

ARMY CUTS IT OFF

Port Arthur Is Isolated by Japanese.

ALEXIEFF NEARLY CAUGHT

His Train Speeds by Enemy Under a Heavy Fire.

THEY LAND AT TWO POINTS

Liao Tung Peninsula Force Numbers 30,000 as Against 15,000 Russians in the beleaguered City.

SEUL, May 6, 2:30 P. M.—A dispatch from Antung says it is rumored there that the Japanese captured Feng Wang Cheng, May 4, after fierce fighting, and that the losses on both sides were very heavy.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—It was officially announced tonight that the Japanese have succeeded in gaining a foothold on the Liao Tung Peninsula, landing forces at Pitsewo and at Cape Terminal, 15 miles distant, and have cut the line of communication with Port Arthur. Not only that, but Viceroy Alexieff, Grand Duke Boris and many of the higher Russian officers in Manchuria narrowly escaped capture, or at least being penned up in the beleaguered town.

The news that the Japanese had arrived near Pitsewo was transmitted to Port Arthur by a Russian signal corps officer, who sighted the Japanese transport fleet early on Thursday. He immediately notified the Viceroy, and preparations were at once made for the quitting of Port Arthur by Admiral Alexieff, Grand Duke Boris and the Viceroy's staff, and in a baggage car was placed all important documents of the Manchurian administration, which had been stored at army headquarters in Port Arthur.

Cruisers Shell Garrison.

While this was going on the Japanese transports had run close to the beach at Pitsewo, and preparations were made for the landing of troops. The cruisers which had accompanied the fleet shelled the beach, most of the shells being aimed at the small settlement. There was but a small garrison at this point. They had but few guns, and these were of small caliber. Recognizing therefore that it was hopeless to attempt to oppose the Japanese, and also that an extended stay might mean the capture of the entire force, the Russian commandant gave the order to retire.

Troops Have to Wade Ashore.

The Japanese landed boat after boat, each crowded to the gunwales with men, and by nightfall a force of 10,000 had disembarked with their accoutrements. This was excellent work on the part of the enemy, as the boats could not run close to the beach, and the men were compelled to jump into water up to their waists and wade ashore. A small band of Russian Cossacks held their position on the hills near the abandoned town until the Japanese began their advance, and in this way a complete report of the operations has been placed at the disposal of the Russian officials.

Fire on Viceroy's Train.

When the railroad was reached the train bearing the Viceroy and his party was in sight, and the Japanese made an attempt to capture it but failed. They fired several volleys after it, but the range was too great and the shots went wild. In the meantime, another Japanese col-

umn had been sent toward the southwest, and by marching the better part of the night they were enabled to secure the roads leading southward.

The last word received from Port Arthur came from the commandant, Lieutenant-General Stoessel, who stated there was great confidence among his men, and he did not believe the Japanese could capture the fortress, even though they landed an army of 100,000 men. The garrison is equipped with a sufficient supply of arms and ammunition and enough canned provisions to last them for 15 months.

Invading Army Numbers 30,000.

The Japanese army which has undertaken the investment of Port Arthur numbers fully 30,000 men, and all of them were landed by last night. It is expected that they will march southward before the end of the week, and plant siege guns to bombard the town. General Stoessel has 10,000 to 15,000 men, among them some of the best fighters in the Russian army.

The news of the Japanese landing has had a depressing effect on all classes of Russians, and consequently there has been an increase in the usual crop of depressing rumors, all of which have been contradicted in high sources. It is admitted it will be necessary to call out the entire Russian army reserve, but this does not mean that they are destined for Manchurian service. They will be mobilized so that such troops as are needed by General Kuropatkin can be sent to him, and the remainder will be held for service for which they may be needed. The work of rushing all of the men to the front will be much easier from now on, as the ferry service across Lake Baikal was resumed today. This means that the transport service will be resumed in less than two days, the delay for which the ice was responsible.

PFLUG REPORTS TO THE CZAR.

Sixty Transports Bore Down Upon Whole Front and Posts Retired.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6, 2:30 P. M.—The Ministry of War has received the following telegram from Major-General Pflug, chief of the military staff: "According to the information I have received, seven of the enemy's transports, and afterward about 40, appeared opposite Pitsewo on the morning of May 4. On the morning of May 5 the Japanese began to land at Pitsewo, and on the coast near Cape Terminal, about 15 miles southwest of Pitsewo, under cover of artillery fire.

"At this moment about 60 transports were observed bearing down upon the whole front and our posts retired from the shore. All papers in the postoffice at Pitsewo were removed, and the Russian inhabitants abandoned the town. "According to Chinese reports by evening of May 5 about 30,000 of the enemy's troops landed and took up quarters in the Chinese villages near the point of debarkation.

