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GREAT JOY IN ITALY

Nation is Rejoicing in the Birth of an Heir to the Throne.

Will be Known as Prince of Piedmont

People Approve Action of King in Not Calling Him the Prince of Rome.

Action Avoids Friction with Church

Prince Will be Baptized by Cardinal Richelmy and Christened Humbert.

Grants Amnesty to All Deserters

Congratulations Come from Emperor Nicholas, Emperor William, President Loubet, King Edward and Many Others.

ROME, Sept. 16.—The majority of the people approve the action of King Victor Emmanuel in not choosing the title of prince of Rome for the heir to the throne, born last night, as it would have mixed the royal family in a party struggle and would have embittered the conflict between church and state at a time when the pope seemed to be leaning toward moderation. It is believed that the title chosen, that of prince of Piedmont, will become fixed for all time for the Italian crown prince, as is the title of prince of Wales in England.

To celebrate the birth of the heir the king has granted amnesty to all deserters and also shortened by six months the terms of imprisonment for certain crimes.

King Victor Emmanuel has received the warmest congratulations throughout the kingdom and also most cordial dispatches from Emperor Nicholas, Emperor William, President Loubet, King Edward and Emperor Franz Joseph. The queen of Romania sent Queen Helena a poem on the event.

The infant prince will be baptized by Cardinal Richelmy, archbishop of Turin, and will be christened Humbert.

Washington Hears Prince is Born. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Official announcement to the American government of the birth of a son to the king of Italy at Turin last night came to the State department today in a cablegram from Pietro Gunes, American consul at Turin.

Joy at St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Sept. 16.—Upon the receipt of the news at the World's fair grounds today of the birth of an heir to the throne of Italy, the Italian members of the jury on awards and many of the exhibitors from that country called upon Commissioner General Branch at the Italian national pavilion. The following cablegram of congratulation was sent:

General Brumati, first aide-de-camp to the king of Rome; the Italian commissioner general and the Italian jurors and exhibitors rejoice in the event which foretells a future happy fate for Italy and renew to their majesties their sentiments of devotion and affection.

Polguin Becomes Violent. Colombian General Says His Country Has Not Given Up Hope of Redress.

PARIS, Sept. 16.—A violent interview with General Jorge Polguin, one of the commanders of the Colombian troops who marched on Barranquilla when Colombia contemplated an attempt to invade Panama, is printed here. In it General Polguin, answering the letter of M. Bureaux-Varilla, former minister of Panama to the United States, published here September 12, maintaining the correctness of the American course throughout the Panama transaction and declaring that President Roosevelt, in protesting Bureaux's letter, was oversteering his bounds, his whole duty and nothing beyond his duty, asserts that M. Bureaux-Varilla and the United States adopted an irregular course, and declares that Colombia has not abandoned the intention of securing redress.

Armenians to Make an Appeal. Delegation Comes to President Asking Him to Protect Coreligionists.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—Sir Karajan, archbishop of the Armenian church of Persia and India, and Dr. Jean Louis Melkoun, representing the Armenians of the Caucasus, forming a mission appointed by the supreme patriarch of the Armenian church to visit the chief representatives of the great powers and appeal to them to compel the sultan of Turkey to preserve order and tranquility in Armenia, will sail for New York tomorrow for the purpose of presenting to President Roosevelt a letter from the supreme patriarch of the Armenian church in behalf of the Armenians.

Italian Socialists Strike. As Protests Against Police All Work May Be Suspended.

ROME, Sept. 16.—1:35 p. m.—To protest against a conflict between strikers and the police, in which two strikers, a Sardinian and a Sicilian, were killed, the socialists have decided on a general strike throughout Italy, which began today at Milan and threatens to spread through the whole peninsula.

The government has taken extraordinary measures to suppress the strike and have stopped all telegrams referring to it.

