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WILL STRIVE TO CAPTURE PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Preparing for Another Desperate Assault on Two of Russian Forts on the Northeast Flank.

Believed the Attack Will Be the Most Trying Yet Inaugrated There.

RUSSIANS SHORT OF POWDER

Using Inferior Explosive Manufactured at Port Arthur—Jap Force Aggregate Fully 80,000 Men.

Chefoo, Sept. 10.—General Nogi's next assault upon Port Arthur will be directed chiefly against Rihlungshan and Kikwanshan forts, which are the strongest forts on the northeast flank. This information is derived from an unquestionable authority which has just finished a visit over the Japanese lines.

The elevation of Rihlungshan is 350 feet. Three hundred yards away on the same range is another hill so much lower than Rihlungshan that it protects it from all bombardment except from Itsshan and Kikwanshan. This hill is part of a section which the Chinese call Jailchuang. Preparations for the assault on Kikwanshan are proceeding, although the Japanese in the nearest battery bearing directly on this fort are somewhat more distant than those at Pailchuang are from Rihlungshan.

There seems little doubt that the assault on Rihlungshan and Kikdanshan will be the most trying one the Russians have yet resisted. Everything which ingenuity can suggest is being done by the Japanese to render the attack successful, particular attention being paid to measures which will enable the Japanese to retain the forts in the event that they capture them.

The entire Japanese force now surrounding Port Arthur is estimated at 80,000 fighting men. The Russians are now using an exclusive powder, evidently manufactured at Port Arthur. The smoke from the powder enables the instant detection of the source of the fire. The explosive power of the powder is far less than that of the smokeless powder, which the Russians seem to have exhausted.

The Japanese plan for the coming assault does not, it is understood, include an assault on Itsshan. The Japanese say they are prepared to lose heavily in the coming assault on Rihlungshan and Kikwanshan. These forts, like the majority of the 54 forts surrounding Port Arthur, have six-inch steel shields, loop-holed, with rapid fire guns at intervals. The shields are impervious to field artillery. Nothing but siege guns will make an impression upon them. The Russians are also sending strong electric currents through the wire entanglements surrounding the forts.

The Japanese losses for the past five weeks are placed at 20,000 killed and wounded.

POLITICS HAS RUINED HIM.

Ex-Mayor Humes of Seattle Lost His Fortune in Office.

Seattle, Sept. 10.—Ex-Mayor Thomas J. Humes will sail in a few days for the Tanana, in Alaska, in search of gold. He wants to retrieve the fortune that he lost in politics. He will give up the residence he has had in Seattle for 23 years. In that time he has been mayor seven years, superior judge four years and twice the republican candidate for United States senator. He has made much money, but all has gone.

At the age of 60, Mayor Humes, easily the best known man in the city, is virtually without a cent. It has been less than six months since he left the mayor's office. He has found it necessary to get into a new country to build up another fortune. He will begin anew, as he did when he first settled in Seattle, the city then a village. He will take up his practice of law.

Humes' case is sad. His condition at present is due to good[illegible] his [illegible] the [illegible]nds [illegible] hundreds. No one went away without help. Now in his age he is almost without a friend who will give him the financial help that he needs. He is forced to leave the city he loves to battle against reverses in the hardened north.

Ore Historical Society

If there was needed a demonstration that Mayor Humes' hands were clean at all times, his present condition would be that proof. Six months out of office, he is financially poor. Mining law was one of the ex-mayor's earliest successes. He will try it again.

SOLDIERS HAD TENDER FEET.

Many Blues and Browns Out of Commission as Result.

Gainesville, Va., Sept. 10.—One-half of the militiamen who participated in the four days of maneuvering were too badly used up to participate in the review at Wellington today. The review closed with the annual army maneuvers for the Atlantic division, the reviewing officer being Lieutenant-General Adna Chaffee, of the general staff. The review was witnessed by the largest number of people which has been attracted to the maneuvers.

Immediately after the review troop trains were supplied and 8000 militiamen from the eastern states were started on their homeward journey.

After the four days of actual campaigning, marching along dusty roads, sleeping in the field, fording streams and fighting the enemy, the ranks of regulars and militia, both Blue and Brown, looked decidedly like veterans. In some cases whole regiments were declared unfit for the march to the reviewing ground by the medical officers in charge. The trouble in almost every case was tender feet. The Virginia roads are exceedingly stony.

TOO MANY HOPPICKERS.

Lane County Driers Unable to Keep Up With Them.

