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southerly winds.

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EXPECT A LOG WAR

Russian Soldiers Being Steadily Hurried to the Battle Van.

HEAR FIRING OFF PORT

Believed That Another Sortie Has Been Made by Russian Ships in Effort to Escape from Port Arthur.

Berlin, Oct. 6.—(Bulletin).—A dispatch from the Russian frontier reports that 60 men were killed today by the explosion of an ammunition magazine at Sevastopol and that an immense amount of ammunition was destroyed. The Russian authorities are becoming alarmed by the frequency of these explosions and fear that it is the result of a widespread Japanese secret plot.

London, Oct. 6.—In an interview with an American officer who has just returned from a long tour through the mobilization depots of eastern Russia proper, a London paper prints some interesting particulars of the condition of affairs there.

The trip led the party to a district of Russia that the outside world knows little about—namely, the wonderful country east of Niimi Novgorod. Everywhere the party went there were troops arriving with supplies or reserves coming up, and this was particularly the case around the towns of Kazan and Samara. Outside such centers the ignorance of the peasantry was the most remarkable feature.

When the authorities would visit the villages to draft the able-bodied men, they would be met by the men who did not know where they were going. When they learned of the war they would take the slightest knowledge of the actual situation, and were usually delegated with the prospect.

They would say: "Japan is a rich country, and we will return with much loot."

At Samara, which is the last place of importance in European Russia for the mobilization of the troops, many pathetic sights were noticeable. Women would march for miles with the squads to say farewell to their husbands and relatives, and when a Russian officer was tramping homeward with their children were going to do now that their breadwinners were taken from them, the officer replied cheerfully: "They'll look better off now. Their commutes will look after them if necessary, but there probably will be no need of that, because there will be plenty of work for them now that the men have gone. Besides, there will not be so much to provide now that the biggest appetite has been taken away."

The travelers came to the conclusion that the prevailing opinion of the provincial Russians was that the war had not yet really begun, but that when it does begin Russia must win.

REPORT BATTLE NEWS

Firing Heard Off Port Arthur Indicates Another Naval Fight.

London, Oct. 6.—A Central dispatch dated Chofoo, Oct. 6, states that this morning a big naval battle was proceeding outside the harbor of Chofoo and it is thought the Port Arthur fleet made a sortie to reach Chofoo harbor and that the Russians encountered the Japanese squadron.

A later dispatch from Chofoo stated that the sounds of firing at sea, which were accompanied by flashes like that of bursting shells, ceased at 4 o'clock this morning.

TO RUN BLOCKADE

Fleet of Chinese Junk Organized to Aid Sequestered Port.

Tokio, Oct. 6.—The Japanese fleet off Port Arthur today carried a junk laden with provisions, which was trying to enter the harbor. The statements of the crew indicate the existence of a fleet of 80 junks, organized to run the blockade in the vicinity of Tsingtau.

The junks enter at night, the Russian guns and mines giving them an advance.

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ALASKA IS WORTH IT

Business Men Say Steamship Line North Is Necessity.

PORTLAND NEEDS TRADE

Northern Merchants Claim Seattle Jobbers Overcharge Them—They Secure Good Treatment Here.

The sentiment of the business men of Portland is strongly in favor of a steamship line between this city and southeastern Alaska points and to some if possible. Notwithstanding Portland's loss of the business it had in Alaska years ago, and the failure of subsequent attempts to recover that trade, the wholesalers and manufacturers are confident that Portland could now build up a large and permanent trade with Alaska if given the opportunity that is afforded by a regular line of steamships.

Allen & Lewis, wholesale grocers, are close in touch with the Alaska business situation. The firm keeps a resident agent in Alaska, who covers the territory from Seattle to Sitka, and the Portland house has business with firms as far as Nome. Speaking of obstacles, real or supposed, to the Alaska trade, he says the Alaska trade is a navigation company has kept its hands off. Notwithstanding these conditions our house has kept a permanent representative in Alaska and he holds the Alaska trade. We are obliged to ship via Tacoma, and the railroad freight charge. It is untrue that Seattle buys from Portland. Seattle merchants buy in the same prices in which we buy and sell. Seattle jobbers have an advantage of us in the Alaska trade at the present time to the extent of the freight rate from here to Tacoma. What Portland needs is a steamship line of her own to Alaska, a line owned by Portland capital. The fact is that Portland has for the last five years been so busy growing, and her trade has been expanding so much, that she has not had time to look after the Alaska business.

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Latest photo of King Alfonso XIII of Spain and his fiancée, Duchess Marie Antoinette Marguerite Mathilde of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, sister of the Duchess of Coctilla, who has just become engaged to the German crown prince.

SPAIN IS JUBILANT OVER THE BETROTHAL

Madrid, Oct. 6.—Spain is beginning to jubilate over the betrothal as reported a few days ago of King Alfonso to the Princess Marie Antoinette Marguerite Mathilde of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Nothing official has been sent out from the palace, but the windows of many stores are filled with illuminated pictures of the princess and king and the fact that no order for their removal has been issued is regarded as confirmation of the report that the betrothal has actually been announced.

