

THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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More than a year ago Secretary Hitchcock planted in the White House grounds a grandson of the George Washington oak at Mt. Vernon. Now it is dead. An army of worms preyed on its vitals and bugs with monstrous and terrifying names finished it. Its remains have been dug up and thrown into an alley. In its place is a brother sapling grown from acorns picked up at St. Petersburg by Secretary Hitchcock under an oak tree planted by Charles Sumner, who got the acorns from a tree at Mt. Vernon planted by Washington.

A curious ceremony is performed in Japan by the court musicians at certain Shinto festivals. Both stringed and wind instruments are used, but it is held that no sound should be allowed to fall upon unworthy ears, and as some of the ears present might be unworthy, all the motions of playing are gone through by the musicians, but not a single sound is heard. This strange custom dates back many generations, but since the advent of civilization has rapidly lost favor.

An American, J. G. Jenkins, who is relinquishing the premiership of South Australia, in order to become the agent-general of that state in London will enjoy the distinction of being the first man who was born a citizen of the United States to represent a British colony in London. He is a native of Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, and is said to have arrived in Australia as a canvasser for an American publishing house.

Mrs. Elizabeth Malone, whose father was a Life Guardsman and who spent all her sixty-four years with the British army, and died after forty years' service as assistant matron of the Royal Military college at Sandhurst, had a military funeral recently. Her body was borne to the grave by staff sergeants and detachments of the Life Grenadier, Coldstream, Scots and Irish guards marched in the funeral cortege.

London Good Health: London fashion devotees are said to be giving up morphine tablets in favor of cigarettes made from carefully blended green and black teas, the nervous effects of smoking which are even more powerful than that produced by tobacco. Dizziness, partial stupor and other ailments are given as the leading symptoms, victims having frequently to be sent to private sanatoria.

The one hundred and fifth anniversary of the death of the poet Cowper was celebrated at East Dereham, England, April 25, where a memorial window was unveiled in the parish church. The center light contains a full length figure of the poet reclining at his feet, and representations of his sofa and writing desk, which are in the possession of a man of the neighborhood.

A census of the homeless of London, made on a recent night, revealed a total of 2,481 on the streets, on staircases and under arches. Of these 2,169 were men and 312 women. In the common lodging houses and shelters there were 23,000 persons, of whom 21,254 were single men, 1,888 single women, 357 married couples and thirty-four children under ten years of age.

Nearly 13 per cent. of all the gold of the country is held by the national banks of New York. It amounts to about 45 per cent. of all the gold in the national banks of the United States. New York's proportion of national bank loans on January 1st, 1904, was nearly 20 per cent., and its proportion of national bank capital, surplus and undivided profits was 16 per cent.

Lieutenant Crispulo Patajo, who commanded the Filipino scouts on their visit to this country, said, just before he went on board the transport Thomas with his men, at San Francisco, that he had had a "royal" in America. "asked whether he did not feel homesick for the Philippines," he replied: "No, I rather feel homesick for the United States."

In a case heard at Athlone Quarter Sessions (Ireland), about a fire, a witness swore he had seen figures dancing round the flames, and had believed them to be fairies. He was fully convinced that the fairies, or "good people," were hiding revel where the fire occurred, and he was afraid to interfere with their festivities.

When the Italian cruiser Umbria entered the harbor of San Domingo de Guzman, the other day she fired a salute. A burning wad from one of her guns dropped on the roof of the government building and set fire to it. The crew were ordered ashore and assisted in the fight, which resulted in saving most of the building.

Professor Simon Newcomb, the famous American astronomer, has just completed his 70th year. He has received more degrees and similar honors abroad than any other American man of science, and is the first American member of the French Institute since Benjamin Franklin.

During twenty-five years of married life a couple who arrived recently at Naples, from Zanzibar, have had thirty-three children, twenty-seven of whom are still alive. The youngest, says the Matino, the family occupy eight cabins with three berths in each.

John Pearce, who now employs 1,500 persons in his eighty-one London restaurants, all labeled "Pearce and Plenty," began life on a capital of 62 cents and started his first "restaurant" with a muscat, a tin urn and a little crockery.

A Paalier, which belonged to Boswell, was sold at Sotheby's in London recently for £15. It contained the inscription: "James Boswell, 1763. I bought this for 2d at Greenwich, when I was walking there with Mr. Samuel Johnson."

