

EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

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

Sam Parks, the noted walking delegate is dead.

The complete isolation of Port Arthur seems now highly probable.

Viceroy Alexieff has left Port Arthur to confer with General Kouropatkin.

Secretary Taft has asked an army officer why he fitted a girl he had promised to marry.

The Japanese forced the fighting on the Yalu in the hope that Russia would rush troops to that district.

Postmaster General Payne has ordered an investigation of the official conduct of Postmaster Bancroft, of Portland.

Many people were killed and much property and live stock destroyed by a tornado which swept over a large area 18 miles north of Fort Worth, Texas.

A severe rain storm which visited Kansas City washed out one of the water mains leading from the reservoir and left the other main in such condition that it may go.

A second big battle is reported from St. Petersburg in which it is said the Russians lost 7,000 and the Japanese 10,000. No confirmation is obtainable and the report is discredited.

The Japanese is resting, burying its dead and caring for the wounded.

A cablegram from Chefoo says the Japanese are in possession of Niu Chwang.

The Russian losses in the Yalu fighting are estimated at between 3,000 and 4,000 men and officers.

Platt will not accept the chairmanship of the canal committee but will give way to Mitchell.

Russians, on account of reverses in the Far East, are charged with venting their anger on the Jews.

General Kouropatkin says the Russians retreated from the Yalu in good order and that it was not a rout.

Commercial circles throughout Russia remain in a totally depressed condition. Financiers fail to see where any benefit will be derived from the war.

It is said many Santa Fe machinists have not respected the strike order and that only 5,000 men are out. Of this number 1,200 are machinists and the others follow other work.

Convicts at the Oregon penitentiary have struck for better food.

A strike on the Santa Fe railroad has been inaugurated and 8,000 men are out.

An Ohio man is on his way to San Francisco with a wheelbarrow, paying an election bet.

The divers who have been searching for the body of Admiral Makaroff have abandoned their efforts.

Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister at London, says the mikado's troops will push on to Mukden and probably to Harbin.

Russians will continue to retire, as they say they will not offer any serious resistance until the fighting forces get into Manchuria.

The central military administration has already dispatched all guns and artillery stores necessary for the rearmament of the Russian army in the Far East.

In memory of the first American government west of the Rocky mountains, many people visited Champoug May 2, where 61 years before the Oregon provisional government was established. Speaking and other exercises were held. A larger crowd was present than at any time since the annual celebrations have been held.

Russia has issued orders forming a third army corps.

In the battle on the Yalu the Japanese had 16,000 men and the Russians 30,000.

The trouble between the Santa Fe road and its machinists is still far from settled.

The William C. Whitney mansion in New York has been sold for \$2,500,000.

Plans for the government building at the 1905 fair are likely to be delayed slightly.

The lumber mills of Washington and Oregon will demand a rate to the Missouri river.

Superintendent Potter, of the Chemawa Indian school, denies the charges made against him.

Prince Outomsky of Russia who is at the St. Louis fair says the world does not understand his country.

TOGO IS OFF PORT ARTHUR.

He Will Remain There Till Troops Land at Another Point.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—With Vice Admiral Togo hovering in the immediate vicinity of Port Arthur and transports loaded with troops lying at Pitswo, northeast of that stronghold, Russia has braced herself for impending conflicts with the foe in which she will again play a defensive role, this time, it is hoped, with better success, and therefore with less sacrifice of life, than in the engagements on the Yalu.

The war commission sat until 2 o'clock this morning, and at the close of the session it was announced there was nothing to communicate to the public. It is known, however, that the emperor has been informed of the presence of the Japanese fleet off the Liao Yang Shan promontory, and the appearance of transports at Pitswo.

The fact that the two events occurred simultaneously may have significance. If a landing should take place at Pitswo it is anticipated that Admiral Togo's battleship squadron will bombard Port Arthur in order to prevent the garrison from sending reinforcements by railroad to the troops opposing the Japanese there.

Neither the admiralty nor the war office believes that a disembarkation of the Japanese can be prevented, as the guns of the Japanese cruisers could command the point of landing, but after the Japanese are ashore, the Russians will strike and officers say, will strike hard. What force they will be able to bring up to resist the invaders cannot be stated definitely, the strength of the army on the peninsula of Liao Tung having been kept a strict secret.

It is expected the railroad will play an important part in the effort of the Russians to push the Japanese into the sea, as it will permit the rapid transit of troops.

