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EVENTS OF THE DAY

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

A Paris report says General Kuroki has been captured.

The Colorado military continues to deport striking miners.

Russians are making important movements toward Kai Ping.

Rain has ceased in Kansas and the floods are now expected to recede.

Communication with Port Arthur is maintained by the use of carrier pigeons.

Lieutenant General Zabolkin, commander of a Cossack division, has been killed.

Bandits are becoming bolder in Nin Chwang and residents fear warships will be needed.

An allotment of \$15,000 has been made for dredging the Columbia and Willamette below Portland.

An explosion at the Pinole, Cal., powder works killed three men and destroyed \$20,000 worth of property.

An explosion wrecked the great Peoria, Ill., distillery and ten men are burned in the ruins. Fire broke out and the loss is placed at \$1,000,000.

The Kansas flood already covers a large area and many streams are still rising.

The Russian forces above Kinchou realize they can do little and are likely to retreat.

Nine people were killed and many injured in a collision of trains near Martin City, Mo.

Charles S. Deneen has been nominated for governor of Illinois by the Republicans on the 79th ballot.

One-third of New York's street sweepers contract consumption, presumably from germs in the streets.

Senator Burton, of Kansas, has filed an appeal. The senator indicted for bribery thinks the lower court erred.

Crook county, Oregon, towns are booming with the arrival of many would be settlers who are attracted by the irrigation projects.

Russia has no ground for supposing Germany is in a position to help her either diplomatically or materially, as no treaties exist between the two countries.

The czar and a council of war have decided to advise Kuropatkin to endeavor to relieve Port Arthur.

Russia has dispatched the first of eight submarine boats to Vladivostok by rail.

The Japanese are landing a second army at Takushan.

The president has ordered an attorney to Alaska to investigate the offices of governor and judges.

Superintendent Potter, of the Chemawa Indian school, may be transferred as a result of the charges against him.

Large forces of Chinese bandits are collecting in the hills northeast of the Liao river and are preparing to cut the railway north of Mukden.

Transport loaded with troops continue to leave Western Japanese ports daily for the theater of war. A large proportion of those dispatched during the past week were to reinforce General Oku.

A new strike of what promises to be rich ore has been made about 13 miles from Cripple Creek. Over a thousand claims have already been staked out.

The Russians cannot hold the second line of defenses and must fall back to Port Arthur.

An Alaskan hermit has died declaring he is Tascott, the long sought Chicago murderer.

The Washington, D. C., Post advocates John Barrett, of Oregon, for the Republican candidate for vice president.

France has been asked and has agreed to assist in securing the release of the American held by the Moroccan bandit.

A severe battle is reported to have occurred six miles from Port Arthur.

The Moroccan bandit demands a cash ransom of \$70,000 and a subordinate kingdom with the right to levy taxes on travelers for the release of his captives.

A Tokio dispatch says that General Kuroki has completely defeated General Kuropatkin's forces near Saimatze. All the positions east of Han Chang have been abandoned. Several guns have been taken and the whole force of Cossacks captured.

A friend of General Kuropatkin says that the general will not make a move until July when he will have the overwhelming masses needed.

Attack on Port Arthur is expected to begin about June 20.

General Kuroki is harassing Kuropatkin so as to give Oku a clear road to Port Arthur.

Mayor McLean, of Baltimore has committed suicide. No cause for the act is known.

EXPECT BATTLE AT LIAO YANG.

Russians Believe Important Developments are Impending.

St. Petersburg, June 7.—The general public at the Russian capital is imbued with the belief that important military developments are impending at Liao Yang, and that a general engagement between Kuropatkin's and general Kuroki's armies is imminent. Although the authorities are doing nothing to discourage the idea, the best-informed circles at the war office do not anticipate a decisive battle immediately, unless brought on more or less unexpectedly by an accidental collision between strong columns, as often happens in warfare.

The war office's information does not indicate that the Japanese have concentrated for an attack on General Kuropatkin, and it is expected they are not yet ready to assume the offensive. Nevertheless, it is known that differences of opinion exist at the Russian headquarters as to the advisability of taking the aggressive, and it is believed this matter was the subject of a conference between the commander-in-chief and the Viceroy at Mukden Tuesday.