A performance at the Municipal theater at Halle, Switzerland, had to be suspended the other night while a policeman on duty was ejected. He had fallen asleep at his post, and his loud snoring disturbed the audience.

Donald G. Mitchell, who, as Ik Marvel, delighted an earlier generation with "Reveries of a Bachelor" and other works of a rich and quaint fancifulness, lives, at the age of 83, on a quiet and peaceful farm near New Haven.

A British fleet of eight battleships and five cruisers will visit Brest next July and in August a French fleet of five battleships, nine cruisers, five destroyers and six torpedobats will pay a return visit to Portsmouth.

In a recent lecture in London it was remarked as curious that though the Thibetans had not realized the principle of the wheel or arch, they thoroughly understood that of the cantilever and used it in their bridges.

ERRING HUSBAND HAS HEROIC WIFE

Fremont Woman With Small Baby Worked to Secure Pardon.

SHE HAD NO MONEY

Journeyed to Kansas City, Petitioned the Governor and Returned to Fremont, All the Time Supporting Large Family.

Fremont, Neb., May 24.—Accompanied by her infant child, Mrs. Cora Fellows, a Fremont woman, traveled all the way to Kansas City and back without money. She went to appeal to the governor of Kansas for the release of her husband, Doc Fellows, from the Kansas penitentiary. She spent two weeks at Kansas City, secured the names of the prosecuting attorney and complaining witness among others to a petition, carried her living by working out by the day and came back when her mission had been performed. She sent her petition for pardon to the governor at Topeka and is anxiously awaiting a reply from him.

Doc Fellows was thrown in jail for stealing a fine coat and hat from a Kansas City resident. The coat was worth about \$100 and Fellows drew a six month sentence. It was five years in the state penitentiary. He had been in trouble before and the authorities were lenient with him. That occurred last fall. Telling in Fremont all winter was Mrs. Fellows, supporting a family of four children. Fellows was heard from about six weeks ago. He got a colored Kansas City attorney to write to Mrs. Fellows, "I need his support and besides I don't think he deserved the punishment he got, so I decided to do the last thing in the world I could for him," said Mrs. Fellows on her return home. "I spent the two hardest weeks of my life at Kansas City getting up a petition to get him out of the penitentiary. I did it all without money or the assistance of an attorney."

Fellows, who is a former Fremont resident, is in the penitentiary under the name of Brown, which is the cognomen he assumed when caught at Kansas City. When Mrs. Fellows went to Kansas City with her babe in her arms, the newspapers there printed long stories about her. She was referred to as Mrs. Brown. Her identity was not known until she returned to Fremont.

New Grand Army Officers.

Grand Island, Neb., May 20.—The Hon. John Lett of Benedict was elected department commander of the Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic. As usual, there was a lively contest for this chief post of honor and the election of Mr. Lett was one of the most interesting matters disposed of at last night's session of the state encampment.

Minor officers elected were: J. R. Maxin, senior vice commander, Minden; Junior vice commander, H. H. Dunham, Clark; medical director, W. H. Johnson, Minden; chaplain, J. H. Johnson, Minden. As delegates to national encampment at Denver the following were elected: J. S. Hoagland, North Platte; at large, Ferdinand Brother, Beatrice; W. S. Asuwith, Grand Island; J. Burwell, Juniata; H. C. McMaken, Plattsmouth; J. R. Wambacher, Kearney; J. H. Hobbs, Omaha, and R. R. Randall.

NEBRASKA COLONEL SHOT

Second Recent Outbreak in Philippines Develops Bloodshed.

Manila, May 24.—Colonel Wallace Taylor, of the constabulary, was seriously wounded in an engagement with the Pulajanas May 17 at Magtatan, on the coast of Samar. One private was killed and ten wounded. Many Pulajanas were killed. Aid has been requested. Two companies of the Twenty-first infantry will leave Catbalogan to reinforce the constabulary. Desultory fighting continues in the islands south of Jolo.

Major General Leonard Wood, who recently conducted a campaign against Moro outlaws, has arrived at Manila. Omaha, May 22.—Wallace Taylor served in the Spanish-American war as captain of Company L, First Nebraska volunteers, being promoted to major; was later commissioned major of the Thirtieth volunteer infantry, and on the mustering out of the volunteers he was commissioned as first lieutenant in the regular army or as lieutenant colonel in the constabulary, choosing the latter. He was subsequently promoted to colonel. His army record was of the best.

