

ARE DRIVING THEM OUT

VICTORY ATTENDING THE JAPANESE ADVANCE.

Russians Resist Desperately, But Unable to Resist Superior Force of Defense of Port Arthur Taken.

TOKYO.—General Kuroki has administered a severe defeat to the Russian forces which defended the Russian east flank at Liao Yang, winning separate actions at Yushiku and Yangso pass. These two places are twenty-six miles apart, but the two attacks were fought at the same time. The Russians held strong positions. The thermometer registered over 110 degrees Fahrenheit and the soldiers suffered cruelly from heat exhaustion.

At Yushiku the Russians had two divisions of infantry and some artillery and they resisted the Japanese assaults vigorously.

Both attacks were begun at dawn on Sunday, July 31. At Yushiku the Japanese carried the Russian left wings, but on account of the strength of the Russian position they were unable to press the attack. The two armies rested Sunday night facing each other.

Stock Yards Gossip.

OMAHA, Neb.—The strike at the packing houses of Chicago, Kansas City, South Omaha and other points shows no sign of a discontinuance. However, the packers claim that they are in better shape than they were a week ago and that they are now able to handle without serious delay the moderate amount of stock which is arriving.

The packing houses are not in a position to prepare all the stock which normal receipts would bring to them, but each day a few more men are added to the number employed and they are gradually getting back to their normal capacity.

While the strike has extended to the skilled trades employed at the packing houses, enough experienced butchers are arriving from country points to take the places of the strikers, so that it will be but a short time before the plants at South Omaha, at least, can be run at normal capacity.

Fill Their Places.

CHICAGO.—With increased forces of skilled workers and their operating department more thoroughly equipped than at any time since the beginning of the strike, the employers took a firm grip on the machinery of their affairs, and as a result the stock yards took on the old hum of activity to a great extent. Over 75,000 head of live stock was received here. This is an increase of 50,000 head over the receipts on a corresponding day last week. Such an amount of live stock would under normal conditions have had a depressing effect on the market, and when the train loads of animals began to pour into the yards stockmen and traders feared a panic but it did not occur.

Bad as the Slocum.

NEW YORK.—An inspector who made a partial examination of the excursion steamer Grand Republic told the federal commission which is investigating the General Slocum disaster that the life-saving and fire-fighting apparatus on the Grand Republic is practically worthless. This steamer is a sister ship to the General Slocum, which was burned in East river several weeks ago at a loss of nearly a thousand lives. She is owned by the Knickerbocker Steamship company, which also owned the Slocum.

Divorced Man a Suicide.

M'COOK, Neb.—Sheriff Crabtree, County Attorney Eldred and Coroner Harlan of this city were summoned to Danbury, this county, by a telegram announcing the death by suicide of Henry Snyder, a butcher who was divorced from his wife at the last term of district court in this county. Snyder blew the top of his head off with a shotgun and was found dead in his bed in a room in the rear of his meat market.

Speculators Expelled.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Five cattle speculators at the Kansas City stock yards were expelled from the Kansas City traders' exchange at a meeting of that organization. They were charged with "unbusinesslike conduct" in conspiring with three former weighmasters of the stock yards company for the purpose of defrauding country live stock buyers and commission men.

Bandits Have Escaped.

PORTAGE, Pa.—The search for the highwayman who held up and probably fatally shot Paymaster Campbell and killed his driver, Hayes, seems to be almost hopeless as far as this place is concerned. All night and day a posse of men between 500 and 600, surrounded Cedar swamp, where the fugitives are supposed to be. However, many of the guard have returned and say the belief is that the Italians have escaped.

GREAT FIGHT ON

DECISIVE ENGAGEMENT OF WAR DECLARED RAGING

ST. PETERSBURG EXCITED

GETS NEWS OF FIERCE BATTLE ON BOTH SIDES.

Simultaneous Advance Ordered by General Kuroki—Russians Dumbfounded at Strength shown by Enemy.

LONDON.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokio says there is reason to believe that after two days' fighting the Japanese occupied Simoucheng, thus cutting off General Stackenberg from General Kuropatkin.

