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HOSTS ARE SLAIN

TWELVE THOUSAND JAPANESE KILLED AT KIN CHOU.

The Outcome is Accepted, However, as a Great Victory for Japanese—Already Near Port Arthur—Russians Swept from Their Defenses.

A dispatch to the London Central News from Harbin says the Japanese losses during the fighting at Kin Chou are said to be 12,000 men killed. It is asserted that these figures have been confirmed by an official dispatch. Fighting, it is added, is still going on in the vicinity of Kin Chou.

The Tokio dispatch to the Associated Press and Japanese official accounts are the only detailed descriptions that have yet reached London of the brilliant Japanese victory at Kin Chou, which is hailed by the London press as establishing an even stronger claim than did the Japanese operations on the Yalu River to their superiority on land as well as by sea, since in the case of Kin Chou the Russians had ample time to carefully prepare their positions. It appears that the conclusive victory was immediately followed up, for the Morning Post's Tokio correspondent asserts that the Japanese have swept the Russians from their defenses west of Talien Wan, and if the Daily Telegraph's well informed correspondent is correct and the Japanese already are nearing Port Arthur the Russians must have suffered a complete rout at Kin Chou. That this is the case would also appear from rumors of the capture of Russian artillery.

According to the London Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent the Fifth Japanese division of veterans, which is destined for the storming of Port Arthur, already has landed on the Liao-tung peninsula.

The London Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Japanese headquarters, under date of May 26, says there is no change in the situation of the first army, but that there are frequent outpost encounters.

"I suppose," he adds, "that the lull is due to preparations for a great battle in the direction of Liao Yang."

The London Daily Mail's Sin Min Ting correspondent, telegraphing under date of May 25, declares there are only 2,000 troops at Mukden.

NEWSPAPERS ARE CREDITORS

Pettingill & Co.'s Liabilities Are Over a Million Dollars.

Pettingill & Co., an advertising company of Boston, Mass., which, with its affiliated concern, the Dr. Greene Nervura Company, was compelled to suspend this spring, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court. The total liabilities of Pettingill & Co. are placed at \$1,217,975, of which \$1,205,396 is represented as unsecured. The total is distributed among over 7,000 creditors, which are almost entirely newspaper companies scattered from Bangor to the Pacific coast. About 250 of these creditors are secured to the extent of being preferred stockholders of the Nervura Company. The assets are scheduled nominally at \$30,787 in cash and \$500,000 in accounts due, of which \$270,000 is owed by the Nervura Company.

PANAMA CANAL PAID FOR.

Transfer of Forty Million Dollars Has Been Completed.

J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, have announced that the transfer of the \$40,000,000 payment by the United States for the Panama canal concession, etc., has been completed.

J. P. Morgan & Co. shipped about \$18,000,000 in gold in connection with the payment. At the office of the firm it was said that no part of the other gold exported since the early part of April, amounting to more than \$40,000,000, was for this account. More than half the amount of the canal purchase money was in the form of exchange on Paris purchased by Morgan & Co., in the principal cities.

MYSTERY IN SHOOTING.

Son of American Dentist Dies in Paris Sanitarium.

Iron Evans, known as Viscount d'Oyley, and a son of the American dentist, Dr. John Evans, is dead at a private sanitarium at Paris, France, as the result of a bullet wound received under mysterious circumstances.

The family is prominent. Dr. John Evans being a nephew of the famous Dr. Thomas Evans, who assisted Empress Eugenie in her flight from Paris after the Franco-Prussian war.

Venerable Pianos Cremated.

While 150 delegates to the National Piano Dealers' convention in Atlantic City, N. J., waved red lights and danced in a circle, 200 venerable square pianos were being cremated to mark what the dealers term the passing of the old make of instrument.

Priest Shoots at Bishop.

The correspondent of the Berlin Tagblatt at Freiburg, Breslau, says that a parish priest named Dr. Rieger fired a revolver at the archbishop of Freiburg, Dr. Loerber, but missed him. Dr. Rieger is said to suffer from the belief that he is the victim of persecution and that the archbishop is his enemy.

Found Not Guilty.

