

ST. PETERSBURG'S LATE WAR NEWS

OFFICIAL ADVICES THAT SKIRMISHES HAVE BEEN FREQUENT ON BANKS OF THE YALU AND THAT JAPANESE HAVE LOST MANY MEN.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, April 13.—An official dispatch today confirms a report made late yesterday by General Kouroupatkin to the effect that on April 8 50 Japanese scouts were killed in a battle or skirmish at Samalind.

Without firing until the Japanese were upon them, the Russians waited. Then well-directed volleys were poured into the Japanese with such effect that their boats were sunk, many drowned and others bayoneted as they swam ashore.

The official dispatch adds details of the Japanese advance. The Japanese have been entering opposite Chabedisi disguised as Koreans and spreading along the river as far as Pombanaha.

In a second dispatch General Kranshinski reports that on the night of April 12 a suspicious boat was approached at the mouth of the river at Lachoe. After several shots were fired upon it its crew put out all lights and retired, afterward beginning a cannonade.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, April 13.—A Wiju dispatch states that a company of Russian troops attempted to cross the Yalu river west of the town this morning. A Japanese company of Japanese drove them back.

An official account of a skirmish between two small bodies of Japanese and Russians which took place April 10 on the banks of the Yalu received today states that a lieutenant and five marines were sent in a Korean fishing boat to reconnoiter about the mouth of the river.

The Japanese suffered no losses. The report apparently concerns the same fight noted in General Kouroupatkin's statement, with the difference that the latter stated that the Japanese boat was sunk and all on board were lost.

The last rites over a portion of the body of Commander Hirose, who was killed March 27 in the second attempt to bottle Port Arthur, were held today. The remains of the body were removed from the casket and placed in a coffin.

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EXPLOSION KILLS MANY ON MISSOURI

Pensacola, Fla., April 13.—Five officers and nine men were killed by an explosion in the turret of the battleship Missouri during target practice today.

The Missouri is commanded by Captain Cowles, the president's brother-in-law. The dead are: Lieutenant Davidson, Ensign Weichert, Lieutenant Gridley, Midshipman Ward and Neumann and nine men.

In place of this Makaroff actually assumed the offensive. On the night of March 10 he sent six torpedo boats to sea to look for Japanese warships. These met the enemy and maintained a hot fight, each side losing a torpedo boat.

Observing that his torpedo boat was foundering, Makaroff went out with two cruisers to face the entire Japanese fleet, but was too late to be of assistance.

Such action was a perfect index to his work since, infusing new life into the dry bones of the port.

(Journal Special Service.) London, April 13.—Labouchere in the newspaper Truth today quotes a Russian friend as stating that the impression exists in Russia that war with Japan will be ended this coming summer.

This friend is further quoted as saying the fight with England over Tibet is not considered impossible.

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BEAVER MONEY BOTHERING THEM

The issuance of the Beaver money is causing trouble for the state commission of the Lewis and Clark fair.

According to a joint resolution of the house and senate in the last Oregon legislature, the fair commission was directed to issue fac-similes of the Beaver money issued in the early fifty years by the state mint.

This last point causes the chief worry of the commission. The management of the St. Louis exposition has written President Jefferson Myers of the commission that the coins cannot be sold, even if for only their cost price, on the exposition grounds, unless a concession fee is paid.

Such a fee is beyond the reach of the state commission. The commission cannot give the coins away, for their funds will permit of no external gifts. The commission apparently cannot sell the coins at the St. Louis fair and just how the Beaver money in circulation is a problem for which no solution has yet been found.

MRS. WATSON DOES NOT LIKE CROWDS

Attracted by curiosity to see the woman who is accused of complicity in the land swindles charged against Horace G. McKinley, S. A. D. Puter, Marie Ware and others, many spectators were present when the federal court opened this morning.

Contrary to expectations and much to their disappointment, Mrs. Emma L. Watson was not arraigned, nor did she appear in court.

