

## PORT IN A PANIC

SENSATIONAL NEWS AT LONDON FROM PORT ARTHUR.

### CONDITIONS IN BAD SHAPE

GENERAL STOESSEL REPORTED TO HAVE KILLED HIMSELF

Wild Rumors From the Port Reach St. Petersburg—Preparations to Attack Liao Yang August 20.

CHE FOO.—The firing of heavy guns, at intervals of one minute, has been distinctly heard in the direction of Port Arthur since the atmosphere being unusually favorable.

LONDON.—According to the correspondent of the Morning Post at Shanghai it is reported there that there are 10,000 sick and wounded persons at Port Arthur, and that the Russians are negotiating with the Japanese to send the hospital ship Mongolla away full of sick.

It is reported, the correspondent says, that Lieutenant General Stoessel, in command of the military forces at Port Arthur, has committed suicide, and that panic prevails at Port Arthur.

Marquis Oyama, commander in chief of the Japanese forces in Manchuria, has proceeded north and expects to attack Liao Yang August 20.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The city is full of wild rumors that Port Arthur has fallen, due to reports from Che Foo of another assault in which the fortress was taken by the combined land and sea forces, though the Japanese lost three warships, including the protected cruisers Chiyoda and Itsukushima. There is not the slightest confirmation of these rumors. It is believed that the Japanese are still unable to capture the outer works much less the fortress.

The engineer, six men and pilots belonging to the submarine boat Fulton have arrived from the United States and are engaged in preparing the boat for her trials at Cronstadt. It is said that the engineer was shadowed as far as Berlin by two Japanese spies.

Lieutenant General Sakharoff reports that up to a recent date there has been no change in the Manchurian army's sphere of operations.

#### Senator Vest Passes Away.

SWEET SPRINGS.—George Graham Vest, ex-senator of the United States, died this morning. Senator Vest was born at Frankfort, Kentucky, December 6, 1830. In 1853 he removed to Missouri to practice law, and was soon prominent in public affairs. He was a member of the Confederate congress during nearly all of the rebellion but at the close of the war he accepted the terms of peace gladly and unreservedly and was ever after a loyal and patriotic citizen. In March 1879 he took his seat in the United States senate and was a prominent member of that body continuously until last year. Senator Vest was an honest man and was always true to his convictions. He was also generous and was respected and loved by his colleagues. For some time he has been in poor health and his death this morning was not unexpected.

#### Trying a New Tack.

CHICAGO.—The union teamsters are to be the principal weapon which the labor leaders propose to use to win the stock yards strike. Orders were issued to drivers of ice wagons to deliver no more ice to butchers who buy of the big packers or to any of the branch houses of the packing plants where the men are now on strike. A list of more than 200 retail dealers who have been buying meat from the so-called trust packers and hauling it away with their own wagons has been compiled, and according to the claims of the strike leaders the ice supply will be cut off from every one of these places tomorrow noon. Arrangements have been made to have pickets stationed at all the retail markets which have been placed under the ban of the union, to see, that the boycott is forced to the limit.

#### More Bodies Found

PUEBLO, Col.—Organized searching parties scoured the Fountain river for miles in the hope of finding the remaining bodies of the victims of Sunday night's wreck at Eden. Seven more bodies were recovered and a number identified.

## KUROPATKIN GETS AWAY

PERMIT BULK OF ENEMY TO ESCAPE TO THE NORTH

Rains Again Falling Heavily Over Manchuria. Reassuring Advice At St. Petersburg, But War Office Nervous.

CHE FOO.—A Russian torpedo boat destroyer entered Che Foo harbor and reported that six Russian battleships, four cruisers and half of the torpedo boats escaped from Port Arthur. The torpedo boat destroyer left Port Arthur bringing in five passengers who stated that the Japanese fire is pursuing the Russians and that a battle on the open sea is expected.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Again the chance of a decisive battle between General Kuropatkin and the commander of the Japanese armies seems to be disappearing. According to a statement issued by the general staff rains are again falling over a wide area in Manchuria, with the prospect of impeding operations, but even reaching the Associated Press from an exceptional source that the Japanese have once more delayed too long. General Kuropatkin has now withdrawn the bulk of his army safely north of Liao Yang, leaving only a strong rear guard line southeast of Liao Yang to contest the advance when it comes.