CANNON A REFORMER.

Speaker Said to Be in Hearty Accord with Tariff Revision Plan.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—Speaker Cannon's closest friends say that he is not a standpat. They assert, despite the fact that "Uncle Joe" toured the country last year making standpat speeches and that during the last session of congress he was apparently lined up against the president's declaration for tariff revision, that really he was not opposed to his stand and is today as much for tariff revision as the president himself, provided only that the way shall be cleared in advance through the senate for any tariff revision bill that may pass.

SPANISH SHIP USEFUL.

Reina Mercedes, Captured from Spain, Sails for Newport.

Portsmouth, N. H., May 24.—The cruiser Reina Mercedes, captured at Santiago during the war with Spain, sailed today for Newport, R. I., after having been remodeled as a receiving ship. The cruiser has been undergoing repairs for nearly five years, and is said now to be one of the best equipped receiving ships in the navy.

MEET IN BLOODY BATTLE

Eleven Insurgents and Fifty Turks Are Reported Killed in Macedonia.

Athens, May 24.—An encounter between Graco-Macedonian bands and a strong Turkish detachment is reported to have occurred in the district of Langadina, in Macedonia. Eleven insurgents and fifty Turks are reported to have been killed.

NEGROMADMAN.

He Ran Amuck with a Big Gun and One Man Is Dead and Seven Are Wounded.

Owensboro, Ky., May 24.—Bob Shaw, a negro supposed to be insane, has killed one man and wounded seven in the past twenty-four hours near Waitman. The dead:

WILLIAM C. BROWN, deputy sheriff. The wounded: Deputy Marshal John J. Jackson, Dr. G. H. Platt, Town Marshal Watson, James Ford, John Robinson, Frank Howard, Watson Pelly.

Shaw was terrorizing the community around Waitman and an appeal was sent to the city for help. A posse was at once formed, but as soon as it approached the madman's house he opened fire. Marshal Watson was shot in the face and Deputy Marshal Jackson in the back. Others wounded were Dr. J. H. Platt, in the hand; a boy named Howard and a boy named Pelly, in the legs.

A posse headed by Sheriff Kelly went from Lewisport to Waitman and found Shaw sitting on his front porch. Shaw quickly barricaded himself in his house. The posse tried to storm the house, but the negro opened fire, wounding James Ford and John Robinson. He apparently had only small shot, which saved the lives of those he aimed at. Shaw was shot at twice. He had two revolvers, but announced that he would save them for work at close quarters. A posse surrounded the house, keeping at a safe distance. This afternoon Will C. Brown, a deputy sheriff of Hancock county, volunteered to go to the house and take Shaw. When within fifteen feet of Shaw the crazy man fired, blowing Brown's head completely off. Later a mob of men and boys surrounded his house and set it on fire. Shaw remained in the burning house as long as he could stand the heat, and finally leaped out and tried to escape. Nearly 100 shots were fired and Shaw's body was riddled with bullets.

BAD TEXAS STORM.

Several Lives Were Lost in the Wind and Much Damage to Property Sustained.

Dallas, Tex., May 24.—Several lives were lost and serious damage was done in many sections of Texas by the terrific wind and rain storm that prevailed in many sections. Streams are out of their banks and bridges have been washed away.

In the northwestern part of Haskell county four houses were destroyed, the two children of Will Towns, near Marcy, were killed, and Mrs. Towns was found unconscious and will die. Mr. Towns escaped with slight bruises.

At Malone the Christian and Baptist churches and several buildings were wrecked. At Temple, Bertha Henley, a 12-year-old colored girl, was killed by lightning.

Considerable damage was done at Waco, several houses being unroofed.

ESTATE OF \$2,000,000.

Filial Love Brings Its Reward to Miss Edna Dickerson, of Chicago.

Chicago, May 24.—Miss Edna Dickerson, who guided Miss Love and devotion in a career of a strenuous business life for the comfort and support of her mother, has finally won its reward and made the dutiful daughter an heiress to an estate valued at about \$2,000,000.