ANOTHER CASE OF JUGGLING WITH VALLABLE FRANCHISE

One year and two months have elapsed since the city granted the public market franchise to the Union Market company, with the provision that construction of the market building should be completed within 80 days, and that the building should be completed within six months.

Not a stroke of work has yet been done upon the building, and even the excavation for the foundation has not been commenced.

Vague promises are made that the building will be commenced within "a month or two," but in the opinion of some members of the city council this is merely a pretext to gain time in which to dispose of the franchise, which has already changed hands once since it was granted.

The original grantee of the franchise was the Union Market company, said to have been composed of eastern men, who were represented here by Miller & Miller, the attorneys. The identity of the members of the company was not disclosed. The ordinance granting the franchise passed the council August 5, 1903. It was approved by the mayor August 11, and accepted by the market company September 2, 1903. At some time subsequent to acquiring the franchise the Union Market company is said to have transferred its rights therein to the Union Market association, of which Julius H. Alexander of California is the president and ostensible head.

REBEL HEREROS ARE NOW IN FULL FLIGHT

Berlin, Oct. 6.—Gen. von Thortha, the commander of the German force operating against the rebel Hereros in north-west Africa, cabled today that he has quelled the rebellion and is now pursuing the remnants of the insurgents.

CONFESSION OF BOY SOLVES A MYSTERY

Chicago, Oct. 6.—From the confession of John Harmenting, a brother of 16-year-old Minnie Harmenting, who it was believed had been murdered in her father's barn near Palos, Wednesday developed today that the girl hung herself to a rafter in the barn.

The boy and two younger children discovered her, cut down the body and hid the rope in order to save their parents from a shock. Today the brother broke down and confessed.

ELMST BRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Helena, Mont., Oct. 6.—The Montana Grand Lodge of Masons last evening elected L. L. Callaway grand master, H. M. Panchan treasurer and Cornelius Hedger secretary.

\$100,000 FIRE IN BARRAS

Dallas, Oct. 6.—Fire this morning burned the best part of the business block of the city. The loss will probably reach \$100,000.

DEATH IN PANIC IN A SHIPWRECK

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 6.—Four Indian girls, the oldest 16 years of age, were drowned in the wreck of the Barbara Boscoville.

The ship returning to the north after the hop picking season in the state of Washington carrying a crowd of Indians, struck a reef while entering Parson's bay at Harbledown island, near the north end of Vancouver island.

The vessel is believed to be a total wreck. The ship had every available part of her space taken up with Indians and when the reef was struck a panic ensued in which the greatest wonder is that no lives were lost. This did not prove so is undoubtedly due to the fact that nearly all the Indians are expert swimmers and though nearly 40 of them leaped from the rail into the sea, they succeeded in keeping afloat until rescued or in swimming to a point where they found shelter.

One report says that it is possible that several other lives were lost, as some of the Indians were unacquainted with each other and may have gone down without being missed. Relief has been sent them and the survivors will continue their journey in another vessel belonging to the same company.

SEVEN ROBBERS GET AWAY WITH \$20,000

Jacksonville, Wis., Oct. 6.—The bank of Monte Carlo was robbed last night of \$20,000, in currency and gold and the robbers escaped. There were seven men in the robber band, and they were not discovered by the night watchman until the robbery had been consummated.

An alarm was given and a chase started, but the robbers fled in the darkness and all efforts to apprehend them today proved futile.

UNCREDITED RUMOR OF A TRAIN HOLDUP

Tacoma, Oct. 6.—The police here have heard rumors that a holdup of the Northern Pacific train has taken place near Ellensburg, Wash.

Inquiries at the local offices of the Northern Pacific railroad resulted in eliciting no information whatever of the alleged holdup. The local representatives had received no word of the happening, and did not believe that such a thing happened. They said that had any such robbery occurred, the local office would have been immediately notified.

STATS DATE AT THE BIG FAIR

St. Louis, Oct. 6.—Four states had their innings at the world's fair today. They were Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey and Maine. A considerable number of visitors were on hand from each of the commonwealths, the delegations being headed by the governors and their staffs.

WILL VISIT TOKYO

Pullman, Wash., Oct. 6.—A solid special train of college students and others will visit the Spokane fair Saturday.

SUBVISED BRASS STEALWARTS

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 6.—Ex-Governor Schofield was this afternoon placed at the head of the Stealwart ticket to succeed Cook.

BURNS IN FILIPINOS CITY JAIL AGITATED

Unidentified Man Confined at Cornelius, Victim of Flames.

MANY RUSH TO RESCUE

Prisoner Found in Intoxicated Condition by City Marshal—Cause of Fire a Mystery—Was a Peddler.

Hillsboro, Or., Oct. 6.—An unidentified man was burned to death last night about 11 o'clock in the jail in Cornelius, about two and a half miles from here. The man was about 30 years of age and yesterday afternoon was engaged in selling trinkets in Cornelius and that vicinity.

