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CALLS FOR UTA

Officials at Broken Bow Around the Land

RUSH FOR HOMESTEADS IS CAUSE

Governor Requests Sheriff to Resources First

FINALLY COMES AT SHERIFF'S REQUEST

Under the Circumstances Those Who Were Obstreperous Cool Down

BIG RUSH FOR LAND AT OTHER PLACES

Hundreds Line Up in Front of Land Offices, but No Serious Trouble Witnessed at Other Points

BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—This city has been doing a land office business today in fact. Early this morning the crowd was packed like sardines in front of the land office in a scramble to head the line to enter at the opening of the office, to place their filings in sections of government land. Some time was required in getting the crowd lined up in double file along the street.

Considerable trouble was experienced by those who did not get near the head of the column, but once in line the best of order prevailed.

The presence of Company M, Nebraska National Guard, which was put on duty as a precautionary measure, was criticized quite freely by the disappointed ones who did not get near the front, but for all that good feeling prevailed as a rule, and many passed the time away in amusements of various kinds. In the afternoon numbers were issued to those in line, which gave them an opportunity to break ranks, only being held together by the presence of the National Guard, which was called, and numbers and thirty-eight homestead entries were made today, which is about one-third the number in line. Out of the number made 102 were rejected because of duplicate prior rights.

Governor Orders No Troops.

LINCOLN, June 28.—(Special.)—For the first time since he became chief executive, Governor Miley has allowed the National Guard to be called out to keep the peace. The governor was informed by telegram shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon that Captain Kennedy of Company M, stationed at Broken Bow, had called out his company at the request of the land office officials, who were in a state of excitement. General Cuyler left for Broken Bow tonight and will assume charge of the company.

The telegram to the governor, which was the last of a number received during the day, informing him that the company had been put in action, stated that an effort was being made by some members of the crowd lined up before the land office to make entry for homesteads to reverse the order of the line, making the last first, and the first last, and would likely bring about trouble.

The fact that the company was put into service without an order from the governor, while not according to military rules and regulations, will not result in Captain Kennedy being court-martialed, for the reason that a number of telegrams were exchanged between the two and the governor thinks the captain probably misconstrued one of his messages.

Shortly before noon the governor received a message from Richardson requesting that he call out the company stationed at Broken Bow, but as the telegram was not a formal request and not official enough to suit the governor, the latter waited to hear from Judge Hesse. The answer came tonight, and it was necessary to keep the peace to call out the soldiers. Later another message came from the sheriff stating that he had sworn in seven deputies and that no damage had been done and that there had been no trouble. The governor then notified the company to be in readiness for action and the next morning received later in the afternoon told him the company had been called out at the request of the land office officials.

Lucid Story from Lincoln.

LINCOLN, June 28.—Governor Miley has received several requests from officers and agents in Custer county, Nebraska, for militia to help keep order at Broken Bow and in the surrounding country, where thousands of persons have gathered for the opening of homesteads under the new Kinkaid land law. The governor has ordered Company M of Broken Bow to be held in readiness under arms and if there is an outbreak the National Guard will be put into action at once. The trouble arises from the fact that cattle barons have sent their cowboys to file on government land that is now fenced and to interfere with homesteaders who are seeking claims under the provisions of the new law. The disputed lands, which were thrown open to settlers today, has been used by the cowboys for grazing purposes. It has been fenced in and these fences the government ordered taken down in a bill passed in the last session of congress.

Woman First at Sidney.

SIDNEY, Neb., June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Today the Sidney opening of western Nebraska filing and settlement under the Kinkaid homestead act has more than justified expectations in the influx of locators and Cheyenne county settlers. Yesterday steadily added to the coming of the future residents—stockmen and farmers—until tonight the town was crowded with an eager throng, whose individual members, discarding all thoughts of the night's rest, formed a long line leading to the door of the Sidney United States land office. Through the early watches of the night and continuing to 8 o'clock this morning, these long lines of land locators stood out patiently and reservedly.

