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## BOTTLE REPORT POSITIVELY DENIED

**Correspondent Insists That Port Arthur Is Not Corked Up—Passage Pronounced to Be Open.**

**News Comes From St. Petersburg Via the Paris Echo de Paris.**

## 40,000 JAP TROOPS LAND

**Bulk of Kuroki's Army Now Nine Miles From Teng-Wang-Cheng—General Zassalitch Will Be Side-tracked.**

Paris, May 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris sends the following:

"The general staff believes that the Japanese have landed at Pitesow not less than 40,000 men, and says that the bulk of Kuroki's army was this morning about nine miles from Teng-Wang-Cheng. A staff officer said that General Zassalitch would be kept in the background during the remainder of the war.

"I am able to positively deny the statement that Port Arthur is bottled up. A passage is still free.

"The correspondent repeats the report that the Japanese have occupied Port Adams and says that they are advancing on Port Arthur."

## STORMS IN TEXAS.

**Number of People Killed and Property Is Damaged.**

St. Louis, May 6.—A special to the Republic from Dallas, Tex., says:

A tornado in the northwest of Texas last night killed three people at Moran. A dozen persons were severely but not fatally injured. At Putnam a man was killed and a woman was injured. A negro cabin was swept in the Brazos river and three negroes drowned. A wrecking train was blown from the track near Crescent and two negro laborers drowned. Twenty houses were wrecked at Moran and half a dozen at Putnam. Hundreds of head of livestock are reported killed and crops are badly injured. It is believed that lives were lost in isolated places that will swell the total to the number of 20.

## MEN 'FRAID OF HORSES.

**Thinking They Are Pursued by Posses Robbers Prepare to Surrender.**  
Enterprise, Ore., May 6.—Frightened into submission by wild horses follow-

ing them along the trail, the hoofbeats of which they mistook for the noise of a closely pursuing posse, the two outlaws who robbed the Innaha postoffice, and who have successfully eluded Wallowa county officers for days, early yesterday morning awakened the crew at Roberts' sheep camp and surrendered. The period of their repentance was short-lived, however, for they soon found they had been scared by riderless horses, overpowered the camp hands and took to the woods.

Shortly after their get-away a strong posse arrived at the camp and is now close on the heels of the outlaws.

The robbers were badly frightened when they reached the herders' cabin. While they were traveling the trail at night they heard hoofbeats behind them. They increased their speed and the following horses did likewise. Then the fugitives fired back into the darkness, but after a moment's pause the pursuers again came on.

This convinced the robbers they were almost in the grasp of the deputies, and they resolved to surrender to sheepmen, as they did not want to come to actual conflict, and feared they would be shot down if found armed by the posse.

As it was dark, employees at the sheep camp secured no description of the men. The place where they gave up is about 12 miles from Enterprise.

## NOW WAIT FOR DECISION.

**Arguments in Moyer Habeas Corpus Proceedings Concluded.**

Denver, May 6.—Arguments in the habeas corpus proceedings of President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, held by the military at Telluride, were concluded in the supreme court today. The attorneys for both sides will file supplemental briefs early next week and the court will take the case under advisement. In the usual course of proceedings a decision can be expected in about 10 days.

## FLOODS IN NORTH.

**Horses Drowned and Passengers Have Narrow Escape.**

Vancouver, B. C., May 6.—A special from Dawson to the Province says: Owing to a sudden rise in the Hutton river, seven horses connected with the White Pass mail stage were drowned at Yukon crossing, and the driver and four passengers barely escaped. Yukon and other streams are now impassable and the entire mail service is demoralized.

## THIBETANS LOSE HEAVILY.

**Attack British Mission and Are Repulsed in Disorder.**

London, May 6.—A correspondent says that 800 Thibetans, coming from the direction of Shigatze, attacked the British mission at Gyanatze April 5. The Thibetans were repulsed with heavy losses and fled. The British loss was two sepoy wounded.

