

STORM IS EXPECTED

Charges of Heresy Promise to Plunge Methodist Conference into Spirited Conflict.

METHOD OF PROCEDURE IS DISCUSSED

Subject Leads to a Vigorous Contest in the Committee Meeting.

REQUEST TO CONFIRM PROFESSORS

Applies to Whose Orthodoxy is in Doubt.

BISHOP M'C. PLAN IS OPPOSED

Strong Influence Exerting to Block Plan to Open American University Before Educational Scheme is Ripe.

LOS ANGELES, May 11.—The present intentions are that the heresy charges which have been made against several individuals high in the councils of Methodism are destined to provoke a spirited conflict among the delegates to the Methodist general conference before a final settlement of the controversy is reached.

After much debate the sub-committee finally voted the power of a board of inquiry and will hear all the evidence bearing upon this subject. Memorials on these charges have been received from the Columbia river, southern Illinois and Swedish conferences asking for an examination into the orthodoxy of those in 34th street schools and of the professors in several of the faculties.

Oppose Bishop McCabe's Plan. All of these memorials and others of similar import were recommended to the sub-committee.

Three prominent educators on the committee who are standing together on the ground that theology in Methodist schools is safe and sound, are Chancellor J. R. Day of Syracuse, President Charles J. Little of Garrett Biblical Institute, and Secretary W. F. McDowell of the board of education. In addition to their opposition to the heresy charges, these men are also exerting a strong influence in blocking Bishop McCabe's plan to open the American university before the \$5,000,000 endowment is secured.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' MEETING

International Convention of Young Men's Christian Association in Session at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, May 11.—The international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America convened here today. The convention marked the fiftieth anniversary of the first international convention in America, when the international committees formed and the first meeting on this continent of association delegates was held. It has brought about 1,400 delegates, representing 600 city associations, 700 student associations, 200 railroad associations and a large number of miscellaneous associations representing the church, navy, Negro and Indian races and industrial concerns.

The program includes not only meetings for the delegates, but meetings for the women and members of the boys' department. Workers are present from every state in the union, Canada, Mexico and other countries.

YATES CARRIES FIRST POINT

Governor's Delegates Will Be Seated from Two Contested Illinois Counties.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 11.—The republican state central committee today voted to seat in the temporary organization of tomorrow's state convention the Yates delegates from Cumberland and Johnson counties. The committee formally decided to name Congressman Cannon for temporary chairman.

It is reported that Senator Fulton has advised his friends to make no fight against the action of the state central committee in seating the Yates-Lowden delegates in the temporary organization, but to accept the situation and await developments.

BONDHOLDERS TO SUE STATE

California Asked to Pay Debt for Which San Francisco is Not Liable.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—Some of the holders of Montgomery avenue bonds are proposing bringing suit against the state for the principal and interest remaining unpaid. It has been decided repeatedly that the city is not liable. According to the federal constitution a state cannot sue without its consent. By a law passed in 1863 California has given formal consent to have itself sued in matters involving a violation of contract, where negligence is shown. It is under this law the bondholders are to sue.

HONOR FOR BUNAU-VARILLA

First Minister of Panama is Made Officer of Legion of Honor.

PARIS, May 11.—The government has made M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, first minister of Panama to the United States, an officer of the Legion of Honor. President Loubet acted in this matter on the request of Foreign Minister Delcasse and it is understood that this is expressive of the government's approval of the winding up of the Panama transfer and of M. Bunau-Varilla's service in that connection.

W. A. Day and Charles W. Russell, the assistant United States attorney generals who came here from Washington to assist in the transfer of the canal property, sailed today from Cherbourg on the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Gross, taking with them the deed for the Panama canal and all the papers connected with the transfer. They expressed themselves entirely satisfied with the success of their mission and gratified at the government's recognition of M. Bunau-Varilla, who materially aided them in their work.

FILIPINO SUSPECTS LIBERATED

Gomez and Kolbasa Declared Not Guilty of Aiding Insurrection.

MANILA, May 11.—The trials of Dominador Gomez and Bonaventura Kolbasa have resulted in their acquittal. Dominador Gomez, a former Spanish officer and former president of the Union Obrero, otherwise known as the democratic labor union, was arrested in September last upon the charge of rebellion and insurrection for inciting laborers in the province of Luzon, to take up arms against the authority of the United States.

BRAZIL AND PERU NEGOTIATING

Former Says Reports of Trouble Are Greatly Exaggerated.

