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WALL STREET.

GREAT DEPRESSION IN BUSINESS CAUSES MANY EMPLOYEES TO TAKE A VACATION.

A Michigan Bride-Groom Changes His Mind—Society to Prevent Swearing on Streets—Other News.

New York, May 28.—Wall street is having such a period of business depression as it has not experienced in several years and one result of it is that hundreds of clerks have been dismissed in the last ten days or two weeks. Men who have not known a day of idleness in a score of years now find themselves without employment and with no prospect of anything to do until the dawn of another day of prosperity in the street.

One of the largest operators on the Stock Exchange said yesterday that on a conservative estimate he believed that no less than 2,500 employees had been dismissed by the brokerage and banking houses in the last two weeks.

This operator called attention to the fact that only about a hundred thousand shares were traded in yesterday.

"There are more than twelve hundred banking and brokerage houses in Wall street," said the operator. "When you divide the business of yesterday among all this multitude of interests it must be patent at a glance that every day means an enormous loss to the operators. Every house has found it absolutely necessary to make retrenchments in one way or another. In most cases this has been accomplished by the discharge of as many clerks as could be spared, and at present that means practically the whole force in all but the very largest brokerage houses.

"Among the reasons for the general depression in Wall street trading perhaps the most potent grow out of the enormous losses sustained by the public in the industrial group. The blow that was given to investors in Steel alone was sufficient to turn the public away from Wall street for a considerable period. The public lost millions in Steel common alone, and that has made the people wary of all classes of stock."

The firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. was among the first to reduce its working force when the "hard times" hit the street. Others followed suit in rapid succession. The firm of W. B. Franklin & Co. sent notices yesterday to all of their force of clerks and stenographers informing them that they must either accept a 20 per cent cut in salaries or take vacations without pay.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 26.—His wedding set for 7 p. m. yesterday, Lee Long, of Marcellus, one of South Michigan's most prominent merchants, appeared at the home of his bride-to-be, Miss Etoile Mumford, daughter of the Rev. A. W. Mumford, of Pawpaw Methodist Episcopal church, and stated to her that he had decided not to marry.

Later when the guests had all assembled he came back and said he would marry her, but the bride refused to listen to his appeal, and despite the insistent pleadings of her parents remained obdurate in her refusal. The wedding feast in her parents' home was served, but there was no bridegroom or wedding. The return of a lover who figured in a school-day romance almost at the hour set for the marriage is said to be largely responsible for the incident.

Reduced Round Trip Rates Account World's Fair.

First class tickets on sale June 16, 17, 18, July 1, 2, 3, August 8, 9, 10, Sept 5, 6, 7, Oct. 3, 4, 5, Roseburg to St. Louis and return, good 90 days with stop over privileges at rates ranging from \$67.50 to \$82.50 according to route chosen. Passengers will have privilege of starting on any date which will enable to reach destination within ten days from the sale date. Inquire at Agent Southern Pacific Co.

Waterbury, Conn., May 26.—W. E. Haskell, of Boston, who says he

is a "reformed commercial traveler," was passing through Waterbury's central Green the other day. Just ahead of him were two pretty and handsomely gowned young women. One of them stubbed her toe and said "damn."

"Greatsnakes!" said Mr. Haskell. As a result of this the reformed drummer to-day laid the foundation of the Waterbury Anti-Profanity Society, in which he has already interested several prominent merchants. The aim of the society is to suppress profanity upon the public thoroughfares.

Mr. Haskell says Maine is the hardest swearing state in the Union. "It's awful in Bangor," he says, "but I never heard nice girls swear until I came to Waterbury."

Baltimore, May 30.—Mayor Robert M. McLane, of this city shot and killed himself this afternoon. His bride of less than two weeks was awakened by the discharge of the revolver, which McLane evidently fired while standing before a mirror dressing case. Mrs. McLane and other members of the household rushed to the mayor's assistance but he did not regain consciousness and expired within an hour.