Albert Johnson, the Minneapolis tax title man, who died a few months ago, was a second cousin of Miss Dickerson on her mother's side. To show his appreciation of the young woman's filial qualities and character, he made her his sole heir in the will, which he made in January, 1904. The decision of the millionaire tax title man was unexpected and brought on a contest by Dr. Asa Johnson of Minneapolis, a half brother of the deceased, for possession of the estate. It was the success of Miss Dickerson in the first steps of the probate court proceedings in Minneapolis in connection with the estate that brought to light her good fortune and its true cause.

THREATEN THE WHITES

Striking Japanese on One of the Hawaiian Islands Hold White Population Prisoners.

Honolulu, May 24.—Most of the white population at Lahaina, on the island of Maui, including the military, are prisoners in the court house surrounded by striking Japanese laborers. One Japanese was killed and two were wounded by the plantation police during an attack on a plantation mill. The entire 2,300 Japanese laborers on the island are now on strike and are showing a violent mood. The steamer Kinau left Honolulu this afternoon, taking national guard Company F, consisting of thirty men commanded by Captain Johnson, and forty armed Honolulu police under High Sheriff Henry, to the scene of the trouble.

The strike started a week ago on the Waluku plantation on the other side of Maui from Lahaina. The Japanese made a long list of demands, among them being the discharge of the head overseer. All the demands were rejected. On Friday the strike spread to the Pioneer plantation. The strikers immediately began paying off the striking Japanese, who then commenced to stone the mill and resisted all efforts of the mounted police to drive them away. The Maui military, which was called out, restored order temporarily. Everything was peaceful late Saturday when the island steamer Claudine left, but soon after the steamer's departure a clash between the Japanese and plantation police occurred in which shooting took place. It resulted in a general outbreak and the imprisonment of the whites and the militia in the court house by the Japanese.

Wireless messages were sent to Honolulu asking for aid. A tug was also sent through fear that the wireless telegraph was not working. The Japanese consul accompanied the force on the steamer Kinau. He will try to pacify the strikers.

The Hawaiian police force of Honolulu is on duty at the police station under Deputy Sheriff Rawlins, although there are no signs of trouble on the island.

KILLED WHILE HUNTING

Vinton Lad Is Accidentally Shot by Cliff Thompson, One of His Companions.

Vinton, Ia., May 24.—Harry Barkdall, aged 14, was accidentally shot and killed by Cliff Thompson while out with a party of nine boys on a hunting trip.

LAWSON BREAKS OUT IN RENEWED FRENZY

He Tells of Perfidy of the Standard Oil Magnates in Amalgamated Bubble.

WAS MONUMENTAL STEAL

He Claims He Was Entrapped by Them, Then Brow-Beaten and Cajoled Into Joining Their Piratical Plans.

New York, May 23.—Thomas W. Lawson has broken forth in a greater frenzy than ever before. In a magazine article published today he launches into his promised exposure of "Amalgamated," the great copper deal which set the financial world crazy five years ago and by which, Lawson says, the Standard Oil virtually robbed thousands of poor investors of many millions and then cruelly let the bubble burst, leaving the feeble victims to hold the sack.

Mr. Lawson's article is a very long one. He tells how the company was organized. He conceived the plan as a legitimate investment and then submitted it to Mr. Rogers, Rockefeller's right hand man, whose assistance he needed to finance the project.

Made Rogers His Fortune. "However one looked at the situation," says Mr. Lawson, "it was evident that Henry H. Rogers and William Rockefeller were playing for the stake of their lives, though how great the stake was no one at that time guessed. Since then they have steadily forged ahead, both in riches and in influence, until today they have actually supplanted John D. Rockefeller in the kingship of finance. Then, though his name was always the master mind of 'Standard Oil,' I don't believe Mr. Rogers was worth, all told, over \$12,000,000 or \$15,000,000, while today he is probably a hundred and fifty times a millionaire.

"If any man could do I had safeguarded the public and my own reputation, and believed that the assurances I had secured eliminated all opportunities of fleeing investors. We had formally agreed, and Mr. Rogers and Mr. Rockefeller had each pledged me his solemn word, under no circumstances to sell to subscribers over \$5,000,000 of the stock, and to place at my disposal the \$7,000,000 cash received, to use in the open market for the purpose of protecting the stocks so that it should never decline below par."