Eugene, Ore., Sept. 10.—Nearly all the hopyards in Lane county have commenced picking, but the complaint comes from nearly all that pickers are too numerous. In R. R. Hays' yard, at Creswell, pickers have been compelled to quit work almost every day at noon, because the driers are unable to handle the hops as fast as picked. In other yards pickers quit in the middle of the afternoon for the same reason.

In the Cheshire yard, between Eugene and Springfield, picking was discontinued yesterday until some time next week, for the purpose of letting the hops get riper. They are yet too green to cure properly. A sale of hops was made here yesterday wherein Seavey Bros. transferred to Frank Page 48 bales of early fugles. The price was not given out, but Mr. Seavey states that it was higher than any price paid this year.

PORTLAND RACES ARE OVER.

Association Provided Good Sport and Made Some Money.

Portland, Sept. 10.—The Multnomah Fair Association brought its race meet at Irvington park to a close this afternoon. True to its promise, the association provided a season of clean sport and has received in consequence heavy patronage. The horses are leaving rapidly, part of them for Salem to the state fair and a number to California.

MEETS NEXT AT PORTLAND.

Annual Hoo Hoo Convention Selects the Oregon Metropolis.

St. Louis, Sept. 10.—At the closing session of the Hoo Hoo annual meeting held today in the house of Hoo Hoo at the world's fair, Portland, Oregon, was selected for the next annual meeting. The following officers were elected: Snark of the universe, C. B. Rourke of Petersburg, Ill.; jabberwock, A. H. Potter of Portland, Ore.

Child Burned to Death.

Rockford, Wash., Sept. 10.—A 4-year-old daughter of James Lane, living five miles northeast of here, was burned to death while playing yesterday. She got possession of some matches and while in a small building set fire to the straw. She succeeded in putting out the fire, but her clothes caught and she ran outside and burned to death before assistance reached her.

INCESSANT RAIN AND BAD ROADS COMPEL TWO ARMIES TO DISCONTINUE FIGHTING

St. Petersburg Believes Kuropatkin Will Retire if Japs Advance, Thus Ending the Winter Campaign.

Kuroki Probably Will Not Attempt Pursuit Beyond Tie Pass, Despite Tokio's Contrary Declaration—Chinese Reports Estimate of Number of Japanese at Liao Yang at 300,000, Less 70,000 Chinese.

"The troops on both sides are resting." This information from the Associated Press correspondent at Mukden came in a dispatch filed at 10:55 p. m. Saturday night, and, coupled with reports received at St. Petersburg Saturday from Kuropatkin and General Sakharoff, reporting inactivity in the fighting zone Thursday and Friday, indicates that since Thursday, because of torrential rains and heavy roads, hostilities have been reduced to the minimum. The rearguard of the Russians has succeeded in taking m st of its transport and guns through Mukden. The Japanese, however, are reported going there by railroad, and a force under Kuroki is in the hills east of Mukden.

Chinese reports received at Mukden estimate the Japanese force in the battle of Liao Yang at 300,000, of whom 70,000 were Chinese and Coreans. Kuroki reports that after the battle of September 5, the Russians took 10,000 wounded to Mukden, leaving 3000 in the vicinity of Liao Yang. No official figures on the losses at the battle of Liao Yang have been given out.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 10.—The war office is reluctantly disposed to admit that with the defeat of the Russians at Liao Yang all hope has practically departed of turning the tide of war this year. But, disappointed as they are and discouraging as the situation is, no word is heard in favor of making peace.

"Russia will be victorious in the end; the war must continue, if not this year, then next; if not next, then the year after," is the unvarying sentiment. According to the best information from the front, both armies are now tired and are resting, after days of exhaustive fighting and marching. The general opinion is that the Japanese will again push on as soon as the rains cease and the roads are dry.

The prevailing idea is that Kuropatkin will not make a stand at Mukden if the Japanese come on again in earnest, but that he will retire at least to Tie pass. Once through the pass, the general impression in military circles is that the Japanese will not attempt further pursuit. Not exceeding two months remain for military operations this fall, and, despite reports from Tokio of a winter campaign, the most competent critics, familiar with the rigors of the Manchurian winter, think the Japanese will not attempt it. Unless the unexpected happens, the withdrawal of Kuropatkin's army above Tie pass, they believe, will mark the end of the campaign for this year.

RETREATED BEFORE KUROKI.

Russian Troops Subjected to an Extended Artillery Fire.

Tokio, Sept. 10.—Kuroki's advancing to the northwest last Sunday and Monday forced the Russians to retreat to Mukden. It is reported that the Russians, after Monday's fight, carried over 10,000 wounded north of Mukden. It appears they ingeniously removed the majority of their dead, but left over 1000 dead in the vicinity of Liao Yang. The retreating Russians saved their guns, but abandoned and exploded their ammunition. The number of ammunition carts found in the trenches is enormous.