French Workmen Come. PARIS, Sept. 16.—A delegation of French workmen, sent at the government's expense, will sail for New York on the steamer La Bretagne tomorrow on its way to St. Louis. The industries represented are the manufacture of cotton, musical instruments, shoes, hats, machinery, tools and railway supplies. Experts in commercial affairs and in mail distribution, and the heads of the national labor organizations, Mr. Burison and Rousseau, accompany the party.

Bandits in Ecuador. GUATQUIL, Ecuador, Sept. 16.—An armed band about sixty has been reported in the village of Gollimes, in the northern part of the province of Guayas. The bandits have been pillaging and destroying the telegraphic lines. The government has sent troops to capture the band.

Canada Has Thanksgiving Day. OTTAWA, Ontario, Sept. 16.—An order has been passed by the government appointing Thursday, November 17, a day of thanksgiving in the Dominion.

President to Return to Capital. OYSTER BAY, Sept. 16.—Arrangements have been made for the return of the president and his family to Washington. They will leave Oyster Bay at 6 o'clock on Thursday, the 23d inst., in a special train.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Milwaukee Firm Given Contract for Marshalltown Federal Building.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The contract for the construction of the Marshalltown (Ia.) public building was today awarded to the North-western construction company of Milwaukee, Wis., for \$250,000.

PANAMA TO HAVE GOOD WATER. American Expert is Employed to Construct Aqueduct for the City.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—R. M. Arango, a graduate of one of the American technical schools, has been appointed consulting engineer on the staff of Chief Engineer Wallace in the Panama canal contractors. He is particularly charged to assist in building an aqueduct to supply the city of Panama with water. It is also proposed in the interest of the health of the employes to lay pipe lines to supply fresh and pure water to the great force of laborers at the Culebra cut and at other camps along the line of work.

Complaint Against Railroads. Kansas Grain Dealers Allege that Rates Are Manipulated.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The Central Grain Trade association, with headquarters at Wichita, Kan., has filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce commission against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroads, alleging unjust and discriminatory rates on export shipments of grain. The complaint charges that the shipments are manipulated at Fort Worth, Gainesville, Galveston and other Texas points in order to retain control of the market for the complainants' competitors. Violation of the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce act is also alleged.

GENERAL MOORE GOES TO COAST. Succeeds General McArthur in Command of Department of California.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—By direction of the president, General Francis Moore has been relieved from duty as commander of the school of application for cavalry and field artillery at Fort Riley, Kan., and ordered to San Francisco to assume command of the Department of California, relieving Major General Arthur MacArthur, who will retain command, however, of the Pacific division. No one has yet been selected to command the school of application at Fort Riley.

Defaulter's Bondsman Sued. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The federal government, through District Attorney Beach, today sued the bondsman of William S. Yeatman, late disbursing officer of the War department, for \$5,000, said to be the amount of government money for which Yeatman failed to account. Five other suits were filed by the government against the sureties on Yeatman's bond for \$20,000 each, the penalty at which the bond was fixed.

Final Trial of Cruiser Denver. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Orders have been issued for the final trial of the projected cruiser Denver in Hampton Roads on September 25. The Denver is attached to the Caribbean squadron and has been cruising in the West Indies.

Baldwin Favors Canteen. Commander of Department of Colorado Discusses Question in His Annual Report.

DENVER, Sept. 16.—Brigadier General Frank D. Baldwin, commanding the Department of the Colorado has forwarded his annual report to the secretary of war. The report says that saloons and questionable resorts are a great menace to the peace and order of the state. He is in large part responsible for the large number of desertions from the regular army in the Department of the Colorado. The total desertions during the year closing August 15, were 338. The report says: "The desertions are attributed to the malignant influence of saloons and brothels situated near the reservations seducing enlisted men from the paths of decency. This is only another of the many arguments in favor of restoring the army canteen, which provides places of amusement and social intercourse where men could get light refreshments under restraining, decent and orderly influences. "I trust the sale of beer and light wines, under proper restrictions, may be again authorized in the post exchanges. If men are unable to get a glass of beer in a decent and orderly manner in the garrison, they will resort to the brothels which cluster around the borders of the reservations, where they drink all manner of alcoholic beverages and often sink into debauchery and ruin."