At 3 p. m. promptly the doors of the land office opened and through there swarmed the crowd until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Near the head of the long line was Miss Nettie Pitts and by chivalrous courtesy and consent this young woman was given the honor of the first entry at Sidney under the Kinkaid land law for Cheyenne county, filing on a 60-acre homestead. This initial locator was immediately followed by her honored father, Lewis G. Pitts, with a 90-acre location. From there the locations continued at a record-breaking pace, the closing hour of 4 p. m. displaying 80 locations, with an aggregate entry of 28,000 acres.

Tomorrow's filings promise a practical

LOOMIS' BODY IS NOT FOUND

Report from London is Denied at Cherbourg. Scene of Alleged Discovery.

CHERBOURG, June 28.—The report, circulated by a London news agency yesterday, that the body of Kent J. Loomis had been washed ashore near here, is false. The investigations made do not disclose any warrant for the circulation of the rumor, as no body has been found near Cherbourg recently.

The American consul general, H. J. E. Hainneville, after an inquiry into the matter, also pronounces the report false.

PARIS, June 28.—Gustave Flamm of San Francisco, the passenger on the Kaiser Wilhelm II who particularly noticed Kent J. Loomis, today furnished the American officials with a formal written statement, which will be forwarded to the State department at Washington, giving precise details regarding Mr. Loomis up to the moment Mr. Flamm went ashore. His written statement follows substantially the verbal statement which he made at the American embassy June 24, as cabined to the Associated Press at that time, but it is more explicit, being intended for the official record of the passenger who last saw Mr. Loomis before his disappearance.

The statement says in part: "I saw on the gangplank going from the Kaiser Wilhelm II to the tug boat at Plymouth a man whose name, after consulting the manifest, I learned was Kent J. Loomis. I was standing at the railing looking at the tug, and I saw a light overcoat, eyeglasses and traveling cap. He had a seat at the table next to mine. I also saw him much on deck and around the ship and knew him sufficiently to identify him positively. Loomis being a small man in a long, light overcoat, his figure became more conspicuous, and therefore I am perfectly satisfied that I saw him on the morning of June 23, walking on deck. (The morning of the disaster the steamer reached Plymouth.) Loomis was assisted or sustained in his walk by the gentleman and lady who occupied the cabin next to mine and lady were the same who occupied the cabin next to mine. Loomis was with my company with him a great deal during the trip.

The statement adds details of a rather personal nature which it is desirable to withhold for the present.

Mr. Loomis' trunk and valises, which the steamship company held subject to Consul General Dowd's orders, were turned over today to the consulate. They were all locked and there were no keys. A curious fact is that the trunk bears an identification mark the letter "F" instead of "L". The tags show that the first name had been erased.

The Cherbourg report that Mr. Loomis' body had been washed up near there, although it is not possible to say whether the billiard of the case. The officials here have not abandoned hope, but they admit that each day adds to the increased gravity of the mystery.

Empress's Boat is First.

KIEL, June 28.—In the race today for the Kiel Yacht club's prize, the Meteor II, commanded by Emperor William III was first in its class to pass the winning buoy, followed by the Hamburg and the Ingomar.

Hamburg this afternoon and will attend a banquet at the castle this evening.

Porter Thanks France.

PARIS, June 28.—Ambassador Porter today transmitted to Foreign Minister Delcasse an expression of the American government's appreciation and thanks for the good offices of France in behalf of Mr. Perdicaris.

AN OUTRAGE IN STEEL

Statement Regarding Price of American Product Creates a Sensation.

CLEVELAND, O., June 28.—The Merchant Marine commission began its hearing in this city today. One of the interesting features brought out at the hearing was a statement by James C. Wallace of the American Shipbuilding company. He said that American steel was delivered at Belfast for \$24 a ton, while the same steel cost purchasers in this country \$32 at Pittsburgh.

He was immediately questioned by members of the commission, and he stated that his authority for the statement came from the assistant sales agent of the Carnegie Steel company, who gave him a reason for selling the steel so cheaply that they wanted to keep the mills running.