According to this information the Japanese have about 300,000 men in the armies operating against General Kuropatkin, rendering it too hazardous for him to risk a general engagement.

The general staff has no information bearing on the reported presence of a large force of Japanese at Paithubi, a place that cannot be located on available maps. The report agrees, however, with the general tenor of the information received by the Associated Press and here given that General Kuropatkin is already retreating north of Liao Yang.

Nervousness over the situation at the front seems to be increasing since the occupation by the Japanese of the Wolf hills before Port Arthur. It is admitted that the besiegers have an elevated position, whence emplaced guns can command the fortress and, while still professing confidence that General Stoessel will be able to hold out with his comparatively small garrison against the enormous number of the attackers and their evident disregard of men, indicated by the reckless manner in which they stormed the outer positions, the state of affairs creates more apprehension than the war office or admiralty care to acknowledge.

Similar misgivings exist regarding General Kuropatkin's position, the advantages of the new Japanese base at New Chwang in greatly simplifying the problem of provisioning their army being fully realized. But it is the report that the Japanese are working up westward of the main Russian army which occasions the greatest uneasiness. The rumor that they are moving up towards Simnin, a short distance west of Mukden from New Chwang, is generally believed.

With the Japanese cordon tightening south and east and a column threatening the Russian line of communications in the rear, toward Mukden, the appearance of the Japanese on the other side of Mukden would almost pocket General Kuropatkin if he has resolved to accept battle with his whole army at Liao Yang. Shrewd military attaches are extremely doubtful whether General Kuropatkin could now withdraw even if he so desired.

Another alarming feature of the situation in connection with the Japanese western column is the report that it includes many Chinese, who are Japanese subjects, from the island of Formosa whose influence on the local Chinese and the soldiers of General Ma and Viceroy Yuan-shikai is feared.

#### Mob Attacks a Train.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A mob of 200 men and boys, packing house strikers and their sympathizers stopped an incoming train carrying strike-breakers at Riverside, Kas., to drive the non-union men from the train with clubs, threw their baggage into the Kaw river and set fire to the car. The police put out the fire before any damage had been done. No arrests were made.

The mob made a rush for the train while it was running slowly over the suburban belt line tracks.

## AT MERCY OF JAPS

SHELLS FROM GUNS BURST IN STREET OF PORT ARTHUR.

### TORPEDO BOATS WATCH

WARSHIPS REPORTED NOW NEAR CHE FOO.

Japanese Try to Explode Russian Powder Magazine With Shells, but Explosives Are Removed Before Bombardment.

LIAO YANG.—A refugee from Port Arthur who has just arrived at Liao Yang says the defenders of the fortress remain all day at their posts in spite of the dreadful heat, the women heroically carrying water to the parched soldiers, although not a single space within the perimeter of the fortress is free from bullets and burning shells. Some times the whole fortress seemed enveloped in smoke from the countless shell explosions.

There was a memorable sight from the Wolf hills when the Japanese attacked the Russian positions there July 25. Five Japanese divisions moved across the plain of the assault under cover of their guns. The onset was so desperate that it almost verged on frenzy. It was said at Port Arthur that Field Marshal Oyama commanded the Japanese forces in person and several pieces of the blood and veteran generals led on the attacking forces, giving examples of courage and resource previously unequalled.

The Japanese artillery received a fresh supply of ammunition the previous evening and never before was there such a terrific hail of projectiles, but the efforts of the Japanese were unavailing against the determined stand of the Russians, who proved themselves worthy sons of the defenders of Sebastopol, and the attack was repulsed with enormous losses. The refugee gives the Russian losses at 1,500 and those of the Japanese at 10,000.