James McDonald, charged with the murder of Sarah Schaefer at Bedford, Ind., was found not guilty.

WON BY THE PICKET.

The Westerner Captures the Great Brooklyn Handicap.

A New York special says: Coming down along the rail in the last few strides of the run to the wire, The Picket, the western champion in the Brooklyn handicap, snatched victory away from the ever popular Irish Lad, the Brooklyn winner of last year and the Metropolitan winner of this year.

It was scarcely more than the nod of a head, but the hardy westerner finished stronger than the Duryea colt, whose terrific pace with Hermis up to the very home stretch had tired him. Frantic cheers, which had been ringing from the throats of nearly 40,000 onlookers, died away when it was realized that Irish Lad had gone down to defeat.

Proper, the California candidate, came through at the end and beat out Hermis for third place. The time for the mile was 1:29 2-5, and for the mile and a quarter 2:06 3-5—1 1-5 seconds slower than the race record made by Irish Lad last year.

The handicap was worth \$20,000, of which \$2,500 went to the second horse and \$1,500 to the third.

A great outpouring of turf devotees witnessed the eighteenth running of the classic.

As the time for the handicap, the fourth event on the program, drew near, the name of Irish Lad could be heard on all sides. He had grown into immense popularity after it had been definitely learned that there was little hope for McChesney, owing to the injury sustained by him in his workout a few days ago.

There were sixteen thoroughbreds entered, and four or five of these had recorded victories during the past two years in the principal classic events of the American turf. In addition to this, four of them—Irish Lad, Hermis, Hurst-bonne and Africander—had won races this season in commanding style. Reports of sensational time made by The Picket in his workouts brought him many supporters, but the rank and file did not look on him with favor.

The weather was ideal and the track was swept by the cooling breeze from the Atlantic. No sooner had the odds been posted than there was a rush to back Irish Lad. Three and three and one-half to one were the prevailing quotations for a time, but when the bugle sounded no better price than 11 to 5 could be had against the favorite. Hermis opened and closed at 4 to 1. The Picket was well played, and from 10 he was backed to 8 to 1. Much of the speculation on the winner, however, was conducted through the winter books, and large sums were won both at New York and in the west on his victory.

BOAT IS BLOWN UP.

A Disaster on the Ohio River Near Louisville.

Ten persons were killed, three fatally injured and five hurt by the explosion of the boilers, which totally demolished the towboat Fred Wilson off River View Park, Louisville, Ky., Thursday.

The Fred Wilson was the property of the Monongahela Coal and Coke Co. She had just arrived from Pittsburg and was about to tie up when the explosion occurred. The cause is not known.

The boat was literally blown to pieces and her hull sank in eighteen feet of water. Two heavy pieces of her boiler were found almost 600 yards from the bank of the Ohio River, and her flag floats from the top of a tree near River View Park, where it was blown with a piece of wreckage.

But two members of the crew escaped without some injury more or less serious. The Fred Wilson was built eighteen years ago and was valued at \$25,000.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Soldiers Guard Ruins of Yazoo City—Loss Is Over a Million.

Yazoo City, Miss., is under martial law as the result of Wednesday's conflagration. Several negroes caught in an attempt to steal salvage were arrested. The loss is estimated at between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. The insurance will probably approximate 50 per cent.

The devastation of the business district is complete. Twenty-eight blocks were swept clean by the flames. Of the 200 buildings destroyed 50 were splendid residences.

SUN WORSHIP KILLS.

St. Paul Woman Dies in Illinois In-sane Hospital After Long Fast.

Eloise Reusee, of St. Paul, Minn., who became insane at Chicago while undergoing the ordeal of the so-called "sun worship fast," is dead in the hospital for insane at Elgin, Ill.

Superintendent Whitman says her death was due to an acute mania induced by starvation. During her fast, which lasted forty-one days, she died, it is said by the hospital authorities, had been subjected to torture by means of needles and application of lotus oil.

Anarchists to Forfeit Life.

At Liege, Belgium, anarchists named Lambkin and Gudefin, charged with participation in the placing of an infernal machine outside the residence of Commissioner of Police Laurent on March 18, killing Maj. Papin, wounding half a dozen other persons, and wrecking the house, have been sentenced to death.

