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always, and in large also, commands any position that their enemy can assume.

detail everywhere. The Japanese artillery

## Army in Bad Position.

"Behind the Russian army in that part of the position which must front their new assailants lies an almost impassable morass and at only about ten miles distance a neutral frontier, acting for a beaten army like a sea or the deadly lakes of Austerlitz, a place from which there is no return strategetically.

"An army so fighting is cut off from all resources and if beaten, is lost. That General Kouropatkin has begun to realize his danger and may have withdrawn some part of his army, is probable. That, however, only makes the fate of the part that is left, with all the resources gathered at Mukden and at Liao Yang, more certain and more fatal, for with one large section of the army lost upon the Yalu, anothe shuf up in Port Arthur, and another cut off and ruined by the coming fight, it will indeed shattered, despite the feeble remnant that the general will be able to draw off to Harbin after he has abandone all his so elaborately prepared positions at Mo Tien, at New Chwang and at Liao Yung.

"Borry will be the case of those two of 55,000 men whom he has hoped to draw advantageous to the Russians, as they in from Moscow and elsewhere to reinforce are still holding the railroad and could his army. It will not be friends, but a vicbrious army, that they will find at the and of their journey."

## Position of Armies.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904. PARIS, May 18 .- (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.) "The Herald's European edition publishes the following from its military expert: "It was evident that the Japanese, hav-

ing no longer to fear meeting serious resistance in the north of the gulf of Lino Tung, would soon disembark their troops to reinforce their left wing in the march northward. This is the movement they are proceeding to carry out. Important podies of troops have landed near Kat Ping. They have been at once directed to follow those who are striving to place themselves as rapidly as possible between Liao Ho and the railway so as to turn the right flank of the Russians.

"Although it is difficult to choose be tween the rather contradictory news which comes from Mukden or St. Petersburg, It appears likely that the general character of the positions now occupied by the army of General Kouropatkin has become a more or less broken line, seeing that this army was originally disposed parallel with the railway facing the southeast, where it has before it a chain of mountains, it has been obliged now to turn towards the west, Its right wing, in order to cover Lino Yang. a town in front of which important field works have been constructed.

"It is announced that the center of the Japanese army is advancing very slowly, some five miles a day, in order to allow the divisions which make up its two wings to develop a wide enveloping movement.

## New Danger to Russians

'According to the last news it even had three columns on its extreme right belonging, doubtless, to the divisions of General Kuroki, advancing with much difficulty, but with persistence to the north of Hslu Yen and Feng Wang Cheng to threaten Mukden later on. In many cases at all points of this enormous broken ling, cavalry is thus in contact with the enemy and can each day make headquarters acquainted with the exact situation of the Japanese forces. The question arises what would happen to General Kouropatkin, isolated with his army in country clearly hostile, if he had not thus precise and constant information as to the movements of the Japanese. But he is actually compelled to face a new danger

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throw a strong army upon one of the advancing columns of his antagonist. The most exposed portion of General Kuroki's command is that which moved directly northward, evidently with the intention of gaining the road to Mukden, down which it will march as soon as the other columns are within striking distance. Unless cau

tion, heretofore the conspicuous feature of the Japanese campaign, is observed, this column, it is believed here, will fall the victim of its temerity, as General Kouropatkin is known to be holding it espe

a stinging blow should a strategical mis-

take be made which will enable him to

cially under close surveillance. Kouropatkin's decision to withdraw from Liao Yang can only mean, according to the experts, that there will continue to b an affair with outposts unless General Zassalitch should develop strength. The controlling strategic point at Hal Cheng will not be held, as believed, Kouropatkin deciding it to be unwise to isolate more troops, who would, not being as well sup plied as those at Port Arthur, find it difficult to subsist until relief arrived.

This is one of the reasons that dictated the withdrawal of the Russians from New Chwang, official details of which have not yet been made public. The experts say the debarkation of Japanese at New Chwang at this time would be nothing more or less than a strategical blunder

are still holding the railroad and could rush a force there, fall on the Japanese and retire before a column sent by General Kuroki could get between them and Liac Yang. The opinion therefore prevails that the Japanese will not occupy New Chwang until Kuroki's columns arrive at Hal Cheng or its immediate vicinity. The general staff confirms the announcements of the abandonment of Kin Chou by the Rus-

sians after the dismantling of the forta and the removal of the guns to Port Arthur.

