

## SPOONER IS NOT SO SURE OF SUCCESS

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### DAVID B. HILL TALKS TARIFF

**Says That Reasonable Revision of Present Rates Is Necessary—Fairbanks Makes Address at Troy, N. Y.**

New York, Oct. 17.—United States Senator Spooner, discussing the political situation in Wisconsin, said today that conditions were so mixed there was no certainty of the electoral vote of the state being given to the republican candidates.

"Much depends upon non-interference," said Senator Spooner.

The situation in Wisconsin is being closely followed by the party managers on both sides here. Democrats claim they have a fair chance to carry the state, while at republican headquarters it is stated with positiveness that Wisconsin is safe for Roosevelt.

### TALKS TARIFF REVISION.

**David B. Hill Speaks to Immense Crowd at Indianapolis.**

Indianapolis, Oct. 17.—David B. Hill, of New York, delivered an address before a democratic meeting at Tomlinson hall tonight. The hall was crowded to its capacity and many persons were turned away.

Mr. Hill discussed the question of reasonable revision of the tariff rates, claiming that the welfare of the people demanded such revision. He declared that the stand-pat policy of the republicans was injurious to the best interests of the country.

### FAIRBANKS AT TROY.

**With Frank W. Higgins, He Is Given Hearty Welcome There.**

Troy, N. Y., Oct. 17.—Troy republicans gave Senator Fairbanks and Frank W. Higgins, republican candidate for governor of New York, a hearty welcome at Harmony hall tonight.

Fairbanks dwelt at length upon the industrial depression following the campaign of 1892, and replied to Judge Parker's recent speech on the Philippine question.

### Parker to Speak Again.

Esopus, Oct. 17.—A delegation of New Jersey democrats is expected at Rosemount next Friday, when Judge Parker will speak against the alleged extravagance in the government departments.

### AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS.

**Chicago Taking Extra Precautions To Prevent Fires.**

Chicago, Oct. 17.—As a precaution against disastrous fires automatic alarm lines running direct to the fire department are being installed in Chicago theaters. The wires are connected with the sprinkler system, and when the atmosphere became heated beyond a certain degree the alarm is turned in automatically.

Thirty six registers, controlling as many theaters are being added to the fire alarm instruments now in the service of the city. As soon as a blaze starts the alarm rings in at the city hall. Without waiting for further notice the nearest engine company to the fire is sent to the scene.

### ZIONIST MOVEMENT GROWING.

**New York Has Membership Of 10,000—Third "Shekel Day" Observed.**

New York, Oct. 17.—Fifteen thousand Hebrews have observed in this city the third "shekel day" of the Zionist movement in the United States by

paying a fee of 25 cents and forming themselves as members of the association. Two thousand new members were enrolled at the Zionist headquarters and 3000 additional names were received by young men who canvassed the whole of greater New York with membership slips.

The registration of the name and the payment of the fee confers the franchise to vote for delegates to the next Zionist congress. The total membership here is now about 10,000.

### CLAIMS TWO MORE VICTIMS.

**One Had Remarkable Health Record But Spoiled It.**

New York, Oct. 17.—Two more sudden deaths attributed to wood alcohol or bogus whiskey have been reported by the police of the lower West side.

One of the victims died in the back room of a saloon. His employer, a furniture mover, said the man never had been ill a single day during 15 years service. A sample of the whiskey he drank was procured and an autopsy will be held.

The second victim, a painter, was found dead in his lodging over a saloon. He is said to have been a heavy drinker and had been a debauch for some days.

### FIVE FIRE FATALITIES.

**Many Are Injured in Tenement House Flames.**

New York, Oct. 17.—One name has been added to the list of dead in the fire which gutted a five story tenement at 15 Moore street, Williamsburg, early today. It was that of May Delaskia, five years old and made the total of known dead five. The injured were mostly women and children, including six members of one family. Eleven are in a serious condition and it is likely many of them will die. There were 120 persons living in the building. Five families on the top floor suffered the greatest loss, scarcely a single one escaping uninjured.

### ARGENTINE SENDS GREETINGS.

**New Administration Makes Its Bow To The World.**

New York, Oct. 17.—Minister of Marine Martin has entertained Foreign naval officers at a banquet on board the armored cruiser Almirante Brown, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres.

The minister made a speech in which he requested the guests to send the greeting for the new Argentine administration to their respective governments.

