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JAPANESE WIN A DECISIVE FIGHT

Capture Antung, at Mouth of Yalu, by Land and Water Assault.

RUSSIANS BURN THE TOWN AND THEN FLEE.

Troops Were Assisted by a Bombardment From Gunboats and Armed Launches—Japanese Make Important Captures of Munitions of War—Russian Battleship Aground at St. Petersburg—Plans of Russian Mobilization Sold by a Treacherous Official at Warsaw.

London, May 2.—The Central News Seoul correspondent wires that the Japanese victory on the Yalu Sunday was most complete, the Russian line being thrown into confusion and their retreat disorderly.

Details of the Battle.

London, May 2.—The Japanese minister, Hayashi, this afternoon issued a later report by General Kuropaki, regarding the Yalu fight and dated Kienlung Cheng, Manchuria, northeast of Antung. It reads: "We advanced May 1 along three roads, driving the enemy before us. During the afternoon we carried the line from Antung Sien to Lushenko. The Imperial Guards surrounded the enemy on three sides. After severe fighting we captured their guns, besides horses and carriages. The general reserve corps is advancing along the Liao-yang road, the enemy fleeing toward Feng Huang Cheng. "The booty captured includes a large quantity of arms and ammunition and an officer."

Russians Burn Antung.
London, May 2.—The Japanese minister today issued the report of the captain of the gunboat Maya, which acted in conjunction with the land forces of the Japanese in Sunday's attack on the Russian line on the Yalu. It confirms in a degree the report that the Russians burned Antung.

A naval detachment, comprising the Maya, Uji and some torpedo boats, ascended the Yalu and bombarded the enemy, silencing the enemy's artillery fire after three minutes' engagement. All then returned to Yomampo, with no casualties. Japanese armed launches reached Antung the same morning and repulsed the enemy's infantry and artillery. After 30 minutes' sharp fighting fire was seen rising from the town. Natives said the enemy fled after setting the place afire.

Battleship Aground.
St. Petersburg, May 2.—The new battleship Orel is aground on a sandbank in the Neva, and it is feared it will be difficult to refloat her.

Treacherous Russian Official.
St. Petersburg, May 2.—It is rumored the Russian plans for mobilization have been sold through the treachery of a Warsaw official. New plans have accordingly been laid.

IDAHO WRECK.

Floods Cause Another Temporary Tieup.
Salt Lake, April 29.—The west-bound Oregon Short Line passenger was wrecked near Topaz, Idaho, this morning. The engine, baggage car and two coaches are in the ditch. None were seriously injured. A broken flange and washouts north of Ogden were the cause. It will temporarily tie up the system.

Telephone to Thunder.
During the summer Emmett will be connected with Roosevelt, Thunder Mountain by telephone. The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company has poles distributed between Emmett and Long Valley.

As soon as the snow leaves the hills two or three game men will be put to work setting poles. The line to Roosevelt will go by way of Sweet, Oia and Long Valley. Officials of the telephone company figure that the line will be built at the rate of from one to two miles a day. In the open country even better time will be made.

This telephone line from Emmett to Roosevelt will be built through the roughest country and the most expensive line to build that any telephone company has ever undertaken in Idaho.

The central office will be in Emmett and one or two operators will be added to the present force. Line-men will also make their headquarters here.

Telephone connection with Roosevelt means that Emmett merchants will get most of the Thunder Mountain trade—Emmett fides.

Northern Idaho Flourishing.
Alexander McPherson, state horticultural inspector, has returned from Northern Idaho, where he appointed three deputy inspectors in Kootenai and Latah counties.

The prospects for a magnificent yield of all kinds of fruits, said Mr. McPherson, were never so bright. Not less than 250,000 fruit trees have been set out in the northern section of the state this year. The weather has been very favorable and the trees are in full bloom. Mr. McPherson, who is also dairy and pure food inspector, examined quite a number of dairies, including one at Wallace, which is the largest in the state. There are 290 cows in this dairy—Boise Statesman.

SUMPTER EXTENSION.

Narrow Gauge Road Will Be Built Toward Burns This Season.

