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## LET PORT ARTHUR GO

### NO SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO RELIEVE THAT FORTRESS.

#### Kuropatkin in Sole Command and it is Said Responsibility Now Rests on Him—All Dissension Has Been Removed.

St. Petersburg: Rumors are circulating here that a great naval battle has taken place off Port Arthur in which two Russian and four Japanese battleships were sunk, etoain etoain etoain on a mor can be obtained.

Tokio: The military committee assigned to bury the Russian dead in the battle of Nanshan hill at Kin Chou May 26, presented its final report Sunday. It was found that ten Russian officers and 664 men who fell in the battle had been carefully buried, and thirty men were buried by the outposts, making the total number of killed left behind by the Russians 704.

St. Petersburg: Relief is felt in military circles at the removal of dissension in military councils. It is understood that the sole responsibility devolves on Gen. Kuropatkin, and that no serious attempt will be made to relieve Port Arthur. It is reported that the Vladivostok squadron now consists of three cruisers and four ironclads. It is therefore presumed that the squadron has effected a junction with some of the Port Arthur vessels.

The newspapers report that there is great distress in Vladivostok, arising from the enhanced prices of food, and it is feared that the stock of petroleum and candles is giving out.

Twelve trains are arriving daily at Liao Yang with reinforcements.

London: The Standard's correspondent at St. Petersburg says he hears that a telegram from Vice Admiral Skrydloff states that on June 7 he went within thirty miles of Port Arthur with the Vladivostok fleet, and there ran into a fog. He found several Japanese torpedo boats and two battleships, which attacked him fiercely and inflicted some damage.

The Russians returned the fire, but as none of the Port Arthur ships appeared Vice Admiral Skrydloff returned to Vladivostok.

## CLOUDBURST IN COLORADO.

### Lowlands of Colorado Springs Are Almost Flooded.

Colorado Springs, Colo.: A cloudburst a few miles north of this city raised Monument Creek almost to the point of flooding the lowlands of the city. The cloudburst occurred late Sunday afternoon. A Rio Grande bridge north of town and a low wagon bridge were washed out. No particular damage was done here, except to the water system, but reports of damage down the Fountain valley are expected.

A number of small houses were swept away, three-quarters of a mile of Rio Grande track was washed out, one of the Rio Grande bridges rendered unsafe, all the foot bridges and wagon bridges for a distance of ten miles down stream were wrecked and considerable damage done down the Fountain valley.

## MUST TAKE VACATIONS.

### Connecticut Bank Clerks Will Be Compelled to Take Rest.

New Haven, Conn.: Bank tellers, bookkeepers and clerks in this city have learned that hereafter not only will they be required to take an annual vacation, but that they must make use of the midday lunch hour privilege.

It is said that the State Bank Association will also recommend that it is advisable that all banks observe this precaution.

These regulations have grown out of the recent charges against a teller in a local bank who confessed recently that he had embezzled \$70,000 and covered the matter through remaining at his desk without a vacation for a number of years and never going out during business hours for lunch.

## DEAD ROBBER IDENTIFIED.

### The Rio Grande Bandit Was George W. Kendrick.

Pueblo, Colo.: T. J. Ross and William Stubbs, railroad laborers who are supposed to have been in the party which held up the Denver and Rio Grande train several days ago near Glenwood Springs, are in Pueblo. Ross was supposed to be the robber who killed himself after he had been wounded by the pursuing posse.

The police investigated and found that Ross and Stubbs were in Pueblo the night of the crime, having left the grading camp where they were working two days before the holdup.

The dead robber has been identified as George W. Kendrick.

### Turf Operator Begins Prison Term

Cincinnati, O.: The United States court of appeals has denied former Turf Commissioner W. W. O'Hara a rehearing in the case in which he was accused of using the mails to defraud. He was taken to Columbus to begin serving his seventeen months' term in the penitentiary.

## Sioux City Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market are as follows: Cattle, \$5.40@5.50; hogs, \$4.70@4.85.

## Collision in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn.: As a result of a collision Sunday between a heavily laden excursion train on the Minneapolis and St. Louis passenger train three passengers were injured and several more or less shaken up.

