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FOR THE FIFTH DAY THE BATTLE SOUTH OF MUKDEN CONTINUES WITH FIRCE FIGHTING AND JAPAN GAINS

Oyama Reports Satisfactory Progress—Kuropatkin Admits Defeat on Right Flank—Left Flank Retires.

Russians Apparently Falling Back on Old Positions While Japanese Endeavor to Strike Death Blow—Losses Are Appalling.

London, Oct. 14.—(Bulletin)—A dispatch to the Central News from Rome states the newspaper Agency Libria has a dispatch from Chefoo stating that the Japanese have captured the last forts outside of Port Arthur and now occupy the periphery of the town.

Rome, Oct. 14.—(Bulletin)—A dispatch from Tokio to the newspaper Giornale di Roma places the Russian losses as follows: Monday, 6,000 killed and wounded; Tuesday, 17,700 killed and wounded; Wednesday, 7,518 killed and wounded; Thursday, 10,000 killed and wounded.

Tokyo, Oct. 14.—Japan is wildly excited today and elated over the victory practically gained over the Russians to the south of Mukden, which now needs but the finishing stroke.

The columns have now been thrown out into more open order and are meeting the Russians at several points along the center and right flank. Kuraki's troops are meeting the most stubborn resistance and are bearing the brunt of the fighting.

A private dispatch states that Oyama yesterday captured 50 guns. This, however, has not been officially confirmed.

The Japanese front at the opening of the day extended from a point five miles northwest of the Taizze river in a crescent to the slopes of the hills east of Yental, a distance of about 35 miles.

Down toward this center came the Russian army in a spread formation. Rennenkampf hurled his troops against Kuraki on the east while the westward the Japanese general, Oku, drove himself against the Russians with such force that they fell back toward the central line until they were brought within range of Nodzu's artillery.

The Japanese position had by this time changed until it resembled a light spread letter "V" with Nodzu in the apex, Kuraki on the right point and Oku on the left.

PRICE OF LUMBER CUT \$1 A THOUSAND

To meet a peculiar condition in the local lumber market the Portland Retail Lumber company, which comprises all of the mills in the combine or trust in this territory, has cut the price of common lumber to Portland consumers \$1 a thousand feet. The cut is made with a hope of stimulating building operations during the next five months, and to get rid of a large quantity of the mill product that is now accumulating.

The next few months will be the last period of low priced lumber in Portland for many years," said a prominent mill man today. "It need cause no surprise if prices of all kinds of lumber advance next spring \$2 or \$3 a thousand feet. Lumber is now too low, and mills are operating at a loss. But we are cutting the price on common lumber for the winter months to conform with our policy of keeping Portland retail prices close to the prices at which the same lumber is sold for shipment.

There is no reduction in the prices of finishing lumber, such as flooring, ceiling and rustic. These grades are selling at \$13 for No. 3 rustic, \$12 for No. 3 flooring and \$12 for No. 3 ceiling. These prices are close to the prices for shipment, and no cut is considered. The common lumber is reduced from \$8.50 to \$7.50 a thousand feet.

"WOMEN AND DOGS NEED BEATING"

William Montag's Theory Put Into Practice Secures a Divorce for His Wife—Pet Cat the Cause.

"Montag told me that a woman is like a dog—that she should be whipped about once a week in order to make her keep her place."

Other witnesses testified that Montag beat and scratched his wife. Mrs. Montag is a daughter of former Judge McGuire of Clatsop county, and her friends crowded the courtroom.

Montag, who is a barber, in the employ of Chester Harris, on Fifth street, was at Seaside when the letters arrived and his wife confronted them.

In two letters sent his wife he admitted that she was a good woman and that he was unworthy of her. He said he would not be true to her and there was no further use of their trying to live together.

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EXAMINING TANNER CREEK SEWER TODAY

Committee Will Make Tour Through The Big Drain and Determine Its Effectiveness and Worth.

No time will be lost in investigating the construction of the Tanner creek sewer, Mayor Williams has granted to the protesting property owners the opportunity to make an expert examination of the job, and this morning he telephoned to S. B. Lathoum, the attorney for the protesters, requesting him to begin the examination this afternoon.

