

CLAIM A VICTORY

RUSSIANS MAKING MERRY OVER CHANGED CONDITIONS.

ST. PETERSBURG IS JOYOUS

PUBLIC HAS NEWS THAT KURO-PATKIN IS ADVANCING.

Rumors Taking Place of Official Reports at Both Capitals—Little Doubt That Battle Is Continuing.

ST. PETERSBURG.—There is a jubilation throughout the city over the news that General Kuropatkin has resumed the offensive, and the holiday, which began, with little heart, closed brighter. The crowds in the streets and illuminations in honor of the czar's name day gave a tinge of brilliancy to an evening otherwise depressing, through a constant drizzle of rain. Newsboys up to midnight raced through the thoroughfares with evening extras, shouting "Great Russian victory," and crowds bought the papers. Groups of men in brilliant uniforms or evening dress at the hotels and restaurants discussed the change in the fortunes of war, but the population as a whole were slow to take fire. They received the news of the earlier reverses stolidly and now accepted reports of Russian success and the capture of guns quietly with satisfaction but with considerable reserve.

Correspondents at the front the past forty-eight hours had been hinting that the Russian army was on the eve of another advance; but it was thought here that the troops were too exhausted by more than a week of heroic struggle to engage in an immediate advance movement. Therefore the news of the definite resumption of the advance was calculated to arouse the greatest satisfaction, but the realization of the significance of news permeates the masses here more slowly than in American cities.

The kaleidoscope changes on the Shakhie have been too swift for the populace to follow, and so the better news from the front has been so far taken with comparative quiet, in the best informed circles, however, it is already accepted as true. It is believed that General Kuropatkin intended to signalize the czar's name day by a victory just as the grand Duke Nicholas did at Plevna.

The failure of the war office to give out dispatches is attributed to the holiday, the censors commission disbanding early. The Associated press, however, bears on good authority that the emperor has received a telegram from General Kuropatkin reporting that the Russians are moving forward. The reverse sustained by General Yamada's column has not been reported by General Kuropatkin or General Sakharoff except in references to an unsuccessful attack near Shakhie.

The Associated press Mukden dispatch evidently refers to this affair in reporting that the Japanese left had been beaten off with terrible slaughter and its retreat cut off by a Russian army corps. Another Associated press dispatch from Mukden confirms the news of the Russian advance. When telegraphing late the correspondent says: "It is rumored that we are moving ahead."

Offenders To Be Punished
WASHINGTON.—The report of the United States commission of investigation on the disaster to the steamer Slocum, appointed June 23 last by the then secretary of commerce and labor, Corey, and consisting of Lawrence O. Murray, assistant secretary of commerce and labor; Herbert Knox Smith, deputy commissioner of corporations; George Usher supervising inspector general of the steamboat inspection service; General John M. Wilson, U. S. A., retired, and Commander Winslow, U. S. N., has made public.

President directs immediate action of findings. Removal of inspection service men ordered.

Weeding out process to be followed at once and those guilty of neglect to suffer loss of positions.

Keeps Bobbing Up
BOSTON.—The divorce issue again has come before the Episcopal convention but no final action was taken on several resolutions referring to the subject which were presented

A LULL IN THE FIGHTING

BOTH RUSSIANS AND JAPANESE SATISFIED TO STOP.

Units Given Out That Troops of Kuropatkin Are Recovering From Awful Shock and May Try to Advance.

ST. PETERSBURG.—For the moment heavy rains and impassable roads have compelled a suspension of operations in Manchuria.

There is evidence of a new disposition from the forces on both sides. General Kuropatkin is extending his fight, whether with a view to a turning movement for the safety of Lone Tree Hill, the importance of which point is fully realized by the Japanese who have attempted to retake it in two night attacks, or whether to meet and thwart a Japanese turning movement from the west, has not yet developed. The Japanese also appear to be shifting weight to the westward.

