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RUSSIANS IN DANGER

Japanese Forces Reported to Be to the Northwestward of Mukden. Threatens Rear of Russian Position. Belief Kourapatkin Must Either Retire or Face Great Disaster.

THREE ARMIES CONVERGING AGAINST

Combined Force Outnumbers Him in Ratio of Two to One. ZASSALITCH IS RELIEVED OF COMMAND.

Pays the Penalty for Being Defeated in Engagement at the Yalu—Count Keller to Be His Successor.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) LONDON, May 17.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—General Kourapatkin's position must be one of great danger, is the inference drawn from the news that a Japanese force has appeared thirty miles to the northeast of Mukden.

Everything from the Russian point of view depends upon whether he knows of this movement and has already taken steps to remove all his baggage and the bulk of his forces from Liao Yang.

While stating that there is no information as to the force of the Japanese near Mukden, or where they came from, the Daily Mail says: "It must not be forgotten that the three divisions which landed in Korea early in the war have since disappeared completely from view."

General Kuroki's army, which is composed of the Imperial Guards, the Second and Twelfth divisions, appeared to be to the north of Feng Wang Cheng, while the Fifth, Tenth and Eleventh divisions were probably landed at Pleshovo and Taku Shan.

Since the battle of the Yalu it has been predicted that General Zassalitch would not long retain his command, but there has been no disposition to act hastily.

What will become of Zassalitch, whether he will remain in the far east or be assigned to a less important region, cannot be learned tonight, but it is emphatically stated that there is no intention to disgrace him, and if he returns from the far east it will be on sick leave and at his own request.

SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS

Japs Hold All of Liao Tung Peninsula Except the Town of Port Arthur.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) NEW YORK, May 17.—(New York Herald Service—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—All dispatches from the theater of war indicate that the Japanese are in full possession of the entire lower portion of the Liao Tung peninsula, with the exception, of course, of Port Arthur.

New landings have been made in the vicinity of Kai Ping, and the evacuation of New Chwang is complete. Japanese troops are marching on Liao Tung, and all indications are that unless a vigorous intention to withdraw to Mukden is carried out by General Kourapatkin, a serious battle will be fought very soon at or near the former place.

In the opinion of the Herald's French military expert, General Linovitch's movement in upper Corea is far more important than has yet been indicated, the belief being that the Russian leader is about to make a sudden descent on the principal Korean towns, the results of which will be exceedingly disastrous to the Japanese rear guard and its line of communication.

London heard of a Japanese force thirty miles to the northeast of Mukden, and the military experts there declare that General Kourapatkin, with 100,000 men is being surrounded by 180,000 under Kuroki, and is being forced into a position of the gravest kind.

RUSSIANS WAITING FOR ATTACK

Indications Point to Making a Stand at Liao Yang.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—From Liao Yang comes a telegram stating that the Russian troops are in splendid condition and elated at the prospect of the coming fight, which will furnish an opportunity of avenging the Yalu defeat.

Reinforcements are constantly arriving. During the day the troops are kept busy digging trenches and throwing up additional lines of earthworks. Everything points to the commander making a determined stand there, and bitter will be the disappointment should the rumored order of retreat be given.

Admiral Okhotsky reports that the channels leading to Port Arthur are being sounded, from which inference is drawn that the entrance is blocked in spite of the emphatic assurances to the contrary.

AWAIT REPORT OF COMMITTEE

California Democrats Will Select Platform Before Delegates.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) SANTA CRUZ, Cal., May 17.—The chief feature of interest at the state democratic convention today will be the report of the committee on resolutions. It is probable that two representatives will be presented, one by the majority of the committee, which is understood to favor an unqualified endorsement of the platform.

JAPANESE STILL WORK ON MINES

Russian Guns Interrupt Progress, but Islanders Are Persistent.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) TOKIO, May 17.—Admiral Kataoka reports that on the 15th the operation of removing the mines in Kerr bay was continued by the torpedo boats under protection of a bombardment by the fleet.

CHINESE HOLD NEW CHWANG

Russian Army Leaves, Turning the Place Over to Native Police Force.

WILL MAKE FIRST STAND AT HAI CHENG

If Defeated the Army of Caesar Will Make No Stop at Mukden, but Go to Thueling.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) NEW CHWANG, May 17.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The Japanese appeared off Kai Chow yesterday morning. This town is twenty miles to the southeast of this place. They had a large fleet of transports and warships and immediately opened a terrific bombardment against the shore defenses.

Today the Japanese are advancing rapidly and outflanking Tashieho and New Chwang. The remaining Russian civil and military officials here concluded to evacuate this place last night.

NEW CHWANG, May 17.—In confirmation of recent Associated Press dispatches the Russian evacuation of this city has been completed. Nothing remains but the destruction of the gunboat Sivoch, which it is expected will take place early in the morning.

The nearest fighting expected before the Japanese reach New Chwang will be at Tashieho, but it will not amount to much. This city is now guarded by 300 Chinese police and everything is quiet.

DISEASE MAY HELP RUSSIANS

Intimation that Kourapatkin Will Retire to Harbin and Await Help.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—A dispatch from the Japanese government, which is in communication with Port Arthur, thus preventing Vice Admiral Skrydloff from assuming command of the Russian squadron there, has led to the suggestion that Skrydloff return from the far east and hoist his flag at the Baltic.

Dr. Neely has totally misrepresented Bishop Harris in this matter," he said. "Mr. Chalmers says Louisiana is a point of personal privilege."

Dr. Neely insisted that he had a right to give any charges of misrepresentation and falsehood to the public. He then read the paragraph from Bishop Harris' opinion and said: "I will not permit any man to say I am not absolutely sincere in anything I say or do."

