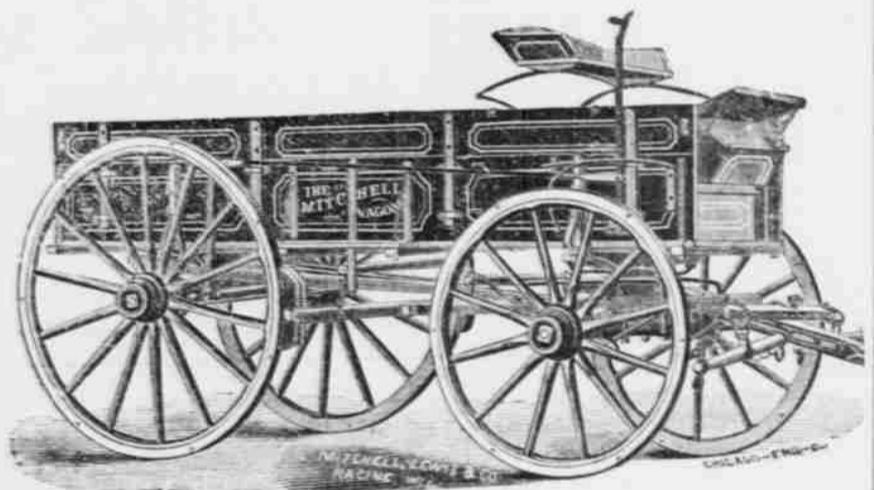


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Portland's Wheat Exports Lead All Other Ports.

Official figures completed by the bureau of labor and statistics show that for the month of March Portland exported more wheat than was shipped from any other city in the United States, no other port approaching within 50,000 bushels of the Oregon metropolis.

This city not only had a good lead over all other American ports for the month, but it also showed the smallest decrease from the corresponding month last year of any of the other ports. The falling off in wheat exports from Portland in March, 1904, as compared with March, 1903, was but fifteen per cent, while from New Orleans, which stood next, in the percentage list, the decrease was over 60 per cent. New York showed a decrease of 30 per cent and Puget Sound more than 85 per cent. The total decrease for the month for the entire United States was about 75 per cent.

The advance sheets of the monthly report of the bureau of labor and statistics also present the figures for the entire nine months of the cereal year to April 1, and here also Portland makes a remarkable showing, but three other ports, Galveston, New Orleans and New York, leading this city in wheat exports for the period named. The totals show that the wheat exports from this city for the first nine months of the current cereal year were greater than the combined shipments from all other Pacific coast ports.

Puget Sound, which for a corresponding period last season was in fifth place, has this year dropped back to eighth place, and San Francisco, which stood fourth on the list last season, this year shows up in the ninth place.

Portland has already shipped this season more than three times as much wheat as was shipped from Philadelphia, and is only about 400,000 bushels behind New York. The figures do not include 388,000 bushels of wheat that has been sent coastwise from this port to California, and which is included in the amount credited to that state. If this wheat was credited to Portland, where it properly belongs, the showing would be even more favorable.

To Investigate Postal Frauds.

In determining to order a further investigation of the postal scandals President Roosevelt is doing just what the country had a right to expect, says the Globe Democrat. A pretty thorough inquiry into the matter has already been made, and the wrongdoers have been exposed and some of them convicted. But the inquiry is to be pushed farther. The President is to order an investigation himself, and everybody who knows him knows it will be thorough. The postmaster general has also been enlisted in the work, and these officials will arrange plans under which the inquiry will be conducted.

Some of the Democrats in Congress thought a little capital could be made for their side on the postal scandal. They will quickly discover their mistake, if they have not already discovered it. If any party or party at all is made up of the Republicans, Democrats, as well as Republicans have been implicated in such wrongdoing as has been traced out. The Republican party is the one which has been doing the investigating and punishing. This is the situation which presents itself to the country. Inquiry which is about to be ordered by the President Democrats will undoubtedly be found mixed up with Republicans among the culprits, if any further wickedness is disclosed.