RIO JANEIRO, May 11.—Reports received here show that the border skirmishes which have been going on between the Peruvian and Brazilian troops in the Alto Perun and Alto Juna districts have been ridiculously exaggerated.

AMERICAN TROOPS ARE AMBUSHED

Two Officers and Fifteen Men Killed in Fight with Moros.

MANILA, May 11.—Lieutenant Winfield Harper and thirty-nine men of F company of the Seventeenth United States Infantry, were killed in an ambush by several hundred Moros. Two American officers and fifteen men were killed and five men were wounded.

Italian Queen Expects an Heir.

ROME, May 11.—The president of the house announced in the Chamber of Deputies today that he had received an official letter from the queen of Italy stating that Queen Helena expects to give birth to a child in September. The deputies thereupon rose from their seats, applauded and charged the president to present the congratulations of the chamber to the king and queen. There is considerable interest in the announcement, and as their majesties have no son, it is hoped that their next child will be a boy.

PARKER CONTROLS IN INDIANA

Ruling of State Committee Seats 125—Contested Delegates for New York Man.

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Go to Chicago on a Platform Endorsing Administration of Roosevelt.

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BRITISH FIGHT IN TIBET

Latest Detail to Report Killed More Than Two Hundred Natives.

TIBETANS OCCUPY THE MONASTERIES

Leaders of Expedition Think Chinese Are Giving Assistance to Tibetans in Opposition to the Invaders.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Mounted infantrymen returned May 6 to camp on the Karola and reported that they had killed 250 Tibetans during the pursuit of the force that opposed the advance of Colonel Younghusband's mission, says a Times dispatch from Gyantse, Tibet.

There is some suspicion of collusion between the Tibetans and the Chinese. Two English rifles were recaptured, one of which had been lost to Lieutenant Grant at Phari some months ago. The Tibetans have strongly fortified Jong and open fire upon any one approaching the town.

Some hundreds have taken residence in the monastery, whence they have opened fire upon the British troops. Persons of importance arrive daily at Jong, and Lhasa sends caravans from monasteries and villages within a wide radius.

In the attack on the mission compound May 5, when eight men were killed, the Tibetans actually gained the walls. Only their shouting betrayed them in time to prevent indiscriminate slaughter of the post, weakened by the detachment of men for an expedition. The defenders were quickly in position and drove off the invaders. The British are in a hospital in Lhasa on joining the fighters and gave valuable assistance.

ENGINEERS ARE IN SESSION

Sixth Biennial Convention at Los Angeles Will Elect a Successor to Grand Chief Arthur.

LOS ANGELES, May 11.—The sixth biennial convention of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers assembled in this city today with between 600 and 700 delegates in attendance at Turner hall. At the same time the auxiliary of the order assembled in the Blanchard hall.

The convention was called to order by Grand Chief Engineer W. S. Stone, who delivered a brief address. After the secretary called the roll the convention proceeded with the work of selecting the important committees.

When the preliminaries were disposed of the convention adjourned until afternoon, when it convened at Mason opera house. There Mayor Snyder formally welcomed the delegates. Addresses were also made by Second Grand Assistant Engineer C. Currie of Jersey City, by representatives of the operating departments of the various railroads entering Los Angeles and by First Grand Engineer F. T. Sherman of Cleveland and others.

The work of the greatest importance before the convention is the selection of a grand chief engineer to fill the place made vacant by the death of P. M. Arthur last July. The present chief, W. S. Stone, who was chosen to fill out Mr. Arthur's unexpired term, will be a candidate to succeed himself. Other candidates are J. C. Currie, second grand assistant engineer, and T. S. Ingraham, first grand engineer.

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LANDS JENAL IN A GOOD PLACE

Cedar County Man Given a Position as Special Agent of Land Department.

LOBBINGIER GETS PLACE

Omaha Man Named for Judge of First Instance in Philippines.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Secretary Taft has appointed Charles R. Lobbingier a judge of the court of first instance in the Philippines. The appointee is a lawyer of Omaha, Neb., a writer on legal topics of established reputation and at one time was a member of the supreme court commission of Nebraska.

NO PROTEST ON THE PAVLOV REPORT

United States Will Let the Vicksburg Matter Rest Where It Is, Despite the Comment of Russian Minister.

