

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

The Japanese are said to be advancing in two divisions on Liao Yang.

Admiral Togo reports the blowing up of a Russian guardship and torpedo boat destroyer.

The rainy season will greatly hamper operations in Manchuria, the whole of that country seeming to have turned into a marsh.

The Vladivostok squadron is faster than the Japanese fleet sent against it and can continue to raid the coast until the Japs send fleet ships after it.

Kuropatkin has decided to withdraw to Haicheng.

The Japanese have landed another army of 10,000 men.

The proceeds of the Butte mines for the fiscal year just ended is \$7,354,229.

The Vladivostok squadron sank a steamer and sailing vessel at Gensan, Corea.

Mayr Jones, of Toledo, Ohio, is seriously ill and the chances of his recovery are slight.

Harriman has placed an order for 60,000 tons of steel rails, one-third of which are for the Southern Pacific.

A Telluride, Colorado, mine has closed down on account of inability to secure competent help. Other properties are expected to follow in a short time.

A report from General Oku says that after the fight at Vafangou the Japanese buried 1,854 Russian dead. The trophies taken in this engagement consisted of 16 guns, 46 wagons and 558 rifles.

Japanese advices state that women were seen on board the Russian warships during the last engagement, confirming the suspicion that the Port Arthur fleet was trying to escape to a neutral port.

Secretary Shaw has approved a design for the Lewis and Clark souvenir gold dollar. A likeness of Lewis appears on one side and of Clark on the other. The Philadelphia mint will coin 25,000 on once.

Paul Morton has assumed the office of secretary of the navy.

There is a colony of over 200 deformed Cripple Creek miners in Denver.

The Russian Vladivostok squadron has appeared at Gensan, Corea, and fired on the town.

The acting land commissioner has decided that a corporation has the same right to file on desert land as a citizen.

The secretary of commerce and labor has ordered that all passenger carrying steamboats in the New York harbor be reinspected.

A Russian submarine boat sank at her moorings at the Baltic shipbuilding yards through inexperienced handling and 21 lives were lost.

Germany has ordered a gunboat to Hayti to insist upon the punishment of the guards who assaulted the French and German ministers.

The Japanese second army is reported to have effected a juncture with the first army and that the whole force now has a fighting front of 120 miles.

Forty-three firemen, four of whom will probably die, were overcome by gas and smoke at a fire in New York. The breaking of a gas main was the cause.

Thirty-six more Colorado miners have been deported.

Knox and Cortelyou have given up their places in the cabinet.

A tornado in Nebraska wrecked many homes, causing two deaths and injuries to six others.

General Oku is close to the heels of Kuropatkin, who is withdrawing toward the north.

The Port Arthur fleet is reported to have given battle to the Japanese and proceeded to sea.

H. J. Middleton, an Associated Press correspondent with the Russian army, has died of dysentery.

Two Japanese, disguised as organ grinders, have succeeded in making maps of the entire Baltic coast.

It is reported that Edward F. Knight, the correspondent of the London Morning Post, with the Japanese army, has been killed.

There is still no trace of Kent J. Loomis, brother of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, who disappeared over a week ago. His wife has given up hope for him.

Pardicaris says the brigand Raisuli is posing as a patriot.

Count Tolstoi inveighs against the present war and holds the czar up to ridicule.

The body of another woman has come to the surface from the General Slocum disaster.

I. H. Amos, of Portland, is a possible candidate for president on the Prohibition ticket.

Heat prostrations have been numerous the past few days in New York and Washington.

SWALLOW IS NAMED.

Prohibition National Convention Selects Presidential Candidate.

Indianapolis, July 5.—The Prohibition party in national convention nominated Silas C. Swallow, of Pennsylvania, for president, and George W. Carroll, of Texas, for vice president. The platform was adopted without argument after a long deadlock in the resolutions committee. It was described by I. H. Amos, of Oregon, secretary of the committee, as the broadest platform ever placed before the people by the party.

In addition to the planks on the liquor question, it declares the party to be in favor of international arbitration, a suffrage of law based on mental and moral qualification, uniform laws for the country and dependencies, popular election of senators, civil service extension and the initiative and referendum.

NEW HOPE FOR PEACE.

Diplomacy May Soon Enter Into the Far Eastern Struggle.

Washington, July 5.—While the officials here are satisfied from their private advices that the recent visit of King Edward to his nephew, Emperor William, was not brought about by a purpose to initiate a movement toward the restoration of peace between Russia and Japan, there is reason to believe that some very careful and discreet inquiries as to the opportunities of some such overtures at this time have emanated from Washington. It may be stated that the result has been to disclose the fact that neither of the belligerents was yet in the humor to sue for peace, nor even to entertain overtures from any third power on that subject. The state department will continue to maintain the friendly position it has

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

PESTS DESTROY ALFALFA.

Great Damage Done in Morrow County by Grasshoppers

Heppner—Grasshoppers by the million are appearing in some localities in Morrow county. They have settled in great numbers in the Sand Hollow country, a farming district about ten miles northeast of Heppner, where they are doing considerable damage. They are doing the most damage to alfalfa and the hay crop, and in some places are taking gardens.