MAY JOIN WESTERN MINERS. Colorado Members of United Mine Workers May Unite with the Federation.

PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 16.—The United Mine Workers of district No. 13 met today with President Meyer of the Western Federation of Miners in the chair, to consider the advisability of cutting adrift from the national organization of United Mine Workers and of joining the Western Federation. The negotiations have been conducted secretly and the exact status is not known, but according to the best sources of information the change will be effected. "The dissolution was caused by the national executive board withdrawing its financial support for continuing the strike in this district last fall. "The greater part of the afternoon session was spent in listening to an extended address by President Meyer, who pledged the entire support of the Western Federation of Miners, both moral and financial, to continue the strike in this district. "The matter was taken under consideration and all indications point to favorable action, but to the hour of adjournment no vote had been taken. "It probably will be finally settled tomorrow."

Suspected Train Robbers Arrested. VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 16.—A message from Vancouver, Wash., says that three men answering the description of the Canadian Pacific robbers have been arrested there today. They were taken until officers of the searching party arrive.

RUSSIA YIELDS ONE POINT

American Contention in Regard to Rights of Neutrals Partly Accepted.

LAMSDORFF MAKES A RESERVATION. Assignment of Goods to Private Parties Does Not Always Prove that They Are Not Intended for Belligerents.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 16.—Russia's reply to the representations of the United States and Great Britain regarding contraband of war was communicated through their respective embassies this afternoon. It is understood that Russia recognizes the principle that provisions are not contraband when consigned to private parties, but only contraband when intended as military or naval stores.

Russia in Count Lamsdorff's response to Ambassador Harding, in principle meets the views of the American and the British governments regarding foodstuffs and coal and other fuel as being conditional contraband of war, distinctly placing them in the category of contraband of war.

Another matter left open is whether Parker will make a series of speeches during the campaign. Other conferences similar to these held yesterday and today under the auspices of Arthur P. Gorman admitted to the apartment of the fifth floor passed through the hotel office. Those who admitted conferring with the candidate or were acknowledged to the press by Private Secretary McCausland were Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader; former Senator D. Arthur P. Gorman; Representative William Sulzer and John B. McDonald of New York.

A representative of the Associated Press was received by Judge Parker, who, however, declined to discuss in detail any of the matters which brought him to New York. He said that Senator Gorman had consented to take an important place in the management of the campaign and that his decision was at the earnest request of National Chairman Taggart as well as other campaign managers.

Mr. Taggart would not be supplanted nor superseded in any way and that Senator Gorman would not be connected with the details of the campaign management. Judge Parker said Senator Gorman would act in an advisory capacity only and would remain in New York practically all the time from now until election.

The candidate was disinclined to comment on the governorship nomination for New York, but admitted that nearly all of his callers were in favor of the state and would support the various candidates. Judge Parker said he was opposed to a decision in favor of any candidate as the result of conferences such as are now in progress at the hotel and added that no decision would be made until the rights of the state had been discussed. Judge Parker would not discuss the Jerome candidate, but it is believed by many of his callers that the name of the district attorney will not be presented at the Saratoga convention next week unless it be for the position of lieutenant governor or attorney general.

Representative W. Bourke Cockran was one of the callers on Judge Parker this afternoon. ESOPUS, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Alton B. Parker reached home at 9:15 p. m. tonight. During Mr. Parker's visit in New York Dr. Jacob Chambers of Kingston, who was the Parker family physician, died. Mr. Parker will be one of the pallbearers.

CANDIDATE DAVIS GETS LEFT. His Private Car Leaves While He Talks to Friends.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Sept. 16.—Henry G. Davis, democratic vice presidential nominee, came in on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad today en route to his home at Elkton, Va. He walked to the West Virginia Central station, stopping on the street to talk to old acquaintances. When he arrived at the station he found that the West Virginia Railroad train had gone, taking his private car along. His car was out of at Ridgely and brought back by a special locomotive.