NOW GETS LANDS.

Hitchcock Renders Decision in Favor of the State of Oregon.

Washington, May 7.—The trouble which the state of Oregon has been having with its selection of indemnity lands in lieu of school lands embraced within the disputed portion of Klamath Indian reservation has been satisfactorily adjusted for all time by the Mitchell amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, which specifically gives the state the right to make indemnity selections on such school lands as base. Following his action of yesterday, Secretary Hitchcock today returned to the general land office four Oregon school indemnity lists which had heretofore been disapproved because the state was unable to establish its right to use the school lands in Klamath reservation as base. These lists were before the secretary on appeal. Today he directed Commissioner Richards to reconsider the cases in the light of the Mitchell amendment, which is equivalent to ordering an approval of the lists. These lists are No. 104, in Burns district, involving 279 acres; Nos. 157 and 181, in Lakeview district, involving 8,495 acres, and 400 acres respectively, and No. 261, in The Dalles district, involving 6,517 acres. Other lists of a similar character that are pending, or may hereafter be appealed, will be similarly disposed of.

WILL LOSE ALL THEIR STORES.

Russians Find the Roads on the Yalu Against Them.

Berlin, May 7.—The Russian military authorities are in a state of extreme anxiety regarding the chance of saving the baggage of the Yalu army. The roads are so bad that wheeled transport is only able to move five miles a day and it is feared that the Japanese will capture all the stores accumulated at Feng Wang Chen. Dispatches received yesterday afternoon and from Niu Chwang Wednesday, report no change in the situation and so far no confirmation has reached London of the Japanese preparations for landing on the coasts of the Liao Tung peninsula.

Great Strike Imminent.

Chicago, May 7.—Fifty thousand workmen employed in the building trades in this city will be thrown out of employment within 48 hours, according to the statement of the Association of Manufacturers and Builders, unless a speedy settlement is reached between the stone, lime and cement workers and their employers. Nearly 1,000 teamsters hauling building and street work material were locked out today because the union had called a strike in two cases, and work on a number of buildings has been stopped.

Nonunion Men Installed.

Topeka, Kan., May 6.—Santa Fe officials announce this morning a resumption of shop work all along the line from Topeka to the Pacific coast. They state that in most cases the shops are running with a full complement of men. In many places union machinists have gone out, but their positions will all be filled by the close of the week, say the officials.

PORT IS BLOCKED

ADMIRAL TOGO AT LAST SUCCESSFUL AT PORT ARTHUR.

Great Bravery Exhibited—Officers Were Ready to Lose Half Their Men—Men Who Took in Fireships Persuaded Admiral to Make Attack in Daylight Instead of Night.

London, May 6.—The opinion gains ground here that the Japanese have at last effectually blocked Port Arthur. No official Japanese reports have been received, but the Tokio correspondents are very positive regarding the matter, and describe the determination with which the enterprise was undertaken.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent declares the entrance to Port Arthur is "absolutely sealed," and adds that the Japanese fleet, in effecting its purpose, steamed into the entrance at full speed. The naval officers who made the two previous attempts begged permission to carry out the next attack by daylight, that being easier, and their request was granted.

So determined were they to succeed, adds the correspondent, that they decided, if necessary, to lose half their men. The number of casualties sustained by the Japanese has not yet been announced.

The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle is also positive the harbor is "corked."

In favor of the supposition of Japanese success in blocking Port Arthur it is pointed out that the previous attempts had left the channel so narrow that a couple of vessels sunk in the fair way would probably suffice to seal up the entrance, while there is a noticeable evasion, and half-heartedness, in the Russian denials of the enemy's success.

There is no confirmation here of a Paris rumor that an engagement between the Russian and Japanese squadrons had taken place off Vladivostok, and St. Petersburg knows nothing of the rumored capture of Niu Chwang. It is said the Japanese have advanced to within 18 miles of Feng Wang Cheng, and another engagement is expected almost immediately.

Reports have been received here that the Japanese captured a quantity of railroad material after Sunday's battle. This is supposed to indicate that the Russians had made great progress with the railroad from the main Manchurian line to the Yalu. If this is so, it would be a simple matter for the Japanese to repair this line, which would materially assist them in their advance through a difficult country. English correspondents with the Japanese forces on the Yalu are permitted to send the most ample descriptions of the people and country traversed, but not one word about the fighting.

