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## JAPANESE TAKE PASS

THEY HAVE ASSUMED OFFENSIVE AND GET A POSITION.

RUSSIANS HAVE EVACUATED

News Received from Mukden Tells Russian General Staff of Another Defeat for their Arms—Figure on Japs Reserve Strength.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29, 5:25 p.m.—News received here from Mukden says that the Japanese have assumed the offensive and have captured Da pass.

This is not actually confirmed, but the general staff thinks it is correct.

The Russians, it is added, have evacuated the pass without serious resistance.

Several other passes of the Da range are also in the hands of the Japanese. Kuroptakin is evidently drawing in his forces to the less mountainous country, northward, where he may decide to give battle.

Meanwhile sharp fighting is regarded as imminent southeast of Mukden whence the Japanese are expected to deliver their main attack, the flanking movement being considered of secondary importance.

Japs Reserve Strength. St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—Russia makes an intricate calculation of the Japanese fighting strength from which it concludes that the Japanese have a reserve of 1,100,000 men or *Nob* which to draw, to fill up the battalions in the field.

Outpost Fighting Only.

London, Sept. 29.—Outpost skirmishes constitute the sum total of disclosed activities on the Liao and Taitse rivers, in Manchuria. Russian scouts report that the main Japanese force is centered in the vicinity of the Yentai mines. The railway north from Mukden is proving of much value to General Kuroptakin in bringing supplies for his army as well as reinforcements. Chinese arriving at Che Foo report that Japanese attacks on Port Arthur have resulted in heavy losses to the assaulting forces, while the Russians suffered comparatively little.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—Movements at the front, so far as disclosed by the meager dispatches received here, are confined almost to continuous outpost skirmishes, by means of which General Kuroptakin is keeping in close touch with the Japanese along the whole of their front. Field Marshal Oyama's advance appears to be extremely deliberate. There are no indications as yet that he has begun to overlap Russian positions. The superiority of the Russian cavalry is beginning to be apparent. They have had the best of it in a number of minor encounters.

It appears that General Rennenkampf's movement to the southward on Sept. 19 extended beyond the distance indicated by first reports. His Cossacks made a rapid sweep on Sept. 22 and struck a Japanese force at Benshu, threatening their communications and causing considerable excitement. Reinforcements are rapidly arriving at Mukden and many conscripts are already returning to duty. It is reported that General Kuroptakin has made a requisition upon the authorities here for additional officers to make up the heavy losses in killed and wounded in the battle of Liao Yang.

In summing up the situation the military expert of the Russ says it is evident from all indications at the front that the Japanese are engaged in a big turning movement on the eastward. This would give them advantage, as heretofore, of operating largely in the mountains, to which their artillery is better suited than for movements in the open.

I VON BUELOW SEES GIOLOTTI

Italy Will Not Act as Mediator in Far Eastern War.

Rome, Sept. 29.—Although a portion of the Italian press insists that the meeting of Premier Giolitti and Count von Buelow, the German chancellor, at Hamburg, was connected with the subject of mediation between Russia and Japan, the Capitale, a semi-official organ, gives voice to the contrary view, and says: "Not only the Italian, but all European governments, consider that mediation is impossible now, when Russia fully trusts in her ability to turn the tide of battle in her favor and while Japan does not wish to lose the fruits of her victories."

Italians Shoot Engineer.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 29.—A gang of Italian navvies, employed on the Canadian Pacific railway, drove the engineer and crew from the work train upon which they were engaged, near Carlsbad station. One of the cars had been derailed and several Italians injured. The uninjured secured a gun and, going to the locomotive, shot the engineer in the arm and back. The train crew interfered, whereupon they were chased from the train by the Italians. Special police were ordered to the scene from Fort William and the ringleaders of the gang arrested. The engineer's injuries are painful, but not serious.

## BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

Bishop Tuttle, Presiding Bishop of United States.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 29.—The nineteenth annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew opened in this city today. At Holy Trinity church Bishop Tuttle, presiding bishop of the United States, delivered the charge to the convention this morning. The business sessions opened this afternoon in Horticultural hall. The principal speakers were James A. Catto, president of the brotherhood in Canada, and J. H. Small of Chicago. Bishop Whitaker will preside at the mass meeting to be held in the Academy of music this evening and James L. Houghteling of Chicago, founder of the brotherhood, will be one of the speakers. Much interest is manifested in the proceedings tomorrow, when one of the speakers will be the Archbishop of Canterbury.

## SENATOR HOAR'S LAST DAY

LIFE OF THE AGED STATESMAN IS SWIFTLY PASSING.

MAY LIVE THROUGH THE DAY

This is Considered Doubtful, However, by His Physicians—He Failed Perceptibly During the Night and the End is Not Far Off.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 29.—Senator Hoar may possibly live throughout the night, though it is considered doubtful by physicians. He failed perceptibly during the night.

## IMPLICATED IN THE CRIME.

Former Senator Schumann Mixed up With Assassination.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—It is understood in authoritative quarters that strong evidence has been discovered that former Senator Schumann, father of the assassin of Governor General Bobrilloff, has been found to have been implicated in the crime.