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AMERICA NOT TO PROTEST

The State department has concluded not to make an official protest to the Russian government against the latest utterances of M. Pavlov, late Russian minister to Corea, relative to the conduct of the officers of the United States ship Vicksburg in connection with the succoring of survivors of the Varieg and Koraitz.

CONNECTICUT IS NOW IN LINE

Republican State Convention Meets at New Haven and Endorses Roosevelt.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 11.—The administration of President Roosevelt was endorsed by the Connecticut republican state convention, and it was recommended that the fourteen delegates chosen to the Chicago convention should vote as a unit for his nomination.

Charles F. Brooker of Ansonia and John L. Robinson of Hartford were elected delegates-at-large to the national convention. The platform, which was unanimously adopted, was as follows:

We, the republicans of Connecticut, in state convention assembled, express our unwavering fidelity to the principles of the republican party, as set forth in the national platform of 1900.

SIX KEGS OF POWDER BLOW UP

Five Miners Killed and Twenty-Five Are Injured by an Explosion.

CARBONDALE, Ill., May 11.—In an explosion today in a shaft of the Big Muck Coal and Iron company in Herrin, five men were killed outright, five seriously injured and twenty others slightly injured. The dead are:

JOHN MILLER, JOHN MILLER, PRITZ ZEIBERG, EVAN WILLIAMS, JOHN WILLIAMS.

John Miller, a driver, had charge of the distribution of the explosives. Ten minutes after Miller was supposed to have completed his task the electric current which runs the machine was turned on and the explosion followed.

PORTEOUS IS UNDER ARREST

Man Who Introduced Bertillon System Into United States Charged with Embezzlement.

CHICAGO, May 11.—George M. Porteous, for three years a pupil of Bertillon in Paris and the man who introduced into the United States the Bertillon system of measurements of criminals, has been arrested here on a charge of embezzlement. He is retaining in Chicago a number of relatives and a few friends. Porteous is a native of Scotland and was employed by him as a real estate and insurance agent. When Bertillon made public his system about ten years ago Porteous was a Chicago detective. He immediately secured a leave of absence and went to Paris, spending three years under the master of criminology and means of identification. Returning to Chicago, he was placed in charge of the national bureau of identification which he was instrumental in founding and retaining in Chicago during several years. Then he was succeeded by Edward Evans, and the bureau was removed to Washington.

ST. LOUIS COMPANY WINS SUIT

Divided Court Decides that Railroad Law Does Not Apply to Terminals.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 11.—The Missouri supreme court today handed down a decision refusing to oust the Terminal Railroad association of St. Louis of its franchise and right to do business in Missouri. The court sustains the demurrer to a petition, alleging that the association does not own and operate parallel lines and competing lines and that as a terminal railroad, it does not come under the law regulating trunk line roads. Judge Valliant wrote the opinion, which is concurred in by Judges Brann, Burgess and Fox. Chief Justice Robinson and Judge Gantt and Marshall dissented.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Thursday; Showers Thursday Night and Friday.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. showing weather forecast for various times.

EXPECT THE BIG FIGHT LATER

Russian Experts Think Armies Cannot Meet Again for Two Days.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 11.—6:30 p. m.—No news has been received from the seat of war confirmatory of the many rumors of heavy fighting which are drifting in from abroad, mainly through Japanese sources over Siberia last night and the telegraph is working badly today. Whatever official information has reached the emperor has not been made public, as his majesty left Tsarsko Selo early today to attend the review and had not returned late this afternoon. The general staff admits it is without advice as to whether the Russian or Japanese forces are still open. Upon several points, however, specific information is vouchsafed. The idea that the Russian squadron at Port Arthur is being destroyed to prevent its falling into the hands of the enemy is scouted at the admiralty, where the statements made by the Associated Press last night are reiterated.

"We are not going to repeat the mistake made at Sebastopol," said Vice Admiral Rojensky, commander of the Baltic fleet. "If the worst comes to the worst the Russian fleet will put up a fight to the enemy and inflict as much damage as possible before going to the bottom. But you can say it is a little early yet to talk of such desperation."

The general staff is positive that there has been no fight at Manchen Liao since the surrender of the Russian fleet. It does not occupy it. Only a few scouts were left there.

According to their reports, the Japanese forces at Feng Wang Cheng were divided in two in advancing, one part moving forward toward Liao Yang, and the other marching toward Hai Cheng. Both Liao Yang and New Chwang are six days' march from Feng Wang Cheng. Therefore, they argue, a fight of importance is impossible for at least two days. The general staff is positive that the Russian reported death of General Zassalitch is not credible. The possibility of a small engagement at Wah Fung Tien is admitted, although no information has been received. But if an engagement has occurred there it could not be of great importance, as the garrison is small.