Baker City, May 2.—There are some activity in railroad circles with the opening of spring and just as soon as the snow is sufficiently off the ground and the roads in some kind of shape operations will begin by the Sumpter Valley Railroad company for the extension of its line from Whitney west and south towards Burns, the objective point in Eastern Oregon.

The Sumpter Valley is now in operation and has been for a number of years between Baker City and Sumpter, 32 miles, and for two years past, the extension from Sumpter to Whitney, 14 miles, has been in operation and last summer the further extension from Whitney to Tipton, eight miles, the top of the divide going into the John Day valley, was partially finished before snow came.

The work will now proceed on through Tipton, Austin and towards Prairie City, Canyon City and Burns. Just how far the line will be built this year President Eccles is yet unable to state. The steel is on hand for the Tipton extension and the market is easy for immediate delivery.

Passenger and freight cars and locomotives were purchased last year in sufficient numbers to operate the line besides this the company is building new refrigerator cars and cabooses and rebuilding locomotives. The distance from Tipton to Austin is seven miles and from Austin to Prairie City 17 miles. The entire distance from Baker City to the proposed route to Burns is about 160 miles.

LICENSING THE PROCURER.

Mayor Boyd of Spokane Gives Parasites New Lease of Life.

Spokane, May 2.—The Peerless Employment agency was given a license to further conduct its business by the city controller and Mayor Boyd this morning in the face of the sensational expose of the Press of a few days ago. Mr. Sebring of this agency was sent to the penitentiary for one year for trying to sell Spokane girls into a house of ill fame a few days ago.

Investigation into the matter reveals a deplorable state of affairs and shows where the city ordinance in this matter is sorely lacking. An employment agent does not have to place his application before the city council for the approval of that body. He simply files his bond of \$1,000, has it approved by the corporation counsel and then places the thing before the mayor for his approval.

Mayor Boyd approved the Peerless license this morning and thereby placed the agency in the hands of the city. He was informed that the agency was not considering the desirability of the applicant, but of his bondsmen.

CRAIG THOM MET INSTANT DEATH

ECHO BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY COMPANION.

Party of Children Out Hunting Rabbits—Milo Craig Who Was Carrying a Gun, Discharged it in Taking It From His Shoulders, the Bullet Striking His Friend in the Temple, Killing Him Instantly—Funeral This Afternoon.

Echo, May 2.—Craig Thom, a 12-year-old boy, was instantly killed near here Sunday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a rifle, carried by Milo Graves, another boy, with whom he was hunting.

The bullet entered the boy's head just in front of and above the ear and passed out at the back of the head, death being instantaneous. The boys spent Saturday night at the home of Robert Thom, father of the dead boy, and went out with a rifle to hunt rabbits and view the farm of the Thom's. The party of boys was made up of the Thom boy, the older brother Milo and his two little brothers.

At first sight of a rabbit, Milo Graves, who was carrying the gun, took it hurriedly from his shoulder, and discharging it, the ball striking his companion, who was walking beside him.

Peter Sheridan, a neighbor, came by and found the boys crying over the body of young Thom, and immediately carried the boy to his home, a short distance away.

Craig Thom was the eldest son of Robert Thom, the well known farmer, living near Echo, and Milo Graves is the eldest son of E. D. Graves, O. R. & N. agent at this place.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church at 2 o'clock this afternoon, by Rev. W. P. Jinnett, and interment took place in Odd Fellows cemetery here.

The accident is peculiarly sad because the boys were old neighbors and friends in Iowa, and had just renewed their acquaintance and the children were enjoying one of their first visits after the arrival of the Graves family at Echo.

The Graves children went to the Thom home after the May Day picnic on Saturday, to spend Sunday on a visit.

A Michigan Central train April 28 made 104 miles in one hour between Brownsville and Springfield, Ont. The train was a special carrying President Ledyard and President Newman to Chicago.

PORTLAND MAN SUICIDES.

Lost a Fortune at Gambling and No Hope of Retrieving.

Portland, May 2.—H. W. Gowell, one of the widest known advertising specialists on the Pacific Coast, and for years advertising man in various large Eastern department stores, suicided this morning with gas, on account of financial reverses. He left a note that he had lost the last of many thousands dollars gambling with no hope to recover, and believed the gamblers should pay for his funeral.

