

KINCHOW WHERE THE JAPANESE AT A LOSS OF 3,000 FORCED THE RUSSIANS BACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

ARMENIANS MASSACRED

Patriarchs Have Gruesome Reports From the Interior.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Constantinople, June 12.—Despite all efforts to suppress the news, the Armenian patriarchs today claim that Armenian massacres, rivaling in brutality those which shocked the entire civilized world a decade ago, have taken place.  
Two thousand Armenians, mostly women, children and aged men, are said to have fallen prey to Turkish fanaticism.  
Between May 15 and June 2 the reports received by the patriarchs say 13 villages were destroyed in the district of Chetase and 22 villages in the district of Hlan. The population of these villages aggregated 5,500 persons, of whom more than 2,000 were slaughtered without mercy.  
The scenes of unparalleled brutality which accompanied the massacres were similar to those in the last great uprising. Infants' skulls before their mother's eyes, impaled on spears or hacked to pieces. Men were tortured before their families and rapine was carried out while parents were compelled to witness the tortures.  
Scores of women and girls were carried away by their captors into a slavery much worse than death. In all the sacked villages the torch was applied and houses became funeral pyres for the dead owners.  
Massacres are feared in many other places, and for three days past at Bitlis all shops have been closed and many of the Armenians have fled to the hills and woods where they seek safety in hiding. The absence of many of the Armenian men from Bitlis, as well as the villages where the massacres took place, made the work of assassination easy. The younger men are, and have been for some weeks, in the mountains in great numbers where they have been planning and drilling for resistance.  
The patriarchs here assert the wholesale slaughter and destruction of property is a direct result of the trade recently issued by the sultan which prohibits the settlement of Armenians in any village which has been destroyed. The sultan as usual denies all knowledge of the causes leading up to the outrages, and today notified foreign representatives that he reserves the right to send from Diarbekir and Samsun to suppress the disorder, which is characterized as consisting of "slight disturbances."

THREE PLEAD GUILTY IN PENDLETON COURT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Pendleton, Or., June 12.—In the circuit court today, James Brennan pleaded guilty to a charge of seduction, D. M. King pleaded guilty to obtaining money under false pretenses and John McDowell pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary.  
All three will be sentenced tomorrow. Hugh Roby is on trial charged with seduction.

PRISONER ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT SUICIDE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Enterprise, Or., June 12.—"Blick" Johnson, who is under bonds to appear at the November term of court, charged with assault with attempt to kill, attempted to commit suicide last night by stabbing himself three times near the heart. He will probably die.

"13" FIGURES IN TWO EXECUTIONS

(Journal Special Service.)  
Sling Sing, June 12.—Albert Koesppling and Oscar Bergstrom were successfully electrocuted here this morning, the former at 5:55 o'clock, and the latter at 6:17.  
The number 13 figured largely in the two cases, and is pointed to by the superstitious. This is the 13th month after the crimes, and 13 men were in the death-house at the time the men were taken there.  
Bergstrom murdered his wife in the 13th month after their marriage. Thirteen minutes after the first shock was given Koesppling the current was turned into Bergstrom's body.

SEVERE RUSSIAN DEFEAT REPORTED

Niuchwang Hears That Kuropatkin Has Lost 800 Men in Battle—Ambulances Filled With Wounded.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Niuchwang, June 12.—It is reported that the Russians have suffered a severe defeat as a result of an ambush at Pulanben (Pulanben) to the rear of Port Arthur. The Japanese attacked the Russians and then drew the latter on by feigned retreat.  
The Russians were trapped and are said to have lost 800 men killed and wounded. The Russians fell back on Kal Chow.  
Two thousand Russian infantry passed through Niuchwang Sunday from Kachou, accompanied by ambulances filled with wounded. The troops were completely exhausted after a long forced march. An officer said that they were retreating from Tsai-chow.  
The Russians have abandoned the positions 80 miles south of Niuchwang. While no official confirmation has been received, judging from the number of wounded Russian soldiers passing through, and the general air of excitement, the belief is prevalent that a serious conflict has taken place.  
Food From Seattle.  
A Chinaman in the Japanese spy service who has just returned from Port Arthur says 30,000 men are there and with many sick and wounded. Food supplies are fast running out and are expected to last two months.  
The Russian hope is that General Kuropatkin will send an army south. A flour mill in Port Arthur is grinding a cargo of wheat brought from Seattle in a freight ship.  
REINFORCE KUROPATIN'S ARMY.  
30,000 Men Sent Forward—Advance Into the Hills Has Been Begun.  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Seoul, June 12.—Twenty thousand men have been sent to reinforce Kuropatkin, who thought still at Feng Huang Cheng, has pushed his advance guards among the hills. It was these forces Saturday that at Mottling pass encountered the Russians who withdrew leaving an officer and six soldiers dead.  
The Japanese lost one officer and three men. Kuropatkin's plan seems to be to deliver an attack on Liao Yang simultaneously from the east and south.