Veiled hints continue to arrive that the Russians have recovered from the blow inflicted last week by Field Marshal Oyama, and that General Kuropatkin is preparing to renew the struggle as soon as the roads become dry. Two Associated press dispatches from Mukden mention reports that the Japanese already are preparing to retire and the war office admits that Kuropatkin's left has again moved slightly forward, but there is no light upon the movements of the Japanese there is, indeed, an utter lack of late news from Tokio and an enemy so resourceful may really be preparing a surprise movement instead of a retreat, relieving the pressure on the front with a view to accomplishing something on the flank.

Many critics here continue to believe that General Kuropatkin intends to return to the Hun river.

Not Guilty of Any Crime

TRENTON, N. J.—J. H. Stone, H. B. Quintard, Charles W. Russ and James Russ of the Nonpareil cork works, Camden, who were indicted in the United States district court on the charge of conspiring against the United States government and in prejudice to the government steamboat inspection laws because of selling life preservers inside of which were pieces of iron, today retracted their pleas of not guilty.

These men, through their counsel have filed a demurrer and will fight the indictment on the ground that the indictment does not charge any offense of which they are guilty. It is claimed in their defense that their goods were sold in the open market and not directly for the government, and therefore there was no conspiracy against the government.

Made Seat of Supplies

SAN FRANCISCO.—Quartermaster Major Devoil has received instructions from Washington that hereafter San Francisco will be the point from which all western posts will receive their supplies. According to the orders sent out by the department all other depots in the western third of the United States are to be abolished and the 15,000 troops now located in the western United States, Alaska and Philippines are to be cared for by one station in this city.

Promises an Early Trial

NEW YORK.—Mrs. Nan Patterson, the young woman who has been in the Tombs prison for several months charged with the murder of Caesar Young, a bookkeeper and turfman, will not be released on bail. District Attorney Jerome, however, has promised to call the case for trial during November. J. B. Patterson, the prisoner's father, called on the district attorney and told Mr. Jerome that after trying two months he was convinced that he would not be able to furnish the \$20,000 bail for his daughter's release. He pleaded that the case be brought for trial at the earliest possible moment. "I'll try your case for you in the coming month" the district attorney told him.

School Trouble at Firth

FIRTH, Neb.—The eighth and ninth grades of the Firth schools were closed today on account of the resignation of professor George R. McDonald who decided to leave the service of board of education on Saturday. The primary teacher, Miss Champion, at the meeting of the board declared that the professor paid her decided attentions and even went to the length of saluting her upon her cheek against her will.

CHANGE OLD CANON

EPISCOPAL DEPUTIES COMPROMISE ON DIVORCE.

PERMITS OF A REMARRIAGE

DIVORCEE, HOWEVER, MUST WAIT A YEAR AFTER DECREE.

New Law Not Effective Until Concurred In by House of Bishops—Nominations Made for Missionaries.

BOSTON.—By an overwhelming majority a compromise canon on the remarriage of divorced persons was adopted by the house of deputies of the Episcopal general convention and if it is concurred in by the house of bishops the most important issue that has come before the present convention will be disposed of for at least three years. The compromise measure, like the old law, permits the remarriage of the innocent person in a divorce for the cause of infidelity, but further provides that no remarriage shall be allowed within one year after a decree has been issued by a civil court. Satisfactory proof of the innocence of the applicant for marriage must be furnished in the shape of court records, and after the consent of the bishop is obtained a clergyman may refuse to perform such a ceremony without subjecting himself to censure or suspension.

The forces favoring a rigid divorce canon in the Episcopal church and those who oppose them were present in full strength at the session of the house of deputies, an agreement having been reached to consider the issue and settle it, if possible, for the present. The contest came before the deputies again on the question of concurring with a resolution adopted by the house of bishops for bidding the marriage of "the innocent party" in divorce for infidelity.

The action of the bishops was met by the committee on canons in the house of deputies, which proposed as a compromise an amendment for bidding remarriage within one year after the granting of a decree by the civil court, compelling clergymen to examine the court records before performing the ceremony.

At the opening of the house of deputies, Rev. Dr. George Hodges, of Cambridge, chairman of the committee on Christian education, read a report which indicated that Christian education was making remarkable progress.

