

GETS INTO LINE

Russia Decides to Participate in 1905 Exposition.

WILL HAVE A LARGE EXHIBIT

Believed She Has Come to Time Because the Willy Jap Prepared Magnificent Display.

Portland, Dec. 2.—Russia stepped suddenly and unexpectedly into line for participation in the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition yesterday. After stating at one time that it would be impossible for Russia to participate, the czar's ministry of commerce suddenly reconsidered the matter and in order to be sure of a space allotment rushed a cablegram to exposition headquarters. The cablegram was dispatched from St. Petersburg and was signed by Edward Grunwaldt, counselor of commerce. The message was as follows:

"St. Petersburg.—To Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, Portland, Or. Invitation accepted finance ministry. Wire space allotted for Russia. Cable address Edgrun."

The cable message was telegraphed immediately to Director of Exhibits Henry Doeh, at St. Louis, in order that it may be acted upon.

With Russia's participation the powers of the world, as well as a majority of the minor nations, will be represented at the exposition.

Just what caused Russia's change of heart regarding the fair can only be surmised, but it is quite probable that the Oriental aspect of the exposition is what caught the eye of the Russian bear.

The same thing, though, caught the eye of the wily Jap some months since, and Japan has arranged participation on a big scale. It is surmised that Russia cannot afford to make a lesser showing than does Japan, and there is, therefore, reason to look for an attractive and valuable exhibit from the land of the czar.

JAPAN AROUSED TO DANGER.

Togo will be Unable Strongly to Oppose the Baltic Fleet.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—The Daily News has the following from a staff correspondent:

"Shanghai.—Japan is now thoroughly aroused to the danger which threatens her in the approach of the Baltic squadron. Admiral Togo has only four battleships to oppose the seven the Russians will bring against him. The long service the navy has seen since February 8 has seriously deteriorated the large naval guns on board the fleet. All this constitutes a grave menace to Japanese sea supremacy. In view of the possibility that the transport service may be stopped, the authorities are accumulating vast stores in Manchuria. The Baltic fleet is expected to reach belligerent waters about February 1, and it is feared that it may at once seize the island of Formosa as a naval base. Formosa belongs to Japan, and is only poorly prepared to prevent such action on the part of Admiral Rozhatsky."

BEEF FOR ARMY.

Big Russian Shipment to Go From Portland.

Omaha, Dec. 2.—One of the largest orders of beef ever sent out of the country is now being filled by the Cudahy Packing company, of South Omaha, who tonight shipped to Portland, Or., the first consignment of an order from the Russian government, consisting of 17 cars. The entire order will fill 135 cars of meat, and will be shipped as rapidly as it can be loaded.

The meat is consigned to the Russian government. It was sold through brokers, the shipment is packed in barrels weighing, when filled, about 350 pounds each. A car will carry about 125 barrels, or 42,000 pounds. The entire train of 135 cars will contain 5,670,000 pounds of meat. The meat will ration an army of 100,000 men for six weeks.

Canadians to Build Hatcheries.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 2.—It is officially announced today that the Dominion government has leased directions for the establishment of two large hatcheries on the Northern coast. One of the hatcheries will be located at Rivers Inlet and the other on the Skeena river. Each will have a capacity of 20,000,000 eggs a year. The hatcheries will be in operation in time to enable the plants to secure spawn from next season's run of sockeyes in the North.

Coin for the Philippine Islands.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—The local mint will turn over to the war department today a large consignment of Philippine money. The coin will go to the islands on the transport Logan, which sails tomorrow. There will be 800,000 pesos in 50-centavo pieces; 60,000 pesos in 20-centavo pieces, and 150,000 pesos in 10 centavos.

CZAR FOR PEACE.

Is Ready to Receive Such Proposal From Japan.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—A report which comes from an impeccable source has reached the Publishers' Press correspondent that Russia is not only ready to receive any peace proposal Japan may have to make, but that with the fall of Port Arthur she will be ready to sue for peace. That is the situation today, notwithstanding the swashbuckling attitude of those who profess to frame the empire's policy, and will be the situation right along, even if this and subsequent statements to this effect were officially denied. Before the world at large Russia cannot afford just now to appear tired of the struggle and skeptical as to its outcome, but diplomatic circles are permitted to know the truth, and Russia's representatives all the civilized world over have received strong intimations that sincere and authoritative offers of mediation must not be treated lightly in the future.

