

## FORCE THE YALU

### Japanese Divisions on Right Bank.

### TURN ENEMY'S FLANK

### Irresistible Charge of the Brown Men.

### FRONT IS FOUR MILES LONG

### Extensive Russian Defenses Are Made Valueless.

### RIVER CROSSED ON PONTOONS

### Gunboats Had Cleared the Banks and Islands, Aided by Heavy Artillery, Carefully Masked by Japanese Artillerymen.

### TOKIO, May 2, 7 A. M.—A supplemental report from General Kuroki covering Sunday's fighting, says:

"The Russians made two stands. The enemy's strength included all of the Third Division, two regiments of Sixth Division, one cavalry brigade, about 40 quick-firing guns and eight machine guns. We have taken 25 quick-firing guns, many rifles, much ammunition, more than 20 officers and many non-commissioned officers and men as prisoners.

"I am informed that Major-General Kashtalinsky, commander of the Third East Siberia Rifle Brigade, and Lieutenant-General Zassalitch, commander of the Second Siberian Army Corps, were wounded.

"Our casualties number about 700, and the Russian loss is more than 300 men."

TOKIO, May 2, 2 P. M.—Advices received here state that the Twelfth Division of the Japanese army forced a crossing of the Yalu River above Wiju just before dawn Saturday morning. The second pontoon bridge across the river near Wiju was completed at 3 o'clock Saturday night and the Imperial Guards of the Second Division crossed during the night.

The Russian left flank has been turned and a general attack began at dawn today (Sunday) by all the Japanese batteries on the south side of the river and a flotilla of gunboats co-operating with the army.

The Japanese have the advantage of positions and numbers and are confident of routing the enemy.

Skrzydloff Prods Kuropatkin.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 2, 2:25 A. M.—

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## BIG GUNS BELCH

### Russians Retreat Before Japanese Advance.

### RIVER CROSSING COVERED

### Effort to Hold the Right Bank of the Yalu Disclaimed.

### SKIRMISHERS ONLY HARASS

### Kuropatkin Said to Have Arranged to Check Advance in the Mountain Passes in the Liao Tung Peninsula—Still Fighting.

### ST. PETERSBURG, May 1.—The general staff account of the operations on the Yalu River today is as follows:

"At 4 o'clock this morning Japanese field batteries and 47 guns opened a terrific fire on our position at Turenchen and our troops near Potientensky."

"The overwhelming superiority of the Japanese in artillery and the heavy losses their fire inflicted on our troops occupying these positions made it clear to General Sassahtch that it was impossible to hold Turenchen. Consequently the troops were ordered to retire from Turenchen while still holding the Potientensky road."

"When General Sassahtch dispatched his telegram the Russian troops were retiring in good order from Turenchen and Schakhsodsky to their second position, and the battle was continuing at Potientensky and Tohlang."

### FALL BACK BEFORE NUMBERS

### Few Troops Oppose the Passage of the Yalu.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.—3:58 A. M.—The first Japanese army, under General Kuroki, consisting of the Guards and the Second and Twelfth Divisions, according to official and private advices from the front, crossed the Yalu yesterday about 30 miles above the mouth of the river, near Klulents, where the river bends abruptly to the eastward.

For three days less than 5000 Russians, under Generals Zassalitch, Mischenko and Kashtalinsky, have been strung along the Manchurian side of the river and have been harassing and impeding the crossing of the Japanese very successfully despite their hopeless inferiority in men and guns.

Friday the Japanese, who had occupied the heights near Tizaven and Khussan, above Antung, were dislodged and driven back to the river with considerable loss. They were compelled to dismantle their pontoon bridge in order to save it from destruction.

### Gunboats Clear the Banks.

Saturday a gunboat flotilla at the mouth of the river and all the field guns posted on the Korean bank opened a bombardment and scattered the Russian's position on the Manchurian side. The bombardment was maintained intermittently for seven hours, 24 field guns and 12 4.7 guns participating and over 2000 shells being fired. The Russian reports pay tribute to the fine masked positions of the guns.

In two days' fighting the Russians lost two officers and five men killed and six officers and 36 men wounded. On the morning of May 1 it became apparent that the bombardment of Saturday was a preliminary to the crossing on Sunday, when the Japanese opened again with their batteries, pouring an intense fire into the Russian lines, which caused great losses.

### Retreats in Good Order.

The Russians had no intention of trying to prevent the Japanese crossing, their sole object being to retain and embarrass as much as possible the crossing. With a comparatively insignificant force this having been accomplished, General Zassalitch, menaced by the overwhelming force of the Japanese, retired in perfect order to his second position, a short distance away, which the Japanese immediately attacked and where fighting is now in progress.

The report from Tokio stating that the Russians were contesting the passage of the river with a force of 30,000 strongly leads the authorities here to believe that it was put out for the purpose of acclaiming the crossing a great Japanese victory, where it cannot possibly warrant such a claim. The Russians believe that it will require another week to get General Kuroki's army completely across and ready to advance on the Pekin road.

