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RUSSIANS RETREAT TO LAST DEFENSE

Japanese Crowd the Czar's Troops Into Last Ditch in Front of Port Arthur.

THREE HUNDRED FIFTY JAPANESE GUNS IN FULL PLAY.

Artillery Maneuvers Are Magnificent—Russians Are Now Thoroughly Alarmed at the Situation and Are Prepared to Make the Supreme Effort of the War—Washington Embassy Hears That Kurapatkin is Still Fleeing Northward—English and Swedish Vessels Suspected of Carrying Contraband.

New Chwang, Aug. 4.—According to word received today the Russians at Port Arthur have been driven back to their last line of defense. The Japanese have 350 guns in action.

The feeling in Port Arthur and the Russian defenses is now one of consternation and fear. Lest by the irresistible armies of Japan by land and the harbor guarded by Japanese vessels at sea, the Russians feel that the supreme struggle in the Orient is now near at hand.

The land forces of the Japanese are crowding closer and closer, the Russian positions having been all surrendered to the last line of defenses protecting Port Arthur.

The Japanese artillery maneuvers are said to be magnificent. The marksmanship is perfect and the terrible effect of the 350 guns has been felt by the Russians as they have retreated from one position to another during the past four days.

A feeling of uneasiness now pervades all the Orient and increased activity among foreign vessels in the Orient is noticeable, in anticipation of the almost certain surrender of the Russian stronghold.

The Japanese advances have been made systematically, coolly, decisively, without any show of effort and the Russian troops are changing their content into fear.

Chasing Contraband Cargoes. London, Aug. 4.—The Central News Staff, Petersburg correspondent reports that the Russian auxiliary cruiser, Donaur, is in pursuit of one British and two Swedish vessels, believed to be carrying five submarines and seven torpedo boats, in sections, to Japan.

Russians Hiking Northward. Washington, Aug. 4.—The Japanese legation gives out the following Tokio official dispatch: "Gen. Oku reports that the enemy has been retreating continuously northward since August 2. On August 3 our army occupied Hai Cheng and Nin Chwang which is situated 20 miles northeast of a port of the same name."

FIRE ON CLACKAMAS. Twenty Camping Parties Thought to Be Surrounded by Flames. Portland, Aug. 4.—A terrific fire, covering eight square miles of heavy forest is raging at the head of Clackamas river in Clackamas county, Oregon.

Forty camping parties are within the fire zone and apparently all escape is cut off and loss of life is feared. All the available men in the country surrounding have gone to fight the flames.

FOURTEEN KILLED. Serious Wreck on the 'Frisco Near Vinita, I. T. Parsons, Kan., Aug. 4.—It is reported here that a 'Frisco passenger train was wrecked near Vinita, I. T., this morning, killing 14 and fatally or seriously injuring many. The engine tender led the track, followed by several coaches, which were overturned.

CHICAGO WHEAT JUMPS. Effort of the Shorts to Cover Causes a Brief Advance. Chicago, Aug. 4.—Wheat took a long jump this morning when the shorts tried to cover the field. Old September is quoted at 94 1/2 @ 98 1/2, new at 95 1/2 @ 97 1/2. Corn also advanced in sympathy, September, 51 1/2 @ 52 1/2.

Sumpter Banker Arrested. Sumpter, Aug. 4.—Mayor C. H. McCulloch and A. P. Goss, trustee and cashier of the defunct bank, of Sumpter, were arrested yesterday for accepting deposits after they knew that the bank had failed. All the deposited money had been returned except on one account, that of J. J. Steinf, who swore out the warrants for the officials.

Port in Port Au Prince. Port Au Prince, Aug. 4.—A general melee between soldiers and foreigners, the majority of whom are Syrians, occurred here today and the police are powerless to suppress the disorder. Several American carriages were stoned.

From Gratin to Politics. Minneapolis, Aug. 4.—Dr. A. A. Ames, twice mayor of Minneapolis, and twice tried for grafting, filed an affidavit of his candidacy for the republican nomination on congress and will make a vigorous campaign.

Bishop Potter's Saloon. New York, Aug. 4.—The Subway Tavern, dedicated by Bishop Potter, is doing a rushing business and "Bishop's place," as it is dubbed, promises to be one of the fads of the city.

