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RUSSIAN FLEET ANNIHILATED

Japanese Meet Vladivostok Squadron in Greatest Fight of the War.

RUSSIAN VESSELS SUNK.
DISABLED AND SCATTERED.

The Rurik is Lost, the Rossi and the Grombol Disabled From Terrible Japanese Fire, Flee to Safety Only to Be Attacked in a Second Sea Fight Today—Over Six Hundred Russian Sailors Rescued From Sinking Ships—Japanese Lose Two Killed, Seven Wounded—Russians Lose Two Fortresses Outside Port Arthur.

Tokio, Aug. 15.—Additional details of Kamimura's defeat of the Vladivostok squadron reached here today. He met the Russians 100 miles from Utsun, at 3 o'clock Saturday morning. The Japanese fleet rushed in to battle. The fighting was continuous until 10:30, when it was seen that the Rurik was in trouble. The Rossi and the Grombol were fired from the Japanese shells, but the Russians mastered the flames.

Both boats were heavily damaged. Small boats from the Japanese squadron saved 450 of the Rurik's crew. Three hundred of the crew were killed or drowned, while two Japanese sailors were killed and seven wounded. Only one Japanese ship was hit.

Second Sea Fight Raging.
Washington, Aug. 15.—A report has been received at the state department that another naval battle is in progress off Port Arthur. The Russian warships were driven back after the late battle and made another dash for liberty early this morning. The remnants of Togo's fleet which was on guard, intercepted them.

Two Fortresses Won by Japs.
St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—A dispatch reports that the Japanese after a furious attack on Taku Shan, in the Wolf mountains, outside Port Arthur on the night of August 10, were repulsed at every point. On August 9, after four days' bombardment, the fortresses of Taku Shan and Sayoung Shan, on the Russian eastern front, were captured by the Japanese.

General Battle Begun.
Washington, Aug. 15.—Consul General Fowler, at Chee Foo, under today's date cables the state department that it is rumormongered that a naval attack on Port Arthur was begun this morning. He adds that the Russian cruiser Novik, and three destroyers have reached Chee Foo.

Over 600 Russians Reduced.
Washington, Aug. 15.—The state department has received a telegram from the consul at Nagasaki, stating that 600 survivors of the Russian cruiser Rurik, have been landed at Sasebo, 100 of them wounded.

China Charged With Complicity.
Washington, Aug. 15.—Nathan Conger, at Peking, informs the state department that the Russian minister there has sent the Chinese government a strong note charging complicity in the Russian defeat. Also charging the Chinese with complicity with cowardice and treason and demanding a full explanation, restoration of the destroyed and severe punishment for the commander. The Chinese government has demanded from the Japanese the restoration of the destroyer.

ATTEMPTED WRECK.
Three Boys Pile Ties on O. R. & N. Track Near Hilgard.

La Grande, Aug. 15.—Three young boys of this city, all belonging to highly respected families, are under arrest for attempting to wreck a train by piling ties on the O. R. & N. track near Hilgard yesterday afternoon.

The boys are J. N. Young, aged 17; George Ackles, aged 16, and C. G. Stutz, aged 16. They were on a hunting trip yesterday and were caught by the section foreman. Steel spur, in the act of piling a large number of old ties across the track. A freight train was stopped before it reached the obstruction and no damage resulted. The boys will have a hearing this evening.

PORTLAND POLICE SCANDAL.

Charges Against the Department Which May Result in a Special Grand Jury.

Portland, Aug. 15.—Owing to scandals growing out of the arrest of the thieves who stole a large quantity of valuable furs from a Portland furrier, a special grand jury for the investigation of the actions of Detectives Day, Kerrigan and Snow, and it is alleged of Chief Hunt, himself, is a possibility.

It is alleged that threats of a heavy sentence were made against one of the fur thieves, if he did not confess. This threat would be contempt of the court, having the sentencing power, if made, and for this reason an investigation may be ordered.

