

DISEASE IS DEADLIER THAN BULLETS.

Another Report That Port Arthur Has Fallen--A Great Battle in Progress.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Military experts and statisticians of medical and surgical work in the field have placed the casualties on both sides in the Russo-Japanese war to date at 90,000. Disease is taking off thousands. Said a high official today:

"There will be 300,000 graves of soldier dead before the czar and mikado reach terms of peace."

Advices have been received from Nagasaki that Port Arthur has fallen before the Japanese onslaught. Notwithstanding the generally conceded opinion that Port Arthur will succumb, and that before two months, from the present indications, it is not believed that the Nagasaki report is true. The principal reason for taking the latter view is that no advices have as yet been received from Tokio, and it is considered absolutely certain that Nagasaki would not be the only and first point to obtain the news of the capitulation.

While this report has been received at St. Petersburg, advices from there say that it is given no credence.

WILL SOON FALL.

A dispatch from Chefoo says that a party of Russians have arrived there from Port Arthur, having left the fortress about a week ago.

From information gathered in conversation with the leader of this party, it is practically certain that the end is fast approaching, as regards the fall of the port. Among other causes, as stated by this Russian, is the fact that the Japanese are in a position to constantly receive reinforcements of both ammunition and men, while the garrison, surrounded as it is, must constantly husband its resources, which are daily running lower.

BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

Information received from St. Petersburg contains the startling announcement that a great battle is in progress near Houtsaize, west of Liao Yang.

While constant reports are unquestionably being received from Kuropatkin, they are not made public, and this adds to the suspense of the public.

It is known that one of these reports contained the information that more than 13,000 Japanese had fallen in the attack, but no mention is made of Russian casualties.

Taking the losses of former engagements as a basis, the masses are inclined to believe that the czar's soldier's have suffered a heavy loss.

RECKLESS COWBOYS.

Todd Hall Suspended in Mid Air on a Sharp Pointed Snag Near Myrtle Creek.

Todd Hall of Myrtle Creek met with a frightful accident Monday, and that he escaped with his life is almost a miracle.

In company with Walter Stevenson and Fred Smith he was rounding up cattle on the mountains two miles south of town. One of the cows started to run down the mountain side, when Hall and Smith—perhaps as much through carelessness as anything else—concluded to head her off. They raced their horses, or rather fell down the steep cliffs at break-neck speed. A large snag happened to be in Hall's way and unfortunately caught him just above the ribs under the right arm, tearing a frightful hole in his side, about five inches long and four inches deep. The snag was strong enough to lift him from his horse and hold him in mid-air until his comrades took him down, unconscious and bleeding terribly. They were preparing to bring the dead man to town, when, to their surprise, he "came to" and after figuring a little as to where he was at, mounted his horse and rode to town with the other men.

Drs. Seely and Bogue soon had the wounded man sewed up and in "running order" again, and unless blood poison or other unforeseen complications set in, he will soon be none the worse off for his almost fatal accident.

In the mad race down the mountain, Fred Smith's horse fell, catching him underneath, but fortunately he escaped with only a few scratches and slight bruises.—Myrtle Creek Mail.

A JAPANESE GENERAL



GENERAL NOGI, COMMANDING JAPAN'S FOURTH ARMY. Very few newspaper readers know of the existence of General Noqi, and yet he is the man who for weeks past has been conducting the operations against Port Arthur. That he has handled his campaign well is attested by the fact that foreign military observers have declared that Noqi will go down in history as a great strategist. Noqi has already won service in two wars.

A LONELY HERMIT DIES.

Neighbors Find the Dead Body of Doc Campbell in his Cabin near Eugene.

EUGENE, Aug. 5.—The dead body of "Doc" Campbell, an old man probably 75 years of age was found at his home on the McKenzie river, adjoining the John Cogswell farm, 25 miles from Eugene today.

Mr. Hinds, who lives on the Cogswell place, went over to Campbell's home about 8 o'clock this morning and found the doors all closed and a deathly stillness pervaded the atmosphere. He opened the door, walked into the cabin and was horrified to find the old man lying dead on the bed. He had been ailing for several days previous, but he had been seen around the place and nothing serious seemed to be the matter with him. Heart trouble was undoubtedly the cause of death. Appearances indicated that he had been dead about 24 hours.