NEW CHARGES.

Alleged That Norman Williams Once Attempted Murder.

Portland, April 29.—A message from The Dalles says the district attorney is examining the charge that Norman Williams once attempted to poison a man when he was in the neighborhood of Mount Hood to secure witnesses. Williams is being tried on the charge of murdering the Nesbitt woman.

Editor Sentenced for Rape.

Walla Walla, May 2.—Saturday night F. W. D. Mays, the veteran editor and preacher of Pendleton, began a three-year sentence in the state prison on a charge of criminally assaulting Pearl May Parshall, a young girl aged 15. Mays pleaded guilty to the charge in the superior court at Pomeroy Thursday and Judge C. F. Miller, sentenced him to serve three years in the penitentiary.

GENERAL STRIKE OF MACHINISTS

SIX THOUSAND MEN DIRECTLY AFFECTED

Believed That Nine Thousand Men in Other Departments of Santa Fe's Service Will Go Out From Sympathy—Eight Hundred Locked Out at Topeka—Officials of the Company Declare They Will Fight the Unions to a Finish—Strikes in Chicago and New York.

Washington, May 2.—A general strike of machinists on the Santa Fe system has been ordered by President O'Connell, of the International Machinists' Association, taking effect at 5 o'clock this morning. It will affect 6,000 members directly, and may result in bringing out the work of blacksmiths, steamfitters and other workers in sympathy.

Will Affect 15,000 Men.

Washington, May 2.—Forecasting the probable extent of the strike O'Connell says 15,000 men will be affected. All allied metal workers are expected to quit work. There is no prospect of the transportation department being crippled at present.

Third Vice-President Kendrick has expressed a determination to fight the strike to a finish.

Lockout at Topeka.

Topeka, Kan., May 2.—Eight hundred employees of the Santa Fe shops here were locked out this morning when they reported for work. A high tension encloses the plant. The men were taken by surprise.

"A Long, Bitter Fight."

Chicago, May 2.—Vice-President Wilson, of the Machinists' Union here, says "a bitter, long fight" is on the part of the company would have averted a strike. Now it will be a long and bitter fight. He believes the affiliated unions will take a hand.

Three Strikes in Chicago.

Chicago, May 2.—The May Day strikes here are comparatively unimportant, consisting of 1,700 picture frame workers, 1,000 boot and shoe workers and 500 hatters.

5,000 Out in New York.

New York, May 2.—With the exception of a strike of 5,000 wagon and carriage makers, the May Day labor situation of Gotham is one of peace this year.

All Quiet in New England.

Boston, May 2.—No serious labor disturbances in New England. Not for many years, has the labor situation been so peaceful.

Entire Band of Sheep Killed.

Lakewood, May 2.—A wolf has reached this city of the destruction of an entire band of sheep consisting of 2,300 head, belonging to Grube and Parker, living north of Silver Lake. The sheep were being driven into Nevada to the summer range, when they were met by a band of masked men, who tied the herders to a tree and shot every sheep in the herd to death. This makes 4,000 sheep that have been killed in that district this spring. The cattlemen are determined that Oregon sheep shall not cross the line into their summer ranges.

Frost Kills the Prunes.

C. M. Smith of Jefferson, is in the city today. Mr. Smith reports serious damage to the prune crop in the upper part of the county by the frost of last night. He says the fine orchard of E. N. Thomas is practically ruined for this year and other growers are of the opinion that the tree on low ground will not bear a pound of fruit. The Thomas fruit farm is one of the largest in the south end of Marion county and comprises about 40 acres of fine prune trees. A large crop was picked last year and the prospects 10 days ago were for another heavy yield. The frost, however, caused the bloom to drop and there is scarcely a live bud on the trees. The orchard is located on low land and it is thought that the hill farms are not affected as severely. If at all, because the frost did not appear to be as heavy on high ground.—Salem Journal.

WORLD'S FAIR AT ST. LOUIS WAS FORMALLY OPENED TODAY

Impressive But Simple Ceremonies, Concluded by Roosevelt Pushing the Button at Washington.

An Immense Crowd Listened to Several Addresses and Then Made a Rush for the Entrance—"All Nations' Parade" the Principal Feature of the Day—The Grounds Swarmed With Children, and the Weather and Other Conditions Are Very Agreeable and Auspicious—Machinery All in Perfect Running Order.