## Has a Cargo of Furs.

San Francisco, Cal.: The steamer Redondo arrived Sunday with a cargo of furs valued at \$250,000. The Redondo is under charter to the Kamtchatka Commercial Industrial Company, a Russian fur trading organization.

## MRS. ELIAS DISCHARGED.

### No Testimony to Hold Her on Extortion Charge.

New York: Mrs. Hannah Elias on Friday was discharged on motion of Assistant District Attorney Ronan at the conclusion of the testimony of John R. Platt, the old millionaire who caused her arrest for extortion.

Mr. Platt proved a disappointing witness. To questions bearing directly on the charges on which the woman's arrest had been made he answered repeatedly, "I don't know."

His helplessness and his apparently unreliable memory surprised those who attended his examination. He did not remember whether he had given Mrs. Elias large sums of money during the last ten years, as charged, and did not remember signing certain papers in connection with his charges against her.

Immediately after her discharge, Mrs. Elias was re-arrested on a writ in the civil suit originally brought against her by Mr. Platt to recover \$685,000. She was released a few minutes later on \$20,000 bail.

## ROARING WALL OF WATER.

### Angry Flood Caused by Breaking of a Colorado Reservoir.

Lyons, Colo.: A roaring wall of water sweeping through a huge gap in the Left Hand reservoir, covering 350 acres, struck terror into the hearts of hundreds in the path of the angry flood from Ward to Lyons.

Mrs. J. B. Willis, living on the bank of the Left Hand Creek, who first noticed the break, had barely time to leave her cabin and notify John Roney, the telephone operator at Ward, before the waters swept away her belongings.

Roney sent an alarm over the telephone wire to all ranch houses and towns along the path of the flood. To those districts which were not provided with telephone communication riders were hastily dispatched, and residents in the path of the flood fled to higher ground, where they huddled together, watching the destructive stream from which they had been saved by Mrs. Willis' warning.

## MEN SUFFERED SEVERELY.

### Crew of Schooner Antelope Just Escaped Drowning.

San Francisco, Cal.: The vessel which made signals of distress off the Farallone islands was the schooner Antelope, from the Coquille River, Oregon. She sprang a leak and her cargo of lumber shifting, compelled the crew to take to the rigging. She was towed into port by the tug Sea Rover.

The men on board suffered severely before being rescued. For ten hours Mate Beck clung to the foremast and frantically signaled for help, and four other members of the crew vainly endeavored to save the little craft from going to the bottom.

## BIG CLAIM AGAINST CHINESE.

### Mother of Lewis Etzell Will Sue for \$20,000.

Denver, Colo.: Mrs. Mary Etzell, mother of Lewis Etzell, the war correspondent who was killed by Chinese soldiers, will file a claim against the Chinese government for \$20,000 damages. The case has been put into the hands of attorneys, who will seek the aid of the state department at Washington in enforcing the claim.

London: The Daily Telegraph has a dispatch from Tientsin that Louis Etzell, who was killed by Chinese while acting as a correspondent of the Telegraph, was buried at Newchwang by direction of the American minister at Peking.

## ITS GROWTH IS WONDERFUL.

### University of Wisconsin Grants 391 Degrees to Students and Others.

Madison, Wis.: Thursday was the closing day of Wisconsin University's jubilee week and was given over principally to commencement exercises, which were held at the armory.

Diplomas were given to 335 students, and others received high degrees, making 391 in all.

The large number of degrees conferred was a striking mark of the phenomenal growth of the university since 1854, when only four students were graduated.

Honorary degrees of LL.D. were conferred upon thirty-seven men and women prominent in scientific circles of this and other countries.

### Lovesick Mormon Not Insane.

Richfield, Utah: William Nelson is not insane, but only lovesick, according to a medical investigation in his case. While on a mission for the Mormon church a few months ago Nelson became enamored of a girl convert and became so troublesome he was sent home by the church authorities. On his return he renewed his attentions until he was taken into custody and examined by physicians, who pronounced him sane, but lovesick. He was warned to behave.

## "Mark Twain's" Wife Dead.

Florence, Italy: Mrs. Samuel M. Clemens, wife of "Mark Twain," died of syncope here Monday. Her remains will be sent to the United States for interment. Mrs. Clemens died peacefully. Mr. Clemens kneels continually by the coffin. He speaks to no one.