It is therefore to be assumed that Russia considers that the conflict is entirely hopeless. There are sure to be some Russian victories in Manchuria and the general belief is that they will come soon, owing to the fact that Field Marshal the Marquis Oyama has been compelled to part with large bodies of his men in order to hasten the fall of Port Arthur. But Russia has far Eastern interests of much greater importance than even the possession of Port Arthur, and as these interests have been attacked in the past by Great Britain and China alike, she is in dire need of an ally. That ally will be Japan, if the plans of today do not miscarry. The battles of today are to be followed by close ties of commercial and political union tomorrow.

RECEIPTS ABOUT \$10,000,000.

Concessionaries Believed to Have Taken In Equal Amount.

St. Louis, Dec. 3.—While it will be impossible to obtain the actual receipts and expenditures of the Louisiana Purchase exposition company before the middle of December, Secretary Walter B. Stevens, of the World's fair, made the following statement to the Associated Press tonight:

"From reports that have been submitted to the admissions to the grounds we estimate that the attendance on 'Francis day' will be a few thousand in excess of 200,000, and that the attendance for the Exposition period will be in the neighborhood of 18,800,000."

"In round numbers the Exposition company has expended \$22,000,000 since the inception of the World's fair project, and the expenditures of the several states and territories have reached a total of 9,000,000. The receipts since the opening day, April 30, have amounted to about \$10,000,000, consisting of admissions and concession royalties. In addition to these receipts were the funds, amounting to about \$12,000,000, raised by subscription and appropriations to build the exposition."

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

Commissioner Yerkes Reports an Increase of \$2,163,079 Per Year.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The annual report of Commissioner Yerkes, of the Internal Revenue bureau, shows that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, the receipts of the bureau were \$232,994,004, an increase of \$2,163,079 over the collections for the next year preceding. The cost of collections was 1.98 per cent, as against 2.07 for the year 1903, and 2.83 per cent, the average cost of collection since the formation of the bureau.

The estimated receipts from all sources of internal revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, are \$230,000,000. In 1903 the total production of distilled spirits was 148,206,875 gallons; in 1904, 139,595,214 gallons. In 1903, in round numbers, 114,000,000 gallons of tax-paid spirits were withdrawn; in 1904, 117,000,000. There has been a decrease in the amount of tobacco manufactured and an increase in snuff. There was an increase in the production of beer.

Cockrell to Choose.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, called today on President Roosevelt and had an extended conference with him. The president informed Senator Cockrell that he would appoint him as a member either of the Isthmian canal commission or of the Interstate commerce commission, as the senator might elect. Senator Cockrell did not indicate to the president what he might do regarding the offer, and said he would not announce his decision perhaps for several weeks yet.

Fearful Conditions in Mexico.

Mazatlan, Mexico, Dec. 3.—Late reports from the northern part of this state say that fearful conditions exist there. Deaths range from 20 to 40 per day, owing to starvation and malaria. In many instances the dead are not given burial, it is said, but are thrown into open ditches and canals. The authorities are unable to cope with the situation.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

LIBRARIES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Light Tax Not Burdensome in Oregon—Convention of Officers.

Salem—Two departures in public school work are proving very successful wherever tried and promise to become permanent features of the public school system. They are the common school library, supported by special taxation, and the convention of school officers. Four counties have levied the library tax, amounting to 10 cents per capita upon the school population, and it is found that by this means the country schools are provided with books as good as those accessible to the pupils of town schools.

"The tax, being one-tenth of 1 mill, is not felt," says Superintendent Alderman, of Yamhill county, "and it puts the best books where they do the most good. The library law has now been in operation two years and has given complete satisfaction. While the amount that some of the small districts get is small, yet it is in proportion to the number of pupils. I consider the law a boon to the country boy and girl and I think it ought to be made mandatory on the county courts."

Conventions of school officers have been held this year at Baker City, Dallas and McMinnville, at each of which there was a very full attendance of school directors and clerks. Addresses were made by Superintendent Ackerman, by the county superintendent and outside educational workers, and these present held discussions of topics of general interest to school officers.

Consolidation of schools and school districts was one of the principal topics discussed at these conventions and the members of school boards learned the plan and purpose of this latest move for the improvement of the rural schools.

Briggs Strikes It Rich Again.

Grants Pass—David Briggs and boys, who were made rich in a day by the fabulous surface wealth of the Wounded Buck claim, on Upper Sucker creek, have located a claim on Upper Chetco, away up in the mountains near the Curry county line, and will work the rich ledge they have found there. They have had samples from this claim recently assayed here, and while they do not give the returns the Wounded Buck quartz has given, the proposition appears very promising, and the lucky family will move their scene of operations from the Upper Sucker to the Chetco. The Wounded Buck is under bond to a company for a consideration of \$100,000.

