

JAPANESE BATTALIONS MASSACRED

Russians Surprised the Enemy Near Kinchau.

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St. Petersburg, May 24.—A Russian correspondent at Liao Yang telegraphs that according to Chinese reports a force of Russians under General Fok surprised and massacred seven battalions near Kinchau. The Japanese are reported as leaving Feng Huang Cheng and moving northward.

RUSSIANS DESTROYED ANJU

Drove Japanese Away on the Sixteenth—Cholera Raging at Feng Huang Cheng.

Mukden, May 24.—The town of Anju, Korea, was attacked and destroyed on the 16th by the Russians. The Japanese garrison fired its houses and stores and retired in good order.

St. Petersburg, May 24.—The admiralty denies the report of the capture of three Japanese cruisers by the Vladivostok squadron.

London, May 24.—The Central News correspondent at St. Petersburg wires that cholera has broken out at Feng Huang Cheng. Hundreds of Japanese are dying daily.

Seoul, May 24.—A force of Japanese has been dispatched from Gen San, on the east coast, to dispose of the Cossack raiders in northern Korea.

Season for Macedonian Revolt

Sofia, May 24.—Saraboff, the Macedonian leader, has crossed the frontier into Macedonia. It is believed his prestige will cause a renewal of the insurrectionary movement.

Porto Rico Wants \$5,000,000.

San Juan, May 24.—The insular legislature adjourned today, but was immediately reopened for the first extraordinary session, called to negotiate a loan of \$5,000,000 in the United States.

Kaiser as Stage Manager.

Berlin, May 24.—Composer Leon Cavallo today handed the Kaiser his new opera, "Roland of Berlin," written at the Kaiser's request after six years of work. The composer told the emperor that it was his highest endeavor. Kaiser Wilhelm will supervise the staging of the opera and the rehearsals.

Murder Suspects Arrested.

Canton, Ohio, May 24.—The police early this morning arrested two men and a woman on suspicion of being connected with the murder of George F. Taylor, a merchant killed Saturday night, whose common law wife, Grace Bortoff, has been under surveillance as a suspect.

MINE SWINDLER JUMPED BONDS

And His Bondswoman, a Widow, Is Out Several Hundred Thousand Dollars.

New York, May 24.—Richard C. Flower, a mining promoter and alleged swindler of many persons through the sale of worthless mining stock, failed to appear for trial this morning and his bond of \$23,000, furnished by Mrs. Cornelia Storrs, the widow of the former comptroller of New York, was declared forfeited by Recorder Goff. Flower's lawyers confessed ignorance as to their client's whereabouts. It is understood that Mrs. Storrs lost \$300,000 in Flower's mine enterprises, and hoping to save some of her money was induced to become surety for the accused man.

Gillespie Murder Trial.

Rising Sun, Ind., May 24.—"I didn't fire the shot which killed my sister," emphatically declared James Gillespie on the witness stand this morning. "Neither have I the slightest idea who did." He denied having knocked his sister down in a quarrel. He said he went hunting the day before the murder with the shotgun used in evidence. Left the gun with Earl Seward and did not see it again for two days.

Presbyterian Synod News.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 24.—The most important of matters discussed in this morning's session of the Presbyterians was the overture from the synod of Asia asking release from its relations with the assembly, that it may be made one with the synod of India, already existing. Referred to the committee on foreign missions.

REPORT OF BIG JAPANESE LOSS CONFIRMED

Fifteen Thousand Casualties on Japanese Side at Feng Huang Cheng.

London, May 24.—The Central News correspondent at St. Petersburg telegraphs that the Red Cross has a report of a big Japanese defeat. The casualties are the same as those given in the Marine report of the Port Arthur fight current yesterday in which fifteen thousand Japanese and three thousand Russians were killed. The Central News reports the fight at Feng Huang Cheng.

Tokio, May 24.—General Kuroki reports that one section of infantry encountered the enemy's naval cavalry two hundred strong this morning, eight miles east of Kuantien. The enemy fled in a northeasterly direction leaving twenty dead. There were no Japanese casualties.

TEMPERANCE MAN SAW SEA SERPENT

Monstrous Animal Looked Like Enormous Eel With Fin-Like Ridge Extending Along Its Back.

Vancouver, B. C., May 24.—Heraldizing the silly season, Customs Officer Farrington claims to have seen a sea serpent sporting itself in Burrard Inlet Sunday. The saloons were all closed and Farrington is a temperance man. Moreover, several others saw the serpent. "It looked like an enormous eel, raised its head out of the water to quite a height and its steering apparatus was a fin-like ridge extending along its back. It remained on the surface for quite a while," says Mr. Farrington. None thought of capturing it until after it had disappeared.

