

LOST 2000 MEN

Russian General Reports on Yalu Battle.

WOUNDED NUMBER 700

St. Petersburg Officials Are Almost Stunned.

FEAR IT MAY BE STILL WORSE

Greatest Loss Was Sustained in Effort to Save the Two Regiments Which Were Occupying Antung.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 4.—(Special.)—The Russian losses at the battle of Kiu Lien Cheng were 2000 men and 80 officers, far greater than previously reported.

This is the official estimate of Major-General Kashtalinsky, who directly commanded the division that suffered the brunt of the attack, and whose report has not been received by the Emperor. Many are inclined to place the Russian losses even higher.

General Kashtalinsky mentions also that more than 700 wounded had arrived at Feng Wang Cheng, and these may not be included in his calculations. He made no attempt to estimate the Japanese losses, merely stating they must have been colossal.

The magnitude of the Russian losses had an almost stunning effect on the authorities, and aroused general grief, mitigated only by satisfaction at the bravery displayed by the Russian troops.

Never Intended to Pay Such Price.

Not for a moment was there any intention to pay such a terrible price for delaying the enemy's crossing of the Yalu. This fact was known throughout the city, and gave rise to renewed reports, attributed to official sources, that General Kuropatkin had officially censured Lieutenant-General Zassalitch. If this was so, General Kuropatkin's telegraphed criticism of Zassalitch was carefully cut out of the dispatches which have been published, and the general impression now held is that he will remain in Manchuria. Kashtalinsky's report establishes the fact that the Russians sustained the greatest loss in order to save the two regiments which were occupying Antung.

The Eleventh Regiment was given the post of honor at the rear, with instructions to hold back the oncoming Japanese. The Twelfth Regiment and the Third Battery's quick-firing detachment were directed to retire.

By the time the latter movement commenced, the Japanese had almost surrounded the Russian position. The Twelfth Regiment was compelled to charge with bayonets and succeeded in breaking through the enemy's line. The Second Battery's quick-firing detachment, without horses, could not move the guns, and were compelled to abandon them. The men of the Second Battery put their shoulders to the wheels in an effort to push the guns up the mountain side, but the Japanese fire was so hot that they returned to the protection of the Eleventh Regiment. Nearer and nearer approached the Japanese, and a charge upon the Eleventh Regiment was imminent, so the guns were abandoned.

Priest Leads Terrible March.

Then a priest led the troops and they began the terrible march across the valley.

"Kiu Lien Cheng is history, and we must deal with impending events," said an officer of the general staff to the Associated Press.

The idea has prevailed that the Russians would not make a stand at Feng Wang Cheng, but the fact that a Japanese occupation of that point would enable a movement to the southwest,

thus cutting off the Liao Tung Peninsula, which is taken into consideration by the authorities, leads to the expectation that General Kuropatkin will dispatch strong reinforcements there and make a determined stand.

The activity of the Japanese, it is remarked here, is not only north of the Yalu River, from which there is constant scouting, but also of the Liao Tung Peninsula, though the failure to seal Port Arthur may interfere with the operations they had been expected to carry out on the West Coast of that peninsula.

INFORMS RUSSIA OF REVERSE.

General of the Yalu Engagement Reports in Detail.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 4.—The Emperor today received the following dispatch from General Kuropatkin:

"Major-General Kashtalinsky reports as follows:

"I consider it my duty to report the circumstances of the grievous, yet glorious, battle fought by the troops under my command with the superior forces of the Japanese on May 1.

"Early on the morning of April 30, the Japanese began to oppress our left flank, having on the previous evening occupied the Khussan Heights, after an attack in consequence of which I ordered the Twenty-second Regiment, which had occupied Khussan, to retire across the Ai River to our position at Potietensky.

"I received orders from Lieutenant-General Zassalitch to accept battle, and to retain my position at Potietensky. My left flank was defended by two battalions of the Twenty-seventh Regiment and the Third Battery of the Sixth Brigade.

"The Japanese took the offensive at 5 o'clock in the morning, despatching at least one division of infantry which, advancing in column, sustained enormous losses, but crossed the ford and attacked our position, which we exposed to the fire of 25 field guns and snipe batteries. The Japanese advanced and occupied the position.

