

RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE CELLO CANAL OVER THE LAND OWNED BY THE O. R. & N. HAS BEEN SECURED

FIGHTING RENEWED

Russian Reconnaissance Is Met by the Japanese Outposts.

REPORT HEAVY LOSSES

Japanese Evacuate a Village--Both Kuraki and Kuropatkin Are Being Reinforced--The Former Has 300,000 Men.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, Sept. 19.—Dispatches from General Kuropatkin today state that General Sakhalinoff and General Samponoff are conducting important reconnaissances which have resulted in heavy fighting with many casualties. The main reconnaissance was made toward the enemy's front and right flank and the Japanese were driven back.

The Russian losses were slight. The Japanese, Kuropatkin says, are concentrating between Yentale and Bensaipudal to the south of Mukden.

The Japanese during an encounter Saturday evacuated a village which they held but with slight losses.

The czar has decided to form a second Manchurian army to be made up of corps now being sent to the far east. Lieutenant-General Eusevitch will probably be in command. Kuropatkin will be chief of both armies, but probably without the title of commander-in-chief.

A report, circulated here, that Rear Admiral Prince Ouktomsky had been court-martialed, is emphatically denied by members of the general staff.

There is no secret made here of the belief that one of the most important and decisive battles of the year will come within a few days and probably in the near neighborhood of Mukden. It is conjectured by the correspondents from what little is given out, that the forces under Kuropatkin have been largely augmented since the fighting at Liao Yang and that, notwithstanding the continued levies of fresh troops which reports show to have been hurried forward to Kuraki, the latter will be met by nearly an equal force.

Kuropatkin will have the advantage of position and is supposed to have been making great headway in preparing defenses for a further stand.

The reports that Kuraki will again attempt to flank and prevent Kuropatkin from keeping the road to Mukden open, are scouted as being highly improbable. It is believed that the Japanese can have no other idea than that of compelling him to retreat to a point where he would be hampered through the winter by scarcity of supplies to feed an augmented army, thus leaving him at the beginning of next spring with practically the same forces he now has and much farther away from the contested territory.

Should Kuropatkin succeed in holding his ground at Mukden he would defeat this object and would thereby be enabled to renew the campaign in the spring with a heavy and well equipped force.

The Lena incident has been largely dismissed here and there is no ill feeling toward America for the disarmament of the warship.

JAPANESE FOURTH ARMY

Kuroki Now Has 300,000 Men and Is Advancing from Niuchwang.

(Journal Special Service.)
Rome, Sept. 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Liao Yang states that a Japanese advance on Mukden is proceeding, and that a fourth army from Niuchwang is now on the Russian extreme left.

The correspondent adds that General Kuroki has received reinforcements consisting of two new divisions, making the total Japanese force 300,000 men.

WORK OF WOMEN

(Journal Special Service.)
Hemmerlin, Sept. 19.—The orders received several days ago, as told in The Journal, to put the monitor Wyoming, now out of commission, in seaworthy shape at the earliest moment, has resulted in a large additional force of men being put to work night and day.

The Wyoming was to have been completely overhauled, but an effort is now being made to put her to sea within 48 hours. The authorities refuse to explain the significance, though it is believed the haste is due to the Lena and Korea incidents.

RUSSIAN REVIEW AT MUKDEN

(Journal Special Service.)
Mukden, Sept. 19.—Saturday General Kuropatkin reviewed the first corps and two divisions of the second corps.

SOVEREIGN RISE AT SPANISH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Springue, Wash., Sept. 19.—Mrs. O. J. Finney, aged 71, a pioneer of this section, died yesterday, leaving a child, 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.



This is the real William Waldorf Astor, the first photograph of the ex-patriated American taken since his arrival in this country. The photograph shows Mr. Astor to be considerably stouter than when he left America.

ARMED MEN HUNT GRAIN THIEVES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Baker City, Or., Sept. 19.—After a desperate attempt to kill their captors, Aaron Barker and Will Irwin, of Pocatoneau, escaped from the police here last night. The two young men had been caught in the act of stealing grain from A. Walk, a farmer near Wingville. The police here were notified that they were enroute here with the grain in a wagon, Policeman Boyd and Nightwatchman Lincoln, while watching for the men saw them about 10 o'clock last night as they approached the railroad crossing. Boyd who was on horseback placed the men under arrest. Lincoln took his seat in the wagon and started to drive the men to the police station. Barker suddenly jumped to the ground and began shooting at Boyd with a Winchester rifle. The latter was unarmed and immediately dismounted from his horse and placed the animal between himself and the escaping prisoner.