Government Gets Site.

Baker City—A deed has been filed with the county recorder from W. A. Houston to the United States for 100 feet square on the corner of Main street and Auburn avenue. This was the site selected for the government building soon to be erected in this city. The deed calls for \$4,800, the amount appropriated for the purchase of a site, while, as a matter of fact, the property brought over double that amount, the balance having been raised by adjacent property owners.

Wind Puts Crops in Danger.

Weston—"The grain is in a safe condition yet, but if the high winds continue blowing it will dry out what moisture there is in the soil, and, unless rain comes soon, would seriously interfere with the grain that is sown," says James Kirkpatrick. "There is always a tendency to raise a cry of distress as to the future outlook of the crops, and, in truth, we have never seen it seriously injured yet, providence always providing at the needful time."

Electric Companies Consolidated.

La Grande—The La Grande electric company has consolidated with the Cove power company, and they have incorporated under the name of the Grand Ronde electric company. The directors are Walter Pierce, J. A. Thomson, T. H. and Clarence Crawford and T. R. Berry. The consolidation was effected because the La Grande plant needed more power. The power from Cove will have a fall of 800 feet and will require 3,700 feet of pipe to convey it to the power station. The force will create 800 horse power.

Oregon Supreme Court Reports.

Salem—Volume 44 of the Oregon supreme court reports is out of the bindery and the books have been delivered at the office of Secretary of State Dunbar for distribution to the judges and district attorneys and to be placed on sale to those who wish to buy. The state sells the reports at cost, \$3.50, and those who get the volumes by mail must incise 27 cents for postage.

PLAN TO RAISE PORTAGE FUND.

Prominent Umatilla Men on Committee to Canvass the County.

Pendleton—At a mass meeting of business men and prominent farmers the subject of raising \$5,000 as Umatilla county's portion asked by the Open River association for the portage road was discussed and plans decided upon. A committee was appointed to take active charge of the work and is composed of the following: George Peninger, M. M. Wyrtek, W. P. Temple, T. J. Kirk, extensive wheat raisers, and County Commissioner Horace Walker.

The committee will make a thorough canvass of the county. It will be the plan to divide the county into districts and each member of the committee have charge of the district he may choose. In this manner it is believed the entire county can be covered in a few days and the desired amount raised without difficulty. A large portion of the amount asked for has already been donated.

Timber for Land Hunters.

Grants Pass—It is quite evident that there will be a grand rush for the woods when the final announcement is made of the release of the forest lands of Southern Oregon, which were withheld from entry several years ago, but which are soon to be thrown open to buyers, settlers and squatters. While the lands are not the regular forest reserves, they cover a large portion of the well-timbered sections of Josephine, Jackson and Curry counties, Southern Oregon, and parts of Siskiyou and Del Norte counties, California. A great portion of them is covered with fir and pine, with considerable sugar pine.

Hammond Company's Title Clear.

Astoria—A deed has been filed for record whereby the Seaside Spruce Lumber company sells to the Hammond Lumber company 2,184.67 acres of timber lands in the Necanicum river district. The price is not made public and the consideration named in the deed is \$1. The transfer is understood to have been made in connection with the settlement of the claims held by numerous persons and firms against the Seaside company. These claims have all been settled and the mill property leased, so that it can resume operations at once, after a shut down lasting for several months.

Trappist Colony in Linn.

Albany—A colony of Trappist Fathers has been founded in Jordan valley, in the northern part of Linn county. Having been forced to leave their homes in France because of religious persecution, a number of these Trappist Fathers have come to the United States, and six of them located in Jordan valley, about three months ago, with the ultimate object in view of founding a Trappist colony there. They recently purchased considerable land, and are preparing to make extensive improvements, in anticipation of the arrival of more than 50 of the same order from France next spring.

Heavy Rains Loggers' Boon.

Astoria—The severe storms recently, with the accompanying large rainfall, has had benefits that many do not realize. It has been a boon for the loggers, and logs have been floated out of some streams that have been on their banks for a couple of years. How many feet of logs have come out of these streams to tidewater cannot yet be estimated with any definiteness, but it is fully 20,000,000 feet, and it may be double this amount in the Lower Columbia river district.

Epidemic Among the Chickens.

