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### Was Taken by Squadron July 22 While 100 Miles North of Port of Yokohama.

## RUSSIA FILES HER PROTEST

### Declares That Contraband for Japan Has All Along Been Manufactured in England.

St. Petersburg, July 29.—The Associated Press is informed that the steamer Arabia, captured by the Russians off the Japanese coast, was released as soon as the contraband of war was removed.

## THE ARABIA CAPTURED.

### Arrives at Vladivostok in Charge of Russian Prize Crew.

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the vessels of the volunteer fleet to pass the Dardanelles, since, if negotiations on the subject were conducted at this time, as desired by Great Britain, Russia might be forced by the existing situation to grant concessions she would afterward regret.

## ASSERT CAUSE IS RIGHT.

### Russian Naval Men Declare Right to Seize or Sink Ships.

Vladivostok, July 29.—The naval men here cannot understand why the British and American papers should be questioning the legality of the actions of the Vladivostok squadron in the Pacific. The Russian cruisers, it is stated, are acting under the rules formulated in regard to the prizes, and imperially confirmed March 27, 1895. They were then published for the information of all the powers, and for nine years neither Great Britain nor any other power has protested. Paragraph 21 of these rules reads:

"In extreme cases, where the retention of ships is impossible owing to their bad condition, when they are of small value or in danger of recapture by the enemy, when at a great distance from a home port, or when there is danger for the ship which has taken to prize, the commander, upon his personal responsibility, may burn or sink the captured vessel after having previously taken off her crew and as far as possible her cargo. Her documents must be preserved, and even witnesses can be held for the purpose of giving testimony before the prize court."

The destruction of the British steamer Knight Commander is held to have been justified under the above rule. It is further claimed that the British government, instead of complaining, should take steps to compel her shipowners to desist from carrying contraband, in accordance with King Edward's neutrality proclamation, in which he said:

"I give notice that all of our subjects who transgress will do so at their peril or risk, and will under no circumstances receive our protection."

## CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION.

### Chicago Woman Arrested for Holding Girl in Her Apartments.

New York, July 29.—Mrs. Gertrude Worcester Taylor of Chicago has been arraigned in a police court in this city on a charge of abduction, preferred by Mrs. Margaret Cheeks. With Mrs. Taylor was Miss Virginia Bowles, a niece of Mrs. Cheeks. According to the aunt, Mrs. Taylor had abducted the girl and was holding her in her apartments practically a prisoner. The arrest of Mrs. Taylor and Miss Bowles was made at their hotel. Mrs. Taylor was greatly excited at the visit of the officers and protested against being taken into custody, but finally decided to submit to arrest and, with Miss Bowles, was taken to the police station and given a hearing. Mrs. Cheeks says Miss Bowles, whose home is in Salem, Va., had lived with her for some time, but in March last, disappeared and it was said had gone to Chicago. Later Mrs. Cheeks says she learned her niece had returned and was with Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor claims to have met the girl by chance in Chicago and says Mr. Bowles is on her side, showing a telegram alleged to be from him, in which he wishes to take full charge of the girl. Mrs. Taylor was placed under bonds for future examination.

## AND THIS IS AMERICA!

### Five Thousand New York Nihilists Cheer von Plehve's Assassination.

New York, July 29.—Five thousand, all that could crowd into Cooper union, cheered themselves hoarse tonight over the death of Russian Minister of the Interior von Plehve. At every mention of the assassin's name there was a din that lasted several minutes and cries of "Legio! Legio! Legio!" re-echoed through the hall.

The mass meeting was called by the United Russian revolutionists to celebrate von Plehve's death, which they believe will mark a new era of liberty for their brethren in Russia.

Chicago, July 29.—E. M. Lahiff of the local democracy is in receipt of a letter from Henry G. Davis, democratic vice presidential candidate, saying that previous engagements prevent his acceptance of an invitation to participate in the proposed meeting here August 30 to ratify the national nominations.