# RUSSIANS BUSY WATCHING JAPS

## General Kouropatkin Reports Movements to the Emperar.

ST. PETERSBURG. May 18.-General Kouropatkin has sent the following dispatch to the emperor, dated May 17:

A detachment of the Japanese advance guard, which had occupied until May 14, the Sin Hai Tin defile and the village of Kanghaiputzse, twenty-five miles north of Feng Wang Cheng, has retired toward Sel-inchan, in the valley of the affluent which enters the Patao river on the left bank. There is a small Japanese detachment at Tyang Ko. Information has been received to the ef-tor they the Value of the set.

Tyang Ko. Information has been received to the ef-fect that the Japanese have evacuated Taku Shan. The Japanese have detach-ments of infantry at Luan Liso and Salitz-apudale, namely 600 at the former and 300 at the latter place. Their other forces have retired in the direction of Feng Wang Cheng and Habalin. Twelve miles south-east of Feng Wang Cheng there is a Japa-nese force of 5,000. The rain is making the roads bad.

COSSACKS PILLAGE THE COUNTRY

#### Make Waste Portion of Cores Through which They March.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) SEOUL, May 18-(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Thirty Russian dead were buried at Anju, and the burying party of Cossacks, carrying fourteen wounded, then started for Kal Chou. Four of the wounded died on the road to Neigen, where the party arrived Saturday. The line of march is desolate, houses have been robbed and the country pillaged. Coreans are forced to

carry the wounded and the baggage. CHINA OPENS PORTS FOR TRADE

Three in Shan Tung Now Free World's Commerce

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) PEKING. May 18 .- (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.) -By an imperial decree, dated May 15. Chinan Fu, Wei Shien and Chon Tsun, in Shan Tung, are made open ports,

placed on board the Russian gunboat Sivouch, in New Chwang waters, to be used in destroying it by fire when the last Russians evacuate New Chwang ten of the sixteen aldermen. Out of 70,000 A cable message has been received here

from Rear Admiral Cooper, in command of 55,000 were voted. the United States Asiatic squadron, announcing that he expects to arrive at Che Foo soon with his squadron. PORT ARTHUR HAS WAR BALLOONS

New Chwang is ready to leave on the near

approach of the enemy.

Comie Opera Tone Given to Hostilities

by St. Petersburg Report. previous elections. ST. PETERSBURG, May 18 -3:30 p. m.

The admiralty received today an official dispatch from Rear Admiral Wittsoeft, believed to have been dated Port Arthur, May 14, reporting that there has been no fighting affoat since the telegraph line was cut, the Japanese ships not having attacked. Everything was well with the

Russian squadron. The dispatch was gratifying to the authorities, not only for the news it contained, but because its receipt established the fact that while the tele

graph line is severed a system of combonds and pay the floating debt. munication by means of Chinese runners has been satisfactorily inaugurated. In order to deliver the Lino Yang dispatches entrusted to him, the runner had to pass Missionaries at Baptist Union in

through the Japanese lines already thrown across the narrow neck of the peninsula, just above Port Arthur, for the purpose of

cutting off all communication between General Kouropatkin and the fortress. The passage of the runner was dangerous, but the task was light compared to what it will be when the Japanese forces closely invest Port Arthur.

One of the reasons of the desperate effort of the Russians to get to Port Arthur what is officially called an "ammunition train" has been revealed by information which leaked out today. There was little need it appears, for more ammunition,

great quantities being stored in the fortress, but General Stoessel was exceedingly anxious to be provided with balloons. The highest point of the fortress is the engle's

nest, from which much of the surrounding Barbour being elected home and foreign country can be seen, but balloons will facilitate observation. Before the war the

Russian authorities loaded on a vessel a complete halloon equipment for Manchuriz, Portland, Ore. but it was captured by the Japanese who will use it, perhaps, in their operations against Port Arthur. Recognizing the need of providing General Stoessel with all the and women who have been appointed to requisite instruments with which to conduct the defense of Port Arthur, General Kouro-

patkin is believed to have sent balloons on "the ammunition train." The Russian balloons are stationary. "If the Japanese try to drift balloons over

Port Arthur and drop explosives on the fortress," an officer said today. "the world will hear of the first battle in the air."

JAPANESE OFFICERS EXECUTED Two Men Caught in Disguine Pay the

Usual Penalty. ST. PETERSBURG, May 18 .- Details have been received here from Harbin regarding

the execution, April 21, of the two Japanese officers, Yukoka and Oki, for at-The resolution in part follows: tempting to dynamite bridges and destroy telegraph communication on the Eastern Chinese railway.