Mr. Davis' car was cool and collected, boarded his private car and overtook the regular train at Pinto, Va. There was no one at the Cumberland station to greet the candidate, who walked from one station to the other, carrying his grip, his coat and umbrella. Mr. Davis reached home tonight.

THOMAS TAGGART IN INDIANA. National Chairman to Congratulate Efforts on His Own State.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 16.—Thomas Taggart, national chairman of the democratic national committee, was in conference here today with democratic workers from all parts of Indiana. To the democrats in a private conference Taggart expressed confidence that the democrats would carry New York. He also said they could carry Indiana. At this time there appears to be no doubt that the democrats are planning to concentrate their forces in Indiana. The conference between Taggart and the Indiana democrats will probably continue throughout tomorrow.

Western headquarters were established in Chicago? Mr. Taggart was asked, "That will not be determined until I return to New York," answered the national chairman.

MONTANA DEMOCRATIC TICKET. Convention Adjourns After Naming Candidates for State Officers.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 16.—The democratic state convention adjourned early today after nominating a complete ticket as follows: Grassman—A. C. Gormley, Governor—J. K. Toole. Chief Justice—D. E. Smith. Lieutenant Governor—Edwin Norris. Clerk of the Supreme Court—Finley McKee. Secretary of State—Miles Romney. Auditor—F. C. Gormley. Treasurer—David G. Browne. Attorney General—Charles H. Hall. Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. M. Kay. Presidential Electors—Patrick Carney, Paul A. Fuss and Edward Cardwell.

FAIRBANKS IS AT WASHINGTON. Leaves Immediately for West Virginia to Make Speeches.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, republican nominee for vice president, arrived here today. Accompanied by Senator Scott of West Virginia and Colonel Daniel Hensdel, sergeant-at-arms of the senate, Senator Fairbanks was driven to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad station, where a special train, on which he will make his campaign trip through West Virginia, was awaiting him. The special immediately pulled out for Parkersburg, where he will participate in the opening of the campaign in that state today. The senator will make a number of speeches en route, the first one being at Harper's Ferry.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS Sept. 16. At New York—Sailed: Cedric, for Liverpool. Arrived: La Lorraine, from Liverpool. At Dover—Sailed: Deutschland, for New York. At Liverpool—Arrived: Baltic, from New York; Carpathia, from New York; Republic, from Boston. Sailed: Celtic, for New York. At Hamburg—Arrived: Moltke, from New York. At St. Michaels—Arrived: Hohenzollern, from New York. At Plymouth—Arrived: Bremen, from New York. At Mobile—Sailed: Ionian, for Montreal; Astoria, for New York. At Barry—Sailed: previously—Tascomar, for Montreal.

JUDGE PARKER MAKES PLANS

Gorman to Have Active Part in Campaign—Differences Between New York Factions Settled.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Several important questions were settled by the visit of Alton B. Parker to New York and his conference with democratic leaders. It was determined that Senator Gorman should have an active place in the campaign, but that Chairman Taggart was not to be superseded. The conference of Tammany leaders with Judge Parker resulted in the settlement of differences in Greater New York so far as they relate to national and state issues.

The governorship and other state offices were discussed, but it was said that nothing definite as to the selection of candidates would be determined until next week at Saratoga.

Another matter left open is whether Parker will make a series of speeches during the campaign. Other conferences similar to these held yesterday and today under the auspices of Arthur P. Gorman admitted to the apartment of the fifth floor passed through the hotel office. Those who admitted conferring with the candidate or were acknowledged to the press by Private Secretary McCausland were Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader; former Senator D. Arthur P. Gorman; Representative William Sulzer and John B. McDonald of New York.