ST. PETERSBURG.—At last the decisive battle of the campaign seems to be in progress. Having completed his enveloping movement of the Russian position, General Kuroki has ordered simultaneously an advance from all points against Hai Cheng and Liao Yang. Fighting is raging on both fronts, and still continues. The latest reports contain nothing yet confirmatory of the rumors that General Kuropatkin has been defeated. According to Kuropatkin's official dispatch to the emperor, the battle began for the possession of the important position at Sioncheng, which is located at the juncture of the Feng Wang Cheng and Sluyen roads. Two separate armies were launched from the east above the two roads, while a third under General Oku, moved up east of the railroad from Ta Tehe Kiao to try to cut off the Russian force there from Hai Cheng.

If the latter move is successful this force will be crushed. A portion of General Kuroki's army at the same time advanced against General Keller's position at Dkhavnen, east of Liao Yang, trying the favorite Japanese plan of outflanking him on the right. Still further north, on the Saluways-Liao Yang road, the Japanese moved forward against Houtslate, twenty-five miles from Liao Yang. At all points the Japanese employed artillery to the best advantage.

General Kuropatkin's situation will be desperate in the event of his defeat. The keenest anxiety is felt at the war office for news of the progress of the battle.

The general staff seems utterly dumbfounded at the number of men the Japanese possess, and consequently Kuropatkin's statement that they are landing another heavy force at the port of New Chwang adds to the solicitude.

Defies the Crowd.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb.—The town was thrown into the wildest excitement over the report that Jack Carr, a carpenter, had shot and killed Chris Hartland, a hostler at the Atlantic house. It seems that Hartman was drawing water when Carr came up and shot him four times without any provocation or even giving him warning. Carr boarded at the hotel, but the men had never had any trouble.

After shooting Hartman Carr went up to his room in the hotel and locked the door. The police came and went upstairs and as soon as they tried the door Carr began shooting. He shot Chief of Police Schoonover in the right hand and the officer had to retire for help, but Officer John Ingram stayed and when the murderer showed his head out of the door Ingram began shooting at him. While the murderer was using a shot gun the officer had nothing but his pistol.

Carr was taken to the sheriff's office where he lies. It is thought, mortally wounded. His victim, Hartman, died in less than twenty minutes after he was shot. It is not thought that Carr can live. Carr is said to be a user of cocaine, and has been acting strangely for some time. His victim is a German, fifty five years of age and inoffensive. There are threats of lynching if Carr should survive.

Bandits Cornered in a Swamp.

PORTAGE, Pa.—Pursued by 800 men, the three men who murdered Charles Hayes, driver, and perhaps fatally wounded Patrick F. Campbell, paymaster for the Puritan Coal company, about a mile south of this place, are in hiding in Cedar swamp.

Small Tornado in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY.—A small tornado and heavy rains prevailed in portions of Kansas and Oklahoma. Ten miles north of Norton, Kas., a tornado wrecked several farm buildings near the Nebraska line, and killed a number of head of live stock. No person was hurt. Near Salina, and Wellington, Kas., and Alva, Okla., a heavy rain amounting to nearly two inches fell and probably will benefit crops.

ARMY IN DANGER

FORCES OF GENERAL KUROPATKIN IN GRAVE PERIL

MUST FIGHT OR GO NORTH

JAPANESE CAN RESETE HIM AT ALMOST ANY TURN.

Trustworthy Chinese Merchant Proclaims Port Arthur Nearly Surrounded and the Siege Unceasing.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Although public attention has been distracted from the events of the war during the past week, first, because of the fear of international complications and second, because of the assassination of Minister of the Interior von Plehve, the situation at the front is regarded as critical.

The enveloping movement of the Japanese armies of Kuroki and Oku around General Kuropatkin's position appears to be almost complete and the extended line of the Japanese seem to be the only drawback to concerted action. It is realized here that the Russian General must now either fight or withdraw the whole army northward. He is being closely pressed at Hai Cheng. At the present General Kuroki's northern column makes it extremely dangerous to remain there, because while holding the position to give battle against the Japanese whose advance is notoriously slow and careful, General Kuroki might push through and cut him.

LONDON.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at New Chwang in a dispatch dated July 31 says that there has been heavy fighting for two days in the marshes south of Hai Cheng during the gradual retreat from Ta Tehe Kiao of 5,000 Russians forming the rear guard and that the peril of this force increases daily.