The prisoners admitted they were part of a detail numbering 100 men whose purpose it was to destroy the railway at various points. When told they must have been extremely brave people, they replied: "Not at all; we are only carrying ou our duty and the order of the mikado."

Both prisoners were executed April 21 between the new and old towns of Harbin, in the presence of a large crowd. They were shot instead of hanged, upon order of

General Kouropatkin, One of the men was a Catholic and made his final confession to a Russian priest,

there being no representative of the Catholio priesthood in Harbin. eroons are guiet,

over John W. Springer, republican, mayor, probably will be over 3,000. The board of supervisors is solidly demo cratic and the democrats will have nine or

courts regarding the election.

is now a prosperous church.

secretaries.

foreign fields.

Cleveland Report Success in

New Possessions.

Prof. Topping of Tokio academy, Japan,

said the Christian in...uences had perme-

ated that progressive country. The newly

elected president of the union is William

A. Munroe of Boston. The executive offi-

Invitations for next year's anniversary

have been received from St. Louis and

Engineers at Los Angeles Request

Decision in the Case of

Madden.

to be forwarded to the president.

Cameroons Are Quiet.

in this city. Robert W. Speer's majority

names on the registration books more than Republican leaders intend to contest the result. It is asserted that over 2,000 regis-

tered voters were disfranchised through having their names purposely omitted from

Let Democrats Destroy. If this great and splendid fabric of pros-perity which has been built with so much iabor and care, and which has brought so much content and happiness to every family in the land, is to be purged and out away, let republicant stay their hands and let democratic doctors write the pre-scription and apply the knife. If this great system, under which and through which we have prospered as no nation in the world ever prospered be-fore, is to be crushed; if reciprocity is to be used in a sense that Blaine never meant and Mckinley never dreamed of; if the tariff, which as a whole has stood firm and solid against all and every frontal at-tack, is now to be torn down in detail; if the foundation is to be sapped by removing a stone hare and a stone there; if the free traders, under the guise of reciprocity, fear to study the tariff. the lists and that thousands of votes were cast by repeaters. Ballot box stuffing, was not so prevalent, it is admitted, as at As the supreme court has the election under its jurisdiction and will receive a report regarding the conduct of the election commission and those under it tomorrow, the action of that tribunal will de-

a stone here and a stone there; if the free traders, under the guise of reciprocity, fear to attack the tariff as it stands now in the robust strength of the "altogether." but as pretended protectionists stab it here and stab it there, then, in the name of all that is great and noble in republican his-tory and memory, let no Brutus dagger be found reeking with blood in a republican hand; let no echo of a Judas kiss be sounded from republican lips. The republican party made the tariff when the country was in sore need, and the republican party will revise and amend the tariff, in part or in whole, when con-vinced that there is need for revision and that the time for revision has come. termine the first steps to be taken in the Under the new charter the city officers elected now are to serve four years. The voters approved a bond issue of \$400,000 to build an auditorium and the

we need to give him pills?

Let Democrats Destroy.

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other bond issues to refund the oustanding WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES

The most interest was centered in the election of the committee on resolutions. Out of the eleven districts the stand-pat ters carried all except the Second and Eleventh. The committee is composed of the following:

CLEVELAND, May 18 -- Today's session First-J. L. Walte of Des Moines; Second of the Baptist Missionary union was de-S. C. Scott of Clinton; Third, H. L. Rann voted chiefly to brief addresses by reof Manchester; Fourth, L. H. Henry of turned missionaries. Dr. P. H. Lerrigo Charles City; Fifth, Bernard Murphy of brought encouraging reports from the Benton; Sixth, J. A. Devitt of Oskaloosa Philippines. In six months he organized Seventh, Lafayette Young of Des Moines a church, and the handful of members Eighth, M. L. Temple of Clarke; Ninth, raised \$550 for a chapel. Forty-seven con-D. O. Stewart of Harlan; Tenth, Judge verts were baptized in that time and there W. S. Kenyon of Webster; Eleventh, George D. Perkins of Sloux City.