The date of her arraignment has not been fixed, according to the attorneys. It is believed, however, that the delay has been made at the request of Mrs. Watson, who desires to avoid the crowds who will gather when a definite announcement of her arraignment is made.

The arraignment will likely occur at some unexpected time when the room is free of curious spectators.

STARTED COSTLY FOREST BLAZE

An indictment was returned by the recent federal grand jury against Albert Canning of Crook county. The indictment was made public by District Attorney Hall today.

It is charged that Canning wilfully and purposely set on fire grass, underbrush and timber on the Cascade forest reserve. Knowing that the fire was still burning, it is alleged, Canning left and permitted it to burn unattended near the timber and other inflammable material. It is said that a great amount of timber was destroyed. Canning has not been arraigned.

DAVENPORT COMES TO PORTLAND HAS PREMONITION OF BURGLARY

FAMOUS CARTOONIST TELLS OF HIS EARLY STUGGLES IN SILVERTON—ASCERTAINED TO TRAIN WHEN IT WAS KNOWN HE WAS TO LEAVE TOWN—ONCE WAS A WAITER.

"I love Portland because it was the first city that ever pronounced judgment on my art ability," said Homer Davenport, the famous cartoonist, as he lolled comfortably in one of the Hotel Portland's biggest red leather chairs.

"Yes, this is the town most dear to me—the scene of my earliest activities after the Silverton brass band escorted me to the train when it was known that I was to leave town.

"That stove, by the way—the first one I set in the kitchen—was my job. Harvey Scott, of the Oregonian, saw the stove and said no paper would stand for it. I got back to Silverton before the flowers carried to the train in honor of my going away had faded.

"Later I tried Portland—the logical art center for Silverton—and this time I sketched steamboats and other things. One of these sketches will long be remembered in Portland because it was a merry excursion party shooting the Columbia river rapids on the steamer Harvest Queen. It was a lovely sketch, only when the paper appeared next day the makeup man who handled the art work had the boat shooting the rapids and the smokestacks. I did not lose my job that time; it was up to the fellow.

"No, the days of which I have just recounted samples were not my first invasion into the business life of Portland. I came here to grow wealthy once before, and got a job in the old Aurora restaurant, down on Front street. The plan was that I should come in as an experimenter. My practice work was to be rewarded to the extent of three meals for writing on the table once. Unfortunately, as a waiter, I got things mixed, and did not last the second day.

AMERICAN LINE SEEKS PORTLAND EMPLOYERS SEEK POLICE PROTECTION

SHIP NEBRASKAN WILL MAKE A TRIAL TRIP TO THIS PORT, OREGONIAN WILL COME LATER—NEW YORK-PORTLAND LINE MAY BE INSTITUTED.

In a few days the American steamship Nebraska will sail from New York direct for Portland with a cargo of general merchandise consigned to the Charles Beebees company. She is expected to arrive about the middle of next month. It is probable that the steamer will take out cargo from here on the return trip.

The Nebraska has been running regularly between New York and Honolulu by way of San Francisco. This will be the first time that she has ever come to this port, and if business warrants it she may call here frequently.

On June 1 the steamer Oregonian of the same line will sail for the Pacific coast with a full cargo of general merchandise. It will be discharged at San Francisco, but reshipped from there by rail to Portland. From the Bay City the steamer will proceed to the Hawaiian islands. The course pursued in the past by this line has been for the steamer to discharge the Portland freight they carried at San Francisco, and then it was brought north by rail.

The Nebraska is of about the same size and carrying capacity as the oriental liners operating from here, and it is believed that she will experience any difficulty getting up the Columbia river. In time, shippers are of the opinion that there will be a regular fleet of steamers operating between New York and Portland. They state that freight will be carried much more cheaply over the water route than by rail, and there will soon be business enough to justify it.

