

RUSSIAN LOSS 1,000

SUNDAY'S FIGHT AT MOTIEN PASS WAS SERIOUS.

It Shows a Powerful Japanese Army Only Awaits General Kuroki's Word to Advance on Liao Yang—More British Steamers Held Up at Sea.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—General Kourapatkin reports that Lieutenant General Keller lost over 1,000 men killed or wounded in the attack on Motien pass July 17.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—The Russian and Japanese forces, which are lined up expecting a clash, grappled in a serious fight Sunday morning, according to a report from General Kourapatkin. The report indicated that the Japanese misinterpreted the movement, and that instead of being an attempt to take Motien pass, it was a reconnaissance on a large scale.

General Count Keller's account of the fighting does not especially state the number of men engaged, though it shows that the Russian main advance consisted of eighteen battalions, with considerable reserves, three battalions of the latter being called up during the course of the battle, while still others were not utilized.

An important fact developed by the reconnaissance was the exact location of a powerful Japanese force secreted in the region between Fenshui and Motien passes. Its strength is indicated by the fact that twenty battalions were insufficient to permanently force the Japanese positions, though some of them were occupied temporarily. On the other hand it would appear from the report that the Japanese were either disinclined or unable to follow up Lieutenant General Keller when he retired to his former position at Uharuan.

The seriousness of the day's fighting is shown in General Keller's estimate that the Russian casualties were over 1,000.

The battle leaves the general situation unchanged, but shows that a powerful Japanese army is massed and is constantly threatening Liao Yang apparently only awaiting General Kuroki's signal to advance.

A correspondent at General Kuroki's headquarters says that the Japanese losses during the fighting at Motien pass on July 17 were trifling.

General Kourapatkin precedes his report of the repulse to Lieutenant General Keller's force with a lengthy statement of skirmishes by patrols which brings events up to July 18. He does not mention any important engagements, with the possible exception of the occupation of heights north of Yoalntsa by Cosacks, before a detachment of which the Japanese fell back.

British Vessels Are Detained.

London, July 19.—The Daily Mail's Aden correspondent says that the British steamers Woodcock and Dalmatia were held up by the Russians in the Red sea and detained for three hours. Its St. Petersburg correspondent says that two more steamers of the Russian volunteer fleet, now at Odessa, have received confidential orders to leave this week for the Red sea and to seize British vessels which are alleged to be carrying contraband of war.

London, July 20.—Once again the leading English newspapers editorialize in the gravest tones on the Russian seizure of British vessels. Even the conservative Standard declares that the nation looks to the foreign office to take more effective action than the ordinary conventions of diplomatic intercourse prescribe. "The case is not one for fastidious treatment. If nothing is done officially to relieve the painful strain, the irritation of this country may grow into stubborn resentment. We cannot, even for the sake of peace, sit down under a series of undignified provocation measures."

A similar warlike tone pervades almost every other paper. The Morning Post says Great Britain cannot tolerate the seizure of the steamship Malacca, "except by the abandonment of her self-respect as a great power."

Russians Blow Up a Fort.

Che Foo, July 20.—A junk with eight Russians and fifty Chinese on board arrived here, five days from Port Arthur. The Russians refused to talk, but the Chinese say that on July 11 and 12 the Japanese captured and occupied with 4,000 men one of the eastern forts near Port Arthur. Before reinforcements arrived the Russians cut off the 4,000 troops in the fort and exploded mines, which resulted in the killing of every Japanese soldier there. The Chinese also report that the night before they left Port Arthur a Russian torpedo boat sank a merchant ship, mistaking it for a Japanese transport. The steamer in question probably is the Hipsans.

Germany Makes a Protest.

Berlin, July 19.—The German government has taken a prompt and firm stand in regard to the seizure of the mails of the North German Lloyd steamer Prins Heinrich, which arrived at Aden July 16, from Hamburg, by Yokohama, by the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Smolensk, July 13, having entered a protest against the carrying off of the mails and asking for a disavowal of the Smolensk's action and the return of the captured mail sacks.

German Steamer Seized.

London, July 20.—The Suez correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The German steamer Sambia, it is stated, has been seized by the Russians and is expected here today."

MINERS GET A HEARING.

President Roosevelt Listens to Pleas of Colorado Unionists.