Kuropatkin's position is becoming very formidable, both in the number and character of troops at his disposal. The condition of some of the Siberian reserves when called to the colors was not satisfactory and caused Kuropatkin misgivings, but it is now reported that they have been drilled into a state of efficiency. More important, however, are the large reinforcements of field artillery in which the Russian army was especially weak. These have now arrived. Nevertheless, Kuropatkin does not consider himself strong enough to risk the possibility of a defeat which might be irretrievable and result in disaster or at least years of campaigning. His friends praise his steady conservatism, caution and refusal to listen to the counsel of the hotspurs.

RUSSIA CANNOT BELIEVE IT.

Japan Held to Have No Right to Offer Territory to China.

St. Petersburg, June 7.—The Russian authorities have not been advised by M. Lessar, the Russian Minister to China, of the proposition alleged to have been made to China by Japan to hand over the towns captured by the Japanese in Manchuria to the Chinese civil administration, or even of the refusal of the Pekin government to assign the administration to a neutral power.

The foreign office cannot believe such a proposition was submitted, pointing out that while the war is in progress the fact that certain territory is occupied by the Japanese does not necessarily mean it will remain in their hands. As a belligerent, Russia would, of course, refuse to recognize an agreement which might hamper her military operations, and she does not believe the powers would consider even for a moment a proposition of this character.

At the conclusion of the war, if Japan is victorious, it is considered that she herself is under pledge not to undertake, even temporarily, the civil administration of Manchuria.

MOHAMMEDIANS ARE EXCITED.

Presence of American Ships, However, is Having Salutary Influence.

Washington, June 7.—Admiral Chadwick today cabled to the navy department that the presence of the American fleet at Tangier has had a salutary influence, but the community is in a state of great religious excitement.

Admiral Chadwick's telegram is understood to be in reply to certain criticisms, mainly from British sources, upon the wisdom of sending American warships to Morocco at this juncture.

The religious excitement mentioned as prevailing among the Moors is believed here to be incident primarily to one of the annual Mohammedan pilgrimages occurring at this season. Undoubtedly, however, the presence of the seven American warships at Tangier, with a promise of reinforcement if necessary by another squadron, is regarded as threatening Moorish integrity and the Mohammedan religion, and has contributed to the excitement.

Relief for Fort.

Paris, June 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says he learns from a trustworthy source that the advance guard of 14,000 men under General Stakelberg, sent by General Kuropatkin to the relief of Port Arthur, has already reached the entrance to the Liao Tung Peninsula, and the bulk of the army is following. The correspondent of the Matin at Nin Chwang confirms this, stating that important movements of Russian troops are proceeding to the southward of Tachichao toward Kai Ping.

Predicts its Early Fall.

Paris, June 7.—The leading military authorities here expect the early fall of Port Arthur, and view this as a most serious, if not an irreparable, blow to Russia, the present condition of Port Arthur being compared to that of Metz and Sedan during the Franco-Prussian war. It is pointed out that General Kuropatkin is making the same fatal mistake in regard to Port Arthur's military ability to resist that the French made in connection with Metz.

Japanese Not Paying for Supplies.

Liao Yang, June 7.—Merchants from the south complain that the Japanese are not paying for the supplies taken by them as they did in the earlier stages of the war, and assert they are even ill-treated and insulted when they ask for money. Two Chinese bandits were executed here today.

JAPS CLOSING IN

FORWARD MOVEMENT AGAINST PORT ARTHUR BEGUN IN EARNEST.

Heights Reported Taken—Artillery Dominates Works of Russian Stronghold—Outer Fortifications Lost—Squadron Tries Sortie From Port, but Admiral Togo Soon Drives Them Back.

Rome, June 6.—Reports from Tokio indicate that the Japanese have already begun the preliminary assaults upon Port Arthur. The Giornale d'Italia prints a dispatch from its Tokio correspondent saying the Japanese have occupied the first line of the outer fortifications at Port Arthur. In this event, the second line of the outer fortifications must have been taken earlier. The correspondent adds that the Russians offered but the feeblest resistance to the assault.

