not been able to go on with the treatment, being unable to find any pills in Cairo.

The chemist who sold me the two boxes has informed me that he had sent an order for some, and has been keeping me waiting for more than one month. This is the reason why I am writing to you to request you to have the goodness to send me by return of post six boxes for which I will pay as soon as I receive them from the post.

Kindly let me know at the same time where your branch agency in Egypt can be found.

Thanking you in anticipation,  
MOHAMED RACHED,  
"Immeubles Libres de l'Etat,"  
Office of the Minister of Finance,  
CAIRO, EGYPT.

Dear Sirs—I want to purchase six boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, but I don't know exactly where to apply, at Buffalo or London. I suppose they can be sent by express or registered mail from either place. Please advise me of how to proceed in order to get the pills without delay.

Yours truly,  
J. P. SIMONSON,  
Viborg, V. Mark,  
DENMARK.

## Could You Use Any Kind of a Sewing Machine at Any Price?

If there is any price so low, any offer so liberal that you would think of accepting on trial a new high grade, drop cabinet or upright Minnesota, Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, Standard, White or New Home Sewing Machine, cut out and return this notice, and you will receive by return mail, postpaid, free of cost, the handsomest sewing machine catalogue ever published. It will name you prices on the Minnesota, Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, White, Standard and New Home sewing machines that will surprise you; we will make you a new and attractive proposition, a sewing machine offer that will astonish you.

If you can make any use of any sewing machine at any price, if any kind of an offer would interest you, don't fail to write us at once the sure to cut out and return this special notice and get our latest book, our latest offers, our new and most surprising proposition. Address  
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CONSUMPTION

# BARKER MUST HANG

DECLARED GUILTY OF MURDER OF BROTHER AND WIFE.

# JURY IS OUT FOUR HOURS

SIX PENALTY OF DEATH UPON THE PRISONER

Verdict Read Before Crowded Court Room—Story of the Crime is a Sensational One—Prisoner Unconcerned.

## Special From State Journal

RED CLOUD, Nebr.—The jury on the Barker murder case returned a verdict finding Frank Barker guilty of murder in the first degree and fixing the penalty at death. Barker was convicted of the murder of his brother and his brother's wife on January 31 last. The jury went out at 4 o'clock this afternoon and reached a verdict about 9 o'clock. Barker was at once brought into the court room and the verdict read to him. During the trial he has displayed considerable nerve, laughing and smiling as if he was not on trial for his life. Tonight when he was brought into the court room he was confronted by a large crowd of his neighbors and he appeared more crestfallen and nervous. He walked steadily however and tried not to appear moved even after he had heard the verdict read.

The story of the crime is a sensational one. The bodies of Dan and Alice Barker were found after neighbors had noticed their absence from their house. Frank Barker maintained that they had gone to Denver, but surrounding circumstances convinced their friends that this was not true. Taking advantage of the absence of Frank Barker from the place, a search was instituted which resulted in the finding of bodies in a heap of rubbish in a shed. Both had been shot.

The convicting stories told by Frank Barker led to his arrest and a strong chain of evidence was woven around him. It was brought out in the trial that he was in Red Cloud the day before the murder and had bought a revolver which with a box of cartridges was found in the hay mow. Both were identified by the dealer by the price mark, as those sold to Barker the day before the murder. It was also brought out that he was on his brother's place the night the murder was committed, January 31 and did not get up until after noon the next day.

## Enjoins State Treasurer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Judge Creighton in the Sangamon county circuit court this afternoon entered a decree perpetually enjoining State Treasurer Busse from paying out any money of the appropriation made by the general assembly at its last session in aid of the Illinois and Michigan canal. The decree was in accordance with a decree entered by the supreme court at the last session of that body, in an injunction suit brought by Representative Richard E. Burke of Chicago.

## No Faith in Police

DENVER, Colo.—A petition to Governor Peabody and Mayor Wright to order out the national guard to preserve order at the election in this city next Tuesday is being circulated and already has been signed by hundreds of citizens. The petitioners allege frauds committed at past elections and contemplated at the coming election, refers to police participation in politics and alleges danger in mob violence.

