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FLEET LEAVES HARBOR

Reports that Russian Fleet as Left Port Arthur---Kuropatkin to Evacuate.

Special to the Observer
The significance of the Mukden dispatch that nothing of unusual activity has transpired at that place is the subject of much speculation at St. Petersburg. The theory that indicates it is the purpose of General Kuropatkin to evacuate the town is now generally accepted. Military officers there are surmising that the commotion noted is in connection with a movement to check Japanese flanking operation. In Russian official circles some credence is given to the rumor that Admiral Wiren has left Port Arthur with his ships the confusion resulting from the severe storm on Tuesday being regarded as having made such a dash possible.
All time expired members of guard regiments in St. Petersburg and vicinity have been ordered to remain with their colors. The indications are that the Russian warships in the Baltic will soon be dispatched to the Far East.

THINK SQUADRON SAFE
St. Petersburg, Oct. 7.—While the admiralty claims to have no knowledge of the departure of the Port Arthur squadron it is inferable from the way the reports reads that such an event has transpired and definite confirmation of this would not create any surprise. The Associated Press is informed that no direct orders have been sent Admiral Wiren to break through the blockading fleet but it is tacitly admitted that the admiral has discre-

tionary powers to leave Port Arthur should the situation so demand or should conditions be propitious.

65 Cows Killed

Special to the Observer
San Francisco, Oct. 7.—An endeavor to store 165 tons of hay in the upper part of a barn unable to withstand such a weight resulted in the collapse of the structure and the death of 65 head of fine milk cows with a total money loss of over \$10,000.

A Narrow Escape

New York, Oct. 7.—A ten ton rolling blast furnace filled with hot iron used for the welding of the joints of trolley tracks has been the cause of an exciting ride for a car load of people in Newark N. J. The furnace became unmanageable on the top of a steep hill and started down with rapidly increasing speed in the wake of a trolley car bound toward the center of the city.

The motorman put on full speed, but the mass of iron and fire gained steadily. When it seemed that a disastrous collision was inevitable the car crew and ten passengers several of whom were women held a consultation and decided that the only chance to save their lives was in jumping. Several leaped off but the crew and two women who had fainted remained aboard.

After the race had gone for a quarter of a mile with the furnace steadily gaining the runaway machine swerved and struck an oncoming car. The collision was terrific but although the front of the car was demolished the passengers escaped serious injury.

Project

Union, Ore. Oct. 7.—The engineering crew of the Eastern Oregon Development company which has hastily completed a preliminary survey for a bit line of railroad covering principal points in the Grande Ronde valley has been looking up the question of water power over on the Minam river this week and is expected at the company's headquarters in Union every day. The office force at work in Union for several weeks is completing maps and data of the country to be

crossed by the proposed line and expects to have this work all done so farward to New York by October 10. Advances from the east are that the new line will be financed at once upon the proper showing as to revenue likely to result from operation.

Preacher Arrested

Northport, Wash., Oct. 7.—John Carlson an ex-preacher, many times arrested for making himself a nuisance by hurling rocks through saloon windows and doing other unseemable things was arrested today for publicly decrying in profane language the city officials.

He asserts that he is a preacher. He is thought to be insane.

Whist Club

The whist club which was entertained by Mrs. Thomas and Ormond resulted in Mrs. Nicholson receiving first honor, Mrs. Edmonds second. Those present were Mesdames Cavanah, W. E. Snodgrass, Thomson, Johnson, L. Dunn, S. J. White, Roesch, Edmonds, Erickson, Given, Sargent, Bemillard, Nicholson and Winnie Ormond. The next meeting will be entertained by Mesdames Cavanah and Erickson at the latter's home.

A Pleasant Afternoon

A quiet but entertaining reception was given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. J. W. Scriber to a number of her lady friends at her home in this city. The time was passed pleasantly in friendly badinage, merry sallies of wit and humor, and in the enjoyment of the dainty refreshments served by the efficient hostess. Those who were present are as follows: Mesdames Mollitor, Reavis, Henry, Carr, Morris, Foley, Slater, Lyle, Palmer, Scriber and Misses Kathleen Slack and Margaret Porter.

The question as to who "takes the cake" will be settled at the L. D. S. fair. The cake and the tickets are now on exhibition at the Rainbow Store. Call and take a chance and vote for the Queen.

Ed Adcock returned last evening from The Dalles where he may conclude the purchase of a furniture business.

DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Nine People Dashed Over an Embankment in a Runaway Automobile.

New York, Oct. 7.—One of the most spectacular and disastrous of the many automobile accidents that have occurred in Greater New York happened early this morning when a heavy racing car dashed off an embankment and down to the tracks of the New York Central many feet below; three were killed and several more are dying. An all of the party in the big machine were so injured that they have not yet regained consciousness no clue to their identity has been gained but from the machine and the costumes of the party it is evident that they are of wealth and probable social standing and when their identity is known it is probable that some of the city leading families will mourn the loss of some petted favorite of fortune.