As he apparently died a natural death Coroner Day concluded that no inquest was necessary and so informed the people in that vicinity.

Very little was known of the old man, as he seldom had anything to do with his neighbors. He was always known as Old Doc Campbell, the hermit. He owned the small place where he lived and had been there many years. It is not known whether he has any near relatives or not. He never told about them if he had.

It is known that the old man was well educated and was a graduate of some Eastern medical college. This is about all that could be learned of his history.

YOUNG DALTON STOOPS DROWNED

While Bathing in the Willamette River Saturday Afternoon at Eugene.

EUGENE, Aug. 16.—Dalton Stoops, aged 17 years, son of James Stoops, of Pleasant Hill; was drowned in the Willamette river about 50 yards above the Eugene bridge, while in swimming Saturday afternoon.

The boy was in swimming with a number of other boys, and started to swim across the river. As he was not a good swimmer his companions cautioned him not to attempt the feat. When he reached the middle of the river the boy began to cry for help. His cousin swam out to assist him, but he sank to the bottom and was drowned.

Chas. Croner, who was driving along the road with his wagon, succeeded in bringing the body to the surface, using a long hook. The body had been in the water about ten minutes before it was rescued. Efforts were made to bring the boy to life again, but in vain. The boy was visiting at the home of his uncle, Wm. Stoops, on High street.

SOUTHERN OREGON MINING NEWS

Dame Fortune has been dealing in a kindly manner with the enterprising owners of Mount Reuben Gold Mining company, who have uncovered in their various tunnels, shafts and open cuts, ledges of ore that run from eighteen inches to four feet in width and that are shown by assays to carry from \$4.32 per ton in surface rock to \$128 per ton where depth has been reached. A brief description of this important factor in the development of Glendale mining district was obtained for this paper from President Heller, as follows:

The company has six claims, being 600x1500 feet, located along Whiskey creek at Mt. Reuben, twenty miles from Glendale by wagon road. The Benton mine is their northerly boundary, with the Palmer & Kramer mine on the south. The Benton has diverse veins that weathers at various levels have shown to contain vast quantities of high grade ore. The Palmer & Kramer mine is developed by tunnels and shafts that show large bodies of ore containing free gold.

The Heller claims were located in 1901. Work has been done as follows: Tunnel No. 1 near the base of Mt. Reuben has been driven to a depth of 110 feet, following a well-defined ledge all distance, with ore assaying from \$25 to \$1292 per ton the ledge having increased from a razor blade to two feet in thickness.

Tunnel No. 2 is 65 feet above No. 1. It has attained a depth of 48 feet with a 20-foot cross-cut to the lead, which shows a face of 18 inches of ore that pans free gold in good quantities.

An open cut 250 feet above Tunnel No. 2 shows the same eighteen inch ledge of high grade ore and pans free gold.

One hundred feet above the first open cut is a second cut showing a parallel ledge four feet in width, assaying \$10.15 per ton and increasing in richness with depth.

Thirteen hundred feet south of Tunnel No. 1 is an open cut fifteen feet long on the Gold Finch, where the ledge is two feet in thickness and pans free gold.

The Lucky Strike mine, parallel to the Heller claim and 100 yards westerly, has an open cut fifteen feet deep that shows a ledge fifty feet wide assaying \$1.32 per ton for surface rock.

Mt. Reuben Gold Mining company held its annual meeting on July 20th at Spokane, when F. J. Heller of Glendale was elected president and treasurer; J. McKie of Ashland, Wisconsin, vice president; A. H. Keyton, Spokane, secretary. It was decided to continue the work of development, to put up a live stamp mill and make other improvements, the estimated cost of which is \$10,000. In

HOLY ROLLER FAITH

Explained by Apostle Creffield--He Talks Freely to Newspaper Reporters.

PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—"After tarrying in prayer for five months, I received the Holy Ghost, which directed me to leave the Salvation Army and follow evangelic work. That was when I was in Salem, and I prayed five months out of the eight that I was there."

Leading against the bars of his prison cell and watching a reporter for the Telegram closely to see that he made no mistake, Edmund Creffield, living exponent of a religion that is dead, who awaits trial by the Grand Jury on a charge of adultery, gave out the above statement of the way the cause promoted a new belief to teach newer and stranger things to the same old world.

