



LOSS HEAVY BUT OVERESTIMATED.

Now Placed at Fully 10,000--Jap Cruiser Sunk-- Russians Retreating.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The list of casualties incurred by the Russians and Japanese in the present envelopment movement in Manchuria, says the Times military correspondent, since June 15, with the battle of Vafangow included, the losses of the two forces have been more than 10,000 killed and wounded, but not 20,000 as at first reported.

The Russian losses are the heaviest, approximating 5,600 known killed and wounded.

A Liao Yang dispatch dated Tuesday says that Sunday at Kukiatz, northwest of Liao Yang, the Russians encountered a superior force of Japanese and after a hard fight were driven back with a loss of nearly 1000 men.

The dispatch adds that notwithstanding their reverses the Russian soldiers continue to show the same dogged determined spirit and in all cases fight until overwhelmed, when they retire in compact masses, defending their retreats vigorously.

A dispatch from Rome today tells of the receipt there of news of the sinking of the Japanese cruiser Kasuga.

NICHOLAS RECEIVES ALARMING NEWS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 3.—5:45 p. m.—The correspondent of the Associated Press hears that Emperor Nicholas has just received a telegram at Peterhof containing alarming news. It is also reported that Viceroy Alexieff, who had gone to Harbin on his way to Vladivostok, returned to Liao Yang yesterday and conferred with General Kutropatkin regarding the situation.

RUSSIANS RETREAT.

HAI CHENG, Aug. 2.—In consequence of the desperate fighting of the last few days and the Japanese turning movement, the Russians have been compelled to evacuate Hai Cheng and fall back on Anshuanhan.

TO START GRADING WITHIN NEXT THIRTY DAYS.

Grading on the branch line from Arlington to Condon, a distance of about 50 miles, will be commenced before the end of the present month.

Every man necessary for the completion of this road as speedily as possible will be put on.

There will be no delay in its construction.

The road will be completed and in operation by the end of this year.—Statement E. E. Calvin, General Manager O. R. & N.

CRATER LAKE PARK

Superintendent Arant Constructing New Road and Improving Old One.

W. F. Arant, superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, was in the city Friday, says the Kamath Falls Republican. He says that he has a crew at work improving the old roads, and would start work completing the new road, through the park to the lake, the first of the week. This piece of road is five miles long two of which are already built, and the remaining three miles will be completed this fall. The old road went nearly straight up the mountain and was almost impassable, but on the new road, which is very little, if any, longer, a ten per cent, grade being the steepest incline. This will make it a very easy drive from the Fort. Mr. Arant stated that considerable work had to be done repairing bridges, as he found that big log stringers nearly two feet in diameter used in some of the bridges, had been broken by the weight of the snow during the winter. In some places the snow was over 20 feet deep, and after the rains when this becomes saturated with water, the weight is something immense. The snows are fast melting, and the roads getting in pretty fair shape. Large numbers of tourists are now going to and coming from the lake. The best time, says Mr. Arant, to visit the Crater Lake is between August 10th and September 30th.

New Hops at Twenty-Five Cents.

Salem Statesman: The hop market seems to be stirring in anticipation of the new market, and it is likely that the new crop will find a strong market well above what is now offered. Krebs Bros. have set a new standard for the 1904 crop by contracting for 100 lbs. from Catlin & Linn for 22 cents per pound, of prime grade, for September delivery. Sea by Bros., of Eugene, sold to McNeill Bros., of Washington, 200 bales of hops of the 1904 crop for 21 cents per pound.

OREGONIANS WIN PRIZES.

J. H. Younce, of Dillard, among the Lucky Ones. Woman Wins \$2,500.

TOLEDO, O., July 31.—Probably no one was more surprised than Mrs. Herbert Tellow, Washingtonville, Ohio, when the postmaster delivered to her an envelope containing a certified check for \$2,500.00, signed by the Woolson Spice Company of Toledo, Ohio.

This good fortune is the result of an estimate made by Mrs. Tellow in accordance with the Lion Coffee premium offer to those coming the nearest to estimating the 4th of July attendance at the World's Fair.

The total paid attendance at the St. Louis Exposition on July 4th was 139,659.

As Mrs. Tellow's estimate was exactly correct, she was given first reward. Mrs. Tellow sent in only six estimates. M. K. Hassinger, Lamona, Pa., received the second prize of \$1,000.00. E. B. Roseboom, Frankfort, O., and James Ashcroft, Raleigh, N. C., each received \$500.00 prizes. In all, 2139 prizes, amounting to \$30,000.00, were awarded.

Throughout the last six months the Woolson Spice Company has been publishing in the leading newspapers of America an offer of \$50,000.00 in cash prizes. The \$20,000.00 just awarded is in their World's Fair Contest. Another \$20,000.00 will be given in the same way to those who make the best estimates of the total Presidential vote to be cast next November. This contest is awakening great interest throughout the country, and Lion Head trade-marks are being eagerly sought after, some persons offering to pay as much as five cents apiece for them.

