

CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN

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BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA

Russia is now counting her chickens that were lost in the Tibetan coup.

A man who will put iron in a cork life preserver would swap the horn at a camp meeting.

Third Secretary Gurney now perceives that his idea of his own importance was an overestimate.

Philadelphia's fad is the cocktail on wheels. The cocktail on skates would accord better with eternal fitness.

Another Mullah is reported to be loose in Somaliland. But don't be deceived. Insist on having the original Mad.

Up in Vermont the rattlesnakes are milking the cows. Either that or the Chefoo Bar has established a branch office there.

The St. Petersburg Novosti declares that international law is a polite myth. Um-m-m, well, let's be glad it's polite, anyhow.

It's a cinch that the corset manufacturers will put on a straight front when it comes to a question of their staying qualities.

The death of Lefcadio Hearn is a distinct loss to literature. His talent was exceptional—perhaps it is not too much to say unique.

It is some indication of New York's enormous thirst that she contemplates the expenditure of \$90,000,000 for a new water supply.

John L. Sullivan has again signed the pledge. John L. could save a great deal of valuable time by using a rubber stamp in his business.

A contemporary philosopher observes that you can't make your way in this world by kicking. Perhaps he never saw a football game.

Look out for bioscope pictures of Vesuvius in action pretty soon now. No doubt dozens of men in this country are already busy on them.

The Hague conference might take note of the fact that 95,000 accidents, fatal and otherwise, occurred on railroads in this country last year.

Signs of the times: When she is carrying the package they are married. When he is carrying one she is thinking about getting a divorce.

Poverty, according to J. G. Phelps Stokes of college settlement experience in New York, will one day cease to exist. So also in that day will riches.

It is a more hopeful and not more hazardous enterprise for the duke of Orleans to try to reach the north pole than to attempt to set up the throne of his fathers.

Evidently the Cleveland judge who holds that a man with a nagging wife has a right to get drunk is of that school of philosophers who believe that what is right.

President Elliot of Harvard says the true gentleman will be deferential to age, beauty and all worthy things. He probably classes the homely girls as one of the worthy things.

Marconi has been held up by a policeman for violating the speed law in running his automobile, and was unable to pull any wires to save him self from going to the station.

The man who writes to a New York paper declaring that housework is all the exercise that women need to make them beautiful, strong and healthy simply signs his letter "Crank."

There is a race horse that has been given the name of Togo. As soon as the Togo 5-cent cigar appears the admiral may retire, knowing that he has reached the limit of earthly glory.

A heretofore esteemed contemporary makes a great display of the announcement that Chauncey Depew has cracked a new joke. Nothing could be baser or crueler than this.

France is about to have another crisis. Nobody seems to know what it is going to be, but it is bound to come. The people have stood the present calm about as long as possible.

It is a sad fact that thousands of substantial American citizens are less interested in the announcement that Mr. Jeffries is going off the stage than in the news that Mr. Jeffries is going on.

James A. Garland, millionaire, of New York, who has just remarried his divorced wife, tried George Meredith's scheme, but found it didn't work. He discovered he couldn't get any substitute for the woman he loved.

The statement that 150 Chicago teachers are suffering from overstudy is respectfully referred for cogitation to that western university professor who said the other day that school teachers ought not to have such long vacations.

PEACE PROSPECTS

NONE IN SIGHT SO FAR AS CONCERNS RUSSIA.

WAR UNTIL VICTORY COMES

"Peace at any Price" Men are Few and Far Between—Attempt at Mediation Would Be Regarded as an Unfriendly Act.

ST. PETERSBURG—The Novoye Vremya, deprecating the renewed talk of foreign intervention in the Russo-Japanese war, says:

Such talk, if based upon the fact that now and again the voicing of an urgent desire for peace is heard in Russia, must reflect the marvelous ignorance of or indifference on the part of foreigners to Russia's true internal condition. The fact that in Russia, as in other countries, there are several parties; two of these want peace—the extreme reactionaries, because they constitute what is known in the United States during the Spanish-American war, and in England during the Boer war, as "peace at any price" men, and the ultra radicals, because they are in favor of a humiliating peace which would weaken the present government. But these parties are insignificant beside the great bodies of moderate progressives, who wish to see Russia's interior economical capabilities developed to their fullest extent and who realize that only through a decisive Russian victory in the east can the wound be healed, not plastered. Russia has the opportunity for interior development on which their heart is set.