## JAPANESE TROOPS SWARM ACROSS LIAO TUNG PENINSULA—PORT ARTHUR SEALED

**Events Long Anticipated by Russians Occur Simultaneously and Are Accepted With Great Stoicism.**

**Fortress Pronounced to Be Impregnable and Provisioned so That It Will Be Able to Stand Siege for Year—Orientals Landing Troops From Sixty Transports at Two Important Points—Details Are Meager.**

St. Petersburg, May 7.—Japanese troops are swarming across the narrow neck of the Liao Tung peninsula, railroad and telegraph communication cut, Port Arthur isolated and left to its own resources are the conditions which the Russians seem to accept with great stoicism.

These events have been anticipated since the outbreak of the war and the authorities in a sense appear to be relieved now that the blow has fallen. They assert that the fortress is impregnable and amply provisioned to stand a siege for a year and it can hold out until the time comes to relieve it.

According to official information the landing of troops from transports simultaneously at Piteswo and Cape Terminal May 5. It is also reported that troops are landing at Kinchow, but this is not credited as the Russians are known to have fortifications there.

Complete details of the landing are lacking owing to the interruption of communications. No resistance was made, the few Cossacks who observed the movement retiring when the warships shelled the shore preparatory to debarkation.

It is believed there are more than 20,000 men now on land preparing for a forward movement.

## LANDING OF JAP TROOPS.

**Sixty Transports Suddenly Bear Down Upon Piteswo.**

St. Petersburg, May 6.—(9:30 p. m.)—The ministry of war has received the following from General Pflug, chief of the military staff:

"According to information I have received, seven of the enemy's transports, and afterward about 40 appeared, opposite Piteswo on the evening of May 4.

"On the morning of May 5 the Japanese began to land at Piteswo and on the coast near Cape Terminal, about 15 miles southwest of Piteswo under cover of artillery fire.

"At this moment about 60 transports were observed bearing down upon the whole front and our posts retired from the shore.

"According to Chinese reports by the evening of May 5 about 10,000 of

the enemy's troops had landed and taken up quarters in Chinese villages.

"The enemy sent two columns, about one regiment each, one in a westerly direction and the other to the southward. May 5 a passenger train from Port Arthur was fired on a mile and a quarter outside of Polandien, about 40 miles north of Port Arthur, by 100 Japanese infantrymen. The train carried many passengers, 200 sick occupying an ambulance carriage flying the red cross flag. Two of the sick were wounded. The train succeeded in reaching Polandien."

## COMMANDER SHUT OUT.

**Vice Admiral Skrydloff Unable to Reach Port Arthur.**

St. Petersburg, May 6.—(10:05 p. m.)—A dispatch received tonight says that Port Arthur is cut off from all communication by land, the Japanese having debarked in its rear, occupied the railroad and cut the telegraph. Vice Admiral Skrydloff, who is en route to Port Arthur to take command of naval forces in the far east, will be unable to reach his destination.

## Jap Victory Rumored.

Seoul, May 6.—(2:30 p. m.)—A dispatch from Antung says that it is rumored there that the Japanese have captured Feng-Wang-Cheng, May 4, after fierce fighting and heavy losses on both sides.

## Alexieff at Mukden.

Mukden, May 6.—Viceroy Alexieff has arrived here.

## Smoot Is Confident.

Salt Lake, May 6.—Senator Smoot returned from Washington today. In an interview Senator Smoot expressed entire confidence that he would be allowed to retain his seat in the senate.

## MEETS DEATH IN A BARREL.

**Employee of Rolling Mill Drowned in Curious Manner.**

Portland, May 6.—At 10 o'clock last night A. Michaels, employed in the Portland roller mills as a tongue-runner, left his work for a moment to get a drink from a faucet outside the mill and 10 minutes later he was discovered with his head submerged in the barrel of water under the drinking tube. Apparently he had dropped dead from heart failure, but he may have suffered death as the result of drowning. His body hung over the edge of the barrel. An autopsy will be held by Coroner Finley this afternoon to determine the exact cause of death.

Coroner Finley was immediately notified of the peculiar death, and dispatched a deputy to investigate. That it was purely accidental was soon discovered, and no inquest will be held. The dead man was found by J. W. Baker, a fellow employe, after a 10-minute search.