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STOESSEL IS HARD PRESSED

Garrison is Getting Short of Both Provisions and Ammunition.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—General Stoesel, according to the contents of my dispatch a few days ago, has full liberty to surrender when he finds the situation hopeless. Indeed, he has instructions to do so. Independent and apart from the scarcity of ammunition, the garrison for some time has been reduced to a diet of black bread, while the masses of unburied bodies, which the Japanese refuse to allow to be buried, cause terrible pollution of the air.

General Kouropatkin telegraphs that he wants officers and great efforts are being made to provide the same. An official order has been issued relieving employes of the state railways qualified to serve as officers.

A number of section torpedo boats have been supplied to Russia by Germany. You may be quite sure neither Mukden nor Tse Ling will be seriously held. The latter has been called the Thermopylae of Manchuria, but it can be easily turned.

Owing to the latest news from Port Arthur the idea of the Baltic fleet starting appears to be quite abandoned.

JAPANESE DEMANDS TO INCREASE

Russia Will Be Expected to Yield Greater Concessions.

PARIS, Sept. 16.—The Matin today published a long interview with Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister in London, who is quoted as saying: "The Japanese demand that Russia recognize China's sovereignty over Manchuria. Today, after our victories and the fact that we are no longer content with our former demand, after the fall of Port Arthur our condition would be still more extreme and after taking Vladivostok they will be yet more extreme. We shall continue hostilities throughout the winter. We have given up the plan of taking Port Arthur by assault and will compel its capitulation by famine. Its fall would free 50,000 men and enable them to form a new northern army, but we do not need them just now."

AMERICAN FLAG OVER CONTRABAND

San Gottardo Said to Have Material for Japanese on Board. Reports that the steamer San Gottardo, flying the American flag, recently arrived at Singapore loaded with cannon and dynamite concealed under coal destined for the Japanese. The Indo-China press asserts that this use of the American flag is unwarranted and the steamer is owned in Japan.

The Italian steamer San Gottardo sailed from New York May 20 and from Norfolk June 3 and arrived at Yokohama August 11. It was subsequently reported that the San Gottardo had been sold to Japan. Chinese Unfriendly to Russians. MUKDEN, Thursday, Sept. 15.—Delayed in transmission from Mukden to Harbin from Chinese sources the Japanese are leaving a garrison at Liao Yang and their main forces are moving out on the Russian flanks. The whole Chinese population of Liao Yang is working on the Japanese defenses.

The Japanese are running regular trains between Port Dalny and New Chwang, the rolling stock, according to their statements having come from San Francisco. Mukden merchants who have dealings with New Chwang say that if the Japanese occupy Mukden they intend to connect the railroad with the Shantung terminus of the Shantung-Tien Tsin railroad, about thirty-five miles west of Mukden.

At night the Russian sentries here can discern the glow of the Japanese campfires in the direction of Liao Yang. Until three days ago the Japanese had not finished burning or burning the dead around Liao Yang.

The Chinese are becoming more unfriendly as the Japanese advance. The Japanese are imposing their systems of administration at every town occupied, seizing the revenues, beginning with the timber dues, in the Yalu district, and ending with the salt tax in Manchuria.

In Kwantung provinces the Japanese are quite at home. They are already installing Japanese teachers in the Chinese schools. At Mukden the chief Chinese official remains outwardly friendly, but he no longer co-operates with the Russians and the Chinese rate assistance to the Russians' transport, or to furnish them with supplies. Nevertheless, although animated by undoubtedly sympathy for the Japanese, the Chinese are not yet confident of an ultimate Japanese victory, and thus they seek to avoid an open rupture. The abandonment of Mukden, however, might make them throw off the mask and exchange their negatively unfriendly attitude for one of active hostility.

Officers Hear from Calcha. LONDON, Sept. 16.—The owners of the British steamer Calcha have received a cable dispatch from the captain of the ship at Vladivostok saying the written decision of the prize court in the case will not be handed down until September 22. The crown advocate, it is added, will probably appeal against the release of the vessel. He has until October 21 in which to enter a protest. Meanwhile the Calcha will not be released unless bail is given for its value.