The Russian authorities have been unofficially assured that the report that the United States contemplated tendering its good offices in the interest of the restoration of peace in the far east is untrue. The assurance was received with satisfaction, although the report had not been given credence in government circles.

COLOGNE—In the course of a long article discussing the subject of mediation between Russia and Japan, the Cologne Gazette, which is regarded as the organ of the German foreign office, says that even in its most modified form a proposal in the direction indicated would be regarded as an unfriendly act, and that the state undertaking it would incur grave ill will thereby.

"The statement that Germany is sympathetically inclined toward a peace congress and would take a step in that direction in conjunction with America," the Gazette adds, "is absolutely false, and it is equally false to say that Germany has concluded or is considering any agreement with Russia incompatible with Germany's neutrality."

JAPANESE PORT ARTHUR LOSS

Camp Follower Says 50,888 of Mikado's Men Are Slain.

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 Dalny, 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 accoutrements and clothing. The result was that the Russian machine guns mowed them down. He also asserts that there is some talk among the officers and men that leads to the belief that the Japanese mean to try to carry the inner forts this month."

JAP LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS.



McCormick Comes Home. NEW YORK—Robert S. McCormick, American Ambassador to Russia, arrived Thursday on the steamer Deutschland. Ambassador McCormick came home on a leave of absence to attend to urgent private business. He will remain in this country about one month.

Four Years in Mexican Jail. DENVER, Colo.—Police Captain Frank Lee received information that his brother, Timothy J. Lee, the American locomotive engineer who has been held in prison at Zacatecas, Mexico, since May 1 last, has been found guilty of responsibility for the wrecking of a train which he was milking and has been sentenced to hard labor in the salt mines for four years. United States Senator Patterson will continue his efforts to have the state department at Washington intercede in the man's behalf.

CAPTURE LONE TREE HILL.

Japs Driven From a Point of Great Advantage.

ST. PETERSBURG—Despite the feeling of bitter disappointment over the failure of the Russian offensive and the complete miscarriage of General Kuropatkin's plans, the battle continues and his defeat does not appear to be so crushing and disastrous as the Tokio telegrams led the Russian public to suppose.

While the tales of death and slaughter have plunged the nation into grief, and the exact situation of Kuropatkin's army, especially the left, is not clear, but probably must be regarded as critical, it is evident that the wild stories of a rout and of the cutting off of a whole corps, etc., are baseless. Kuropatkin is still doggedly trying to stem the tide and there is nothing but admiration for the heroic figure of the Russian commander personally directing the fight to save his battered legions.

Indeed, the latest official dispatches almost revive the hope that he does not consider the battle to be irretrievably lost, as he has personally launched attack after attack against the strong Japanese position on Lone Tree hill, south of Shakhe, at last carrying it by storm and obtaining some revenge for the loss of the Third artillery brigade, by capturing eleven field pieces and one machine gun.

But whether this offensiveness of Kuropatkin was forced in order to extricate his flanks is not revealed, the war office affirming that it is unable to communicate precise information regarding what is occurring on the left. Everything proves that not since the time of the ancients, and certainly not within a hundred years, has the world witnessed such desperate fighting. The slaughter doubtless is appalling, but the war office contends that the Tokio reports are exaggerated.

THOUGHTS OF INTERVENTION.

Time May Be Approaching for Action on Part of Neutral Powers.

WASHINGTON—The war in the east has enlisted the closest attention of the administration and it is felt that the time is approaching when it will be in order for the great neutral powers to move toward the restoration of peace.

President Roosevelt has from the first stood ready to use his good offices to stop hostilities on a basis honorable to both belligerents, but he is estopped from moving by the fact that it has been the unbroken rule of our government to wait until it is assured that both sides to a controversy of this kind are willing that we should act. There has so far been no open proposition, nor can it be truthfully stated that even an indirect overture has come to Washington from St. Petersburg or Tokio, but it is believed that the signs point to an early move in that direction.

Russian Dead More Than 10,000.

WASHINGTON—The Japanese legation has received the following advices from Tokio, under date of October 16: "Marshal Oyama reports that the number of Russians found dead on the field in front of our right army on the 15th amounted to 4,500, beside many more yet unaccounted for and hundreds of men prisoners. The estimated total Russian loss in this quarter alone exceeds 20,000. The Russian losses in front of our center and left armies are being investigated.

"The number of Russian corpses buried by us previously, amounting to 2,000, refers to the quarter of our left army alone.

"Oyama further reports that he estimates the number of Russian corpses left on the field in front of our center army at 2,500.