"Toward noon I ascertained that the Japanese had routed the battalion of the Twenty-second Regiment posted at Chin Gw and were turning my left flank. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon my left flank was reinforced to two battalions of the Eleventh Regiment and a battery commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Moravsky, which were sent from the reserve by General Zassalitch with orders to hold their ground until the departure of the Ninth and Tenth Regiments from Sakhodra.

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"The Second Battery of the Sixth Brigade, having attempted to join the reserves by another route, could not ascend the mountain slopes with only half its horses and, returning to its original position, received the Japanese attack.

"The Eleventh Regiment, which held its ground for two hours more with heavy losses, forced a passage at the point of the bayonet, and crossed the ravine with its colors. It lost its Colonel. We lost 40 officers and about 2000 noncommissioned officers and men.

"The Japanese losses must have been enormous.

"The Russians retired in good order on Feng Wang Cheng.

"The men of the Third Division maintained their excellent morale and over 700 wounded proceeded with their regiments to Feng Wang Cheng."

Building Torpedo-Boats for Russia.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND OREGONIAN.

BERLIN, May 4.—It is reported that the Vulkan Shipbuilding Company at Stettin, is busily engaged in the construction of torpedo-boats and destroyers in sections for the Russian government. These sections, with all needed machinery, are to be shipped to Libau, where the boats may be completed, or they may be sent by the railway to Port Arthur or Vladivostok. Whether the construction of these vessels in sections is a breach of neutrality is a subject upon which it is impossible to secure an official opinion.

NOW GETS LANDS

Hitchcock Decides in Favor of Oregon.

OLD DISPUTE THUS CLOSED

Use of School Tracts as Base Will Be Allowed Hereafter.

INVOLVES GREAT LAND AREA

They Are Located in the Lakeview, Burns and The Dalles Districts and Are Much Desired.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 4.—The trouble which the State of Oregon has been having with its selection of indemnity lands in lieu of school lands embraced within the reserved portion of Klamath Indian Reservation has been satisfactorily adjusted for all time by the Mitchell amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, which specifically gives the state the right to make indemnity selections on such school lands as base. Following his action yesterday, Secretary Hitchcock today returned to the General Land Office four Oregon school indemnity lists which had heretofore been disapproved because the state was unable to establish its right to use the school lands in the Klamath Reservation as base. These lists were before the secretary on appeal. Today he directed Commissioner Richards to reconsider the cases in the light of the Mitchell amendment, which is equivalent to ordering an approval of the lists. These lists are No. 104, in Burns district, involving 23 acres; Nos. 167 and 181, in Lakeview district, involving 846 acres, and 400 acres respectively; and No. 261, in The Dalles district, involving 4617 acres. Other lists of a similar character that are pending, or may hereafter be appealed, will be similarly disposed of.

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Ex-President Writes of His Part in Famous Bond Issue.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.—The Saturday Evening Post of May 7 will contain an article contributed by ex-President Grover Cleveland on "The Cleveland Bond Issues," in which he gives the history of the issue of United States bonds in the years of 1894, 1896 and 1898 for the purpose of replenishing the stock of gold in the public treasury. Mr. Cleveland concludes as follows:

"I have attempted to give a detailed history of the crime charged against an Administration which issued bonds of the Government in time of peace, without shame and without repentance. I confess my share of the guilt, and I refuse to shield my accomplices in this crime, who with me held high places in that Administration. And, though Mr. Morgan and Mr. Belmont and scores of other bankers and financiers who were accessories in those transactions may be steeped in destructive propensities and may be constantly busy in schemes, I shall always recall with satisfaction and self-congratulation my collusion with them at a time when our country sorely needed their aid."

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order that they may submit a supplementary bid covering the extra cost of the alterations.

The principal change to be made is to remove the courtroom from the new wing and restore it to its former location in the old building, as previously ordered by the department. A number of minor alterations, however, will be made, which will slightly change the location of partitions, doors, etc. If the figures submitted by the contractors is deemed reasonable by the department, orders will be issued that work be resumed and the revised plans be followed.