Michael's work, like that of the other men employed in the blasting department, is exceedingly hot, and he frequently left his place to drink of the cooling water in the faucet close by but which is in a rather obscure place. From the position of the body when found, it is presumed that he stooped, placing his lips to the mouth of the faucet, and that while in that position he either fainted from fatigue or heart failure. His head fell into the water in the small barred under the faucet and, being unable to help himself, he was drowned, it is believed.

Michael's duty was to transfer the molten steel from the furnace to the rollers—a very hot task. He was seen to leave his place for the water faucet, and it being very common for him to do so, no one paid any heed to it.

Michaels was single, and 35 or 36 years old. So far as known, he had no relatives here. He lived in a small house near the mills where he was employed, at Twenty-first and Nicolai streets, North Portland. He has been in the employ of the mill 18 months and was a good workman.

As soon as Michaels was discovered Drs. Herbert W. Cardwell and F. Smith were summoned, but death had claimed its victim before they had time to arrive.

## NO SUCCESSOR TO HANNA.

**National Civic Federation Pay Tribute to Senator's Memory.**

New York, May 6.—The executive committee of the National Civic Federation, today held its first meeting since the death of its chairman, Marcus A. Hanna. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, presided. Resolutions in commemoration of Hanna were adopted unanimously.

Brief tributes to the memory of the senator were spoken by Bishop Potter, John Mitchell, Cornelius N. Bliss and others.

Tonight a committee on nominations reported that a successor to President Hanna had not been chosen. The committee was instructed to continue its search for a president.

## Malady at Victor.

Butte, May 6.—A Victor special to the Miner says that a strange malady of spotted fever has broken out there. The daughter of John Cleary being in a precarious condition from the disease. Great apprehension exists over the fear of a possible epidemic.

## BASEBALL SCORES.

### Pacific Coast.

At Portland—Oakland 6, Portland 3  
At Seattle—Tacoma 2, Seattle 16.  
At San Francisco—Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 7.

### Oregon League.

At Eugene—Roseburg 0, Eugene 8.

### Pacific National.

At Salt Lake—Butte 10, Salt Lake 4.  
At Boise—Spokane 1, Boise 7.

### American.

At Chicago—St. Louis 5, Chicago 2.  
At Philadelphia—Washington 6, Philadelphia 16.

At Cleveland—Detroit 1, Cleveland 3.  
At Boston—New York 2, Boston 5.

### National.

At Cincinnati—St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 7.

At Pittsburg—Philadelphia 15, Pittsburg 7.

## REWARD FOR ARREST OF TRIO

**Two Sons of Well Known California Mining Man and Associate Wanted by the Southern Pacific Co.**

**Charged With Having Robbed Oregon Express on March 31st.**

## GUILTY OF OTHER CRIMES

**Reckless Career of Young Desperados Covers Period of Unusual Lawlessness—Operate Throughout the West.**

San Francisco, May 6.—The Southern Pacific Railroad Company today offered a reward of \$850 for the arrest of George Gates, Edwin Vernon Gates and James Arnett, wanted for the robbery of the Oregon express at Copley, March 31, in which W. J. O'Neill, the Wells Fargo messenger, was killed. The trio, although young in years, are declared to have been connected with the most daring robberies known to the western authorities. Included in the crimes charged to them are the robbery of an electric car near Portland last year, in which two men were killed, the hold-up of the Colorado Southern train, the hold-up of a stage at Weaverville, Cal., and a robbery at Seattle. The Gates brothers are sons of G. G. Gates of Alameda county, a well-known mining man.

## NO DEALINGS WITH UNION.

**Striking Machinists Will Be Given Until Monday to Begin Work.**

Topeka, May 6.—The striking Santa Fe machinists will be given until Monday morning to resume their places with the company. Third Vice President Buckalew of the machinists union tonight offered to submit to the Santa Fe management a new set of rules adopted by the executive committee of the union in Washington. He was informed the Santa Fe would have no dealings with the union, whatever.

## Summer Clothes

You won't find anything in clothes more snappy and attractive than this Hart Schaffner & Marx single breasted outing Varsity.

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