CHE FOO.—A Japanese merchant has received word from a Chinese whom he trusts to the effect that Japanese have occupied every position surrounding the beleaguered fortress of Port Arthur with the exception of Golden Hill. The Chinese stated that both sides suffered tremendous loss in the operations necessary to bring about this state of affairs. The members of the Russian intelligence bureau here, while denying the report that Port Arthur has been captured, are inclined to believe the reports true to the extent that the Japanese have made great progress in their approaches toward the besieged fortress. The body of Russian refugees expected here today have not as yet arrived.

Fatal Affray at St. Louis.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—While Deputy Sheriff Louis Bourke was making an arrest William Laughlin, who is said to be a strike sympathizer, thinking that Bourke was arresting a striker interfered, and Bourke drew a revolver and shot McLaughlin, killing him instantly.

A short time later, two unidentified negroes, said to be employed by the packing houses to take the place of strikers, became involved in a quarrel with Otto Swartz and Bud McCandless, striking employes of Swift & Co. One of the negroes fired several shots and the white men were badly wounded in the legs. A posse of deputy sheriffs is searching for the negroes.

There is no change in the strike situation either in this city or East St. Louis. The packers still say they are killing with added numbers of strikers returning to work, while the men who are out declare their number has not been depleted by desertions.

Martial Law at Bonesteel.

BONESTEEL, S. D.—Troops have been requested by Sheriff Taylor and Governor Herreid but agreed to send them. From August 8 until September 10 the filing period, this town will be under martial law. The militia will arrive next week and be on hand when the filing begins. The guards are considered necessary to protect \$300,000 which will be brought to town each day. Sheriff Taylor formally takes charge here. It has been planned to meet every train during the filing period with soldiers. Every passenger will be stopped at the town gates and made to prove that his business is legitimate.

To Stop the Deportations.

DENVER, Col.—Attorneys H. N. Hawkins and John H. Murphy, counsel for the western federation of miners, are dividing ways and means to enable the deported Cripple Creek miners to return to their homes. Papers are being drawn and application will be made to some court, for an injunction restraining the citizen's alliance and mine-owners from interfering with any deportees who return to the Cripple Creek district.

DEAD MAN IS MOURNED

CZAR PRESENT IN PERSON AND VISIBLY AFFECTED.

Assassin Removed From Hospital to Prison Cell—Appointment of a Successor This Week Probably.

ST. PETERSBURG.—M. von Plehve, the minister of the interior assassinated Thursday morning July 28, was buried the 31st and in every city of this vast empire church bells were tolled and masses and prayers said for the repose of the soul of the murdered minister.

The services here, which were according to the rites of the orthodox church, were of an impressive and imposing character. At 11 o'clock high mass was said in the stately chapel adjoining the ministry of the interior. Emperor Nicholas and the dowager empress stood with the broken hearted widow and the children of the minister at the foot of a great mound of flowers on which rested the casket. To the right, on gold embroidered cushions, before a mass of wreaths banked to the ceiling were ranged the decorations which had been won by the statesman during his notable career. To the left were the metropolitan of St. Petersburg and the officiating bishops and priests in their gold-embroidered vestments. A screen of flowers concealed the famous imperial boys' choir.

Heavy Floods in the West.

KINGMAN, Ariz.—Heavy rains in the mountains east of Truxton sent down a wall of water thirty feet high through the canyon, washing out the Santa Fe railroad tracks, embankments, bridges, telegraph poles and everything movable for a distance of twelve miles. Great steel bridges were taken from their foundations and piled up against the walls of the canyon. Massive stone abutments were crumbled and carried away.

RENO, Nev.—A wave of water averaging five feet in depth swept over Douglas and Silver Peak, near Snodaville, Nevada, due to a cloudburst. On account of interrupted communication it can not be learned whether any lives were lost in the flood, though it is known that a school house, three or four residences and a number of barns and smaller buildings have been swept away. The people of Snodaville are now preparing to flee to higher ground, having been warned that the immense body of water is headed toward that town.

Held Up on the Highway.

PORTAGE, Pa.—Charles Hayes, a driver employed by the Puritan Coal company, was shot and killed and Patrick Campbell, the company's paymaster, was fatally wounded by three men, who escaped after taking a satchel containing \$3,000 with which it was intended to pay the coal company's employes at Puritan.