## Tabid Dog Bites a Child.

Chicago: While playing in front of her home, 54 Frank Street, Rose Kaplan, 7 years old, was bitten on the leg by a dog supposed to have been suffering from rabies. The animal was killed later by Policeman O'Sullivan.

## Oil Prices Reduced.

Cleveland, O.: The Standard Oil Company Friday reduced the quotations on all grades of refined oil, naphtha and gasoline a half cent a gallon.

## Fifteenth Death from Distillery Fire

Peoria, Ill.: Adam Werner, who was struck by a flying timber at the Corning distillery fire, died Thursday night, making the total death list fifteen.

## Torpedoes in Raw Material.

Appleton, Wis.: Torpedoes were found in rags intended for use in the paper mills here. The workmen are on strike and it was announced the other day that Italian strike breakers would be brought on from New York. It is thought the torpedoes were placed in the rags by strike sympathizers.

## Woman Stabs Sister-in-Law.

Philadelphia, Pa.: Mary Richardson was stabbed through the heart by May Richardson, her sister-in-law, during a quarrel. Jealousy was the cause.

## RELEASE EXPECTED.

### Pedicaris and Varley Likely to be Freed.

London: The release of Pedicaris and Varley may be expected in a few days, says the Tangier correspondent of the London Daily Mail.

Practically all of Raisuli's conditions have been accepted by the sultan, and the shereef of Wazan, who is conducting the negotiations, is satisfied that Raisuli will receive the sultan's pardon.

"I understand that the bulk of the ransom will be furnished by the deposed governor of Tangier, Abdul Sok, who leaves for Tangier immediately," says the correspondent.

"It is feared that a tribe inimical to Raisuli, who hold the country between Tangier and Benharos, may attempt to seize the money in transit."

"The United States is determined to deter further acts of brigandage which are likely to be encouraged as a result of Raisuli's success, and the release of Pedicaris will see the beginning of a real crisis here."

The correspondent of the London Times at Tangier says:

"The situation is unchanged. The execution of Raisuli's demands that the army should be disbanded denudes the entire country between Fez and Tangier of troops, who certainly safeguarded the main roads of northern Morocco from plundering mountaineers and prevented general anarchy."

Paris: The foreign office has received lengthy advices from the French minister at Tangier. He says Mohammed El Torres, the sultan's representative at Tangier, has chosen his own son to proceed to the mountain retreat of Raisuli, the bandit chief, and present final terms to secure the release of Pedicaris and Varley. The son has already departed on his mission. Officials expect a successful outcome.

## LAND IS UNDER WATER.

### Important Levee on the Arkansas River Has Broken.

Pine Bluff, Ark.: The levee at Hannaberry, on the Arkansas river, broke Friday and more than 3,000 acres of cotton land are under water.

Every available man, together with state convicts, is working to repair the break.

Leaves down the river on the northern side are giving way rapidly, and this lets the water far inland.

Sheriff, in Plumbayon Township, is under water, and in some places the water covers the floors of the stores in the heart of the town. The whole of Pastoria Township is under water and every plantation in that district is flooded.

## SERIOUS FLOODS IN SOUTH.

### Nine Persons Drowned in Indian Territory—Arkansas Damage.

Arkmore, I. T.: The high water has caused the death of nine persons in Indian Territory. The dead are Mrs. H. Wilson, her 2-year-old baby and Miss Fay Davis, at Mill Creek; five children of Tony Jones, at Kianich Valley; a child, name not learned, at Benzel.

Mrs. Wilson, her child and Miss Davis were asleep in their home when a cloudburst gorged the creek, which swept away the building. The bodies were recovered.

All the tributaries of the Washita are out of their banks and cotton and other crops have been destroyed.

## CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

### Banker H. B. Watkins is Arrested at Enid, Okla.

Enid, Okla.: H. B. Watkins, cashier of the Citizens' Bank of this city, which failed April 30 for \$274,000, was arrested here Friday, charged with forgery.

Charles Gendeman, a farmer of this county, alleges that shortly before the bank failed a draft for \$1,000 payable to Gendeman was received by Watkins, who, it is alleged, indorsed Gendeman's name on the bank and appropriated the money. Watkins was released on a \$1,500 bond.