The Standard's Tientsin correspondent says he is convinced that the Russian position in Southern Manchuria is exceedingly weak, as a consequence of the enormous number of men detached to guard the railway and to obtain provisions.

LOST TWO THOUSAND.

Russian General's Official Report on the Yalu Battle.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—The Russian losses at the battle of Kiu Lien Cheng were 2,000 men and 40 officers, far greater than previously reported.

This is the official estimate of Major General Kashtalinsky, who directly commanded the division that suffered the brunt of the attack, and whose report has not been received by the emperor. Many are inclined to place the Russian losses even higher.

General Kashtalinsky mentions also that more than 700 wounded had arrived at Feng Wang Cheng, and these may not be included in his calculations. He made no attempt to estimate the Japanese losses, merely stating they must have been colossal.

The magnitude of the Russian losses had an almost stunning effect on the authorities, and aroused general grief, mitigated only by satisfaction at the bravery displayed by the Russian troops.

Not for a moment was there any intention to pay such a terrible price for delaying the enemy's crossing of the Yalu.

Building Torpedo Boats for Russia.

Berlin, May 6.—It is reported that the Vulkan Shipbuilding company at Stettin, is busily engaged in the construction of torpedo-boats and destroyers in sections for the Russian government. These sections, with all needed machinery, are to be shipped to Libau, where the boats may be completed, or they may be sent by the railway to Port Arthur or Vladivostok. Whether the construction of these vessels in sections is a breach of neutrality is a subject upon which it is impossible to secure an official opinion.

Steamers to Enter the War.

Berlin, May 6.—A special dispatch from Libau, Russia, says that the former German liners Columbia, Belgia and Kaiserin Maria Theresa have just arrived there to be fitted out for war purposes.

TOGO AGAIN AT IT.

Japanese Make Another Attempt to Close Port Arthur Harbor.

Port Arthur, May 5.—Another daring attempt was made by the Japanese yesterday morning to block the entrance to Port Arthur. A few minutes before 1 o'clock the first shots were fired, awakening the town with their thunderous noise. The gunboats lying at the mouth of the harbor joined in the cannonade of the batteries, the firing gradually increasing in volume until there was a continuous crash of great guns. Some of the enemy's torpedo boats were discovered, but they were finally swallowed up in the darkness, and the batteries and warships after 40 minutes' activity were again shrouded in gloom, though the flashing searchlights showed that the military were alive to the warning conveyed of the approach of the Japanese ships. Shortly before 2 o'clock a searchlight played from the sea directly upon the entrance of the harbor, lighting it up to show the way for the fresh party. The projector moved to the right from Liao Tishan to Golden Hill. For a quarter of an hour the light was watched with curiosity, and then a second cannonade began, the heaviest fire being directed to the left of Golden Hill, where the fireships were located. At about 4 o'clock the batteries ceased firing, save for an occasional shot. Just about dawn the bark of the rapid fire guns and the crackling of the mitrailleuse was heard from Golden Hill. Occasionally there was sounds of explosions, as of mines going off. It was the enemy's ships striking on Russian torpedoes.

The fireships were ten in number and of about 3,000 tons each. It is reported that two Japanese torpedo boats were sunk, the remainder withdrawing in a damaged condition. Eight fireships were sunk and very few of their crews were saved. Most of them were killed.

TO MARK ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

Canadian Commissioner is Preparing to Dispatch Surveyors.

Vancouver, B. C., May 5.—W. F. King, Canadian boundary commissioner, is on the way to Vancouver to arrange for the dispatch of three Canadian parties of surveyors, who are to work jointly with the American surveyors in delimiting the Canadian-Alaskan boundary under the London award of last year. Two Canadian and two United States parties will survey the country where the boundary will cross the head waters of the Lynn canal, Chilkat river. A joint party will make a survey on the Sitkine. This will delimit the more important districts through which the boundary will pass. The total distance to be surveyed extends about 550 miles from Mount St. Elias, east and south. But it is not the intention to survey the entire distance, only that portion of the boundary which crosses the rivers, valleys and plateaus where travel and prospecting will be probable. J. J. McArthur is also en route to British Columbia from Ottawa to continue the work of relocating the boundary line between British Columbia and the states of Washington and Idaho.

STORM BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

Colorado Railroad Traffic is Again Practically Suspended.