The progressive methods of advertising and profit-sharing adopted by the Lion Coffee people are sure to add to the popularity of this already well-known and widely sold product.

The following people of Oregon won prizes in amounts given:

\$20.00 PRIZE Estimate Geo. Schanlin, Clatsop, Or., 139,530 \$10.00 PRIZE Frank Thrasher, Corvallis, Or., 140,218 J. H. Younce, Dillard, Or., 139,247 \$5.00 PRIZE Bernhard Baer, Baker City, Or., 140,265

Barber Law Constitutional.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 2.—The supreme court yesterday reversed the decision of Judge George, of Multnomah county, in what is known as the famous barber case brought by the board of barber examiners against H. L. Briggs. The defendant was convicted of conducting a barber shop in violation of the existing law regulating the trade or calling of a barber and providing for the licensing of persons carrying on such a trade.

Judgment was arrested by a trial court, holding the act unconstitutional. The law is held constitutional in the higher court because "when it comes from the legislature a law must be complete, but there are many matters affecting its execution and relating to methods of procedure which the legislature may have properly delegated to some ministerial board or officer and prescribing the qualifications of persons who shall be licensed to follow or engage in the practice of a given trade or profession is one of them.

A RUSSIAN VICE ADMIRAL



BEZBRAZOFF, THE "VLADIVOSTOK RAIDER." Vice Admiral Bezbrazoff is now generally referred to as the "Vladivostok raider," because of his success in making sorties with the Vladivostok squadron against Japanese transports and merchantmen. This sort of warfare does not involve a great deal of courage, but it does require ability to outwile the raider from the Japanese fleet may not intercept him. For that reason Bezbrazoff is now the most generally acclaimed man in Russia.

THE OREGON DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE.

Organized at Portland Tuesday of this Week-- Many Delegates Present.

OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE.

President—E. L. Smith, of Hood River. Vice-presidents—F. J. Blakely, of Roseburg; J. G. Graham, of Salem; A. Bennett, of Irigoin; J. H. Aitkin, Huntington; J. Q. A. Bowley, of Astoria. Secretary and treasurer—Tom Richardson, of Portland.

SECRETARY-TREASURER THIS MORNING

The Oregon Development League was fairly launched, and the session that followed was crowded with business. The features differing from yesterday's gathering were that there were a number of new delegates who arrived last evening, and there was an increased earnestness in the faces of all when the business of today's meeting was taken up.

The forenoon session was opened with a selection by the Royal Italian band, which was encored.

Permanent organization was immediately taken up and the committee's report was called for by Chairman Calk. The committee report named the above officers and provided "that annual meetings of the league shall be held the second Tuesday in September of each year, that meetings may be called at any time by the president and secretary and recommended that a special meeting be held in Portland, Or., in March, 1905."

It is also provided "that each city, town and community organize its own local league, business club, or other similar organization, or select one of its existing clubs or organizations, which shall become a member of the state league upon the payment of \$5. in return for which membership fee each local organization shall receive from the secretary 1,000 handsome letterheads and envelopes, the same design to be used by the state league and all of its members."

The convention then unanimously adopted the committee's report and Mr. Calk introduced the new president, E. L. Smith.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

President Smith in taking the chair made a vigorous speech. He deplored the lack of railway facilities that Oregon still labors under, and pointed to the fact that the traveler who would reach the Klamath basin must still come to it by way of San Francisco. He declared that the prime necessities of the state today are railway facilities and irrigation, and urged the league to put forth every effort in those directions.

Henry Hahn, of Portland chamber of commerce, offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION Whereas, The legislature of the state of Oregon, for the purpose of furnishing immediate relief to the producers and shippers of the inland empire, in the month of January 1903, appropriated the sum of 165,000 for the purpose of building, operating and maintaining a temporary portage railway around the Celilo rapids, and further made it mandatory that the board appointed thereunder should promptly carry out the provisions of the act immediately upon the funds being available, so as, if possible, to afford the relief due the producer and shipper for the growing crop of 1903; and,

Whereas, An additional act was passed by the legislature in special session of January, 1904, appropriating \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing a right of way for the United States government in the construction of locks and canals for a permanent improvement at the Celilo rapids; and,

Whereas, Said acts in no wise conflict, and the power under both acts was placed in the hands of a state commission consisting of the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer, in order that there should be no conflict, and to expedite the relief required; and,

Whereas, Said State Board has constructed the latter act as the later mandate of the people and the more important one in enforcement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the people, through their representatives in the legislature, enact the portage road law, deeming it, with its promised speedy relief, the more important measure of the two, and fully realizing that the general government stood committed to finally

grant the people of the Inland Empire future, permanent relief; and, be it further

Resolved, That if compatible with public interest, said board be requested to announce, through the press, the present condition and status of the right of way for the United States for the canal, and that the right of way for the Portage railway, and what steps, if any, have been taken to construct said railway under said act; and, be it further

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ERA OF GOOD TIMES.