## NEBRASKA 50 YEARS OLD.

### Principal Celebration of Semi-Centennial Held in Omaha.

Omaha, Neb.: Nebraska on Friday celebrated its semi-centennial. The principal exercises were held in Omaha, where a grand military and civic parade marched through the downtown streets, following which formal exercises were held at the auditorium. Henry D. Estabrook, of New York, a former Nebraskan, was orator of the day.

## Broker Kills Actor.

Albany, N. Y.: Richard E. Presser, a well known broker of this city, shot and killed Miles McDonnell, a member of the Boston Metropolitan stock exchange, early Wednesday morning. Both men were interested in the company and had been on amicable terms until just before the tragedy. The cause of the shooting is a mystery.

## Portland Mine is Closed.

Victor, Colo.: In a bloodless assault made by 150 militiamen and deputies, led by Adjt. Gen. Bell, on the Portland mine Thursday, the mine was indefinitely closed, to be reopened later on terms which will prevent any workman securing work without presenting satisfactory working cards from the Mine Owners' Association.

## Fourth Victim of Father's Fray

Elizabeth, N. J.: Albert Pouch, 33 years old, who was shot by his father, Joseph M. Pouch, of Roselle, died in the general hospital here, making the fourth victim of the murderous frenzy of the insane father, who shot the boy and his 5-year-old sister, Minnie, just as the police broke into his home, and then shot himself.

## Japanese Hanged in California.

Folsom, Cal.: Koichi Haraka was hanged here Friday for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. H. Yoshimolo and another Japanese in Sacramento a year and a half ago.

## Bite of Spider is Fatal.

Knoxville, Tenn.: Mrs. J. C. Wilson, of this city, died from the effects of the bite of a black spider. She was in her room dressing when the insect bit her, and the poison spread so rapidly physicians were unable to check it.

## Hon. J. Norman Ritchie Dead.

Halifax, N. S.: Hon. J. Norman Ritchie, governor of the supreme court of Nova Scotia, died Monday. He was the third member of his family to occupy a seat on the bench of Nova Scotia. He was 70 years old.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

#### Dennison Fighting Hard—Trying to Prevent His Extradition to Iowa Jurisdiction—Interesting Legal Battle Before Courts at Omaha.

An Omaha special says: The application of Tom Dennison, accused of complicity in the Sheriff's diamond robbery, for a writ of habeas corpus to prevent his extradition to Iowa under a warrant issued by Gov. Mickey, came up for hearing before Judges Day, Troup and Redick Monday morning.

Attorney Harry C. Brome, who appeared with Elmer E. Thomas in opposing the application, occupied the time of the court until the noon recess with an argument to show the sufficiency of the requisition papers and objecting to the attempt of Dennison's attorneys to force the production of witnesses at Omaha. He cited a number of authorities in support of his position, contending that an application for a writ of habeas corpus was not the proper place to try the question of guilt or innocence.

C. J. Smyth appeared with W. J. Connell in support of Dennison's application. Mr. Connell, on behalf of Dennison, took up the argument of the afternoon session. He quoted authority after authority to prove his contention that unless evidence be introduced to show that a person accused is a fugitive from justice he cannot legally be extradited into another state.

Mr. Connell's statement was frequently interrupted by interrogatories from the bench.

## CROP OUTLOOK IN THE STATE

### Corn Has Grown Slowly and Fields Are Becoming Weedy.

The Nebraska bulletin says: The past week has been cool and wet. The mean daily temperature has averaged 3 degrees below the normal. The rainfall has exceeded one inch in nearly all portions of the state, and exceeded two inches in a considerable area in the central and northern counties.

The cool, moist weather has been very favorable for the growth of small grain and grass. Rye and winter wheat are heading. Oats and spring wheat have grown well and rather improved in condition. Grass in meadows and pastures is in unusually good condition. Alfalfa has made a rank growth in most counties and is ready to cut for the first time quite generally, but very little has been cut yet.

Corn has grown slowly and the fields are beginning to be weedy. Cultivation has been retarded by the wet condition of the soil. In some few counties corn on low land has been damaged by high water.