No cause for the act can be assigned by the members of McLane's family. Since the first of February he has been kept assiduously at work administering the affairs of the city, besides endeavoring to direct the rehabilitation and rebuilding of the burned district. This, together with criticisms by his political opponents, are thought by many to have caused temporary aberration of the mind.

REDUCED EXCURSION RATES.

From S. P. and C. & E. Points to the Seaside and Mountain Resorts for the Summer.

On and after June 1st, 1904, the Southern Pacific in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, will have on sale round trip tickets from points on their lines to Newport, Yaquina and Detroit at very low rates, good for return until October 10th, 1904.

Three day tickets to Newport and Yaquina, good going Saturdays and returning Mondays, are also on sale from all East side points, Portland to Eugene inclusive, and from all Westside points enabling people to visit their families, and spend Sunday at the seaside.

Season tickets from all Eastside points Portland to Eugene inclusive, and from all Westside points, are also on sale to Detroit at very low rates, with stop-over privileges at Mill City or any point east enabling tourists to visit the Santiam and Breitenbush hot springs in the Cascade mountains, which can be reached in one day.

Season tickets will be good for return from all points until October 10. Three day tickets will be good going on Saturdays and returning Mondays only. Tickets from Eugene and vicinity will be good going via the Lebanon-Springfield branch if desired. Baggage on Newport tickets checked through to Newport; on Yaquina tickets to Yaquina only.

Southern Pacific trains connect with the C. & E. at Albany and Corvallis for Yaquina and Newport. Trains on the C. & E. for Detroit will leave Albany at 7 a. m. enabling tourists to the hot springs to reach there the same day.

For information as to rates, with beautifully illustrated booklet of Yaquina and vicinity can be obtained on application to Edwin Stone, manager C. & E.; Albany W. E. Coman, G. P. A. S. P. Company, Portland.

Rate from Corvallis to Newport, \$3.75.
" " Yaquina, \$3.25
" " Detroit, \$3.25
Three-day rate from Corvallis to Newport, \$2.50.

Chicago, June 1.—Abel Gabinska, a Russian, 24 years of age, was arrested tonight after he had attempted to shoot a man named Frank Adams, whom he had never seen before. He fired several shots at the police officer who took him to the station.

He declared to the police after being arrested that he had been sent to Chicago by a society in St. Louis with instructions to "kill fat and prosperous-looking men." A paper found in his pocket contained the names of Mayor Carter H. Harrison and Alderman Honore H. Palmer. He would not admit that he intended to assassinate these two men, but said his instructions made it necessary for him to kill "five fat and prosperous men."

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WAR NEWS.

FORWARD MOVEMENT TO PORT ARTHUR A HAZARDOUS UNDERTAKING.

Fleet Inactive—No Immediate Advance Expected—Rumor Current of Battle at Port Arthur

London, June 1.—A special dispatch from Rome says a telegram has been received there from Tokio reporting that General Kuroki has completely defeated General Kuropatkin's forces near Saimatz. All the Russian positions, east of Hau Chang have been abandoned according to the telegram. Several garrisons have been taken and the whole force of Cossacks captured.

Chefoo, June 1.—An unconfirmed rumor is current among the Chinese that a battle occurred six miles from Port Arthur yesterday.

At Sea, off the Shang Tung Peninsula, on board the steamer Hainun, by de Forrest wireless telegraphy, to Wei Hai Wei, June 1.—Later details from the zone, of the Japanese military operations show that the task assumed by General Baron Oku, when he undertook his forward movement against Port Arthur, was one which few generals would have coveted.

The fourth Japanese division, upon whose shoulders fell the brunt of capturing the well nigh impregnable Russian works at Kinchou, had to cross a space over a mile and a half before it reached the enemy's main position. During this advance it was swept at effective range by the concentrated fire of every Russian gun placed along a line six miles in length! No troops could maintain an original formation in the face of such a deadly fire, and it was not to be wondered that the Japanese lines seemed to melt away in sections.