## JAPANESE ARE ENGAGED IN ANOTHER ATTACK UPON THE GARRISON AT PORT ARTHUR

### General Assault Has Been Fought, but the Russians Express Confidence in Their Ability to Resist It.

### Should the Vladivostok Squadron Reach Port Arthur the Fleet at the Beleaguered City Would Take a Chance With Togo— Report Comes That Port Arthur Has Fallen, but There Is No Official Confirmation.

Chefoo, July 29.—Refugees who have just arrived from Port Arthur confirm the previous reports that a general assault has been begun by the Japanese and declare the Russians are sanguine that the Japanese could not succeed in capturing the place, even though they had twice as many troops.

The Russians, according to the refugees' stories, are still hoping for success from Kuropatkin. They are unwilling to believe the reports of his defeat at Ta Tche Klao.

The refugees confirm the reports that the Russian fleet is in state of repair, but say the fleet is unwilling to attack that of Admiral Togo on account of the mines which the Japanese place nightly at the entrance to the harbor. It is believed at Port Arthur that if the Vladivostok squadron or reinforcements from Kuropatkin should arrive, the Russian fleet would take the risk of going out. Ammunition is said to be growing scarce and the large fort guns are not often discharged.

## Report That Port Arthur Has Fallen.

London, July 29.—The report was current here this afternoon that the fortress of Port Arthur had been capitulated, but no confirmation of the report or war news of any kind reached the London morning papers.

## REPORT NOT CREDITED.

### General Staff Has No Knowledge of Port Arthur's Fall.

St. Petersburg, July 29.—The general staff announced tonight that there was no news from Port Arthur and no more reason to credit the report that it had fallen than many similar reports in circulation.

There is official confirmation of the reported sinking of a cruiser and a gunboat July 25. The information contained in the dispatches of the Associated Press that the center of gravity

## Nihilists Had Plotted for Several Weeks Past

### Party of Bomb Throwers Had Arrived at St. Petersburg to Deal Death to Those in Authority.

St. Petersburg, July 29.—The police have not yet established the identity of the assassin of M. von Plehve or his accomplices, although it has been ascertained that the former is partly Russian, which accounts for his noticeable accent. His accomplice is a Jew. It has developed that the police for some time past have been aware that a plot was maturing against the czar and advised one of the ministers that a party of 15 anarchists had arrived at St. Petersburg. Several arrests were made several days before the assassination, and the police had the assassin's house searched and a trap set for his arrest on the night of July 14, but he did not return home. The bomb which the accomplice dropped in the canal after the assassination has been recovered. It is foreign made, small and melon-shaped, and is believed to have been quite as powerful as the one used to kill von Plehve. The requiem service at von Plehve's house was most impressive. The house was decorated with flowers. The czar was not present at the requiem tonight, but will attend the funeral Sunday.

## Killed in Train Wreck.

Seattle, July 29.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Leavenworth, Wash., says that a Northern Pacific freight train was wrecked near there last night and that Engineer John McGourley was killed.

of the military area will be shifted north is strengthened tonight by the knowledge that one prominent Russian correspondent is proceeding to join General Linevitch near Vladivostok.

It has been ascertained that Kuropatkin was at An Ping during the fight at Ta Tche Klao, and it is believed he is still there, which would indicate that he expects Kuroki will advance on Liao Yang.

## RUSSIAN LOSS WAS HEAVY.

### Oku Estimates It at 2000 in Sunday's Engagement.

Tokio, July 29.—(Delayed.)—General Oku estimates the Russian losses at Ta Tche Klao Sunday to have been at least 2000 men, and in his report expresses the opinion that the Russians decided to retreat at midnight Sunday after the Japanese had stormed Tai-ping mountain in a surprise attack and carried most of the Russian left flank, leaving the right rear threatened. The immediate withdrawal alone averted a greater disaster to the Russians.