"The total number of Russian corpses so far ascertained reach 8,550.

"The above does not include the result of the fierce engagement with our left army and many more yet undiscovered in all quarters."

AVAILABLE SUPPLY OF GRAIN

Increase in Wheat and Oats and Decrease in Corn.

NEW YORK—Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies as compared with last account:

Wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 6,157,000 bushels; float for and in Europe, increase, 1,200,000 bushels. Total supply, increase, 7,457,000 bushels.

Corn United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 855,000 bushels.

The leading increases reported this week are, 1,600,000 bushels at the northwestern interior elevators, 1,192,000 bushels in Manitoba; 200,000 bushels at the Chicago private elevators; 237,000 bushels at the Milwaukee private elevators and 54,000 bushels at Cleveland.

Debs Makes Address at Chicago.

CHICAGO—The greatest effort of the socialist party during the present political campaign was made at the Auditorium Monday night. Eugene V. Debs and Benjamin Hanford, the socialist candidates for president and vice president, delivered addresses that were received with great enthusiasm by an audience that filled the hall. An admission fee was charged, but this had no power to keep down the attendance, as several hundred men applied for admission after all the seats had been sold.

A LULL IN FIGHT

HOSTILITIES CEASE ON ACCOUNT OF RAIN.

SEEMS LIKE RUSSIAN DEFEAT

New Disposition is Being Made of Forces on Both Sides and Hostilities Will Soon Be Resumed—Both Armies Have a Chance to Breathe.

ST. PETERSBURG—For the moment heavy rains and impassable roads have compelled a suspension of operations in Manchuria. There was practically no fighting Wednesday.

There is evidence of a new disposition of the forces on both sides. General Kuropatkin is extending his right, 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 the 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.

Velled 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 tonight 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 line of the Hun river.

The enforced cessation of operations by the bad weather, if the Japanese offensive had really exhausted itself, gives both armies a chance to breathe and pull themselves together and would seem to ensure as much benefit to one side as to the other, for practical purposes. When operations recommence they will assume an entirely new phase, with new dispositions and objectives. Practically last week's battle has ended and it goes into history as a Russian defeat. When operations are resumed a new battle will begin.

The Japanese advance is ten miles south of Mukden. The Russians have built heavy defenses two miles south of the Hun river, where they are expected to make a stand. There are no natural defenses at that point.

The Japanese report that the battle has been the most severe yet fought on the plains, the Russian forces consisting of the First army corps and the Fifth and Sixth Siberian corps. The only defenses were infantry trenches which were hastily made.

Maps captured by the Japanese show that the Russians had arranged for a series of retreats, and these maps indicated where stands were to be made. This accounts for the slowness of the advance of the Japanese and their failure to cut off the Russian retreat, which was conducted with great skill. Ravines and gullies met with by the Japanese obstructed the advance.

THEY CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT.

Londoners Don't Understand Kuropatkin's Tactics.

LONDON—English newspapers and military critics find it difficult to appraise the exact strategic significance attaching to General Kuropatkin's action on the Shakhe river. It is supposed that his success here was due to having kept three divisions of troops in reserve, and it is admitted that the attack on Lone Tree hill may have been an intentional counter stroke after drawing out the Japanese from strong positions. The balance of opinion however, favors the idea that it was a desperate endeavor to cover the retreat of his forces from the Bensch district and that the battle of Shakhe may be considered to have ended in a victory, but not a decisive one, for the Japanese, who were too exhausted to follow up their success.

Special dispatches from St. Petersburg make mention of a crushing defeat of two Japanese divisions. There is no confirmation, however, in any reliable quarter of such a report. According to the Standard's correspondent with General Kuropatkin, who telegraphs under date of October 18, a Russian battalion which crossed the Taitse river has been almost annihilated. While retiring over a pontoon bridge, the correspondent says, the battalion was overtaken by a regiment of Japanese cavalry, which got its machine guns into position and swept the bridge from end to end.

Baltic Fleet Will Divide.

ST. PETERSBURG—The Baltic fleet will divide, part of it going by way of the Suez canal and the remainder round the Cape of Good Hope. Captain Jakovloff, formerly of the battleship Petropavlovsk, who is now here, explains that the delays in getting the warships through the canal make a division of the fleet advisable, the cape route being only a fortnight longer, with coaling at sea instead of in port. He believes the voyage to the far east will be made in ninety days and possibly sooner.