"If that's so, it's an outrage and ought to be remedied," exclaimed Senator Gallinger, and his statement was applauded.

CURRY WILL LEAVE NEBRASKA

Custer County Statesman and Stock Raiser is Closing Out His Affairs.

Hon. F. M. Curry of Custer county is in Omaha on his way to Nebraska, and is expected to be gone within a year. He does not know where he will locate yet. For this reason I am taking no part in politics, either state or local.

"A movement is on foot in Custer county having for its end the nomination of Judge Holcomb for governor next year. It is gathering much headway out there and its promoters have confidence in carrying it through."

TEST CASES WILL BE MADE

Effort to Learn Whether Union Miners Are Military or Civil Prisoners.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., June 28.—Attorney Frank Hanks, representative of the Western Federation of Miners, indicated today that his attorney tomorrow commence test cases in the district court before District Judge Seeds to determine whether the detained union men affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners are held as civil or military prisoners. He will apply for writs of habeas corpus directed to the city marshal, and if granted the judge granted this official will be required to show cause why prisoners are being held in the city and county jail with no charges against them.

Alleged Spies are Captured.

NARVA, Russia, June 28.—Two Japanese masquerading as itinerant organ grinders and attired in Bulgarian costumes were arrested here yesterday. Their organ was searched and found to contain maps of the Baltic coast line and surveying instruments. The prisoners confessed. It is believed that one of them is a colonel on the Japanese general staff and that the other is his orderly. Both men were sent to St. Petersburg.

FATAL STORM STRIKES CAGE

Holmesville and Vicinity Worst Sufferer So Far as Reported.

THREE PEOPLE ARE KNOWN TO BE KILLED

Three Others Fatally Injured at the Same Place—Great Damage is Done to Property of All Kinds.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—A destructive rain, wind and hail storm visited this section about 4 o'clock this afternoon. Following a heavy down-pour of rain, hail began falling and the storm lasted fully half an hour. Hailstones fell as large as hen's eggs and some stones picked up measured twelve inches in circumference and weighed ten ounces. Thousands of panes of glass were broken in the business and residence portions of the city. As telephones are not in working order it is impossible to obtain much information regarding the storm in other districts.

At Holmesville, seven miles west of here, the storm was very severe, dwellings being demolished and trees uprooted. The home of Robert Harris, one mile west of that place, was blown away and Mrs. Harris and a son were killed. Three other members of the family are injured so badly that it is thought they will die. The large flouring mill at Holmesville was completely destroyed and a mile west of there the dwelling house and barn of A. Mast were picked up and blown to atoms, not a vestige of the place being left.

Telegraph and telephone lines are down and it is feared much damage was wrought to crops in the path of the storm.

Later reports from the tornado-stricken district tonight are to the effect that two children of Robert Harris, a son and a daughter 5, were instantly killed. Mr. and Mrs. Harris were seriously and the former's mother fatally injured. Three children, who took refuge in the cellar, escaped injury. Several head of horses and cattle were picked up by the wind and dashed to death.

Woman Seriously Injured.

BLUE SPRING, Neb., June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The house and barn of Mr. Nast was smashed into kindling wood by the storm which passed over this section, and Mrs. Nast was seriously injured. The damage to buildings and crops will be very great.

TECUMSEH, Neb., June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—A terrific rainstorm prevailed here at 5 o'clock this evening. It was accompanied by a slight fall of hail. It is not yet known whether the wheat is damaged or not.

York County Visited.

YORK, June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Crops were destroyed and many small buildings wrecked by a small tornado which struck about fourteen miles northwest of this place this evening. There was no loss of life or injured people, so far as reported. The area covered was small, but the crops in the section swept there completely destroyed.

VERDICT IN NEW YORK HORROR

Coroner's Jury Holds Captain of Steamer Criminally Responsible.