The Tokio correspondent of the Agenzia Libera, after confirming the Italia's report, says four Japanese divisions occupied Kwan Tung heights yesterday and placed heavy batteries of artillery thereon, thus dominating the works of Port Arthur.

The Russian squadron, says the correspondent, tried a sortie from the port against the Japanese, but the Japanese fleet soon forced it to return to the harbor.

DISCONTENT IS GROWING.

Russian Trade and Finance are Suffering Greatly as Result of War.

Paris, June 6.—Private intelligence received in Paris at several different quarters gives gloomy accounts of the growing feeling of discontent and anxiety in Russia over the silence that prevails in officialdom as to the events of the war. Following so closely upon the exuberant reports received and disseminated during the early part of the campaign, the utter failure of the government to give out any statements either of victory or defeat has proven disquieting in the extreme, and has aroused popular misgivings to an almost dangerous pitch.

It is, of course, admitted that trade and finance invariably suffer in time of war, but in a country like Russia, where it is doubtful if either are founded upon a substantial basis capable of resisting the shocks of a prolonged campaign, it is comprehensible that the most widespread apprehension should exist.

TURKEY'S TURN NEXT.

President Will See That Claims are Settled When Morocco Affair is Through.

Washington, June 6.—Administration officials have permitted it to become known that when a settlement has been made with the Moroccan bandits, the United States will turn her attention to Turkey. The president has announced that when American warships were relieved from Beirut, at the urgent request of the sultan, that the fleet would return in great force if certain claims of long standing were not arranged and the president is now planning to make good his declaration. These claims aggregate more than \$250,000. They include more than \$200,000 for missionary claims and \$40,000 for the murder of Lenz, an American bicyclist. The sultan will also be asked to make restitution for the ransom paid the brigands who captured Miss Ellen Stone.

Fires Torpedoes Under Water.

Newport, R. I., June 6.—The second day's government trial of the submarine boat Fulton today was devoted to the firing of torpedoes while submerged and just afloat. Three torpedoes were taken on board at the torpedo station, and the Fulton, accompanied by the gunboat Hist and the tug Powhatan, with the trial board on the Hist, went up the bay as far as Gould island. Two torpedoes were fired while the Fulton was entirely under water and going at a speed of about eight knots. The boat then rose until the conning tower was in sight when the third was discharged. The three torpedoes had an average range of 1,700 yards. Captain Train, president of the trial board, stated tonight that the tests were satisfactory.

Wireless Telegraphy a Success.

Honolulu, June 6.—The United States hospital ship Solace, leaving here yesterday afternoon for Guam island, made wireless telegraph tests, and kept in communication with the apparatus of the cruiser New York for 70 miles. Later she maintained communication with the Interisland wireless telegraph company for 194 miles. At noon today, at a distance of 250 miles, the test signal letter "V" was repeated five times. When leaving San Francisco, the Solace lost communication with the shore at 78 miles.

Shows Looting Tales Exaggerated.

Seoul, Korea, June 6.—The Russians in the province of Hamgyung are said to be using rube notes in payment for goods taken. Bees and grain command fair prices. This statement hardly corresponds with the continual tales of looting, yet the Japanese report that Korean fugitives bring paper money to Gensan. Twenty thousand dollars worth has been sent to Shanghai via Nagasaki for settlement by the Russo-Chinese bank.

Discovers a New Microbe.

Naples, June 6.—Professor Schron, the discoverer of life in crystals, gave a public demonstration today that he had found a new microbe which causes phthisis, a microbe quite different from that causing tuberculosis.

FLOOD IN HOMES.

Cloudbursts Compel Six Hundred Kansas Families to Flee.