## NOW OFF BAY OF TOKIO.

### Believed at Tokio Squadron Will Be Driven Off Today.

London, July 30.—The correspondent of the Times at Tokio says: "The cruisers of the Vladivostok squadron were seen south of the island of Idzu (at the entrance of the Bay of Tokio) this morning. It is believed the Russian cruisers will be driven off or brought to bay in the course of the day."

## Will Make Another Stand.

London, July 30.—Reports from Kuroki's headquarters contain the statement that Kuropatkin's headquarters is now at Tanghoyen and that he is preparing to make another stand midway between Hancheng and Liao Yang.

## ASKS CANDIDATE TO TAKE UP THE MORMON QUESTION

### Senator Dubois Calls on Parker and Tells Him Democrats Have Some Chance in Western States.

Esopus, July 29.—Senator Dubois today asked Judge Parker to take up the Mormon question in writing his letter of acceptance of the democratic nomination. Parker exhibited great interest in the subject and promised to make it a study before closing his letter.

The conditions in several western states, Dubois said, gave the democrats a good chance of success. He mentioned particularly Idaho, California, Montana and Nevada. In Washington it has been settled that ex-Senator George Turner will be nominated for the governorship. The local fight in Washington over the question of railways "paying their just share of taxation" would weaken the republican vote, Dubois stated, and the personal popularity of Turner would help the democrats in that state.

## Open Oregon Campaign.

Portland, July 29.—The national democratic campaign in Oregon was opened tonight by Franklin K. Lane of San Francisco and Governor George E. Chamberlain. The meeting was large and the speakers were frequently interrupted by applause.

## WILL REJECT REDUCTION.

### Brazil Will Not Agree to Lower Tariff on Our Flour.

New York, July 29.—The Chamber of Deputies has appointed a commission to study the protocol concluded with

Peru which the executive has sent to congress, says the Rio Janeiro correspondent of the Herald.

Negotiations for a Commercial treaty with Argentina are progressing, though somewhat slowly. Argentina has proposed to grant a reduction of the tariff on all Brazilian products. The government is therefore examining the statistical data referring to the commercial interchange between the two countries.

It is asserted that the senate while discussing the fiscal law, will eliminate the sixth article, which grants a tariff reduction on American flour.

## YOUNG WU CALLED HOME.

### Son of Former Minister to Go Back to Flowery Kingdom.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 29.—Wu Chao Chu, son of ex-Minister Wu Ting Fang, who has been attending school here, has received a message from his father, who is vice president of the foreign board at Peking, directing him to return to China at once.

Young Wu says that he will start Saturday or Monday. The summons was unexpected, especially as he had matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, having intended to take a four years' course there. He says that he does not know why he has been called to China, but feels sure that he will not return to the United States.

## BASEBALL SCORES.

### Pacific Coast.

At Tacoma—Portland, 3; Tacoma, 4.  
At San Francisco—Seattle, 4; San Francisco, 1.  
At Los Angeles—Oakland, 4; Los Angeles, 3.

### Pacific National.

At Salt Lake—Butte, 5; Salt Lake, 6.  
At Spokane—Boise, 9; Spokane, 7.

### American.

At Washington—(First game)—Cleveland, 0; Washington, 1; 12 innings. (Second game)—Cleveland, 6; Washington, 2.  
At New York—St. Louis, 0; New York, 2.  
At Philadelphia—Detroit, 0; Philadelphia, 2.  
At Boston—Chicago, 4; Boston, 3.

### National.

At Pittsburg—(First game)—St. Louis, 1; Pittsburg, 10. (Second game)—St. Louis, 8; Pittsburg, 5.  
At New York—(First game)—Brooklyn, 1; New York, 0. (Second game)—Brooklyn, 0; New York, 2.  
At Chicago—Cincinnati, 2; Chicago, 0.

## NELSON DEFEATS HANLON.

### San Franciscan Not in It After the Fifteenth Round.

San Francisco, July 29.—In one of the fiercest battles ever witnessed in this city, "Battling" Nelson of Chicago tonight defeated Eddie Hanlon of San Francisco near the end of the 19th round.