NEW YORK, June 28.—The coroner's jury in the Stoomvaart maatschappij Nederland case returned a verdict finding "that the immense loss of life on the General Slocum was due to the misconduct of the directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company; that Captain Van Schaik is criminally responsible; that Captain Pease of the Grand Republic, as captain of the steamer, is criminally responsible in that he failed to properly equip the Slocum with fire apparatus; that Mate Flannagan acted in a cowardly manner; that the action of Inspector Lundberg should be brought to the attention of the federal authorities."

Coroner J. J. Hendon returned a verdict for the arrest of the directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company. Inspector Lundberg and Mate Flannagan have been held in \$1,000 bail each.

COLORADO ACTS DENOUNCED

North American Turnabout Takes Up Question of Alliance with German-American Alliance.

PITTSBURG, June 28.—Resolutions denouncing most of the officials of Colorado, voting affirmatively on the question of affiliating with the German-American alliance, denying the women members of the organization the right to vote and a big banquet at McKeesport were the principal features of the fourth day session of the North American Turnabout today.

Much time was consumed in discussing a resolution to become affiliated with the German-American alliance. This organization is strong in the east, but not in the west. The resolution was finally adopted, leaving such action optional with the societies. By a vote of 18 to 12 the resolution to give women members the same rights as male members was lost.

PORTLAND WILL CLOSE DOWN

Recent Act of Military in Colorado Partly Responsible for Closing the Mill.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., June 28.—The reduction of the Colorado City owned by the Portland Gold Mining company, closed down this afternoon for two weeks. The necessity of making repairs and a shortage of ore, occasioned by the recent closing down of the mine at Victor by the military authorities, are given as the reasons for the action.

There is no doubt that the mill will not be reopened when it resumes operation, since the Mill and Smelter Men's union is affiliated with the Western Federation, against which the Portland directors declared themselves ten days ago. If this intention is taken the nonreopening of all four of the Colorado City reduction plants will be completed.

SAM JONES IS TO INVESTIGATE

Bureau of Commerce and Labor Will Probe into Colorado Trouble.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The bureau of labor is making an investigation of the strike act of the miners in Colorado under the organic act of the bureau which charges the commissioner of labor to investigate the causes of and the facts relating to controversies between employers and employees. The investigation, which is already under way, may last for some time, as it is the intention of the bureau to go to the very beginning of the trouble and endeavor to ascertain exactly what the difficulties are and the causes leading to them.

M'KILLIP PICKED FOR A VICTIM

Democrats Get Congressional Nominee in Third District.

FREMONT, Neb., June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The democratic congressional convention for the Third district met at the Larson theater at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Chairman T. F. Memminger of Norfolk called the convention to order and the roll was read by Secretary Waldo Walker.

Mr. Howard of Columbus was introduced as temporary chairman and H. A. Miller of Stanton as temporary secretary. Mr. Howard briefly addressed the convention. After enjoining the work and services and worth of the late Judge Robinson, he said he supposed it was his duty to sound the keynote of the campaign. Tariff and trusts constitute the issue of the campaign and the democratic party should remember that they have never succeeded when the tariff has not been the paramount issue.

"I am a freetrader," said the speaker, "and if I had my way I would close up every custom house and convert it into a soup kitchen for the poor. The tariff is all of the vast array of trusts that control the necessities of life have been brought into being and fostered by the tariff. Tariff for revenue only and sufficient to defray the expenses of the government, honestly administered, is the slogan."

He wanted the Panama canal completed as soon as possible and a law enacted by which every vessel flying the American flag should have the right to pass through free from all tolls. In no other way could our merchant marine be restored to its place on the seas. The speaker suddenly stopped in the midst of an eloquent period in which he was defining the character of the tariff, and he asked the delegates of the Third district in congress and asked: "Gentlemen, what do you want next?"

On motion of Judge Jones of Pierce the temporary organization was made permanent. The chair then appointed the following committee on resolutions: Swallow of Platte, Comes of Platte, W. Skinner of Dodge, Krake of Cumings and Lane of Boone.

W. E. Phillips of Columbus said he understood that there was a populist congressional convention in session at the court house, and as the democrats were greatly under obligations to the populists, he moved that a committee be appointed to confer with them. The motion was finally carried unanimously and the committee retired. After the appointment of a congressional committee and listening to a speech by W. H. Hughes of Fremont a recess was taken till 5 o'clock.