Thus the tables have been completely turned on the unhappy Democrats. The irregularities, such as have been found, will aid and not impede the dominant party. Crookedness has no politics. It is found among all parties and under all administrations. The Republicans however, have greater energy in tracing out the wickedness, where any is committed, and they have more courage and intelligence than the Democrats in proceeding against it. President Roosevelt is quick in grasping the necessity for the preservation of honesty in the public offices. Crooks get no quarter from the head of this administration. They expect none. The investigation which the President is about to order will, it is safe to say, cover the entire ground. If there is any further crookedness in the post office department it will be brought out, and the perpetrators, regardless of their politics, will be punished. The party of civic honesty, courage and efficiency is the Republican party.

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LONDON May 7.—Dispatches from the far east today indicate the most startling advances in Japan's sensational land campaign.

She has captured Feng Wang Cheng. She has again put the Russian forces to flight.

She landed troops at Takushan, 40 miles west of the mouth of the Yalu.

She has completely blockaded Port Arthur. Admiral Toga reports wonderful heroism on the part of his men that manned the fireships.

Japanese troops have thrown up fortifications across the Liao Tung peninsula and have mounted guns.

Japan now has across the Yalu river and into Manchuria almost 200,000 men.

She has more than 100,000 men within 100 miles of Mukden.

Peng Huang Cheng Captured.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—Feng Huang Cheng was captured by the Japanese troops Wednesday. The losses on both sides are reported to have been heavy.

The Russians officially confirm a retreat, declaring that the Japanese pressed the retreating troops though with few losses to either side. The Japanese have destroyed the railway at Port Adams, blowing up the bridges.

The ominous silence of General Kuropatkin since the battle of the Yalu is causing uneasiness and filling the air with wild rumors, one of which is that of General Kuropatkin's army, in a rapid movement on Feng Huang Cheng, met the Japanese in a disastrous engagement, Kuropatkin being wounded.

This report is officially denied, but the public is uneasy and expecting the worst.

Reports from the palace declare that the czar is greatly depressed over the recent reverses at the front. The emperor has telegraphed to General Kuropatkin and Viceroy Alexieff demanding in their reports the absolute truth of the conditions at the front, under pain of severe punishment if they continue to deceive him. The result of this warning is that the emperor has received two distressing reports.

The palace version of General Kuropatkin's report is to the effect that the officers defending the Yalu positions permitted themselves to be surprised, not saving a single gun, horse or transport wagon; that the flight to Feng Huang Cheng degenerated into a rout, and that General Kuropatkin informed the czar that he believes it is impossible to hold the Liao Tung peninsula and Manchuria.

Alexieff's report is declared to be equally depressing.

General Kuropatkin's Plan.

A St. Petersburg official asserts that before General Kuropatkin left St. Petersburg he proposed to the czar a plan of campaign entirely different from that which he was obliged to accept.

General Kuropatkin informed the emperor that it would be impossible with 200,000 men to hold all the strategic positions, and advised the abandonment of Liao Yang, Mukden and Harbin, in order to concentrate in the Trans-Liaokal.

Disembark 100,000 Men.

CHEFOO, May 7.—The Japanese have disembarked more than 100,000 men on the Liao Tung peninsula and 25,000 more will arrive there next week.

The commander of Port Arthur has recalled all the garrisons.

It is rumored that the Japanese have occupied Dalny.

General Kuropatkin has ordered a general conference at Liao Yang. He intends to march 100,000 men against one of the two Japanese armies. General Kuroki is hurrying with his special army toward Liao Yang, covering 30 kilometers daily.

Reforming the Fourth of July.