The two men were passing in a buggy when the robbers, armed with shotguns, emerged from the woods near the road and fired at them. Armed posses are seeking the robbers and threatening to lynch them if captured.

Campbell said he thought their assailants were Italians. They began to use their shotguns, he said, before he and Hayes, who were both armed could get out their revolvers.

Paves Way to Violations.

WASHINGTON.—The comptroller of the treasury is disposed to put a stop to open market purchases by government officials, except when they clearly come within the letter of the law. In disposing of the accounts of Pay Director Thompson, in charge of the Portsmouth, N. H., pay office for the fiscal year 1903, in which open market purchases amounting to several hundred thousand dollars are shown, the comptroller says:

"The purpose of advertising is to invite competition by notifying those who have the desired articles for sale on the terms and conditions upon which the government will purchase. Experience has taught us that purchases should be made in no other time and circumstances admit of this method, but when this precaution is generally neglected by a department fraud and scandal almost always follow as a matter of course."

Collision Causes Death.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—The White Mountain express from New York bound north over the New York, New Haven & Hartford, ran into a freight train at Cedar Hill station. Engineer McIntosh Sellowolf of the express was killed. The fireman was very badly hurt, and the baggage master on the train was slightly injured. No passenger, it is said, was injured.

SPREAD RUMORS OF FALL

PORT ARTHUR REPORTED TAKEN BY JAPANESE

Nothing at London Up to Midnight to Prove It True—Heavy Fighting Known, However, By Land and On the Sea.

SHANGHAI.—A telegram received here from Wei Hai Wei confirms other telegrams received here from Che Foo to the effect that Port Arthur has been captured. The Wei Hai Wei telegram says also that the British fleet, which has been cruising, will return there tomorrow.

At Wei Hai Wei there is a British wireless telegraph station, and the British warships are equipped with this means of communication. It is possible that Wei Hai Wei has been in wireless communication with the fleet and that the information of the fall of Port Arthur was received in this manner.

LONDON.—A dispatch to Reuter's telegram company from Wei Hai Wei dated Friday says:

"It is supposed here that Port Arthur has been recaptured, as the British fleet is returning here Saturday."

Presumably this report is from the same source as the dispatch from Shanghai, reporting a Wei Hai Wei rumor that Port Arthur has fallen. The only basis for the report known here is that when Russia no longer occupies Port Arthur, the British by the treaty, will evacuate Wei Hai Wei to remove the stores, etc. from that place.

The British China sea squadron left Wei Hai Wei July 8 so as not to be too near the scene of hostilities, owing to the fear that its presence near the gulf of Chuli might be interpreted as giving moral support to the Japanese. On July 18 the fleet was cruising in Yung Cheng bay, sixty-three miles southeast of Che Foo. Yung Cheng bay is about thirty miles southwest of Wei Hai Wei.

Helps Them to Get Away.

EL PASO, Texas.—Three Mexican prisoners charged with murdering and robbing American prospectors in Senora have escaped at Agua Pretta, a border town in Senora opposite Douglas, Arizona. It is said a woman liberated them after giving the guards liquor with which they became intoxicated.

Van Shaick is Indicted.

NEW YORK.—Captain Van Schaick and Federal Steamboat Inspector Fleming and Former Inspector Lundberg were indicted by the federal grand jury in connection with the disaster to the General Slocum on June 15 last when nearly one thousand lives were lost. Van Schaick was the commander of the general Slocum.

United States District Attorney Burnett said that indictments also were reported against President Barbay, Secretary Atkinson and Treasurer Dexter of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company and Capt. John Pease the commodore of the company's fleet.

Deported a Second Time.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Col.—Patrick McCarvel, one of the men who were deported over the Kansas line by the military early in June, returned to Victor, where he owns property, including a small hall and a business block valued at \$25,000. When McCarvel stepped from the train he was taken in charge by Maj. H. A. Naylor, acting city marshal.

McCarvel was allowed to attend to some business affairs, when he was placed on board the first outgoing train, with a warning that in future police protection would not be afforded him should he again return.

Sheriff Power In Control.

OMAHA, Neb.—Sheriff Power swore in fifty-two deputies and went to South Omaha, where he took charge of the strike situation, relieving the South Omaha police of that duty. The sheriff, however, is working in connection with the police officials, and the deputies were assigned to different parts of the stock yards by Chief Briggs, who placed them at advantageous places.