## District Delegates.

The following district delegates to the national convention were chosen in the caucuses at 10 o'clock:

First-Marsh W. Bailey of Washington,
C. A. Carpenter of Louisa.
Becond-G. W. French of Davenport,
George M. Curtis of Clinton.
Third-O. M. Gillette of Independence,
E. S. Ellsworth of Iowa Falls.
Fourth-A. H. Gale of Mason City, Harry

Green of Decorah. Fifth-J. W. Doxsee of Jones, E. L. Clarke of Linn. Sixth-H. L. Waterman of Ottumwa, Today's sessions closed with an address by Rev. Robert J. Burdette and the pre-

sentation of more than twenty young men APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT

Clarke of Linn. Sixth-H. L. Waterman of Ottumwa, John A. DeMuth of Albia, Seventh-Judge J. H. Henderson of In-dianola, Dr. J. J. Hostetter of Colo. Eighth-W. P. Featman of Appanoose, H. K. Jaqual of Taylor. Ninth-George Wright of Pottawattamie, W. S. Eillis of Montgomery. Tenth-Mahlon Read of Greene, E. K. Winne of Humboldt. Eleventh-R. L. Cleaves of Cherokee, B. R. Vanderbald of Orange City.

The vote on the delegation stands twenty for the "stand pat" idea and six oppos-LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 18 .- The con

ing it. vention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Congressman J. A. T. Hull of the Seventh Engineers by a unanimous vote passed a district was chosen as permanent chairman

resolution requesting President Roosevelt to urge a decision by the postal investigat-The convention adjourned to 1:30 p. m. ing committee in the case of Third Assist-Lafayette Young of Des Moines was ant Postmaster General E. C. Madden chosen chairman of the committee on resowho is an honorary member of the order. utions, which went into session at 12:38. and at 2 o'clock was still discussing the

voted the time to listening to addresses

from the platform committee.

vention organized by selecting Benator Allison as chairman and E. E. Ciark as secretary. The committee elected Ernest E. Hart of Council Bluffs for national committeeman. George M. Christian of Des. Moines was selected sergeant-at-arms for the delegation.

An executive committee was named con BERLIN, May 18.-The Kolnische Zei

sisting of Messrs, Ellsworth, Winne and tung says that Governor Putkamer of the Cameroon district of East Africa started Carpenter, and the work of preparing for for Germany May & Affairs in the Cam-

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ination first. J. L. McSheeley lead the minority and made it lively for a time. Forty-second ballot official: Yates, Lowden, 4001/2; Deneen, 4331/2; Hamlin, 111, There were charges that the Burkett men Warner, 41; Sherman, 2; Pierce, 32. were trying to shut everyone else out and Forty-third ballot official) Yates, 479 that they were applying a gag rule. A vote Lowden, 3961/2; Deneen, 4351/2; Hamlin, 116; was finally taken on the motion to pro-Warner, 39; Sherman, 2; Pierce, ...; Walter ceed to the nomination of a United States Reeves, 2. senator, but the odds were overwhelmingly

MICHIGAN REPUBLICANS GATHER. in favor of the proposal and when the roll call was finished the relative strength was

to Contest in Sight Except on Form

ballot showed only slight changes:

of Making Nominations. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 18 .- With no prospect of a fight, except on the question of resolutions declaring for primary reform, the state republican convention was called to order here today to select delegates at large to the national convenion; elect a state central committee and ominate presidential electors. It was con eded before the convention began that to have the nomination and told how highly the delegate-at-large will be Thomas J. he would appreciate the honor of represent-Brien of Grand Rapids, D. M. Ferry of ing Nebraska in the upper branch of the Detroit, Captain Thomas Walters of Ishseming and Ralph Loveland of Saginaw. national legislature. I was told afterwards President Roosevelt will be endorsed and there were indications that Hitt will be

Burkett combination that they wanted to endorsed for the vice-presidential nominaask him to agree to withdraw from his candidacy for congress in the First disdon. The fight over the state issue of primary

trict as a condition to his nomination an reform is expected to be pushed by Con the renator, but they got no chance to engressman William Alden Smith, who will quire. be a member of the committee on resolu-

## Schneider Fixes Delegates.

was proposed to pull off the senatorial nom-

The roll call was started for an expres-

sion on senator, but before it had gone

further than a few counties, Chairman

Miles of the Adams county delegation,

which stood sponsor for the candidacy of

W. E. Andrews, withdrew his name and

moved to make it unanimous for Mr. Bur-

kett. Mr. Burkett's speech was well re-

ceived. It was short and to the point. He

expressed his thanks as if he was glad

by some of the delegates opposed to the

tions. The element in the party that does The selection of the four delegates to not favor a direct voting primary law was the nutional convention was unquestionadmitted in most quarters to control both ably the handiwork of R. B. Schnleder as the resolutions committee and the concombination maker. Mr. Schneider jumped in last night as the champion of C. B. The convention was called to order