Frenzied Finance Indeed. The enterprise was assuming unheard of proportions. Instead of millions, the subscriptions were running up into the tens and hundreds of millions. Whereupon Rogers remarked to Lawson:

"Lawson," he said, "this is something unheard of, unprecedented. The bank is being buried under subscriptions. Stillman says he is adding scores of clerks by himself, but possibly keep pace with the subscriptions. Mr. Rockefeller is very nervous, and I must confess to feeling a bit of 'rattle' myself. It now looks as though the total would run into fabulous figures. The Lewisohns are being swamped with orders from Europe. They alone will probably put in more than ten millions. Wall street has lost its head entirely, and our people at 26 Broadway are coming in asking advice and doubling and trebling their subscriptions. If we don't keep our heads something bad may happen, for it looks now as though the cash the subscription is tying up would make a money-pinch. This affair must not be allowed to run away with us. What do your reports from Boston and the country show?"

Makes Lawson Furious.

But there came a day of reckoning, when Lawson discovered that he had been used as a cat's paw and that Rogers, Rockefeller and Stillman had proceeded to eliminate him from consideration as an active factor, had decided to appropriate more of the spoils of the enterprise than the original understanding had provided. Lawson was furious. He drove to Rogers' office, burst into the room without asking permission of the attendants and announced his presence in raging tones. Mr. Rogers looks up.

"What does this mean, Lawson?"

"No one ever enters Mr. Roger's room without his permission. It means that I have just learned you and Stillman have decided to break your solemn promise to me. I tried to control myself, but the seed of rage almost choked me. It means you have decided to take more of that subscription money than the five millions we agreed upon, and that means hell."

Mr. Rogers stood up, his jaws set as in their last hold, and recognizing the crisis, he met me, not with the fierce anger I half expected and hoped he would show, but with quiet earnestness.

"Stop just there, Lawson—remember you are in my office. Who gave you this tale?"

"Never mind. Is it true? Are you going to break your promise to me? Do you intend to allow the public more than five millions?"

Takes Bull by Horns.

He hesitated only a second. Just a second, but it seemed longer than eternity, then slowly and calmly: "Yes, I have decided that considering the tremendous number and amounts of the subscription it will be best to give them more."

"How much more?" I shouted, for I was beside myself.

"Ten millions in all," he slowly answered.

"Who has decided?"

"Everyone, Mr. Rockefeller, Stillman, all of us."

"All of us? Have I been consulted? Have I decided? Have I consented to the breaking of your word, Mr. Rockefeller's word? What have Stillman and the rest to say about this? What have they to do with the promises I have given the people? I have been trapped just as all the others you and I have dealt with have been trapped. I see it all now. Trapped, trapped until it is now too late for me even to save my reputation. To think I should have been fool enough to allow myself to be made a stool pigeon for 'Standard Oil,' and all because I took your word."

Lawson Entreats Him.

"My rage was exhausted, and then, heartbroken, I turned and pleaded, pleaded for fair treatment for an honest deal for my friends and associates—pleaded for my good name in his keeping—pleaded as I never before pleaded to any man. I had lost control of myself—begged as no man should beg another even for life, though the things I sought were more than life. He calmly awaited the end of my feverish, broken petition; then he went to work as the expert dia-

mond cutter goes at a crystal. He focused my position, twisted my argument, clipped and snit my reasoning, smoothed off the corners, and then polished up the subject so it might retain its old-time luster for the bedazzlement of the customers whose money he meant to have."

"The Standard Oil yielded. Again Rogers and Stillman decided they should have another five millions. Again Lawson's fury was unbounded. This time Mr. Rogers coolly told Lawson he was too excitable and would have to rest from all active work in the game. Lawson threatens to wrick the enterprise by exposure in the press, which causes Rogers to resort to logic and cajolery again. It shows that such course would ruin Lawson's friends as well as himself and the project. Lawson is once more quiescent. His article concludes:

Profits Were Enormous.

"In this way the conspirators secured from the public \$26,413,500 of the original cost, \$39,000,000, and yet retained over \$48,500,000 of the authorized stock of \$75,000,000. In other words the public has paid twice the purchase price, and the conspirators retain nearly two-thirds of the property. Considerations of space forbid my treating here the immediate disastrous results of the crime, the death of a man, the loss of the market, the pitiable plight of the subscribers who are the innocent victims of 'Standard Oil' to the frightful situation its treachery had caused.

