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# Kuropatkin Is Heading for Mukden.

# LIAO YANG GIVEN UP

Japanese Flag Flies Over the City.

# STAKELBERG IS CUT OFF

With 25,000 Men He Is Unable to Join in Retreat.

# PORTARTHUR WILL FEEL BLUE

Vallant Defenders Who Have Been Hoping That Eventually They Would Be Relieved Will Regard Chances as Less.

The flag of Japan files over Liao Yang. Field Marshal Oyama, who led his famous second army into Port Arthur during the Wel and Talien Wan, today by din of incause of hardships, holds sway over arms would be successful, is in full reaides, General Stakelberg, with his command, the First Siberian Army Corps, numbering 25,000 men, is cut off to the westward of Lino Yang.

The Rusians are concentrating at Yenare pursuing their foe in flight.

It is not known whether the Japanese Liso Yang.

This last blow to Russian arms, though it is spoken of in St. Petersburg as the logical consequence of Russian plans, doubtless will be taken much to heart by the subjects of Emperor Nicholas who, after a succession of defeats and retirements by their army, had expected a finality of the struggle at Lino Yang in their

In the loss of Line Yang by the Russtans, the Japanese probably will gain little except in the way of a strategical point, for the Russians, it is believed, blew up the magazines and set fire to the enormous quantities of army stores and provisions there before they evacuated.

What the effect of the retirement from ated for bravery. Line Yang will be on the besieged at Port Arthur can only be conjectured, but certainly it cannot but cause depression among the vallant defenders who have been hoping that eventually they would

# ONLY LURING THE JAPANESE ON

### Russians Assert Kuropatkin's Retreat is Part of Programme.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 4 (12:25 A. M.) —All Russia will learn by the morning midst of concesspapers that General Kuropatkin's firing line. army is in full retreat to the northward; that Line Yang has been abandoned and cupled by the Japanese, and that General Stakelberg's corps is surrounded and

The hopes of victory raised in Russian breasts by the telegram from the Commander-in-Chief saying the Russians had advanced against General Kuroki on Friday, and an attack on the Russian right had been repulsed, proved shortlived. General Kuropatkin had hardly begun the offensive against General Kuroki's army when he was compelled by the overwhelming force of the Japanese flanking movement to give up all idea of continuing his advance, and hurriedly withdrew in the

direction of Mukden. The retreat is the logical consequence of the Russian plan of leading on and tiring out the Japanese at the successive stations along the road northward, thus placing their foe at the constantly growing disadvantage of lengthening lines of communication. The success of this plan | pied Lino Yang at 9 o'clock this (Sunday) was marred by a blunder of General Stakelberg, who, in the words of General Kuropatkin, insisted on placing his own interpretation on orders instead of fullfill-

ing them. General Stakelberg erred in falling to cross the Taitz River when General Kuropatkin desired that the whole army should retreat to its northern bank, as was exclusively reported in dispatches to ing today. the Associated Press on September 2. This blunder, it is feared, will involve the loss of the whole of the Siberian Army Corps, consisting of the First, Second and Sixth Oyama, telegraphing at 9 o'clock this Rifle Divisions, the Ussuri Cossack Bri- morning says: gade, the First Siberian Artillery Brigade

and a Sapper Battalion. The abandonment of the whole position at Liao Yang involves the loss of a great heavy. No report has been received conaccumulation of stores, though it is be- cerning conditions on the right bank of leved that many of these already had Taitz River."

ment of fighting. It is more than probable however, that the Russians destroyed what they could not remove.

