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## CITY WILL FALL

Russian Troops Are Leaving Niu Chwang

GUNS LOADED ON CARS

Transportation Facilities Have Been Requisitioned.

HABITANTS FEAR BANDITS

venous Horde Hang on the Outskirts Ready to Pillage Before the Japanese Can Succeed.

CHEFOO, May 8, noon.—Passengers living here on the steamer Petrarca on Niu Chwang say that when they left Niu Chwang the Russians had commenced to evacuate. Some guns had been taken from the forts and many people had already gone. In other respects, Niu Chwang was quiet.

LONDON, May 8.—The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent reports that Niu Chwang was captured Friday, while the Daily Telegraph correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, calling under date of Sunday, says:

"Daly was invested yesterday." The Daily Mail's correspondent at Niu Chwang, in a dispatch dated May 8, says:

"Yesterday most of the Russian troops retired to Tashitehano, and during the night most of the guns were removed from the fort and sent to Liaogang, where all the Russian forces are concentrating. A conference of the military and naval authorities was held this afternoon and it was decided to prepare to leave at a moment's notice."

SIU CHIWANG, May 7, 9 P. M.—There is now indication that the Russians have decided to evacuate Niu Chwang. Troops have been leaving here all day long. They have been dismantled and all the artillery has been placed on board trains. The local transportation has been commandeered by the Russian authorities.

There is current here a native rumor that Japanese transports are in Foochow on the west side of the Liao Tung peninsula and about 80 miles north of Port Arthur, but this report lacks confirmation.

The fear is held here that if the Russians leave and the Japanese do not once take possession of Niu Chwang brigades, who are now across the river near Yinkow, will pillage the place. The foreign residents are prepared to resist the brigades should they come over.

The British Consul has requested that a gunboat be sent to Niu Chwang. The vessel probably will destroy the gunboats should they attempt to leave. The vessel is at Niu Chwang.

Fire at Fleeing Train.  
Japanese troops fired on what probably is the last train out of Port Arthur. The train passed near Fort Adams. They fired artillery and small arms and killed wounded several Chinese.

It is reported here that Victor Alexieff is slightly wounded prior to his departure from Port Arthur. He barely escaped from there before the Japanese closed the lines of communication.

The Russian general staff has moved from Liao Yang to Mukden. Russians will not talk of the situation for fear that they may impart some information. They do not consider that the

forces here are sufficient to hold this section of the country. It is probable that the Russian troops will withdraw to Harbin.

The Russian civilians at Niu Chwang are leaving hurriedly and many natives are being subjected to maltreatment at the hands of the brigades.

GREAT GLOOM IN RUSSIA.  
Probable Movement of the Enemy a Source of Anxiety.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 8, 2:30 A. M.—Two official dispatches, calculated to increase the depression existing among all circles in Russia were given out last night. From the point of view of the progress of the campaign, the most important is that regarding the capture by the Japanese without opposition of Feng Wang Cheng, on May 6. The second gives details concerning the killed, wounded and missing among the troops under the command of Lieutenant-General Zassalitch, as the result of the fighting on the Yalu, the number of which totals 227 officers and men.

Now that General Kuroki is established at Feng Wang Cheng, the Russians are puzzled as to what move he will make next. The fact that he sent two companies to Dalandjapu Tso, ten miles northeast of Feng Wang Cheng, might indicate his purpose to proceed along this road to Ting Chang Glen, 80 miles north from where he would march due west to Liao Yang. This would permit an effective flanking movement, but it is not considered probable, the likelihood being that he will move along the road by which the Russians retreated toward Liao Yang.

Means Loss of Niu Chwang.  
This road branches off at Chats Chang, 20 miles westward of Feng Wang Cheng, and continues almost directly west of Hal Cheng, which was captured by the Japanese during the Chino-Japanese war. A march on this plan would compel the evacuation of Niu Chwang, as the forces there would be in danger of destruction or of being subjected to a siege by the armies converging from Hal Cheng and the southern part of the Liao Tung peninsula.