"Prophet" Dowle saved three drowning women at Grand Rapids, Mich., Sunday morning. Their yacht had capsized, and the Zionist being near at hand, pulled them out of the water.

MAYOR HARRISON WILL END STRIKE

Business Conditions in Chicago Are Fast Becoming Intolerable.

MERCHANTS HAVE PLEDGED \$100,000 STRIKE FUND.

Packers Are Insolent and Say the Strike is Now Over and They Have Nothing to Arbitrate—Mayor Harrison Summons Donnelly and Representative of the Packers to Meet Him—Rioting at Omaha Results in Fatal Injury to a Policeman—Outlook Is Ominous.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Representatives of the Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers met Mayor Harrison today and informed him of their futile efforts, and asked him to use his influence to settle the strike. They said business is at a standstill and conditions intolerable. Harrison agreed to consult the leaders of both sides with a view to arranging another conference.

Packers Are Insolent.
Chicago, Aug. 15.—Notwithstanding rumors regarding negotiations pending between the representatives of the strikers and the packers, the latter are making no overtures from the packers looking to peace.

The packers consider the strike over and now a closed incident and the action of the packing house teamsters in refusing to return until the strikers are reinstated indicates no immediate prospects of breaking the strike.

Business Men Pledged to Strikers.
Chicago, Aug. 15.—The police began a rigid enforcement of the order against picketing this morning, making 15 arrests. Donnelly denies all rumors that a settlement is in sight. South side business men met this morning and formed an association to aid strikers and will attempt to raise \$100,000 for relief in the next two weeks if the strike is not settled.

Mayor Summons Chiefs.
Chicago, Aug. 15.—Mayor Harrison has requested Edward Tilden, of Libby, McNeill & Libby, and Donnelly to meet him at his office. The time is not yet fixed.

Rioting at Omaha.
Omaha, Aug. 15.—Thirty strike breakers were stoned by a mob in Sheehey suburbs this morning, and one policeman was probably fatally injured.

WOULD OWN OLD GUN.

Walla Walla Post G. A. R. Applies for Pacific Coast Relic.

Walla Walla, Aug. 14.—Abraham Lincoln Post No. 4, Grand Army of the Republic, of this city, has made application to the war department for a large sea coast gun, now at Fort Mason, Cal. The ordinance was used at Fort Monroe during the civil war and was afterwards brought West to defend the Pacific coast.

The government has of late been presenting Grand Army posts with the old guns. The one to come to Walla Walla will be mounted on a marble base at the proposed city park and the names of the old soldiers inscribed on its base.

LOCAL OPTION IN MARION.

First Petition Filed at Salem Under the Local Option Law Passed at the Recent State Election.

Salem, Aug. 15.—The first local option petition filed in the state under the new law, was filed in Salem Saturday, for an election in Sublimity and Stayton precincts, Marion county.

The precincts lie contiguous to Salem, and are composed of farming districts almost exclusively, and the petition is said to represent the bulk of the population of the combined precincts.

PORTLAND PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Seven Inmates of County Jail Dig Through Wall and Get Away.

Portland, Aug. 15.—Seven prisoners confined in the main cell of the county jail made their escape last night by cutting their way through a brick wall to the staircase leading from the jail to the sheriff's office, thence through the window into the street.

NO POMP AT FUNERAL.

Waldec-Rousseau Burial Was a Simple, Democratic Affair.

Paris, Aug. 13.—A vast throng attended the funeral services of Waldec-Rousseau, former premier, at St. Clotilde, today. The body lay in the center of the church surrounded by candles. There were no flowers, in accordance with the wishes of the deceased. The interment was at Mont Martre cemetery.

Dissolve Australian Parliament.
Melbourne, Aug. 13.—Premier Watson has asked the governor general to dissolve the Australian parliament. The request is due to the defeat of the government Wednesday on the question of labor arbitration.

