

## TO QUIT MUKDEN

### Russians Prepare for Evacuation of City.

#### ENEMY IS CLOSE AT HAND

#### Move Means Abandonment of Southern Manchuria.

#### WILL END WINTER CAMPAIGN

#### St. Petersburg Acknowledges If Stronghold is Given Up It Shows Extent of Liao Yang Disaster Greater Than Intimated.

#### MUKDEN, Sept. 6.—Preparations for the evacuation of Mukden are proceeding. The Japanese advance is within 30 miles.

The commissariat and columns of artillery are arriving here and proceeding northward. General Kuropatkin's army is engaged in an extensive rear-guard action.

The forces of Kuropatkin and of Oyama are racing for Mukden. This much stands out in the dispatches from the seat of war, and is indicated in a report forwarded by Kuropatkin, who says his retreat is being conducted in perfect order, though the Japanese on Sunday repeatedly attacked his rear and continued the attack until Monday. The result of the race is in doubt.

The united Russian forces are now north of Yentai, a station on the railway about ten miles northeast of Liao Yang. They are pushing on to Mukden, to which the bulk of Japanese forces is marching direct, after having swarmed across the Taitz River. A strong Japanese flanking column is about 30 miles northeast of Liao Yang and is trying to get between the Russian forces and Mukden.

With this race in progress there comes a brief dispatch from Mukden saying that preparations for the evacuation of that place are proceeding. This report, if well-founded, as is pointed out in the Associated Press St. Petersburg dispatch, would mean the abandonment of the whole of Southern Manchuria and the winding up of the present campaign.

It was reported in St. Petersburg at a late hour Monday night that Kuropatkin's rear-guard had been almost annihilated and that the main Russian army was in danger of being surrounded. Kuropatkin, in his report, makes no mention of the abandonment of 200 guns at Liao Yang, rumor to which effect is in circulation.

Advices from Port Arthur, by way of Chefoo, bring the fighting there up to September 2, and say the Japanese losses were very heavy.

#### WILL WIND UP CAMPAIGN.

Evacuation of Mukden Also Means Losses Greater Than Intimated.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 6 (3:30 A. M.)—It is impossible at this hour to obtain any statement from the authorities regarding the reported preparations for the abandonment of Mukden.

The advices from Mukden give the first intimation that such a course is contemplated. If it turns out to be true, it means the abandonment of the whole of Southern Manchuria and the winding up of the present campaign. In fact, should Mukden be evacuated, there would be no point for wintering the army of 200,000, with its many wounded, short of Harbin. On the other hand, the evacuation of Mukden would give Field Marshal Oyama command of two lines of railway. The Kinchow-Simintsin line, tapping rich Chinese territory, stops little short of Mukden, with which it is connected by a good wagon road.

The report of the prospective evacuation of Mukden, if well-founded, would indicate that the crippling effect of the Liao Yang fighting on Kuropatkin's army is more serious than has as yet been intimated.

#### Slav Rear Almost Annihilated.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 6.—It is reported at a late hour that General Kuropatkin's rear-guard has been almost annihilated and that the main Russian army is in imminent danger of being surrounded.

#### MARCHING ON THREE ROADS.

Kuropatkin Hopeful of Defeating Japanese Flank Movement.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 6 (1:35 A. M.)—A summary of the war situation to date shows that the whole Russian army, or at least the main portion of it, is already above Yentai Station and is pushing on toward Mukden. Field Marshal Oyama's entire army has crossed the Taitz River, and part of it is hanging on to Kuropatkin's flank.

A strong flanking column on the east is pushing rapidly north in the effort to head off the Russians. Against this column General Kuropatkin has sent out a strong cavalry division to the northeast, which, it is believed, is already in position to check the Japanese flankers, while to the westward Kuropatkin is moving a division toward Simintsin, 30 miles west of Mukden, to meet any interference that may be attempted from the direction of Yinkow or Niu Chwang. Oyama's advance is reported to be en-

## FEAR BRYAN MEN

### Eastern Democrats Will Try to Conciliate Them.

#### WORK IS ALREADY BEGUN

#### Request That Jones Give Advice Part of Programme.

#### TAGGART MUCH CONCERNED

#### He Has Staked His Political Reputation on Carrying Illinois—Radicals Make Him Believe He Is Lost If They Are Ignored.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—(Special.)—The Herald today prints the following: "It became known yesterday that fright indigoed the managers of the Democratic National campaign to appeal to the Bryan men for co-operation and that it was much more severe than had been supposed. After waiting in vain for some form of recognition from the Eastern managers, the followers of Bryan in the West sent emissaries to the National headquarters in this city to lay the true situation, as they saw it, before the friends of Judge Parker.