St. Louis, April 30.—President Roosevelt touched the electric button in Washington today. As he did so the report of a canon was heard here by the expectant multitude, flags unfurled as if by magic, avalanches of people poured down the cascades, the great engines in the machinery palace and power houses started throbbing—and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was open to the world.

The opening ceremonies were so simple and so plain that they were in perfect harmony with the motto of President Francis and his coadjutors, "The Exposition of the World." The President's address was a simple and fitting prelude to one of the most memorable events in American history. The dedication ceremonies, a year ago, were attended by a military pageant that was significant of the nation's prowess, and after the baptism of arms comes the sweet presence of art and science, and the formal opening today was marked by the absence of soldiers in uniform.

The place of rendezvous was the great plaza to the north of the Grand Basin and in the shadow of the imposing Louisiana Purchase monument. At 9 o'clock the board of directors of the fair, the members of the national commission, the board of lady managers and other officials met in the Administration building, where there was an interesting little ceremony as a prelude to the more important events of the day. This consisted of the reading of the report of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, which was read by the president of the fair, the members of the national commission, the board of lady managers and other officials met in the Administration building, where there was an interesting little ceremony as a prelude to the more important events of the day.

The band played, every one shook hands with his neighbor, with the notable present, and fairly motioned President Francis and the other officials and directors who had made the scene possible. Those who lingered at the speakers' stand heard the telegrams of congratulation exchanged between President Roosevelt and President Francis. The majority of the multitude, however, were up and gone, eager to see what the great exposition looked like now that it was really an accomplished fact.

"All Nations' Parade."
Following the conclusion of the opening ceremonies the denizens of "The Pike" had their "innings." There was a parade of all nations just to show the great gathering that the amusement feature of the exposition was open to the world and prepared to furnish entertainment to all comers for the next six months.

Every clime was represented in the picturesque pageant that wound about the exposition grounds, starting from the Administration plaza and marching and countermarching through the principal avenues of the city. Japanese and Cosacks walked side by side and subjects of the shah hobnobbed with citizens of the land of the white elephant. There were diminutive Filipinos and giant Patagonians, buxom matrons from the Alpine country and scantily clad South Sea Islanders, whose home is near the equator. There were people of all races, creeds and colors, to say nothing of a magnificent display of wild animals, lions that ride horseback, elephants that stand on their heads, and tigers, leopards and other beasts whose habitat is the jungle of India or Africa.

Incredible Number of Children.
This Pike parade was the event of the day for the children. But, as a matter of fact, the whole day was a great occasion for the rising generation. It seemed almost incredible that so many children could be got together even in a city the size of St. Louis, and the independent spirit among young America was manifested in the fact that most of the young people seemed to be accompanied by their parents or older persons. They swarmed through the big buildings, got themselves tangled up in the unexpected and unaccountable mazes of the Jefferson Guards' march, and they were everywhere at the interesting features of the exposition as any mature persons did.

The transfer of the exhibit palaces to F. J. V. Skiff, director of exhibits, was then made by Mr. Skiff delivering a brief address and was accompanied by a rousing reception for his invaluable work in making the exposition a success.

Carter's Address.
Addressed followed by Thomas H. Carter, president of the national commission; E. H. Harriman, speaking on behalf of the domestic exhibitors, and by representatives of the congressional and other committees that have had much to do with the affairs of the enterprise.

Taft's Address Was the "Hit."
As Secretary Taft stepped forward to deliver the oration of the day the volume of applause shook the very firmament, and it was at once seen that the multitude regarded the detail. Immediately upon the completion of the wire circuit into the exposition grounds the president was notified and he repaired to the East room, where there were assembled the justices of the United States supreme court, the members of the diplomatic corps, and a number of other guests of note.

The arrangements contemplated a prompt opening of the exposition at noon central time, but there were a few minutes delay making the final preparations. President Roosevelt stood at the key chatting with those about him. In the course of the conversation he expressed regret at his inability to be present at the opening of the exposition in person, but said that he hoped he might be able to visit the great fair later in the year.