Albany—Several different citizens of Albany and vicinity have lost a number of chickens recently, they having died suddenly from some unknown cause. One Albany citizen lost all his chickens in a few hours, and a farmer named Cary living near this city, a few weeks ago lost 90 chickens in a short time. The fact that only a few flocks belonging to citizens living far apart have died, and that where any died almost all the flock died, leads to the supposition that death was caused by poisoned wheat.

Power Plant Almost Ready.

Milton—The flume for the Milton city power plant has been completed and workmen are finishing the power house. The plant will be completed about December 15.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 83c; bluestem, 88c; valley, 87 1/2c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 88c; club, 88c.

AT AWFUL COST.

Japanese Continue Their Attack on Port Arthur.

London, Dec. 1.—According to a Tokyo dispatch to the Standard, there is an official rumor that the Japanese have hauled large caliber guns to the top of 203-Meter hill, whence their fire has a sweep of the whole harbor. This report doubtless goes beyond the facts; but various dispatches indicate the progress the Japanese are making in the reduction of Port Arthur. Japanese here explain the great importance of the capture of 203-Meter hill, which, besides giving command of the harbor, will serve as a wide breach made by the wedge the Japanese had previously driven in between the Etsu group and the Russians' last retreat in the ravines of Lacie mountain. They declare that retreat by Lacie will be effectually cut off, and it is not unlikely that Lacie will be simultaneously attacked in the final assault.

Beauregard Burleigh wires to the Daily Telegraph from Chelso that in the last attack the Japanese lost 400 men in one hour's fighting. They claim to have captured two more of the northern eastern forts and a third, which is part of the West Kekwan fort. They assert, Mr. Burleigh adds, to have effected a lodgment at Pigeon bay, thus turning the fort on 203-Meter hill, and that they are now tunneling from the gorge below Lacie hill, which they hope first to damage and then rush. The dispatch continues:

"Desperate fighting is proceeding daily, and the losses are admitted to be excessive, but the Japanese insist that Port Arthur must fall within 21 days."

The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai telegraphs that wireless communication has been reestablished between the Russian consulate at Chelso and the Port Arthur garrison.

PLANS GREAT BRITISH ARMY.

Ritchener's Reorganization Scheme Greatly Enlarged.

London, Dec. 1.—The war office is in possession of the full details of Lord Ritchener's army reorganization scheme. No secret is made of the fact that particular mention has been paid to points which would offer convenient centers of Russian invasion in the event of hostilities and in view of the recent imbroglio the original plan was considerably extended.

The keynote of the reorganization, which will entail expenditures to the amount of \$50,000,000, is to secure through war training a great army in times of peace, and to place the troops not only where they can obtain such instructions, but where their presence will be of permanent strategic value.

With this object in view Northern India has been divided by parallel lines into a number of areas with their upper points covering on the frontier, and their respective bases well down in India. Were the order to mobilize given seven or eight field forces, each from 15,000 to 20,000 strong, could, in a few hours, be concentrated on the borderland from east to west.

FIRE ON TOWN.

Strikers at Zeigler, Illinois, Send in 500 Shots.

Benton, Ill., Dec. 1.—Zeigler was fired upon last night from sundown to daylight. It is estimated that no less than 500 shots were fired at the town. The town was completely surrounded, and the firing came from every quarter. Response to this fusillade was made by four Gatling guns placed at various points about the mine buildings. Assistant Adjutant General Reese and the Carbondale militia company arrived at Zeigler today, and General Reese will remain several days to investigate the situation. It is thought that still more troops will be brought.

Joseph Leiter reached Zeigler today with more miners from Chicago. Examination of the ground this morning showed that the men who were firing have powerful guns. They were stationed from one-half to three-quarters of a mile from the town. Almost a bushel of empty shells of every size were found in the woods.

A trail of blood was found on a rail fence, and from this it is supposed at least one person was wounded. Further trouble is anticipated.

Troops Rushed to Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 1.—According to information which has reached the war office, Field Marshal Oyama's strength is much smaller than heretofore believed, tending to confirm the theory that a large force has been withdrawn to assist in storming Port Arthur. This information is to the effect that not much more than 150,000 men are now confronting General Kurapatkin, but that the Japanese lines are heavily fortified in order to check any aggressive movement which Kurapatkin might undertake.

Calls Witnesses in Smoot Case.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Senator Burrows chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, has issued subpoenas for 20 witnesses in the Smoot investigation and fixed Monday, December 12, as the date for their appearance before the committee. Nearly all these witnesses are in Utah.