Topeka, Kan., June 4.—Kansas streams are rapidly rising tonight. Cloudbursts are reported from Emporia, Newton, Strong City, Florence, Manhattan, St. John and Salina. At Lincoln Center more than four inches of water fell in three hours. Heavy rains are reported from up stream in the Kaw valley, but most of the high water trouble is being experienced in the bottom lands between Emporia and Newton. At Emporia the Neosho and Cottonwood rivers are reported as rising a foot an hour. At Florence, the Santa Fe tracks are washed out in several places. Six hundred people were forced to leave their homes in Newton, and rescue parties will be at work all night saving people from the flood.

The town of Elmdale, eight miles from Cottonwood Falls, is reported as being under three feet of water. A severe wind accompanied the rain, greatly damaging fruit and growing crops.

Tornado Injures Twenty.

Omaha, June 4.—Additional reports from Tekamah, which was struck last night by a tornado, indicate that about 20 persons were injured, some of them seriously hurt. There were no fatalities.

The storm wrecked most of the buildings in its path, which was a block in width and several blocks long. The opera house, two general stores, a blacksmith shop and several residences were destroyed. A high school commencement rehearsal was in progress in the opera house when the storm struck the building, carrying away the roof and partially wrecking the walls. A number of pupils were injured. The people of the town had little warning of the coming storm, and many had narrow escapes. The property loss is heavy.

JAPANESE MINES EXPLODED.

Russians Continue to Clear the Port Arthur Roadstead.

St. Petersburg, June 4.—The following dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff to the emperor has been received here:

"Rear Admirals Wittsoeff and Grigorovitch report that up to May 28 numerous Japanese mines had been discovered and exploded in the roadstead of Port Arthur. The Japanese evidently have replaced the fireships which they formerly used, by mines sown by merchant steamers in their service."

The emperor has received the following dispatch from General Kuropatkin: "All is quiet in the direction of Feng Wang Cheng. Siu Yen has not been occupied by Japanese detachments."

"On May 30 two camps of Japanese infantry and 30 dragoons advanced along the Takushan road towards Onalassi for the purpose of turning the left flank of our outposts. Our scouts discovered the movement and firing ensued, in the course of which one Cossack was wounded and one horse killed."

"The Japanese detachment, which our scouts successfully engaged May 30, is now stationed four versts from Vafangow, fortifying its position."

"There have been further Japanese advances from Saimatze toward Feng Chow Ling Pass on the Liao Yang road."

MEET AT FULL SPEED.

Electric Cars in Ohio Collide and Six Persons are Killed.

Norwalk, O., June 4.—Six persons were killed and a dozen or more hurt this afternoon as a result of the collision on the Lake Shore Electric railway between an eastbound fast electric passenger car and a westbound "package freight" car at Wells Corners, a few miles east of this city.

The accident occurred at a point quite distant from any immediate means of communication, and assistance was sent from Norwalk, where every physician and nurse in the city was hurried to the place. All those killed were in the smoking compartment of the passenger car. The cars were suburban electric cars of the largest type, and were smashed to pieces. They met in collision at full speed.

One Squadron Annihilated.

St. Petersburg, June 4.—General Sakaroff has telegraphed as follows, under today's date, to the general staff: "According to reports, the Japanese commander in the action of May 30 near Vafangow had three battalions of infantry in reserve. Our losses were 17 men killed and 23 men wounded and Lieutenant Meyer and another officer, whose name has not been ascertained, wounded. The Japanese losses were very considerable. One squadron of the Thirteenth Japanese cavalry was annihilated."

Russians Find Food Scarce.

Seoul, June 4.—The Russian bands scattered throughout Ham Heung province are encountering commissariat difficulties. The countryside is lily supplied with food and forage, owing to the bad crops of the past two years. Since the first Russian raid there has been no trade at Yensan and Songjin, and consequently no importation of foodstuffs. The Russian movements in Korea caused widespread starvation.

Reports Battleship Aground.

St. Petersburg, June 4.—An unfounded rumor has reached here from Mukden that the Japanese battleship Fuji is aground on a reef off the Miao Tao islands, between the Kwan Tung and Shan Tung promontories, where she is being guarded by torpedo boats.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

WOOL AT HIGH PRICE.

Million and a Half Pounds Change Hands at Heppner Sale.