Storm Plays With Train.

Omaha, Sept. 29.—A train on a Burlington branch in the southern part of the state was lifted bodily from the track and buried with titanic force to one side, where it fell in a heap of wreckage after making several revolutions. A tornado was blowing at the time and the train, which was an accommodation running between Orleans, Neb., and St. Francis, Kan., was a toy in the teeth of the storm, which overtook the cars near Wheeler, a small station on the line. The rear coach was filled with passengers, but the fact that they escaped without injury is one of the miraculous features of the phenomenon.

Renew Joint Traffic Agreement.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—Instead of making Chicago the basing point for rates on grain and grain products, the western and eastern lines decided to renew the joint traffic agreement. According to the agreement, the eastern roads will join the western in making the same rate from the upper Mississippi river crossings through Chicago as are made through St. Louis.

## FROM A NEW YORK PAPER

ALLEGED LETTER OF PRESIDENT WAS AN EDITORIAL.

IT WAS AN IMAGINARY EPISTLE

Post Says the President Might, With Advantage, Have Written Such a Letter to President Donnelly, of the Meat Packers Strike.

New York, Sept. 29.—The letter alleged to have been received by Michael Donnelly, the leader of the meat strike, purporting to be one sent by President Roosevelt, was copied from an editorial in the New York Evening Post of Aug. 1.

The Evening Post says: "The letter appeared as an editorial in the Evening Post of Aug. 1 and was explicitly stated to be a letter which the president 'might' have written with advantage to himself and the country. In other words, it was confessedly an imaginary letter, written for the sake of bringing out certain truths in regard to the meat strike."

Judge Phelps Goes to Boston.

Boston, Sept. 29.—Judge H. C. Phelps of Lee was at the state house in response to a summons calling him there in connection with the firing of Third Secretary Gurney of the British embassy. Governor Bates arrived and took personal charge of the case.

Urge Division of Africa.

Richmond, Ind., Sept. 29.—Bishop Hartzell, for twenty years a Methodist bishop in Africa, in an address delivered here, declared he hoped to see the time when the American flag should float over a portion of African territory, and that Africa can be divided by the great nations of the earth without war.

## SLOCUM HORROR VICTIMS

PASS RESOLUTIONS PROTESTING AGAINST DECISION.

COPY TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Report of the Steamboat Inspectors is Denounced and Punishment is Demanded for Those Responsible for the Terrible Catastrophe.

New York, Sept. 29.—Survivors of the General Slocum excursion steamer fire and those who were bereaved by the horror of last June, to the number of 300, held a meeting to protest against the decision of local steamboat inspectors. Resolutions were adopted which denounce the report and call for the punishment of those responsible. A copy of the resolutions will be sent to President Roosevelt. Men and women wept as the story of the disaster was told over again by those who had passed through the catastrophe.

## TRANSMISSISSIPPI CONGRESS,

Called to Meet at St. Louis October 25 to 29.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 29.—The official call for the fifteenth annual session of the Transmississippi commercial congress to meet at St. Louis October 25 to 29, has been issued by Tom Richardson, chairman of the executive committee.

Lady Curzon Still Improves.

Wilmot Castle, Kent, Sept. 29.—Lady Curzon passed a fair night and yesterday's improvement is maintained.

Escaped Convict Captured.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—Albert Short who escaped from the penitentiary in San Quentin, Cal., last August, was arrested here. After escaping from the prison, Short said he hid himself in the cargo of a vessel bound for China. At Los Angeles he managed to go ashore unobserved. He then secured a suit of clothes from a tramp and went to Kansas City, where he remained until three days ago when he came to Chicago. When captured he was half starved and submitted to arrest without resistance. Short was under ten years' sentence for burglary and had served one year of his term when he escaped.

Charged With Killing Cousin.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 29.—Joseph Simerly, aged nineteen, was arrested in Andrew county, charged with shooting to death a rich cousin William A. Simerly, Sunday last. Investigation reveals that William A. Simerly was shot twice with a shotgun instead of having been killed with an axe, as was at first reported. When his body was found in a brush heap where it had been set on fire, the face was covered with blood and near lay an axe. It was immediately supposed that it had been used in beating out his life. The tragedy is believed to have been an outgrowth of a love affair.

Seven Hours Chicago to St. Louis.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—The Wabash has placed in service the famous daylight train, called the "Banner Blue." On and after Oct. 2 this train will make the run between Chicago and St. Louis in seven hours, something never before accomplished by any other road. The cars are equipped with all the latest improvements and have many features never before introduced by a railroad.

Baseball Results.

National League—New York, 2; Chicago, 7; Brooklyn, 3; St. Louis, 7; Philadelphia, 3; Cincinnati, 4; Boston, 4; Pittsburgh, 3-0.

American League—Cleveland, 5; Boston, 0; Detroit, 5; New York, 0; Chicago, 4; Washington, 3; St. Louis, 5; Philadelphia, 10.

Iowa to Collect Inheritance Tax.