It was almost an even fight until the 15th. After that the tide of battle began to go toward Nelson. The gong in the 18th saved Hanlon from defeat and in the next round he came up so badly dazed that Nelson had him at his mercy, and battered him around until the local lad dropped helpless.

Simultaneously with the signal from the police to stop the fight a towel was thrown from Hanlon's corner, and Nelson was declared the winner.

## COMMISSION AT PORTLAND.

### Arrives From Sound to Investigate the Merchant Marines.

Portland, July 29.—The members of the congressional commission appointed to investigate the conditions of the merchant marine arrived here this evening from Puget sound. Tomorrow will be devoted to sightseeing and other entertainment. The hearings of the commission will be commenced Monday.

## To Abolish Switching Crews.

New Haven, Conn., July 29.—One of the ways in which the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad will attempt to solve the problem of reducing expenses in its freight department will be, it is said, by cutting off of most of the switching engines and crews in its yards and compelling the crews of the way freights to do the work of the switchers. This plan will abolish 40 crews, six on each of the 10 divisions, it is estimated.

## EMPLOYERS DECLINE TO ARBITRATE

### Reject Proposal That Negotiations Looking to Settlement of Big Strike Be Renewed Again.

### Packers Say They Are in Position to Ignore Unions and They Will Do So.

## DONNELLY LESS OBDURATE

### Is Willing to Confer Again at Any Time—New York Butchers Ordered to Join the Ranks of the Strikers.

Chicago, July 29.—Unable to arrange a conference with the representatives of the New York packers, President Donnelly of the butchers' union has ordered a strike of all members of the organization employed in New York by Schwarzschild & Sulzberger and the United Dressed Beef Company.

That the probabilities of settlement by the opposing interests in Chicago are as remote as ever was plainly demonstrated today, when Henry C. Wallace of Des Moines, Ia., and A. L. Ames of Buckingham called on the packers with a proposal from the strike leaders, offering to concede most of the important points in the controversy if the employers would agree to renew peace negotiations. They were told by the packers that there was no possible chance for any further conference, and that the packers were now in position where they could ignore the labor unions, and that they purposed to ignore the strikers.

From a statement made by Donnelly tonight it would appear the men are becoming anxious to return to work.

"We have been glad to confer with the representatives of the packers at any time," said Donnelly. "While I can not say our position is in any way changed, we are anxious to keep up a running fight, and shall be glad if a settlement can be effected."

Following the arrest of George Golden, chief of the packing teamsters' union, for picketing, riots became more frequent near the stockyards this afternoon. Though the strikers and their friends became boisterous when it became known that Golden had been arrested and made all sorts of threats, no one was seriously injured in any of the many disturbances that occurred.

## PRICES ARE VERY HIGH.

### Strike is Sending Meat Skyward in Illinois Metropolis.

Chicago, July 29.—Although the managers of the packing companies claim to have enough men working so that their production is almost normal in several of the plants, the prices of meat continue to rise in the local markets. This is largely due to the fact that the products of the big plants have been almost wholly sent to outside points. The meat served to Chicago customers nearly all comes from the independent plants.

Figures obtained from the five largest independent packing houses in the yards where there is no strike in progress show that these plants have more than doubled their force of men and their output of meat. The men are working in three shifts of eight hours each and the killing and preparing of meat is continued day and night.

Previous to the strike these five plants were employing 410. This force has been increased to 950. The weekly output of the plants has increased from 3300 cattle, 900 hogs and 4700 sheep slaughtered before the strike, to 8500 cattle, 1600 hogs and 10,700 sheep for the week ending yesterday. All of this meat goes to supply the retail markets in Chicago.

J. J. Redden of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, has instructed members of the union outside of Chicago to make no cans for the packing companies involved in the strike.

## Today's Weather.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho: Saturday—Fair and warmer.