"No troops will be ordered out except in case of rioting," said Governor Peabody today. "Owing to the talk current that troops would be used on election day I have decided to postpone the target practice, which was to have been held early next week, until after election."

## Sawmill Property Burned

PORTLAND, Ore.—An explosion of sawdust in the furnace of the Day Lumber company's mill started a fire which destroyed that mill, and also those of the Multnomah trunk and box factory and the Ira E. Powers Manufacturing company here. The loss will probably exceed \$250,000.

# NEBRASKA NOTES

E. D. Hall, a Burlington employe in the shops at Alliance, was taken insane and sent to the asylum at Lincoln.

A ladies' band is the newest feature of Norfolk musical circles. It has just organized and will begin business Thursday night.

Plattsmouth is being decked to gala attire for the street fair and spring carnival, which will continue the remainder of this week.

Earl Marts, a 10-year-old boy of Stella, ran into a barbed wire fence and badly lacerated his cheek so that several stitches were necessary.

A ranchman named Adam Dilling near Alliance was thrown from his buggy and sustained a broken arm. The buggy struck a telegraph pole in a runaway.

The mortgage record of Red Willow county for the month of April makes a fine showing. The total filings aggregate \$29,203.37; releases, \$70,318.87.

Joseph Stolepart has been found guilty at Bassett, Neb., of illegal voting and was fined \$50 for the offense by County Judge Olson. The case will be appealed.

The funeral of Guy Wilkinson was held from his mother's home. He was a young and well known citizen, a bricklayer by trade. Consumption of the bowels was the cause of his death.

Mayor Harrington called a meeting of the citizens last evening for the purpose of making arrangements to entertain the Lincoln Commercial club, which is making a visit to this part of the state.

Prof. Graham has accepted the position of superintendent of the Havelock schools. There are many applicants for the schools at Papillion, but no principal has been decided upon as yet to take Graham's place.

The Pawnee military band elected officers for another year recently. The meeting was presided over by the vice president, H. C. Lindsay, who has been a member of the band for twenty years. He expressed his regret that he must soon withdraw to locate in Lincoln having been appointed clerk of the supreme court.

The three Herring brothers, arrested in Boyd county accused of stealing a team of mules, wagon and buggy in St. Paul a short time ago and brought here for trial, had their preliminary hearing before County Judge Smith this morning. They waived examination and were bound over to the district court, one in the sum of \$1,500 and the other two in \$500 each.

The juniors of the Plattsmouth High school tendered a reception to the seniors. The hall was elaborately decorated with class colors. In the dining room the blue and gold of the seniors prevailed and in the assembly room the back and gold of the juniors predominated. The teachers, the board of education, and Prof. and Mrs. Rouse enjoyed the hospitality of the students.

D. W. Cook of Beatrice shipped four car loads of fat cattle to the Kansas City market. The animals averaged 1,500 pounds each, and it is unquestionably one of the finest bunches of cattle shipped from Gage county in some years. Isaac Palmer, a well known stock raiser living near Odell, also shipped 200 head to the market.

Messrs. Johnson and Graham, the present owners of the Ames town-site, are having surveys made and the lots in the new town will soon be on the market. The business lots will be southeast of the Union Pacific depot. No effort will be made to work up a boom or any special effort to sell lots. Several business houses are likely to be built this season.

County Treasurer W. D. Wheeler of Plattsmouth has collected more taxes in a little more than four months than was ever previously collected in one year in Cass county. He has collected between \$8,000 and \$9,000 in back taxes, some of which it was thought never would be collected. One farmer paid the sum of \$300 which had been accumulating on his property.

Prof. M. A. Sams, who has been principal of the schools at Louisville for the last two years and who was elected for another year, tendered his resignation Monday night to accept a position in the schools at Malvern, Ia. Mr. Sams says the town position pays a better salary.