### Stand is Made at Passes.

The fact that the Russians have retreated to positions back of Turenchen, where there is more fighting shows, that they have built entrenchments, which the Japanese are under the necessity of taking before they can push on, consequently continuous fighting and skirmishing will occur, the plan of the Russians being to hang on the flanks of the enemy and annoy and weary them to the uttermost. Nothing really decisive, however, is expected until the Japanese advance shall encounter the Russian position in the mountain passes. It is even considered that the Japanese may be able to turn the Russian position there, but all this is provided for in General Kuropatkin's plans.

### Russians Must Retreat.

TOKIO, May 1.—The Japanese today captured Chia Tien Cheng, 10 miles north of Antung, which is regarded as the

## NEEDS OF STATE

### Washington's Claims for Government Aid.

### THREE ARE MOST PRESSING

### Senator Foster Reviews Work of the Delegation.

### ANKENY ACCOMPLISHED MUCH

### Outlook for Appropriations for Rivers and Harbors, Irrigation and Public Buildings at the Next Session of Congress.

### OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 30.—Senator Foster, in an interview, said today:

"Of the many needs of Washington State three or four items are of very great importance. For example:

"We need river and harbor appropriations. We have our plans perfected to get them.

"Several millions of dollars should be expended where our lands can be improved and reclaimed by irrigation. We have the money in sight and plans are now under way to give us the benefit of the most important irrigation projects this country has ever known.

"While we should protect our forest we must not hamper our chief industry, that of lumbering. From a broad, theoretical standpoint forest reserves are a good thing, but the administration of a forest reserve policy to give satisfaction to a sovereign state where lumbering is the chief industry must, necessarily, be practical. In this, I have the positive assurance of co-operation on a practical basis, of the departmental officials in charge.

"Besides practical co-operation in forest reserve matters, the 58th Congress will pass to its credit a law giving citizens the right to settle upon forest reserves for bona fide homestead purposes when such lands are agricultural in their nature.

### Public Buildings Needed.

"Public buildings are needed in our state. We have the Seattle building under

contract, the total expense for site and building being \$300,000. For Spokane and Tacoma we have \$500,000 appropriated for each, but we need as much more in each instance, and while we have been already allowed an increase of a couple of hundred thousand dollars we feel, on account of the steadily growing business that, in building for the future, we are warranted in insisting upon a round million dollars for both Tacoma and Spokane, the same as we asked for Seattle. In my opinion the appropriation for Seattle will be found to be too small. A half dozen other cities of the state are in need of and soon will have suitable public buildings.

"Still, in keeping down appropriations during the extra and second sessions of the present Congress, it has been out of the question to secure immediate recognition in many new and increased appropriations, all of which will be taken up during the session of Congress opening in December.

"In all of the important matters enumerated above, we are commanding more and more recognition and consideration, both from Congress and the Government through the department heads.

"No state with corresponding commerce and postal business has been cut off from public buildings as we have been.

"We have immense irrigable tracts but we have no means of financing gigantic irrigation projects such as the Government, under recent authority of Congress, is now preparing to give us.

### Caught in Reserve Net.

"A great forest reserve blanket was thrown indiscriminately and without preliminary examination over thousands of acres of our agricultural and timber lands and thereby threatened to snuff out not only homesteaders by depriving them of road and school district facilities and the like, but whole towns which were caught and kept inside the forest reserve net.

"Beginning with Clallam County, where 300,000 acres of land were cut out of the forest reserve and thereby averting possible bankruptcy to the county by depriving it of taxable property, important eliminations have recently been secured in Jefferson and other counties.

"To this can now be added the further concession, which has just been made, involving large tracts in Whatcom, Skagit and other counties of the state. To the already extensive forest reserve areas was recently added, through temporary reserves, several millions of acres. Practical lumbermen and settlers protested vigorously and a public mass meeting, at which I presided, was held in Tacoma. All sections of the state covered by forest reserves, were represented and as a result of the agitation, thus begun, practically all that was demanded by Skagit, Whatcom, and other deeply-interested localities, has been conceded.

### Settlers Aid in Their Rights.

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## MEET AT A CALL

### Important Conference at White House.

### SUBJECT IS NOT DIVULGED

### President in Session With Leaders in Congress.

### ALDRICH COMES FROM HOME

### Plans for Platform of the Republican Party to Be Adopted at National Convention May Have Been Under Consideration.

### WASHINGTON, May 1.—An important conference was held by President Roosevelt at the White House tonight with prominent members of both houses of Congress. They included Senators Aldrich, Spooner, Hale, Platt (Conn.), Lodge and Allison; Speaker Cannon and Chairman Hemenway, of the appropriations committee. Secretary Cortelyou of the Department of Commerce and Labor was also present.

It was understood that the discussion covered a wide range, and it is not unlikely that it embraced features of the platform which will be presented for the ratification for members of the National Convention when it assembles in Chicago in June. These present declined to discuss the nature of the conference except to say that there were no conclusions.

Senator Aldrich had left this city for his Rhode Island home, but it is understood came here especially for tonight's meeting. It was after 11 o'clock before those present left the White House.