"The newspapers have been telling some lies about me, and I shall refuse right here to make any further statement for publication, if you are not going to print exactly what I say," the Holy Roller high priest said.

When informed that his exact conversation would be printed, he spoke freely about the way he claimed to have received the power from God.

"LIGHT, BUT NOT THE POWER." "While in the Salvation Army I had the light, but I did not have the power. I was teaching his works, but was still in the darkness. I did not experience the fulness of his power until I had tarried long before God in prayer. Then the light came.

"The Holy Ghost told me that I should live a life of pure faith. I was to do everything by faith. I could no longer work for the Army, because its people are not entirely of God. I could not take part in soliciting for funds. I was directed by the Holy Ghost not to solicit for money. It is not right to hold ice cream socials and other social gatherings where money is taken.

"When one is living in the Holy Ghost he cannot sin. He lives a pure life. We are told in the Bible that the Apostles lived without sin. They lived by faith. I can live the same way.

UNDER DIVINE CONTROL.

"Yes God revealed himself to me. He came in the form of messages. He spoke to me. I heard his voice."

Creffield was a k to explain more definitely as to how God appeared before him; that is, if he came in person, spirit or in whatever form. Creffield's reply was:

"I cannot be explained or described. It can only be experienced. I do not do anything unless I am directed by a message from God. If I wish to do anything I always pray about it first. The answer comes and I act accordingly."

Creffield carries his Bible about with him all the time. When he was arraigned in Police Court yesterday morning he had the book in his pocket. He expects to take it to the penitentiary.

He has really received, and talks rationally on nearly every subject. He likes to talk about his religion better than on anything else. He does not look like the same man who was brought here from Corvallis one week ago.

PARADES IN HER YOUNG BROTHER'S CLOTHES.

CORVALLIS, Or., Aug. 6.—Marietta Lewis, a school girl of 14, cut her hair, arrayed herself in a suit of her brother's clothes and quit the family roof yesterday morning. She journeyed afoot to Albany, where in the afternoon, on request of her parents, she was taken in custody by the authorities. Chief Lane, of Corvallis, arrived here with her at 10 o'clock last night.

The only excuse the girl gives for her escapade is the allegation that her parents are "cranky." She is a bright, intelligent girl and is now ashamed of her flight.

Rich Oregon Mine.

W. J. Wilson, of the Deep Gravel Mining Company, at Walds, came to Grants Pass Tuesday with 100 ounces of gold, the result of a test run of seven days and nine nights, with two-inch nozzle at 180 feet pressure. There have been several clean-ups this season, all of which give splendid returns. The dunes and races were cleaned up, and this test run made with the last water of the season.

The gold taken out runs about \$18.50 to \$19 per ounce, bringing the test run to about \$3500.—Grants Pass Courier.

Visit the Briggs Claim.

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 4.—Mayor H. L. Gilkey and E. L. Coo returned on Saturday from their visit to the Briggs bogazza. They brought back with them for deposit some \$4000 in gold and quartz.

Although there is plenty of gold in sight, very little has been taken out by David Briggs and his sons in the past few weeks. They have been importing the rich rock already taken out and are not anxious to take the gold out of the ground faster than they can take care of it, as they might easily do. They have started a short tunnel below the ledge to tap the vein some 30 or 40 feet below the surface.

The visitors brought in some very handsome specimens, some of which are now on exhibition at the First National bank.

Strikers Take Part in Peaceable Demonstration.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 6.—The stock yards strikers forgot their animosities and troubles today long enough to join in a peaceable demonstration, the first since the strike was called. In the street parade several miles in length, fully 25,000 strikers and their families encircled the stock yards district, marching to music from a dozen bands. The demonstration ended with a picnic at Oswalds Grove, where addresses were made by prominent labor leaders. While these events were in progress, there was peace and quiet around the big packing plants at the stock yards.

R. W. FENN
Civil Engineer

U. S. Deputy
Mineral Surveyor

Lately with the government geographical and geological survey of Brazil, South America.

Office over Postoffice, ROSEBURG, OREGON. Correspondence solicited.