MISSIONARIES HAVE FLED

(Journal Special Service.)  
Situation in Manchuria Aggravated by Banners and Chanchuse Brigands.  
Rome, June 12.—The Vatican has been informed that a number of Catholic missionaries in Korea and southern Manchuria, in order to escape the persecution of the Banners and Chanchuse brigands, have taken refuge on board the French, German and Italian warships. They intend to present a claim for indemnity.  
NO REVOLUTION FEARED.  
DAVID Declares Stories of Russian Discontent Are Absolutely False.  
St. Petersburg, June 12.—Michael Davitt, who is here to investigate the labor conditions, states that the stories abroad that the Russian masses are discontent are absolutely false.  
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ALABAMA MINE WORKERS

(Journal Special Service.)  
Birmingham, Ala., June 12.—The Alabama district organization of the United Mine Workers of America convened in annual session in this city today. There was a full attendance of delegates present when the gathering was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning in Knights of Columbus hall by President Flynn. Routine business occupied the morning. The principal work of the convention is to formulate a wage scale to be submitted to the joint conference with the mine operators next week. It is anticipated that an amicable agreement will be reached without much difficulty.

TO WITHDRAW ALL TROOPS THIS WEEK

Colorado Situation so Quiet That Martial Law is Believed to Be Near Its End—Work Resumed.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Cripple Creek, Col., June 12.—The situation in the disturbed mining district this morning is practically normal. The troops, it was announced this morning, will probably be withdrawn this week, as the authorities, both civil and military, expect no further trouble. Another batch of volunteers will be departed tomorrow and the remainder of the military's campaign of driving the union men from the district.  
Tomorrow the mine owners will issue a statement defining their position regarding the union in this district. It is expected that the ban will only be placed on Western Federation miners and any other organization to which metalliferous miners belong.  
Nearly all the mines which closed Monday last, after the Independence explosion, resumed operations this morning. The Portland, Frida of Cripple Creek and numerous leases which are manned by union men will not be allowed to resume so long as the soldiers are here. Their action after the soldiers have been withdrawn can not be foretold.  
Some of the men operating under leases are said to be strongly for the union in their sentiments, and it is possible that these leases may become refuges for such union miners as return. Of the latter there will doubtless be many.  
When the Portland resumes it will be found that all union miners have been forced to leave the camp and it is expected that if enough will return to operate the mine, the company is thus forced to employ non-union help or remain closed indefinitely.  
General Bell in a statement on his action in deporting the miners attributes the recent trouble to socialists in the Western Federation who captured that organization two years ago. "Socialism is its fetish," Bell says.

CHICAGO UNIONS APPEAL

(Journal Special Service.)  
Ask President Roosevelt to Send Federal Troops to Colorado.  
Chicago, June 12.—The Federation of Labor, which is the central body of all labor unions in this city, yesterday issued an appeal to President Roosevelt to take action in the Colorado mining situation, and pressed his request for federal troops in a resolution expounding a belief that the mineowners of the district could name the perpetrators of the dynamite outrage at Independence. The resolution is as follows:  
"Resolved, That we brand as false the assertion of the Colorado mineowners that union men were concerned in the blowing up of the railway station at Independence, and give it as our belief that these same mineowners could tell who committed that dastardly act."  
"Resolved, That we appeal to the president of the United States to at once set the machinery of the government in motion to the end that the working people of the state of Colorado may be given protection, which the constitution of the United States guarantees to them; that they be protected in their right to organize a meet in peaceful assembly, and that, if necessary to enforce such condition, he send the federal troops to that state."

MURDERER TAYLOR GETS LIFE SENTENCE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Tacoma, Wash., June 12.—"Bob" Taylor, who was convicted of the murder in the second degree of W. W. Barnes, the crime being committed April 25, was today sentenced to life imprisonment. Taylor had lived a hermit's life in a brush-shanty near Tacoma. A plea of insanity was made, more on this ground than on the method of his killing Barnes.  
Taylor keeps up an appearance of sultriness and professes to not care whether his life be taken or not. There will be no delay in the commencement of his sentence as he will tomorrow be placed in the life terms' row of convicts.

