

BATTLE WAS FIERCE ONE

Japanese Bombarded Ta Tche Kiao for Entire Day, Says an Official Dispatch.

FORCED RUSSIANS TO RETIRE

No Statement of Losses Has Been Received, but They Are Supposed to Have Been Very Severe.

St. Petersburg, July 26.—The Official Messenger this morning prints a dispatch from Liao Yang dated July 25, announcing that the Japanese maintained a terrific bombardment of Ta Tche Kiao throughout the day, but that toward evening, several of their batteries having been silenced by the Russian guns, they retired. No estimate of the losses on either side is furnished, but judging from the nature and extent of the fire the engagement was a serious one.

The dispatch says: "Throughout the night of July 24, the Japanese were busily engaged in emplacing batteries on the crests and slopes of the neighboring mountains and at 4 o'clock in the morning, opened a terrific artillery fire on the Russian position at Ta Tche Kiao from their front, which was nine miles long. The firing continued throughout the day, but slackened toward evening and stopped entirely at 7 o'clock, the Japanese retiring from the mountains. The Russian artillery answered the Japanese fire hotly all day long.

"According to the reports of an eye witness, the Russians silenced three of the Japanese batteries, after which the Japanese fire ceased."

The Official Messenger does not make any announcement regarding the status of the volunteer fleet cruisers, which it was generally expected it would do this morning.

SUIT OVER VILLARD ESTATE.

Daughter of Millionaire Wants Accounting From Trustees.

New York, July 26.—The action of Mrs. Helen Villard Bell of Germany against her brother, Oswald Garrison Villard and others, as trustees of the will of her father, Henry Villard, for an accounting of \$250,000 worth of securities which she alleges her father set aside for her, but which she has never received, has resulted in Oswald G. Villard, Harold Garrison Villard and Fanny Garrison Villard, Horace White and Charles A. Spofford filing separate answers in the county clerk's office at White Plains.

They declare that Mr. Villard did not set aside any securities for Mrs. Bell. The answer admits that at various times Henry Villard gave to Mrs. Bell statements containing lists of securities and that one of such statements contained a list of certain securities in the possession of Villard, which were of the same kind and amounts as mentioned in the complaint of Mrs. Bell.

"All of said moneys and securities entered in said accounting," says the answer, "were prior to and at the time of being so entered, in the absolute possession and control of Henry Villard who did not declare himself the trustee thereof in favor of the plaintiff; and from time to time, Henry Villard, of his own free will, sold exchanged and transferred and disposed of said moneys and securities."

The defendants ask for the dismissal of the complaint on the ground that the complainant does not set forth any fact to warrant the suits.

OLD MINE DISCOVERED.

Rich Strike Made by Workmen Near Otisville, N. Y.

Middletown, N. Y., July 26.—A strike of gold and silver in large quantities has been made in an old abandoned lead mine in the Shawangunk mountains, near Otisville. Samples assayed by experts were found unusually rich. The mine is believed to be the famous "Lost Gold Mine of Mamakating," from which Indians took large quantities of the precious metal. The discovery was made by a contractor whose men were taking out lead ore.

PORTLAND GAMBLING GAMES ARE CLOSED BY THE SHERIFF

All of the Houses Are Notified to Quit Business and the Order Is Complied With at Once.

Telegram: Portland is a closed town today, and from present prospects it bids fair to remain in that

condition for some time. Pressure is being brought to bear, but thus far Tom Word, who Saturday afternoon issued a mandate that all obeyed, shows no sign of awakening or receding from the position which he now assumes toward the gaming business.

There is widespread reticence among a future course in official circles. District Attorney Manning will say nothing for the public ear, and there is a halo of mystery around the head of Tom Word. Mr. Manning respectfully refers inquirers to the official records, and Mr. Word says: "Wait and see." In the halls where at noon Saturday there was evidence of seething life and prosperity, there now prevails a sepulchral silence. The tables are covered and the chairs inverted stand thereon, like a picture in story turned to the wall.

The gamblers look rather dazed and lost, and have little to say as to what the future probably holds in store for them. "Awaiting developments," is their explanation of the status of things just now.

Sheriff Tom Word sat in his office this morning as usual. On his face was a tired and worn look. "This is a busy place this morning," quoth the sheriff, as a visitor entered the little private room, just as a democrat of considerable note and influence slid from a side door and disappeared through the corridor.

"What are you going to do from now on about the gambling situation?" was fired at the sheriff. "Wait and see," replied that dignitary.

