

BATTLE EXPECTED

MOVEMENT AT THE FRONT INDICATE READINESS.

ONLY SKIRMISHES AT PRESENT

A Decided Engagement Was That at Buddhist Temple Hill—The Third General Attack on Port Arthur Began Oct. 24.

ST. PETERSBURG—The military situation has not developed anything of great importance, although the fight at the Buddhist Temple hill on October 27 appears to have been a decidedly heavy engagement. It probably indicates that final moves on both sides are now occurring preparatory to another long and serious battle.

Viceroy Alexeff is now on the way to St. Petersburg. The nature of his reception here is the food for much speculation. Some of his friends still cling to the idea that he will be made chancellor of the empire, with his residence in the Winter palace, where, it is said, a suite of apartments has already been prepared for him. On the other hand, many declare that his political career is practically over and that his reception at St. Petersburg, while officially cordial, will mark the end of his political ascendancy. It is rumored that the viceroyalty of the Caucasus will be revived for his special benefit, which would constitute a complimentary and comfortable sort of exile.

General Kourpatkin has telegraphed as follows, under date of October 29: "I have received today no dispatch reporting encounters with the enemy. During a cavalry reconnaissance yesterday, after an infantry fight supported by artillery, we occupied the village of Chlantsanhenan. The enemy has retired from Sindiapu. On October 28 our chausseurs, with insignificant losses, retained a village a kilometer west of Chenlianpu against a violent Japanese bombardment."

General Kouropatkin also records other outpost affairs, including the Russian re-occupation of the village of Tynsin, a short distance south of Luizlatung, whence they had been previously expelled by the Japanese, who burned the village.

CHE FOO—The third general attack on Port Arthur began October 24, according to unimpeachable authority. On October 26 Japanese shells set fire to the only smokeless powder magazine in Port Arthur. Portions of the town caught fire and the conflagration continued the whole day. On October 26 the Japanese captured the Russian trenches on the slope of Rihlung mountain, also a fortified position protecting that fortress. The Japanese consider the progress of the siege to be highly satisfactory.

Two Queens Worked for Peace.

COPENHAGEN—The Associated Press learns that the North sea affair caused the deepest anxiety to King Christian of Denmark, who declared that, should an Anglo-Russian war result, it would be the cause of his death. The dowager empress of Russia promised her father, the king, to use her greatest efforts to prevent a conflict. It is stated that hundreds of dispatches were exchanged between the dowager empress and the queen of Great Britain during the week just passed.

Parker Ready for Speaking Trip.

ESOPUS, N. Y.—Judge Alton B. Parker will start for New York at noon Monday to begin his speaking campaign. He spent a quiet Sunday. He attended church at Kingston, accompanied by George F. Parker, chairman of the literary bureau of the democratic national committee, who has been a guest at Rosemount since Friday and who will go to New York with the judge Monday. The candidate has practically completed the preparation of the speeches he will make this week.

NOTE TO RUSSIA.

British Government Demands Apology For Attack.

LONDON—Great Britain has sent a long and urgent note to the Russian government, officially detailing the circumstances of the amazing and unexplained attack by the Russian second Pacific squadron during the night of October 21 on British fishing boats in the North sea. The text of the note has not been given out, but it is officially stated from the foreign office that it contains the significant announcement that the situation is one which, in the opinion of his majesty's government, does not brook delay.

Meanwhile the conservative public and press are remarkably undemonstrative. As usual the jingo element, democrats and even some officials go so far as to say that it may be necessary to stop the Pacific fleet pending settlement of the whole affair, though this extreme measure, it is believed, will not be necessary. Everywhere there is evidence of the very positive opinion that this is no time for the usual diplomatic dilly-dallying; that there must be no delay and no limit set by Russia to its apology or the extent of compensation for sufferers by what King Edward himself terms "the unwarrantable action" of the Baltic squadron commanders.

The king sent the following message of sympathy to the mayor of Hull:

"From Francis Knollys, Buckingham Palace, Oct. 24, 1904.—To His Worship, the Mayor of Hull: The king commands me to say that he has heard with profound sorrow of the unwarrantable action which has been committed against the North sea fishing fleet and asks you to express the deepest sympathy of the queen and his majesty with the families of those who have suffered from this most lamentable occurrence.

"KNOLLYS."

(Francis Knollys, baron of Faversham, is the private secretary of King Edward.)

The deep resentment of the whole British public, however, is reflected by the incident at the Victoria station Monday night on the arrival of Count Benckendorff from the continent. There is no attempt anywhere among men of responsibility to magnify the occurrence into a deliberate act of war, but in view of the present inability to find an explanation there is being poured upon the heads of the officers of the squadron a flood of invective and insinuation, though incompetence first and thereafter complete panic is the most generally accepted explanation. Thus far no official word has been received from St. Petersburg as to the attitude of the Russian government.

The fact that it had been decided during the day to prepare a semi-official note expressing the regret of the Russian government and its willingness to make full reparation so soon as the responsibility was fixed was communicated by the Associated Press to Lord Lansdowne and was the first information on the subject he had received from St. Petersburg.

Ranchman Disappears.

STURGIS, S. D.—Word has been received here of the disappearance of James Garrett, a resident of the Cave Hills country. It seems Garrett had gone out to place some poison for wolves. The horse he rode is said to have come home to the ranch with a bullet hole through the saddle. This as led the people of that vicinity to believe that he has been murdered. A large number of men have been scouring the country for the man, but at last accounts he had not been found, nor any trace of him.