SHIPBUILDERS WANT SUBSIDIES

New York, May 24.—Before the Merchant Marine Commission, created by congress to investigate the decline of American shipping, William Sewall, shipbuilder, of Bath, Maine, this morning gave the history of the firm of Arthur Sewall & Company, and said their yards had been closed a year and a half because of lack of demand. He said the best remedy was the granting of subsidies by the government, vessels built here costing thirty per cent. more than in foreign countries, while the cost of maintenance was fifty per cent. greater.

Freight Handlers' Strike.

New York, May 24.—The success or failure of the strike of the freight handlers and marine firemen of the boats and piers of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad seems to hinge on the attitude of the Teamsters Association. All strikers' places have been filled. If the teamsters go out the situation will be badly tangled. The company refuses to discuss such an emergency. All is quiet at the piers this morning.

African Tribe Wants Hostage.

Madrid, May 24.—Telegrams from Cuzco state that the tribes in the neighborhood of Tanager intend to capture one of the foreign consuls as a protest against the new treaty.

METHODIST CHURCH CONFERENCE

Delegates Asking Leave of Absence to See Attractions.

So Many Going Away That Inability to Maintain a Quorum for Business Is Threatened.

Los Angeles, May 24.—Inability to transact business for want of a quorum in the Methodist conference is threatened after Friday. Many delegates are asking leave of absence to see Southern California attractions. The conference is balloting for the editors of the church periodicals today.

The election of editors resulted as follows: W. V. Kelley, Methodist Review; J. W. Buckley, Christian Advocate; Levi Gilbert, Western Christian Advocate; D. D. Thompson, Northwestern Christian Advocate; Geo. B. Spencer, Central Christian Advocate; C. W. Smith, Pittsburg Christian Advocate; D. L. Rader, Pacific Christian Advocate; A. J.



MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

Mrs. Davis, widow of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America, is nearly seventy-eight years of age and is in feeble health. Of six children but one is living, Mrs. I. A. Hayes of Colorado.

Nast, Christian Apologist; Frederick Muns Haus and Herd, German Chicago Publication. Nine editors were elected on the first ballot.

COAL ROADS INVESTIGATION

Railroad Coal Combine Forced to Produce Contracts Fixing Percentages for Carrying Coal.

New York, May 24.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today resumed investigation of the complaint by Hearst against the Reading and other railroads carrying coal to the seaboard from the anthracite regions. Under the supreme court decision the commission will demand the production of the contracts refused last year.

New York, May 24.—Baer produced the contracts of the Temple company jointly with the Jersey Central, Lackawanna, Erie, Susquehanna and Reading railroads. The counsel read from each contract the percentage of tonnage to be accorded the several coal carrying companies, ranging from 29 to 4 per cent, the former to the Reading, the latter to the Susquehanna.

Washington, May 24.—Diplomatic

and consular officers as well as naval officers, have been instructed by the government to investigate the report that the Russians are setting and allowing to escape beyond the three-mile limit destructive mines which are a menace to vessels of any flag.

Steamer Corwin Safe.

Seattle, May 24.—The only foundation for the report that the steamer Corwin, from Seattle for Cape Nome, had been wrecked off Vancouver Island is the fact that the vessel put into Ketchikan to readjust her cargo, which was top heavy.

Attention L. of G. A. R.

At our regular meeting Saturday, May 28, memorial services will be held for our deceased sisters and comrades. A full attendance is desired. Sisters are requested to bring flowers. MRS. DIMOND, Pres.

FRENCH VATICAN MISUNDERSTANDING

Pope Believes Matter Will Be Amicably Settled—France Recalls Ambassador to the Vatican.

Paris, May 24.—After the meeting of the council of ministers today a note was issued officially announcing the recall of the French ambassador

PORT ARTHUR PROBABLY INVESTED

Heavy Firing Indicates Attack by Land Forces.

Reports That Russians Have Stripped Port Arthur and Dalny Banks of Money.

Chefoo, China, May 25.—Chinese junks continue to arrive with tales of varied assortment as to alleged movements of Japanese troops and warships in the attack upon Port Arthur, but none is susceptible of ready corroboration. Heavy firing in the direction of Port Arthur is reported, indicating that a land attack is being made, as the Japanese fleet is not seen in that vicinity. Dalny refugees claim that General Stoessel has taken all the money from Dalny and Port Arthur banks, and that depositors are unable to secure cash for their checks.

Russian Steamer Collision.

Kioff, Russia, May 25.—The steamer Czar collided with a small vessel this morning. The latter sank, drowning seven, while three hundred others had a narrow escape.