Officer Lincoln, however, was armed and sprang from the wagon and began firing at the fugitive. The two men exchanged all the shots that were in their guns without effecting any damage. Irwin in the meantime had headed the rig in the direction of Wingville, and Barker joined him and the two drove at breakneck speed in the direction of Haines. A posse was immediately organized, but the men escaped to the mountains. This morning they are in the high hills northwest of Haines. The posse has been increased and as the men are armed it is expected that a desperate battle will ensue.

Irwin is the son of a respectable farmer near Haines and is about 18 years of age, while Barker is considered a bad man. He is about 25 years of age.

HER BRUISED HEART HEALED BY \$30,000

(Journal Special Service.)
Kansas City, Sept. 19.—Miss Iva Noland, a pretty stenographer, on July 12 brought suit for \$30,000 damages for breach of promise against James A. Graves, a wealthy mineowner, announces that she has compromised for \$30,000.

Miss Noland had letters which show beyond a doubt that she was the promised bride of Graves. While she sat patiently waiting, he secretly married another woman. He found Miss Noland a waitress, educated her and made her his stenographer, courted, and then deserted her.

FLAMES IN DYNAMITE

Fire Aided by Explosives Causes a \$2,000,000 Loss at Halifax.

BLAZE UNDER CONTROL

After Being Subdued Fire Breaks Out Afresh, and Sweeps Away Several Warehouses--Nobody Injured--Many Narrowly Escap.

(Journal Special Service.)
Halifax, N. S., Sept. 19.—One of the most disastrous and in some ways unavoidable fires that has ever taken place here swept out more than \$2,000,000 worth of property in a cloud of smoke and flying embers this morning.

Twice was it believed that the fire was under control and once it seemed certain that the flames had been brought to halt. This, however, proved without adequate reason, and the tired firemen, who had already faced the danger of a dynamite explosion for hours, found themselves at dawn today with a greater and apparently more hopeless battle than ever before. Not until 10 o'clock could further safety be assured.

As about 1 o'clock this morning the business house of Black Brothers, known to be filled with dynamite and explosives of all descriptions, was discovered to be on fire and threatened to do much damage. By order of the mayor, much of the explosive was dumped in the river, but not until a number of minor explosions had occurred, scattering firebrands in all directions, causing the fire department to exercise its utmost exertions to avoid a rapid spread of the flames to adjoining buildings and warehouses.

The flames, however, were confined to the wharves of Black and Bickford. Their loss at this time was estimated at \$1,000,000.

Nobody was injured, but many had narrow escapes.

Shortly after 3 o'clock, when all was apparently secure, the flames broke out afresh, with renewed vigor, destroying several other fine new warehouses and adjoining buildings. It was not until 10 o'clock that the fire was again under control, and it is still burning.

Among the principal losers are Black Brothers & Co., wholesale hardware; Thomas Forham & Co., sailmakers; and Bryant & McDonald, tea merchants.

FOR COMPLICITY IN MURDER OF HUSBAND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Helena, Mont., Sept. 19.—Quite a sensation has been created here by the arrest near Glasgow of Mrs. John Mottner on the charge of complicity in the murder of her husband. Mottner was shot by an employe named Dye, who asserted that the act was committed in self-defense. He was released, but later was arrested and held because new evidence was discovered. The arrest of Mrs. Mottner now follows and she, too, is in jail. Officials decline to disclose the nature of the evidence against her except that she is said to have made inquiries as to whether she would inherit her husband's estate if he was killed. Mottner was a prominent sheepman.

BRITAIN'S HOLD ON TIBET IS CONTESTED

(Journal Special Service.)
Berlin, Sept. 19.—At the foreign office it is stated that information has been received that Russian agents are endeavoring to recognize the Anglo-Tibetan treaty regarding the demarcation of Tibetan strongholds and the maintaining of British rights in Tibet.

It is possible that this refusal will give rise to a serious situation and that Britain may have trouble in retaining the foothold she has gained in the "forbidden land."

SCHOOLBOY DIES SUDDENLY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Davenport, Wash., Sept. 19.—Brooks Anderson, aged 17, a son of Deputy County Auditor J. W. Anderson, chinned himself in the high-school gymnasium eight times Saturday, walked to a table, sat down and fell off onto the floor dead. He was known to have heart trouble. He was a great favorite.

