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JAPS EFFECT ARMY MERGER

Their Investment of Country North of Port Arthur is Now Complete.

KUROPATKIN NOW IN PERSONAL COMMAND.
Reported That Another Attack on Port Arthur by Land and Sea is in Progress—Russians Turn Flank of the Japanese Advance in Central Manchuria—Marquis Oyama Appointed to Supreme Command of Jap Land Forces—World Correspondent Shot.

Tokio, June 23.—The advance guards of the army of Oku Nodsu have effected a conjunction near Kai Ping.

Attack on Port Arthur.
Chee Foo, June 23.—It is reported the Japanese made a determined land attack on Port Arthur Wednesday.

Kuropatkin in Charge.
Liao Yang, June 23.—Kuropatkin today assumed personal charge of the Russian army here.

Edward Emerson Shot.
New York, June 23.—The world has received a shock when a cablegram from its Far East correspondent, Edward Emerson, is reported shot by the Russians.

Japanese Defeat.
St. Petersburg, June 23.—Rumor is current this evening that the advance guard of the Russian army under Count Heller defeated the Japanese right flank in the direction of Feng Huang Chong.

Oyama in Command.
Tokio, June 23.—Marquis Oyama has been appointed to supreme command of the armies in the field.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS DISBAND.
Patriotic Oregon Organization Now Out of the Ring.

Portland, June 23.—Following in the wake of the state organization of Native Sons of Oregon, the Native Daughters of Oregon decided to drop their organization.

The grand council of the Native Daughters met in sixth annual session yesterday, and decided to drop the present organization and reorganize next September in a manner to be determined by the members.

Mrs. Julia A. Gault, president, recommended this change in her morning address to the delegates. The new organization will include in its membership the husbands of native daughters and the wives of native sons. The president, Mrs. Gault, Mrs. Welch, the past president, and Mrs. Mary Kuykendall were the recipients of appropriate jewel pins, presented by the members of the grand cabin.

WARNED OFF ROBBERS.
Was to Have Been Pulled Off Between Globe and Portland.

Portland, June 23.—The Northern Pacific through a source kept secret, received word that a party of robbers, overland express which left here at 1 this morning, would be held up between Globe and Portland and quieted at Spokane river, near Carlisle, near Winchester. The failure of any attempt to materialize leads to the belief that the robbers had conferred in Portland, where their means unknown, issue a warning.

New Rates Change Prices.
Because of the freight rates of the Pacific Steel & Wire company will have to quit jobbing from Spokane and go to Portland, said George A. Davis, the local representative of the company yesterday.

"It seems to me that the railroads have hurt Spokane worse than ever and the merchants are made to feel, here they were getting great concessions. We have shipped barbed wire, hog fencing and poultry fencing to Spokane river, in carload lots at \$1.10 a hundred pounds. Under the new schedule we are not allowed to mix our cars, but must ship straight cars, which in Idaho is a difficult matter. The rate on barbed wire remains the same, \$1.10 a hundred.

The rate for hog fencing is \$1.54 a hundred pounds, and poultry fencing is the same. This means an increase in the retail price of hog fencing of 25 cents a rod. We can ship the hog and poultry fencing to Portland for about \$1 a hundred and barbed wire for about 45 cents a hundred.—Spokane Press.

Killed by Lightning.
As the White Bird stage of last Thursday was passing down the Salmon river grade, lightning struck and killed the team of horses, one of them instantly. The stage continued, besides the driver, Dan Bell, Mrs. Leo Freidenrich and child, who were not hurt in the least, although Mr. Bell says he was slightly stunned. Another team was secured from a freighter and the journey was resumed. The team was an especially fine one, one of the horses being worth at least \$150.

Fred Karsten's mining camp near the Salmon river, west of Grandville was destroyed by the cloudburst that visited that section of the country last Thursday. He says that the water was 60 feet deep in the little canyon below him, and that it carried rocks that 20 horses could not budge.—Granville Standard.

PORTLAND MISSING.

Overdue Six Days With 200 Passengers Aboard.

Seattle, June 22.—The Nome liner Oregon, the first vessel out from the northern metropolis this season, reports the Alaska Commission Company Steamship Cortina has 200 passengers aboard, is six days overdue at Nome.

She left San Francisco for Nome May 21, and it is believed she is for the third time in as many years, caught in an ice pack in the endeavor to be the first to reach the northern port. Grave fears for the safety of the vessel and passengers. She is probably carried into the Arctic sea by the ice.

SLOCUM DISASTER.

Eight Hundred and Fifty Bodies Have Been Recovered.

New York, June 22.—At 9 this morning 850 bodies have been recovered, of which 725 have been identified. The morgue contains 92 of the 125 unidentified bodies.

The recovery of over 100 bodies is due to the use of explosives. After one shot from the field gun used, 16 bodies came floating to the surface.

The relief fund now aggregates \$80,000.

READY TO SWAP.