Mason for Forty-Nine Years.

A. P. Packard, who died at Sumnerfield, Kan., and whose body was brought to Lake City, Ia., for burial, had been an active Mason for forty-nine years. He became a member of the Masonic order at the age of 21.

Lineman Falls from Pole.

Charles Welch, an electric lineman, at Lincoln, Neb., fell from a 30-foot telephone pole, striking a brick sidewalk with his head. It is thought he will die. His parents live in Ashland.

DENIES FIRING SHOT.

James Gillespie Makes Reply to Direct Question of Attorney.

At Rising Sun, Ind., Tuesday, in the Gillespie murder trial James Gillespie was again on the stand and was asked by his attorney these direct questions: "Did you fire the shot that killed your sister Elizabeth?"

"I did not."

"Have you any knowledge of who fired the shot?"

"I have not."

He said further in reply to questions that he did not know that the literary club was to have a meeting at his mother's house that night and that he was not out of his house and could not see the lights in his mother's house. This ended the direct testimony.

In cross-examination the attorney used the report of the grand jury and questioned him closely on the matter.

His responses were indifferent, often saying that he did not remember what he said to the grand jury.

DEATH IN A TUNNEL.

Ten Men Are Asphyxiated in Pennsylvania.

Michael Golden, a foreman; George Raide, a master mechanic, and eight miners died Wednesday of asphyxiation while riding through a tunnel between two coal mines at Williamson, Pa.

It is said that poisonous gases emitted from a small locomotive which pulled the coal train on which fifty men were riding caused the deaths.

Most of the other men on the train were asphyxiated by the fumes, but they recovered.

The tunnel is a mile long and runs from Bear Valley through a mountain to Williams Valley. It has been in use for forty years and no similar accident ever occurred. The trip was about half completed when several men keeled over on the cars of coal. The engineer put on all steam, but ten died before fresh air was reached.

TORNADO IN SOUTHWEST.

Buildings and Crops Destroyed in Kansas and Oklahoma.

A tornado Wednesday struck seven miles northwest of Augusta, Kan., wrecking eight houses. Hail did much damage to crops. A tornado tore up an orchard and destroyed a barn at Valley Center, Sedgewick County.

A tornado Wednesday afternoon destroyed the Union Pacific station, the armory building and several residences at Lindsay, Kan. Assaria, Markette and Falun were inundated by a cloudburst.

A tornado struck two miles south of Guthrie, Okla., Wednesday afternoon, doing much damage to property. Five houses and many outbuildings were demolished. From wind and hail crops also suffered heavily, growing wheat being blown and broken down. Stock suffered, but no lives were lost.

FIRE BEYOND CONTROL.

Town of Yazoo City, Miss., Suffers Loss of Twelve Blocks.

A telephone report from Greenwood, Miss., says the town of Yazoo City is burning.

The last communication with the city was to the effect that the fire was completely beyond control. Trains loaded with fire apparatus were rushed from Greenwood and Jackson.

It is said twelve blocks of business houses and residences have succumbed to the flames. The loss will reach millions of dollars.

CARRIES COFFIN WITH HIM.

Said Kuropatkin Expects to be Killed in Battle.

Possessed with the firm belief that he will be killed in battle during the war in the far east, Gen. Kuropatkin, commander of the Russian forces in Manchuria, is carrying his coffin with him.

This information is contained in a letter received by Adam Bantro, editor of a Polish newspaper at Baltimore, Md., from Brunslau Kobylanski, who returned to Russia some time ago and was impressed in the Russian army.

TWENTY-TWO ARE INJURED.

Passenger Train Strikes Freight Cars on Cleveland and Pittsburg.

Twenty persons were injured at East Liverpool, O., Wednesday on the Cleveland and Pittsburg road when a passenger train ran into some freight cars that had broken loose and ran on the main track.

Engineer Heady, who was among those severely hurt, had just resumed work after two years of retirement on account of injuries received in a wreck.

Expects End of Lake Strike.

Secretary Joseph Bishop of the state board of arbitration at Columbus, O., has returned from Cleveland and states that he expects the Lake Carriers' Association and the officials of the Masters and Pilots' Association to get together this week and effect a settlement of the lake trouble.