A few minutes after 1 o'clock a message from President Francis saying that all was ready and requesting that the machinery of the exposition be started, was received by the St. Louis end and put in motion the whole of the exposition. A few minutes later a message of congratulation was sent by the president and a reply received from Mr. Francis saying that the program was carried out successfully and everyone was in a wild hurrah over the opening.

Japanese Win a Big Battle.
WASHINGTON RECEIVES CONFIDENTIAL NEWS.
Sixteen Thousand Japanese Made an Attack on a Much Larger Force of Russians, and Are Making Advances All Along the Line—Are Being Reinforced on the Scene of Battle.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—A heavy engagement on the Yalu is reported. Sixteen thousand Japanese crossed the river Thursday and attacked 20,000 strongly fortified Russians. It is rumored the Japanese were reinforced, and the battle continues. Japanese sharpshooters killed many Russian officers.

STRIKE INJUNCTION.

Santa Fe Resorts to the Courts Against Strikers.

Albuquerque, April 30.—On application of the Santa Fe, District Judge Baker has issued an injunction restraining the striking railroad shopmen from any more interference with employees of the company, or the movement or operation of the company's engines, cars and all other machinery and appliances. They are also enjoined from entering the company's right of way and other grounds and property.

CAPTAIN HEALY ARRESTED.

Charged With Embezzlement From An Alaskan Company.

Chicago, April 30.—Captain John J. Healy, ex-president of the Alaska Exploration Company, was started for New York this morning to answer a charge of alleged embezzlement of \$5,000, when his attorneys obtained a writ of habeas corpus and overruled the officials who were in the city before they reached the depot. Healy declares it is a joke.

FOUND DEAD.

Water Works Clerk at Toledo Shot in His Accounts.

Toledo, April 29.—Captain W. Martin, for 12 years tap clerk at the water works, confronted with the evidence a short time ago of a shortage of \$2,000, did not come to his office this morning. Later the bodies of Martin and his wife were found in a bedroom with the gas taps removed. Martin was a civil war veteran.

COFFEE TANK EXPLODED.

First Fatality Attending the St. Louis Exposition.

St. Louis, April 30.—By the explosion of a 50-gallon tank of coffee in the fair grounds this afternoon, four persons were seriously injured, and Charles Goodrich fatally so.

Steamers Collide.

Falmouth, April 30.—The steamers Cressy and Zaitpraj collided in a fog last night off here. The latter sank and 19 of her crew and the captain were drowned.

Bandmaster Injured.

St. Louis, April 30.—Bandmaster James, driving to the fair grounds this morning, was badly injured in a collision of his carriage with a trolley car. The day opens ideally fair.

Welcome Botkin Dead.

San Francisco, April 30.—Welcome Botkin, the divorced husband of Corinne Botkin, died this morning of heart disease.

Schooner Ashore.

Halifax, April 30.—The schooner Onora, from Porto Rico, is ashore on Dugan's reef this morning. All hands were lost.

IRON MOUNTAIN EXPRESS WRECK

EIGHT PERSONS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN KILLED.

Many More or Less Badly Hurt—Accident Occurred Twenty-eight Miles Out From St. Louis—Train Going Forty-five Miles an Hour Was Splintered.

Buffalo Liquor Dealers Will Fight for Repeal of Raines Law.

Buffalo, April 29.—In a statement given out by George W. Miller, president of the Buffalo Wine, Liquor and Beer Dealers' Association, it is announced that a fund of \$700,000 is being raised in the state to bring about a repeal of the Raines liquor law.

The statement was given out because of recent articles in the local press implying that the fund was for the corruption of city officials.

The statement in part is as follows: "Last January a meeting of the state executive committee was called to consider ways and means for the betterment of the retail liquor interests throughout the state. From this committee a sub-committee was selected. This sub-committee, together with the presidents of the local associations in the state met early in March.

"It was decided that a fund should be raised by levying an assessment of \$5 per month for a period of seven months, beginning with March, and that in March the assessment should be \$7, the additional \$2 to be used in defraying the expenses of collection.

"Our state membership is about 20,000, out of a total of 26,000 engaged in the retail liquor trade in this state. An assessment of \$5 per month for seven months is \$35; multiplied 20,000 times is \$700,000."