There is no confirmation up to the present of the report that the Russians are preparing to evacuate Niu Chwang, but few would be surprised if it should turn out to be correct. The effect of a march along the road to Hal Cheng would be to place absolutely in the control of the Japanese all Manchuria between the Yalu and the Liao Tung peninsula with the exception of Port Arthur.

The Russians admit that at this stage of the war the Japanese control the territory mentioned, the Russian invalid, the army organ, making this concession. The remainder of the press is silent.

Russians Movements Veiled.  
Where General Kuroki's main force is now stationed has not been announced, though General Zassalitch states that the cavalry left for Schindjain.

There continues to be the greatest ignorance regarding the plans of the Commander-in-Chief, who is taking every precaution to prevent information respecting the enemy, the censor at Liao Yang refusing to pass a single press dispatch which in any way indicates the Russian movements. Messages from other points are strictly censored.

It is believed that General Kuroki, instead of proceeding to Hal Cheng will move northward along the road to Liao Yang. He will find the Russians entrenched at Lien Chori Chan Pass, west of Mao Tien Ling Pass.

It is pointed out that the abandonment of Southern Manchuria will be beneficial to the Russians, as it will enable the complete concentration of the forces which have heretofore been scattered as a consequence of ignorance as to what the enemy proposed to do.

Chance to Exercise Patience.  
Though the people are tired by the general withdrawal, it is recalled that General Kuroki's patience before the Russian retreat was the cause of the Russian evacuation of Niu Chwang.

No word of criticism of his conduct is heard, everyone recognizing that he knows all the conditions and is better able to judge as to when he can safely offer battle to the enemy.

The gruesome figures in the Russian losses on the Yalu are higher than had been reported by Major-General Kashtaninsky, who himself appears to have been wounded by a flying stone. The list enables an exact statement of the forces under General Zassalitch, which were made up exclusively of Eastern Siberians and included the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth.

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## DAG ON PARKER

New Yorker Handicapped by Friends.

CANDIDACY IS INJURED

Closely Connected With Big Trusts of the Country.

SILENCE BLIGHTS CHANCES

Impression Is Given That the Leading Democratic Candidate for the Presidency Is Colorless, Timid and Flabby.

THE HANDICAP.  
SILENCE—Judge Parker will not declare his attitude on great public questions.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Next to persistent silence Judge Parker is being hurt most by his friends. His refusal to come out boldly and announce his attitude on public questions, standing or falling upon his utterances, is taken by many persons to mean that he is colorless, timid and flabby and that he is trying to slip into the nomination without showing his hand.

Perhaps this feature is not so discouraging as the fond weight he is forced to carry in the shape of his friends. Belmont, Sheehan and McCarran are proving a heavy load. No one will deny that August Belmont is a good citizen and a good man to have for a friend, but he is not the sort of friend for a Democratic Presidential candidate to have, at least not so openly. There is no doubt Belmont can enlist the support of the big corporations on behalf of Judge Parker, but how will the trust bursters of the West view the combination.

Difficulties to Overcome.  
Then there is Sheehan, a trust corporation lawyer who does not believe there is any country west of New York State line, and McCarran, a sugar trust politician, who has made a fortune at it. It is considered remarkable that David B. Hill, the shrewd politician, does not relegate Judge Parker to open his mouth and say something.

Judge Parker will have a hard time of it at best. He must overcome his own blundering platform and his entourage, state is enhanced by the fact of unholily divorce in many states. The voices of

Christian people must be lifted against this, not only to enforce church discipline, but to correct the tendency, to control the inclination and to condemn the fact.

"We are pleading for the home, for the family, for the protection of society and for the preservation of the state. We ask you to unite with us in earnest effort, so that more and more the manhood, the womanhood and the childhood of America may make itself heard and felt, in the determined purpose to stem the currents which are sapping the foundations of all that is best and holiest and dearest in human life."