Torpedo Boats Put to Sea.

TANGIER—Five Russian torpedo boat destroyers have put to sea. The remainder of the fleet has been coaling and provisioning all day.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

THE STATE AT LARGE.

The parishioners of Rev. Smith at Bradshaw surprised that gentleman by calling on him in goodly numbers, each one bringing some article suitable for the preacher's larder.

D. J. Kimmerly was badly injured in a runaway accident in Beatrice by being thrown from his wagon on to the pavement. He is 70 years of age and will be confined to his home for some time because of his injuries.

Orville Bateman, 12-year-old son of J. R. Bateman, of Stella, accidentally discharged a shotgun, blowing his entire left hand off and shattering the bones so that it was necessary to amputate the arm a couple of inches below the elbow. The accident occurred while the young man was out hunting.

Will Moore and James Daggett, who live fourteen miles southwest of Clearwater, were out hunting and the team which they were driving jumped just as Daggett was getting into the wagon, causing him to drop his gun. Both barrels were discharged into the right leg, just above the ankle. The leg will be saved.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the ladies hall of the Grand Island college was observed by the faculty, students and friends of that institution, the contents of the cornerstone being issues of the college paper containing a history of the institution, articles of incorporation of the college, etc. The hall will cost \$20,000.

Charles Wells, a farmer living three miles from Fairbury, committed suicide. He left the house during the night and not being able to find him in the morning his wife called in the neighbors at daybreak and they found him hanging in the barn loft. He was in good financial circumstances and his domestic relations were harmonious, so no reason is known for his act.

Copies of the new manual and the regulations provided for the new magazine rifle have just been received from the war department by the adjutant general, and the Nebraska national guard will hereafter be drilled under the new rules. The regimental and battalion movements are much simplified and the new regulations are much more condensed than the old ones.

Detective Malone of the Burlington has returned from Colorado, where he succeeded in causing the arrest of three persons, who gave their names as J. M. Harris, an ex-convict; Charles Mock, also an ex-convict, and Earl Bush, 16 years old. They have all been bound over to the district court in Akron, Colo. Bush made a confession, naming the towns where they had stolen merchandise from the cars.

Brakeman L. W. Hansen of Emerson owes his life to luck. Beneath the wheels of his freight train on the Omaha road he was nearly ground to death in the switching yards at Norfolk. Tossed headlong from the top of a moving car by the sudden setting of the air, his body lit beneath the trucks and was churned for some distance, being shoved along by the guards and kept by them from the wheels. His injuries are serious but he will recover.

A committee of dentists representing various dental organizations over the state met in Lincoln and formulated a bill which, if it passes an examination by competent lawyers, will be presented to the next legislature for passage. The bill is based on the law now in force in California and one of the purposes of it is to raise the standard of the profession in the state. The provisions of the California law are said to be the strictest of any state in the union.

MORE SUGAR THAN BEFORE.

Factory at Ames Making New Record This Season.

FREMONT—The Standard Beet Sugar company at Leavitt will make more sugar this season than in any previous year, and on account of the high test of the beets, at a less expense than in previous years. It is estimated that 50,000 tons will go through before the season ends, and 6,500 tons of sugar manufactured. The beets are testing an average of 15 per cent and from eight and one-half to nine tons to the acre. The company pays a flat price this year, \$4.75 and \$5.25, the latter for siloed beets. All the beets raised around here are delivered direct to the factory, but some from the western country will be siloed and delivered in December. Last week 288 tons were run through the factory, which is above the average, which is about 500 tons for each twenty-four hours. This average cannot be maintained, as the factory has to partially shut down for a "clean-up" once in ten days.

The company has succeeded in saving a higher percentage of sugar this season, the estimated amount being better than last year, which was 261 2-3 pounds of granulated sugar per ton. The first season it was only 204. This year it will probably reach 265, and as the expense of operation will be less on account of the high percentage of sugar, the net profit per ton will be much larger than in any previous season. The amount paid out for beets will not be far from \$245,000.

NEW RULING ON INSURANCE.

Attorney General Prout Hands Down Decision.

LINCOLN—Nebraska insurance companies must reinsure their risks only in companies licensed to do business in the state. Attorney General Prout has issued an opinion, wherein he states that insurers transacting business in this state shall, according to statute, make a sworn statement that they will not insure any property whatever in any manner "except under a policy, which shall be regularly issued and duly countersigned by its legally authorized agent, resident within the county or state where such property is situated, such agent being duly licensed by the auditor or state insurance commissioner."

The attorney general intimates further that the legislature intended to bring insurers within the jurisdiction of the state and to require them to pay fees for the privilege of reinsuring risks. He thinks that a company authorized to transact business in Nebraska has no authority to reinsure the companies not so authorized. This makes it necessary, in compliance with the foregoing opinion, for all companies issuing policies of reinsurance on Nebraska risks to be regularly admitted to transact business in this state; also that all policies of reinsurance be signed by some regularly licensed agent in the state.

Treasurers Are Liable.

LINCOLN—Attorney General Prout has handed down an opinion to the effect that county treasurers are liable for the non-collection or return of distress warrants forwarded to them by other county treasurers for collection. The county clerk of Gosper county had sent in the query as to whether county treasurers to whom the county treasurer of Gosper county had issued distress warrants were liable for the collection or false return of the same. Passages from the law governing tax collections are quoted in the attorney general's opinion.