The Japanese casualties are not yet reported.

Last Sunday night at 10 o'clock Kuroki's central column attacked a strong Russian force at Tailenkou, east of Yentai. After a night's fierce fighting, the Russians were driven westward. Kuroki's left column, working west, occupied Lankyipu Sunday afternoon, the artillery shelling the retreating Russians northward for 30 or 40 minutes. Kuroki's right column advanced northward of Wangmienzushan, 25 miles south of Mukden. The Russians continued to retreat. Their rearguard cavalry holds a line extending northwest of Hailiho and Shanchiatzu. The Russian outposts hold a line of covered trenches on the heights east of Panchaiagao. A body of unknown strength remains at Kuchiatzu, Pachiatzu and Kaulinpao. The main body of Russians retired to Mukden, burning the bridges across the Sha river.

LOSS WAS OVER 10,000.

Oyama Reports on Number of Russians Slain and Injured.

London, Sept. 10.—A dispatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio says:

"Field Marshal Oyama reports that in the fighting of September 4-5 our right occupied the Yentai colliery and Yumentse hill. The enemy's main force is believed to be retarded north of the Hun river.

"Natives say the enemy sent by train over 10,000 killed and wounded. We buried over 3000 Russians. The enemy burned the magazines near the station before evacuating. We captured, however, immense quantities of provisions and ammunition."

JAPS NUMBERED 300,000.

Had Seven Hundred Guns at the Battle of Liao Yang.

Mukden, Sept. 10.—Chinese reports, which are partly confirmed by information received by the Russians, are to the effect that the Japanese at Liao Yang had a total of 300,000 men with 700 guns. The rearguard consisted of 40,000 Coreans and 30,000 Chinese, but, so far as can be judged, only a portion of these participated in the fighting. The troops on both sides are resting.

BIG FIGHT FOR TUESDAY.

All Preparations Being Made for Decisive Battle.

Chefoo, Sept. 10.—Noon.—Japanese who left Danly yesterday say that the grand assault upon Port Arthur which it was rumored was planned by the Japanese for today has been postponed until Tuesday next, September 13, and that a still further postponement is possible, as the Japanese intend to make every possible preparation before again hurling themselves upon the wornout garrison. A Chinaman who left Port Arthur on the evening of September 5 confirms the reports of heavy fighting from August 27 to August 31, when he and many others worked night and day burying the dead, which included Chinese, Russians and Japanese indiscriminately. He says that during this fight four forts in the vicinity of Rihlungshan were captured. The Russians signaled the garrisons of these forts to retire, whereupon the Japanese occupied them, but were compelled to retire later under a heavy bombardment. Previous reports said the Japanese had only entered one fort during this attack. Since August 31 fighting has been comparatively unimportant.

The Russians have since remounted guns upon the four forts above mentioned.

Chile Will Irrigate.

New York, Sept. 10.—The government has decided to carry out extensive irrigation works and the construction of railroads in the province of Tacna and Arica, cables the Herald's Valparaiso de Chile correspondent. Preliminary surveys will soon be taken.

CONDITION OF CROPS.

Monthly Report of Bureau Includes Spring Wheat Situation.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The monthly report of the chief of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture will show that the condition September 1 of spring wheat was 66.2, this being the first time spring wheat has been separately reported September 1. The only comparison is with the condition a month ago, which was 87.5.

The condition in Washington was 80, a decline during the month of one point. The condition of the oat crop was 85.6, against 86.6 last month and a 10-year average of 80.6. The condition of barley was 87.4, against an average of 82.1. The condition of rye was 86.9, against a 10-year average of 85.6. The condition of flax was 85.8, compared with 80.5 September 1, 1903.

The condition of potatoes was 91.3, against a 10-year average of 77.3.

CONFESSION OF ROMAIN IS BRANDED UTTERLY UNTRUE

Secretary of Western Federation Says That Ex-Convict Has Lied Deliberately to the Officers.

Denver, Sept. 10.—Leaders of the Western Federation of Miners declare that the alleged confession of Robert Romain, an ex-convict, at Topeka, Kan., implicating union leaders in the two disastrous explosions in the Cripple Creek district, contains many allegations which can easily be refuted.

"According to Romain's confession," said William D. Haywood, secretary of the federation, "Davis, Kennison and Parker, members of the Cripple Creek district union executive committee, were with him in Cripple Creek June 6, when, as he says, final arrangements were made for the Independence depot dynamiting.

"As a matter of fact, the three union leaders named were in Denver from May 23 to June 8, attending the annual convention of the federation.