Heppner—The first wool sale day in Heppner as arranged by the Oregon Woolgrowers' association resulted in 1,500,000 pounds of wool changing hands, bringing to the growers a little over \$202,000. This is by far the largest sale ever made in a single day in Heppner, and from every point of view was very satisfactory. Previous conditions this year have been discouraging to the sheepmen and the industry in general, owing to the bad sheep market, but these wool sales added so much encouragement that there is a different feeling, not only among the growers but in all lines of business, for the sheep is a prominent factor in the business affairs of Morrow county.

For almost every lot of wool offered, the growers received more than they expected. The average price received was about 13½ cents per pound, which is fully a cent better than received last year, owing to a better quality of wool, this being caused by the open winter and favorable spring, causing slight shrinkage and good staple. The early grass caused sheep to take on flesh and the fleeces were heavy, many fleeces averaging a pound more to the sheep than last year. The advance in price and the increased weight of the fleeces has added thousands of dollars to the pocketbooks of the prosperous sheep-growers.

The sales will take out about half of the wool which will be handled in the Heppner market. It is estimated that about 1,500,000 pounds yet remain in the hands of the growers in this territory. Other sales days have been arranged for June 8 and 23, to be held here for the sale of this wool.

The sealed-bid method in which sales days are designated when a number of growers and buyers can get together, was inaugurated three years ago. The bids of the buyers are placed in a hat, the highest offer taking the clip, if the grower desires to accept it. This method has been very successful, there having been but very few private sales.

BIGGEST SAWMILL ON COAST.

To Be Erected at Astoria by Hammond and Other Interests.

Astoria—Negotiations are said to be in progress whereby the interest of A. B. Hammond and the Seaside lumber company in the southern and western portion of this county are to be united and the largest sawmill on the coast is to be erected. The lumber company is composed of wealthy Eastern men, who own a large tract of spruce timber in the Necanicum district. Mr. Hammond also has extensive interests in that section, and by combining the two sufficient timber is available to keep a large mill in operation for many years. Unquestionably the closing of this deal would mean the extension of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad south to Tillamook.

New State Grange Officers.

Corvallis—The State Grange elected the following officers at its meeting held here last week: Master, B. G. Leedy, Tigardville; overseer, J. Clem, Freewater; lecturer, Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, Macleay; steward, C. L. Shaw, Albany; assistant steward, W. A. Young, Clatskanie; treasurer, H. Hirschberg, Independence; secretary, Mrs. Mary L. Howard, Mulino; gatekeeper, S. N. Warfield, Alsea; Ceres, Mrs. Ruby Boyd, Beaverton; Pomona, Mrs. Anna Craswell, Gresham; Flora, Miss Lella West, Seapooose; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Ida M. Thorp, Gresham; member executive committee, Anstin T. Buxton, Forest Grove; members legislative committee, J. Voorhees, Woodburn; W. M. Hilleary, Turner.

Baker City Prepares for Fair.

Baker City—At a mass meeting of citizens held here it was resolved to organize a fair association for the purpose of providing a race track and grounds for the Eastern Oregon District Fair, which will be held here this fall. There was a large number of prominent citizens present, and most of whom signified their intention to subscribe liberally for the stock of the association. Two years ago the district fair was a failure here because there was no race track and no suitable buildings for the accommodation of exhibits.

Push Work on the Creamery.

La Grande—Work on the new creamery brick building on Elm street is being pushed. The structure will be ready for occupation in about two weeks. S. L. Hunter of Union has the contract. This will be the third attempt to establish a creamery in this city. The building is 40x50 feet, and will be supplied with the latest improved machinery. It will be one of the most up-to-date and modern creameries in Eastern Oregon.

Scouring Mills Operating.

Pendleton—The scouring mills got under way with night and day shifts last week, and will run full time until the wool clip is exhausted. Thirty-six hands are employed in all. Washington wool has been coming in for several days.

EUGENE GETS THE FAIR.

Douglas County is Pacified With a Cash Bonus of \$500.

