



RUSSIANS ARE DRAWING SCATTERED FORCES TOGETHER

Kuropatkin Given Command of First Army— Linievitch Says Japanese Are Planning Enveloping Movement.

Tokio, March 22.—Reliable reports from the front state that the Japanese vanguard is still on the march north of Kaunton. No trace of the enemy is found south of the great wall. Indications are that the Russians will make a stand between Chang Chun and Kirin. They are constructing defenses on the line between these two places.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—Linievitch reports today that on Monday the Russian advance posts observed Japanese cavalry in large numbers, behind which appeared numerous bodies of infantry, near the village of Mechanty. This is taken here to mean that Kawamura's army is about to attempt the enveloping movement from the Russian rear, and fear is expressed as to the probable outcome.

A dispatch to Reuters states that the Russian army has reached a place of safety, but the irregulars and stragglers were cut off by the Japanese. The place of the Russian rendezvous is not given.

A dispatch from Gushu Pass, dated the 20th, stated: "Our rearguard

occupies Aihingha, 70 miles north of Tieling. The enemy continues to follow, but pursuit is slow. The main Japanese army is apparently remaining in Tieling. Our four days' rest at Tieling gave us a chance to reorganize the army, and the march has continued orderly. Many of our horses and cattle died of exhaustion. Columns moved along on half a dozen roads parallel to the railway. The report of a force of irregulars which was operating eastward was cut off before the news of the battle of Mukden reached them, and compelled them to retire to the northeast, is probably making for Kirin."

A dispatch from Gushu Pass, 108 miles north of Tie Pass, stated that Kuropatkin arrived there yesterday and will assume command of the first army. He received a great ovation from the troops. This place, which has a large railroad station and a Red Cross settlement, with all the army facilities, is now an enormous camp, with an overflow of soldiers. Booming guns were heard to the right today.

PRESIDENT TO CALL EXTRA SESSION

Des Moines, March 20.—Senator Allison is authorized for the statement that President Roosevelt will call Congress in extra session October 1, two months in advance of the regular session, for the purpose of considering the railroad-rate investigation. Senator Allison also expressed his own views relative to the rate question. He stands for overruling the committee to adjust rates, declaring that there are many abuses which are subject to correction.

ENORMOUS LOSSES TO RUSSIA

St. Petersburg, March 21.—Reports thus far received indicate that 190,000 men were either killed, wounded or taken prisoners at the battle of Mukden. Eight field guns were also captured. A number of Russian guns were found buried near Mukden.

A St. Petersburg dispatch states that 5000 Russians died at Harbin last week as the result of wounds or disease received in battle. It is estimated that the sick Russians in Harbin number 70,000.

PROBATE COURT NOTES AND ORDERS RECORDED

A. M. Sanders appointed guardian of estate of Everett Gale Sanders, a minor. J. S. Dunning, Peter Deardorff and Joseph Deardorff appointed appraisers of estate of Lewis Sheppard, deceased.

May 1, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., fixed as day and time for settlement of final account of D. G. Palm, admr. of the estate of Geo. A. Hines, deceased.

Sale of real property belonging to the estate of Henry Easton, deceased, and situated in Coos county, by Williamina Easton, admx., to W. C. Harris, for \$30, confirmed.

April 17, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m.,

PUTER GANG STILL OPERATING

Salem, March 21.—In spite of being turned down by the state government, the McKinley-Puter crowd are believed to be still operating in state lands. Under conviction in the federal courts, they are out on bail, pending an appeal and unable to get hold of federal lands, they are carrying on a large business in state school lands.

One of the firm generally makes headquarters at the state house, and has access to the books and records of the state land office, under the theory that they are public records, open to any citizen. It is stated that most of the lands that Puter has secured or wanted to secure, were worthless, and the state is simply out money by not letting him have them.

The method is to secure worthless state lands, and represents them as being contiguous to some reclamation project, and thus unloaded them on some gullible purchaser, who is, by this process, swindled, and the state, in allowing this to be done, becomes indirectly a party to the transaction.

WANTS TO KNOW HOW SISTER DIED

Cottage Grove, Or., March 20.—Whether Miss Eva Davenport died by suicide or murder is to be determined, if possible, by C. F. Flaisky, brother of the dead woman, who has just come here from the Middle West to investigate her death. Miss Davenport died a little over two weeks ago, under very peculiar circumstances, a coroner's jury pronouncing death due to suicide. Lee Minard, a local saloon keeper was the first to find the body, which bore a nasty wound on the head. Mr. Flaisky has made no statement of his intentions.