FARMER BADLY INJURED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Ramsey, Minn., Sept. 19.—G. W. Warr, a prominent rancher, was probably fatally injured by being hit with a beam while unloading hay Saturday. He has not regained consciousness.



By next January 1 the United States Army will be equipped with a new magazine rifle, the deadliest in the hands of any soldier in the world. Fully assembled, the rifle weighs a trifle more than eight pounds, whereas the present rifle weighs ten. It has an effective fighting range of 4,781 yards, and at 50 feet has penetrated 1 1/2 feet of white pine. It is equipped with a spring bayonet shaped like a ramrod. In tests it has been fired 35 times a minute with the magazine and 23 times as a single loader. It is covered with wood on the under side to prevent the heat of rapid discharges from blistering the shooter's hands.

KINDNESS BRINGS HIM A FORTUNE

Californian Who Shelters Mexican Refugee Is Given a Map Whereby He Finds \$150,000.

(Journal Special Service.)
Galveston, Tex., Sept. 19.—A fortune of \$150,000 is reported to have been found where it was buried near the old town of Seguin at the time of the Mexican war. The money was secreted during an engagement. Men guarded by Mexican soldiers undertook to convey General Gonzalez to San Antonio this sun in gold. A company of Texas soldiers for days trailed the Mexicans, and at last caught them near Seguin. The Mexicans, seeing that they would be overtaken, buried the money.

The Mexicans were captured, and because they refused to surrender the secret all except one were put to death. This one escaped and went to California, where in his old age he lived with a miner, Jack C. Davis, who afforded him every comfort his humble abode justified. Upon his deathbed a couple of weeks ago the Mexican gave Davis a map which told the location of the money. Davis immediately went to Seguin, where he found the gold with little difficulty. He is now returning to California.

INHERITS A FORTUNE BUT COMMITS SUICIDE

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Sept. 19.—Although about to receive a legacy of \$100,000, worry over a trivial matter so preyed upon the mind of Mrs. Mary T. Thatcher, the wife of George Thatcher, a minister, that she forgot her joy over her good fortune, and committed suicide last night in her apartment by inhaling gas. It was while packing her furniture preparatory to a trip abroad that she was seized by a fit of despondency, and entered the bedroom and killed herself. Mrs. Thatcher inherited \$100,000 on the death of her uncle, Patrick Mealy of Steelton, Penn., a few weeks ago.

HOAR IS COMFORTABLE

(Journal Special Service.)
Worcester, Mass., Sept. 19.—Senator Hoar is comfortable this morning but still shows no gain in strength.

Condemnation Decree Provides That State Shall Pay Railroad \$22,837 in Full of All Damages.

All That Remains Is to Obtain Deeds From Two Private Owners and Government Can Then Be Placed in Possession.

Right of way for the Cello canal over the lands owned by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company at The Dalles has finally been secured by the state. The condemnation proceedings instituted by the state canal board in the circuit court of Wasco county have resulted in a decree awarding to the state the land which was desired for the canal, conditioned upon the payment to the railroad of the cost of moving its tracks, the value of the land, and incidental damages, amounting altogether to \$22,837. The decree was entered by consent of both parties to the suit, and there will be no appeal.

Deeds for the right of way over the land owned by Michell and by Schmidt are already in escrow at The Dalles, so that all that now remains is to secure conveyances from The Dalles Packing company and from A. W. Seufert. An agreement has already been reached as to the price to be paid to the packing company, so that Seufert is now the only property owner with whom the state must deal.

In the condemnation suit brought by the state against J. H. Taffe, the defendant's motion for a new trial was overruled on September 10, and judgment was entered awarding the land to the state upon payment to Taffe of \$15,000, the value of the land, and costs amounting to \$113. It is said that Taffe will appeal.

Flash Suit.
The condemnation suit against the O. R. & N. was concluded quickly. On September 2, the state of Oregon, by the governor, secretary of state and state engineer, constituting the board of commissioners of canals and locks, brought suit in the circuit court of Wasco county against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and the New York Security & Trust company to condemn a right of way for the canal and locks to be built around The Dalles. It was stipulated that the case might be tried by the court without the intervention of a jury and on September 9 it was so tried. The plaintiff appeared by A. M. Crawford, attorney-general, and Frank Menefee, district attorney, and the defendants were represented by W. W. Cotton.

