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IMPORTANT MANIFESTO BY THE CZAR

Corporal Punishment Abolished Among Rural Classes and Certain Offenses in Land and Naval Forces.

Remits Many of the Heavy Financial Burdens Which Oppressed the Russian Poor.

LIFTS FINES FROM FINNS

This Part of the Manifesto Covers the Cases of Those Who Refused to Submit to Military Conscription.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—The manifesto of Emperor Nicholas on the occasion of the birth of an heir to the throne, the text of which is published this morning in a very lengthy document, abolishes corporal punishment among the rural classes and for first offenses among sea and land forces; remits arrears owing to the state for purchases of land and other direct imposts; remits fines imposed upon rural and urban communes of Finland, that refused to submit to military conscription; remits fines imposed upon Jewish communes in cases of Jews avoiding military service; provides for a general reduction of sentences for common law offenses, and for general amnesty in case of political offenses, except those in which murder has been committed.

ATLANTIC TICKETS CUT.

Great Ocean Steamship Lines Make Big Reductions.

New York, Aug. 23.—All the leading trans-Atlantic lines have now reduced minimum first and second cabin rates, east-bound, to meet the Cunard reduction made several days ago. The North German Lloyd and the French line were the last to take part in the cut rate war by announcing sweeping reductions in the first-class rates both to Plymouth and Cherbourg and to Bremen on the largest vessels on the line and also on steamships of the smaller class. On the fast steamers of the German line the minimum first-class rate to Plymouth and Cherbourg was cut \$40, and a reduction of \$30 was made in the same class rate to Bremen. A cut of \$30 was announced in the first-class rate to Plymouth and Cherbourg on vessels of the smaller type and of \$20 to Bremen.

On the other French lines a cut of \$30 was made in first-class and of \$30 in second-class cabin rates.

PRISONER HIS OWN LAWYER.

Has Prepared All the Papers for Appeal to U. S. Circuit Court.

Jackson, Mich., Aug. 23.—An anomaly among convicts has been brought to light in the case of J. M. Leonard, a university graduate and once a county attorney, who has been serving a sentence for burglary at the state prison. Leonard has prepared his own papers of appeal to the United States circuit court to release him from confinement under the provisions of the indeterminate sentence law. Leonard was sent to Jackson in 1894 for 10 to 15 years. Since that time a new state law has been enacted providing that in all cases where offenses are committed prior to the passage of the new law, the minimum sentence was valid. Leonard claims that in his case the operation of the law was retroactive and that his sentence is therefore wholly void. The papers in the case, presented on a writ of certiorari, will be placed in the hands of the proper officials today. On their decision will depend the imprisonment of many other prisoners in addition to those released under the decision of the state supreme court.

CHANGES IN R. R. OFFICERS.

North Shore Road Passes into Control of California Northwestern.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—A number

of changes in management of the North Shore Road Company reorganized by the California Northwestern Railway, have been announced in an official circular.

James L. Frazier has been appointed general manager, vice W. M. Rank, resigned.

R. X. Ryan has been appointed general freight and passenger agent, and G. W. Heintz, assistant general freight and passenger agent.

H. C. Whiting has been appointed purchasing agent. H. C. Whiting was formerly general manager of the North Shore.

J. L. Frazier and R. X. Ryan hold similar positions in the California Northwestern Railway Company. The combined lines will finally, it is generally believed, pass into the control of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

HALIBUT FISHING.

Twenty Thousand Pounds Sent to Market in One Day.

Victoria Daily Colonist: Great catches of halibut are being made by American schooners fishing off Cape Flattery. Twenty thousand pounds of fresh halibut, taken from the Flattery banks, reached Seattle Friday as cargo of the fishing schooner Dewey. Captain Thomas Nelson, master of the Dewey, reports a fair catch by all the halibut vessels cruising off the cape. He also states that since the unusually dense fog set in many of the fishing craft have had narrow escapes from being run down by steamers plying up and down the coast.

LIVESTOCK MEN MEET.

Sanitary Boards of Interstate Association at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—The ninth annual convention of the Interstate Association of Livestock sanitary boards convened today for a two-days' session. The principal points to come before the convention will be the re-arrangement of quarantine lines, so they will be more satisfactory to livestock raisers, and the discussion of measures tending to prevent the spread of contagious diseases among both persons and cattle.

ACCEPTS SEAT FROM CORK.

William O'Brien Re-elected to Parliament Without Opposition.