The Russian force at New Chwang is withdrawing, but the place was still held, according to the latest advices. When the evacuation is completed, in order to protect the foreign inhabitants against brigands, China will be invited probably to send regular troops to New Chwang. It is explained that the situation at New Chwang is anomalous. Ordinarily the civil administration of a city whose country is being invaded is in possession until the enemy appears, but in this case Russia is only administering it provisionally, China being the real owner.

The information which has been received at the Foreign office from M. Plancin, secretary of the Russian legation in Peking, is that the Russian force at New Chwang is not of an alarming character, and the statements that Chinese bandits are across the river waiting to swoop down on New Chwang the minute the Russians abandon it is not credible. It is believed that the restraint which is being exercised at Peking by all the powers is having effect.

There is reason to believe that the Russians intend to hold the stations and railroad between Port Arthur and Liao Yang and probably Kai Ping, and that the place will be put in a state to stand a siege, the idea being that if it can hold out for three months it will make the relief of Port Arthur much easier when General Kourapatkin is ready to assume the offensive. Possibly the New Chwang garrison will be sent to Kai Ping.

RUSSIAN DEATH LIST IS LARGEST

Delayed Report from Antung Tells of Casualties of Yalu Fight.

ANTUNG, May 6.—(Via Seoul, May 11.)—An official report of the casualties at the battle of the Yalu shows a list of thirty-nine Japanese officers killed and twenty-nine wounded, 16 men killed and 999 wounded. On the Russian side 1,382 men were found dead on the field, 475 wounded are in Japanese hospitals and 128 men were taken prisoners.

Most of the Russians who surrendered at Hamatan, west of Chiu Liao Cheng, where the Japanese charged the Russian rear guard, were wounded. The Russian soldiers who have since died in the hospital are buried on a hilltop near Antung and were followed to the grave by a Japanese guard of honor and the staff officers. A Danish Lutheran missionary, the only foreigner living at Antung, read the funeral service over the remains. The captured Russian munitions of war being brought into Antung include twenty field pieces, ten machine guns, much small arm ammunition, twenty transport wagons, two ambulances and band instruments, the latter perforated with bullets. Most of these things were abandoned in the precipitate flight of the Russian troops.

REACH AGREEMENT AT TACOMA

Washington Republicans Will Have Settled Matters When Convention is Called to Order.

TACOMA, Wash., May 11.—After an all-night session a state was agreed upon for the republican state convention, which met today, by a steering committee representing western Washington and enough of the eastern counties to secure the requisite votes. The ticket of this combine is headed by A. F. Mead of Whatcom for governor. This leaves the field clear for a straight fight on the United States senatorship between Senator Foster, Congressman Cushman and Humphreys and Samuel Flies. By this arrangement the friends of Governor McBride are apparently left out of consideration.

FIGHT IN ILLINOIS FACTORY

Importation of Foreign Workmen Causes Wounding of Several at Granite City.

ST. LOUIS, May 11.—Bad feeling existing for some time between two factions employed at the Granite City Manufacturing company today issued in a temporary injunction striking on board, in making hurried preparations to leave here tomorrow for Chicago. The reason for its departure has not been announced here.

GERMAN SHIPS GOING TO HAYTI

Fear Disturbance—There May Require Their Presence.

There is danger of rioting at New Chwang between the time of the Russian withdrawal and the occupation of the town by the Japanese. The Navy department at Washington has ordered Rear Admiral Cooper, commander in chief of the Asiatic squadron, to send a cruiser and a gunboat to Ch'oo-Foo, the Russian neutral port to New Chwang, to be ready for an emergency.

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(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) BERLIN, May 11.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The ship of the German East American squadron, instead of going to Newport News, will proceed to Port Au Prince, Hayti, as disorders are feared there.

NOT SINKING SHIPS

Russians Deny Report They Are Blowing Up Vessels at Port Arthur.

SAY SUCH THING WILL NEVER BE DONE

If Necessary They Will Put to Sea and Go to Bottom Fighting.

EXPLOSIONS ARE HEARD IN HARBOR

This Gives Rise to the Report of the Destruction of Ships.