Moore Does Not Want Position.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 4.—Representative Williamson received notification from Walter Moore, of Baker City, that he does not desire the appointment of Forest Ranger in the Baker City forest reserve, and would not have been a candidate for the supervisors had he known the position paid so little salary. This puts an end to the delegation's controversy with the Interior Department.

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RUSSIA: "WHY DON'T YOU TAKE SOMEBODY YOUR SIZE?"



WARM AT START

Split Threatens Washington Democracy.

TURNER'S STAND IS FIRM

Refuses to Be Tied Up With Hearst's Fight.

FACTIONS MEET SEPARATELY

Speilers at Doors of Caucus Rooms Invite the Only True Democracy to Enter and Join-Bitter Speeches at Meetings.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—The preliminary negotiations by delegates to the Democratic Convention on the question of endorsing National candidates have at a late hour tonight resulted only in deadlock, with a threatened breach in the convention and perhaps the state party tomorrow.

For an hour and a half tonight a Turner caucus in one room of the Olympia Hotel and a Hearst caucus divided from them only by folding doors, held sway. Democratic leaders orated and divided factions rent the air in applause. Hearst orators cast aspersions on Turner, and Turner supporters inveighed against California interference in Washington affairs.

This afternoon 50 or 100 delegates who were sufficiently scattered as to home counties to be fairly representative agreed upon a plan of action for tomorrow, and all was to be apparently smooth sailing. The convention was to instruct for Turner. Hearst efforts toward suppression of the trusts were to be endorsed, but there was to be no instruction for the paper man. The delegation was to be controlled by Hearst men, and the unit rule was to prevail.

Turner Spoiled the Plan.

Frank Hogan represented Spokane County and is said to have endorsed the plan, subject to the approval of Judge Turner. But when Turner arrived at 8:30

this evening it took but ten minutes to break the snail. Senator Turner declared positively that he would not consent to an endorsement of any man for President.

"They'll maybe cram it down our throats," he was told.

"Let them cram," was the retort. "I don't want the endorsement of Vice-President from this state if it is tied to Hearst's fight."

Senator Turner declared that he believed the convention could be prevented from endorsing a Presidential candidate and that his fight should be made on that line. Steering committees held hasty conferences during the early evening, and at 9 o'clock a Hearst delegate lifted his voice and announced that the friends of William Randolph Hearst would convene in Hearst's headquarters immediately.

Like Speilers at a Circus.

F. C. Robertson, of Spokane, followed by climbing the hotel lobby steps and announcing a meeting of the Turner men in parlor A, adjoining. Then followed a replica of sideshow "speiling" at a circus. M. J. Maloney continued to summon the "true Democracy" in stentorian tones to parlor A, and Hearst delegates urged "true Democrats" whether Turner's friends or not, to join in the Hearst caucus, until long after the two caucuses had begun business.

Democrats who desired harmony at any cost looked askance and remained in the hotel lobby and refused to join either caucus.

The Turner men chose Richard Saxe Jones, of Seattle, as chairman. Speeches by Jones, Robertson of Spokane, Maloney of Stevens and others showed the tenor of the meeting to be radically opposed to Hearst instructions or even endorsements, while many times the speeches were drowned by the "speilers" in the halls and the boisterous shouts from the Hearst caucus adjoining.

Ronald Pleads With Turner Men.

J. T. Ronald, of Seattle, left the Hearst meeting and entering the Turner caucus after it had gained good headway, plead for an hour for action looking to harmony in tomorrow's convention. He asked only that Hearst's action in regard to the trusts be endorsed and insisted that no instruction would be required, except for Turner.

Arguments passed back and forth until finally Robertson, of Spokane, announced in behalf of Senator Turner that Turner would not consent to an endorsement for himself if Hearst's name were mentioned in the resolutions. With bowed head Judge Ronald said he accepted the result. The caucus soon thereafter passed a resolution declaring for Turner, and Turner only, and then dissolved.

Murphy's Unkind Remark.

The Hearst caucus was more boisterous, but not more enthusiastic. Judge J. N. Phillips, of Whatcom, was called to the chair, and was but fairly launched into

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BEGINS ITS WORK

General Conference of Methodists Opens.

ATTENDANCE VERY LARGE

Delegates Come From All Quarters of the Earth.