Besieged Expecting Relief

CHEE FOO.—A junk which left Liacti promontory was driven by a gale and arrived here bringing one hundred coolies who left Port Arthur because they feared injury from Japanese shells.

These coolies say that on October 13 there was fierce fighting for several hours on the slopes of Rihlung mountain, between comparatively small forces, during which the Japanese lost three hundred killed or wounded. The coolies were unable to give details of the fighting, but apparently it was the result of one of the numerous sorties made by the Russians against the Japanese who were attempting to advance from their trenches.

Japanese wounded say that the soldiers in the trenches suffer severely from the cold, although the Japanese army is now almost completely supplied with winter outfits.

It is said that the Port Arthur garrison is frantic for news of the operations of General Kuropatkin, from whom the defenders expect relief.

The news that the Baltic fleet had sailed for the Pacific was announced to the garrison and greatly encouraged the Russians.

Claim Fifty Thousand Killed

CHICAGO.—A special to the Daily News from Che Foo says:

According to a camp follower, who has been for some time with the Japanese army now besieging Port Arthur and who is at present in Che Foo, having arrived from Dany, the number of Japanese killed before the forts has reached 50,000. He says the mikado's men recklessly attacked the strongest positions making bold rushes in masses, the soldiers being stripped of their accouterments and clothing. The result was that the Russian machine guns mowed them down.

ARE MET WITH BAYONETS

GRAPHIC RECITAL OF RECENT INCIDENT IN FIGHT.

Surprise and Hand-to-Hand Clash of part of Opposing Forces—Attempt to Retake the Lone Tree Hill.

MUKDEN.—Japanese are fond of night attacks, which they organize cleverly. They light a series of enormous campfires at false bivouacs and then stealthily creep upon the Russian sentinels, who peering into the darkness and blinded by the glare, cannot see the Japanese approaching. Or they take advantage of a rain storm and try to surprise the Russians. One night they adopted both these but ran into a hero's nest. The night was inky black, rain was falling and a cold wind was blowing.

"A fine night for the Japanese," every one said, and the Russians, huddled in the trenches, had strict orders given to them that if the expected but uninvited guests appeared not to fire, but to meet them with the bayonets. It was so dark that a person could not see his hand before his face, except vaguely. Through the rain, in the direction of the false campfires, all eyes were strained and ears listened intently. The wind which was as cool as ice and cut to the bone, was suddenly freighted with ominous sounds, an unmistakable splash in the mire and a splashing of water under the tramp of hurrying feet, accompanied by the metallic rattle of arms.

The Russians scooped lower. The officers passed along another caution under no circumstances to fire but to meet the Japanese with the bayonet. On they came. The Russians could readily see the silhouettes of the Japanese and watched the approach of their victims with grim satisfaction, their only anxiety being lest some nervous soldier might fire and thus spoil the game. The Japanese came on, straining their eyes in the darkness, evidently believing that the Russians were not so close. When they were right under their feet the Russians rose up as if out of the ground and with a hurrah, wildly fell upon them with the bayonet. The front ranks of the Japanese broke, turned and smothered into the second line, throwing the whole force into disorder. Like a rabbit they tried to escape but the Russians gave them no mercy, bayoneting them as they pushed. For a mile the work of slaughter proceeded and few of the Japanese lived to carry back the tale. In the morning the ground was strewn with corpses.

Suchapu still remains half in Russian hands and half in the hands of the Japanese. The former have not been able to dislodge the latter from the Buddhist temple which they so thoroughly fortified when the village was occupied by their forces as previously cabled to the Associated Press.

Will Guard Canal

WASHINGTON.—American marines will be retained on the isthmus of Panama, for the present, prepared to meet any emergency may arise as the result of the disgruntled elements in the new republic. This decision was reached and orders have been issued for a new battalion of marines to go to the isthmus about November 15 to relieve the battalion which has been there for a year. The new battalion will be commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas N. Wood.

