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NAVAL BATTLE IN PROGRESS

Russian Fleet Made Desperate Sortie and Encountered the Japanese.

FAILURE OF ATTEMPT TO RUN THE BLOCKADE. Fleet of Eight Chinese Junks Organized to Carry Arms and Provisions to Port Arthur—Japanese Fire on a British Vessel and Capture It—Much Skirmishing in Manchuria with Little Resulting from It—Russians Report Importation of Captives—Kuropatkin Will Make Winter Headquarters at Mukden.

Fired at British Vessel. Chee Foo, Oct. 6.—The British steamer, Chemar arrived from Taku, reports that last night, when 60 miles west of Misato Islands, a Japanese cruiser fired a shot which narrowly missed striking the vessel. The vessel was then boarded but was at once released.

Secure Japanese Arms. Harbin, Oct. 6.—Refugees who succeeded in reaching here declare that the garrisons at Port Arthur have taken 20,000 rifles, besides ammunition, from Japanese soldiers fallen in the attacks on the strongholds.

No Change in Situation. St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—General Sakhoff reports today that Tuesday passed with no change in the situation. Skirmishes occurred at Hsinpu between our outposts and four companies of Japanese infantry. One squadron of cavalry reinforcements and outflanking movement was ordered, compelling the Japanese to retire to Tadusampo with considerable loss. In the evening a detachment of Cassack approached within four miles of the Yental mines and met four squadrons of Japanese with three companies of infantry. The Japanese retired. Our force reconnoitered the Japanese position and returned, having lost one killed and three wounded. Two Japanese were taken prisoners.

Attempt to Run Blockade Failed. Tokin, Oct. 6.—The Japanese fleet, off Port Arthur today, captured a junk laden with provisions which was trying to enter the harbor. Statements of the crew indicate the existence of a fleet of 50 junks, organized to run the blockade from the vicinity of Taingtan. The junks were to enter at night, the Russian guns and mines given them the advantage over the vessels of the blockading fleet.

Will Winter at Mukden. St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—A telegram from Mukden asserts that Kuropatkin has ordered his troops to prepare for winter quarters at Mukden. This indicates that Kuropatkin thinks the danger of a successful attack on the city by the Japanese is remote.

Torpedo Boats Damaged. St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—According to a telegram from Chee Foo, three Japanese torpedo boats were damaged off Chee Foo during the storm yesterday evening.

W. & C. R. ELECTS OFFICERS. Old Officers All Re-elected and Condition of the System is Prosperous.

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FIRST AWAKENING OF THE BETTER CLASSES. Fiery Orators, Priests, Bishops, Prelates and Former Filipino Politicians Will Address the Meeting—Call for the Meeting Says the Islanders Must Awaken to Their Interests—Are Being Considered by Best Elements in American Society—Priests Deeply Interested—Extra Force of Troops Will Be at Hand to Keep Order.

Manila, Oct. 6.—Fiery orators will speak to a mass meeting of Filipinos Sunday, called for the purpose of advocating the independence of the islands.

The call for the meeting says: "It would be inexplicable an even improper for the Filipinos to fold their arms and remain passive at a time when the very best elements of American society are working ardently in behalf of our native land may attain its ambition."

Churches Are Identical. Archbishop of Canterbury Says Closer Union is Needed.

London, Oct. 6.—The Archbishop of Canterbury today addressed the house of deputies of the Episcopal general sessions. He said the paramount necessity was to work for the family and home relations between the English and the American churches.

NEW JETTY HAS MADE A DEEPER CHANNEL. Passage Is Scouring Out and Soon the Largest Vessels Can Enter the Columbia Without Peril—Work on the Jetty Will Be Discontinued Because of the Dense Fog—Dredging Will Continue Until Rough Weather.

Portland, Oct. 6.—Results of the extension of the government jetty at the mouth of the Columbia are already apparent in the increasing depth of water upon the bar. The scour produced by the jetty is steadily slicing off the top of the bar, so that recent soundings are said to give materially better depth than those taken a year ago.

Minnie Harming Kills Herself in Presence of Young Brothers and Sisters—Fearing It Would Cause a Shock to the Mother, the Thoughtful Boy Cut Down the Body—Possibility Supposed to Be the Murderer—Boy Confessed to His Sister's Suicide in Time to Save the Peddler.