Dublin, Aug. 23.—The Evening Herald announces that William O'Brien has decided to accept the seat in parliament from Cork City to which he was re-elected unopposed Friday last.

On November 5, 1903, Mr. O'Brien resigned his seat in parliament for Cork City and at the same time resigned his membership in the governing body of the United Irish league owing to differences of opinion with members of the nationalist party.

A More Cheerful View.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—In a dispatch from Liao Yang under date of August 23, a correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger, says: Indications are that the initiative is about to pass to the Russians. The Japanese plan of the campaign, including an attack upon Liao Yang, has apparently been deranged by the unexpectedly stubborn resistance at Port Arthur. Kuroki has withdrawn to the south of the Taitze river and only outposts are near here.

TEAMSTERS GIVE UP.

Will No Longer Support the Chicago Butchers' Strike.

Chicago Aug. 23.—Members of the teamsters' union who have been on strike in an effort to aid the striking butchers, held a protracted meeting tonight to determine whether to withdraw from the strike. They finally decided that the teamsters as a body would refuse to give any further assistance to the strike, and the question of remaining on strike or going back to work was left to various locals.

Rain in California.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—Rain fell in California this afternoon, from San Diego to Sacramento. This city has not been visited by a rainstorm in the month of August for 40 years.

Senator Hoar Comfortable.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 23.—General Rockwood said here tonight that Senator Hoar had a very comfortable day, and he expected the senator would have a good night.

WITH DAMAGED BUILDINGS AND FORTS DESTROYED THE RUSSIANS ARE IN STRAITS

Latest Dispatches Picture the Desperate Conditions at Port Arthur in Deeper Lines Than Ever Before.

Gloom and Foreboding Have Settled Down Upon St. Petersburg Like a Black Pall and the Air Is Full of Sinister Rumors of Disaster—The Superstitious Fear Fortress Will Fall When Heir Is Baptized.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—With all Russia hanging breathlessly on the fate of Port Arthur, even such a national event as the christening of the czarvitch is robbed of much of the prominence which would otherwise be accorded it, and St. Petersburg tonight is dim and silent, with no sign of activity.

The capital tonight is filled with sinister rumors of Port Arthur's desperate straits. The superstitious are predicting the fall of the fortress on the day of the baptism of the czarvitch, but this is easily traceable to the fact that disasters to the big Russian reserve have occurred on Russian fete days.

A reported message received from General Stoessel tonight, sent from Port Arthur, August 22, by way of Chefoo, says a desperate assault by the Japanese had been in progress during the previous 48 hours. No confirmation of this report can be had.

A more hopeful view is derived from an unofficial dispatch from Liao Yang, saying in the two days' assault, on August 19 and 20, the attackers were beaten off with heavy loss.

The situation at Liao Yang itself is quiet, but improving weather presages a renewal of military activity. It is believed that if Kuropatkin is contemplating a diversion in favor of Port Arthur, it will not be long delayed.

SEVERAL FORTS TAKEN.

Every House at Port Arthur Damaged and Outlook Threatening.

Chefoo, Aug. 23.—A junk which left Liao Yi promontory on the night of August 21st, reports that the Japanese succeeded in occupying the Antsashan forts as well as another fort, probably Etushan, about a mile southwest of Antsashan. They have driven the Russians from the parade ground (which lies about two miles north of the harbor); they have destroyed two forts at Chaochanko, which is within the eastern fortifications, and they have advanced to a point near Chaochanko. This news confirms the information received here previously, and which the local Japanese were not inclined to believe.

The junk heard firing until midnight, August 22. Scarcely a building in Port Arthur remains undamaged. The town hall, used as a magazine, has been destroyed.

Four large warships, unable to fight, are at Port Arthur. Only one ship, a vessel with two masts and two funnels, has guns on board.

The fire of forts not yet captured by the Japanese, together with the effect of land mines, is given as a reason why the Japanese have not as yet conquered the stronghold.

SUNK WITHOUT CAUSE.

British Steamer Hipsang Was Attacked Without Reason.