The first crop of alfalfa, which was immense, has practically all been saved, but it is feared that very little of the second crop can be saved, owing to the ravages of the millions of these insects that have been congregating in the alfalfa fields. At Hynd Bros., a big ranch in Sand Hollow, they are so thick in the alfalfa that in the evening after the insects go to roost on the heads of the alfalfa plants they can be scooped up by the gallon by taking a coal oil can or bucket and striking through the grass. It is only the work of a short time to fill a gunny sack. Some of them caught in this way are being fed to the hogs.

Along Willow creek, where there are many alfalfa fields, the grasshoppers are numerous and doing considerable damage in some places they are attacking wheat fields but are not doing much damage, owing to the fact that the green leaves from the stalks. In the wheat belt they have not appeared in sufficient numbers to cause any alarm and the damage to the wheat crop will be of little consequence.

TENT CITY SPRINGS UP.

Prospectors Swarming to Southern Oregon Gold District.

Grants Pass—Numbers of prospectors are outfitting at Grants Pass daily and starting for the mines on Thompson creek and all through the Sucker creek country. They are coming from different points as far away as Idaho and Southern California.

The actual digging of gold at the Briggs claim, on Thompson creek, has stopped for the present, as they are now engaged in bringing a ditch from the headwaters of Thompson creek to the mine for the purpose of supplying water. All of the dirt moved will be sluiced or puddled in order to get all the values they carry.

Already a townsite has been located, and it is reported that there are now 50 tents up and prospectors with pack animals are arriving daily. Another strike of a large body of rich ore has been reported near the Briggs find.

Damage in Umatilla Not Serious.

Pendleton—The damage to grain from the heavy rain which visited a portion of Umatilla county last week was not as extensive as at first believed. Farmers living in sections where the rain was heaviest report the grain lodged in many fields, but believe that most of it can be saved. John Crow, an extensive wheat raiser on the reservation, probably the largest looser, says his loss will reach \$5,000. The country around Warren station received a severe drenching. A number of bridges were washed out.

Gem Mine Changes Hands.

Baker City—Announcement is made by Mr. Frank Geiser that the old Gem mine at Sparta, one of the big producers of the Baker City camp, will resume full operations by July 10, under the direction of the Geiser-Hendryx company. The parties interested will not permit much of a statement to be made at present, but sufficient is known to make the statement that the property has been sold to the Geiser-Hendryx company.

Busy Month in Land Office.

Salem—June has been a busy month in the state land office as shown by the statement of receipts made by Clerk G. G. Brown. The rush has been due in some degree to the payment of balances on old notes and certificates of sale, which payments were demanded by the land board some time ago and were required to be paid prior to July 1. The business of the office amounted to more than \$1,500 a day during June.

Pest of Grasshoppers.

Pendleton—Completion of cutting of the hay crop of Butter creek and Morrow county has saved it from what would probably have been serious damage by grasshoppers, which are more numerous than for several years in the hay fields of the western part of this county and in Morrow. The first crop, however, is nearly all taken off and the pest will be unable to work serious harm.

Wheat Cutting Is Commenced.

Helix—Wheat cutting has begun in the Cold Spring country west of here, near the Columbia, this section being among the earliest in the Inland Empire. Only a few farmers are at work, but in some parts of the county cutting will be continuous until Umatilla's big harvest is all in. No definite report has been received as to how the first cuttings are running.

REPORT OF KUROPATKIN.

He Says the Force of the Enemy Was Much the Stronger.

St. Petersburg, June 30.—The emperor has received the following dispatch from General Kuropatkin, dated Liao Yang:

"The Japanese attacked our forces occupying Mo Tien, Fen Shui and Ta Passes. Our infantry and cavalry retreated persuaded that the advancing divisions of the Japanese army which were operating against each of the three passes were stronger than our detachments. In the attack on Ta Pass, the Japanese guards, besides other regiments, participated. The Japanese made a frontal and flank attack in considerable force on both sides of this position. The Japanese troops occupied Fen Shui and Mo Tien Passes.

"Our forces, which retreated from Fen Shui Pass, were attacked by small detachments of Japanese. They were, however, easily repulsed.

"After pushing back our advance guard from Vandiapudze, on the Siyuen Haicheng road, to Ta Pass, the Japanese continued their advance against our position in a defile. For some time the attack of the Japanese infantry brigade was repelled. Three battalions were engaged in the frontal attack. But being menaced by other troops engaged in a flanking movement, our forces retreated.

"Reconnoitering parties report that the portion of the southern army is moving northeastward, with the intention of joining General Kuroki's forces.

"All of the reports of the last few days state that the forces of Japanese arrayed against our Manchurian army consists of eight or nine infantry divisions and several brigades of reserves, which also occupy positions in the fighting line."