Will Vacate L'Hassa.
London, Aug. 12.—Indian Secretary Broderick, in the house of commons, stated that it is the intention to vacate L'Hassa immediately. Terms have been arranged. Russia is fully advised and has agreed to England's plan.

GEORGIA CITIZENS DISPENSE JUSTICE TO MURDERERS.

Fifteen Negroes Who Murdered the Entire Hodges Family Three Weeks Ago, Meet an Awful Fate at the Hands of the People—Mob Cut All Wires Before Beginning the Lynching—Seven Members of the Hodges Family Killed With an Axe in the Most Brutal and Cold-blooded Manner One Victim a One-year-old Babe.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 15.—It is reported from Statesboro this morning that 15 negroes were lynched by a mob at 4 o'clock this morning. The negroes were accused of murdering the Hodges family three weeks ago. The mob cut the wires before beginning the lynching. The murder of the Hodges family was one of the most brutal and revolting in the history of the South. The murderers entered the home and killed the entire family with an axe.

The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, a grown niece and four children. The floor of the home was covered with blood, the horribly mutilated bodies being scattered through the rooms where the fiends had overthrown them.

One of the children was a babe a year old.

Negro Is Not Hanged Yet.
Atlanta, Aug. 15.—One thousand armed men have charge of the 15 negroes reported mobbed this morning.

The trial of the negroes is being held in the woods and they will all be hanged as soon as the formality of the trial is over. Two companies of troops are being rushed to the scene and a clash is expected.

Firemen Seriously Injured.
Minneapolis, Aug. 13.—Eight firemen were seriously injured by a falling stairway in a fire which gutted the Printers' Exchange Building this morning. Loss, \$100,000.

WALLA WALLA TAKES AN ADVANCE STEP.

County, City and Blalock Fruit Company Will Join in Building a Two-Mile Stretch of Model Country Road Under Government Expert James W. Abbott—First Good Roads Movement in the Inland Empire.

Walla Walla, Aug. 15.—At a conference held Saturday by the county commissioners, J. Z. Smith, of the city council street committee, Herbert McArthur and W. S. Offner, it was definitely decided to have two miles of sample road built by the government expert.

The articles of agreement will be drawn up today and will be signed by the persons interested pledging themselves to pay their proportionate part of the expenses that will be incurred.

As had been outlined at a previous meeting the city will pay for the road commencing at Sixth street to the city limits.

The county will then bear the expenses for one mile and the Blalock Fruit Company and W. S. Offner bear the remainder of the distance to the Blalock fruit farm.

MURDERERS TO BE SHOT.

Mexicans Who Killed Two Americans to Pay Death Penalty.

El Paso, Aug. 12.—Commandant Torre and two policemen who killed Edward Lattimore and Clarence Way, two Americans, are sentenced to be shot. Influential relatives secured a stay, but the execution will probably follow as sentiment against them is high.

Cattle Ready for the Rush.
Prominent cattle men of the Northwest predict that a glut of the cattle market will immediately follow the announcement that the Chicago packing house strike is over. It is said that as soon as the official announcement of the end of the strike is made, hundreds of cars of cattle and sheep will be loaded from all points in Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota. This will be especially true of the last two named states in case the strike is ended within a short time. If it lasts several weeks longer, the stock from all three states will be run in simultaneously. Although some shipping is now being done from Wyoming and South Dakota, it is only a drop in the bucket compared with the enormous amount of stock to be marketed—Bette Miner.

Surveying New Road.
The preliminary survey of the Sumpter-Bonanza railroad was started yesterday afternoon under the charge of P. A. Green, the engineer who came in a few days ago with J. M. Van Berg, of Lincoln, who is interested in the financial end of the proposition. Mr. Van Berg and party left Sunday for Pendleton to have a look at the country, but will return in a few days.

The survey is to be completed just as soon as possible, and if no local contingency arises, it is understood that actual construction will start as soon as the preliminary work is completed.—Sumpter Miner.