After the battle General Stoessel ordered out every available surgeon to dress the Japanese wounded, but the Russians were unable to bring them into the fortress where the problem of feeding the non-combatants is too serious. Consequently the Japanese wounded were left on the field of battle to be taken by their own people.

The refugee also said that Japanese spies were swarming along the railroad from Tien Tsin to Simnin. He claimed there were spies in every car.

The Chinese are crowding into Liao Yang from the villages which are threatened with becoming involved in the approaching battle.

#### Plan Legal Steps.

CHICAGO.—The stock yards strike seems no nearer a settlement than it did the day the struggle began. Efforts of a committee composed of retail butchers and grocers to bring about a conference between the packers and the strike leaders was of no avail. The retailers' committee was in conference with Edwin Tilden, John E. Maurer, Thomas Wilson and Thomas J. Connors, representing the packers, for three hours and at the end of the meeting this statement was given out by the committee of business men:

"We were courteously received by the committee representing the packers and were informed that considering that all the past and present conditions no good reason existed why any further conference with the strikers would be beneficial."

No statement was issued by the packers regarding the conference, and they refused to discuss the matter further than to confirm the statement given out by the intermediary committee.

#### Dead List Seventy-Seven.

PUEBLO, Col.—Two more missing bodies were recovered by the searching party which is at work seeking the remaining victims of the wreck at Eden station. The bodies have been identified as those of Minnie Davis, nineteen years old, and Miss Margaret Kelley, both of Pueblo. Rumors reached the city that a number of bodies had been found under some of the wreckage, but this could not be verified.

This brings the total number of identified dead to seventy-seven, unidentified one, known missing twenty and the reported missing twelve.

## ALL FAIL TO GET OUT

TAKE TEMPORARY REFUGE IN BAY OF KIAO CHOU.

Report From Admiral Togo to Tokio Claims Czarevitch Was Sunk—Japanese But Little Damaged.

TOKIO.—Admiral Togo reported as follows:

"On August 10, our combined fleet attacked the enemy's fleet near Gagan Rock. The Russian vessels were emerging from Port Arthur, trying to go south. We pursued the enemy to the eastward. Severe fighting lasted from 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until sundown. Toward the close the enemy's fire weakened remarkably. His formation became confused and cruisers Askold and Novik and several of the ships scattered. The Russian torpedo boat destroyers fled to the southward. Other of the enemy's ships retreated separately toward Port Arthur.

We pursued them and it appears that we inflicted considerable damage. We found life buoys and other articles belonging to the Russian battleship Czarevitch floating at sea. The Czarevitch probably was sunk. We have received no reports from the torpedo boats and the torpedo boat destroyers which were engaged in the attack on the enemy.

"The Russian vessels, with the exception of the Novik, the Askold, the Czarevitch and the Pallada, appeared to have returned to Port Arthur. Our damage was slight. Our fighting power has not been impaired. Tokio has not been informed of the details of the result of the dash of liberty made by the Russian fleet from Port Arthur on Wednesday, August 10, or of the fight which followed off Port Arthur on Wednesday afternoon and night, beyond a brief report from Tallenwan reporting the engagement, a message from Che Foo announcing the arrival there of a Russian torpedo boat destroyer and a telegram from Tsing-chou, at the entrance of Kiao Chou bay, reporting the arrival of the Russian cruisers Novik and Askold. The navy department here declares that it is without any further information.

It is presumed here that the Russian vessels dispersed in several directions and that the Japanese warships, under Admiral Togo, pursued them.

It now appears that Admiral Togo did not send the report which was credited to him. The department has not heard from him. It is anticipated that the Japanese government will immediately make representations to Germany concerning the Russian warships which have taken refuge at Tsingchou.

#### Bryan Loses His Bequest.

NEW HAVEN.—The supreme court which has been considering W. J. Bryan's application from the lower court decision which excluded the sealed letters in the Bennett will case adjourned having found no error. By this decision Mr. Bryan loses the \$50,000 bequest.