Des Moines, Sept. 29.—The state treasurer completed preliminaries looking to the collection of collateral inheritance tax from the estate of the late James Callanan, which is said to be worth \$1,000,000. The state will recover \$100,000.

Land Frauds in Indian Territory.

Kansas City, Sept. 29.—William M. Stewart, United States senator from Nevada, is here. Senator Stewart is chairman of the senate committee on Indian affairs and in that capacity has been investigating the land allotment question in the Indian territory. In speaking of what he had learned, Senator Stewart said that land frauds in that territory had grown to such proportions that they would have a bad effect in the fight for statehood.

"The Indian territory," said he, "is in a lamentable condition. There is no opportunity there for actual settlers. Speculators or land grabbers occupy the entire field."

Oil Paintings of Czar Mutilated.

St. Louis, Sept. 29.—When the Russian exhibit in the varied industry building at the World's fair was opened it was discovered that several valuable oil paintings of Emperor Nicholas had been torn from the wall and mutilated by some unidentified person or persons. Another portrait of the emperor, a handsome and invaluable panel, done in colored silk, has been torn from its support and subjected to the greatest indignity. The oil paintings were torn and there were marks showing that the features of the czar had been stamped upon.

Engineer Worden Killed.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 29.—H. A. Worden of Wymore, Neb., Burlington engineer, was killed in the yards of the Burlington by the overturning of the tender of a locomotive. Worden was in charge of the engine that drew freight train No. 64 from Wymore and was pulling into the lower yards when the engine left the track at a switch and plunged across a bridge.

Family Shot From Ambush.

Cairo, Ill., Sept. 29.—White Kink Head, a farmer living near Clinton, Ky., was standing with his wife and child on the front porch when they were all shot from ambush. Head was fatally wounded and the woman and child were seriously hurt. Head had some trouble with his neighbors. The sheriff has gone to the scene.

North Dakota W. C. T. U.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 29.—Several hundred delegates and visitors are here for the annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which will be in session here during the next few days. The convention promises to be the most notable ever held by the organization in this state. The

## TO TAKE CANADA ATLANTIC

Dominion Railroad Circles are Interested in Move.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 29.—In Dominion railroad circles much interest is manifested in the half-yearly meeting of the Grand Trunk railway in London today as it is expected that action will be taken whereby the Grand Trunk will acquire the Canada Atlantic railway. The Canada Atlantic runs from Parry Sound on Georgian Bay, connects with the Grand Trunk at Coteau Crossing, St. Lawrence river, and also makes connection with the Vermont Central, Boston and Maine, Delaware and Hudson and Railways in the United States. The effect of this addition will be to consolidate the Grand Trunk system, especially in its capacities for handling the grain trade from the west. It will also give the Grand Trunk a direct route from Montreal to Georgian bay.

## SERIOUS HAZING SCRAPE

SCHOOL BOY ROUGHLY HANDLED BY PLAY MATES.

THROWN INTO ABANDONED WELL

Bound With Ropes and Left to His Own Fate—Police Found Him Ten Hours Later and There is Trouble for the Others in Sight.

New York, Sept. 29.—Young boys attending the public school at Flushing, Long Island, have taken part in a hazing which narrowly missed causing the death of Herbert Howe, eleven years of age.

The boy was captured on his way to school by a band of larger school mates. They bound him with ropes and threw him into an abandoned well.

When the boy failed to return home his mother notified the police and a search revealed young Howe in an old well at a distance from any house and concealed by underbrush.

He had been in the same position for ten hours, but was not seriously injured by his experience.

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St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—The Novostok, in a bitter and sarcastic editorial, refers to the conference of the institute of international law which closed at Edinburgh yesterday, and to the proposal of the United States to reassemble the Hague conference.

The paper declares that international law is a polite myth, under cover of which the strongest nation takes what it wants without regard for its opponent's rights and feelings, and says there is not a tenet in the so-called code which has not been broken whenever it suited the convenience of some nation able to defy it.

International Law Conference.

Edinburgh, Scotland, Sept. 29.—The conference of the Institute of International Law, which began here Sept. 22, concluded. President Roosevelt's announcement that as will shortly call a second peace conference at The Hague was discussed. The conference did not pass a further definite resolution on the subject, but gave evidence of sympathy with this effort further the cause of arbitration.

Torpedo at Large in San Pablo Bay.

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—Two torpedoes were lost from the United States submarine boat Pike, which has been experimenting in San Pablo bay under the direction of Lieutenant MacArthur. One has been recovered by Italian fishermen. The other is still at large and may be exploded by a passing vessel. It is charged with 200 pounds of gunpowder. A reward of \$250 is offered for its recovery.

The one already found had lost its compressed air, and was harmless.

Railroad Wreck in Canada.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 29.—A wreck is reported on the Grand Trunk railroad near Woodstock. Five people are reported killed.

## FOREST FIRES RAGING

BITTER ROOT FOREST RESERVE BEING DEVASTATED.

MONTANA TIMBER DESTROYED

Cabins of Prospectors and Lumbermen

Have Been Burned With all Their

Contents but no Loss of Life Has

Yet Been Reported.