NEW SECRETARY IS CHOSEN

Rev. James B. Hingley, of Minnesota, Wins on the Third Ballot—Lively Debate on Work of Deaconess.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 4.—The absence of many delegates to the opening session of the 81st General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, due to belated trains, disrupted to some extent the programme that had been mapped out, and the first day's work ended at 5 o'clock this evening, with nothing accomplished, except the election of a conference secretary. This honor fell to Rev. James B. Hingley, of the Minnesota conference, and it required three ballots to make a choice.

The afternoon session met at 3 o'clock, and spent three hours in balloting for secretary and in receiving and referring to committees various resolutions bearing upon questions to be considered by the conference.

This evening at 5 o'clock the reception of the general conference by the citizens and churchmen of Los Angeles was held at the Pavilion. Addresses of welcome by representatives of the state, city and the church in Southern California, and responses by eminent leaders in Methodism made up the programme, which kept the tired and travel-worn delegates occupied until a late hour.

Delegates From Every Quarter.

When Senior Bishop Stephen M. Merrill rapped for order this morning he faced one of the most notable gatherings of churchmen in the history of Protestantism in America. Seated in the auditorium proper were 78 representatives of Methodism, gathered from the four quarters of the earth. Upon the stage were the Governor of California, the Mayor of Los Angeles, representative citizens of Southern California and leaders of Methodism in this end of the continent, ready to extend a welcome in behalf of the state, the city and the church.

The great building was a bower of beauty and fragrant with the bloom of California flowers. Fifteen thousand calla lilies formed a hedge extending entirely across the front of the broad stage, and beneath these a beautiful frieze work of smilax and ferns reached the floor.

Bishop Edward G. Andrews presided at the afternoon session, and Secretary of the General Conference, D. Y. Monroe, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, who arrived just in time to take charge of his work at the afternoon meeting, called the roll of delegates. After finishing this task Dr. Monroe asked for a statement to the general conference. He wanted to ask, he said, to be excused from further service as secretary, not because he was in feeble health, as had been stated, but because he is 71 years old, but for other and sufficient reasons. Dr. Monroe told of his service as secretary, extending over a period of 20 years, and asked the conference not to consider him as a candidate for re-election.

Photographer Taken to Task.

Dr. James M. Buckley, of New York, presented a set of resolutions commending the great work performed by Dr. Monroe during his tenure of office as secretary to the general conference, and expressing the appreciation of the church, while Dr. Buckley was reading his resolutions, a photographer set off a flash-light in the gallery, and the sudden flash and report so startled the eminent New York churchman that he took occasion to express his condemnation of such methods.

"I want to say," said Dr. Buckley, pausing for a moment after the flash, "that the man who did that may be a good photographer, but he is ignorant of human nature. The trust that those in charge of this hall will not again permit such nerve-racking occurrences without due notice to those present."

"I shall ask," said Bishop Andrews, "that the superintendent of the building and the officers of the law protect us from another such shock."

Dr. Buckley's resolutions were adopted unanimously, and a copy ordered presented to the retiring secretary.

Nominations for general conference secretary being in order, the following names were put before the conference: Dr. James B. Hingley, of Minnesota; Dr. Stephen O. Benton, of the New England conference; Dr. E. M. Mills, Dr. C. C. Towns, of the Northern New York conference, and Dr. E. W. Lane. Three ballots were taken before Dr. Hingley was selected, the first ballot giving him 146, the second 246, and the third 331 votes.

Lively Debate on Deaconess' Work.

The subject of the deaconess' work, which was brought before the conference on a motion by Rev. Brushingham, of Rock River conference, stirred up a lively debate that occupied more than an hour. Rev. Brushingham's motion was for a committee on deaconess' work, composed of members, one-half ministers and one-half laymen, three to be appointed by each of the 16 district conferences and the remainder by the bishops. This was amended by Rev. Dr. Hughes, of St. Louis, so as to give the bishop power to appoint the entire membership of the committee. The Hughes' substitute was carried by a large majority, and the committee will be appointed by the bishop.

The Episcopal address was made a special order for tomorrow morning, at 10:00 o'clock.

Tonight, at Hazard's Pavilion, Governor George C. Pardee welcomed the general conference in behalf of the State of California. Mayor M. P. Snyder spoke for the City

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