"Are you going to keep them closed up tight?" elicited nothing definite from the ministerial officer of the state circuit court.

"What will you do in case any of the houses insist on running their keno games?" was asked.

"If they do that I will close them up, if I have the power to do it," said the sheriff. "That's one of the worst forms of gambling." The sheriff used the word "if" because it has been talked around that this form of sporting chance is not included in the category of illegal gambling.

"I proceeded in this closing-up matter on my own motion," continued Tom Word. "No one said anything to me about it. I served those warrants Saturday afternoon, and after the job was done I sat down and reflected on the proper course to pursue. The idea of going down there every day and serving warrants and making a monkey of myself and my men didn't strike me just right, and I made up my mind to stop this child's play and proceed like a business man. Then I ordered the houses to close, and they did so. They were very nice about it, and stopped the games without a word."

Asked what he intended to do about the situation, John Manning, the district attorney, said: "I refer you to the official records at the court house. There are informations on file there, and they speak for themselves. That is all I have to say about the matter."

Dan R. Murphy, the lawyer who said that gambling must close, and that it must be by one method or another, on or before the first of next month, was jubilant.

"I am more than pleased with the result," said he, "having accomplished what I started out to accomplish, and what I was employed to do. The town will stay closed if it is within my power to keep it that way," and Dan R. Murphy gave it to be understood that he would renew his tactics the moment new conditions presented the necessity of doing so, to carry out his oft-repeated declaration.

Like the king that was in his counting house counting out his money, Peter Grant, Nathan Solomon and Harvey Dale, the triumvirate of the Portland Club, sat in the little private office at the head of the stairway leading up from the Alder street entrance. A table was covered with the spoils of business, and a roller-top desk supported the weight of many rolls of coin.

"Ready for the bank," they said.

"Anything to say? There it is," said Pete Grant, with a wave of his left arm toward the great, empty, silent room adjoining, where the profits had so liberally accrued a few hours before. "There's nothing to say. Yes, business is rather poor," and Mr. Grant cast his eyes at the piles of filthy lucre circumambient.

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WOULD AID THE NEGRO

Prejudice Against Colored Tenants in White Districts to Be Combated.

NEW REAL ESTATE CONCERN

Organized for Half-Million to Erect Tenement Houses in Which Negroes May Reside.

New York, July 26.—To combat race prejudice against negro tenants in white districts, the Afro-American Realty Company has started an aggressive campaign.

Negro real estate operators and investors organized the company recently with a capital stock of \$500,000. They have subscribed for \$100,000. The remaining \$400,000 is offered to negro capitalists at \$10 a share.

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The Afro-American Realty Company was formed after the struggle a year ago to oust negro tenants of uptown flats.

STOLE JEWELRY FOR LOVER.

Fourteen-Year-Old Country Girl Is Arrested at Portland.

Portland Telegram: Pearl Caldwell, 14 years old, pretty and from the country, is in jail, charged with larceny from a dwelling. She is accused of having stolen several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry from Miss Maude Gilliland, who lives at 726 Everett street, and is a postoffice employee. W. F. McIntosh, an employee of Meier & Frank's shoe department, is under arrest on a charge of receiving stolen goods, as an accomplice of the child. The girl admits she took the jewelry from the house, and McIntosh admits he got it from the girl.

The case was worked up by Officer Hawley, of the Boys' and Girls' home, who made the arrests. Miss Caldwell's parents reside near St. Johns, and she has not been away from her home long. Her mother consented to the child coming to Portland to see if she could get work. Only a few days ago the mother came to Officer Hawley, asking him to locate the child.

On arriving in the city, about 10 days ago, the girl secured employment at the Gilliland home. Shortly after she was there, some of the jewelry belonging to Miss Gilliland was missing. In a few days more articles disappeared. This robbery continued until all the articles were gone. The missing articles are a carbuncle sunburst ring, opal ring, diamond ring, ruby ring with pearls, another ring set with three small stones, a set of pins, a pair of cuff buttons, and some ribbons.

When the little girl was arrested by Officer Hawley he recovered some of the stolen goods. At first it was

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thought she was alone in the robbery. She admitted, however, that she had been giving the articles to McIntosh. A warrant was immediately issued for the latter's arrest, and he was locked up at the city jail.

When placed under arrest, McIntosh was wearing one of the stick pins. He said he had received some of the jewelry from the girl, but that he did not know it was stolen. He said he was out last Saturday evening with the girl, and because he did not have any money she gave him the diamond ring, which he pawned at 7 North Third street.

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