Isaac Gravelle, the Northern Pacific dynamiter, counsel in the Helena jail, made a bold dash for liberty Thursday night. Grabbing a pistol from a Koriek, a deputy, he shot Koriek, and fled into the street, where he had a pistol duel with deputy. Seeing that escape was impossible, he blew out his brains, falling against the fence around Governor Toole's house.

Russian Heir Is Robust.
St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—Dr. Yott, the imperial accoucheur, today reports the czarina and son doing well.

Porte Must Answer or Diplomatic Relations Will Be Broken.
London, Aug. 13.—A dispatch from Constantinople states that Lelichmann had an interview with Foreign Minister Tewfik Pasha to renew the request for the immediate settlement of American demands.

In the matter of side tracks, the assessment was reduced from \$3000 a mile to \$2000. The railway companies requested a reduction to \$5250 a mile the same as last year.

TURKISH CRISIS TODAY.

As a result of the successful outcome of his notification speech his friends are urging Parker to make a few campaign speeches, and he is inclined to yield to this suggestion.

Esopus, Aug. 12.—Parker is incensed at the newspaper stories which deviated from the printed speech to announce that he put stress upon his gold views for the purpose of gaining the support of Wall street. He emphatically denies the extemporaneous speech, but is willing to lose any vote turned from him because of his stand on the financial question.

The Japanese force now opposing Kuropatkin, numbers about 300,000 men.

WOMEN, CHILDREN AND PRIESTS ARE EVACUATING PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Emperor Asked the Non-Combatants to Leave in the Interest of Humanity.

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Tokio, Aug. 12.—Field Marshal Yamagata, chief of the general staff, has directed Field Marshal Oyama to permit women, priests, merchants, diplomats and officers of neutral powers to leave Port Arthur. The order was inspired by the emperor in the interest of humanity.

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TO SURVEY WESTERN KANSAS.

Investigating the Underflow for Irrigation Purposes.

Wichita, Kas., Aug. 12.—Elwood Mead of Washington, chief of the irrigation investigation in the department of agriculture, says that he has ordered Mr. Wright, his deputy, to make a survey of Western Kansas with a view of ascertaining the feasibility of raising the underflow for irrigation purposes.

That survey will be made at once. Should the plan prove reasonable in cost an experiment will be made to determine whether or not it is practicable. Mr. Wright has been in Garden City since early summer making experiments in pumping.

Work on Great Southern.

The Dallas, Aug. 12.—Another large force of men began work on the Great Southern railway last week. The company having let a contract for grading between The Dallas and Seaford's place, several miles south of the Columbia. The company is pushing its work as rapidly as possible in an effort to have the road completed so that this year's grain crop can be hauled out.

How Teachers Spend Money.
Salem, Aug. 13.—What promises to be the most unique circular ever issued by a state superintendent, will be soon issued by Superintendent Ackerman. It will be entitled, "A Circular of Information," and will be nothing more nor less than a statement of earnings, expenses and savings of Oregon school teachers.

To Keep Peace in Mayti.
Washington, Aug. 12.—Admiral Sigsbee, commander of the Caribbean squadron, has been ordered to send the Dives to Gonzales and Jerome. Hayti, for the purpose of protecting the lives of Americans and foreigners threatened in the uprisings.

Portland's Deficit.
Portland, Aug. 12.—Portland's city government is up against a hard proposition. The auditor estimates that there will be a deficit of nearly \$25,000 this year if expenses are not materially reduced.

General Peraza Kills Civil Governor and Starts a Revolution.
New York, Aug. 12.—A rumor is current among Venezuelan residents of this city that General Peraza, civil governor of the state of Falcon, if West Venezuela, has been killed by General Peraza, commanding the military forces of that department.

Peraza then fled to the mountains and with 1000 men will start a revolution against Castro. There is no official report from the Venezuelan consulate.