## RIDE PROVES FATAL FOR BOY.

### Jumps from Moving Train and Skull is Crushed.

Tuesday night four boys of Stuart went on a little diversion, and boarded the blind baggage of the westbound passenger to go a couple of stations west, intending to return on the 2 a. m. train. Among them was Edwin Haskin, aged 15, son of J. N. Haskin. Returning on the train was crossing a siding four miles west of Newport at 4 o'clock, young Haskin jumped from the train. He was hurled with such force that his skull was fractured and he died in a short time.

The supposition is that he mistook the siding for the switch at Newport and jumped from the train to avoid detection by the crew. An inquest was held at Newport and the verdict was that death was accidental.

## Nearly Escaped from Jail.

A young fellow, who gives his name as Charley Smith, charged with burglary at Spalling, who has been in jail at Greeley for a week or two, nearly escaped the other evening. He had burned a hole in the floor of his cell with a poker, tunneled under the foundation of the court house and made his exit to liberty. Some lady saw him going through the outskirts of the town and called the attention of the marshal to the fact that a suspicious looking character might need attention.

## Farmer Killed in Runaway.

Rudolph Opliger, a well-to-do German farmer living near Columbus, was almost instantly killed in a runaway Wednesday afternoon and fatally injured. Both his arms were broken, part of one foot cut off and her body frightfully bruised. She was walking along the tracks and being a deaf mute failed to hear the approaching train. She cannot recover.

## Injured in Runaway.

As the result of a runaway accident Ray Cassidy, a young farm hand, is lying at the home of his employer, M. M. Sterns, of the Spring Creek stock farm, Humboldt, with a fractured rib and internal injuries. The young man was engaged in hauling hedge brush when the team became frightened and ran away, landing in a ditch, with one of the horses on top of young Cassidy.

## Partners Quarrel and Mill is Closed.

G. W. Wirt has brought an action in the district court of Johnson County for the dissolution of partnership of the Wirt Milling Company, of Tecumseh. Mr. Wirt and R. V. Roach are the members of the company. The mill is shut down pending the disposition of the matter in the court.

## Dies in His Garden.

While at work in his garden Thursday afternoon A. J. Johnson, of Norfolk, fell over and immediately expired. The cause of death is supposed to be heart disease. Mr. Johnson was 71 years of age.

## Find Body in River.

The body of Charles Carlson was found in the Cedar River just below the mill-dam at Fullerton by A. R. Harmon, an employe of the mill company. Carlson was a farm hand about 40 years old. No one seems to know anything of the accident.

## O'Neill a Dry Town.

For the first time since O'Neill was placed on the map it is now a dry town, the temperance element having succeeded in putting the saloons entirely out of business.

## INJURED IN A FIGHT.

### Two Laborers at Stone Quarries Assault Fellow Workmen.

An affray at a boarding house at the stone quarries near Wymore promises to be fatal to one of the participants. Those engaged were all of them Bohemians. Brehm and Fraska were intoxicated and in this condition went to the boarding house, where they assaulted another laborer named Blaka, using a hammer and knives. Aside from being seriously beaten Blaka is stabbed in several places with knives. It is not thought possible he can recover.

After committing the assault Brehm and Fraska fled, taking refuge in some timber. Officers from Wymore were summoned and arrested the two, who are now confined in the Wymore jail.

Albert Brehm and Fred Fraska, who stabbed and beat a man named Blaka near the bone crusher at Wymore Sunday night, were bound over to district court at the preliminary hearing at Wymore on a charge of assault with intent to kill, their bond being fixed at \$1,000 each.

## SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

### Two Boys Nearly Blinded by Unstaked Lime.

Clarence McKay, son of George McKay, merchant of North Platte, and Harry Hughes, son of Thomas Hughes, of Colorado, visiting his grandparents at North Platte, two little boys 10 or 11 years of age, met with a painful and serious accident through which both of them may lose their eyesight.

The little fellows in their play got possession of some unstaked lime and placing it in a tin can they poured water on it, when it exploded, the contents of the can striking them in the face and eyes, burning them in the most shocking manner. The McKay boy is the most seriously injured of the two, one of his eyes being totally ruined and the other badly burned, and it is feared blindness will be the result to both of them.