DONNELLY BITTERLY DENIES THE ASSERTION

Quiet Prevails and the Tense Conditions Are Becoming Unpleasant—Organizer Fitzpatrick Said to Have Secured Consent of Strikers to Make Overtures for Peace—New Plan Said to Have Been Promulgated Looking to Early Settlement—Packers Non-committal.

CONFIDENT SCOTT.

Says Colorado, Nebraska and West Virginia Are Republican. Washington, Aug. 4.—Senator Scott of West Virginia, a manager of the western bureau of the republican national committee, conferred with the president this morning after a trip through the West, bringing assurance that Colorado and Nebraska are sure for Roosevelt. West Virginia is safe. He says the democrats cannot take the legislature from him if they spend \$4,000,000 in the efforts.

NEW ROUTE FOR PORTAGE ROAD

PLAN TO PUT IT ON THE CANAL RIGHT OF WAY.

Scheme is to meet the Immediate Demands of Commerce, But Must Be Approved by the Government Before It Can Be Put Into Execution—Will Greatly Expedite the Promotion of the Canal, and Be a Convenience to Commerce.

The Dalles, August 4.—In a conference between the members of the open river committee which was held in the city last night, and state officials yesterday in Portland, the promoters of the road made the proposition to build the portage along one side of the canal. The canal, it is supposed, is to be built through the center of the right of way. If this is done there will be room for the road along one side.

They also argue that the road is needed for immediate use, that it would be of advantage to the government in building the canal, that it is a temporary expedient that can be replaced by the permanent institution of the canal, and that it might be of advantage to the canal, and the road. It is also argued that the development of the inland empire calls for the building of the road and the opening of the river.

The board admitted all these things, is in favor of the construction of the road, and will help the project in any way possible, but it has to fire, put the question up to the federal government, and if it is agreeable there, to refer it to the owners of the right of way granted to the canal.

The canal right of way was secured from the people along the line of the proposed works for the supposed construction of a canal, and was granted to the use of the government for that purpose. It is thus in the province of the government to say whether it will allow the construction of the canal, and the road, and if it is agreed that the canal will be constructed, the canal right of way will be secured from the people along the line of the proposed works for the supposed construction of a canal, and was granted to the use of the government for that purpose.

Closing Barber Shops. Portland, Aug. 4.—Since the state barber law has been sustained by the supreme court, at least 12 small unsanitary shops in this city have been placed under the ban and will be closed at once unless they comply with the law. Shops in other parts of the state will be investigated by the state board and a wholesale campaign against unsanitary conditions will be instituted.

Admiral Cooper Retires. Washington, D. C., August 4.—Rear Admiral Philip H. Cooper, commander in chief of the Asiatic squadron, was placed on the retired list today.

SHIPPING WOOL TO THE EAST. Elgin Sheepsman Sending Product to Boston Market. Jesse G. Ferry has returned from an extended trip through union and Walla Walla counties in Oregon, says the Walla Walla Statesman. Mr. Ferry states that there is a big movement of wool to the east at Elgin. Nearly all of the sheepsman in those two counties this year sold their wool to buyers from Boston, and offered them a better price than they could obtain from the coast buyers. As a result all the wool in that section of the country is now being delivered at Elgin in sacks. Upon its receipt it is then baled and shipped direct to Boston. It is estimated that there will be fully 150 carloads sent from Elgin within the next 30 days.

Crops in the Grande Ronde valley are reported by Mr. Ferry to be much better than the average. During the early spring there were several very heavy frosts which destroyed many thousand acres of wheat.

An epidemic of house breaking is now raging at Astoria.

FRENCH DISRUPTION CASTS GLOOM OVER VATICAN.

On the First Anniversary of His Election the Pope Declares He is Sick of the Intrigue of the Warring Forces—Congratulations Received From All European States Except France—Break With Government of France Considered a Most Grave Menace to Rome.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC EXTENSION.

Railroad From Pullman to Howell, Idaho. Moscow, Idaho, Aug. 4.—Orders have been issued to resume work on the road between Pullman, Wash., and Howell, Idaho, at the top of the Kendrick hill. The steam shovel will be put at work this week on the gravel bank near Marshall, Wash., or near Howell, and several work trains with crews will be put on.

