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NON-COMBATANTS ORDERED FROM VLADIVOSTOK.

Immediate Attack by Land and Sea Upon Eastern Seaport is Anticipated—Russia in Sore Need, Withdraws 12,000,000 Pounds Sterling From English Banks—Exhausted Soldiers of the Russian Army Refuse to Retreat Further—Japanese Armies Shell the Retreating Forces From All Sides—Japs Attack Port Arthur Defenses.

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Nicholas at Cronstadt. St. Petersburg, Sept. 8.—Emperor Nicholas left for Cronstadt today to inspect the Baltic fleet.

Exhausted Soldiers Refuse to Go. Rome, Sept. 8.—The Agency Libera asserts that several Russian regiments of troops have refused to continue the march to the north, beyond Mukden, as they are completely overcome by fatigue.

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GOOD WHEAT PROSPECTS.

Observant Miller Says Demand is Going to Be Strong. New York, Sept. 8.—Senator W. D. Washburn, of Minnesota, the famous flour mill owner, who returned from Europe last night, has studied the crop situation on the continent and says the summer past was the warmest and driest ever known, and as a result the grain crops and garden stuffs are badly injured, and the wheat crop most of all.

FIRES UNABATED.

One Man Reported Dead and Two Seriously Burned. Santa Cruz, Sept. 8.—Forest fires are still unabated. Two men were seriously burned in the destruction of a mill near Boulder creek. It is reported that another man was burned to death. The mill loss will be \$25,000. The summer home of John Foster, valued at \$10,000, is destroyed. Other smaller structures are also wiped out. The fire is sweeping over a line eight miles long.

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PARKER MAKES FELICITOUS SHORT ADDRESS. Compares Expenses Under Republican Administration With Those Under Cleveland—Answers Assertion That Republicans Are Especially Cut Out to Rule—Roosevelt Found Millions of Surplus in Treasury and Now Has a Deficit of \$400,000,000—Says the People Will Call a Halt Now if Truthfully Advised of the Situation.

Esopus, Sept. 8.—A delegation of 350 democratic editors arrived on the steamer St. John at 11:20 this morning. They took a special train from New York, and were transferred to the boat at Hyde Park.

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Banks Must Furnish Reports. Washington, Sept. 8.—The comptroller of currency has issued a call for a report on the condition of national banks at the close of business on Tuesday, September 6.

GENERAL STRIKE LIKELY.

The Striking Employees of the Packing Houses in a Hopeless Muddle. Chicago, Sept. 8.—The plan to call a "general strike" and declare all meat "unfit" is under consideration by the allied trades conference board and stockyards strikers today.

ALLIED TRADES HOLD OFF FOR ARBITRATION.

Vote at Kansas City is 1551 to 120 Against Peace—Vote in Detail at Chicago Will Be About 4800 to 2800 For Continuance of the Strike—No Provision in Peace Terms for Unskilled Workmen is the Cause of Continue War—Result is a Surprise to All.

KNIGHTS GOING HOME.

Will Elect Officers and Choose Next Meeting Place Today. San Francisco, Sept. 8.—The most important session of the grand encampment of the Knights Templar began this morning, the first order of business being the selection of the new convalescing city. This will be followed by the selection of officers.

Saratoga Springs Selected.

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—Saratoga Springs is selected as the next meeting place of the convalescing. The date of the next meeting will be the second Wednesday in July, 1907.

LOOKING FOR THUGS.

Bloodhounds on the Trail of Two Fiends Who Threw Acid in Girl's Face. Chicago, Sept. 8.—A thousand citizens are scouring Evanston and neighborhood for a trace of two men who invaded the residence of Miss Mackerson's face. So far the search is unavailing. Mr. Crawford has sent for a brace of English bloodhounds. The girl was prominent in Evanston and Chicago society.

Negro Murderer Hanged.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 8.—Ed Hudson, colored, convicted of the murder of Minerva Williams, also colored, was hanged here today. He went to the gallows smoking a cigar.

PORTAGE HELD UP BY DEPARTMENT.

MAY NOT ACCEPT LAND CON. TAINING PORTAGE TRACKS. Major Langfitt Applied to Secretary Taft for the State Portage Commission to Know if the Government Would Permit the Construction of the Portage on Canal Right of Way—Answer of Taft is Evasive and Leaves Commission in the Dark—May Not Accept Right of Way Encumbered With Portage Tracks.

According to a special from Washington to the Oregon Daily Journal, Secretary Taft, of the war department, says the government desires a deed to the canal right of way, before making any statement as to the feasibility of the portage road being built up on the canal right of way.

This statement from Secretary Taft is a result of correspondence with Major Langfitt, of the port of Portland, who has made known the wishes of the state portage commission, to the government. Major Langfitt, at the request of the commission, asked the war department if there would be any objection to the portage road being built partly on the ship canal right of way, and Taft made the reply that the government had nothing to say until formally presented with the right of way.

So this reply from the war department leaves the state portage commission in the dark, as to the probability of the government accepting the portage. If the commission proceeds with the portage on the right of way now being secured for the ship canal, it may prevent the canal right of way, encumbered with the portage tracks.

Until the entire right of way for the ship canal is secured and presented to the government, and a formal reply is received from the war department, as to allowing the portage on this right of way, the people of Oregon do not know whether the government will permit the construction of the portage where the state commission intends to build it.

While the right of way is amply sufficient to accommodate both the portage and the canal, the government may not accept a right of way for the canal, if the portage is built there before the government accepts it.

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Santa Cruz, Sept. 7.—Two immense forest fires are raging here, one on Ben Lamond mountain, where valuable timber is being destroyed, and the other on High Creek. Half a mile of the High Creek flume is gone and Santa Cruz is without electric railway service and power on that account.

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ROBBED FELLOW PASSENGERS.

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FOR KILLING QUAIL.

Three Walla Walla Sportsmen Arrested for Violation of Law. Walla Walla, Sept. 7.—A warrant was sworn out in Justice Huffman's court this morning by Game Inspector Frank Morse for Clem Masterson, F. H. Morris and A. McMillan for shooting and having in their possession two quail.

SHAM BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

Third Battle of Bull Run Being Fought in Virginia Today. Gainesville, Va., Sept. 6.—The third battle of Bull Run began at midnight with the placing of outposts by General Buller's army of hovers at Thoroughfare and the throwing out of an advance guard by General Grant's army of blues stationed at Manassas. The hours between midnight and dawn were occupied by Grant in placing artillery in advantageous positions for an attack on the blues. Firing from the big guns was begun at long range shortly after daylight, followed by infantry skirmishes, then general fighting all along the line.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 7.—Judge A. Henton, of Robberson City, was nominated for governor by the democratic state convention today on the first ballot.

CONFERENCE HAS ADJOURNED.

REV. ROBERT WARNER RETURNS TO PENDLETON. Committee Appointed to Consider the Establishment of an Academy at Some Point in the Conference District—Beautiful Tribute to Retiring Presiding Elder Brown—More Help for Aged Ministers and Families.

RIVER STEAMER ACCEPTED.

"Mountain Gem" Now Ready for Snake River Traffic. Lewiston, Sept. 6.—The United States inspecting of bulkhead boilers have accepted the Mountain Gem steamboat, just completed for the run between Lewiston and Eureka, on the upper Snake river.

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