Rear-Admiral Chadwick of the American squadron, replied for the foreign officers, thanking the minister for the reception tendered them.

### SIX NEW PACIFIC LINERS.

**Puget Sound And Hamburg Line Will Carry Passengers.**

San Francisco, Oct. 17.—Six new steamers are to be added to the fleet of the Kosmos line to ply in the freight trade between this port and Hamburg. The vessels are to be larger and faster than those now running to this port and are to be equipped with passenger accommodations.

The Kosmos line at present operates steamers between Puget Sound and Hamburg, via this port, Mexican, Central and South American ports.

### SHOOTS HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

**Farmer Mistakes Her for a Burglar, With Fatal Result.**

Baker City, Ore., Oct. 17.—A dispatch from Pine says that Leonard Foster, a young farmer, awakened last night thinking a burglar was prowling around the house and began searching for his gun. Spying a figure, he fired, the death-screams of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Beck, apprising him of his great mistake. No arrest was made, the authorities believing Foster's story.

### FRANKIE NEIL IS BEATEN.

**Joe Bowker, of England, Wins World's Bantam Championship.**

London, Oct. 17.—Before the National Sporting club tonight, Joe Bowker, of England, beat Frankie Neil, of San Francisco, on points, in a 20-round contest for the championship of the world and a purse of \$2500.

## MORE HOPEFUL VIEW HELD OUT IN LAST DISPATCHES SENT OUT FROM THE FRONT

**Russians Are Striving Desperately to Recapture the Positions Taken by the Japanese Last Week.**

**Kuropatkin Has Been Successful in His Efforts to Capture the Town of Shakhe, but Nothing Has Been Heard of the Left Wing of His Army Since October 13—End of Great Battle Not Yet in Sight.**

Reports from Russian sources give a more hopeful view of the situation of Kuropatkin's army. That commander has recaptured and now holds the town of Shakhe, for possession of which he had been fighting for several days, first with one and then with another of the Japanese armies. Reports from the Russian left wing, for the safety of which there has been anxiety, are not later than the night of October 13. There has been fighting for two days for possession of Tumin pass, an important strategic point, but up to the time of sending the latest dispatch the Japanese were still in possession there. In order that this column may be able to join the main army it will be necessary for Kuropatkin to hold the bridges over the Hun river and the position now occupied on the Shakhe river.

No indication of the end of the great battle is at hand. Estimates of the losses show wide divergence, but as a rule are lower than those given in Sunday's dispatches.

### NEWS MORE REASSURING.

**But Kuropatkin's Position Is Said to Be Still Critical.**

St. Petersburg, Oct. 18, 3:15 a. m.—The news from the front is more reassuring from the Russian standpoint. The situation is still regarded as critical, but Kuropatkin apparently is holding the Japanese firmly on the center and the right wing, even having recrossed the Shakhe river, and, while there are rumors of extensive Japanese flanking movements, both on the west and the east, there is no evidence that they are actually occurring. Kuropatkin has been heard from.

The Associated Press has the first connected report of the four days' fight in front of Tumin and Saltchoun passes resulting in the final withdrawal of the strong Russian column, which had been sent to turn the Japanese right, though General Mischenko seems to have actually penetrated a considerable distance inside the Japanese line. The situation may be described as follows:

General Kuropatkin has slightly advanced his center, recapturing Shakhe, south of the Shakhe river. Directly behind him at a distance of nine miles lies the Hun river, and across bridges spanning this stream the Russians must retrieve in case they retreat on Mukden. General Kuropatkin must continue firmly to hold his center and right flank in order to prevent the Japanese getting possession of the Hun river bridges. Thus he will cover the withdrawal of his apparently beaten west wing.

There is still considerable uncertainty as to the disposition of this left column. Certainly it has not returned to Mukden; whether it is again advancing after its withdrawal is not known. There is little hope expressed that Kuropatkin will be able to continue his advance. The four days' fight of the eastern column was of the same desperate character that marked the operations of the center and right wings. A heavy Russian column under such leaders as Ivanhoff, Rennenkampf, Carnegross and Kondratovich repeatedly assaulted the strongly entrenched Japanese positions on the heights commanding the passes. The assaults were largely night work. The cannonading was so powerful that it was impossible to advance in the light of day. Finally, on October 13, when the passes had been actually occupied, came the order to withdraw, probably owing to the critical position at other parts of the front. Here the story of operations of the eastern wing of the western army ends.