The persistent rumors current in connection with the work have received apparent confirmation from the fact that the cost is nearly \$11,000 in excess of the engineer's estimate. This is explained by H. C. Wortman, one of the sewer contractors, who says that the unusual difficulties and risk of the work made it impossible for the engineer to make a reliable estimate of the cost.

"The contractor had to dig a tunnel which he was obliged to timber to keep the earth from caving in. The city engineer's inspectors kept careful watch on the work and they report that it was done entirely in accordance with the specifications. The sewer committee has no reason to doubt this, for the only protest made before the acceptance of the work was that of C. C. Palmer, an attorney, who declined to sign the contract and who would not even state his reasons for his objection."

Collusion among the bidders on large contracts for street and sewer work in this city is believed to be very common, and there are circumstances in this case which indicate that the four original bidders at least had formed a pool. Their bids were rejected however and new bidders appeared upon the second call, whose figures were materially lower than those first submitted.

It is further stated that the time is believed to be ripe for overtaking to be accepted by both of the nations that are now contending in the far east.

THIRD OF CATCH OF SEALS LOST

Mineola Went Down With 13,000 Skins Worth \$182,000, the Entire Year's Hunt at Copper Islands.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Victoria, B. C., Oct. 14.—Word has been received here by a sealing company that the steamer Mineola, lost at Tigil bay on its way from Petropavlovsk to San Francisco, had on board the entire season's catch of sealkins from the Copper Islands for the Commercial company.

The total catch for the year would amount to about 36,000 skins, including about 7,000 from Japan, 10,000 from the Victoria company in Behring sea and 1,400 from coast catches, besides the Falkland island catch, so that 13,000 skins lost on the Mineola cut quite a figure. With over one-third of the world's catch of seal skins lost the prices of the remaining skins it is expected will run up considerably.

For a remedy Dr. Wiley suggests better laws regulating the sale of drinks, the most important of which shall be a statute compelling real and spurious articles to be labeled. The passage of the pure food bill now pending in congress, he says, will aid any laws the states may now have or formulate in the future.

Other persons in the blazing house were rescued by Edward Thorne and William Perkins, who were with him when they saw the building burning. They promptly rung the fire alarm and began the work of rescuing before the firemen arrived.

Los Angeles, Oct. 14.—Mrs. M. Robertson, living a few miles north of this city, stepped to her front door to see the Santa Barbara-Los Angeles train rush by, and a slight mist her gaze which shocked her so that fatal results are feared. Just as she looked at the engine she saw the pilot strike her baby daughter, 17 months old, and hurl it into the ditch beside the track, dead.

"RAFFLES" OUTDONE

Bold Thieves Rob Custodian of Chicago in City Hall.

POLICE IN NEXT ROOM

Enter the Basement, Saw Up Through the Floor, Select Plunder, Return to the Corridor and Make Their Escape.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Oct. 14.—From under the very noses of the police and detective forces of Chicago yesterday there was stolen the most valuable of the contents of the city storehouse, directly across the hall from the central police headquarters.

In the storehouses of the city custodian, to which is taken all property found on the bodies of the dead, all captured stolen goods awaiting identification and all lost articles found by or turned over to the police, there often accumulates property of great value. It sometimes approximates \$100,000 in value, and at the time of the Iroquois theatre disaster included diamonds and jewelry, alone sufficient to stock a splendid jewelry store.

The burglars entered the storehouse from the basement. With a finely tempered saw they cut out a big hole in the floor of the storehouse and then drew themselves up into the little apartment. Although on the ground floor they were safe from discovery from the outside, as the windows of the room, which is locked at the front and is seldom used.

The robbers undoubtedly took their time and selected money, jewelry and such valuable property as can be readily marketed.

They then passed out of the basement by the stairs winding around the elevator, thence up into the corridor where they mingled with the crowd of policemen and detectives, and walked calmly out into the street, where they were speedily swallowed up in the larger crowds of pedestrians.