"These men told Chairman Taggart and William F. Sheehan that the debatable states of the West would surely be lost to the Democracy unless something was done at once to enlist the radicals in the Parker campaign. They said the policy of ignoring men who had charge of the Democratic campaign four years ago was creating an exceedingly bad impression in the West, and there must be a change. "Chairman Taggart was informed he would lose his own state, Indiana, unless the Bryan men were conciliated without delay. As he has staked his reputation as a political manager on giving the electoral vote of Indiana to Judge Parker, Taggart was impressed, and he advised that due consideration be given to the representations of the Bryan men. His counsel was accepted, and telegrams were sent to James K. Jones, Charles A. Walsh, of Iowa; J. G. Johnson, of Kansas; "Buck" Harrichson, of Illinois; Willis J. Abbot, of Michigan, and other radical leaders, asking them to participate in the campaign. They consented to give their co-operation, and their advice will be taken by the Democratic National Committee regarding the contest in the West.

"It was announced last night that Mr. Bryan himself will take the stump in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, and that he will speak in this state late in October. While his followers are not at all confident of Judge Parker's election, at present they have promised to give their loyal support to the ticket."

#### TAGGART CANNOT BE SHOOK

National Democratic Campaign Will Not Be Sidetracked to the West.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—The Herald today says: "Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, will not surrender his position and be 'sidetracked' to the West. "Taggart proposes continuing as chairman of the committee with all the powers of the chairman, and no suggestions from persons who are not members of the committee will be listened to. The Herald is in a position to state that close friends of Judge Parker on the National Committee have suggested that Taggart should retire from the active management of the campaign in the East. There have been suggestions from persons who have no official connection with the campaign that he would better serve the Democracy party by changing his headquarters to Indianapolis and devoting all his time to carrying the States of Indiana and Wisconsin. This would leave the campaign work in the East to William F. Sheehan, Delaney Nicolai, George Foster Peabody and Cord Meyer.

"Taggart does not think such an arrangement would be helpful to the campaign of Judge Parker. All these men were Gold Democrats in 1896 and 1900, and the activity of Thomas E. Watson, Populist candidate for President, shows that if the Gold Democrats become more conspicuous than they now are there will be serious trouble.

"The reasons why Taggart thinks he should stay in New York are, in the first place, that the Democratic National Committee elected him to the post, and that he must not leave that position, even if Eastern Democrats think he should. In the second place, he believes he has the confidence of Sheehan and Belmont. In addition, he has taken full responsibility for Indiana. He has a guarantee that the electoral vote of Indiana shall be cast for Parker. He is giving as close attention to the Indiana campaign as if he were in the state."

#### Vermont Election Occurs Today.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Sept. 6.—Vermont's state election will be held tomorrow. State officers will be chosen, and the Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists and Socialists all have tickets in the field. Charles J. Bell is the Republican nominee for Governor, and Ellihu Porter is the nominee of the Democrats. The sole fight of the Democrats has been to reduce the Republican plurality of 21,000, given to Stickney for Governor in 1900, to a figure which would indicate a significant gain in Democratic strength, and as pointing to a National Democratic

## ARMY IS AT WORK

### Over 40,000 Pickers for Oregon Hop Crop.

#### YIELD, 85,000 BALES

#### No Other State Has So Great an Output.

#### MONEY FOR MANY FAMILIES

#### About \$700,000 Will Be Distributed Among Them—Marion County Has the Largest Yield in the State.

AN ARMY of more than 40,000 hoppers, men, women and children, not counting babes in arms, entered the Oregon hop fields yesterday morning, and began picking the most valuable crop of hops that has ever been grown in the state. This crop is conservatively estimated at 85,000 bales, or approximately 17,000,000 pounds. The quality is excellent, and, at present market prices, the crop has a cash value of \$700,000. When it is considered that practically the entire sum is distributed in half a dozen counties in the Willamette Valley, the importance of the industry can be understood. The annual pilgrimage to the hop fields began a week or 10 days ago, and there was some picking of the early varieties last week. The later varieties, however, were not ready, and many of the early arrivals at the fields spent a few days of their outing in enforced idleness, awaiting the maturing of the crop.