Shanghai, Aug. 23.—The finding of the naval court of inquiry in the case of the British steamer Hipsang was delivered this morning. The Hipsang was torpedoed and sunk July 16 while passing Pigeon bay. The findings of the court are as follows:

"A Russian torpedo boat destroyer, now identified as the Rastoropy, came up at daylight with the Hipsang, whose lights were burning brightly and who had the British flag flying. The destroyer fired shells killing and maiming passengers. The Hipsang stopped directly, but the Russian vessel fired a torpedo, sinking her. There was no contraband aboard her nor any Japanese. Her captain was experienced and he acted perfectly correct. The court desires to draw the attention of the Board of Trade and the foreign office that the steamer while proceed-

ing with due caution, and on her correct course, was torpedoed and sunk without any just cause or reason. The loss of life was due to the shell fire, previous to the torpedoing of the vessel. These acts were done by the Russian destroyer No. 7."

RUSSIANS HOTLY PRESSED.

Chinese Report That Occupants of Port Arthur Are in Sore Straits.

Chefoo, Aug. 23, noon.—According to advices brought here from Port Arthur by a junk, the Japanese were hotly pressing the Russian center along the railway and the Russian right in the vicinity of Golden hill. These advices are brought by Chinese who departed from Tspiangtse, which is one mile from the city near Golden hill, between the city and the forts of the Russian right wing. The Chinese declare that the Japanese occupied Tspiangtse and penetrated along the railway to General Stoessel's residence on August 21. As this report would indicate that Port Arthur had all but fallen, the Japanese expert attached to the local consulate received the information with great reserve. The information is accepted, however, as a confirmation of previous reports that the Russians have been driven from Itzshan and that the Japanese are very close to the southern forts and the eastern defenses. The local Japanese under the leadership of their consular are subscribing money and preparing to celebrate the expected fall of the fortress.

The Chinese who arrived today further report that a Russian warship was hit by a shell recently and sunk in the harbor. A report was cabled several days ago that a gunboat of the Otvaiani type had been sunk. This is probably the vessel referred to.

PRISONERS AND WOUNDED.

Best of Care Given to Russians by Their Japanese Captors.

Boston, Aug. 23.—The American Board has received from Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, of Matsuyama, Japan, a report of missionary work which states that more than 1200 Russian prisoners have been brought to that city. Some 500 wounded prisoners have been or are being treated with the best of care. Out of the total number treated, 99 per cent have been successfully treated. The chief surgeon apparently takes pride in the showing. He attributes it to the special character of the Japanese rifle.

REPORT HEAVY LOSS.

Japanese Attack on Port Arthur Repulsed.

Liao Yang, Aug. 23.—According to the latest information from Port Arthur, the furious Japanese attack of August 19-20, was repulsed with terrific loss. The news was received here with the greatest joy.

Stop Repairs on War Ships.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Consul Goodnow, at Shanghai, today cables the state department that the Chinese Tatal of Shanghai, through the British consul, has ordered repairs on the Askold and Grozovoi stopped. The order was made through the British consul because of the fact that repairs were being made by a British company at Shanghai.

Battleship Struck Mine.

Tokio, Aug. 23.—Admiral Kataoka reports that as the Russian battleship Sevastopol was emerging from Port Arthur yesterday she struck a mine, and afterwards she was seen to be

listed to starboard. She was towed back into the harbor.

Baptism of the Russian Heir.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 23.—The baptism of the heir to the throne of Russia will occur tomorrow, in the palace church at Peterhof, in the presence of a brilliant assemblage of diplomats, courtiers, statesmen, generals and admirals.

RUSSIAN ART DISPLAY.

Exhibits at the St. Louis Exposition Rich and Elaborate.

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—World's Fair Grounds.—The Russian section in the art palace, which contains one of the most elaborate displays of fine arts at the exposition, was today thrown open to visitors. Three famous Russian art associations—the association for arranging exhibits in Russian towns, the St. Petersburg Society of Artists and the Association of Artists of St. Petersburg—have made valuable contributions to this section.

One of the most interesting galleries in the section is that containing the spring exhibit of the academy of arts, the oldest art association in Russia. Another feature of this section is a large plaster statue of Count Tolstol. The section also contains a number of pieces displayed by individual collectors, including 73 pictures by Mr. Rohrich, descriptive of Ancient Russia. "The Prals and their Riches," showing the resources and scenery of "The Russian California," is the title of an interesting collection by Demisoff-Uralasky.

CONGRESS OF WOMEN.

Prominent American Delegates Return From Meeting at Berlin.

New York, Aug. 23.—Miss Susan B. Anthony, accompanied by the Rev. Anna H. Shaw and Miss Lucy Anthony, have returned from Europe, where they attended the congress of women held in Berlin. Miss Susan Anthony said: "English women are well informed on politics, and talk of them, and, indeed, of most subjects of general interest, much more than American women.