KITAMAAT MAY BE PACIFIC TERMINUS

Strong Feeling Prevails in Victoria That Transcontinental Line May Select Town on Douglas Channel.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Victoria, B. C., June 12.—A strong feeling prevails here that Kitamaat is to be selected by the Grand Trunk Pacific as the Pacific terminus of their transcontinental line. Forbes Vernon, who is deeply interested in the Pacific Northern and Oniceca railway has been to Ottawa and Montreal, where he has held conferences with the Grand Trunk officials with a purpose of inducing the Grand Trunk to take the charter of the Pacific Northern from Hazelton to Kitamaat. A provincial charter and subsidy is held for this line.  
The route is through an easy valley and nowhere is more than a one per cent grade required. Kitamaat is situated on Douglas channel, has a good harbor and easy approaches with the Queen Charlotte Islands.  
Vernon had repeated conferences with Hays of the Grand Trunk. Now Charles Clifford a member for Cassiar in the provincial legislature, who is also interested in the Pacific Northern, is leaving suddenly to put up a wharf at Kitamaat. It is conceded that he is acting on instructions from Vernon, who is on his way home, and that no doubt can exist that assurances were given him at Montreal that the Grand Trunk Pacific will build to Kitamaat if the route is satisfactory.  
It is believed that the Grand Trunk Pacific will have a branch from Hazelton to Kitamaat even if another terminus is made at Port Simpson.

MANY CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD AT FAIR

(Journal Special Service.)  
St. Louis, June 12.—This will be a record-breaking week for conventions in the world's fair city. The American Masters of Dancing association, Wholesale Saddlery Association of the United States, National Newspaper Circulation Managers' association and the National Co-operative association were among the national bodies that convened in annual session in St. Louis today. Included among the numerous organizations to meet here later in the week are the National Hay association, National Electric Medical association, American Surgical society, Western Gas association, Tri-State Medical association, Cement Workers of America, Western Cigar Box Manufacturers' association, Missouri State Opticians' association, and the United Brotherhood of Leather Workers on Horse Goods. Altogether there are more than 25 big conventions scheduled for the week.

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WOMEN'S CONGRESS AT BERLIN

(Journal Special Service.)  
Berlin, June 12.—The International Women's congress opened this morning with a large attendance from the continental countries, the United States and Australia.

BOY OF TEN YEARS GETS VERY DRUNK

Raymond Commer Given Whiskey by Laborer and Lands in Court—Officers to Investigate.

So drunk he could not move a muscle, Raymond Commer, aged but 10 years, was yesterday removed from a barn at East Thirty-third street to the receiving home of the Boys and Girls Aid society not far distant, and was this morning arraigned before Judge Hogue in the municipal court, charged with drunkenness. He entered a plea of guilty, and his case was continued until tomorrow morning.  
Today a street grader known to the Comm. as "Shorty," will be arrested at the order of Chief of Police Hunt and Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald. The proprietor of the saloon, will also be brought into court to explain what he knows about the case.  
"Shorty" got the whiskey for us boys, and helped us drink it," said Raymond Commer. "He got it from Blinnick's saloon."  
"If this 'Shorty' is a man of majority, it will be the duty of the state to prosecute him," said Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald. "For the city ordinances do not cover the case."  
Virgil Commer, the father of Raymond Commer, superintendent of the Oregonian building.

MASONS OF TACOMA DEDICATE NEW TEMPLE

(Journal Special Service.)  
Tacoma, June 12.—The new Masonic temple was dedicated in "due form" today, the ceremonies being more elaborate and imposing than any before seen in this city. St. Helens avenue in the vicinity of the temple was elaborately decorated with bunting, flags and Masonic emblems. The dedicatory services began at 10 o'clock this morning and were of several hours' duration. They were conducted in accordance with the Masonic ritual by Grand Master Charles D. Atkins, assisted by other grand lodge officers.  
KING VISITS ETON.  
London, June 12.—King Edward, accompanied by Queen Alexandra, today paid a state visit to Eton college, a visit which was abandoned two years ago because of the king's illness. Their majesties, with the Prince and Princess of Wales, drove from Windsor castle to Eton. Addresses were presented, and the royal party took tea in the provost's lodge, afterwards embarking on the state barge, an immense boat 40 feet in length, which was built more than 100 years ago, and was much used by William III.

CALLS FOR STATEMENT

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, June 12.—The controller of the currency today issued a call for a report on the condition of national banks at the close of business on June 8.