Buena Vista, Colo., May 5.—After an abeyance of several hours, the storm which has practically suspended railroad traffic in this section, resumed with added force this afternoon. Six feet of snow has fallen in the mountains, and while the fall has been heavy in the valleys, only about six inches remains on the ground, the rest having melted. Considerable apprehension is felt for the safety of the twin Lakes reservoir, which is reported to be running full of water.

The Colorado Midland railroad has abandoned its tracks in this vicinity and is using the Rio Grande tracks. The trains on the latter road are 12 hours behind the schedule. The Colorado Southern has operated no trains on the Gunnison branch since Monday morning on account of deep snow which is piled high at both openings of the tunnel.

Russian Officer Blamed.

Paris, May 5.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris in a dispatch this morning, says a high officer of the general staff made the following statement to him: "General Kouropatkin has telegraphed the emperor expressing satisfaction that the Japanese have crossed the Yalu, because this lengthens their line of operations, whereas the Russians are approaching their base."

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Chicago, May 5.—It has been practically settled by the committee of the Union Fire Insurance association to advance premiums in the West at least 20 per cent within a month. By June, it is believed, the insurance rates in Chicago, St. Louis, Denver, Salt Lake, San Francisco and other large cities in the West will be increased.

VICTORY COMPLETE

BATTLE ON YALU PLACES JAPANESE IN ABSOLUTE CONTROL.

Crossing of Troops to Islands Above and Below Wiju Was Only to Conceal the Route of Their Principal Movements—Their Front Extended for Twenty Miles.

Tokio, May 4.—As the details of Sunday's battle and the Japanese victory at arms, and maneuvers preceding, come to hand it is plain that the plans of the Japanese general staff were followed to the minutest detail. The main attack was made by the Japanese right wing, which consisted of the Twelfth division. It crossed the Yalu 13 miles above Wiju at the same point where the passage of the river was negotiated by the Japanese army of invasion in 1894.

The Guard's division, constituting the center, and the Second division, forming the left wing, crossed respectively to the islands above and below Wiju. These were feigned advances, designed to cover the main movement, and were to be continued in the event of the success of the contemplated advance. Opposite Sukuchin Jee Hushan island, in the center of which is an eminence called Tiger's hill, which commands both sides of the river, the Twelfth division, having effected lodgment on the island on April 29, drove the enemy from the banks, and crossed the main channel of the river the next day. Meanwhile the Guards and the Second division also crossed, their lines extending nearly to Antung, with the reserves in the center on the main road.

Thus, at dawn of May 1, the army had a front of 20 miles, with the left near Antung and the right opposite Maku. When the advance was ordered, the Twelfth division, wading the river with the water waist deep, rushed the enemy's entrenchments, ultimately swinging around toward Chiu Tien Cheng, while the Guards and the Second division converged near the same point. Thereupon the Russians retired before the fierce Japanese attack, which was directed from the three points.

BRITAIN IS MUCH PLEASED.

Comment of Press Shows She Was in Doubt as to Japan's Ability.

London, May 4.—The latest dispatches received here confirming the completeness of the Japanese victory on the Yalu river could hardly have given greater satisfaction in Tokio than in London. The editorials in the morning papers ring with admiration at the success of General Kuroki's strategy, in a manner indicating that Great Britain had been in considerable doubt as to the capacity of her ally's troops, when matched against the Russians, and despite the lack by the Japanese of good cavalry to follow up her victory it is believed that she will speedily drive the Russians out of Feng Wang Cheng also.

The Japanese victory has caused complete surprise in the European capitals and is expected to lead to difficulty in Russia's efforts to raise a loan.

AS KUROPATKIN DESIRES.

He Wires the Czar He is Glad the Japanese Have Crossed the Yalu.

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Cloudburst Causes Damage.

Florence, Colo., May 4.—A cloudburst in the Green Horn range, eight miles south of Florence, today caused the Arkansas river to rise between eight and nine feet here in less than an hour. The unexpected rush of water caused great damage. One bridge across the river and the Santa Fe and Florence & Cripple Creek railroad bridges are in imminent danger. In the northern end of the town the streets have been transformed into rivers, and cellars are being flooded. Business is suspended.

New Russian Battleship Aground.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—The new Russian battleship Orel, to which the finishing touches are being put, ran aground on a sandbar in the Neva yesterday. As difficulty is expected in refloating her, the icebreaker Ermak has been sent from Constat to assist the tugs in pulling her off.