It is understood that as soon as the roadbed is ballasted so sound steel rails will be laid on this piece of track.

BOYCOTT MILLINERY.

Bishop Hennessy's Plan to Get Even With France. Detroit, Mich., Aug. 4.—Bishop Hennessy of Kansas, in an address before the conference of Catholic societies, advocated that Catholics refuse to wear Parisian millinery as punishment to France for its attitude of animosity toward the Catholic church.

Wreck on L. & N. Louisville, Ky., Aug. 4.—Louisville & Nashville south-bound passenger No. 1 collided this morning, near Horse Cave, with north-bound passenger No. 2, and 21 passengers and four trainmen were injured, Engineer Rehm seriously.

DEMOCRATS NAME A STATE TICKET

WASHINGTON CONVENTION INDORSES THE SLATE. George Turner, of Spokane, Heads the Ticket as Nominee for Governor—Hatchway, Anderson and Fullerton for Congress—Mark Fullerton is Indorsed for Supreme Court Justice.

Bellingham, Aug. 4.—The democratic slate, as given out yesterday, was nominated without a hitch by the democratic state convention last night with the exception of congressmen, the candidates first agreed upon, including Garrecht, of Walla Walla, refusing to make the race. The convention adjourned sine die after naming the following ticket: Governor—George Turner, of Spokane. Lieutenant Governor—Steve Judson, of Pierce. Treasurer—George Mudgett, of Spokane. Auditor—Lee Purdie, of Kittitas. Land Commissioner—Van R. Pierston, of King. Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. D. Girard, of King. Secretary of State—P. Hough, of Spokane. Justice of Supreme Court—Alfred Fuller, of King; Mark Fullerton, of Lincoln. Attorney General—C. H. Neil, of Lincoln. Congressman—Howard Hatchway, of Snohomish; J. J. Anderson, of Pierce; W. T. Beck, of Whitman. Presidential Electors—Fred Neil, of Adams; J. J. Carney, of Chehalis; John Trumbull, of Clallam; J. S. Darrell, of Cowlitz; S. P. Richardson, of Mason.

ANTI-MORMONS WIN. Boise Delegates Are Against Governor Morrison. Boise, Aug. 4.—The anti-Mormon faction made almost a clean sweep at the republican primaries yesterday to select delegates to the county convention, to be held Saturday. It was a crushing blow to the governor's ambition to succeed himself. The county convention will be composed of 123 delegates and out of this number the governor will not have to exceed 25, giving him the benefit of county precincts yet to be heard from.

Lightning did \$60,000 worth of damage to monuments, flag poles and buildings in New York City Monday night. The Washington monument in Washington, D. C., was also struck and slightly damaged.

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Committee on Organization. On motion a committee of 11 was appointed by the chair on organization, as follows: W. Virgin, Ashland; J. Q. A. Bowley, Astoria; Mr. Sangstecker, Mars, Ind.; J. G. Grant, Salem; Dr. James Whitehouse, Corvallis; George A. Houck, Eugene; F. J. Blakeley, Roseburg; Mr. Wirtz, Prineville; W. C. Cowgill, Baker; A. Bennett, Irion; E. L. Smith, Hood River; Tom Richardson, Portland; M. L. Casey, Union county.

The rolls of names of delegates as sent from the various counties and cities, and the whereabouts of the delegates, were taken up and the convention register today, were accepted as members of the convention.

Vice Presidents Named. The following men were selected as vice presidents: Judge P. J. Goodman, Astoria; W. W. Calkins, Eugene; F. J. Blakeley, Roseburg; M. S. Woodcock, Corvallis; Colonel Harry Haines, Forest Grove; Peter Loggie, North Bend; N. Davis, Clatsop; W. E. Brown, Echo; J. C. Johnson, Walla Walla county; J. C. Cooper, Minidoka; J. N. Wheatland, Dalles; Congressman J. N. Williamson; Walter Lyon, Independence; H. B. Thielson, Salem; O. H. Ryland, Vale; Prof. Mulkey, Ashland; J. M. Church, La Grande; Rev. J. R. N. Bell, Baker City; Jasper Wilkins, Coburg; Judge S