Vice Admiral Rojestvensky has been

appointed adjutant to the emperor. General Gripenberg has arrived at St. Petersburg and will go to the front 10 days hence to assume command of the second Manchurian army.

### WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT.

**Japanese Displaying Remarkable Bravery Near Mukden.**

Mukden, Oct. 17.—The Russian forces at 1 o'clock this afternoon entered the Japanese center and are reported to have captured 11 or 12 guns and 150 prisoners east of the railway. At another point during the day Siberian regiments took 24 guns.

Russian operations today have been quite successful.

The Japanese, after a terrifically stubborn resistance, were compelled to retreat along their whole line, which is filled with Japanese dead. In one trench were counted 600 corpses of Japanese. In spite of their losses the Japanese remain undaunted. They have brought up their siege guns and have left no stone unturned to maintain the mastery of the situation.

Every step the Russians have pushed forward today has been in the face of resistance that has cost the Russians dear. The Japanese are willing to fight until annihilated.

Tomorrow will be the tenth day of the battle.

### CAN NOT CHANGE THE RESULT.

**Kuropatkin's Splendid Fight Will Only Retard Japs' Advance.**

London, Oct. 17.—The greatest admiration is displayed by the London newspapers today for the tenacity shown by Kuropatkin in protecting his retreat, but nowhere is the idea entertained that the Russians' first success on the Shakhe can change the broad character of their defeat or have any effect beyond retarding the Japanese advance upon Mukden and probably Harbin, since the Japanese appear to be fully prepared for a winter campaign.

The question of intervention is hardly discussed, because it is believed that the Russian government is in no mood to accept.

The Standard's correspondent with Kuroki, telegraphing, says:

"Kuroki, as usual, has borne the brunt of the struggle and sustained the majority of the casualties. We are now occupying a line on the Shakhe, with an outpost near Mukden. The Russians lost the initiative second-day battle when the Japanese repelled their infantry and assumed a vigorous offensive. For a time the situation at Benshu was extremely critical and the Japanese were practically surrounded. Eventually the Russians fled."

### FORETELLS ANNIHILATION.

**Or Nations Must Find A Substitute For War.**

New York, Oct. 17.—In a sermon at the Church of the Ascension, Rev. Percy S. Grant has extended a strong plea for international arbitration and predicted that before many generations have passed nations will find war with the constantly increasing deadliness of the weapons, too costly and too destructive for civilization.

### BRITISH SHIP LOST.

**Total Wreck Near Magellan—All Hands Saved.**

San Francisco, Oct. 17.—Captain Jurgensen, master of the Kosmos liner Ammon, arriving here today reports that a British ship has been wrecked on Terra del Fuego near the Straits of Magellan, on the Pacific side.

The captain is not certain of the name of the vessel but states that she was considered a total loss. He states that no loss of life was reported as a result of the wreck and that steamers were sent from Punta Arenas to save the cargo.

### PRESIDENT REMOVES HIM.

**Robert S. Rodie Loses Position as Result of Investigation.**

Washington, Oct. 17.—President Roosevelt today removed from office Robert S. Rodie, supervising inspector of the United States steamboat service, located at New York, on account of the disclosures of the commission appointed to investigate the Slocum disaster.

In accordance with Secretary Metcalf's directions, steps have been taken toward the removal of James Dumont, inspector of hulls, and Thomas B. Barrett, inspector of boilers, both of the port of New York. They are charged with neglect of duty and incompetency.

### JOE WALCOTT INJURED.

**Shot Through the Hand at Dance for Colored Folks.**

Boston, Oct. 18.—Nelson C. Hall, colored, was killed and Joe Walcott, the colored pugilist, shot through the right hand by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of Walcott early this morning. The accident occurred at a south end dance. Walcott was arrested and later sent to a hospital. The firing caused a panic.

### GERMAN CONSUL ILL.

**Will Undergo Operation For Appendicitis.**

New York, Oct. 17.—Dr. Carl Buentz, German Consul-General to New York is seriously ill from appendicitis at his residence here. An operation has been performed and his condition is reported to be quite serious and considerable alarm is felt as to the outcome.

