

RUSSIANS ESCAPING

Main Army Succeeds in Reaching Mukden Without Interruption.

JAPS HARRY THE GUARD

Now Believed That No Stand Will Be Made Until Campaign Closes--Reserves Being Prepared for the Front.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, Sept. 7.—It is announced that nearly all the Russian troops retreating from Liao Yang have arrived at Mukden...

The main Russian army is pushing forward past Mukden in its retreat to the northward, which indicates that there is no intention of making a decisive stand at any point near there.

The following message, delayed in transmission, was received from Mukden, whence it was sent under yesterday's date: "That of the Russian army which is coming to Mukden by the wagon road is in danger of being cut off. All day and night Monday the Japanese in the hills on the east side shelled the Russian troops."

The Japanese have attacked a large force of Russian infantry which has taken to the hills while protecting the retreat.

If the war office has received news of an alarming character today, there is no outward indication that such is the case. It is therefore believed that the retreat continues to be a success and attended with no greater casualties than might be expected under such conditions.

Private dispatches say that the attack on the rear guard of the retreating army seems to have slackened considerably, and that the Japanese soldiers are worn out. Fighting, however, is continuous, and the small bodies of men who now compose the rear guard or retarding parties are fired upon both day and night.

None of the capital all indications are that there will be a greater rushing forward of troops within the next 20 days than at any time since the war began. In two divisions which are preparing to go forward there are 150,000 men, and these may be augmented by calling out reserves from the southern provinces.

Whether or not it is possible to get these men forward in time to participate in this season's campaign is not known. It seems most probable that nothing will be attempted with a view to continuing operations this year.

By spring the Baltic fleet will be on the scene, when it can actively assist in the transportation of troops and supplies.

PROCEED TO CHINA

Britain and France West Generalize Reassured. (Journal Special Service.) Birmingham, Eng., Sept. 7.—The Post today reports that in consequence of Russian communications, the British and French governments have made strong representations to China against permitting General Ma's troops to enter Manchuria.

Ma has 50,000 troops and such a movement would create the most serious international situation which has developed in many years.

CAPTURED GREAT STORES

Business Failed to Completely Destroy Liao Yang. (Journal Special Service.) Tokio, Sept. 7.—The official silence regarding General Kuropatkin's movements since Sunday continues. It is reported that the Japanese, notwithstanding the ravages of fire, captured vast accumulations of stores and ammunition at Liao Yang.

REPUBLICANS GAIN A VICTORY IN VERMONT

(Journal Special Service.) Burlington, Vt., Sept. 7.—Practically complete returns this morning indicate that Vermont gives the Republicans a 15-seat plurality. While only 11 towns to hear from the total stands as follows: Bell (Rep.), 47,818; Porter (Dem.), 14,178.

This shows a Republican plurality of 43,640, and the missing towns will bring it to more than 52,000. The complexion of the state legislature is practically unchanged and indicates that Senator Proctor will be re-elected.

The state officers elected are: Governor, Charles F. Rock; Welden; lieutenant-governor, Charles H. Stearns; treasurer, John L. Bacon; secretary of state, Frederick G. Fleetwood; auditor of accounts, Horace A. Graham; David J. Foster of Burlington was elected to congress from the First district, and Kittredge Haskins of Brattleboro from the Second district.

This afternoon it was announced that all but five counties had been heard from and that the returns thus far gave Bell 47,719 and Porter 14,433. The five missing counties in 1900 gave a Republican plurality of 34.

Democrats lose their five seats in the senate and 14 members of the house.



SINGER COMES TO PORTLAND

Miss Imogene Harding of Oregon City has been engaged by Dr. William A. Cumming, director of the Taylor street Methodist church choir, as a contralto soloist for the next year. It is a source of gratification to her friends that Miss Harding's talent has been so recognized.

Lowry says she won distinction as a dramatic contralto and those who know her best claim that her voice is admirably suited, also, to sacred music. Miss Harding studied for four years with Mrs. Walter Reed of this city and then went to New York to finish her education. Her instructor there was Prof. F. X. Arena, and Miss Harding was one of the most favorably received graduates of his conservatory at various recitals.

In her new position, the Oregon girl will complete a quartette with Miss Barsto, Mr. Fargo and Dr. Cumming, the conductor. The combination will prove exceptionally pleasing to church goers.

DR. ZEIGLER SAYS HE REFUSED \$10,000

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Sept. 7.—In addition to declaring that he knew nothing of the missing \$50,000 belonging to the McVicker estate, Dr. L. C. Zeigler in court today stated that shortly before the late Mrs. Harriet McVickers left Chicago for California he refused \$10,000 in bills which she offered him for an operation he had performed.

The witness said that Mrs. McVickers afterwards put the money in a bank in Chicago, making \$1,000 to Los Angeles, where \$800 was deposited in the First National bank.