That the situation on the isthmus is still not all that could be desired is the news which came to Washington in a personal letter from an official now in Panama. While the Panama government is entirely neutral, it seems that there are certain disgruntled elements in the isthmus, and in view of the ease with which revolutions are started in Central and South America, it is the official opinion here that the marines should remain there for the present.

Refuses to Draw Color Line

DES MOINES Ia.—National Congregational council was adjourned by Moderator Washington Gladden, after two strong addresses, one by himself interpreting significance of the council as related to the future of congregationalism, and another by President Cyrus C. Northron of the Minnesota university. The delegates were carried by special train to St. Louis to hold services at the exposition. The council refused to draw the color line by adding the word "colored" after the names of negro churches.

NEBRASKA NOTES

Mrs. Ella Givens, wife of Felix Givens, died at the family residence at Pender.

A falling tree caused the breaking of a leg for A. S. Linn of Oakland recently.

C. A. Swanson, a retired farmer living at Oakland, died, last week, aged 75 years. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Balzer Mueller, a prominent German resident of Otoe county, died near his home at Nebraska City of paralysis. He was 77 years old.

The Nebraska university authorities expect to ask the legislature this winter for an appropriation for an addition to the university campus.

Humboldt's board of education has instituted a movement to enforce the law compelling children of school age to attend school at least a portion of the year.

William M. Spring, who had farmed near Lincoln for forty years is dead at the age of 78 years. He was born in New York in 1826. He leaves a widow and a daughter.

The new postmaster general Robert J. Wynne, is a relative of Joseph O'Neill of Lincoln. Mr. O'Neill is a cousin of Mrs. Wynne. Mr. O'Neill says Mr. Wynne was a telegraph operator at the time of his marriage.

The eight months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Floyd, who live near Holmesville, was severely burned by drinking concentrated lye the other day and the prompt arrival of a physician saved its life.

The fall term of district court for Dakota county will be convened at Dakota City October 17, by Judge G. T. Graves of Pender. The session will likely continue for two weeks. The most important case for trial is that against Steve Whittecar, who has been confined in the county jail for several months past, charged with assault upon his 14-year-old daughter. Whittecar's attorneys are D. H. Sullivan of Sioux City and Mel C. Reed of Dakota City, and the case promises to be a hard fought one, as they will try to save their client from the penitentiary.

The man Martin, who tried to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a knife at the home of a farmer near Beaver Crossing, where he was employed, was brought to Dr. Moran's sanitarium in Seward and although he succeeded in cutting his windpipe, yet he missed the jugular vein, but fearfully lacerated his throat. Before, or until the time of the Fraternal picnic at Beaver Crossing in August, he was always seemingly light hearted, but at that time he went on a protracted spree and afterward some friend sued him for a small debt, which seemed to make him despondent. Sheriff Smiley is endeavoring to find a relative of the would-be suicide who lives in Iowa.

A very interesting meeting of the teachers of Dakota, Dixon, Thurston and Wayne counties was held at Emerson. The program was a long and interesting one. The discussions were participated in by the teachers generally, those of Principal J. W. Crabtree of the state normal school, President W. B. Clemmons of the Fremont normal, and President J. M. Pile of the Wayne normal being of especial interest. The leading features of the program were the able and scholarly addresses of J. M. Pile of Wayne and J. L. McBrien of Lincoln. More than 200 teachers of northeast Nebraska were present.

Captain R. A. Talbot of Dakota City has received a telegram from Kansas City, that the gasoline propelled car to be used on the Sioux City Homer & Southern railway, between South Sioux City and Homer would be shipped soon. Upon the arrival of the car and its being operated, a movement is now on foot to have a celebration of the event in that place, in the shape of a barbecue and general all around good time. A gang is now engaged in laying track through Broadway and enough material is now on hand to extend the track about three miles south and west of Dakota City towards Homer.

A tailor giving the name of Harry DuBois and who went to work in the tailoring department of Spies & Co., at Beatrice, recently stole a gold watch from Carl McCune, one of the clerks in the store. He escaped arrest by paying Mr. McCune in cash about half what the watch was worth.