Some Striking Figures From the Latest Report of Controller of the Currency.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—When the resources of the National banks of a great country increase more than 92 per cent, when the individual deposits in those banks double themselves, and there is a growth of more than 19 per cent in their capitalization, and all this takes place in seven years, it must be set down as an incontrovertible fact that that country is enjoying an era of phenomenal prosperity. This is exactly what has happened in the United States in the seven years the Republicans have had undisputed control of the Government, since 1897.

While commercial and postal statistics give an excellent idea of business conditions, there is no better index of a Nation's growth than bank reports. These reports are based on facts and figures, which cannot be manipulated for effect. They speak for themselves.

A comparison of the report of the condition of National banks on March 9, 1897, five days after McKinley's inauguration, with the latest report made to Controller Ridgely on June 9, 1904 discloses abundant evidence of a condition of exceptional prosperity and commercial development. The one report reflects a general lack of confidence, a scarcity of money, and a general fear; the other bears evidence of the abundance of money, of the growing confidence of depositors, and the confidence of the banks themselves which are today loaning vast sums.

On March 9, 1897, seven years ago, the total capital stock of the 3634 National banks then in existence was \$642,424,195, while on June 9, last the 5331 banks of the country had an aggregate capitalization amounting to \$767,276,148 an increase of \$124,851,953. In 1897 the surplus fund aggregated \$247,130,031; at the date of last report it had grown to \$389,647,328, an increase of \$142,517,307.

BIDS FOR NEW QUARTERS.

Postmaster W. A. Frater posted a notice in the Roseburg postoffice Monday which reads as follows and is self explanatory:

BIDS ARE WANTED. Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until August 20, 1904, to lease premises centrally located, for postoffice purposes at Roseburg, Ore., under a five or ten year lease.

Proposals to include the furnishing of a complete new equipment of lock-boxes, furniture and fixtures, including rural and free delivery furniture, heat, light, water and a fire or burglar proof safe or vault.

Full particulars and blank proposals can be obtained from the postmaster. H. B. HALL, Asst. Supt. Salary and Allowance Division P. O. Dept., Los Angeles, Cal.

The business of Roseburg's postoffice has grown to such an extent that its quarters in the Abraham building has grown inadequate, the postoffice and business office rooms being taxed to their utmost capacity, and the additional equipment needed since the office was recently raised from third to second class, would only add to its present overcrowded condition.

Another feature rendering a change of quarters necessary is the fact that in the present building there is no means of providing enough lock boxes to meet the demand which renders the delivery of mails slow and non-systematic. There are very few available rooms conveniently located for this institution in this city and just where Uncle Sam will find suitable new quarters is difficult to predict.

In the second paragraph are the words "and free delivery" which indicates that there is to be the establishment soon of the carrier system for this city. These changes will be greatly welcomed by the many patrons of the Roseburg Post-office. Whether or not there is to be any early change in the postmaster or management of the post-office at this place the PLAINDEALER is unable to state.

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A FATAL ACCIDENT AT SAGINAW.

Lafe Parazoo of Roseburg Struck on Head by Falling Snag and Killed.

SAGINAW, Aug. 3.—Lafe J. Parazoo, an employe of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. at their logging camp near the mill five miles east of Saginaw, while engaged in cutting down a dead snag yesterday afternoon about three o'clock, was struck on the head by a piece of the top of the snag which broke off, resulting in injuries from which he died about 5:30 o'clock last evening.

Young Parazoo's skull was crushed and he never regained consciousness after the accident.

The young man was aged about 25 years and was single. His home is at Roseburg, but his parents were at Saginaw at the time of his death. He was a steady and hard working young man, and had many friends among the employes of the Booth-Kelly company.

[The remains were brought to Roseburg Wednesday night for burial, funeral services being held at the Catholic church, Thursday morning, interment in the Catholic cemetery.—Ed.]

PORT ARTHUR DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION.

CHEFOO, Aug. 3.—It is reported that the fighting north of the city of Port Arthur occurred at Wolf Hill, and was sanguinary, resulting in the repulse of the Japanese. This hill is situated near the railroad and eight trains were kept busy bringing the wounded soldiers into the city. The wounded men from the east forts reached Port Arthur in all kinds of vehicles, many, however, coming afoot, dragging shattered limbs.

The Russians unite in declaring that the fortress will never fall, but they expect that scarcely a building will be left in the city, where now there is scarcely a whole pane of glass.

The forts at Port Arthur bristle with guns, including many of eight-inch caliber, but the naval artillerymen are alleged to have inflicted the heaviest loss on the Japanese.

The Japanese, while repulsed, have by no means been beaten, and a renewal of the fighting is expected.

The Japanese are now occupying the outpost trenches which they captured from the Russians.

R. W. FENN Civil Engineer U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor

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