IS MADE ADMIRAL IN TURKISH NAVY

(Journal Special Service.) Norfolk, Va., Sept. 7.—Capt. R. D. Buckman, who was employed by the Cramps to take the Turkish cruiser Medjedia to Constantinople, has been made vice admiral of the Turkish navy at \$10,000 a year. He is also given free hand to work out any reforms on which he decides.

THUGS HOLD UP FOUR MEN IN IDAHO TOWN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Newport, Ida., Sept. 7.—Three thugs held up the bartender of Nick Brown's saloon last night and secured \$40 and left. Near there they held up Sidney McCung, Charles Dietrich and Frank Sherman and at the point of guns secured a few dollars and a watch.

KILLED BY MORPHINE

(Journal Special Service.) Pendleton, Or., Sept. 7.—John Franklin is dead from an overdose of morphine. It is thought the man was given the drug in a saloon as a knockout drop. An inquest will be held this afternoon. The dead man was an old police court offender.

SWETLAND RELEASED

County Formally Relinquishes All Its Claims Against Former Clerk.

HE PAYS NOMINAL SUM

Only One of the Suits Growing Out of Expert Black's Investigations Which Has Proved Unsuccessful—Judgments for \$50,000.

Formal relinquishment of all claims by Multnomah county against L. Q. Swetland, former county clerk, on account of alleged shortages during his administration of that office, has been made by order of the county court. In accordance with an agreement reached with the county's attorneys, Swetland paid to the county clerk this morning \$50, in full settlement of all claims. As the county originally brought suit for about \$500, the sum received is merely nominal.

Of all the suits instituted by the county as the result of the investigation made by the expert, George Black, the Swetland case is the only one that has proved unsuccessful. Judgments aggregating over \$50,000 have thus far been obtained by the county, and though appeals have been taken in most instances by the defendant, the county's attorneys are confident that the decisions of the trial court will be upheld.

L. Q. Swetland was county clerk of Multnomah county from November 20, 1901, to July 7, 1902, succeeding to the office upon the death of Hanley H. Holmes. Expert George Black was employed by the county in the fall of 1902 to investigate the administration of county affairs during the preceding six years, and his first report dealt with the county clerk's office. He reported that during Swetland's terms sundry shortages arose, mainly from failure to collect and turn over taxes to the county treasurer, and that the county has a claim against Swetland for something over \$500. Suit was accordingly instituted to recover this amount.

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"In doing this I do not admit any shortage or liability, whatever, and I make this offer for the purpose of avoiding litigation and to cover any possible clerical mistake in my account. To the best of my belief all moneys collected by me or my deputies while I was clerk were turned over to the county treasurer, and I do not understand that the records of the county show otherwise."

This communication was submitted to District Attorney John Manning and to Judge C. H. Carey, special counsel for the county. They decided to recommend that the settlement be made. Their letter to the county board follows: "Gentlemen: We hand you herewith a proposal of Mr. Lot Q. Swetland, former county clerk, for settlement and compromise of the county's claim against him for failing to collect and failing to pay over fees and taxes during his term of office. Mr. Swetland offers to pay \$50 in full settlement, and we recommend that the proposal be accepted and that be given a discharge of all claims against him on his paying that amount to the county treasurer."

Reasons for compromise. "Our reasons for this recommendation are the following: We have found on investigating the various items claimed against him that some of them are offset by over-payments made by him, some are since collected by the county from other sources, and some cannot legally be claimed as liability. Other items are difficult of proof, and some are of very doubtful validity. The principal items claimed against him for taxes uncollected where he should have received..."

REPUBLICANS FAIL TO CONTROL TICKET

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Sept. 7.—The efforts of the Republicans of Washington to induce the Populist state mass meeting or convention to nominate a state ticket yesterday proved to be a failure, although strong efforts were made to thus put a ticket into the field which it was believed would take away from Democratic strength.

The convention adjourned after issuing a platform and nominating the following electoral tickets: William Priest, Douglas county; W. E. Ranner, Spokane; I. E. Rader, Kitsap; George E. Cotterill, King; Edward Clayton, Sr., King. S. M. Allen of King was named chairman of the state committee.

TO BARRAGED MILLIONAIRE

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Sept. 7.—"I was offered \$1,000 to sign a report declaring Charles Cannon insane," says Dr. Joseph Stack. This statement was made to the commissioners appointed by the court of chancery to inquire into the case of Charles Cannon, a millionaire lawyer, clubman and chairman of Hoboken, who is under 15 years' sentence of imprisonment on charges preferred against him by his children. Dr. Stack says that other startling disclosures are coming.



GERSHON MARX, A CONNECTICUT FARMER, IN JAIL WITH HIS YOUNG WIFE, ACCUSED OF ONE MURDER AND SUSPECTED OF A SERIES OF CRIMES REWALING THOSE OF THE NOTORIOUS BENDER FAMILY.