Money and Prisoners Will Be Exchanged in Short Time.

Washington, June 23.—A dispatch reached the state department this morning from General Gumbert, commander of the Japanese forces in Manchuria, that he has consented to act as intermediary in the release of Perdicaris and Varley and the transfer of the cash ransom.

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A SECTION TO EACH.

HOMESTEADERS IN NEBRASKA GET 640 ACRES.

Special Law in Fifth and Sixth Congressional Districts to Enable Settlers to Make a Living on Range Land—Cattle Magnates Had Fenced the Entire County—Over 7,000,000 to Come Under the New Law.

Seven million acres of land in central and western Nebraska are to be given away in homesteads of 640 acres each on June 28, when the Kincaid law, named after its author, congressman Kincaid, of Nebraska, will become effective.

Under the size of a homestead in any county of the Fifth and Sixth congressional districts of Nebraska will be increased from 160 to 640 acres.

Whether the land will go to settlers or will be turned over to the great cattlemen has been a question for many years here. The big cattlemen had fenced in areas as large as some states in these particular lands. When the effort was first made to drive them out they met all opposition, but in the end, under stress of indictments and menace of the federal penitentiary, they surrendered.

Federal marshals and deputies tore down many miles of fences though here are still great areas under fence concerning which legal questions remain.

Following the fencing scandal, an agitation started in favor of the 640 acre homestead act. It was urged that the big cattlemen, who had fenced in areas as large as some states in these particular lands, when the effort was first made to drive them out they met all opposition, but in the end, under stress of indictments and menace of the federal penitentiary, they surrendered.

The bill applies only to lands within two congressional districts, but of these there are more than 7,000,000 acres still belonging to Uncle Sam, Massachusetts and Rhode Island would not equal this tract in area.

RACE FOR WOMEN.

Spokane Fair Offers \$500 for Ladies' Relay at Coming Fair.

A purse of \$500 is offered this year by the management of the Spokane Interstate Fair Association for a ladies' relay race. Entries to this interesting event are open to all. It is the intent of the fair management to have different portions of the inland Empire represented and to this end, entries from many Eastern Washington counties are desired.

The ladies' relay race will be one of the novel features on the program for the Interstate fair this fall, October 3d to 9th.

The relay race may be a new idea to some and not familiar to the general public. The plan is to have this race last over a period of five days, four miles being covered each day by the contestants, who change horses at the end of each mile, the winner being the rider making the best time for the 20 miles. Each contestant is expected to furnish her own horses. Full particulars governing entries may be had from Manager Congrove.

Washington Pioneers in Session.
Seattle, June 22.—The Washington Pioneers' Association began its annual reunion this morning at Pioneer hall, near the Madison park pavilion, with about 500 members present. There are 800 members of the association.

The Oregon hop crop will amount to over 100,000 bales.

MINISTER SUSPENDED.

Charged With Attempted Outrage Upon Yung Girl.

Portland, June 22.—Rev. A. A. Englehard, a pastor in the German Evangelical church, was suspended from the ministry at a secret meeting of the conference May 12 as a result of the investigation of charges of an attempted outrage upon 15-year-old Louisa Vornpalt, at Canby, where he until recently held a pastorate.

PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

Trying to Secure an Early Trial for Mrs. Nan Patterson.

New York, June 22.—A formal plea of not guilty was made by Nan Patterson today, when she was arraigned charged with the murder of Cassius Young. Her counsel asked that the trial be held during July, but the court suggested that both sides confer and choose a date.

T. A. WOOD HONORED.

Veterans' Association Re-elected Him President.

Portland, June 22.—Despite the fact that with his son, Howard T. A. Wood was recently tried and convicted of fraudulently securing Indian war pensions, the latter was last night re-elected president of the Veterans' Association.

Portland Mine Opens.

Victor, Col., June 21.—The Portland mine resumed this morning with non-union men. The commission appointed by the military and Mine Owners Association was at the mine to pass on the eligibility of all applicants as barred from the property.

Guidesac Destroyed.

Spokane, June 21.—The entire business section of Guidesac, Idaho, was destroyed by fire yesterday evening. Loss, about \$30,000. The fire started in Zimawalt's store and is thought to have been of incendiary origin.

Nome Rates Cut.

Seattle, June 22.—A passenger rate war between the steamship companies in the Nome trade is threatened by the action of the Northwestern Steamship Company in establishing a 75 round trip rate, with tickets good until September 1. The present rate is \$100, and the cut is made under the aak of an excursion offer.

Vermont Democrats.

Burlington, Vt., June 22.—The Vermont democratic state convention was called to order here shortly after 9 o'clock this morning. The convention will select four delegates at large to the St. Louis national convention and also put in nomination a state ticket to be voted for at the September election. The sentiment of the convention appears to favor Judge Parker for the presidential nomination.

New Phones in Hospital Building.