"The enemy sent two columns of about one regiment each, one in a westerly direction and the other to the southeast. "On May 6 a passenger train from Port Arthur was fired on a mile and a quarter outside Polandien, about 40 miles north of Port Arthur, by a hundred Japanese infantrymen occupying the heights east of the railway. The train carried many passengers, 300 sick occupying an ambulance carriage lying the Red Cross flag. Two of the sick were wounded. The train succeeded in reaching Polandien. Tranquillity prevails in the Maritime Province and in Yinkow."

KUROPATKIN WOUNDED.

St. Petersburg Has Rumor of a Battle at Feng Wang Cheng.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—The receipt of news at any time of a decisive battle near Feng Wang Cheng will not cause surprise here and already rumors are circulating in the city, which, however, lack verification and are believed to be untrue, that a battle has been fought, that the Japanese have been defeated with heavy losses and that General Kuropatkin was wounded. Another rumor is in circulation that Port Arthur has been captured, but this also is scouted in responsible quarters.

State Department Is Advised.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The State Department has received a cablegram from United States Minister Griscom, at Tokio, confirming the press reports of the landing of the Japanese on the Liao Tung Peninsula, about 40 miles above Port Arthur. The location given in the Japanese dispatches is Kin Chau. This is the narrowest point on the peninsula, and consequently, the Minister says, the railroad is practically closed, and the investment of Port Arthur has begun.

Makes Russian Force Very Small.

ROME, May 6.—According to a telegram received here from Chofoo, the garrison at Port Arthur has been reduced to 4000 men, and all the important documents, money and field guns have been removed to Mukden.

STUB OF M'BRIDE

Pierce Convention Gives Him No Heed.

CUSHMAN IS APOLOGETIC

Alludes to Governor as of One Out of the Game.

ROOSEVELT IS ACCLAIMED

Delegation to Republican National Convention Instructed to Vote for Him First, Last and All the Time, and on the Last Ballot.

PIERCE LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

The Legislative ticket is as follows: Twenty-fifth District—Senate, Carey L. Stewart; House, Dr. Sheets and Dr. Roberts. Twenty-sixth District—Senate, W. B. Brown; House, Lee Van Slyke and David Levin. Twenty-seventh District—Senate, Walter Christian; House, George Reid and Fred Edmister. Twenty-eighth District—Senate, Lincoln J. Davis, Dr. L. E. Crane (hold-over); House, N. B. McNeil and S. A. Crandall. Twenty-ninth District—House, Thomas Hamilton and Jesse Foyra.

TACOMA, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)

Governor McBride was not a factor in the Republican County Convention held today. A few words of endorsement from Congressman Cushman and then the name of the Governor was not mentioned in the convention hall. No attempt was made to have his candidacy endorsed, nor did any McBride movement manifest itself. Mr. Cushman's remarks, while complimentary to the Governor, were directed to the past rather than to the future.

In justification of his action of two years ago, Mr. Cushman said that he was still in favor of a railway-commission as a political ploy in the state, although regarding it out of the purview of a Congressman, and he incidentally expressed admiration for its principal champion in the state but did not assume to ask the convention to take any action looking to the approval of the Governor.

The Platform.

The platform of the convention for delegate to the National Convention is instructed to vote for Theodore Roosevelt, candidate for President of the United States. It has always been the policy of the Republican party to protect the interests of labor.

Legislation along the lines urged by the State Federation of Labor is heartily approved. This convention is in favor of the repeal of the present road law. J. M. Ashton offered as an amendment that the delegate to the National Convention be instructed to vote for Theodore Roosevelt, candidate for President of the United States.

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RUSH FAIR WORK

National '05 Board Will Meet at Once.

ARCHITECT URGES ACTION

He Desires to Know Size of Government Buildings.

PLANS WILL THEN BE DRAWN

Secretary Shaw is Also Anxious That Contracts Be Let, So Structures Will Be Complete When Fair Opens.

Ministers Indorse Roosevelt.

ST. LOUIS, May 6.—At the meeting today of the 23rd quadrennial session of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Conference, Right Rev. Alexander Walters, of Jersey City, secretary of the board of bishops, delivered the address, in which he strongly endorsed President Roosevelt "as a fearless and able patriot, who believes in equal opportunity for all citizens of the United States, regardless of race, color or previous condition of servitude." Continuing, Rev. Walters said: "The negro has suffered considerably through the adverse decisions handed down by the Supreme Court. "We, as a race, are still being discriminated against and suffer inhuman treatment and public sentiment seem to be growing against us both in the North and South. "The address was unanimously indorsed by the 410 ministers present and was unanimously adopted.