It was in advancing against the apex of the defenses of Mauchiang that the issue was longest in doubt, and for a time it seemed that the Russian fire was too strong to overcome. However, the sheer weight of numbers finally told and after 15 hours the first link in this great chain gave away, and the whole system of defense was shattered almost immediately afterward.

The second position which is now being held by General Stoessel, is by no means as strong as that carried last week. The hills along which are mounted numerous guns are at right angles to the Japanese advance, whereas the Kinchou position was magnificently chosen, being open only to the guns of the fleet.

The second line cannot long be held and the Russians must fall upon Port Arthur as soon as General Oku resumes his forward movement, as the Japanese can outflank the second line and place cannon that it will be rendered untenable. General Kuroki's lines of communication are reported threatened by a Russian force of from 1,000 to 5,000 mounted men. These men came originally from Vladivostok by way of the Gen-san road, and have penetrated the country as far south as Hambeung. Four Japanese flying columns are now in pursuit and a number of clashes have all ready taken place with minor casualties on both sides.

The Japanese division previously reported as being landed at Kauping and which was reported to have been assigned the duty of protecting General Oku's army from a descent of Russians from the north, has dashed northward, and is now in communication with General Kuroki. It will be used probably in an attempt to flank General Kuropatkin's column.

The fleet remains inactive, contenting itself with repairing damages received at the many bombardments of Port Arthur. Many of Admiral Togo's best ships have been detached in couples and sent to Sasebo, where the bottoms have been scraped, boilers and engines overhauled and supplies replenished. All are now in readiness to take part in the final operations which are expected to result in the capture of Port Arthur.

Your correspondent with the

Japanese army "Kuroki's" under date of May 30, sends a dispatch stating that there are no signs that an immediate advance is expected. Reports from the scouts indicate that despite the rumors of a Russian attack current in the ranks for a week, the Russians have no intention of moving from their position at Liao Yang. It now seems certain that General Kuropatkin will try to hold the Liao Yang forts as he regards them the key to Mukden and he has been ordered to hold the latter place at all hazards.

Paris, June 1.—The correspondent in St Petersburg of the Echo de Paris says:

"A friend of General Kuropatkin's tells me that before his departure the General said:

"The first month it will be said that I am inactive; the second that I am incapable; and the third that I am a traitor, because we will be repulsed and beaten, although that will not seriously affect the result of the operations. I shall let people talk, firmly adhering to my resolution not to march before July when I shall the overwhelming masses that I need."

Liao Yang, May 30 (delayed in transmission).—The Japanese lost 200 men killed and a number of horses in the fight at Vafangow today. The Russians opened fire at 8 in the morning, and after two hours and a half the Japanese prepared to crush the force which had been harassing them for 21 days.

It was a sight worth seeing, when, at the word of command, the Russian squadrons formed and rushed like a whirlwind across the terribly cut-up country, clearing away all obstacles, the Japanese at the same time trotting along the frightful roads. Having passed the railroad station, the troops came under the fire of the Japanese machine guns, but withdrew without suffering much loss.

The Fourth and Sixth Companies of the Eighth Siberian Cossacks furiously charged the Japanese cavalry with lances, attacking both flanks. In a few minutes they literally cut the whole squadron into pieces. This was the first time the lances were used, and they struck terror into the enemy. In some cases the lances pierced the riders through and wounded their horses. Some of the lances could not be withdrawn from the bodies into which they had entered.

The Japanese infantry, numbering four battalions, of 300 men to a company, and a squadron of cavalry, attempted to advance, but the Russian batteries opened fire, and soon the slope up which the enemy was advancing was covered with black spots, and the enemy was forced to scatter and retire. Some of the Japanese cavalry were wonderfully dashing, charging with shouts upon the Russians, who met and scattered them.

A Cossack who had lost his lance and sword wrenched a sword from a Japanese officer and cut off the officer's head.

The Cossacks picked up boots which had been taken off by the Japanese in order to facilitate their flight, and flourished them on their lances as trophies.

The Japanese used the trick of displaying dummies, but the Cossacks did not waste a shot on them.

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