The dispatch from General Kuropatkin, as published in a special edition of the Official Messenger, informed St. Petersburg that General Kuroki's army had crossed the three passes of the Fen Shui mountains and was advancing in strong columns from Siyuen on Haicheng, and from Feng Wang Cheng on Liao Yang, while portions of General Oku's army were moving northeastward along mountain paths to strengthen the attack on Mai Cheng.

The same telegram reported a cavalry engagement at Senu Chne, indicating that the Japanese retreat southward was only a feint. General Oku has again assumed the offensive, and is supporting General Kuroki.

CAUGHT BY FLAMES.

Explosion of Fireworks Causes Three Deaths and Heavy Property Loss.

Philadelphia, June 30.—Three persons were killed and a half dozen were injured as a result of the explosion of a small bundle of fireworks in the store-room of the Diamond fireworks company, at 986 Arch street.

The fireworks concern occupied the first floor of the building. The second floor was vacant, and the third floor was occupied by the French Hat & Bonnet Frame company.

Janovitch, the proprietor of the hat and bonnet concern and two of his employees were the ones killed. These three were the only persons above the first floor. About a dozen persons were employed by the fireworks company. The cause of the fireworks explosion is not known. Thomas Conway, one of the firm of the fireworks company, was wrapping a small bundle of fireworks for a customer when it exploded. Almost instantly the entire room, full of fireworks, became ignited from flying rockets and firecrackers. All the employees on the first floor escaped without serious injury. The front of the first floor was blown out by the explosion of powder, and soon the entire building was in flames. Every effort was made to rescue those on the third floor. Firemen climbed ladders in the midst of the protechnics, and finally reached those on the third floor.

During the fire's progress three firemen were injured and three others were also cut and burned, but their injuries are not serious. The flames spread to the building occupied by C. H. Hilner, publisher of Catholic books, and that occupied by J. L. Gibney & Bros, dealers in automobile supplies, but did no serious damage. The entire loss on all three buildings is \$30,000.

Boiler Explodes on Cruiser.

San Francisco, June 30.—The steamer Mariposa, which came from Tahiti, brought a story of a boiler explosion on the French cruiser Durance, resulting in the death of 15 men. The explosion occurred while the warship was on her way to Noumea from Papeete and the last reports received by the French officials at Tahiti were to the effect that the warship had made Ounnea and Captain Rozier, who was prostrated by the disaster, was sick on shore. The Durance, for a number of years, has been stationed at Papeete.

Miners Appeal for Aid.

Trinidad, Colo., June 30.—An appeal for aid was issued today by the officers of the United Mineworkers and generally distributed throughout the city and county. It will also be sent to all the cities throughout the East and West. The appeal cites the cause of the strike in district No. 15, which began last November, and says that every honorable effort has been made by the national district officers to reach an agreement with the operators.

Movement on Foot to Honor Choate.

New York, June 30.—A movement is on foot to present to Joseph H. Choate a portrait of himself, in recognition of the fact that he has served a longer term at the court of St. James than any of his predecessors since Charles Francis Adams, says a Herald dispatch from London.

Official Vote of Oregon State Election, June 6, 1904. Table with columns for Congressional and State Printer Amendments, Direct Primary Law, Local Option, Food and Dairy Com., Supreme Judge, and Counties. Rows list candidates like Williamson, Stone, Simmons, Cook, Veatch, Ramp, Hermann, Gould, Rasmussen, Douglass, Berry, Bailey, O'Day, Moore, Mikkelsen, Bright.

erendum. The trust question was recognized by a demand for a rigid application of the principles of justice to all organizations of capital and labor. A reform of divorce laws was demanded, and polygamy denounced.

Fairbanks Will Not Resign.

Washington, July 5.—Word was received in Washington today to the effect that Senator Fairbanks will not resign his seat in the senate until after the election in November. He wants to be sure of the vice presidency before relinquishing the office he now holds. As yet, Fairbanks has made no plans for the campaign, but it is expected he will go on the stump during September and October, particularly in doubtful states.

Over \$16,000 was raised by subscription pledges from the floor of the convention, which, with \$11,000 in the treasury, will be the nucleus of the campaign fund. National Chairman Stewart and National Secretary Tate were re-elected.

Lands Patented to Railroad.

Washington, July 5.—The secretary of the interior today patented 21,029 acres of land in the Vancouver, Seattle and Spokane land districts to the Northern Pacific railroad.

so far held toward both Russia and Japan, standing ready to mediate and extend its good offices to the full whenever the belligerents indicate their willingness to accept them.

Torpedo Works Destroyed.

St. Petersburg, July 5.—As a result of the receipt of news of a fire which took place at the torpedo works at Cronstadt last night, this city was tonight filled with the wildest rumors, including one to the effect that the Peterhof Palace had been blown up.

The damage at Cronstadt was confined to the torpedo mechanism shops, which were almost wholly destroyed, together with 20 Whitehead torpedoes. Five of the torpedoes had war heads attached and they exploded, which added to the fire and the excitement. A considerable quantity of coal stored in the works was also burned. An alarm was given in time to prevent loss of life and more serious loss of property.

The authorities here do not attach serious importance to the accident, and say that the works will soon be able to resume at full time.