There were only about sixty delegates from outside of Dodge county present and Antelope, Knox, Nance and Dixon counties were not represented.

When the convention met this evening the committee on resolutions submitted its report. It endorsed the last democratic national platform, opposed the establishment of any system of finance which would carry the burden of the national debt on the shoulders of the people, and demanded a tariff for revenue sufficient to meet the wants of the government economically administered, and favored such requirements of the Populist party as would make it free to ship carrying the American flag, and closed with a plank favoring government ownership of railroads.

The platform was unanimously adopted. A resolution was also adopted adopting the name of the Stoomvaart maatschappij Nederland as the name of the party.

Walter Phillips of Columbus then placed Patrick E. McKillip in nomination, and on the same ballot was declared the joint nomination of the convention.

Maggi was called for and announced that he was satisfied with the outcome and would work his best for the successful aspirant.

Mr. McKillip then made his speech of acceptance. He accepted the platform in full and stated that he should devote all his time and energy to making a warm campaign throughout the district.

The populists met at the district court room with a small attendance. Senator Brady was chosen chairman and W. W. Wiltze of Pender, secretary. Maggi was nominated on the first ballot, but when they were officially informed of the action of the allies at the theater they unanimously nominated McKillip and voted over to hear his speech of acceptance.

McKillip is a resident of Humphrey, where he runs a bank. He is a large real estate owner and interested in several stores. He was educated at Creighton college at Harvard, graduating from the latter university.

MORE UNION MEN EXILED

Thirty-Nine Members of the Western Federation of Miners Deported from Victor.

VICTOR, Colo., June 28.—Thirty-nine union men affiliated with the Western Federation of Miners who have been arrested at various times since the mill was closed, were deported tonight. Among the number were a number of men arrested at the time of the Dunville expedition. According to Adjutant General Bell their destination is Colorado Springs. There was no demonstration at the station and few people were aware that another deportation had taken place.

SAM JONES "AIN'T" GOT TIME

Does Not Want the Nomination for President on the Prohibition Ticket.

CADDOGA SPRING, Ga., June 28.—Gov. Sam P. Jones, when asked today concerning the rumors of his being a candidate for the presidential nomination on the prohibition ticket, said: "I ain't got no time for a little job like that. I can sit on the front end of my own hog and do my own driving, and I ain't got no time for no other fellow's."

WITHDRAWS NEBRASKA LAND

Portion Held Out to Further North Platte Irrigation Project.

REMAINDER FOR FOREST CULTIVATION

Inspectors' Reports on Affairs at the Omaha and Winnebago Reserves, but Secretary Refuses to Give Out Contents.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The acting commissioner of the general land office today notified the land officials at Sidney, Neb., to withdraw from all form of entry, except restricted homesteads, public lands in township 11 north, range 46, west of the sixth principal meridian. This withdrawal is made in connection with the North Platte irrigation projects.

Land officials at Broken Bow, Neb., were instructed to withdraw from all forms of entry 8,000 acres of public lands in their district. The lands thus withdrawn lie partly in Blaine and Thomas counties and are withdrawn at the suggestion of the Agricultural department and are intended to be attached to the Dismal river forest reserve and used by the Agricultural department for the purpose of experimentation in propagation of certain classes of American trees, such as pines, which are rapidly becoming extinct under the axe of the lumbermen. This tract takes in unoccupied lands chiefly sandy as to soil lying between the Dismal river forest reserve and the Middle Loup river.

The Agricultural department experts see vast opportunities in this stretch of Nebraska country for a propagation station, and through their representations land office officials have consented to the withdrawal, at least temporarily, of the lands indicated for the experiments which the Department of Agriculture has in contemplation.

Satisfied with Winnebagoes.