The fraud thus perpetrated amounts to this: Every subscriber legally entitled to three shares of Amalgamated stock was deprived of two of them by the National City bank, and the proof is to be found in the books of said National City bank. My readers may say here that this constitutes a fortunate condition rather than a crime to be punished, for the less Amalgamated a man had, the better he was off, as the stock afterward declined. This conclusion is a false one, however."

SETBACK FOR ARMOURS

No More Exclusive Contracts with Railroads—Central Will Wage War.

Chicago, May 23.—Within a comparatively short time the Armour Refrigerator Fruit line will have no exclusive contracts over any of the railroads. The recent exposures regarding the abuses of the private contracts, the raising of icing and other auxiliary charges to shippers have so thoroughly awakened officers of the railways that they are determined to cut loose from the monopoly and deal directly with shippers, even if it means doing so into the building of refrigerators.

Notice has been given that the contracts between Armour and the Denver and Rio Grande and Rio Grande Western roads, Gould lines, will not be renewed. The management of the Gould lines has directed that hereafter the cars of the American Refrigerator Transit company, an auxiliary of the Goulds, be extended to operate over the two Rio Grande roads. These cars being owned by the Gould company will carry only the cost of icing.

The Illinois Central always has opposed the Armour monopoly and is now making preparations to wage the war more relentlessly than ever. The "Big Four," which handles a great deal of fruit and dairy products, will discontinue its private refrigerator car business. While this road, by reason of a lack of refrigerator cars of its own, will do business with the private car lines, it will enter into no contract giving exclusive privileges to any private concern. The Rock Island already has made contracts for new refrigerator cars of its own.

Another road that will decline to make any exclusive contracts with private companies is the Burlington. Investigation shows that every railroad operating out of Chicago is either arranging to do its own refrigerator business or, if forced through lack of cars, to use those of the Armour or other lines, will refuse to enter into exclusive contracts with any private car line. Private companies to make charges beyond cost for icing.

The railroad officers are of one mind regarding the proper methods to do refrigerator business, that is to charge only the cost of icing.

SEATS SELL FOR \$125.

Privilege of Seeing Prince Get Married Is Being Sought at Fancy Figures.

Berlin, May 23.—The entertainment in celebration of the wedding of Crown Prince Frederick William and Duchess Cecilia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin will last four days, beginning June 4, the bride and her family arrive here from Schwerin and take up their residence in Bellevue palace.

The duchess will be received at Brandenburg gate by the chief burgomaster of the city fathers and by the women of known families, who will present flowers to their future empress. The girls will be dressed alike in Gretchen costume, with their hair in braids down the back. Behind the crown prince and bride will ride butchers, postmen and deputations from other trades and occupations, according to the immemorial custom. Those chosen to form the cavalcade are now in training at Garrison riding school. The emperor has commanded that this entrance into the city, which will be the only public celebration, shall be simple and, if possible, beautiful. Three-quarters of a mile of Unter den Eichen from Brandenburg gate to the palace where the emperor and empress will await Duchess Cecilia, will be hung with garlands of roses.

Seats and windows along Unter den Eichen have been selling for \$7.50 for the former to \$125 for the latter. Except for numerous court equipages and uniforms which will be seen in the streets and the princess' going and coming, there will not be anything for the public to see, for the services will be private and only members of the royal families, ambassadors and few other important personages and government officials will take part in them.

SCANDAL IS UNCOVERED

Million-and-a-Half-Dollar Steal Is Reported to Have Been Discovered in San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 23.—A scheme which has been in operation in the tax collector's office for many months has just been uncovered by which nearly \$1,500,000 worth of property has been secured for little more than \$100,000. The victims are the city's taxpayers, who are charged, in some instances, it appears, wrongly, with delinquencies. The profits have gone to a ring of tax scalpers, who were assisted in every possible way by the alleged defunct tax collector, Smith, and his subordinate in office. The records have been manipulated, and many poor people have had the title to their homes placed in jeopardy. A thorough investigation will be made.

LEAVE 300 RUSSIANS LYING ON THE FIELD

Japanese Score a Notable Victory After Severe Fighting on May 20.

CAPTURE MANY OFFICERS

Junk Loaded with Officers from Vladivostok Reported to Have Been Captured—Long Struggle Is Predicted.