### NOT THE WORST ON EARTH.

**God Has Not Forsaken This City, Says Rev. Ray Palmer.**

Rev. Ray Palmer preached last evening at the union meeting held at the Presbyterian church. The speaker applied himself to local conditions, expressing the conviction that Astoria "is not the worst city on earth." In part, Rev. Palmer said:

"The most attractive theme on earth is the gospel. The theater may get a crowd, but it has to change its billboard nearly every night. The story of the cross has held the world spell-bound for nearly 2000 years. Christ preached the word. The Bible is the greatest book in the world. Could all the good of all other books be put together, it could not equal the Bible.

"Our text tells us of four men bringing a palsied man to Christ to be healed. Christ honored their faith. The need of the church today is blood-earnestness in soul-winning. He will honor our faith for the salvation of Astoria. Let us have faith to undertake great things for God and to expect great things from God."

The meeting was closed with consecration service, in which many took part. Mr. Palmer will preach tonight, his subject being, "The Great Shipwreck." A general invitation has been extended to the service.

### Fine Bill at Hedrick's

At Hedrick's theater last night was presented one of the best vaudeville bills ever shown in Astoria, from the standpoint of music, comedy and skill. The Hustons opened the show with an unusually interesting comedy act, Johnnie Downey, next on the bill, sang "Where the Sunset Turns the Ocean's Blue to Gold." Then came Signor and Madam Bolle in operatic selections, and they are undoubtedly the highest class singers who have ever sung in a 10-cent show on the coast. Next on the bill was Harry Walton, the king of Chinese impersonators, and he deserves that title for he is certainly the best of the Chinese impersonators, and it is worth the price of admission to see his tragedy act. The moving pictures are up to date and very interesting. Next week the Welch company comes from the Lyric theater in Portland, where they have packed the house for two successive weeks.

## MURDERED HIS FRIEND FOR A LAMP

**Lane County Men Quarrel Over Trivial Matter and One Is Stabbed to Death by the Other.**

**Charles Alley Plunges Knife Into John Howard's Body at Town of Fall Creek.**

### MURDERER IS SENT TO JAIL

**Could Not Agree as to Ownership of Lamp in Dividing Household Property Jointly Owned**

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 17.—Charles Alley and John Howard, residents of Fall Creek, quarreled over possession of a lamp this morning, and as a result Howard was stabbed to death. Alley is now in jail, with a murder charge hanging over him.

The stabbing affray occurred this morning 20 miles east of this city. Two little boys were the only witnesses to the crime, but from their statements the facts have been made plain. Howard and Alley had been occupying a shanty, but had agreed to separate. A division of the property was also agreed upon. The men quarreled over the ownership of the lamp, and the stabbing followed. Howard is said to have called Alley a liar, precipitating the attack.

Howard was cut across the stomach and stabbed in the arm and back. Alley was not injured. The last named was arraigned tonight and committed to jail in default of bonds.

### Russia Buys Seven Cruisers.

London, Oct. 17.—The Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent gives credit to a report that Russia is purchasing seven fast cruisers, three each from Chile and Argentina and one from Brazil.

### Casualties Among Officers.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—The first list of casualties among the officers in the fighting below Mukden shows: Killed, 28; wounded, 113; missing, 6.

### Obituary.

Mrs. Josie S., wife of R. B. Campbell, was born March 16, 1860, at Green Bay, Wis., and died October 15, 1904, at 4:30 p. m., at the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, Ore. She was married November 4, 1878. Two children were born, Alvin C. and Anna D., who, with the kind and affectionate husband, are left to mourn the departure of their mother and wife.

The family came to the coast in 1887, settling at Aberdeen, Wash., where they lived until coming to this city. Mrs. Campbell was best known by her work. She was a trustee and an active member of the First Congregational church, president of the W. C. T. U.—holding the degree of honor conferred upon her by the local union of Aberdeen, Wash. She was also a member of other auxiliary organizations, in all of which she was a leader. Those who affiliated with her in various enterprises always coveted her opinion and good judgment before acting. Her death causes a vacancy which will be difficult to fill. In the home she was a model wife and mother.

Funeral services will be held at the First Congregational church today promptly at 1:30 p. m. Rev. L. D. Mahone, the pastor, officiating. Those desiring to see the remains must go to the home before 12 o'clock, as the casket will not be opened at the church. The interment will follow the service in the Greenwood cemetery.

### Card of Thanks.

I desire to express my sincere gratitude to the many kind friends who so kindly lent their sympathy and assistance during the illness and at the death of my late wife.

L. ANDERSON.