Something akin to consternation pre valls among Russians who have learned of the disaster to General Stakelberg's corps. All realize that there is small hope now for the relief of Port Arthur, but the military officials are unanimous in the belief that it would only be folly for General Kuropatkin to remain and run the risk of being surrounded, while his withdrawal north has actually converted what might have been disaster to himself into what is regarded as a reverse for the Japanese, for the fallure of the Japanese to hold General Kuropatkin's army and inflict a decisive blow, it is said, cannot be regarded otherwise than a reverse. Field Marshal Oyama's tenaclous frontal attack and the clever flank movement could not have had any other object than to compel the Russians to ac-

cept a decisive engagement. General Kuropatkin's retreat will undoubtedly have a discouraging effect on the garrison of Port Arthur, which can no longer hope for any relief from this source. It is doubtful, however, if the IS Japanese are in a position to press the siege, and it is more than probable that they have diverted a portion of the besleging army to reinforce their corps perating in Manchuria. This would account for the temporary lull in the fighting. It is noticeable that the siege reports reaching here do not mention further assaults on the fortress, but only speak of bombardments.

# BLOODIEST BATTLE IN HISTORY

by Civil War Engagements.

# Heroisms of Japanese Only Excelled

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 4 (2:50 A. M.) -The battle of Liao Yang, which began with the Japanese advance on August 24. the day of the christening of the Czarevitch, and concluded Saturday, September 2. with the retreat of General Kuropatkin, is believed to have been the longest and the bloodiest of history. Numerous incidents in the fighting upset the theory evolved by experiences in the Boer War that a modern battle must pecessarily be fought at long range. Both sides repeatedly came to hand-to-hand encounters in bayonet charges, and the men of both sides were often so near each other that Chino-Japanese War of 1894-95, and who they could distinguish features and hear in that struggle also captured Wei Hai words of command, in one instance they were separated only by the width of the cessant fighting, in which his men were railroad, and actually threw stones at spared neither because of casualties nor each other. The mad heroism of the Japanese and the stubborn tenacity of the Liao Yang, and General Kuropatkin, Russians has not been paralleled anywhere through whom Rusians believed their save in some desperate encounters of the American Civil War. Correspondents treat northward, while one of his chief state that several of the bayonet attacks made by the Japanese throughout the battle have been forced by the depletion of ammunition, of which modern arms entail such extravagant expenditure. The Japraese came on with empty guns and tal, but the dispatches thus far give no with hopes of finishing the attack with intimation as to whether they will make cold steel, but it was proved at their a stand there, or even if the Japanese own cost that such attack could not be driven home in the face of the fire of breech-loading guns. The Russian artilwill stop at Liao Yang and dortify, and lerymen suffered terribly in the prolonged with the Titaz River between him and fighting south of the Taitz River. One General Kuropatkin's forces, will endeav- battery lost 40 men killed and the reome defenders in case the mainder were wounded, and when a fresh Russians should attack, or by inaction, battery was brought up into position the should they not, end the campaign at survivors protested with tears at being removed, begging to be allowed to die beside their own guns.

Perilous Work of the Red Cross.

The work of the Red Cross, which throughout the war has been devoted on both sides, has proved almost as dangerous to the nurses and doctors as has the work of the combatants. Many bearers and their assistants have been killed or wounded in attending to injured under fire, A Sister of Mercy was killed and a surgeon wounded in the final assaults on Liso Yang. Telegraph operators and correspondents have suffered severely. Two correspondents of the Associated Press have been shot and one has been decor-

During the ten days' fighting the condition of the soldiers of both armies has been pitiable. Many of the Japanese prisoners were starving and almost naked when captured, which speaks volumes for Japanese endurance.

It is wonderful that the commissary arrangements made it posible to continue to supply the men during such a continuous battle. The Russians were better fed. being nearer their own base, but the terrible strain of the continuous fighting caused some of them to fall asleep in the midst of cannonading and even on the

### BURNED THEIR STOREHOUSES Russians Were Determined to Pre-

vent Capture by Enemy. TOKIO, Sept. 4 (Noon.)-Field Marshal Oyama reports that the Russians burned their storehouses near Liao Yang Satur-

General Huroki, leaving a force at Satzuago to protect his right flank, has swung sharply westward to reach the railway and envelop Line Yang. Oyama's left and center armles are still attacking the Russians south and west of the walls of Line Yang.