FIERCE LITTLE FIGHT OCCURS AT ANJU

Cossack Patrol Gets to the Rear of the Japanese Army and Attacks Small Garrison at that Place.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) NEW YORK, May 11.—(New York Herald Service—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—From Tokyo came the information that Vice Admiral Togo, having heard many mysterious explosions in Port Arthur, had reached the conclusion that possibly the Russians were destroying their warships to prevent their capture by the Japanese. The Foo also heard a similar rumor, but both reports were vigorously denied in St. Petersburg, where it was officially stated that the Russians never would destroy their own ships. They would, it was added, allow them, if necessary, put to sea and go to the bottom fighting.

General Kourapatkin reported that a train load of war supplies had been successfully landed in Port Arthur from Liao Yang, great praise being accorded to the officer who had charge of the hazardous undertaking.

A small force of Russians attacked the Japanese garrison at Anju. Their presence in the neighborhood was a surprise and was regarded as evidence that the rear of the Japanese advance is being threatened. In regard to the situation at New Chwang, Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador at Washington, gave this view of the problem, declaring that Russia's retirement from Manchuria is only temporary.

General Zassalitch reported that the Japanese army is concentrated in three groups around Feng Wang Cheng, while all other reports indicated that the Russians expect a decisive battle soon at or near Liao Yang.

Meantime, reports of fighting near that place remained unconfirmed, the probability being that only a brush with brigands has taken place.

Explosion Heard in City.

CHE FOO, May 11.—An unofficial Japanese dispatch has been received here to the effect that the Russians have destroyed their fleet in Port Arthur.

TOKIO, May 11.—At noon Admiral Togo reports that since May 6 many explosions have been heard coming from the vicinity of Port Arthur, but the cause has not been ascertained. The impression here is that the Russians, despairing of their ability to defend Port Arthur, are destroying their ships before evacuating the place.

It is impossible to give an accurate list of the effective Russian warships at Port Arthur, but some idea of the state of the fleet can be formed at the official report of Vice Admiral Alexieff to Emperor Nicholas concerning the engagement of April 13, in which the Petropavlovsk was sunk and the Pobieda was seriously damaged. In this report the vice admiral said, "The whole effective squadron at Port Arthur sailed out."

He then enumerated as the units of the fleet the first-class battleships Parasetev, Pobieda, Poltava, Petropavlovsk and Sevastopol; the armored cruiser Bayan, the first-class protected cruiser Askold and Diana, the second-class protected cruiser Novik, two torpedo cruisers and five torpedo boat destroyers.

It will, therefore, be seen that on April 14, the day after the destruction of the Petropavlovsk, the Russians at Port Arthur had six armored cruisers and three protected cruisers, whereas on February 1 they had available at Port Arthur seven battleships, one armored cruiser, five protected cruisers and one torpedo transport. The number of torpedo boats or torpedo boat destroyers effective is not known.

Fighting at Anju.

SEKOU, May 11.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—A Russian force, estimated to number 200 men, is attacking Anju, about sixty miles southeast of Wiju, Corea. The small Japanese garrison of that place is fighting bravely.

The sudden attack on the Japanese garrison at Anju by 200 Russians confirms previous reports of the presence of Russian scouting parties behind the Japanese lines. The small Japanese garrison at Anju indicates that the blow was not expected.

Japanese Drive Off Enemy.

TOKIO, May 11.—7 p. m.—Details of the attack by Russian Cossacks at Anju, Corea, yesterday morning, were received here today.

The Russian cavalry numbered 300 men and their attack was spirited. The Japanese garrison resisted stoutly and succeeded in driving off the enemy. Later, Japanese reinforcements arrived from Ping Yang for reinforcements.

Indications point to the presence of a Russian force at Yong Byong, between Anju and Ussan, but it probably is small. It is evident that these Russian cavalrymen were sent south for the purpose of harassing the Japanese banks and lines of communication. The Japanese report of the fighting at Anju does not give any losses.

GREAT BRITAIN TO SEND NO SHIPS

If Russians Leave New Chwang Brigands May Act Until Japs Arrive.

LONDON, May 11.—Earl Percy, under foreign secretary, replying to a question in the House of Commons today, said the British consul at New Chwang had not asked for a gunboat for the protection of British interests there, in view of the possibility of an attack by brigands. New Chwang being in the theater of war, his majesty's government some time ago took the only step possible in requesting the brigandage to safeguard the interests of British subjects. The Russian government