Witnesses to the accident say that the huge machine of sixty horsepower was speeding madly along the Bronx. In it were a party of nine and they had apparently passed a convivial night for they were laughing loudly and cheering the experience of the driver as he missed obstruction by a hair's breadth while going at full speed. Down the smooth asphalt the big machine sped and when opposite the high embankment at 61st street it gave a sudden lurch turned apparently despite the exertions of the man at the throttle and with a leap and bound shot over the high embankment almost before the witnesses or those in the machine could give a cry of alarm. The big machine weighing a couple of tons made a sheer drop through the air for thirty or forty feet and brought up a wreck on the tracks of the New York Central. Hardly had it struck and the inmates given a few terrified cries when a fast passenger train whirled round the curve and dashed through the wreckage where nine bruised persons lay. Automobile and dying were thrown high in the air by the speeding train and those who had gathered felt sure that not one of party would survive the experience. But when the patrol and ambulances arrived only two of the party were found to be dead and the other seven were removed to the hospital. Later one of the injured died and three more are in precarious condition and may die before the day dawns. All will be scarred for life as the result of being thrown many feet in the air by the rushing engine and impaled in the wreckage of the automobile.

What's A Bushel

The grain standard committee of the chamber of commerce has completed its classification of grain of the northwest and established the standards with the weight per bushel for the year 1905 as follows.

Walla Walla white 59 pounds, Walla Walla red 59 pounds, blestem 59 pounds, red Russian No 1 58 pounds, red Fife, No 1 58 pounds, two new wheats have been added to the list, Red Russian and Red Fife.

Pastor Installed.

Although the weather was very inclement last evening, yet a large and appreciative audience witnessed the installation of Rev. E. B. Hays as pastor at the Presbyterian church. The program was carried out in full as printed in the Observer, and all present were impressed by the dignity and solemnity of the ceremony.

bank of Monte Carlo was robbed last night of \$20,000, in currency and gold and the robbers escaped. There were seven men in the robber band, and they were not discovered by the night watchman until the robbery had been consummated.

An alarm was given and a chase started, but the robbers fled in the darkness and all efforts to apprehend them today proved futile.

SCHOOL LAND \$69 PER ACRE

Colfax Wash. Oct. 5.—Sixty-nine dollars per acre is the highest price obtainable for unimproved school land in this county, except for an occasional tract within or adjoining a town. H. H. Wheeler, county auditor, sold 40 acres of unimproved land at auction to J. A. Thman for \$69 per acre. The land lies in Pleasant Valley, three miles from St. John. It is unimproved except for a fence, for which is appraised at \$125. The buyer had to pay for this fence also. Henry Rook paid \$22.50 per acre for 16 near Diamond. This land was improved, and Mr. Rook had to pay \$2000 for the improvements. This brought the purchase price of this tract, with improvements, to \$41.25 per acre.

HOW GERM NESTS ARE MADE

Even the so-called "germ disease" are usually, if not always, caused primarily by an anatomical disorder of some kind. It is well known that germs can thrive only in unhealthy tissue. A dislocation ever so slight, perhaps discoverable only by an Osteopath first caused an interruption in the supply of blood or nerve force, or both to some part of the body, leaving that part ill nourished and thus preparing a place, or "nest," in which the germs may live, grow, and multiply.

BURNS IN CITY JAIL

Unknown Man Confined in City Jail for Petty Offense Victim of Flames

Hillsboro Or. Oct. 7.—An unidentified man was burned to death last night about 11 o'clock in the jail at Cornelius, two and a half miles from here. The man was about 30 years old and yesterday afternoon was engaged in selling trinkets in Cornelius and that vicinity.

About 9 o'clock last night the town marshal found him lying drunk between two of the stores and after some trouble and with the assistance of four bystanders succeeded in lodging the intoxicated man in jail.

About 11 o'clock the fire alarm aroused the sleeping inhabitants of the little town. The jail was ablaze. Many rushed to rescue the prisoner from the burning building. They succeeded in extinguishing the fire before it had done much damage to the jail but not until the occupant had been suffocated.

How the fire started is a mystery. One theory is that the prisoner accidentally set the building on fire. A coroner's inquest was held at 2 o'clock this morning and the body was interred by the county.

Remember that the election of the Queen of the fair to be given by the L. D. S. is now on and that votes will be received at the Rainbow store.

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Working men's high grade gloves. This is a new line with us and we are proud of our selection. Call and see them. Harness and saddles made to order. Winter robes just received. Second hand sewing machine for sale cheap.

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La Grande, Oregon

A Store With A Record

We have been doing business in this town for 5 years. In that time the town has nearly doubled in population. During the same time our business has increased FIVE FOLD. In other words our business has made a great deal more rapid increase than the town has. There are dozens of reasons for this all of which you will perceive if you begin buying drug store goods of us. In the first place we had a thorough training for pharmacy. In the second place we had exceptional opportunities for learning the practical side of pharmacy in a successful drug store of the highest standing. In the third place we have kept our eyes open and attended to business until we know the demands of the people of this town.

A. T. HILL,

Prescription Druggist
La Grande, Ore

Robbers Get \$20,000

Jacksonville, Wis., Oct. 7.—The