MURDERS RIVAL BENDER CRIMES

(Journal Special Service.) Colchester, Conn., Sept. 7.—Gershon Marx, 76 years old, will face trial here this month, charged with the murder of Pavel Rodecki. His wife, Diana, 30 years old, is held as an accessory to the crime. Rodecki's body, hacked to pieces, was found last April in the cellar of the house occupied by Marx and his wife during their tenancy of the Abele and Beckwith farms near this town. Both fled before the discovery of the body, but were captured in New York and brought back for trial.

In hunting for evidence, the mutilated body of Paul Parker, formerly an employe of Marx, was discovered, buried near the house and other indications lead to the belief that the farm was a veritable grave yard. Ten mysterious disappearances, presumed to be murders, have been traced to the door of Marx.

JUMPS OVERBOARD TO BE WITH SWEETHEART

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Sept. 7.—Bringing a dramatic story of the suicides of a steamer passenger when 300 miles from Cherbourg, the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosser arrived last night. The suicide was Mathias Siedmund, a young German, who came to America five years ago to make his fortune and build a home for his sweetheart, whom he had left at her home in the fatherland.

Siedmund never recovered from the shock of her death. In June he went to Germany and then bought a steamer passage back to America on the Kaiser Wilhelm. When the boat left Cherbourg Siedmund walked among the steerage passengers and solemnly shook hands with them. He constantly walked to the side of the ship and looked over into the murky waters. When the boat reached what he thought was the exact spot where his sweetheart met death he suddenly jumped overboard and disappeared.

LAWSON HAS ANOTHER BIG FIGHT ON HAND

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Sept. 7.—Thomas W. Lawson has issued another letter of defiance to the Boston stock exchange because it ordered that his old partner's name should be dropped from the firm name of Lawson, Arnold & Co.

Lawson says the firm name is personal property and that he is going to do a general banking business under the old firm name at the old stand, and as a member of the Boston stock exchange and the New York stock exchange.

DEATH IN WRECK

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Sept. 7.—A freight train on the Wheeling and Lake Erie railway struck a wagon near here today and was derailed. James McKay, Henry Porter and R. A. Gregor were killed.

Two brakemen are in the wreck and are supposed to be dead.

STRIKE TO CONTINUE

Vote So Far Indicates 2,000 Majority in Favor of It.

PACKERS STAND FAST

The Fact That Many Men Ask Their Places Back an Indication of Their Success, They Declare.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Sept. 7.—A referendum vote of the striking butchers favors a continuation of the struggle. "The peace proposition has been lost by a good majority," said Donnelly this afternoon. "The strike will continue and no unions will go back to work until a final course of action is mapped out by the international officers of the conference board. If the proposition is not re-submitted, the fight will continue to the end."

On the ground that not more than 20 per cent of the strikers voted, it is believed that Donnelly will call for another vote. Hundreds failed to vote on account of lack of facilities. While the exact details of the vote have not yet been made public, it is said by those in a position to speak with authority that it was about 4,500 to 2,500 in favor of continuing the strike. The absence of any provision for unaffiliated workmen in the terms agreed to between Donnelly and the packers is said to be the chief barrier to a settlement.

More than 500 strikers applied for work at the various plants today. By the packages this is looked upon as an indication that a sweeping break in the ranks will follow in a short time. By the strike leaders the fact that a few men applied for work is said by many to have been due to the indications that pointed to a settlement, and that the men applying for their places were doing so merely to be first in line.

The scene at the yards and different places where the strikers are wont to congregate is much the same as it has been the past week. No disturbance of a character worthy of mention has occurred today or during the night. The situation looked upon by many as fast reaching a state of affairs where something must be done. Either a settlement must be arrived at and the men given an opportunity to work or they must leave for other fields. Despite the fact that the fund for the relief of the strikers and their families is said to be of a size sufficient to keep them from want for some time, nevertheless it is conceded that with the approach of winter and the necessity for fuel and clothing and other food necessities, much suffering will ensue.

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WANT TO CONTINUE

(Journal Special Service.) Kansas City, Sept. 7.—The strikers today voted 1,554 to 125 to continue the strike. They are awaiting orders from Donnelly. Few desertions are reported from the ranks.

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(Journal Special Service.) Denver, Colo., Sept. 7.—Less than 100 union coal miners responded to the strike order issued by District 14 of the United Mineworkers, which affects all the districts in Colorado except the northern.

WITH AUTO, DOCTOR RUNS FOOTPADS DOWN

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Sept. 7.—When attached early this morning by three armed footpads, Dr. Gilbert Fitzpatrick of this city charged them with his automobile in which he was returning home from a midnight call. One after another he ran the footpads down, wounding each in turn, despite the revolvers pointed at his head.

The men were surprised at the unexpected maneuvers of the auto and fired on shots at the doctor, but failed to hit him. This is the first time that an auto has been used as a weapon of self defense against holdups in Chicago. The doctors were held for some time, they fell, one in the road and another in the gutter. The doctor, who was running the auto, was wounded in the head. The men were surprised at the unexpected maneuvers of the auto and fired on shots at the doctor, but failed to hit him.