Eugene—H. L. Traver, F. A. Rankin and J. M. Williams have returned from Roseburg, where they were successful in securing the location of the next exhibit of the Second Southern Oregon District Agricultural society at Eugene. There has been a strong desire to have the fair here again this fall, and the local directors have been working for some time with that end in view. Douglas county at first objected on the ground that they were still in debt \$2,000 on their grounds at Roseburg, which they hoped to be able to raise if they had the fair there.

At a meeting it was arranged that the fair should come to Eugene this year and that Douglas receive from Lane county \$500 bonus, and also that two new directors will be chosen from this part of the district to succeed those from Douglas county, who soon retire.

Reservation Land For Sale.

Oregon City—The Oregon City land-office has been authorized by the interior department to offer for sale townships 5 and 6, ranges 7 and 8 west, in the Grand Ronde Indian reservation. The sale will be made by separate sealed bids, which will be received between August 1 and August 8, and opened at 1 o'clock p. m. August 8. Each bid is to be accompanied by a certified check for 20 per cent of the amount bid, the same to be credited on the purchase price and the balance paid on establishing his citizenship.

Sheep Hurry in Early.

Pendleton—Anticipation of an unusually overcrowded condition of summer range in the Blue mountains this summer is already sending bands of sheep to the hills, although spring range is not yet exhausted. To a certain extent the early band makes the coup in the summer range race in the Blue mountains, and hence it is that for over a week flocks have been hitting the trails for Grant county from Northern Morrow and Western Umatilla.

To Blot Out the Mango.

Salem—Frank Spike and A. B. Thompson, of Umatilla county, have been appointed local inspectors by the Domestic Animal commission to construct vats and dip the mangy horses that are worth saving and to kill such of the animals as are past curing. These appointments are made at the suggestion of the Stockmen's association there and they will have to bear the expenses.

Baker City Wool Sales.

Baker City—The first wool sales of the season in Baker county were consummated in this city last week. Shearing has only just commenced in this section, and these sales were made in advance of the clips being delivered in warehouse. The prices paid range from 10½ to 12 cents per pound.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 71@72c; blue-stem, 80c; Valley, 81@82c.
Barley—Feed, \$23 per ton; rolled, \$24.50@25.
Flour—Valley, \$3.90@4.05 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$4@4.25; clears, \$3.85@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.40@4.70; graham, \$3.50@4; whole wheat, \$4@4.25; rye flour, \$4.50.
Oats—No. 1, white, \$1.25; gray, \$1.20 per cental.
Millet—Bran, \$19@20 per ton; middlings, \$25.50@27; shorts, \$20@21; chop, \$18; linseed, dairy food, \$19.
Hay—Timothy, \$15@16 per ton; clover, \$9@10; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.
Vegetables—Turnips, 80c per sack; carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1; cabbage, 2@2½c; red cabbage, 2½c per pound; lettuce, head, 25@40c per doz; parsley, 25c; cauliflower, 75@90c; cucumbers, \$1.25 @ 1.50; asparagus, \$3; beans, green, 15c; wax, 15c; squash, \$1 per box.
Honey—\$3@3.50 per case.
Potatoes—Fancy, 75c@81 per cental; new potatoes, 3½@4c per pound; sweets, 5c per pound.
Fruits—Estrawberries, \$3.25@4.50 per crate; cherries, 75c@82 per box; apples, fancy Baldwins and Spitzenbergs, \$1.50@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.50; cooking, 75c@81.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 17½@20c; store, 12½@13c.
Butter Fat—Sweet cream, 18½c; sour cream, 17c.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17@17½c per dozen.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 13@13½c per pound; springs, small, 20@22½c; hens, 13½@14c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$7@8 per dozen; geese, live, 7@8c per pound.
Cheese—Full cream, twins, new stock, 12½@13c; old stock, 10c; Young America, 14c.
Hops—1903 crop, 23@25½c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 17@18½c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 11@14c; mohair, 30c per pound for choice.
Beef—Dressed, 5@8c per pound.
Mutton—Dressed, 4@5c per pound; lambs, 6c.
Veal—Dressed, 4@7c per pound.
Pork—Dressed, 7@7½c per pound.