"In Scotland and Ireland they are doing the same thing as in England. "We in America are not gaining materially as much as we hoped, but there is an undercurrent. "We found the German women very responsive. The fact that Emperor William permitted and encouraged our efforts is significant if not of personal liberality, at least of deference to our position."

PEACE CONGRESS DESIRED.

Plan to Establish a System of Arbitration Among Countries.

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—The republic today says: One of the proposals that will be made by the American group before the inter-parliamentary conference, which will be held in the hall of congresses at the world's fair next month is that the president of the United States be authorized to call a general peace conference sometime next year. It is not the intention of the American group to have this conference along the lines of that at The Hague. They wish to establish a system of arbitration among the countries of the world which will bring about a reduction of the armaments of the powers.

Another proposition that will be made at the conference in St. Louis is that during times of war private property on the high seas, which is not contraband, be declared exempt from seizure.

YESTERDAY'S MARKET REPORT.

Liverpool—September wheat, 7s 5½d.
New York—Silver, 57½¢; Union Pacific, 99½¢; do preferred, 94½¢.
Chicago—September wheat opened at \$1.09½@1.09; closed, \$1.08½; barley, 45¢@54¢; flax, \$1.18½; Northwestern, \$1.25½.

San Francisco—Cash wheat, \$1.45.
Portland—Wheat—Walla Walla, 78¢; bluestem, 85¢; valley, 82¢.
Tacoma—Wheat—Bluestem, 84¢; club, 79¢.

"TWIN" SULLIVAN WINS.

Given Decision Over Dave Barry After 20 Rounds.
Los Angeles, Aug. 23.—"Twin" Sullivan of Boston was tonight given the decision over Dave Barry, after 20 rounds of fighting.

BIG FIGHT IS AVERTED BY CHANGE

Amendments to the Charter of American Mining Congress Gives Decision to Board of Directors.

Report of Committee Favors Permanent Location of Headquarters.

EL PASO WOULD LIKE IT

Left to the Directors the Chances of the Texas City Will Not Be as Good as They Would Be in the Convention.

Portland, Aug. 23.—On Thursday the principal battle of the present convention of the American Mining Congress was expected to take place. But the adoption of the amendment to the charter will avoid the contest. Under the new order of things, next year's meeting place will be selected by the board of directors.

Six addresses were on the program today, and tonight a big audience greeted Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, of the University of Nebraska, to hear his address on "The Promoter, His Place in Our Development."

The forenoon session was taken up with an address by Senator Mitchell, who spoke on "Government Branch Mint or Assay Offices." Maurice D. Leahy, of Seattle, on "Mining Law," and extemporaneous addresses by F. H. Newell and Gifford Pinchot.

The afternoon session was devoted to addresses by Col. Frank V. Drake, on "Mineral Resources of California," and Orlow W. Brown, on "Cyanide Ores, Ragged Top District of the Black Hills."

Colonel Drake's speech was perhaps the most interesting that has been delivered during the present session of the congress.

At the conclusion of the afternoon session the delegates were taken for a trip about the city. Ladies' delegations this afternoon were taken to Willamette Falls, as guests of the Women's Clubs of Oregon.

BASEBALL.

Pacific Coast.

At Portland—Portland, 4; Oakland, 6.
At Seattle—Los Angeles, 5; Seattle, 6; 11 innings.

Pacific National.

At Butte—Salt Lake, 3; Butte, 7.

American.

At Washington—First game: Detroit, 2; Washington, 7. Second game: Detroit, 5; Washington, 2.

At New York—Chicago, 0; New York, 5.

At Boston—St. Louis, 0; Boston, 1.

At Philadelphia—Cleveland, 4; Philadelphia, 3.

National.

At Pittsburg—First game: New York, 3; Pittsburg, 5. Second game: New York, 4; Pittsburg, 0.

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN.

Plans of Leaders Laid Before Judge Parker and Approved.

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Plans for the national campaign were laid before Judge Parker today by Delancey Nicoll, of New York, vice chairman of the democratic national committee. Judge Parker approved everything that has been done and all the committee has in contemplation.

Government Crop Report.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The weekly crop report issued by the weather bureau today says: The north Pacific coast region is suffering from drought and the prevalence of forest fires which have been reported from Idaho. The harvesting of spring wheat is nearly finished on the north Pacific coast.

Today's Weather.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 23.—Western Oregon and western Washington, Wednesday, fair and warmer except near coast.