Advices received from the fields by a number of hop dealers in this city indicate that picking got under way in about nine-tenths of the fields yesterday with a full force of pickers, and that under favorable conditions practically the entire crop would be out of the way of unfavorable weather within ten days. Estimates on the probable output for the state vary somewhat, running from 85,000 bales to 95,000 bales, an average of the views of the men who have made a pretty careful examination of the fields placing the crop at about 87,500 bales. This crop is apportioned to the different counties in about the following quantities:

County	Bales
Marion	20,000
Washington	12,500
Polk	12,500
Clackamas	10,000
Washington	7,500
Lincoln	7,500
Lane	7,500
Total	87,500

As a result of these figures, some dealers who are more optimistic in their views have placed the estimate as high as 95,000 bales. The latter amount would show the largest crop on record, but the 87,500 bales are about 250 bales under last year's crop. The much higher prices prevailing, however, make it far more valuable than any former crop ever harvested. The Oregon crop is one-third larger than that of California or New York, and more than twice as large as the Washington crop. The best estimates credit California with 55,000 bales, New York with 40,000 bales and Washington with between 35,000 and 40,000 bales. Marion county, with her 20,000 bales, leads all other Pacific Coast counties, the nearest approach to this amount being in Yakima county, Washington, where a yield of 17,000 bales is expected.

While the hop fields have undoubtedly yielded their heaviest draft for years in the cities, there is said to be a much greater number of farmers' families going to the fields than ever before. The fruit and grain crops were light in some portions of the valley, and the opportunity to make a little money and at the same time enjoy an outing has caused many small farmers to leave the farm in charge of the older boy or the hired man, and with their families start for the hop fields. Accurate statistics on the number of pickers that have departed from Portland for the hop fields are difficult to secure, as some of the people began leaving more than a week ago and they have departed by train, team, bicycle and even on foot. Over 400 left on the boat yesterday, although it was generally supposed that the demand had been pretty well supplied, and it is estimated that, including children, Portland and suburbs have contributed between 5000 and 7500 to the throng of hoppers now in the valley yards, and in addition to quite a few Chinamen and an occasional negro, there are hundreds of Indians who have come from the different reservations in the state. The Indian school near Salem has turned all of its pupils loose in the fields and they are said to be expert pickers. The pickers are paid from 40 cents to 50 cents per box, and at this rate it is estimated that they will earn nearly \$700,000. This amount distributed among 40,000 pickers would not make a large sum per capita, but as the bulk of the hops are picked by "family parties," in which all hands from the toddling babies to the head of the house take part, the earnings of the adults are probably quite satisfactory, especially as most of them regard

## THE UNION

### Cortelyou at Sagamore Hill.

OSTYER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 5.—National Chairman George Cortelyou was in conference with President Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill tonight. Mr. Cortelyou will remain at Sagamore Hill until tomorrow morning, when he expects to return to New York. Pursuing the policy he has laid down, the chairman declined to discuss the campaign or any features of it.

### Senator Fairbanks in Boston.

BOSTON, Sept. 5.—Senator Fairbanks arrived in this city today and will leave for Brunswick, Me., tomorrow. Asked about the meetings in the West, the Republican candidate for Vice-President said: "All through the West the people seemed to be very much aroused and interested in the campaign."

### Re-Election of Davis Indicated.

MEMPHIS, Sept. 5.—Early returns from the state election in Arkansas indicate the re-election of Governor Jefferson Davis, the Democratic incumbent, over Harry Myers, Republican, by the usual large Democratic majority. The Democrats easily elected their entire state ticket.

### Renominate Prince Cupid.

HONOLULU, Sept. 5.—The Republican Convention today renominate Jonah Kalaianole for Delegate to Congress. The platform adopted by the convention and the National ticket.

### Nominated for Congress.

Eighth Alabama District—J. W. Roberts, Republican.  
Fourth Louisiana District—E. P. Mills, Republican.

### MISERY OF JEWS YET GREAT

Leader Says Russian Reforms Only Touch Hem of the Garment.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—M. Leven, president of the Alliance Israelite, speaking on the subject of the reforms which the Czar has proclaimed for the amelioration of the condition of the Russian Jews, said the new regulations were little more than a hint of a better disposition toward the Jew. "The Czar," he said, "is not clear whether all Jews who have completed their military service, or who have distinguished themselves as soldiers at any time, will be permitted to reside without restriction in any part of the empire. This was a very appreciable gain, but if it applied only to men who had served in the present war, it would result in a very small number of Jews being permitted to reside as a right from father to son, it would only serve to disrupt families.

Mr. Levens says the new scheme of reforms is in a way a step toward the relief of the birth of a son than by reports recently furnished by certain provincial Governors who depicted the misery of the Jews in their districts, and in the blackest. They urged that the Jews be given the same common law rights as are enjoyed by other Russian subjects.