China Belligerent.

Hongkong, May 25.—The viceroy of Canton has demanded extradition from Macao of several fugitives from justice. The demand may result in trouble with Portugal. Four Chinese gunboats and two destroyers have arrived at Macao to back the demand. The Portuguese are preparing to resist extradition.

Japanese Investigating.

Tokio, Japan, May 25.—According to an official report 63 non-commissioned officers and 220 blue jackets were drowned when the collision occurred between the cruisers Kasuga and Yoshino and the latter sank. The government officials are making a searching examination of the cause of the accident.

THE OLDEST BELL IN AMERICA

World's Fair Exhibit Was Brought to New Mexico by a Priest With Coronada.

St. Louis, May 25.—The oldest bell in the United States is exhibited in the New Mexican building at the World's Fair. The relic was cast in 1350 and was brought from Spain with one of the first expeditions to Mexico by Father Juan de Padilla, one of the Franciscan Fathers who accompanied Coronado. It was first hung in one of the mission churches established on one of the seven cities of Cibola. From there it was taken to Gran Quivira, where it was hung in the church of which the ruins are still visible. From Gran Quivira it was taken to Algodones, where it has hung in the parish church ever since. Gov. M. A. Otero, of New Mexico, obtained possession of the bell for exhibition at the fair. Although the bell antedates the discovery of America by 137 years, it has been in almost constant use from the day it was cast in Spain.

More Bombardment.

Chefoo, May 25.—Eight Japanese battleships and cruisers bombarded Port Arthur Tuesday morning.

Fear More Boxer Business.

Harbin, May 25.—Missionaries here report a movement among the Chinese in the northern Shan Tung province resembling that which preceded the Boxer uprising.

Rural Carriers at Junction.

Washington, May 24.—Charlemagne Tower was today appointed regular and John D. Tower substituted rural carriers at Junction City, Mo.

French Cabinet Crisis.

Paris, May 25.—It is reported at Tuesday's meeting of the council of ministers a conflict arose between Premier Combs and Foreign Minister Delcasse. The premier advocated the

handing of passports to the papal nuncio, while Delcasse was opposed. No decision was reached. It is expected the question will be reopened at the next meeting.

Paesident Roosevelt Back.

Washington, May 25.—President Roosevelt returned this morning from Groton, Massachusetts.

Million Dollar Fire.

Atlanta, Ga., May 25.—A million dollar fire is reported at Greenwood, S. C., today.

Typographical Union Election.

Indianapolis, May 24.—President Lynch was re-elected president of the Typographical Union today by a majority of 7000.

Wind Destroys Fruit Crop.

San Jose, Cal., May 25.—The high wind yesterday practically destroyed the cherry crop and the loss will be fully two-thirds. From twenty to thirty-five million pounds of prunes are lost.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE THE CZAR

Rails Torn Up From Railroad in Front of His Train.

The "Pilot" Train Ten Minutes in Advance Was Wrecked at the Spot.

Berlin, May 25.—The Lokal Anzeiger reports an attempt to assassinate the czar during his majesty's recent trip, the plan being to wreck the imperial train near Kremenetzburg by tearing up the rails. The pilot train, sent in advance, was wrecked ten minutes before the czar's train was due at the spot.

JAPANESE RESUME ADVANCE

More Reports of Great Losses Inflicted by Russians.

St. Petersburg, May 28.—A dispatch says the best obtainable information is to the effect that the Japanese have resumed their forward movement, though the bulk of the invading army is near Feng Huang Cheng. Reports of a serious clash near Kia Chou, Lia Tung peninsula, continue in circulation. The Japanese are said to have been defeated with great loss. Small parties of Japanese have been seen to the northeast of Mukden.

Paris, May 25.—The Temps' St. Petersburg correspondent reports that General Kuropatkin has succeeded in cutting the communication of the main Japanese force under General Kuroki and the second division under General Oku.

YAZOO CITY CONFLAGRATION

The Business Part of the City Wiped Out—Loss Over Two Millions.

Yazoo City, Miss., May 25.—One hundred and twenty-five buildings were destroyed by fire today, including the opera house, city hall, four churches and every bank. The loss is estimated at \$2,500,000. Mayor Holmes and John Chambers were seriously injured. (Yazoo City is a town nearly the size of Eugene, the census of 1900 giving it 4944 population.—Editor.)

Fatal Iowa Storm.

Sioux City, Iowa, May 25.—Three persons were killed and two fatally injured by the storm that swept the section last night.

Vice-Consul Asphyxiated.

Paris, May 25.—Senor Quivra, Venezuelan vice-consul, was asphyxiated this morning, the result of an explosion in his apartment.