Pursuant to the stipulation and the pleadings the court found that the O. R. & N. company was the owner of certain land in Wasco county and was using it in the operation of its railroad; that it was necessary to condemn the land for right of way purposes for a canal in order that it might be conveyed to the United States to the end that the United States might construct, maintain and operate a canal for boats and vessels plying on the Columbia river; that the plaintiff and defendants had been unable to agree as to the compensation; and that the value of the land sought to be appropriated is \$500.

The court further found that the O. R. & N. company would be obliged to change the location of certain portions of its lines of railroad opposite said pieces of right of way and at other points between the Big Eddy and the head of the Cello falls, would be compelled to construct large embankments and would be subjected to additional and unusual expense in the operation of the railroad, and that by reason of these facts the railroad would suffer damages in the further sum of \$22,837, making the aggregate amount of damages \$22,837.

The court as a conclusion of law held that upon payment by the state into the hands of the clerk of the court the sum of \$22,837 for the benefit of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, the state will be entitled to the entry of a judgment appropriating to itself a right of way for the purpose of conveying the same to the United States of America, to the end that the government may construct thereon a canal extending from the Big Eddy to the head of the Cello falls.

The money has not yet been paid into court, but will be, as the case was an agreed one. The right of way for which this money is paid is expressly limited to the purpose of conveying the land to the United States to construct a canal thereon. Under this decree the right of way could be used for no other purpose.

GIRLS CUT OFF FATHER'S HEAD

(Journal Special Service.)
Marlin, Tex., Sept. 19.—Mystery surrounding the murder of C. S. Stewart, a farmer, who lived eight miles south of here, has been cleared by the confessions of his two intelligent and pretty daughters, aged 11 and 13 years. They have admitted that they committed the crime.

The body of Stewart was found Saturday lying on a cot on the porch of his residence. His head had been severed with a sharp axe. At that time the girls claimed they heard no noise and did not know who killed their father.

Their blood-stained clothing caused suspicion to be directed against them, with the result that under sharp questioning they confessed. They said their father was about to remarry, and they objected.

A letter addressed to him came during his absence. It was from the children's prospective step-mother, and they destroyed it. The father learned this, and when he came home Friday night told the girls that he was going to kill them and that they must say their prayers. He did not carry out the threat, and the presumption is that he told this to frighten them into submission. When he took a nap the two girls got an axe and chopped his head off.

ONE-TIME HARVARD MAN IS "HOBO KING"

(Journal Special Service.)
Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 19.—Marcellus F. Graupner, once a Harvard student, but now the "king of hobos," has returned to Cambridge from Biebee, A. T., counting a trip to San Francisco, a prospecting journey of 500 miles, and several side ventures. Graupner's grand total in miles of "boating" his way around the world is close to 120,000.

He has twice been in Alaska and once completed the circuit of the globe on the little capital of \$5, and times without number has stolen his way across the continent. Graupner was at one time the champion strong man of Harvard university.

MRS. HARRIS' TRIAL BEGINS AT SPOKANE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Spokane, Wash., Sept. 19.—The trial for murder of Mrs. Jeanette Harris, the North Yakima woman who brought her infant grandchild to this city and strangled it, begins today. Mrs. Harris has been in the hospital for the past two months, but is now said to be practically well. The defense in the trial will be temporary insanity.

The child she is alleged to have killed was that of her unmarried daughter. She brought it to this city with the intention of placing it in a home here, but after applying to one or two, and being refused, she became desperate, and took it out into the brush in the southern part of the city, tied a string around its neck and dropped it from the hill.

LIFE TERM CONVICT IS WORTH \$250,000

(Journal Special Service.)
Dannemora, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Alphonso J. Stephan is civilly dead, but financially very much alive. He has been informed that an appraisal of his mother's estate means an addition to his fortune of \$250,000, making the murderer convict the possessor of \$250,000. He is serving a life sentence for killing Clinton G. Reynolds, a New York attorney, in 1898. He is adjudged by a jury to be a paranoiac of a clearly established type.

Stephan had by shrewdness, luck and almost unanny intuition made a success in Wall street investments, building up from a comfortable nucleus a bank account which overtopped many manipulators. He made \$150,000 by his operations.

IRWIN POISONED IN HAY CHEWING PARTY

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Sept. 19.—The May Irwin company, including the star, Saturday morning, Sept. 18, had a hay chewing party. The members of the company were rehearsing in a New York theater on the stage of which the Danneberg Thompson company recently had a hay chewing party.

The actors participated in the exercise while eating hay, and the result was that May Irwin was poisoned. She was taken to the hospital, but is now recovering.