The young woman left \$75 in the local bank and property worth about \$400. Minard was appointed administrator of her estate and, it is said, alleges that the young woman owed him money nearly in the sum of the value of her estate. The brother of the girl will also investigate this matter to determine whether this claim is valid or not. A second brother of the girl has now arrived on the scene.

Minard's Appointment Revoked

Tuesday afternoon County Judge Christman revoked the letters of administration recently granted Lee Minard, a Cottage Grove saloon keeper, in the estate of Lena Becker, alias Eva Davenport, the woman of the half world who committed suicide at Cottage Grove on March 3.

In Minard's stead Wm. Landess was appointed administrator of the estate upon petition of the dead woman's brother, Chas. F. Flaisky, who has come out from Fisher, Minn., to look after his sister's property.

HASTY BULLET STRIKES YOUTH

Eugene, March 21.—Amos Hills, 14-year-old son of J. S. Hills of Mabel, 20 miles northeast of Eugene, lies in the hospital here with a dangerous gunshot wound in his head, having been accidentally shot by Miss Mabel Workman while at target practice with a 22-caliber rifle.

SEARCHING RUINS FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Brockton, Mass., March 21.—The work of searching the ruins at the Grover Shoe factory proceeded slowly today. The body of Engineer Rockwell was found this morning in the engine room. This makes the 11th body identified and the 56th recovered. A full list of the employees cannot be recovered until the fireproof vault is reached, which will probably not be opened for 24 hours.

ECONOMY IN BETTER ROADS IN OREGON.

Grants Pass Good Road Meeting Largely Attended this Week.

W. E. Coman, of the Southern Pacific Company, Demonstrates by Facts and Figures the Savings in Good Roads

Grants Pass, Or., March 21.—Interesting statistics in connection with the good roads movement were presented at the convention of the Southern Oregon District of Oregon Good Roads Association here this afternoon, when W. E. Coman, of the Southern Pacific Company, in showing partly what could be saved in the Western Oregon farmer in the wear and tear on harness, vehicles and horses with better roads, Mr. Coman used the following table of amounts produced:

Hops—17,000,000 pounds, equal to 8,500 wagonloads of 2000 pounds.
Wool—2,500,000 pounds, equal to 1250 wagonloads of 2000 pounds.
Potatoes—75,000,000 pounds, equal to 37,500 wagonloads of 2000 pounds.
Wheat and oats—390,000,000 pounds equal to 90,000 wagonloads of 4000 pounds.

Dried fruit—15,000,000 pounds equal to 7,500 wagonloads of 2000 pounds.
Green fruit—10,500,000 pounds, equal to 5,250 wagonloads of 2000 pounds.
"This," he said, "makes a total of 133,250 wagonloads, of less than 3000 pounds each. Then taking as an average haul three miles per load and placing the cost approximately \$1.20 per load, this means an expense of \$300,000 for the hauling of only a few commodities. I think it fair to say that the year 'round our farmers would haul twice as much per load on the average with properly built and maintained roads as they are hauling at present. On this basis it can readily be seen that a vast amount of money can be expended in building public highways in Western Oregon as a profitable investment to our people, and the saving of expense to the farmer, which from the above can be partially realized, represents just so much value in money to him or to put it in another way, any expense saved in transportation is just so much added saved to net production.

"When we consider that there are only 17,300 farms in this vast expanse of country, which could have 173,000 farms and still not be crowded, we can realize to some extent what the situation will be in the near future, as our prospects for immigration from the less favored sections of the United States in the way of climate, assurance of crops, etc., are of the brightest. I might add that in this respect these same less favored sections comprise pretty much the balance of this country. We must prepare for this coming condition, and in my mind in no way can we commence to better advantage than by this good roads movement of yours."

Attendance is Large

The meetings of the Oregon Good Roads Association are attracting much attention and creating considerable enthusiasm in the good roads movement in Grants Pass and Josephine County. The meetings this morning and this afternoon were well attended, addresses being made by leading road enthusiasts and public men of the state. This evening's meeting will close the convention.

Other Afternoon Talks

The principal addresses of this afternoon were made by Judge T. F. Ryan, Oregon City; Judge John H. Scott, of Salem; Judge B. Daly, of Lakeview; Representative R. G. Smith, of Grants Pass; Albert Abraham, of Roseburg; W. E. Coman, of Portland, and A. E. Roams, of Jacksonville.