A. A. COURTENAY DENIES CHARGES

Says Stowell Was Not Removed as Secretary of Civil Service Commission for Political Reasons—Demands Written Charges.

The members of the civil-service commission indignantly deny the charges made by R. L. Stowell, ex-secretary of the commission, that they have been guilty of doing machine politics and have sought to place political favorites upon the eligible lists of the police and fire departments. Commissioners Blain and Willis denounce Stowell in vehement terms.  
On the other hand, Stowell stoutly maintains the truth of his accusations, and intimates that he may endeavor to force a full investigation.  
The mayor said that possibly a charge against the charges unless they are formally submitted to him in writing.  
"I can't proceed against such prominent men as the civil-service commissioners or more hapless talk and newspaper reports," he said this morning. "If Mr. Stowell or any other person wants to submit written charges, then I will take them up, but not otherwise."  
Commissioner A. A. Courtenay made the following statement this morning: "Having noticed the accusation in the Saturday evening Journal by B. L. Stowell, late secretary of the civil service commission, in which the commissioners are charged with malfeasance in office and with using the commission for political purposes, on behalf of myself and my co-commissioners, I wish to deny the charges absolutely and in toto."  
"Ever since the commission was organized, early in 1903, it has been the object of the commissioners to keep the board absolutely free from taint or suspicion of jobbery, and the mayor of this city, the chief of the fire department, the members of the police commission of the executive board, and others are fully aware of this. At no time have I taken part in the examinations of applicants for any position, but the examinations have been carried on under the supervision of the clerk of the commission, aided at such times as necessary by assistants from the auditor's office. The examination papers, when passed upon by the commission, have never had any distinguishing mark, and nothing appears on them except a number, and the answers to the questions written by the applicant. The number of the paper corresponds with the same number on an identification sheet on which the name and address of the applicant are written. This identification sheet is securely sealed in an envelope and is never opened until after the examination papers have been graded, and it is then opened only to disclose the name of the applicant."  
"The mayor, with but few exceptions, has always been present at the meetings of the commission, and in his report of January 1 made to the council he specifically states that the civil-service commission had carried out the provisions of the charter in relation to civil service in a manner that was to be commended."  
"Now, relative to the charges made by Mr. Stowell, the change in the office of secretary was not made for political reasons, but because Mr. Stowell is not as methodical and as persevering in his work as the secretary ought to be. At the time of our last meeting, the day Mr. Stowell was removed, Mr. Willis stated to him that his services were not desired by the commission, and suggested that he tender his resignation, which Mr. Stowell declined to do. In the afternoon of the same day, when I entered the rooms of the commission, Mr. Stowell went into the mayor's office and stated that I had advised. I was invited to go to my office, and I had a conversation with the mayor along the following lines:  
"The mayor stated that he understood that we expected to remove Mr. Stowell and appoint some one else; and, while he himself had no objections to make, at the same time Mr. Stowell had talked to him about the matter and had said that if he were removed he would expose the workings of the commission. The mayor said that possibly a charge would be for the betterment of the service, the only question being as to whether that was the proper time to make it."  
"I stated to the mayor that inasmuch as Mr. Stowell had threatened an exposure of the workings of the commission, he could not stay in his position any longer with my consent. Messrs. Willis and Blain, who entered at that moment, agreed with me.  
"Regarding Charles R. Freeman, whose name appears in the charges made, I have this to say: That he passed the regular athletic examination required by the commission, and was said by Chief Campbell to be a young man admirably adapted to the fire service. His medical examination disclosed that his heart was irregular, and he was turned down but was allowed a further opportunity for re-examination, the commissioner's feeling that any one with heart trouble was not a proper person to be in the paid fire department for various reasons. Freeman returned with his application to the doctor, and he procured from Dr. Sanford Whiting and Dr. Keeney a written statement that the irregularity in his heart was not sufficient to preclude his appointment to the fire service as he had no valvular or organic disease. This written statement was brought to me by Freeman and also taken by him to Messrs. Willis and Blain. The three of us conferred on the matter over the telephone and the result was that we felt that with the doctor's written statement as aforesaid, we were safe in putting Freeman on the eligible list, and Mr. Willis so instructed Mr. Stowell. Mr. Stowell makes the point that at the time Mr. Willis so instructed him, there had been no meeting of the commission and that it was plain that Freeman was being sent on clandestinely. The written statement by Dr. Whiting and Dr. Keeney should be among the files of the commission."  
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