# JAPANESE OCCUPY THE CITY.

### Victorious Forces Entered Liao Yang Early Today.

TOKIO, Sept. 4.-It is officially announced that the Japanese forces occu-

# FIGHTING AGAIN ON.

Japanese Continue Engagement in

Vicinity of Liao Yang. TOKIO, Sept. 4 (10 A. M.)-Fighting in the vicinity of Liao Yang is continu-

# Japanese Losses Very Great. TOKIO, Sept. 4, 1 P. M.-Field Marshal

"After the fighting last night and this morning, Liao Yang fell into our hands. Our casualties are believed to be very

Building Burns Before Craft Begins Work.

# STEAM ONLY IN ONE BOILER

Fireman Falls Through Roof Into Blazing Timbers.

# RESCUED BY COMRADE

Water-Front Blaze Does \$24,000 Damage\_Stoker Who Caused Fireboat's Delay is Discharged-Craft to Be Investigated.

# WHY THE FIREBOAT FAILED.

The cause of the fireboat's apparent failure to throw water upon the flames was investigated last night by Chief Campbell. He found that Edward Brown, a stoker, had neglected to light the fire under the second boiler when ordered to do so. The fireboat had to lie bile until the fire was lighted and sufficient steam raised to run the pumps. Brown was discharged from the department. Captain Whiteemb's handling of the preboat will be investigated.

Fire at the foot of Morrison street early last evening destroyed property valued at \$24,000 because the fireboat George H. Williams did not have enough steam when she reached the scene to use her pumps

The fireboat's delay was caused by a stoker who has been discharged for neglecting an order to light the fire under the second boller when the boat left her berth. It is probable that an investigation will be made of the manner in which Captain W. H. Whitcomb handled the Starting at 6:25 P. M. in the machine

repair shop of I R. Corcoff, in the two-story frame building at the south side of the bridge approach, the fire gutted eight aents, and for some time seriously endangered the big oil and paint establishment of Fisher, Thorsen & Co. and the National Hotel, both facing on

### Two Firemen Injured. Two firemen were hurt at the fire William Brannon, of Hose No. 1, fell

through the tin roof of the building to the floor below, into the midst of the

### dense smoke and flame. In company with others of his crew he was carrying a line to the roof at the time of the accident. The tin roofing be-neath him gave way, and before any of his fellow-firemen could lend helping hand he crashed through the charred timbers and fell below. Joe Heath, of the same company, immediately caused a line to be lowered to

climbed to Brannon's side. Brannon was badly bruised about the limbs, but no bones were broken, and with the assistance of Heath he was able to climb up the line to the roof and the open air. It was a close call for the fireman, as the smoke was very dense where Brannon fell, and the flames had about reached the spot. Had not the line been lowered at once, Brannon would undoubtedly have perished as there was no other way in

Brannon and down the line Heath

which he could have escaped. E. Sebold, of Truck No. 2, tripped over an obstruction in the street, and sprained an ankle. A physician was called and ordered the fireman to his home in Mount Tabor.

# Starts in Repair Shop.

The fire is supposed to have started from the forge in the repair shop of Mr. Concoff. It spread rapidly, the old frame building furpishing the best of material for the progress of the fire, and finally burst through on the side of the building next the river and through the roof. An alarm was turned in from box 12 at the corner of First and Morrison streets, and the department responded promptly. Ten minutes later a second alarm called out wo additional engine companies,

The fireboat answered the alarm and passed through the Morrison-street bridge toward Yambill. For a space of 27 minutes the boat moved about in the stream before the burning building, with no steam up to project the streams of water she was built to throw. The congested and demolished condition of Morrison street between the river and Front street greatly hindered the firemen on land, who were obliged to drag their lines the entire block, the street not admitting of the passage of a hose

The fire quickly ate its way to the oil sheds of Fisher, Thorsen & Co., and the oll was soon ignited, sending flames 50 feet into the air and rendering it dangerous for the firemen. As many streams as possible were soon being poured into the burning mass, but they seemed to have

# SUMMARY OF LOSSES. Reierson Machinery Co......\$10,000 Western Land Co. r..... 500

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no effect on the flames during the first

The fireboat finally approached the bridge and tied to the pier nearest the shore. Two streams were directed against the burning building from the powerful nozzles of the boat. As soon as the great volume of water struck the building win-

# Postal Department Will

# OFFENSE, IF ANY, TRIVIAL

Abeyance.