County Judges Present

A number of county judges are in attendance, expected tomorrow, among them: Judge L. R. Webster of Multnomah, Judge John H. Scott of Marion, Judge T. F. Ryan of Clackamas, Judge C. J. Trenchard of Clatsop, Judge M. D. Thompson of Douglas, Judge G. W. Dunn of Jackson, and Judge B. Daly of Lake County. Judge Daly has made a 200-mile stage ride to get here.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST STANDARD OIL.

The action of congress in requesting and of President Roosevelt in directing Commissioner of Corporations James R. Gardner to make a thorough investigation of the methods of the Standard Oil company, the most widely discussed trust in America, really had its beginning in Kansas. The legislature declared a pipe line a common carrier and Governor Hall signed the bills designed to limit the power of the gigantic corporation to crush out weaker rivals.

REMAINS OF MRS STANFORD

San Francisco, March 21.—The steamer Alameda, bearing the remains of Mrs. Stanford, arrived from Honolulu this morning.

Flags on all vessels in the harbor are at half mast. When the quarantine officials finished their task the Alameda was docked and the remains of Mrs. Stanford placed on a special funeral car, which bore it to the special funeral train and was conveyed to Palo Alto.

Still Denies Poisoning

President Jordan, of Stanford University, on arriving here today, reiterated his previous statement that he was firmly of the opinion that Mrs. Stanford's death was due to natural causes, and not to the effects of a poison. He said that two or three hours before Mrs. Stanford took the bicarbonate of soda on the night of her death, Miss Berner had taken a dose from the same bottle, and that no harm had resulted. This fact was not brought out at the inquest, presumably because Miss Berner had not been closely questioned. He was so strongly convinced that Mrs. Stanford was not poisoned that the opinions of a dozen doctors could not shake his belief. Timothy Hopkins, trustee of the University, stated that he fully agreed with the views of President Jordan. Miss Berner absolutely declined to discuss the case, and the maid, Miss Hunt was equally reticent.

NEW REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMAN

Washington, March 21.—Postmaster-General Cortelyou has announced that he will retire as chairman of the National Republican Committee in a few days, and that Harry S. New, of Indiana, at present vice-chairman of the committee, will succeed him as head of the organization. Mr. New's appointment, it is known, is entirely satisfactory to Republican leaders throughout the country, who have been consulted in the matter and have given the selection their approval. He will continue in office until a new committee is chosen in 1908.

WANT TO START MODEL SALOONS

Los Angeles, March 21.—A syndicate of Los Angeles capitalists has made in good faith a proposal to the city attorney and board of public commissioners to have the present \$300 liquor licenses revoked, and instead 50 or 75 licenses issued to the city. The members would place their saloons in charge of competent persons, under such regulations as do not now exist in any American city. Treating would be considered a misdemeanor. Coffee and soft drinks would be served, as well as intoxicants, and a forfeit would be paid for every drink sold to an intoxicated person. The drinking places would be made attractive, and the prices uniform.

But for the fact that this proposal is seriously backed by a number of men of wealth, it would be taken as a joke. A formal offer is made to guarantee the city \$180,000 per year for the exclusive privilege, and to spend a liberal amount in public improvements. The syndicate will make the offer, and if it is refused will assist in the present strenuous campaign to bring to a vote in Los Angeles the question of saloons or no saloons.

REMNANT OF A REGIMENT

Mukden, March 21.—Many picturesque incidents from the battlefields on the Shaho have been recorded, but none seems to equal in pathos the following episode: While the battle was at its height, a wounded Russian officer and six wounded men reported themselves to the General in command. The General sternly at them: "How dare you leave your men at such a moment? Back with you at once. Where is your regiment?" "Here, sir," replied one officer. "What! Is that all?" The General exclaimed in horror. "Yes, sir; this is all."

GREAT ARIZONA DAM LARGEST IN WORLD

The Secretary of the Interior has awarded a contract for the construction in the Salt River valley, Arizona, of what will be one of the largest dams in the world. It will be built in accordance with the terms of the national irrigation act and will cost \$1,000,000. The work will be done by J. M. O'Rourke & Co. of Galveston, Texas. In addition to reclaiming about 250,000 acres of land, the dam will supply water power for hundreds of places throughout the territory. The dam, which will be known as the Roosevelt dam, will be 225 feet high, and at its base will have a thickness of about 200 feet, or the length of an ordinary city block. The work must be completed within two years, according to the terms of the contract.

MR. HENEY CONTINUES TO TALK FOR PUBLICATION

District Attorney Declares Federal Officeholders in Oregon Must Beware Not to Interfere With Land Fraud Trials.