Walla Walla, June 22.—A new and independent system of telephones has just been completed in the hospital building here. Every employee in the building has a signal, and every room is fitted with phones, so that it does away with the necessity of calling a person wanted. Every person has a signal, which he immediately answers on hearing.

Knocked Out in Fourth Round.

Lafayette, Ind., June 22.—Kid Parsons of Indianapolis, early this morning knocked out Julius Barry of San Francisco, in the fourth round, aboard the steamer Tecumseh down the river. City arrests followed.

San Domingan Elections.

San Domingo, June 22.—Moraless elected president and Caceres vice-president, and the revolution is ended, according to surface indications.

Hitt Has Heart Trouble.

Washington, June 22.—Congressman Hitt, of Illinois, suffering from a severe attack of heart trouble, but a reported better today.

Squadron to Greece.

Gibraltar, June 22.—Admiral Baring's battleship squadron left today for Greece.

883 MISSING FROM SLOCUM.

DISCOVERY OF BODIES PROCEEDS MORE SLOWLY.

Seven Hundred Seventy Have Been Identified—Authorities Have Undertaken a Systematic Canvass of the District in Effort to Make Complete Poll of Lives Lost—Twelve Funerals Were Held Today—Not Many Bodies Will Be Found.

New York, June 23.—The great bulk of the Slocum dead have been found, and the discovery of bodies proceeds more slowly. Up to 9 this morning the total was 883, of which 779 have been identified.

One hundred policemen today began to canvass the stricken district in an endeavor to compile a more accurate list of the missing.

Twelve funerals are arranged for today.

WILL CONTINUE STRIKE.
United Mineworkers Refuse to Give Up the Fight.

Pueblo, Col., June 23.—District No. 15, of the United Mine Workers of America, embracing Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico, voted this afternoon to continue the strike he gun last October.

All miners to whom concessions have been granted in Northern Colorado and other sections may be called out. A continuance of the strike is a prophecy of a coal famine.

The Oregon hop crop will amount to over 100,000 bales.

ROOSEVELT AND FAIRBANKS THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEES

New Jersey Forced the Roll Call on Roosevelt—Fairbanks Nominated by Acclamation.

Chicago, June 23.—This last and greatest day of the republican national convention was apothosis of the big show, the climax to which the events of the past two days have been the introduction. Today Theodore Roosevelt was nominated to succeed himself and Charles W. Fairbanks, senator from Indiana, was named as vice president.

With the candidates of the party selected the convention adjourned, the delegations dispersing to spread into every remote section of the country a contagious enthusiasm. The fever which was infused into them at this great gathering of leaders of the grand old party of protection.

This was a day of oratorical pyrotechnics. Some of the finest speeches in the ranks of the republican organization were heard in common chorus in praise of the men who are to lead the hosts to battle.

Elated by the events and speeches of the last two days, and eagerly anticipating the intellectual treat in store today, the delegates began to assemble in convention hall early this morning.

Because of the important work in hand the convention was called to order at 10. Half an hour before the galleries were filled as soon as the doors opened at 9 o'clock.

By the time Chairman Cannon called the assembly to order, nearly every standing seat was occupied, and hourly the galleries were filled with delegates. There was a larger proportion of ladies present than at either previous session, and their presence was a source of pleasure to the men.

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Roll Call on Nominations.
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RUSSIA MEETS WITH REVERSES

Misfortune Attends Her Arms, Both on the Sea and in Manchuria.

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Losses Two Destroyers and One Steamer Off Entrance to Port Arthur and Meets With Disaster Defeat in the Interior of Manchuria—Both Sides Are Concentrating Their Troops and Efforts in Land Movements in Desperate Precipitation Against Each Other.

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Russian Concentration.
Tokio, June 22.—Until the arrival of Marshal Oyama at Taku Shan, no serious advance will be made by the Japanese forces in Manchuria. This is a necessary because of Kuropatkin's concentration at Liao Yang.

Russians Lose a Battle.
St. Petersburg, June 22.—A severe attack was made on the Russian forces in Manchuria. The Russian casualties were 168 officers and 5000 men.

Water Rights—Says the Government Will Not Irrigate Large Private Holdings Adjacent to Government Projects—Insists on Care Being Taken to Prevent Fraud and "Booms" Under Government Plans.

T. A. Noble, chief engineer of the reclamation survey in the state of Washington, has written the following letter to the press of Washington regarding the objects and intents of the government in promoting the irrigation of the arid lands of the West.

The same wise objections concerning the speculation in water rights apply to the state of Oregon and the arid lands of the West.

"I would request that through your valuable paper you call the attention of those who are contemplating the acquisition of water rights in this state to the following facts:

"First—There is sufficient water to irrigate only a small portion of the arid lands in the vicinity of Coquille and Pasco.

"Second—The primary object of the government in promoting the irrigation of the arid lands of the West is to prevent the speculation in water rights and to prevent the boom in water rights which has been the result of the government's policy.

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