It Would Take State Chairman to Task for Sending Letters to Postmasters Asking Them to Swell the Campaign Fund.

poses. should be prosecuted, and has recom-

The Postoffice Department, however, is not of this opinion, does not see that any harm has been done in following the practice that is current in every state in Presidential campaigns, regardless of which party is in power, and has boldly stepped in between Palmer and the Civil Service Commission. with the result that the case will probably be dropped.

Palmer is at liberty under the law to send such letters to postmasters and other Government officials, provided he does not send such requests to their offices. He cannot, however, lawfully send political assessments to any Government office. It is charged that Palmer did send letters to postmasters at their offices, but his offense is trivial and will be overlooked by everybody except the Civil Service Commission.

# Not Punish Palmer.

Washington Political Matter in Ington, Sept. 3.—Instructions were

### CIVIL SERVICE BOARD ROILED

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Sept. 3 .- If the Civil Service Commission could have its way, dire punishment would be meted out to E. B. Palmer, chairman of the State Republican Committee of Washington. because he has been sending to postmasters throughout his state letters notifying them that they are assessed stipulated amounts for campaign pur-The Civil Service Commission says Palmer has violated the law and mended that steps be taken against

In past campaigns this same question has been raised, and the Department of Justice, on appeal from a ruling of the Civil Service Commission. held the courts must determine whether assessments were levied in violation of the law, but beyond rendering this decision the Department of Justice has not, as requested by the Civil Service Commission several years

### ago, proceeded against certain parties for an alleged violation of this law, merely pigeonholing the Commission ers' communication. The Civil Service Commission is inclined to be radical in its interpretation of President Roosevelt's recent order forbidding Government employes from exhibiting such activity in politites as might "re-sult in public scandal." Commissioner Black says this order means that no Government employe can be a member of any political club, but it is not probable that he will be able to force his Interpretation upon the executive departments.

# TO SEND THE DOLLARS.

# Lewis and Clark Souvenir Coins to

Be Forwarded at Once. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash sent to the Philadelphia mint today to forward to the Lewis and Clark Exposition authorities at Portland the 25,000 souvenir Lewis and Clark dollars recently coined. The draft in payment for these coins was cashed at New York yesterday.

# Northwest Army Orders.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ington, Sept. 3 .- First Lieutenant William Raymond, Artillery Corps, was today transferred from the Sixty-third Company, Coast Artitllery, to the unassigned list, and will report to the commanding officer, artillery district

of Puget Sound, for staff duty. First Lieutenant James Butler, Signal orps, was today relieved from duty at Seattle and will proceed to San Fran-cisco and report to the Commanding General of the Department of Califor-

### Populist Candidate for Governor. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. Judge Joseph Sheldon, of New Haven, was selected as the candidate of the People's party for Governor by the

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# ABOUT 2000 ARE CAUCHT

Allured by California Get-Rich-Ouick Concern.

# **GUARANTEE LANDS THE WARY**

Pacific States Mercantile Company Promised Nearly a Hundred Per Cent for Six Months' Use of Its Victims' Dollars.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 2-(Special.)-I'wo thousand Scattle citizens have been caught and approximately \$100,000 sunk in a get-rich-quick scheme originating in San Francisco. The local agent of the company has resigned, its California assets have been seized by creditors and attorneys are beginning a fight here. The company that was engaged in the philanthropic work of making the poor rich styles itself the Pacific States Mercantile Company of San Francisco. According to J. D. Bauer, an attorney who represents P. J. Root, a holder of six con-Kuropatkin is now fleeing toward Mukden. tracts, the plan of operation was as follows:

"The contracts provided for a payment Russians assert Kuropatkin is only luring of \$5 down and \$1.50 per week for 30 con-Japanese on. Page 1. secutive weeks. That made \$50 paid in Japanese occupy Liao Yang. Page 1. by the purchaser of one of the contrasts. by the purchaser of one of the contracts, and in return he was promised \$100 worth of merchandise. If he did not want the Japanese again weaken Russian lines at merchandise the company promised to Port Arthur. Page 3. find a purchaser for it and turn over to the contract-holder \$89 in cash. In other words, the company agreed to pay the purchaser \$39 for the use of his \$50.

Attachments Filed in California. "The promoters began doing business in Seattle last March, so that those who purchased contracts then are just about due to receive their \$109 worth of merchandles. Unfortunately for them, however, some of the contract-holders down in California whose contracts have matured, have tried to get the \$100 worth of merchandise or the \$89 in cash, and fail-St. Louis World's Fair team runs into street. In" to do so, attachments have been filed

car; seven people are killed and 19 injured. on everything in sight of the company. "E. E. Kimball was the general ager of the company for this state, but a letter received from the company signed by Hill interests declare in answer to merger suit | L. Miley, assistant secretary, advises me that Harriman sold his Union Pacific stock | that Mr. Kimball resigned and that he is now the president of the Pacific Mutual New York Athletic Club makes most points in Olympic games, but Chicago fies protest. attle, the prospectus of which makes a Co-Operative Investment Company of Seman feel like buying diamonds. Investi-Pacific Coast League scores: Fortland 3, Oak- gation shows that the concern is hopelessly bankrupt."

In the circular letter announcing that Mr. Kimball had resigned as general agent of the company was the request: "Until we can make other arrangements, send your money regularly by Wells-Fargo express until we can adjust marters with the postal government." The writer probably meant "postal authori-

# Loss Is About \$100,000.

Mr. Bauer took the matter up with Haven & Haven, a firm of attorneys in San Francisco. They wired him yesterday that there are now six attachments pending against the company, and they advised forcing the concern into involuntary bankruptcy. The attorneys say that 2000 contracts were sold in Seattle, and If they were all paid up it would mean a trifle like \$100,000 taken out of this city.

According to the San Francisco attor-

neys, the company made it possible to satisfy even the most suspicious purchaser who was looking for a chance to Oregon Knights Templar leave for San Fran-double his money in 30 weeks. If the contract did not look good enough to Baker County Sheriff says he will continue to the sucker he was told that it "was a enforce some of the laws often violated guaranteed" contract. That usually land-Assessment of one cent is laid on some city ed them, for there is nothing like a guarantee to drag the money out of the Proposal of private company to cremate gar-bage is viewed with some suspicion, for nothing. In order that there would be no trouble

about guaranteeing the contracts the officers of the company organized a guarantee company of their own.

# REBELS SURE TO WIN.

# Fall of the Paruguayan Government

BUENOS AYRES, Sept. 3.-The Paraguayan Government Commissioner, Senor Moreno, had an interview today with Foreign Minister Terry, but the interview was without result. The Paraguayan revolutionists are hourly securing fresh recruits and the fall of the government is inevitable. Minister of War Escobas has resigned.

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Senator Fairbanks in his Hoosier home. Page gents were severely defeated by government forces under the personal c of General Valquez. There were over 1000 asualties among the insurgents, their leader, Parico Saravial, was badly

# Great Sugar Rate War Ends. CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—The sugar rate war finally has ended. The Chicago-Missouri

River roads gave up the fight a week ago and restored the 37-cent tariff to the Mis-souri River. The New Orleans lines, however, continued to make a 20-cent rate from New Orleans to the Missouri, and of Z cents to Kansas jobbing points. Notice has just been given that on Septemher 5 the New Orleans lines will restore the sugar rate from New Orleans to the Missouri River to 22 cents, and to Kan-