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KIDNEY DISEASE PERMANENTLY CURED

The case of Joseph Skerry illustrates the thoroughness with which Warner's Safe Cure cures kidney disease. His words are:

"I owe the life of my son to your wonderful 'Safe Cure,' the greatest medicine ever discovered. About 13 years ago one of my sons was stricken with kidney trouble. Three good doctors said they couldn't save him—it had gone too far. They laid out my friend, urged me to try 'Safe Cure,' which had cured him some years before. The first few doses helped my boy and he was soon completely restored. The doctors made a careful examination and declared every trace of kidney trouble had disappeared.

"He is now married, with a family of beautiful, healthy children, and has never had a touch of kidney trouble from that day to this." Joseph Skerry, New Ross, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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HAS FRIENDS IN ALL PARTIES

THOMAS WORD IS POPULAR AMONG REPUBLICANS AS WELL AS DEMOCRATS—COMMERCIAL MEN WRITE IN SUPPORT OF HIS CANDIDACY FOR SHERIFF.

An interesting feature of the local political campaign is the strenuous effort that is being made by the traveling men of the city to secure for one of their number the Democratic nomination for sheriff. They are apparently almost a unit in urging the candidacy of Thomas M. Word, and that too without regard to their own political affiliations.

"If Tom Word is nominated he will certainly be elected," said Edgar Allen, who has been selected by the traveling men to take charge of Word's campaign for the nomination. "He will have the biggest majority ever given in this county to a candidate for sheriff. The traveling men are for him to a man. I haven't found one who is not for him. We want him because we know him and we know that he will make the best sheriff in the county every had. We can poll from 5,000 to 6,000 Republican votes for Tom Word."

Will Kill Off Grating. "If you know Tom Word you would understand why the boys are out for him so strongly. He's as straight as a die and you couldn't get him to do a crooked thing. If he were elected there would be any more grafting in that office. The man who tried to get him to do anything dishonest would be knocked down before he got the words out of his mouth. I've known him for 17 years and I know that he would be elected. He would live up to every word of his oath of office and he would give the people a clean, businesslike administration. If the voters want reform in the sheriff's office, Tom Word is the man to give it to them."

This is not a partisan fight—Tom Word is a Democrat and probably 95 per cent of the traveling men are Republicans. In fact the only thing we ever had in common was that he was always uncompromisingly a Democrat and was never afraid to show his colors. But the traveling men, Republicans as well as Democrats, are all for him and if he is nominated every one of them will be out there supporting him. They are supporting him because they know him to be honest and fearless and manly, and the best man who could be named for the office, and not a single one of them want a political job. They have something better now."

SMOOT ASKED TO CORRAL WITNESSES

(Journal Special Service.) Salt Lake, April 13.—Calvin Cobb's name, proprietor of the Idaho Statesman, is among the subpoenaed witnesses regarding alleged church interference in politics in Idaho.

Word was received here today that Senator Burrows asks Smoot to use his influence in causing the appearance of such mining witnesses as A. A. Taylor, Cowley, Grant and Tanner and Lillian Hamlin at the investigation next week, according to the promise made by President Smith.

NO MOVE TOWARD ARBITRATION, YET

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, April 13.—None of the striking leather workers returned to work this morning and no action toward arbitration has been taken. As this is the busiest season employers must turn over their orders to eastern firms thus losing large profits. Meeting of retailers tonight is expected to take action.

(Journal Special Service.) Boonton, N. J., April 13.—That Diver William Hoar is dead is the general belief, as no sign of life has come from his place in the bottom of the Delaware since 11 o'clock yesterday. French divers went down this morning in an attempt to get Hoar's body. The unfortunate man is believed to have lost his life by the air tube becoming stopped.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, B. C., April 13.—Thomas Downie, train dispatcher and his brother, William Downie, superintendent of the Canadian Pacific railroad maritime province, and his wife, Mrs. Downie, are known to have had about \$20. His mother reported the matter to the police this afternoon. Chief Hunt detailed an officer on the case.

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