#### Gets Five Year Sentence

ST. LOUIS.—Robert B. Taylor, formerly interest clerk in the Citizens bank of New York city, who pleaded guilty to the charge of uttering forged bank notes and passing them, was today sentenced in the United States district court to pay a fine of \$1 and serve five years in imprisonment. Taylor was arrested in St. Louis last July with unsigned bank notes in his possession amounting to more than \$6,500 belonging to the bank with which he was employed.

Taylor appeared in court accompanied by William M. Seufert, a New York attorney who was employed to represent him by Taylor's friends and the secret order of which Taylor is a member.

#### Shoots His Way Out.

HELENA, Mont.—Isaac Gravelle, on trial for robbing a powder house near Helena last September of giant powder, which was used in wrecking Northern Pacific trains escaped from the Lewis and Clark county jail after probably fatally shooting Tony Korizek, a deputy sheriff. Pursued by deputies and Rabb, a butcher who was armed, Gravelle took refuge in an alley beside the residence of Joseph K. Toole, where a pistol duel took place. After an exchange of shots Gravelle ran into the basement of the governor's house where he shot and killed himself.

## NEBRASKA NOTES

Theodore Johnson of Lincoln has been chosen principal of the Beatrice High school.

Miss Addie Reynolds of Boone county has been elected principal of the Albion High schools.

Charles H. Taylor has been appointed postmaster at Quinton, vice M. I. Light, resigned.

Jesse G. Moren has been appointed rural carrier and George F. Moren substitute at Johnson.

Dr. Blackburn, manager of a small show, was "touched" for \$200 while pitching his tent at Beatrice.

Beatrice is to have a new creamery plant. A cigar factory is also contemplated for that town.

County Superintendent J. L. Adams died at Geneva the result of an operation for appendicitis.

State Superintendent Fowler will speak at the Dodge county teachers' institute on August 16 at Fremont.

The old settlers of Otoe county will hold their thirty-seventh annual reunion at Nebraska City on September 5.

Frank Wylis, a young farmer near Beatrice, slid from a load of hay and was seriously injured by falling on a pitchfork.

A rural delivery route has been ordered established September 15 at Sterling, with an area of twenty-five square miles; population 400.

Miss Frances Knight Wilson of Nebraska City will sing the prima donna role in the comic opera, "The Tenderfoot," the coming season.

Herman Smith, a farmer residing near Plattsmouth, had his hand crushed in a corn sheller. The limb had to be amputated at the shoulder.

The election for lighting bonds at Oakland, held some time ago, was declared illegal. A second election was held and the bonds carried by a majority of 19.

Troop A, Nebraska National Guard, has received new equipment and now has Krag-Jensen rifles, instead of its former ancient carbines.

John Jotman, a prosperous farmer residing five miles east of the city, was thrown from his wagon a mile east of Beatrice and sustained a broken leg.

John Casey a well known resident of Pawnee City died last week from stomach trouble. He was a member of the Masonic order and held a high rank.

Allan D. May, a newspaper man, recently connected with the Falls City Tribune, has bought from E. F. Sharts a half interest in the Enterprise of Humboldt.

Mrs. Elizabeth Paddock, an elderly woman, of North Loup, fell off the stone wall which was being laid for an addition to her residence in that city and broke her arm.

Miss Addie Reynolds, a Boone county girl and a graduate of the state university, was elected to the position of assistant principal of the high school at Albion.

Herman Smith, a farmer residing west of Plattsmouth, had his left arm so badly mangled in a corn sheller that it was found necessary to amputate that member at the shoulder.

Columbus has been in darkness for several nights. The council would not enter into a contract for lights for five years and as a result the light company turned off the "glimmer."

Mrs. Mary Wilson of Beatrice died at her home this week, aged 54 years. Deceased suffered a paralytic stroke several months ago, from the effects of which she never recovered. She is survived by a family of seven children, all grown.

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

The worst electrical storm of the season passed over Albion recently accompanied with a light rain. The thunder was terrific while the lightning, which was almost continuous, kept telephone bells busy and brilliantly lighted the otherwise dark night. No damages has been reported, but from the deafening reports of thunder it is likely the lightning did some execution not far from that city.