REFUSES TO DEAL WITH UNION

Santa Fe Gives Machinists Until Monday to Return to Work.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 6.—The striking Santa Fe machinists will be given until Monday morning to resume their places with the company. Notices to this effect will be posted at all the shops in the Santa Fe system tomorrow, in the order of General Manager Mudge. J. D. Buckalew, third vice-president of the Machinists' Union, tonight offered to submit to the Santa Fe management a new set of rules adopted by the executive committee of the union in Washington. He was informed that the Santa Fe would have no dealings with the union whatever. Mr. Mudge absolutely refused to consider any propositions Mr. Buckalew had to offer.

ON TRAIL OF TRIO

Californians Wanted for Many Crimes.

REWARD FOR THEIR ARREST

Pursued Men Double on Their Track.

SEEN IN SOUTHERN OREGON

Southern Pacific Detectives Issue a Circular Giving Descriptions of Men With an Account of Their Daring Robberies.

THE SUSPECTS.

GEORGE GATES, 27 years old, son of G. G. Gates, a mining man of Alameda County, California. EDWIN VERNON GATES, his brother, 21 years old. JAMES ARNETT, from Modoc County, California. THE CRIMES. Hold-up of electric car on the East Side, Portland, Or., July 14, 1903. Hold-up of a Colorado Southern train, Hold-up of a stage at Weaverville, Cal. Robbery of a merchant at Jackson, Cal. Robbery at Seattle. Robbery of express car at Coplay, Cal., March 31, 1904, and murder of Messenger W. J. O'Neil.

San Francisco, May 6.—The Southern Pacific Railroad Company, through Chief Crowley of the special agents' division, today issued a circular offering a reward of \$500 for the arrest of George Gates, Edwin Vernon Gates and James Arnett. These men, the circular declares, are wanted for the robbery of the Oregon Express at Coplay, Shasta County, Cal., March 31 last, in which W. J. O'Neil, the Wells-Fargo messenger, was killed by the robbers.

The trio are also accused of having been engaged in a criminal career for some time and although young in years, are declared to have been connected with some of the most daring robberies known to Western authorities. Included in the crimes charged to them, are the robbery of an electric car near Portland last year, in which one man was shot; the hold-up of a Colorado Southern train, the hold-up of a stage at Weaverville, Cal., the robbery of a merchant at Jackson, Cal., and a robbery at Seattle.

Sons of Mining Man.

George Gates is 27 years old and his brother Edwin is 21 years old. They have been mining men and are the sons of G. G. Gates, of Alameda County, a well-known mining man operating in Amador County. Arnett hails from Modoc County in this state. The Southern Pacific detectives, operating with the Wells-Fargo & Company's officials, together with Sheriff Richardson of Shasta County and Detective Abarham of Sacramento, have been pursuing the men for some time past and were close on their trail a number of times, locating the cabins at which they had stayed. Twice they were chased across the Sacramento River, but they doubled on their tracks, coming back on water piping and thus escaped.

Seen in Southern Oregon.

They were last seen in Jackson County, Oregon, where efforts were made to capture them, but proved unsuccessful. The fugitives are now being pursued northward in Oregon and the railroad police have issued circulars containing portraits and descriptions of the men, hoping that widespread publicity will assist in their arrest.

On the evening of July 14, 1903, a Sellwood car of the Oregon Water Power & Railway company was held up at East Eleventh and Division streets by five or six highwaymen, the number never being definitely determined. Fred Day, a young machinist, standing on the rear platform, was shot by one of the bandits while in the act of raising his hands above his head. The passengers were relieved of a quantity of money and jewelry by the robbers. A pedestrian was also robbed by them after the car was abandoned.

Day soon recovered from his wound, but the police never found a substantial clue to the identity of the highwaymen.

GREAT WELCOME TO CANNON.

Danville Takes a Holiday When the Speaker Comes Home.

DANVILLE, Ill., May 6.—Speaker Joseph M. Cannon received an enthusiastic welcome home this evening. The majority of the business houses were closed, and an immense crowd lined the streets. Business houses and dwellings were dressed with flags and bunting. The train was met by a committee that escorted the Speaker down town. When the cheering for Mr. Cannon had subsided so that he could make himself heard, his voice was shaking and tears stood in his eyes. "I'd rather have this," he said, "than any other testimonial by any other people or assemblage on the face of the earth."

Nominated for Congress.

Third Maine District—Elliott H. Benson, Democrat. Fifteenth Illinois District—George W. Prince, Republican, renominated. Third Indiana District—W. T. Zenor, Democrat, renominated.



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