Chagrined by the ease with which the burglars had made their escape, the police are endeavoring to trace them.

NEW 'PHONE GIRLS HERE

Telephone Company Imports Workers From the North.

NONE PUT TO WORK

Housed at Scott Hotel They Are Ready to Take Operators' Places at the Switchboard Should Company Order That Move.

(Journal Special Service.) Fifty-two telephone girls reached the city this morning, ready to assist the Pacific States Telephone company in breaking the strike that has been declared by operators of the local switchboard.

Their arrival was a complete surprise to the strikers, who may be relying on the promises of the company that no union member would be discharged at least until their grievances had been fully considered and a reply to their demands given. They assert that they will resist any breach of faith on the part of the company.

Up to a late hour this afternoon no effort had been made to install the new girls at the switchboard and consequently no clash has occurred. The rumor was circulated that at the noon recess the strikers proposed visiting the Scott hotel and explaining to the visitors that they were intruding into a situation in which they were not wanted.

The girls were brought from Seattle, Tacoma and other cities to the north. They were induced to come by offers that included payment of rail fares both ways, hotel and other necessary expenses while they were in this city. They arrived in the city early this morning and were met at the station by representatives of the company. The strikers of the company kept them under close surveillance.

Ready to Stray. "These Portland girls say we can't stay here, do they?" said Clara Higgins, a pretty, blonde girl who assumed a belligerent attitude as soon as she was told what the strikers had said. "Well, we'll see about that. I'd like to see some of these flat-footed Portland girls make me do any thing. We'll stay right here in the Scott hotel as long as we are wanted and if they try to start anything, we'll be right there all the time. And you might tell these Portland girls that we can pull more hair in a minute than any other girls can in a week."

At the switchboard there was no disturbance today. Yesterday, however, the strikers were insistent in their demands that a number of students who were being taught how to operate the switchboard should be sent away. They worked today and declare that they are relying implicitly in the promises that were made by the company.

Several days ago, a freight train carrying several "wrecked down" submarines was wrecked near a locality in North Dakota. The boats had been constructed at an eastern government yard, but had been very much surprised by several "wrecked down" submarines which were wrecked near a locality in North Dakota. The boats had been constructed at an eastern government yard, but had been very much surprised by several "wrecked down" submarines which were wrecked near a locality in North Dakota.

WENTWORTH LOST WITH ALL HANDS

(Journal Special Service.) Chatham, Oct. 14.—In one of the fiercest gales that has ever raged along this coast, the British schooner Wentworth was driven on the north bar last night. All hands were lost, in spite of the heroic efforts made to reach the stranded vessel.

BLAST HURLS STONES THROUGH WINDOWS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Toronto, Oct. 14.—Residents of the vicinity of Seventh, C and Commerce streets held an indignation meeting this morning. Many threaten damage suits on account of the destruction of their property by a dynamite explosion set off by men blasting last night.

Many houses were damaged by flying rocks, and the windows of the Congregational church were broken and the residents thrown into a panic. Contractor Burns offers to settle and the matter may be amicably adjusted.

DIVORCE CANON IS FINALLY ADOPTED

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(Journal Special Service.) Puyallup, Wash., Oct. 14.—An incendiary fire destroyed the big feed store and warehouse of H. J. Sourwine, Loss, \$1,000. Insurance, \$1,500. This was the second attempt to burn the place and an inquiry is in progress.

WOMEN ARE RESCUED BY PRIZE FIGHTER

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Oct. 14.—Fighting his way through a hall with dense smoke and flame and with an unconscious woman in his arms, Eugene J. Garcia, the prize-fighter, last night demonstrated a courage not wholly of the order called for in the ring. He not only saved the life of Mrs. Clara Earl, but returned and carried Mrs. Julia Heinsenthal, 70 years of age, from a burning building in Brooklyn.

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SUBMARINES FOR ORIENT PACKED

(Journal Special Service.) Newport News, Va., Oct. 14.—Carefully guarded by company officials and detectives, two submarine boats that were constructed here are being packed for shipment. It is generally supposed that the boats have been purchased by the belligerents in the far eastern war.