WRECK NEAR CENTERVIEW, MO.

Missouri Pacific Freight Trains Meet Head-On—Two Trainmen and Two Trains Hurt.

THE BEE BULLETIN.

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Saturday and Warmer in East Portion. Sunday Fair and Cooler.

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Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 6 a. m. 54 2 p. m. 74 7 a. m. 53 3 p. m. 70 8 a. m. 50 4 p. m. 75 9 a. m. 49 5 p. m. 71 10 a. m. 50 6 p. m. 71 11 a. m. 48 7 p. m. 69 12 m. 47 8 p. m. 68 9 p. m. 67

SUMMARY OF WAR SITUATION

Statements that Japanese Army is Preparing to Advance Are Discredited at St. Petersburg.

Statements that the Japanese army is concentrating on the banks of the Russian river in the vicinity of Mukden are met at the Russian war office with expressions of incredulity. It is the opinion of St. Petersburg that a much longer time must elapse before Oyama can put his army, which was so sorely tried in the battle of Liao Yang, in condition to undertake a forward movement.

Russia's recession from its early position on the question of contraband is regarded as the occasion of the probable retirement of Vice Admiral Svein from his post at the head of the Russian admiralty department.

WAR MAY END IN FEW DAYS

Russian Statesman Says Both Sides Find it Expensive.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent declares that a Russian statesman, whose name, if revealed, would win him his utterance, is straining rapidly to end the war on Friday. It was his impression that the war might end sooner than people imagined, not through mediation, but through mutual recognition of the ruinous nature of the conflict, which would lead to negotiations that would result in a Russo-Japanese alliance. He contended, the correspondent says, that although Russia in the end would exhaust and crush Japan, yet Japan could hold out long enough to place an intolerable and useless strain upon Russia. Russia, therefore, was confronting with the alternative of either Japan's ruin purchased by ruinous sacrifice or of a treaty of cordial friendship, followed in the fullness of time by that offensive and defensive alliance which for years constituted the ideal of the Japanese government.

BANKERS KNOW NO COLOR LINE

Matter Discussed by Whites and Blacks at New York Convention.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The election of officers for the coming year was the principal event scheduled for the closing session of the American Bankers' association today. The addresses were delivered by A. E. Schwepke, manager of the bankers' department of the American Credit Indemnity company of St. Louis, who spoke on the "Credit Indemnity and Its Value to the Banker," and Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States on "The Strength and Weakness of the Bankers' Association." Rising to call the attention of the delegates to his race, their progress and their hopes, John Mitchell, jr. president of the Mechanics' Savings bank of Richmond, Va., the only negro delegate, declared that any color line was a disgrace to the better class of whites and better class of blacks.

"It is the black loafers in the south that cause the troubles and persecution of our race, and we despise them as well as do the whites," said he. He thanked the delegates for the kindness of his reception and entertainment at this convention. He said his color had in no way affected his standing as a delegate.

Colonel Lowry, president of the Lowry National bank of Atlanta, Ga., replied to Mr. Mitchell. He said: "The race problem is the most vexing of his race in Georgia. Both the white man and the leading black man is loathed and despised. Both are slow and awkward, spoken and gone on record that the bankers' association draws no color line and welcomes successful bankers, be they white or black, as members."

A resolution was passed directing the secretary of the association to send every color line a copy of the resolution, and to copy the results of the bankers' convention advocating the passage of Senator Lodge's consular bill, which provides for changes in the consular service.

The officers were then elected, the list as agreed on by the committee last evening being chosen without change.

It was unofficially given out by a number of the members of the executive council that Washington, D. C., will be the next meeting place of the association.