### Report of Last Fight of Rurik.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 6.—Viceroy Alexeev reports to the Emperor the report of the last fight of the cruiser Rurik, of the Vladivostok squadron, which was sunk by Vice-Admiral Togo's ships. The report, which was sent to the Viceroy by Lieutenant Ivanoff, who assumed command of the Rurik and was taken prisoner by the Japanese, reports that the Rurik was already known and testifies to the good treatment which the wounded received at the hands of the Japanese.

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## STRIKE NEAR END

### Packers' Trouble Likely to Be Settled Today.

#### NEW OFFER WILL BE MADE

#### Negotiations Begun Through Medium of Middleman.

#### UNIONS CALLED TO MEET

#### Employers Agree to Submit Their Proposition Early in the Day, and a Referendum Vote Will Be Taken at Once.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—The indications tonight are that the stockyards strike, begun two months ago, will be called off within 24 hours. Through the medium of a middleman, negotiations were begun today in an effort to secure an understanding with the packers on which the striking unions can rely as a basis for abandoning the strike tomorrow afternoon. It was admitted tonight by Secretary Tracy of the Allied Trades Council of the unions on strike, that a message opening up such negotiations had been delivered today to representatives of the packing firms by W. E. Skinner, agent of the Union Stockyards & Tractor Company, acting as middleman.

Michael Killen, president of the Live-stock Handlers' Union; Nicholas Gier, president of the Packing Trades Council; John Floorach, secretary of the council, and President Annenly were the men to confer with Mr. Skinner. According to the plans tonight an answer is to be submitted tomorrow by the packers in time for it to be reported at a special meeting of the Allied Trades Council. This meeting has been called for early in the forenoon.

Special meetings for all the local unions involved in the strike have been called for tomorrow. If the packers give encouraging answers to the strikers' messengers will be sent at once to the gatherings of the local bodies. The union is said, will then vote on discontinuing the strike, and their referendum vote will be reported at once to the meeting of the Allied Trades Council.

#### MAY BE MATCH WITHOUT LOVE

Strong Dynastic Reasons Exist for Marriage of Prince and Duchess.

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—The Duchess Cecelia of Mecklenburg-Schwern, whose betrothal to Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany was announced last night, is a tall, slight girl, light-haired and brown-eyed. Although she could scarcely be called pretty, she has a vivid complexion and is of sprightly demeanor.

The only time the Duchess and the Crown Prince have been seen together in public was a few evenings ago. The Crown Prince had called on her and her mother at the Kaiserhof Hotel just before they left for home. After talking with them for an hour, the Crown Prince took them to the station in an automobile and found that the train did not start for an hour. He then asked them to drive round the city and visit the principal streets, through the principal streets, which started the first talk of an engagement.

It is impossible to say whether it is a love match or not. Strong dynastic reasons for the marriage exist. Only once during the last century, in the case of Frederick III, has a Prussian King taken a wife except from a German princely house. The Emperor desires to bring the Mecklenburg, Danish and Netherlands courts into closer relations with the grand court. The Duchess Cecelia's brother, the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwern, married this June the Princess Alexandra, second daughter of the Duke of Cumberland, a sister of the future Queen of Denmark.

The Duchess Cecelia is also a niece by marriage of the Prince Consort of Holland. The best loved of Prussian Queens Louise was of the same family, but of the Sleswick branch.

The Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwern, who is at the Bristol Hotel, here, set any doubt of the betrothal at rest this morning by telegraphing an official announcement to his cabinet.

#### Emperor Calls for Three-Fold Hurrah.

ALTONA, Prussia, Sept. 5.—Details of the announcement of the engagement of Crown Prince Frederick William to the Duchess Cecelia, sister of the reigning Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwern, show that the Emperor, while dining with an notable people of Schleswig-Holstein last night, received a telegram from the Crown Prince, who was at Gelbensande, the home of the Duchess Cecelia and her mother. The Emperor thereupon arose, raised his glass and said that the engagement of his royal highness and the duchess had just taken place, and called for a threefold hurrah for the couple. The banqueters greeted the announcement with tremendous cheers.

#### ARMENIANS CREATE TERROR

Turkish Troops at Van Are Successfully Resisted.

PARIS, Sept. 5.—A dispatch to the Temps from Constantinople, by way of Sofia, says an official report which has reached one of the foreign consuls there, states that Armenian insurgents at Van, Asiatic Turkey, are successfully resisting the Turkish troops, which yesterday had been unable to reduce or disperse them. The Armenians advanced to within about 600 yards of the French Consulate. The population of Van is seeking refuge in the schools and convents. It is expected that Turkey will mobilize the Fourth Army Corps and draw troops from Asia-Minor, in order to suppress the uprising.