Port Arthur is Shelled.

A portion of the Japanese fleet bombarded Port Arthur at 11 Tuesday morning. The attack was witnessed by a Frenchman who has arrived at Chefoo. He says eight large warships circled before the entrance of Port Arthur harbor for an hour, firing broadsides at intervals of a few minutes.

Berkeley Professor Killed.

While attempting to board an electric train en route from Berkeley station to San Francisco, Cal., Prof. Marcus J. Spinello, instructor of French and Italian at the University of California, was thrown under the wheels and killed.

Jealous Cowboy Kills Two.

Jealous of the attentions paid his wife, William Gardner shot and killed Bud Craig and Virgil Funkhauser near Woodward. All three were cowboys working on the Wiggins ranch.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Opportunity of a Lifetime—More Than 8,000,000 Acres of Grazing Land Opened in Nebraska—Settlers May Obtain 640 Acres.

A Lincoln special says: Fine grazing land—more than 8,000,000 acres of it—is thrown open to public settlement by the new Kincaid bill. Homesteads of 640 acres may be obtained by the settlers. June 28 is the date of the opening of the lands for homestead entry. This opening gives a chance for the small rancher to succeed the big land owner, and the former will doubtless not be slow in recognizing his opportunity.

The recent discoveries of the foreign grasses which will grow luxuriantly on even the poorest of this western land makes every foot of the government offerings extremely valuable. The land lies in the Sixth congressional district, and the area covered is about the size of Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts combined. About 400,000 acres of the grant lies in Custer County, and Rock County contains more than 200,000 acres.

The Kincaid bill provides that they shall be excluded from the provisions of the act such lands within the territory as, in the opinion of the secretary of the interior, it may be reasonably practicable to irrigate under the irrigation law or by private enterprise.

Another provision is that the fees and commissions on all entries under this act shall be uniformly the same as those charged under the present law for a maximum entry at the minimum price. That the commutation provisions of the homestead law shall not apply to entries under this act, and at the time of making final proof the entryman must prove affirmatively that he has placed upon the lands entered permanent improvements of the value of not less than \$1.25 per acre for each acre included in his entry.

Former homestead entrymen are given for ninety days after the passage of the act the preferential right to make additional entries as provided in the act.

Much of the homestead offering is tillable, as is all that situated in Rock County, which is fifty miles in length and twenty-two miles in width. The northern boundary of the county, the Niobrara River, gives water for many thousand acres; and besides the Elkhorn, the Willow, the Rock, the Ash, the Calamus, the Laughing Water, the Bloody and the Long Pine Rivers, there are 205 flowing wells and many lakes in this region.

The opportunity of a lifetime is now open in western Nebraska.

HIGH WATER AT MADISON.

Farm Lands Around Norfolk Under Overflow from Elkhorn River.

A steady rain fell at Norfolk Wednesday, there being about 2 inches of precipitation in some places, accompanied by hail.

Much of the land between Norfolk and Columbus is under water and the Union Pacific tracks were inundated. The trains are moving, but go slowly through the water.

Northwestern section men were called out at midnight to work on the bridge over the Elkhorn at Elkhorn Creek and prepare it to withstand the flood. The worst report comes from Battle Creek, where the Elkhorn is out of its banks and threatens to carry away the mill and dam.

The rain is the heaviest ever known in that part of the state.

FARMER STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

C. C. Clark is Instantly Killed, Six Miles from Wayne.

C. C. Clark, who lives on the A. M. Jacobs farm, six miles northwest of Wayne, was struck by lightning and instantly killed about noon Tuesday. Three horses also were killed. Mr. Clark's son, who had been dragging in the field, drove to the house about noon and Mr. Clark went out to aid his son in unloading the three horses dragging the harrow. The son was shocked, but not seriously injured.

Very little rain fell, and the cloud overhead was but a small one.

Bitten by a Rattlesnake.

William Ducean was bitten by a large rattlesnake while in the country working near Stella. He saw the snake run into a grassy spot and was parting the grass with his hands to find it when it fastened its teeth in his hand. He immediately drove to town, where a physician attended to the wound. The whole arm swelled to his shoulder and is proving very painful.