### WORLD'S FAIR GATES CLOSED.

### Special Party, Headed by Secretary Taft, Admitted to Grounds.

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—The first Sunday of the World's Fair found the gates tightly closed to the hundreds of people who thronged Forest Park today. However, notwithstanding that the public was barred, there were a few more favored who were permitted to enjoy the Exposition grounds today. They were Secretary of War Taft, Governor Herrick, of Ohio, Exposition officials and the members of the Congressional delegation, who attended the opening, and members of the Pennsylvania State Commission, who will tomorrow dedicate the Keystone State building.

While work was generally suspended throughout the grounds, in the different exhibit buildings individual exhibitors were busily engaged today making every effort to hasten the completion of exhibitions.

While no figures were given out as to the actual number of persons who paid admission to the World's Fair yesterday, it was officially stated tonight that the attendance was less than 200,000 but larger, according to President Francis, than that at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago or the Centennial at Philadelphia on opening day.

### Ice Plant Factory Destroyed.

CHICAGO, May 1.—The entire plant of the Wolfe Manufacturing Company, 139 to 145 Rees street, was destroyed by fire tonight. Loss \$5,000. The company manufactures ice plants.

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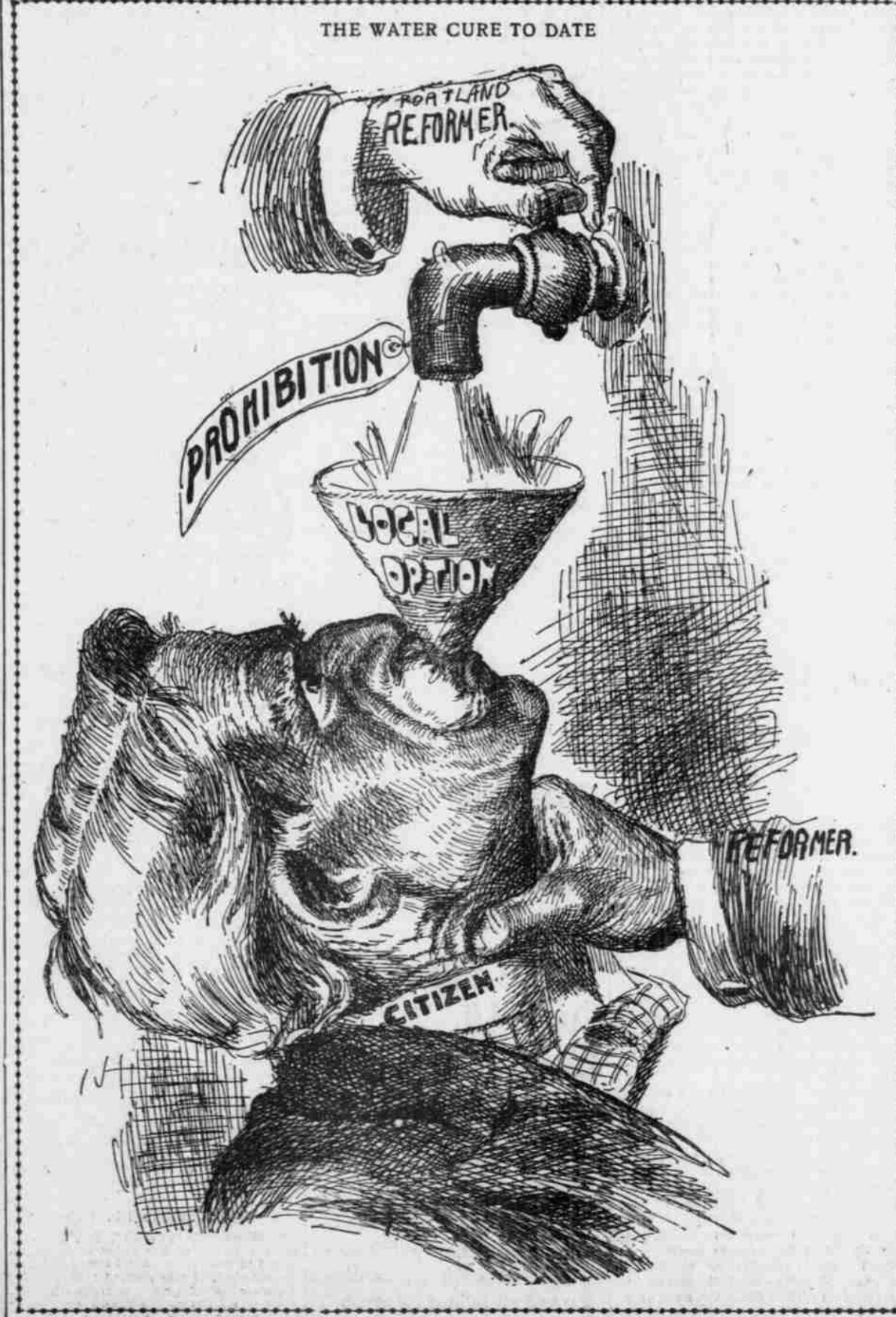
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