"Romain says McKinney was one of the leading conspirators. The absurdity of this statement must be at once apparent to anyone who will consider that McKenny is the man who made the fake confession regarding the alleged conspiracy to wreck the Florence and Cripple Creek train.

"Romain was either hired to make this confession, or he is working a bunco game on the Colorado authorities."

Quarrel Leads to Murder.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Sept. 10.—In a quarrel Sergeant Boyle has shot and killed Private Pearl Allen of a Fort Robinson cavalry troop. The men quarreled over a polo race.

BASEBALL

Pacific Coast.

At Los Angeles—Portland, 4; Los Angeles, 3.

At San Francisco—Oakland, 2; San Francisco, 3.

At Seattle—Tacoma, 0; Seattle, 7.

Pacific National.

At Spokane—Butte, 5; Spokane, 14.

American.

At Philadelphia—Boston, 0; Philadelphia, 1.

At Cleveland—First game: Chicago, 4; Cleveland, 5. Second game: Chicago, 6; Cleveland, 11.

At New York—First game: Washington, 3; New York, 2. Second game: Washington, 5; New York, 6.

At Detroit—First game—St. Louis, 0; Detroit, 2. Second game: St. Louis 1; Detroit, 0.

National.

At Cincinnati—St. Louis, 10; Cincinnati, 6.

At New York—First game: Philadelphia, 4; New York, 5. Second game: Philadelphia, 5; New York, 6.

At Pittsburg—First game: Chicago, 1; Pittsburg, 2. Second game: Chicago, 0; Pittsburg, 5.

At Boston—First game: Brooklyn 6; Boston, 6. Second game: Brooklyn, 6; Boston, 2.

The Weather.

Portland, Sept. 10.—Oregon and Washington: Sunday fair and warmer.

WOULD STAY AT HOME IN ROSEMOUNT

Judge Parker Very Much Opposed at Present to Suggestion That He Go on Speaking Tour.

Prefers the Quiet of His Home to Strenuous Trips During the Campaign.

FRIENDS ADVISE OTHERWISE

Not Yet Settled if He Will Remove to New York, There to Conduct the Coming Campaign.

Esopus, Sept. 10.—Judge Parker has not yet determined whether he shall arrange for a speech-making trip. Friends have urged him to do so, but if he follows his personal inclinations he will remain at Rosemount and conduct his campaign from his country home.

The manner in which the democratic nominee ought to carry on his campaign was the subject that was discussed by nearly all of the callers at Rosemount today. The proposal that he remove to New York city and there superintend the conduct of his campaign was also discussed, and the advisability of a speaking tour was suggested.

Judge Parker talked over these matters with W. F. Sheehan, chairman of the national executive committee; Daniel S. Lamont and Herman Ridder of New York. The conference lasted for some time, and at its conclusion Mr. Sheehan announced authoritatively that Judge Parker was not now disposed to go upon a speech-making tour. Sheehan said that, if the candidate's personal judgment determines the question, he will remain at home.

Arthur McCausland, Judge Parker's private secretary, stated this morning that there was absolutely no truth in the stories sent out that Parker intended going to New York and that he was dissatisfied with the work of the national and state committees. McCausland said that Parker might go to New York for a day or two after his letter of acceptance was published, but that he may not do even that.

MANY FIRES ARE BURNING

Danger Is Great on the Shores of Spirit Lake, Idaho.

Spokane, Sept. 10.—The fiercest forest fires ever experienced in that section are burning along the shores of Spirit lake, Idaho, a summer resort 40 miles from Spokane. The country is dryer than ever known before, and, as hundreds of fires are burning around the lake, the danger will be great until rain comes to the relief.

CAN'T REACH THE TANANA.

No Steamers at Dawson to Take Down Five Hundred Persons.

Seattle, Sept. 10.—A special dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson, Y. T., warns persons at coast points not to attempt to enter Alaska this fall expecting to catch steamers at Dawson for the new Tanana district and Fairbanks. Five hundred people are now at Dawson anxious to go down the river to the new camp, with no steamers available.

Aberdeen Being Rebuilt.

Aberdeen, Wash., Sept. 10.—Aberdeen's building record for the past nine months will not give joy to the pessimist. Nearly $300,000 has been expended on buildings in this city since the disastrous conflagrations of last October. Since City Engineer Parr took office, last December, he has kept a record, with the result that 141 permits were issued for new buildings, 52 for repairs, and 15 for removals, at an estimated cost of $426,031. This amount does not include the great amount of improvement made to the different mills in building extensions, nor the city's work on street improvements and extensions, which would easily run the amount up to $750,000.