ATTENDANCE ST. LOUIS DAY

Unofficial Count Places the Number Present at the Exposition 404,450.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 16.—The exact attendance at the World's fair yesterday, when an enormous throng celebrated St. Louis day, has not been officially announced, although it was unofficially given out by the exposition management tonight that 404,450 admissions were recorded. It was explained that this number is announced unofficially because the count of admissions is to be made the second time in order to eliminate possible errors, that the exact attendance may be recorded accurately.

In a field of twenty-eight, the largest that has competed in any event at the World's Fair Cattle show, Fair Queen, a Shorthorn, owned by F. W. Bowen of Delphia, Ind., defeated all comers today in the 3 and under 2-year-old class for cows. Thomas W. Lawson's Figue won the Blue Ribbon in the Jersey class in competition with the aged cows of the Vanderbilt, the Ladd estate and other noted herds of the country.

JAP SHELLS DO DAMAGE

Russian Torpedo Boat Destroyer is Wrecked in Dock at Port Arthur.

FLEET MAY MAKE SORTIE FROM HARBOR. Alleged that Commander Has Been Told Not to Surrender Vessels.

CHINESE UNFRIENDLY TO THE RUSSIANS. Approach of Japanese Causes Change in Attitude of the Natives.

SLANDERS ARE OPERATING RAILROAD. Asserted that Should They Be Victorious Russian Road Will Be Made Part of Korean System.

MUKDEN, Sept. 16.—Early this morning twenty-six wounded men belonging to Major General Mitchenko's Cossack division were brought into Mukden. Particulars of the skirmish are not available. It is not clear whether it was a simple outpost affair or the beginning of a real Japanese advance on Mukden.

It is reported here that the Japanese are advancing on Mukden from the east. A strong force of Russians is ready to meet them.

Japs Prepare to Advance. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 17.—1:25 a. m.—The War office has heard the report of an apparent Japanese concentration against the banks of General Kouropatkin's army, preparatory to an advance toward Mukden. While it is not in a position to confirm or deny the report it would surprise the War office should Field Marshal Oyama have been able in such a short time to organize his forces for a serious advance northward.

Japanese Attack Repulsed. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 16.—A dispatch from Mukden says the Russian patrol up to the present have repulsed all Japanese outpost attacks and that communication with Blinnitsin has not been interrupted. All Russian stragglers according to this dispatch, have arrived at Mukden. General Samsonoff has been promoted to the rank of general of division.

CHE FOO, Sept. 16.—1:30 p. m.—The Japanese troops between September 8 and September 10 captured a fort situated on a high hill near Golden Hill by an attack. The fighting was not severe. The Japanese were able to remain in the fort because the quality of the powder used at Golden Hill was so poor that many shells fell short and others failed to explode.

The foregoing information was received from an informant who was with General Samsonoff on September 12. He had been a dock yard laborer there for many years. He adds that the Japanese are tunneling under the Russian forts with the intention of blowing them up. He says that the work is being done in a slow and arduous way and will probably be unsuccessful.

The Russians have placed mines under all the public buildings, wharves, arsenals and everything that could possibly be of use to the Japanese with the intention of causing their destruction should the Japanese enter the city.

The house formerly occupied by Viceroy Alexieff was hit by a shell recently and partially wrecked.

Ammunition is growing scarce, but there is plenty of bread. The price of flour is now 9 rubles.

Another shell struck a destroyer which was lying in dock undergoing repairs knocking it into kindling wood and killing seven sailors. This shell came from the Japanese fleet, which comes in much closer than formerly daily, throwing a few shells. One shell demolished several engines in the dock yards and killed an officer and two men.

The fort which the Japanese captured is not regarded as essential to the defense of Port Arthur, although it is obvious there would be some disadvantage from its occupation as the Japanese are constantly receiving heavy guns from Japan to which the Russians are unable to reply effectively.

The Chinaman suggests to describe this fort, but the comparative weak resistance of the Russians suggests it was an outpost.

This assault was the only one to take place since August 31.

The five eleven-inch guns on Golden Hill which were formerly pointed seaward have been rearranged, three of them now pointing landward.

The Chinaman alleges