## TOO MANY PICKERS.

### Though Labor is Plentiful, Growers Will Not Reduce Pay.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Though hopping began in many yards in this vicinity today, picking will not be general until Wednesday. That pickers were never so plentiful before is declared by all the growers, and at many yards the proprietors have to send pickers away because there are more than can be employed. The short season, however, completed before hopping began, and the almost entire absence of a prune harvest, accounts for the surplus of hoppers.

Fifty cents a box is the ruling price in this vicinity, though 45 cents prevails in the north and of the county. Growers say they could as well get their entire crop picked for 40 cents, but at present prices for hops they can well afford to pay 50 cents and gladly do so. If an off year should come again in the hop-growing industry, they will expect to get their hops picked for 40 cents or even less.

Reports from yards where picking has begun indicate that the crop will be much lighter than has been generally estimated up to the present time. Growers express surprise at the light yield and say that the picking season will be a short one if the first day's work shows what the crop will be. By Wednesday or Thursday reports from a large number of yards will give a pretty accurate picture of the condition of the crop.

Several offers of 25 to 26 1/2 cents for 1904 hops have been reported.

### Picking General Near Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—Hopping has commenced in most of the yards in this vicinity today. Some growers will wait a week longer, believing the hops will then be of better quality and heavier. Hundreds of families have gone to the hoppers and some of the growers near town have twice as many pickers as they had last year. The buyers report the crop this year one of the best ever grown. Indications are the crop will be a little short. No sales are being contracted, but the growers believing the market has a strong upward tendency, say they can sell better after the hops are in the bale.

### Hop Harvest Begins Today.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 6.—Today the harvest of the Washington hop crop will begin. It is estimated that 10,000 pickers will be required. Reports show the condition of the crop generally to be good, though there has been a shrinkage in some localities. Estimates put the prospective crop at 4,500 bales, an increase of 500 bales over last year. Prices are high, and it is being known where growers have refused 27 1/2 cents a pound.

### OREGON'S MEMBERS TOO NEW

Ways and Means Committee Will Go Elsewhere.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 5.—But for the death of Congressman Tongue, Oregon next winter would undoubtedly be given representation on the committee on ways and means, the lightest committee in the House of Representatives. Next December Speaker Cannon must fill a vacancy on that committee caused by the appointment of McCallie, of California, as Secretary of Commerce and Labor. It is conceded that his successor will be a Pacific Coast man. Had Tongue lived, he would today be senior Congressman from the Pacific Coast, and as such would probably be recognized by the speaker for the important committee place. As it is Oregon, with two new Congressmen, stands no chance whatever of securing this desirable place.

Needham, of California, and Jones and Cochran, of Washington, are senior Pacific Coast members, all having been first elected to the 56th Congress. The probabilities are Needham will secure the place, although Jones is a possibility if he will relinquish his position on the rivers and harbors committee.

### MELDRUM LOSES OUT.

Contest for Land Held by Railroad Is Decided.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 5.—Henry Meldrum, ex-Surveyor-General of Oregon, has lost out in a contest recently brought against the Oregon & California Railroad Company, before the Interior Department. Meldrum appealed from a decision of the General Land Office rejecting his application to purchase under the timber and stone act the southwest quarter of section 27, township 7 south, range 8 west, in the Oregon City land district. This tract, according to the Land Office and Interior Department, is within the 30-mile or indemnity belt of the grant to the Oregon & California Railroad, and was selected under that grant and patented to the railroad company 11 years ago.

Meldrum, in his appeal from the adverse Land Office decision, alleged that this particular land is more than 30 miles from the railroad as constructed, and is therefore outside the indemnity limits. "Meldrum's claim is not confirmed by the records of the Land Office," says the Secretary, "and even if it were established as a fact, no suit could now be brought to set aside the patent or to recover title to this land, as patent has already issued."

Similar decisions have been rendered on appeals in identical cases brought before the Interior Department by Benjamin Harrington, Louis P. Fandnofer, Elizabeth Isaac, Henry W. Bancroft, Isaac T. Mason, Merritt L. Thompson, Jennie E. Wait, Electra Richardson, Lucy M. Reed, John W. Reed and Margaret C. Hubbard.

### State Already Has Lands Sought.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 5.—The Interior Department has rejected applications of Bernice M. Sackville and Alvina S. Merrithy to purchase timber lands in the Lakeview land district, Oregon, because the lands which they sought to acquire are included within a state school section.