Laying Out Camp Ground.

Lieutenant Huntington of the signal corps, Lieut. Kimball, in charge of the batteries, and P. E. Culver, of the office of Gen. Culver, and H. M. Crawford, sergeant of the artillery, have arrived at York to lay out the camp in the city park and complete the arrangements for the cadets for the encampment.

Preacher Drops Dead.

Elder Asa B. Prentice, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist church at North Loup, fell dead while standing in his room talking with his wife. He had been at North Loup about three years and was pastor of the same denomination at Adams Center, N. Y., for thirty years. He was 65 years of age.

Assault Case at Seward.

District court convened at Seward with Judge Evans, of David City, on the bench. The case against Bert Myers, a young man of about 19 years, who, it is charged, assaulted Leonia Eyoif, a young girl of Corvado, the evening of March 22, is on trial.

Drowning of John Boler.

John Boler, Jr., who was accidentally drowned while seining in the Sioux River, near Egan, S. D., was the eldest son of ex-Treasurer John Boler, of Dakota City. The parents of the decedent reside at Jackson.

Hale at Ninety.

E. P. Bibbins passed his ninetieth birthday last week and is one of the most active men in York. Mr. Bibbins is a pioneer settler of York, and every day does some kind of manual labor, and retains all his mental faculties.

CROP CONDITIONS.

Warm, Dry Week Favorable to the Growth of All Kinds of Crops.

Weekly bulletin of the Nebraska section of the climatic and crop service of the weather bureau for the week ending Monday, May 23, 1904:

Warm, dry week; favorable for work and the growth of vegetation. The mean daily temperature averaged 2 degrees above normal. The rainfall was confined to light, scattered showers; the amount of rainfall exceeded half an inch in only a few places, while generally it was less than a quarter of an inch.

Winter wheat, spring wheat, oats and grass have grown well. In a few places oats are a thin stand and the fields are becoming weedy. Rye is in good condition and heads are just beginning to show. Alfalfa has grown well and in the southern counties is nearly ready for the first cutting. Corn and sugar beet planting are about finished; early planted corn is coming up rather unevenly and considerable replanting is being done; in a few fields cultivation of corn has begun. The damage to fruit by the frosts of last week was very slight. Apple trees generally are not blossoming profusely; other fruit promises a large crop.

BROTHER INVESTIGATES.

Expects Parties Under Arrest Will be Proven Guilty.

Thomas J. Feazel has returned to Humboldt from Nuckolls County, where he has been engaged in superintending the work of ferreting out the murderers of his brother, Eli Feazel, the farmer who disappeared mysteriously last November.

For a time it looked as though the matter defied solution, but since the recent finding of parts of a human body on the farm and a grave underneath the kitchen of the farm house, evidence has been steadily accumulating, and Mr. Feazel says everything points to the guilt of the parties under arrest charged with the murder of the old man.

The search has been a long one, but the movements of the suspected ones have been carefully traced until it seems the web is woven too tightly to be broken. The parties under arrest are Mrs. Hutchinson, the housekeeper, her son, Charles, and Harley Feazel, a nephew of the missing man. The preliminary hearing is set for June 13 at Nelson.

SLEEPING CAR BURNS.

Fire Discovered While Train is Running at High Speed.

The Burlington Billings-Denver train, known as No. 301, due at Sidney at 5 a. m., did not reach there until 11:40 a. m., and after a short stop proceeded on its way to Denver. When out fourteen miles from Sidney the Pullman sleeping car was discovered on fire. Conductor Ryan immediately transferred the passengers to the day coach and everybody tried his utmost to extinguish the flames, but the fire had made such rapid headway that the car was burned.

The train was running fifty miles an hour and the greatest excitement prevailed, and at one time it was thought the entire train would be consumed.

The sleeper was a new ten-section Pullman and had only been in service a short time.

A Test Case.