RUSSIAN OFFICERS ARE IN CONFLICT

Paris Hears Alexief and Kourapatkin Are on Bad Terms.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) PARIS, May 17.—A dispatch to the Temps from Vienna says information received there shows that the conflict between Vice Admiral Alexief and General Kourapatkin is acute.

COMMITTEE WANTS NO CHANGE

Methodists May Not Make Rule Against Amusements More Liberal at This Time.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) LOS ANGELES, May 17.—The committee on state of the church of the Methodist general conference, having charge of the consideration of the proposed change of the rules in regard to dancing, card playing and theater going has decided, by a vote of 55 to 43, against recommending any change.

The Methodist general conference today took up the report of the judiciary committee on the question of districting the courts, and a heated debate ensued. Dr. Buckley and Dr. Neely engaged in a verbal encounter, in which Dr. Buckley charged Dr. Neely with misrepresenting the statements of Bishop Harris upon the general superintendent of bishops.

Resolved, That as to the assignment of general superintendents in the United States and in the privilege of repeating it, as it is purely a matter of expediency.

Dr. Neely spoke ten minutes on this resolution, and there was an effort made by several of the delegates to have his time extended for half an hour, but Bishop Moore, the presiding officer, ruled against extending Dr. Neely's time.

CLOWRY STOPS THE DOPE

Western Union Refuses to Deliver Racing News in New York City.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) NEW YORK, May 17.—Colonel Robert C. Clowry, president and general manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, suddenly shut off all racing news to all classes of subscribers in this city today.

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KING WOULD END THE WAR

Englishman at St. Louis Says Ambassador to Russia Will Seek that End.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) ST. LOUIS, May 17.—Sir Hugh Gibson-Read, president of the world's press parliament and a prominent figure in English official circles, in an interview today, said that King Edward is seeking to end hostilities in the far east.

STARTS THE CAMPAIGN BALL

Roosevelt League Holds Big Rally on Eve of State Convention.

RENAMED REPUBLICAN STATE LEAGUE

Enthusiastic Crowd Listens to Addresses by John L. Webster, Norris Brown, W. E. Andrews, E. J. Barkett and H. H. Wilson.

(LINCOLN, May 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Roosevelt league of Nebraska organized tonight under the name of the Nebraska Republican league, endorsed Theodore Roosevelt for president, John L. Webster for vice president and listened to addresses from Mr. Webster, E. J. Barkett, Congressman Barkett, H. H. Wilson and Norris Brown, president of the Roosevelt league.

Democracy is meaningless. This league is to be congratulated upon the purpose of its organization, its high purpose, its single aim to promote nomination and election to the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt.

W. E. Andrews gave a history of the progress of the country under republican rule from the time of Abraham Lincoln to the present time.

YATES IN THE FIGHT TO STAY

Will Let the Convention Adjourn Rather Than Withdraw.

(SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 17.—) Conference to break the deadlock in the republican state convention seeming fruitless, the delegates today faced a prospect of further stubborn balloting.

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NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and Warmer Wednesday; Thursday Fair, Except Showers and Cooler in West Portion.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Day, Hour, Day. Rows for 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m.

stipulation manner, their ratification of that change. When eight years ago the republican party was recalled to power the country was in a state of financial depression.

Work for Everybody. Mr. Burkett began with a tribute to the grandeur of America and said that statisticians furnished us with some wonderful facts. He then gave some of them, as follows:

Our internal commerce is greater than that of the entire world. We have more gold in our treasury than any nation in the world ever had at one time.

WAIT EXPLAINS STORY

The first man I met after hearing this story was ex-Senator Arenas, a member of Wait's Otse county delegation.

"It has nothing to do with Bartley's endorsement," said Wait to me, in the presence of Mr. Arenas. "The only foundation for the rumor is the fact that I received some money from the Bank of Atkinson, which was Bartley's bank, and which came to me through Bartley, but at that time I did not know Bartley personally and on one knew that he would later go wrong. I paid it all back long ago with 10 per cent interest."

Will let the convention adjourn rather than withdraw. The convention was called to order at 10:30 a. m.

CONTEST FOR DELEGATES

The contest for places among the big four who are to represent Nebraska at Chicago as delegates occupying a primary subsidiary, is really quite a contest. There are seven candidates out for four places, one carrying the endorsement of each congressional district and one free lance, who is waging his battle on his own account.

IOWA MEN CONFERENCE TO ARSON

(CHARLESTON, Ia., May 17.—) Henry Schottly and Harry Westrick, two young men, have been arrested charged with starting the fire at the St. Charles Hotel in Chicago, which destroyed the lives of 100 people.

STATE CLANS GATHER

Hotel Lobbies at Lincoln Take on Very Much of Convention Air.

CANDIDATES OPEN UP HEADQUARTERS

Practically Entire First Floor of Hotel Occupied by Them.

THREE CONTESTS OVER STATE TICKET

Other Places Are Practically Conceded in Advance.

SEVEN MEN OUT FOR DELEGATE-AT-LARGE

Six of Them Have a Congressional District Behind Them, While One, Democrat, is a Free Lance.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 17.—(Special.)—The hotel lobbies have a decidedly convention appearance preliminary to the meeting here tomorrow that is to name the republican standard bearer for Nebraska for the next campaign.

Secretary of State—Addison Wait of Otse, F. J. Sadlek of Saline, F. W. Miller of Richardson, A. Galusha of Webster and E. J. Wilcox of Hill Willow.

Commissioner of Public Lands—H. M. Eaton of Dodge, J. R. Manning of Wayne, T. J. Pickett of Saunders and J. R. Wilson of Sarpy.

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