Physicians were immediately summoned and prompt measures taken to relieve the intense pain of the little sufferers, but they are in a very precarious condition, as the accident is likely to leave them both blinded for life.

## MEN ENGAGE IN FATAL DUEL.

### E. C. Lewis Resents with Bullets Attention to His Wife by Another.

Banner County is wrought up over a shooting scrape that occurred just north of the Kimball County line Monday.

E. C. Lewis shot and dangerously wounded Edward Sharp.

Lewis, who is a married man, had been absent from home for several weeks and during his absence young Sharp, it is said, paid undue attentions to his wife. Upon his return he went out to see Sharp. They met on the road and the shooting followed.

Lewis shot twice, the first bullet going through Sharp's jaw. The second went through the body and lodged near the breastbone.

After the shooting both came to Kimball. Lewis gave himself up to the sheriff and Sharp was placed under the care of Dr. Mockett, who extracted the bullets. The chances for recovery are small.

## REHEARING IN MURPHY CASE

### Bishop Bonacum Continues His Legal Fight Against Priest.

On application of Bishop Bonacum the supreme court at Lincoln Thursday evening granted a rehearing in the long pending suit of the bishop against Rev. William Murphy, a priest at Seward. The supreme court recently affirmed the decision of the district court giving Father Murphy possession of the parish property after his dismissal and ex-communication by the bishop.

The rehearing is granted on the allegation of Bishop Bonacum that the ruling of the civil courts is in opposition to the ecclesiastical rule at Rome.

## WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

### Mrs. A. K. Luze Hangs Herself at Stanton.

Mrs. Andrew K. Luze, aged 49 years, committed suicide at Stanton by hanging herself to a rafter in a corn crib. The woman was missed by her husband early in the morning. On searching for her he found her lifeless body in the crib. She had twisted a sheet into a rope, climbed onto a box and after adjusting it about her neck jumped off.

All health is assigned as the cause for her act.

## Fatally Injured by Train.

Mrs. Christina Kukulowski, an aged woman, was struck by northbound Burlington passenger train No. 99 near Hoag Wednesday afternoon and fatally injured. Both her arms were broken, part of one foot cut off and her body frightfully bruised. She was walking along the tracks and being a deaf mute failed to hear the approaching train. She cannot recover.

## Fireman Falls from Engine.

Charles Helt, a fireman on the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad, met with an accident at Franklin which resulted in his losing four fingers and the greater part of his right hand. He was firing on the westbound freight and when the train was leaving Franklin he slipped and fell from the engine one wheel of the tender passing over his hand.

## Volway Asks for Time to Think.

Frank Sheldon, whose real name is Frank Volway, would not plead guilty or not guilty when brought before District Judge Evans, at York, asking that he be given twenty-four hours to consult with his attorney. Volway is said to be wanted in several places where he is supposed to have forged checks and drafts.

## Child Drowned at Bancroft.

The 3-year-old son of Henry Muhle was drowned in Omaha Creek, near their place, about ten miles northeast of Bancroft. Some of the older children were sent to the store nearby and the little fellow followed them and fell in the creek. The body was recovered.

## A Crack Shot.

Cuming County's champion shot, John Severson, of West Point, still holds the state belt, having successfully defended it against all competitors at the state meeting recently held at Columbus. He broke 579 targets out of a possible 620.

## May Lose Thumb.

In taking hold of a lawn mower which his sister was pulling about the yard, Lou LeHane, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. LeHane, of Beatrice, had both thumbs so badly mangled that amputation may be necessary.



### The Bartley bond case has again reached the supreme court. The transcript of the proceedings in the district court of Douglas County, together with a petition in error, was filed by the attorney general. The petition recites twenty-six grievances, of which the principal ones are that "the judgment of the court is unsupported by law" and that "the judgment of the court is contrary to law."

It prays that the judgment of the district court be reversed and a new trial be granted. The case had been tried four times, the last decision rendered by Judge Baxter releasing the bondsmen from all liability, and it is from this decision that the appeal is taken. The suit is to recover from Joseph H. Bartley and the sureties on his official bond as state treasurer a shortage of \$555,790.65.

### While talking with his wife at their home in Lincoln May 29, death came to H. A. Babecek, deputy state treasurer. For some weeks Mr. Babecek