San Francisco, March 22.—Despite the protest and opposition, President Roosevelt is determined to have pressed to a conclusion the trials of the men and women recently indicted in Oregon for land frauds, and others that may be indicted. "I have just come from Washington where I had a conference with the president on the subject," said Francis J. Heney, special prosecutor for the government today. "He gave me his views on the matter and I am going to carry them out as far as I am able. No matter how big in influence the indicted person may be, they will be shown no mercy. No innocent man need have cause for fear."

"Any man now holding a Federal job in Oregon who, in any way, seeks to interfere with the trial of the land fraud cases, will receive no consideration from President Roosevelt," continued Mr. Heney. "He is determined to stamp out all graft and grafters that are within his official domain. It was his wish that I take charge of the land fraud matters in Washington, Idaho and Montana, but I had to decline for the simple reason that I cannot afford to neglect much longer my private practice.

"I will return to Portland on April 1 because the grand jury that has returned so many indictments will go

out of existence on April 10. It has some work to finish and probably will return more indictments. I will then devote all my time to prosecuting the persons indicted. The dragnet of the grand jury has caught men like Senator John H. Mitchell, Congressman J. N. Williamson and Binger Hermann, former United States Attorney John H. Hall and State Senators G. C. Brownell and Pierce May.

"The people and the press of Oregon are agreed with President Roosevelt that the guilty shall be punished."

Heney Denies Report.
San Francisco, March 22.—Francis J. Heney, the United States Attorney of Oregon, is at present in San Francisco, as is U. S. Marshal W. P. Matthews of the same state. Their presence here at the same time has revived the report that Matthews is to be removed, and that Heney is working to that end. Heney, however, when seen tonight, stated that he has made no move to bring about the dismissal of Matthews.

RED HOT THREE-SIDED MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN

At the city election in Cottage Grove next month there will be three tickets. The leader tells of the conventions as follows:

Law and Order Ticket

Monday night a number of citizens met in Woodman hall and nominated the following ticket for city officers, for the ensuing year:
Mayor, Oliver Veatch; recorder, A. H. King; treasurer, Herbert Eakin; alderman, first ward, Wm. Hogate; alderman, second ward, F. D. Wheeler; alderman, third ward, Marion Veatch.

Business Men's Ticket

At a gathering of a large number of the business men of the city, held at the rooms of the Commercial Club on Thursday evening after a lengthy discussion as to what would be to the best interests of the city, it was decided to nominate a ticket for the coming city election. The ticket as completed is as follows:
Mayor, T. K. Campbell; recorder, F. H. Rosenberg; treasurer, Herbert Eakin; councilman, first ward, W. A. Hogate; councilman, second ward, F. D. Wheeler; councilman, third ward, Marion Veatch.

Opera House or Wet Ticket

Thursday morning circulars calling for a mass meeting at the opera house were scattered about the city, the purport of which was to nominate a ticket to be voted for at the coming city election. Those nominated at this convention were: Mayor, R. M. Veatch; recorder, J. E. Young; councilmen, Jas. Barrett, first ward; J. H. Bartels, second ward, W. C. Johnson, third ward.

The candidate for mayor on the law and order ticket is a nephew of the candidate for mayor on the "wet" ticket.

SPRAYS, SULPHUR, LIME, BLUE VITROL AND CAUSTIC SODA OF THE BEST QUALITIES SOLD AT MARSTERS' DRUG STORE

LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR NOTES

Work on the California building at the fair is progressing rapidly, and the building will be completed by May 1st.

A \$150,000 exhibit of the products of the Philippine Islands will be an interesting feature of the United States Government's magnificent participation at the fair.

Fruit raisers of Pierce county, will give away apples and strawberries at the fair in order to convince easterners that Pierce county is an unsurpassed locality for raising these products.

A model post office will be installed at the fair. It will prove interesting as an exhibit, and useful in handling the immense amount of mail matter received at and sent out from Exposition headquarters.

An interesting display at the fair from the Navajo Indian Reservation will show Indian blanket weavers making rugs that have made the Navajos famous.

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, author of "The Conquest," who has been busy for several months tracing descendants of the Lewis and Clark party other than the leaders of that famous expedition, has located at Flower, California, a son of the "Boy Shannon," frequently mentioned in the journals of the explorers. He is Judge J. B. Shannon, an aged and respected resident of Flower for many years. Judge Shannon has accepted an invitation to be the guest of the fair which is to be held in celebration of the centennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, on June 1 the opening day.

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