James E. Jenkins, one of the corps of Indian inspectors, is expected to arrive in Washington within a day or two to present a verbal report to supplement that which he has already sent Secretary Hitchcock as to conditions as he found them on the Omaha and Winnebago reservations in Nebraska, and the Sac and Foxes in Iowa since these reservations were taken from the control of an Indian agent and placed in the hands of a bonded school superintendent.

Inspector Jenkins has submitted a written report as to the operations under the new regime at places mentioned. These reports are now in the hands of Secretary Hitchcock and he refuses to make their contents known. A report of an Indian inspector is always considered the personal and inviolable property of the secretary of the Interior.

Secretary Hitchcock today received the Bee representative and was questioned as to Inspector Jenkins' report on the Winnebago reservation. Mr. Hitchcock replied that he had received an exhaustive report from Jenkins, but refused absolutely to discuss it. "These reports," he said, "are confidential and I will not discuss them. I really nothing whatever in Inspector Jenkins' report, it is purely a routine matter and there is nothing to say about it. I will add, however, that everything upon these reservations is now going along to my utmost satisfaction."

Mr. Jenkins has been appointed postmaster at Morrill, Scotts Bluff county, Neb., vice J. A. Gaines, resigned.

Applications to organize Nebraska national banks approved: The Ansley National bank, Ansley, with a capital of \$50,000, by Frank H. Young, Alpha Morgan, H. L. O'Neill, The Sargent National bank, Sargent, with a capital of \$50,000, by Frank H. Young, Alpha Morgan, H. Lomax, H. A. Sherman, F. M. Currie and others.

Good Word for Magoon.

The Washington Post of today, commenting on the appointment of Charles E. Magoon to be general counsel of the Isthmian Canal commission, says: "The president could not have made a wiser or more appropriate selection than that of Charles E. Magoon to be general counsel for the Isthmian Canal commission. During the past six years this gentleman has rendered most important public services, not only in connection with our new insular possessions, but in connection with Cuba throughout the period of American occupation. During Secretary Root's incumbency he prepared nearly every important decision and formulated nearly every important policy relating to the Philippines, Hawaiian group, Cuba and Porto Rico. His work always met with Mr. Root's approval and elicited his eloquent and grateful commendation. Mr. Magoon has enjoyed no high-sounding official title nor taken a prominent place even in the easy chair of the office until his appointment as general counsel, but from the president down through administration circles he has been recognized as a force of special consequence and power. Our enterprise in the isthmus, glorious and promising though it be, is not as free of difficulty and complication as may be imagined, and among those who know of Mr. Magoon's achievements the assurance contained in the new appointment will be a cause of congratulation and a message of security. It is a serious question whether we shall give our compliance to Judge Magoon or to the administration."

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Wednesday and Warmer in Southwest Portion; Thursday Fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows include 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m.

KOUROPATKIN MAKES REPORT

Russian Commander Tells of Latest Retreat of His Army Before the Enemy.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 28.—The emperor has received the following dispatch from General Kouropatkin, dated Liao Yang, June 27:

The Japanese attacked our forces occupying Mo Tien, Fen Shui and Ta pass June 28. Our infantry and cavalry repulsed them, but they were able to penetrate the attack on Ta pass the Japanese guards, besides other regiments, and they attacked in considerable force on both sides of this position. The Japanese troops occupied Fen Shui and Mo Tien passes during the morning of June 27.

Our forces which retreated from Fen Shui pass were attacked by small detachments of Japanese. They were, however, easily repulsed.

After pushing back our advance guard during the evening of June 27, the Japanese dislodged (on the Su Yen Hai Cheng road) to Ta pass the Japanese continued their advance, but they were met by other troops engaged in a flanking movement, our forces reencountering parties are moving northward.

At noon today our cavalry was hotly engaged with the Japanese. The forces of the last few days state that the forces of Japanese arrayed against our Manchurian army consist of 100,000 men, including infantry divisions and several brigades of reserves, which also occupy positions in the line.

Mo Tien pass and Fen Shui pass are about due east of Liao Yang.