TIDE IS TURNING

News More Reassuring From a Russian Standpoint.

ST. PETERSBURG—The news from the front Monday night was more reassuring from a Russian standpoint. The situation is still regarded as being critical, but General Kuropatkin is apparently holding the Japanese firmly on his center and right wing, even having recrossed the Shakhe river, and while there are rumors of an extensive Japanese flanking movement, both on the east and on the west, there is no evidence that they are actually occurring.

General Kuropatkin's left wing has been heard from. The Associated Press has the first connected account of the four days' fight in front of Tumin and Saichoun passes, resulting in the final withdrawal of the strong Russian column which had been sent to turn the Japanese right, though General Mistechenko seems to have penetrated a considerable distance inside the Japanese side.

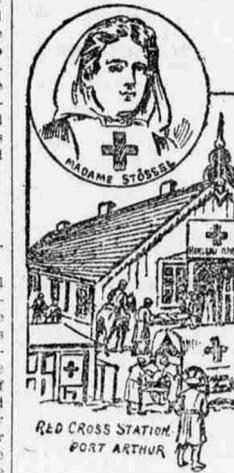
The report of the operations of the Russian left wing is still three days old and since that time no news has been received from this column. The situation at this date may be described as follows:

"General Kuropatkin has slightly advanced his center, reoccupying Shakhe, south of the Shakhe river. Directly behind him, at a distance of nine miles, is the Hun river and across the bridge spanning this stream the Russians must retire in case they retreat on Mukden. General Kuropatkin must continue to firmly hold his center and right flank in order to prevent the Japanese getting possession of the Hun river bridges. Thus he will cover the withdrawal of his apparently beaten west wing."

There is still considerable uncertainty as to the disposition of the left column. Certainly it has not returned to Mukden. Whether it is again advancing after its first withdrawal is not known.

It is no longer a question of a Russian Sedan, though all hope of relieving Port Arthur must apparently be abandoned. Little hope is expressed that Kuropatkin will be able to advance.

The four days' fight of the eastern column was of the same desperate character that marked the operations of the center and right wings. A heavy Russian column under such leaders as Ivanoff, Hennenkampff, Garngross and Kronratovitch, repeatedly assaulted strongly entrenched Japanese positions on heights commanding the passes. The assaults were largely light work. The cannonade was so furious that it was impossible to advance in the light of day. Finally, on October 13, when the passes had been actually occupied, came the order to withdraw, probably owing to a critical position at other parts of the front. Here the story of the operations and other parts of the front operations of the eastern wings of the Russian army ends.



WAR WILL BE PROSECUTED.

All Offers of Peace Would Be Rejected by Russia.

WASHINGTON—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, in a conversation with a correspondent of the Associated Press, reiterated with great emphasis what he has had occasion to say several times regarding intervention by the powers to conclude the war:

"There is," he said, "absolutely no opportunity for intervention to stop the war. Russia proposes to prosecute the war to the end and all offers of peace at this time must be rejected."

Baltic Fleet at Skagen.

SKAGEN, Denmark—The vessels of the Russian Baltic sea fleet arrived here Thursday morning and anchored in the bay.

Decision in Fruit Case.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Judge Wellborn in the United States circuit court Thursday rendered his decision in the fruit routing cases, denying the application for a stay of execution asked for by the railroad upon the former decision of the court, which decision denies right arbitrarily to route shipments of fruit at the initial shipping point. The attorneys for the railroads gave notice of appeal from Judge Wellborn's latest decision, both to the circuit court of appeals and the United States supreme court.

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Peacemaker is Stabbed.

Seeing two men fighting in front of his house, M. Dujardin, of the Conservatoire de Music, Paris, took his violin and began to play in order to soothe the combatants by his music. But one of the men at once turned on him and stabbed him, and he was taken in a dying condition to a hospital.

The Swiss engineers have worked out plans for tapping the Lake of Sils in the Engadine and letting the water drop down the mountain side, thus creating a fall that would yield 50,000 horse power. During the tourist season the lake would resume its normal appearance, owing to the necessity of storing the water.

Could Get No Rest.

Freeborn, Minn., October 17 (Special)—Mr. R. E. Goward, a well-known man here is rejoicing in the relief from suffering he has obtained through using Dodd's Kidney Pills. His experience is well worth repeating as it should point the road to health to many another in a similar condition.

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Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3 1/2-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

A Cincinnati man recently went to sleep in a dental chair while the dentist was repairing his teeth. They were false teeth.

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Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c. per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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