Tokio, May 24.—The imperial army headquarters made the following announcement today:

"In the direction of Changtu, May 20, a force of the enemy consisting of over a battalion of infantry, a regiment of cavalry and two guns, made a detour to the eastern height at Santao Kou, eight miles east of Changtu, and from the vicinity of a coal mine commenced a bombardment. Subsequently another Russian force with four guns appeared on the northern height at Chin Yang Pao, but were repulsed.

"Another mixed force of the enemy entered Ershihilliao, where they set fire to the village and retreated. A body of the enemy's cavalry, dismounted, attacked Tangshou on the right bank of the Liao river, thirteen miles southwest of Fakumen on Saturday morning. After an engagement lasting two hours, the enemy retreated in disorder toward the southwest, abandoning 300 men killed and wounded. Except for these collisions between small forces, the situation is otherwise unchanged."

Linevitch Reports Victory.

St. Petersburg, May 24.—Linevitch in a dispatch announced that Russian detachments occupied the valleys of the Kaak and Khanda rivers, westward of the Nansheng and Mandarin roads, after dislodging forces of Japanese cavalry and infantry. General Martynoff's detachment from Padii also drove back the Japanese advanced cavalry outposts. Linevitch also reported fighting near Shahotse May 18, but did not give results.

Predict a Long Conflict.

Tokio, May 24.—In a recent interview Count Okuma, former premier, and Count Kato, former minister of foreign affairs, expressed the opinion that there was nothing in the situation affording a possibility of intervention on the part of other powers, and that the present war will last a long time.

Capture Junk Load of Officers.

Tokio, May 24.—It is reported that a junk filled with Russian officers has been captured. It is presumed they were making a reconnaissance from Vladivostok.

COLLIDE IN MID OCEAN.

One of the Trans-Atlantic Racing Yacht Discovers Evidence of a Disaster.

Boston, May 24.—Captain Walker, of the schooner Atlantic, which was here today, states that Monday afternoon he passed close to the schooner yacht Thistle, one of the contestants in the trans-Atlantic race.

Robert E. Tod, owner of the Thistle, reported that on Friday last he passed a derelict brigantine and the spars of another large vessel nearby, indicating that a collision had occurred. Tod thought the second vessel had been sunk and the other one abandoned.

Averaging Eight Knots.

New York, May 24.—The American yacht Atlantic, one of the contestants in the trans-Atlantic race, was sighted late Saturday night 600 miles due east of Sandy Hook by the steamers Cedric, Minnetonka and Noonian. Marconi wireless messages were sent from all steamers to the Associated Press. To have reached the point at which she was sighted the Atlantic must have averaged more than eight knots an hour.

WAR STRIFE AT AN END

Presbyterian Churches, Which Split Over Slavery, Are Again Happily Consolidated.

Winnona Lake, Ind., May 24.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church has voted to unite with the Cumberland Presbyterians. The vote was unanimous and was the final action of the general assembly on one of the greatest questions which has come before it since the civil war and brings back into that organization the brethren which went out during the war because of differences over negro slavery. The committee on co-operation and union will ascertain what details must be worked out to consummate the union and report to the general assembly next year.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian church today voted to select a special committee to arrange for celebration during May, next year, of the two hundredth anniversary of the formation of the first Presbyterian church at Philadelphia.

The proposition to allow separate presbyteries within the boundaries of old presbyteries was adopted. This is to allow separate presbyteries for negroes and foreigners.

SIX REPORTED KILLED.

Disastrous Explosion Is Reported to Have Occurred Near Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus, O., May 24.—An explosion has occurred at Hocking Valley roundhouse. Six men are reported killed.

BUT NOT MAXIMO GOMEZ

Miguel Gomez Will Be Nominee for President.

Havana, May 24.—The national convention of the liberal party yesterday adopted a few additions to the platform, including a proposition for establishing the provisions covering the functions of cabinet officers. A secret session will be held to consider campaign plans. It is expected that a presidential candidate will be nominated tonight. General Maso has telegraphed to the eastern delegates not to present his name, and to support Jose Miguel Gomez. The only other candidate who is now being considered is Governor Nunez, of the province of Havana. Gomez's nomination appears to be certain, with Nunez or Senator Zayas as vice president.