R. W. Clement, city treasurer of Plattsmouth, has instituted mandamus proceedings in the district court against W. D. Wheeler, county treasurer, to obtain an order from the court to compel the county treasurer to pay him a balance of something like \$715.65, collected from the levy made upon taxable property in the city of Plattsmouth for the road fund. This suit is brought to decide the question as to whether or not the county treasurer has a right to retain one-half of such taxes collected, which was in this case twice the amount asked for in the petition.

Capture Boy Burglars.

Two boys, who gave the names of John Hill and August Carl Bartheke and claimed Chicago as their home, broke into a B. & M. freight car at Reynolds a few days ago. They were captured after disposing of most of the goods, but escaped from the constable after pleading guilty and being remanded to jail.

The Crawford bloodhounds were put on the trail and followed them to Mihaska, at which place they took the blind baggage passage westward. Sheriff Hill of Belleville, Kan., was notified and headed them off, taking them to Fairbury.

No Cause for Action.

In the district court at Columbus the jury in the case of William Allen against the city of Columbus returned a verdict for the city, finding no cause for action. Mr. Allen sued the city for \$5,400 damages which he claims he sustained by reason of coming in contact with a gate which was left open and swung across the sidewalk.

Storm is Severe.

A Norfolk special says: The worst rain and hail storm for years visited northwestern Nebraska and southern South Dakota Tuesday night. The Northwestern and Union Pacific tracks were inundated in several places, and a number of bridges washed out. Several thousand acres of crops are under water.

Barn and Stock Burned.

A large barn on the farm of Mrs. Katherine Klattanhoff, four miles northeast of Wisner, was totally destroyed by fire, with all its contents, consisting of five head of horses, a bull, fifty head of pigs, and a quantity of grain, harness and lesser articles. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Man is Drowned in a Cistern.

J. O. Jeppson, a mason, of Stratton, for many years a resident of Dundey County, met with an accident at Benkelman which cost him his life. A board broke upon which he was at work over a cistern and he was thrown into the water and drowned.

Frost at Humboldt.

The slight frost at Humboldt Monday night did some damage to the pear buds, but aside from that the fruit men say the buds are uninjured. Without hail or blight the crop in all lines will be the largest ever seen there.

Child Falls on Tooth.

A singular accident occurred to the little son of A. B. Ellis at Chadron. In falling down he hit on one tooth so it was driven full length into the jaw. The tooth has been extracted and seemingly the child will soon be all right.



Short Notes.

The Plattsmouth Telephone Company has purchased a brick block and will move into it.

At Plainview the new Congregational church has just been dedicated with ceremonies befitting the occasion.

Smallpox in a mild form is raging in the country a few miles south of Stockville. Several families are quarantined. Beatrice farmers expect to finish planting corn this week. Early planted corn is coming up and the stand is good.

A heavy rain fell at Wayne Tuesday, which will greatly benefit crop conditions, that were never better than at present.

Several burglaries have occurred in Cass County recently. A farmer near Plattsmouth reports that several horses were stolen from him.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for a new bank in Plattsmouth, to be known as the Plattsmouth State Bank, with a capital of \$50,000.

A heavy rain visited Lyons Tuesday, about two inches of water falling. Crops never looked finer and the prospect for fruit of every description is good.

The man with the street fair company, who was arrested in Missouri Valley, charged with having stolen goods in Plattsmouth, gave bond and skipped the country.

Archie Maxon, of Hebron, while helping to start a new steam thrasher, accidentally caught his arm between a belt and a cogwheel, cutting the arm completely off above the elbow.

Preston C. Brooks, colored, clerk in the postoffice at Fort Robinson since Jan. 20, 1903, was arrested at that point for rifling registered and ordinary mail. Brooks confessed that he has secured over \$400 by his pecculations.

The Nebraska division of the Travelers' Protective Association has again won the national trophy (the official steer horns) for greatest gain in membership. This state won them last year and once several years before that.

The assessors of Dodge County have their work very nearly completed. It is estimated from the returns thus far tabulated that the valuation of the county will be at least double that of last year, and perhaps much more than that.

The board of trustees of the state normal school met at Peru, and in addition to routine business received the resignation of Dr. Clark as superintendent of the school. It was accepted, and J. W. Crabtree, of Lincoln, was elected to the position.

Rev. R. T. Campbell, who has been principal of the Pawnee Academy,