The first action of Sheriff Power was to cause the arrest of thirty-two men brought here from Colorado to act as special officers. They were as vagrants and the authorities say they will be forced to return to Colorado.

Riot at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A riot occurred in front of the Fowler packing plant when a mob of five hundred strikers attacked a gang of non-union men who were leaving the plant. Stones were thrown and two of the strikebreakers were injured. John Richardson, was most severely hurt, sustaining a scalp wound and bruises. He was carried inside and attended by a surgeon. A negro was struck by a stone and severely injured.

NEBRASKA NOTES

Owing to the continuous rains the Salem Chatauqua has been called off. It was to have been held from July 23 to 31 inclusive.

Edward J. Ryan, who had been telegraph operator at the B. & M. round house for a long time, died at the city hospital in Lincoln after an illness of only twelve hours.

G. R. Stroble was examined by the commissioners of insanity at Fairbury and sent to the hospital for the insane at Lincoln. His unfortunate condition is said to be attributed to worry.

The southbound Union Pacific train due at Beatrice at 9:10 p. m. was delayed several hours one day last week by the engine tender leaving the tracks between Cortland and Pickering.

The 3-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zeel of Papillion had her hand badly burned and bruised and all the flesh torn from the middle finger by catching hold of a moving rope which was attached to a bay loader.

During a hard storm the barn of George L. Coon, three miles west of Falls City was struck by lightning. One horse was killed and considerable damage was done to the building. Mr. Coon was near the barn at the time and received a shock, but no permanent injury.

The will of the late Alexander McIntyre of Palmyra was admitted to probate in the county court at Nebraska City. The estate is valued at over \$20,000. He bequeaths to Bellevue college, Bellevue, Neb., \$2,000. The remainder of the estate is left to his wife, brother and sisters. Joseph W. Scott is named in the will as executor.

A well attended temperance meeting was held at the Brethren church at Falls City. Those present were highly entertained and instructed by talks by W. H. Maddox, who has just returned from the national convention at Indianapolis; Rev. Seligman and Mrs. Sargent. The temperance cause is growing in this city and considerable good work is being done.

Saturday, August 6, will be a gala day at Firth. The M. W. A. camp No. 2966 is to hold a big log rolling and picnic. Good speakers will be on hand. The Panama band will furnish music for the occasion and Prof. Seidler's orchestra the music for the dance both afternoon and evening. Prof. Sexton will give a balloon ascension and parachute leap. There will be games, sports and amusements of all kinds.

Otto Mutz, son of A. G. Mutz, a nurseryman, of Auburn had a narrow escape from being run over by the cars at the Missouri Pacific depot. Young Mutz drove in between two tracks to unload some peaches and while there his team became frightened at an engine that was switching on the other track. Mutz tried to control them but could not so he started to drive across the track, but before he got across the train struck his wagon and completely demolished it. Muts escaped by jumping. The team was not hurt.

The Bartling Grain company's elevator at Paul, seven miles south of Nebraska City, burned to the ground. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have started in the boiler room. The interior of the elevator was a mass of flames when the fire was discovered, and as the village has no fire apparatus the building burned to the ground in a short time. The building and its contents are a total loss, which will amount to about \$1,000, and is fully covered by insurance. President Bartling of the grain company says the elevator will be rebuilt as soon as possible and the work of clearing away the debris will begin at once.

Henry Keller, living a few miles east of Wahoo, met with quite a serious accident while he was hauling sand from the pit to his farm. He had hauled one load and had returned for another, and while shovelling in a pit the bank caved in, covering him with about two and a half feet of sand. Mr. J. S. Ault, owner of the sand pit, saw the accident and went to his assistance. It took him some time to dig him out but when he was taken out he was found to be in a critical condition. He was taken to a doctor and it was found that two ribs had been broken and that he had very nearly suffocated. It is thought that he will recover.

The fair for Seward county this year will be held during the last week in September. A large barn is to be built on the grounds and other improvements are on the program. The association is out of debt and has about \$1,000 in the treasury. The farmers this year are taking more interest in the enterprise than heretofore. The business men of the town have also placed their shoulders to the wheel to make the meeting a hummer.