Oyster Bay, July 20.—President Roosevelt received the committee appointed last Sunday by the convention of the coal miners and the crafts of Wilkesbarre, Pa. The mission of the committee was to present personally to the president a petition reciting the conditions, which organized labor has been placed by the action of the authorities of Colorado, and requesting him to institute an investigation of the labor question in that state with a view of remedying the conditions existing. The committee, M. T. Burke of Carbondale, Pa.; Henry Herrold of Plymouth, Pa., and Frank E. McCafferty of Victor, Colo., are the members. They came to Oyster Bay last week, but were unable to obtain a personal interview with the president. The committee passed half an hour with Mr. Roosevelt. The petition, which was the expression of 225,000 men of the union labor organizations of Pennsylvania, was laid before the president. He read it carefully and informed the committee that he would be glad to do anything he could legally do to ameliorate the conditions existing in Colorado. He indicated that an investigation of the labor troubles in that state is now being made by agents of the department of commerce and labor. Thus far the situation had not been such as would warrant interference by the federal government. Following the presentation of the petition the president talked with his callers on subjects of mutual interest. The members of the committee express pleasure at the result of their visit and unite in saying that their interview was perfectly satisfactory to them and doubtless will be to the unions which they represent.

SUMMARY OF CROP CONDITIONS.

Corn Experiences a Week of Exceptionally Favorable Weather.

Washington, July 20.—The following is the summary of the weather bureau's weekly crop report: Corn has experienced a week of exceptionally favorable weather conditions and has made rapid growth generally in all districts. Very few unfavorable reports respecting this crop are received. In the Missouri valley corn has, however, suffered somewhat from lack of cultivation.

Better weather for harvesting winter wheat prevailed than in the preceding week, and this work has made generally satisfactory progress, although still delayed by moisture in portions of Kansas.

Harvesting is practically completed in Missouri and Nebraska. Comparatively few reports of sprouting in shock and of damage by mold are received this week.

As a whole both early and late spring wheat have advanced satisfactorily, the least favorable reports being received from northern Minnesota, where the crop on lowlands is thin and late. Some reports of injury by rust are received from Nebraska, and in portions of South Dakota the outlook is somewhat less favorable than previously indicated. Reports of injury to oats by rust continue from the lower Missouri valley, but this crop has advanced favorably, harvest being in general progress in the central valleys and middle Atlantic states, with satisfactory yields.

RUSH TO YANKTON CONTINUES.

Landseekers Register by Thousands.

Yankton, S. D., July 19.—The gigantic land rush at Yankton has developed into almost a stampede. Thirty-three thousand had registered up to the closing last night. The day's record was 5,055. The fever for land seems to have taken possession of thousands who heretofore had not thought of coming here to register. The crush in the city and on trains is simply indescribable. Railroad officials say they have more than they can possibly haul to Yankton. Lines of people were still two blocks long at the closing time. The Northwestern, in three sections, brought 3,000 people. Notaries work all night.

Four Men in Burning Tunnel.

Oreville, Cal., July 18.—Fire at the Bellevue mine, near La Porte, destroyed the mill, engine room and other buildings close to the mouth of the big tunnel. Four men were working in the tunnel when the fire broke out and fears are entertained for their safety, as the tunnel is strongly timbered and it is thought these timbers will catch fire from the huge fire now blazing. The men in the tunnel are L. Byrnes, Morgan T. Bean, D. McDonald and Bert Cumley.

Dozen Injured in Wreck.

Dallas, Tex., July 18.—A dozen people were badly injured in the derailment of the northbound Gulf passenger train nine miles south of here. Thomas Gray, baggage man, of Cleburne was pinned under the heavy safe and a trunk in the baggage car and suffered serious injuries. Among the others hurt were: Mrs. Birdie Fair, Dallas; Mrs. Lizzie Crockett, Rock Island, Tex.; J. M. Crockett, her son.

Elks Elect Officers.

Cincinnati, July 20.—The grand lodge of Elks elected the following officers: Grand exalted ruler, W. J. O'Brien of Baltimore; esteemed royal knight, F. O. Tomlinson of Winston, N. C.; grand esteemed lecturing knight, Charles W. Kaufman of Hoboken, N. J.; grand tier, W. W. McClellan of Pittsburg, Pa.; grand treasurer, J. K. Tener of Charleroi, Pa.; grand esteemed leading knight, R. J. Woods of Sioux Falls, S. D.

DEMOCRATS MEET IN NEW YORK.

Decide to Let National Committee Elect Its Own Chairman.

New York, July 19.—Leaders of the Democratic party conferred for more than two hours in the rooms of former Senator D. B. Hill at the Hoffman house 545 at the close of which a statement to the effect that the chairman of the national committee had not been discussed. Privately it was said the judgment of all present was that the interests of the party



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would be best conserved by leaving the committee absolutely free to elect its chairman. Judge Parker was said to favor this course. The conference resulted in an agreement to call a meeting of the national committee on July 26. The question of fixing the time and place for the notification of the candidates for president and vice president was left to the candidates themselves.