Chicago, Oct. 6.—From the confession of John Harming, a brother of 15-year-old Minnie Harming, who was believed to have been murdered in her father's barn near Palatine, Wednesday, it developed today that the girl hung herself to a rafter in the barn.

Portland, Oct. 6.—The Boise people are up against the famine and from the present indications the refrigerator in private houses will remain as only a pleasant memory of the hot summer days.

Spokane, Oct. 6.—O. Lund, state committee man of the socialist party, received a communication today from William Mally, national secretary, saying that Benjamin F. Hartford, the socialist candidate for vice-president, could be in Spokane October 25.

Washington, Oct. 6.—The case of William Randolph Hearst against the anthracite coal roads which was assigned for a hearing before the interstate commerce commission at Chicago, on the 11th, has been transferred to New York for hearing October 24.

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Should the United States decline to become a party to the proposed arbitration of the Panama canal zone, it is believed that at least have published to the world its case.

PARKER DECLINES TO SPEAK. Candidate Will Not Take the Stump in the Campaign.

New York, Oct. 6.—In a statement issued this morning from the national democratic quarters, Chairman Taggart announced that Parker has fully determined, after carefully considering the matter, not to go on the stump.

Young Chinese Politicians. San Francisco, Oct. 6.—Native Sons of the Golden State is the name given to a new organization of Chinese young men. Although using the name of Native Sons, the Chinese party has no connection whatever with the original organization.

Peace Congress Elects. Boston, Mass., Oct. 6.—Robert Treat Paine, of Boston, was today elected president of the International Peace Congress, and Benjamin G. Trueblood, of Boston, was re-elected secretary.

Two Burned to Death. New York, Oct. 6.—In a fire which partially destroyed a coal barge at the foot of Conover street, Brooklyn, this morning, Patrick Harrington and Joseph Zeasner were burned to death and Captain Gartin was seriously burned.

Union Teamsters Strike. Cincinnati, Oct. 6.—All the union coal teamsters of the city went on a strike this morning for an increase of wages and recognition of the union.

BOYS' CONFESSION CLEARS MYSTERY. WAS THOUGHT TO BE A HORRIBLE MURDER.

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Chicago Wheat Prices. Chicago, Oct. 6.—December wheat opened at 11 1/4 and closed at 11 1/4. May opened at 11 1/4 and closed at 11 1/4.

No Local Sales. Wheat on the local market is not quoted today. There have been no sales for several days. Club is about 72 cents and bluestem 77 cents.

PEACE CHAMPION WAS WHIPPED

International Peace Congress Postmaster General and Influential Politician Passes Away.

Boston, Oct. 4.—Hon. W. R. Cremer, member of parliament, leader of the British delegation to the Peace Conference and winner of the Nobel prize for promoting universal peace, was today "kicked" by the user at Tremont Temple yesterday.

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PEHELPS ORDERS GAMES TO STOP

District Attorney Has Just "Discovered" Gambling in Pendleton.

None of the Fraternity Refuse to Obey the Order and Very Little Excitement is Caused by It—All the Outfits Are Idle Today—Boss Gamblers Willing to Obey the Laws and Consequently Are Pleased to Comply—Revenue to the City Will Be Greatly Reduced.

Not a gambling game is in operation in the city of Pendleton today, because of the action last night of District Attorney G. W. Phelps, in serving notice on all gamblers that they must cease operations.

No Games Running. There appears to be no inclination on the part of the gambling fraternity to disobey the district attorney's mandate.

Gamblers Not Kicking. Not a gambler in the city has been found to express criticism of the district attorney's action.

Income From Fines. Last month 14 gambling houses paid fines of \$100 each, which the amount of each fine was increased to \$100.

INDUSTRIOUS TRIBE. Warm Spring Indians Earn Money in Hop Fields.

They are the genuine tame "wild Indians" with their grizzly blankets, long hair, moccasins, huge ear rings and beads.

MEETINGS FOR PORTLAND. So Far 13 Conventions Are Scheduled for the City During the Lewis and Clark Fair.

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