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Dempster of Gage, who had been juggled out of a place as district delegate in the State Chairman G. J. Diekema, who intro duced Senator J. C. Burrows as temporary Fourth district and in addition had a canchairman, who delivered an address. didate to contend with who had been recommended by the congressional convention The convention then took a recens fo for the endorsement he was seeking. He

had, however, the solid Gage county dele-When the convention reconvened Dexter M. Ferry of Detroit, Thomas O. O'Brien gation at his disposal and with this to go of Grand Rapids, Ralph Loveland of Sagon a junction was formed with the Sixth and Third district delegates behind Leinaw and Thomas Walters of Ishpeming were unanimously chosen delegates-atang and Piper, respectively, to control the whole affair. Brome was taken in as large.

the fourth man out of courtesy rather WYOMING REPUBLICANS' MEETING than in exchange for what he brought in, and before the combination had finished

Brooks Holds Balance of Power in it had extended also to all of the con-

California Republicana Meet.

vention.

two hours.

assembling.

of Los Angeles,

Contest for Governor. tested places on the state ticket. To those LARAMIE, Wyo., May 18 .- In addition who knew the in... uences at work and the to naming six delegates and six alternates usual alingments of the different counties, to the national republican convention the it was plain as the roll was called for the state republican convention, which met different offices that the slate was made here at 3 o'clock today, will nominate three up and that each of the successful canpresidential electors, a justice of the state didates was made by substantially the supreme court, a representative in the same forces with but few variations. The Fifty-ninth congress, governor and state controlling strength was that distributed treasurer. throughout the Elkhorn and Union Pacific

It is conceded that Congressman Frank territory, with the result that the pre-W. Mondell will be renominated. For the ferred candidates of the Burlington mangubernatorial nomination there has been a ipulators were forced out at every turn. warm contest between Governor Fenimory In this maneuvering it was interesting Chatterton and B. E. Brooks. It is said to watch the in and out windings of the that the Laramie county delegation, elected Douglas delegation. Their eighty-seven yesterday and instructed for Brooks, helds votes seemed to be planted regularly in the balance of power, thus assuring the the wrong place and to land on the win-

ners only after strenuous efforts to get The Brooks slate also includes W. C. in the hand wagon. In the hallot on give Irvine for state treasurer and M. B. Camping the nomination of United States sen-In for supreme justice. The delegates to ator precedence Douglas county was in the national convention will undoubtedly the minority. On the ballot for secretary of state it got only one foot into the Delegates from the northern counties Galusha wagon; in the fight for auditor

naving been delayed, the convention ad- it stayed with its own candidate, R. Smith, journed until tomorow immediately after only long enough to dump him as soon as it saw that one of his competitors was gaining ground, and finally in the con-

test for land commissioner it started out SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 18.-The state with a winner and switched to the losar republican convention, to name twenty delat the wrong time. Brome was conceded egates to the national convention, met here as a delegate-at-large. McGilton for lieuthis afternoon. The delegates will be tenant governor, and would have been pledged to vote for the nomination of Preschosen in all probability if the delegation ident Roosevelt. As the delegates practihad stayed at home. cally are a unit on all important questions.

The only prizes Douglas drew outeids of no contests are expected. Judge A. G. Burthese were two honorary places on the nett of Sonoma county presided. The folelectoral ticket and the secretaryship of towing probably will be chosen as delathe convention. gates-at-large: Governor George C. Pardee.

Yan Dusen Shows Sore Spot. John D. Spreckels and George Knight of The Douglas delegation finally made San Francisco, and Judge J. W. Mckinley apectacle of itself at the very close of Are

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nomination of Brooks. of the convention. be instructed for Roosevelt.

The resolution in part E. C. Madden, third In the case of Hon. E. C. Madden, third In the case of Hon. E. C. Madden In the case of Hon. E. C. Madden, third assistant postmaster general, Mr. Madden being an honorary member of this body, we note by reports in the dally press that the courts have sustained Mr. Madden fully in every particular. Therefore, he it Resolved, That the honorable president be requested by this body, if not incompat-ible with public interests, to cause a deci-sion to be rendered by the investigating committee in the case of Brother Madden, relieving him from suspense that has hung over him for so long a period. wording of the tariff plank. The convention convened at 1:30 and de-

from prominent speakers until it could hear

The Iowa delegation to the national con-A copy of the resolutions was ordered