YOUNG WENTZ'S BODY FOUND.  
Big Reward Had Been Offered for Philadelphian.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A dispatch to the Post from Richmond, Va., says: The body of E. L. Wentz, who disappeared October 14, 1903, from Big Stone Gap, was found today near Kelly View, within a mile of the place where he was last seen alive. The body, which was lying on the ground in plain view, was in a state of preservation sufficient for identification.

Young Wentz was the son of a Philadelphia millionaire, and was in charge of his father's mines in Wise County. Since his disappearance more than \$50,000 had been offered for any news of him.

MURDERED BY MEXICAN BANDITS.  
OAXACA, Mexico, May 8.—Othon Quintana, the paymaster of the National Railroad of Tehuantepec, was assaulted by five bandits between Palo Mares and Paso de Buques. One bullet went through his body and his head was cut almost in two with a machete. He died of his wounds.

Two of his peons were wounded. The bandits got away with between \$200 and \$300.

Robbers Raid Chicago Restaurant.  
CHICAGO, May 8.—Two well-dressed robbers raided Kinsley's restaurant in the downtown district tonight, holding up the cashier. All the day's receipts, amounting to over \$1000, was secured and placed in a satchel, the men escaping before an alarm could be given.

THE DAY'S DEATH ROLL.  
Brigadier-General S. W. Groatbeck.

ST. LOUIS, May 8.—Brigadier-General Stephen W. Groatbeck, U. S. A., retired, died today of pneumonia at the home of his brother-in-law here, aged 54.

When the Spanish-American war was declared General Groatbeck was stationed at San Francisco as Judge Advocate. He was ordered to Cuba and was Judge Advocate there during the Cuban campaign. Later he held the same position at Governor's Island, N. Y.

## ROUT IN THIBET

British Defeat Entrenched Tribesmen.

CHARGED WITH BAYONETS

Thibetans Attack a Weakened Garrison in the Rear.

DRIVEN OFF WITH HEAVY LOSS

Tremendous Difficulties Overcome by Detachment in Clearing the Way for the Advance of Colonel Younghusband.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND GREENJOURNAL.  
KARO PASS, Thibet, May 8, via Kato, May 8.—Colonel Brander, with 300 men, about two-thirds of the Gyangtsa garrison, reached here yesterday after a three days' forced march, and today attacked the entrenched Thibetan position and carried it after a bayonet charge. The Thibetans had been stationed here to oppose Colonel Younghusband's progress, and Colonel Brander had been ordered to clear the way.

The Thibetans were completely routed, despite the fact that they outnumbered the British more than three to one. Their loss was 150 killed and many wounded. The British casualties were 13, including five killed.

While the major portion of the Gyangtsa garrison was absent, the Thibetans attacked the post, but were driven back with a loss of 200 killed. They left 80 wounded behind them who are now being treated in the compound adjoining the fort. The attack was well planned and was participated in by 50 well-armed Thibetans, who had been dispatched from Dongtee for the purpose.

Garrison Beats Off Enemy.  
The enemy had planned a midnight attack, and it might have succeeded but for the vigilance of the guards. The garrison, under the command of Major Murray, behaved with exceeding gallantry and beat off the attack successfully, despite the fact that the pick of the Brander force had been detailed on the Brander expedition.

After the Thibetans had been repulsed they occupied Jong, a small fort 1300 yards away, and shortly afterward large reinforcements reached them. They are now carrying on an effectual bombardment of Gyangtsa. It is believed that the Thibetans are receiving secret aid from the Chinese, who are opposed to the success of the British mission.

When Colonel Brander and his men reached here last night they found the Thibetans holding a wall three miles away, well flanked with field pieces and elaborated preparations made to hurl down rocks on the British as they advanced along the road, which ran through

YUCATAN INVITES IMMIGRATION.  
MERRIDIA, Yucatan, May 8.—The legislature of this state has conceded to the immigration society for a term of five years a premium of 25 to every family that comes to the state for the purpose of agriculture. Each family must consist of three members or more and must have lived in some land in the state six months before the allowance is made good.