About 9 o'clock last night the town marshal found him lying drunk between two of the stores and after some trouble and with the assistance of four bystanders succeeded in lodging the intoxicated man in jail.

About 11 o'clock the fire alarm aroused the sleeping citizens of the little town. The jail was ablaze. Many rushed to rescue the prisoner from the burning prison. They succeeded in extinguishing the fire before it had done much damage to the jail but not until the occupant had been suffocated.

How the fire started is a mystery. One theory is that the prisoner accidentally set the building afire. A coroner's inquest was held at 3 o'clock this morning and the body was interred by the county.

SAYAGE BUCK DEER FIGHT DEADLY DUEL

San Francisco, Oct. 6.—There was a duel to the death between two savage buck deer in Golden Gate park paddock yesterday afternoon. Jack, one of the older bucks, had been confined for two days in an enclosure and adjoining him were the smaller deer. A narrow passage way connected the two and through this the animals were driven separately into a wooden cage.

The powerful Jack was let into the other's corral and as soon as he beheld the smaller buck his rage flamed and the instinct of murder seized him. The overmatched buck seemed to realize that his hour had come, and was overcome by fear.

As his herculean antagonist pressed along, with horn blowing distance the doomed young buck sprang high in the air and tried to escape, but he was caught full on the enemy's sharp horns and pressed tightly against the wall, and with blood rushing from his wounds he bellowed with pain. For a few minutes the younger buck fought spasmodically and desperately, but again and again his antagonist pierced and gored him without mercy. Stubbornly and with diabolical ferocity old Jack gored his dying adversary, and it was with difficulty that he could be caged, even when his enemy lay dead.

POSTOFFICE ROBBER HIDING IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Oct. 6.—Having slipped through a drag net thrown out about West Chicago, where he last night had a pistol battle with the police, Eddie Fay, a bank burglar and Chicago post-office robber, is now hiding in Chicago.

Every policeman in the city is keeping a sharp lookout for the desperado. Fay recently broke jail at Jonesville, Wis.

TACOMA BEER HALL ROBBED BY TWO MEN

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 6.—Two men burglarized the Puget Sound beer hall at an early hour this morning, securing \$50. They then held up Henry Nederhouse, an expressman, taking a silver watch and a small sum of money. The police suspect a well-known young man.

RELIGION PROMPTS CONVERT TO SETTLE

Two years ago last April there was a strike at the Portland Lumber company. Men laid down their tools and refused to work. There were deep mutterings and rumors of violence.

A Call for Mass Meeting Where Fiery Speeches Will Be Made.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN

Believed by Some to Be an Exceptionally Adroit Move to Cast Blame on the Democratic Leaders.

Manila, Oct. 6.—Fiery orators will speak at a mass meeting of Filipinos Sunday called for the purpose of advocating the independence of the islands. The call for the meeting says: "It would be inexplicable, and even improper, for the Filipinos to fold their arms and remain passive at a time when the very best elements of American society are working so ardently in order that our native land may attain its ambition."

It is asserted here by some of the men who are unusually well informed that the agitation is the result of an exceptionally clever and hitherto well-concealed move on the part of the Republican campaigners.

By stirring up feeling among the natives they hope to produce such an agitation as will enable the Republicans to make the statement in the United States that the Democrats are responsible for stirring up warlike feeling in the islands. One theory which adds some color to this belief is the fact that the government authorities will make no effort to interfere with the meeting, and will remain quiescent in a remarkable state of benignity, in marked contrast to the "big stick" policy.

Placards of an unusually fiery nature have been posted promiscuously around the city calling for the meeting, and have also been posted well out into neighboring villages. The largest meeting of its kind that has ever taken place in the islands is expected.

SHIP TRUST MAKES A DIRECT THREAT

New York, Oct. 6.—Direct threats have been served on the city by the ship trust that unless it can secure docking privileges at New Chelsea, it will withdraw all ships under its control, representing 100 bottoms and 489,532 tons, from the port. Vice-President F. A. E. Franklin of the International Mercantile Marine voiced the threat in a letter to Dock Commissioner Featherstone, withdrawing the offer made by the company last December of five and one half piers for a new harbor improvement scheme, because better terms can be secured elsewhere.

Franklin points to Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Hoboken offering great advantages, and hints strongly that ships in the trust will be transferred to one of these ports if better terms are not offered by the city.

EDISON, SR., SUFFERS FROM X-RAY POISON

Stewartville, Oct. 6.—Thomas A. Edison, Sr., is suffering from X-ray poison of the same general nature as that which killed his friend and fellow workman, Clarence Dally. The trouble in Edison's case, however, is not so violent, but the famous inventor is in danger.

The trouble was contracted several years ago and at times shows signs of relapse. It is feared that the trouble has been worse than usual.

LADY CURSON STRONGER

London, Oct. 6.—A bulletin issued at Walmer castle this morning announces that Lady Curzon passed a better night and is a little stronger today.

GOAL TRANSFERRED

Cincinnati, Oct. 6.—All union coal teamsters in this city went on strike this morning for an increase of wages and recognition of the union.