The City Council of Chicago has decided to try a novel experiment to reform the celebration of the national holiday by sanctioning the organization of a corporation with a capitalization of \$1,250,000 to take sole charge of the demonstration. The latter will consist of magnificent displays of fireworks on the lake front and in the public parks. Hundreds of merchants favor the project. The funds of the corporation are to be raised by the issuance of 250,000 \$5 shares, non-assessable and non-dividend paying. The object of the movement is to save life and property which an indiscriminate and unregulated Fourth of July demonstration always produces. At the same time the Council unanimously passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of toy pistols and dynamite crackers to small boys and providing for its strict enforcement by the police. The only protest against the ordinance is the small boy, who is deprived by it of the opportunity of maiming or killing himself through the use of the forbidden weapons.

Chicago has set the whole country a good example. Every city will do well to emulate it. It would be a good idea to bar out all big firecrackers and bombs and to suppress not only the irrepressible small boy and his dangerous top pistol but also the shooting of all kinds of pistols within the city limits on Independence day as well as at other times. Through the toleration of the explosion of red-heads and bombs the celebration of the Fourth of July has degenerated largely into a noisy nuisance, which is intolerable to most citizens and makes the annual recurrence of the national holiday an event to be dreaded rather than one to excite the most patriotic and pleasurable emotions. Besides, these missiles are highly dangerous and are annually responsible for the maiming of many human beings and the destruction of much valuable property. The toy pistol is to be condemned as a deadly weapon of the most dangerous type, and in the hands of the irresponsible small boy is a menace to his own safety and to that of everybody else in his vicinity. The community will breathe freer on the Fourth of July when the sale of the toy pistol is prohibited and the discharge of other firearms in the public streets is put under a ban.

The Southern Pacific Buy 130 New Engines.

PORTLAND, May 5.—Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation of the Harriman system, left this city for San Francisco tonight after having spent several days in examining the Harriman lines in Oregon. Relative to the trouble along the Southern Pacific line last year, owing to the lack of motive power Mr. Kruttschnitt stated that there will be no lack of engines this year. He says 130 have been ordered, of which forty have already been delivered and the remainder will be delivered by the first of August. When asked relative to the building of the Lewiston-Kiparis road Mr. Kruttschnitt said he could say nothing. He stated that it was not a matter for his consideration.

Engines For Corea.

If reports be true, the steamer Tremont, now loading in Seattle will carry a consignment of engines. A part of her cargo consists of seven railway engines said to be intended for a railroad in Corea.

In a dispatch from Japan it is said that the engines are for a stub line running from Kobe to some coal mines, but well informed mariners claim that this is a bluff; that, in reality, the equipment is intended for the new Japanese railroad in Corea. The engines are large, first-class ones of the latest pattern, and it will be no light task to unload them in any of the Oriental ports, where scows are used to take cargoes.

A Strange Story.

VICTORIA, B. C. May 6.—A gentleman of business who claims to have been the last passenger to go over the Trans-Siberian Railway from Port Arthur after the declaration of war, is Richard Chester, of Tanegashima Island, Japan, who is now in this city, awaiting the sailing of the Empress of China to return to his Oriental home. Mr. Chester is a contractor to the Mikado's government, and has control of the immense timber reserves on the island that he dominates as his home—Tanegashima being the extreme southern island in the Japanese archipelago.

"When the history of this war is written," said Mr. Chester, "it will be found that at least 10 per cent of the Japanese soldiers in the field were women in the disguise of men. Should the Mikado issue another call for troops, every remaining man, woman and child in Japan would certainly respond. The Japanese women, more particularly the coolie class, are on the average stronger than are the men—at least so I have found them in some of the large contracts in which I have had occasion to employ them."

Mr. Chester says he is one of but three Europeans who have made the journey through Asiatic Russia since the war began. Between Dalny and Harbin he passed over 100,000 Russian soldiers in military trains, which were then being hurried to the several mobilization centers. The Czar's fighting men did not impress Mr. Chester favorably, although he had ample opportunity to see the best of them.

Registration Notice.

County Clerk Shambrook states that the registration book will be kept open at the clerk's office on the evenings of Thursday, May 12, Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, from 7 o'clock p. m., to 9 p. m. This is for your benefit. Register now.

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