BEAUTIFY YOUR HOME

Nothing will add so much to the appearance and attractiveness of your home as a new coat of Paint, and the COST will be SMALL if you buy your Paints and Oils from

MARSTERS' DRUG STORE

SPECIAL SALE OF LACE CURTAINS UNTIL AUG 15

we will sell all odd pairs of lace curtains in our store at cost, and will give ten per cent reduction on all other lace curtains.

All Remnants of Carpets at Cost Until Aug. 15

Get your rugs, and small rooms covered now at small expense

B. W. STRONG
THE FURNITURE MAN

Big Fruit Box Order.

Things are doing at the Iowa Lumber & Box company's mills, in Medford, the reason for this unusual activity being the receipt of an order for 500,000 standard orange boxes to be delivered at different points in Southern California. Over three million feet of lumber will be required in the manufacture of this number of boxes, and when manufactured and put up—knock down—ready for shipment, 125 cars will be required to handle them. The booking of this order, together with orders previously booked, gives the mill and factory a positive assurance of a run of seven months at twelve hours a day, and at full capacity. There are now fifty men employed at the mill, factory and in the piling and sorting yards. This force will be maintained during the entire season and it may be found necessary to increase the number when other and additional machinery is gotten into shape to operate.

Coos Bay's Crack Marksman.

Last Sunday afternoon, while the members of the North Bend delegation to Portland were staging it from Marshfield to Roseburg, a young buck sprang up from a dense clump of underbrush and started to run. The animal was 60 yards away from the stage, and as no one had thought of seeing this sort of game on the trip, a rifle had not been brought. But just to show his companions what a revolver could do when held by a man who can shoot, Mr. J. R. Robertson fired at the fleeing deer. One shot was enough, for the animal dropped in its tracks, the .38-caliber bullet having gone through its body.

Frightened by the sound of the shot, a grouse flew up and lit in the top of the highest nearby tree. Aiming his smoking revolver at the bird, Mr. Robertson again fired. The grouse tumbled out of the treetop dead.

About 100 men are prospecting near the Briggs strike on Sucker creek. More than \$75,000 has been taken from the discovery, with lots of gold still in sight.

Summer resorts at the beaches of Oregon are doing a land office business.

A \$477 Nugget.

Jacob Klippel, a veteran placer miner of Southern Oregon, unearthed a nugget of pure gold weighing \$477 at his property on Sucker creek a few days ago. The big chunk of yellow metal was in shape almost a perfect imitation of a lady's stylishly shod foot, French heel and all. It showed a slight attraction from being struck by the miner's pick.

DEPUTY SHERIFF SHOT. A BIG WALNUT GROVE.

NEWBERG, Ore., Aug. 6.—The 40-acre English walnut orchard at Dundee, two miles from here, which has been watched with so much interest and which bore a light crop last year, will bear heavily this season, considering the age of the trees, which are rugged and healthy. Captain G. W. Peters, who is in charge of the orchard, is very enthusiastic over English walnut prospects in this section. He says the nuts from this orchard have been compared with samples from over the United States and even foreign countries, and found very much superior. They are larger and of much finer flavor. Mr. Peters is well acquainted with the California walnut district and looks for this part of Oregon to surpass it if attention is turned toward the new industry.

Says the Eugene Register: Montana cattlemen are in the Willamette valley picking up cattle at remarkably low prices, some sales being made at \$18 per head, and all calves to go with the cows at that price. The market is very dull, and things begin to look pretty blue for stockmen. Feed and pasturage are scarce and many are compelled to sell at this price.

DOUGLAS COUNTY BANK

Established 1883 Incorporated 1901

Capital Stock \$50,000

F. W. HENSON, President. A. C. MARSTERS, Vice President.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
F. W. HENSON, R. A. BOOTH, J. H. BOOTH, J. T. BRIDGE, JOS. LYONS, A. C. MARSTERS, K. L. MILLER.

A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED

JOB WORK

The Finest in the County to Be Had at the

PLAINDEALER OFFICE

For Letter Heads, Bill Heads, Statements, Envelopes, Wedding Stationery, Posters, Legal Blanks, Briefs, in fact anything in the Printing line, give us a call.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

Chico Nursery Co.

INCORPORATED

We offer one of the largest and Finest Stocks on the Pacific Coast

SALESMEN WANTED

Write immediately for terms

Chico California