MEN STILL IN BURNING BUILDING.  
SHAMOKIN, Pa., May 8.—Rescuing parties are still at work in the Locust Gap Colliery, where five men are entombed as a result of the fire in one of the slopes. The miners have been in the mine since Thursday night and all hope of finding them alive has been abandoned. The fire is burning as fiercely as ever, making it impossible to penetrate the workings.

## WAR ON DIVORCE

Leading Churches Open the Campaign.

ALARM AT THE INCREASE

Sanctity of Marriage to Be Impressed Upon Public.

LAWS TO FOLLOW EDUCATION

Dr. Roberts, Secretary of the Inter-Church Conference, Issues the First Appeal to the Public, Referring to Question.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.  
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.  
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.  
THE BAPTIST CHURCH.  
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.  
THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.  
THE UNITARIAN CHURCH.  
THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.  
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.  
THE ALLIANCE OF THE REFORMED CHURCH HOLDING THE PRESBYTERIAN SYSTEM.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—The Inter-Church Conference on Marriage and Divorce, a body representing officially 14 leading denominations, has issued, through its secretary, Rev. William H. Roberts, D. D., an appeal to the public, calling attention to several aspects of the divorce question.

The paper is the beginning of a National campaign of education on the subject, to be followed by efforts to secure the enactment of laws in the State Legislatures, and ultimately, it is thought, of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Already action has been taken by the conference looking toward the prevention of the remarriage, by ministers of other communions, of divorcees and whom clergymen of their own faith have refused to marry.

First United Move.  
This movement is the first occasion of any sort upon which the representatives of the great denominations have officially come together. The members of the conference, include many of the most eminent ecclesiastics and laymen in the churches. Dr. Roberts said in part:

"Before any civil legislation can be enacted which will be operative and quite apart from the accord which we are seeking to secure in the marriage regulations of the Christian churches must come the heaving of the minds of men and women which shall lift them toward a recognition of the noblest dignities of life.

"We plead for a recognition of the sanctity of marriage. We are facing a condition in our country today which threatens danger to the most sacred things. The very sanctity of human life and of human love is assaulted and profaned.

"Manhood, womanhood and childhood, the home and the family, are involved and neither civil legislation nor ecclesiastical discipline can save them, until and unless the conscience of Christian humanity is reached. Behind the monster of polygamy, behind the spectacle of the lax divorce court, with its collusions, its corruptions and its contagion, stands the said fact of a low ideal of marriage.

Holiness of Marriage.  
"Marriage is a holy thing. Marriage is the institution of God himself, and is sanctioned under the solemnities of the old sanction by our blessed Lord. This is the root of the matter. Reformation must begin here. Children must be taught it. Young men and young women must be made to feel it.

"Protected in purity, boy and girl, man and woman alike, must be trained to look with reverent eyes upon the holiness of this estate; upon its mysteriousness as something higher and deeper and larger than can be measured or reached by the low ideas of convenience, of worldly advantage, of the gratification of passion, or by the light and easy estimate of the consent of the passing personal fancy and the mutual recognition of the civil contract which it involves.

"What words can we find to express the abhorrence which ought to rise in righteous indignation against the present possibilities and the existing facts of the divorce habit in America. Just now polygamous Utah looms up large and ugly in our minds. But we must look nearer home to realize the true condition of things. The proportion of divorces to marriages in 1902 in eight states reporting statistics is as follows:

Increases in Divorces.  
"In Maine, 1 to 6; in New Hampshire, 1 to 8; in Vermont, 1 to 10; in Massachusetts, 1 to 8; in Rhode Island, 1 to 8; in Ohio, 1 to 5.8; in Indiana, 1 to 7.6; in Michigan 1 to 11.

"In these states there has been a steady and rapid increase in the divorces during the decade and this increase is believed to be true of the country at large.

"The fear of legalizing polygamy in one

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