Ta pass is midway between and north of Mo Tien and Fen Shui passes and is between Liao Yang and Mukden. It is about twenty miles from the railroad connecting Liao Yang and Mukden. It will thus be seen that the Japanese forces which have occupied the passes mentioned are turning the left flank of the Russian position at Liao Yang and are threatening the railroad connecting Liao Yang and Mukden.

The telegram from General Kouropatkin, as published in a special edition of the Official Messenger, informed the Petersburgers that General Kuroki's army had crossed the three passes of Fen Shui mountains and was advancing in strong columns from Su Yen on Hai Cheng, and from Feng Wang Cheng on Liao Yang, while portions of General Oku's army were moving northward along mountainous terrain to strengthen the attack on Hai Cheng.

The same telegram reported a cavalry engagement at Sen Chen, indicating that the Japanese retreat southward was only a feint. The Russian general, however, stated that the offensive and is supporting General Kuroki. The Russian resistance is centered in the region east of Ta Tohe Kiao. The Japanese have failed to make an advance in this region, which is regarded as a serious matter. The presence of a large Russian force at Ta Tohe Kiao. The unanimous opinion of the general staff is that a pitched battle is now assured. It is doubtful whether Kouropatkin will accept a fight south of Hai Cheng. He is more likely to try to dislodge the Japanese from their position between Hai Cheng and Liao Yang. Probably several days will be required to maneuver the large forces engaged into their new fighting positions.

RUSSIANS ASK FOR PICTURES

Want Evidence of Japanese Brutality to Submit to the Hague.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 28.—The Novoye Vremya today, called attention to a statement that Don Jaime de Bourbois was an eye-witness to the killing of Russian wounded at Vafangou, declares that something must be done quickly to prevent the war degenerating into the senseless brutality which the Japanese practices in Korea. The paper urges the Russian newspaper correspondents in the field to show up the authors of this brutality and secure the evidence of eye witnesses and photographs in order that the Hague convention may be invoked.

The sudden cessation of newspaper dispatches from the theater of war tends to confirm the belief that the armies are about to engage. Most of the military critics take the view that a big battle is imminent, although the Novoye Vremya's expert thinks that a pitched battle now is more attractive than a protracted campaign. The paper reports that the Russian army is now in a position to maneuver the large forces engaged into their new fighting positions.

FIGHT THE WAR ALONG

MUKDEN, June 28.—Messengers who arrived here today announced that a scouting column from Korea lost all its horses. The soldiers had to rest on foot, taking turns in carrying the sick and wounded. They journeyed to occupied eleven days and they were constantly followed by Japanese, with whom they had many skirmishes.

Viceroy Alexieff received the messengers and presented them with medals, after which they proceeded to Liao Yang. It is believed, with information for General Kouropatkin. Five Chinese were executed here today for robbery.

There are constant skirmishes to the southward and a big battle is expected.

TOKIO, JUNE 28.—The East which lasted for six hours yesterday morning, June 27, the Takasima division of the Japanese army completely defeated five battalions of Russian infantry, which was supported by two regiments of cavalry and six machine guns, and occupied Tien Shui Ling, twenty-seven miles northwest of Su Yen. The Russians finally fell back in the direction of Shi Mu Cheng. The Japanese casualties aggregated about 100 killed and wounded. Major Oba was killed during the battle.

An unconfirmed report has been received from the island of Hokkaido that ships assembling the Russian Vladivostok squadron had appeared off there on June 27. Similar reports have been received from other places along the northern coast of Japan. The navy office does not give any credence to these reports.

KOUROPATKIN WILL RETREAT

ST. PETERSBURG, June 28.—The Associated Press is informed on good authority that General Kouropatkin has decided to withdraw northward.

This move gives the Russians the advantage of being nearer their base of supplies and places the Japanese at the disadvantage of having longer lines of communication. It is pointed out that Kouropatkin no longer presents a junction of the enemy's forces by pinning it at Ta Tohe Kiao, as he might, by impeding the safety of his own troops, the desperate character of the fighting at Ta pass and Fen Shui pass on June 27 shows the Japanese have a very strong force uncomfortably near the Russian flank.

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