Walla Walla for Hearst.

Walla Walla, April 29.—A strong feeling among the delegates in favor of the nomination of W. R. Hearst and of endorsing the full silver platform was characteristic of the democratic county convention, which met in the court house yesterday afternoon.

Burned to Death.

Lansing, Mich., April 29.—Jerome Stiles, John Volin, Ransome Dingeman and John Roy were burned to death last night in the rooms in the Bryan block.

Heavier Appropriations.

Washington, April 29.—The grand total of congressional appropriations for the year 1904 is \$751,574,629, against \$753,058,506 the preceding year.

O. R. & N. HAS BROUGHT SUIT

Seeks Recourse From County for Strain's Alleged Excessive Assessment.

MANY CO-RESPONDENTS WITH THE ASSESSOR.

Company Denies the Justice of the Assessment and Alleges That Mr. Strain's Work Was Done Inaccurately and Without Regard to the Statutes—Has Employed Local Attorneys and Will Carry the Fight to the Supreme Court if Need Be.

The long expected tax fight by the O. R. & N. against the county to prevent the collection of, and in opposition to, the high assessment made on their property by C. P. Strain, was commenced in the circuit court this morning when Chas. H. Carter, W. W. Cotton and Arthur Spencer, attorneys for the company, filed a petition asking the court for a writ of review at the next term.

Umatilla county, the county court sitting for the transaction of county business and for the levying of taxes; G. A. Hartman, county clerk; J. P. Gilliland and Horace Walker, commissioners; W. D. Chamberlain, county clerk; and T. D. Taylor, sheriff and ex-officio tax assessor, were named as defendants in the suit.

The document filed covers 25 pages of typewritten manuscript, together with a copy of the assessment roll and maps and plats of the company's lines and possessions in the county. It contains descriptions of all the holdings of the company in the county, divided into the main line, the Spokane branch and the Walla Walla branch.

What the Company Alleges.
The company alleges as ground for asking for the writ, that the county court has no right or power to make a tax levy without first estimating the amount of money needed for county purposes and the amount of land and snow on the county, and entering in its determination therein, which action was not taken by the court.

That the order of the court in levying the taxes was null and void for the reason that it was not made at the regular meeting of the court, but at a special meeting subsequent to that time.

That there was no valid assessment roll before the court at the time of making the levy.

That the assessor failed to tabulate the properties of the company or make divisions, or to name boundaries, or describe land or to state acres, but "collected and threw together a mass of letters, figures and abbreviations which, when taken together or considered in separate parts, are entirely unintelligible and without meaning to anyone."

That the assessor failed to give notice to the owners of the meeting of the board of equalization, or publishing a notice in a paper, or by posting it as required by law.

That the board met after the statutory time had elapsed, and had no valid assessment before it at the time that it did meet.

For all of these reasons, and more, the company would ask the court to grant a writ of review, and to set aside the assessment, and to order the assessor to collect the taxes now claimed as due.

This is the initial proceeding of the company, which will take the issues up to the supreme court in an effort to secure the lowering of the assessment by Mr. Strain.

A. L. CRAIG WILL REMAIN.

Present O. R. & N. Official Will Remain in Charge of the Passenger Department.

The people of Eastern Oregon and especially those who live in Pendleton and Umatilla county are highly gratified by the announcement made in the Portland papers that A. L. Craig is to remain in Portland as general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. company, with the added duties of supervision of the passenger department of the Southern Pacific Oregon lines.

Mr. Craig has only been here a couple of years but in that time he has established his reputation as a business man of exceptional ability. He has made hundreds of friends all over the state and his Pendleton friends are more than pleased that he is not to be taken away from Oregon.

CHICAGO TRUCK DRIVERS.

Will Strike Unless They Get an Increase in Wages.

Chicago, April 29.—Upon the result of a conference proceeding this afternoon depends the strike of 1,000 truck drivers who demanded a readjustment of wages. Business interests will be plunged into chaos if the men go out. They demand one dollar advance weekly.

Partially Successful.

San Francisco, April 29.—The Greth airship made another partially successful flight today. The craft was sent up as a captive and made a number of satisfactory maneuvers. The engine, however, again failed.