Oregon Cherries Lead.
Union, Aug. 12.—C. M. and G. G. Stankland, of the Cove, Union and Co., received first premium, during the past week, for their cherries on exhibition at the St. Louis fair, of the King and Royal varieties. Stankland and brothers, as well as all the other growers of cherries are highly elated over this bit of good news as they are justly entitled to be. The honor, as well as the advantage from a commercial point of view is of incalculable importance. The grading was 100 in each instance.

To Force Eight Hour Day.
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San Francisco, Aug. 12.—The ship Spartan, from Bellingham, Wash., arrived today with First Mate, Holmstrom, in command, Captain F. S. Brem having jumped overboard on the morning of May 5. The body was recovered 15 minutes later and buried at sea. It is said he had been suffering from sickness.

Wreck Kills Three.
Defiance, O., Aug. 12.—A Baltimore and Ohio switch engine ran into a trolley at noon and three were killed and three injured. The dead are: Helen Tebenberg, of Cleveland; Roland Gaede and Helen Gaede, of Defiance.

Aberdeen Ravaged by Fire.
Aberdeen, Scotland, Aug. 13.—A fierce fire is raging in the tenement district and the damage already exceeds a million dollars at noon.

CATTLE MUST BE DIPPED.
Dr. Hutchinson Finds "Scabies" in Large Herd at Eugene.

Government Stock Inspector Hutchinson was in Eugene yesterday afternoon and condemned a band of 120 head of cattle, which were ready for shipment to Montana, on account of an infection, called "scabies," says the Eugene Guard.

According to the law, cattle infected in any way cannot be shipped from one state to another. Another government head at Oakland and one of 175 head at Halsey were also condemned and cannot be shipped.

The announcement that the cattle were infected could not be shipped came as a thunderbolt to J. N. Burgess, the gentleman who had bought the cattle and was under contract to deliver them to the government on an Indian reservation in Montana.

"Scabies" is a new disease to local cattle men. It appears on the skin of the cow and is not discernible unless a close examination is made.

Dark scabs about the size of a dime are seen underneath the hair and are found on various parts of the body. The stock inspector says the disease is found all over Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and doubtless has existed for years.

Demographic Headquarters.
Taggart Will Have Western Offices and Chicago.

Indianapolis, Aug. 13.—It is learned by phone from Chairman Taggart from New York, that the western headquarters of the democratic committee will be opened here. Taggart will also have a Chicago office. Active work will be begun on September 1.

Mrs. Maybrick Sails.
Brussels, Aug. 13.—It is reported from Antwerp that Mrs. Maybrick sailed under an assumed name for the United States today.

RIOTING BEGINS AMONG STRIKERS

Non-Union Firemen Caught Outside the Line and Badly Beaten.

MAYOR HARRISON WILL ATTEMPT MEDIATION.

Police Lines Are Strengthened to Protect Drivers—Crowds of Union Butchers Jeer and Stone the Non-unionists—Strike Board in Session—Donnelly Says Even Yet That the Strikers Will Deal With the Obdurate Packers if a Settlement Can in Any Way Be Reached.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—As a result of the packers' determination to move wages regardless of the pickets' threats, much rioting is anticipated today.

The police lines are being strengthened and are being sent to the various points. Hundreds of strikers followed two wagons bound to down town markets, jeered at the drivers and threw stones at them. Non-union drivers, employees of Swift's, were caught outside of the guard lines and badly beaten.

The union strike board is in session this morning, and are outlining their position in the case. Mayor Harrison consents to mediate in compliance with the request of the retail dealers.

Mayor Harrison Will Mediate.
Mayor Harrison has consented to meet a committee of the Retail Meat and Grocers' Association Monday to consider a plan to mediate the meat strike.

While Donnelly does not look for a settlement on account of the attitude of the packers, he today reiterated that the strikers are willing to make concessions in regards to the period of reinstatement.

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