Present at the conference were the leaders who brought about the nomination of Judge Parker. There was also present Senator Victor J. Dowling of New York, who looked after the Tammany interests. Every one declared that harmony had been the watchword throughout. The conferees were former Senators Hill of New York, James Smith of New Jersey, Henry G. Davis of West Virginia, candidate for vice president; Edward Murphy of New York, Senator Gorman of Maryland, William F. Sheehan of New York, Cord Meyer of New York, John W. Kern of Indiana, Colonel James M. Guffey of Pennsylvania, Senator H. P. McCarren of Brooklyn, James M. Head of Tennessee, Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, Perry Belmont and August Belmont of New York, Thomas F. Ryan of Virginia, J. K. P. Hall of Pennsylvania and John R. McLean of Ohio.

Vladivostok Fleet Puts to Sea.

Tokio, July 20.—The armored cruisers Rossia, Rurik and Gromoboi of the Russian Vladivostok squadron passed through the Tsugaru strait into the Pacific ocean today.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, July 19.—A return to favorable weather conditions throughout the greater part of the country caused heavy liquidation of wheat today. At the close the September option was off 1/4c. Corn was up 1/4c. Oats showed a gain of 1/4c. Provisions were a trifle easier. Closing prices: Wheat—July, 90 3/4; Sept., 87 3/4; Dec., 85 1/4; May, 83 1/4. Corn—July, 49 3/4; Sept., 49 3/4; Dec., 48 1/4; May, 45 1/4. Oats—July, 39 3/4; Sept., 33c; Dec., 32 3/4; May, 35c. Pork—Sept., \$12.90; Oct., \$12.90. Lard—Sept., \$6.92 1/2; Oct., \$7.00. Ribs—Sept., \$7.87 1/2; Oct., \$7.62 1/2. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 spring wheat, 98c; No. 3 spring wheat, 97c; No. 2 hard wheat, 95 1/2c; No. 3 hard wheat, 95 1/2c; No. 2 cash corn, 49 1/2c; No. 3 cash corn, 49 1/4c; No. 2 yellow corn, 50 1/2c; No. 2 cash oats, 36 1/2c; No. 2 white oats, 44c.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, July 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,500; steady to 10c higher; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$5.20 to \$5.05; fair to good, \$4.75 to \$5.10; western fed steers, \$3.75 to \$4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$4.30; southern steers, \$3.25 to \$3.75; native cows, \$2.50 to \$4.25; native heifers, \$3.50 to \$4.50; bulls, \$3.00 to \$3.65; calves, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; slow to 10c lower; top, \$5.25; bulk of sales, \$3.00 to \$5.20; heavy, \$3.15 to \$5.20; packers, \$3.15 to \$5.20; pigs and light, \$3.10 to \$5.15. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; nominally steady; lambs, \$4.00 to \$6.00; fed ewes, \$3.25 to \$3.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, July 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,600; active to strong; native steers, \$4.00 to \$6.10; cows and heifers, \$3.00 to \$4.65; western steers, \$3.25 to \$4.75; range cows and heifers, \$2.25 to \$3.50; canners, \$1.75 to \$2.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.10; calves, \$2.50 to \$2.75; bulls, steers, etc., \$2.25 to \$3.25. Hogs—Receipts, 1,800; strong to 5c higher; heavy, \$3.25 to \$3.35; mixed, \$3.20 to \$3.30; light, \$3.15 to \$3.20; pigs, \$4.50 to \$5.00; bulk of sales, \$3.15 to \$3.70. Sheep—Steady; western yearlings, \$3.75 to \$4.25; wethers, \$3.50 to \$4.25; ewes, \$3.00 to \$3.75; common and stockers, \$2.25 to \$3.50; lambs, \$4.75 to \$6.00.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, July 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000; steady; good to prime steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; poor to medium, \$2.50 to \$3.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 to \$4.50; calves, \$2.50 to \$3.75; Texas fed steers, \$3.00 to \$4.00. Hogs—Receipts, 4,000; tomorrow, 10,000; 10c to 15c higher; mixed and butchers, \$3.25 to \$4.00; good to choice heavy, \$5.00 to \$5.50; rough heavy, \$3.00 to \$4.00; light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; bulk of sales, \$3.40 to \$3.75. Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; slow; lambs steady; good to choice wethers, \$4.00 to \$4.60; fair to choice mixed, \$2.25 to \$4.00; native lambs, \$4.00 to \$5.25; western sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.15; western lambs, \$4.00 to \$5.75.

Omaha Grain Market.

Omaha, July 19.—Closing prices on the Omaha Grain exchange: Wheat—July, 92 1/4; Sept., 82 1/4; Dec., 80 1/4; Oats—Sept., 31 1/4; Dec., 30 1/4.

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