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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.

Russia is rapidly evacuating Niu Chwang.

Viceroy Alexieff has transferred his headquarters to Harbin.

Turkey is negotiating with Chile for the purchase of two cruisers.

Brazil and Peru will settle their troubles without resorting to arms.

Another 100,000 men are on the way to Manchuria to reinforce General Kouroupatkin.

The secretary of the interior has set aside \$2,000,000 for the Malheur, Oregon, irrigation project.

Russian authorities deny that there is an unusual amount of sickness among the troops in Manchuria.

Twenty thousand Japanese soldiers volunteered to man the fireships that blockaded the Port Arthur entrance.

Information is given by a merchant who left Port Arthur recently that the warships there have only enough coal for six weeks.

Japanese commanders declare that instead of 32,000 men at Port Arthur there are only 8,000, and instead of being provisioned for a year the fortress contains supplies for but a three months' siege.

Present indications point to a long war between Russia and Japan.

Russia will have a large exhibit at the St. Louis fair in a short time.

The latest Japanese victory gives her control of much valuable territory.

There will be small crops of apricots and prunes in California this year.

France believes that the supreme struggle will come soon at Mukden.

It is reported that Viceroy Alexieff is to be succeeded by Grand Duke Nicholas.

John Mitchell advocates a trade agreement as the solution of the strike problems.

Admiral Togo reports that his casualties attending the bottling up of Port Arthur were large.

Russia relies on wireless telegraphy and carrier pigeons to maintain communication with Port Arthur.

A noted Chinese revolutionist is supposed to be in San Francisco to incite the natives there to revolt.

The St. Louis fair remains closed on Sundays except to those who hold passes and these are not allowed in any of the buildings.

Brazil and Peru are again in dispute over Acre.

At least 20 people were killed in the cyclone which swept over Northwest Texas.

Russians say the Japanese can not take Port Arthur and that the fort has provisions enough for a year.

The national 1905 fair board will meet at once to decide on buildings, so the architect can begin to prepare the plans.

The Japanese fired on the train taking Viceroy Alexieff and staff from Port Arthur, but the distance was too great to be effective.

A Japanese dispatch says they have captured Teng Wang Cheng after fierce fighting and that the losses on both sides were heavy.

During the retreat on the Yalu a body of Russians mistook a small force of their own men for the enemy and 180 were killed or wounded before the error was discovered.

Whole sections of the government food exhibit at St. Louis have been stolen. Superintendent Bruner has issued a warning that the food should not be eaten, as a majority of the things have been poisoned for preservation.

At the Chinese building ivory inlaid in a wall was removed and the depression filled with plaster of paris.

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 Kouroupatkin.

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 15 miles north of Fort Worth, Texas.

TO STUDY ALASKA COAL.

Geological Survey to Search for New Deposits in Far North.

Washington, May 11.—The first field party of the United States geological survey to leave Washington this year is, as usual, the Alaskan contingent. During the past winter congress increased its appropriation for Alaskan work from \$60,000 to \$80,000, which is about 1 per cent of the annual output of that territory. Nine parties will be engaged there during the coming season in topographic and geologic work. Besides these, three subparties, which may be counted as outshoots of the larger ones, will take up special work, so that the number of survey investigations on foot in Alaska during the summer will be 12, as against 7 of last year.

The geologic work of the last season in Southeastern Alaska will be continued by Messrs. C. W. and F. W. Wright. As this is the only noteworthy lode mining district of Alaska, and as its rich deposits of gold, silver and copper are only partially developed, a study of its resources is likely to be of vital interest to the prospector and investor. The work will begin with a reconnaissance across the islands from Taku Inlet to Sitka. An examination of the mining district about Sitka will follow, together with a study of the coal deposits of Admiralty Island, with Wrangell as a base. F. W. Wright will then study the local, geologic and mineral deposits, while C. W. Wright connects the geology of the Juneau district, the work of Dr. A. C. Spencer in 1903, with that of the Ketchikan district, the work of Alford H. Brooks in 1901. If the time permits, some of the copper and gold mines of Prince of Wales Island will be visited.

BRAZIL IS HOSTILE.

Peruvian Legation Complains of Attitude of Her Neighbor.

Washington, May 11.—In view of the statement made by the Brazilian legation defining Brazil's position in the boundary dispute with Peru, the Peruvian legation today made a counter statement to the following effect: "Peru has never admitted in Brazil any right whatsoever to the territory actually in dispute. The treaty of 1851 contains no recognition in Brazil rights as alleged by the Brazilian legation. The treaty is one of amity and commerce and made no reference as to the territory now in dispute.

"According to late reports it would seem that the government of Brazil, instead of framing its policy in accordance with the provisions of its constitution, which provides for the settlement of international disputes by arbitration, assumed a hostile attitude and has taken steps by no means conducive to the peace solution it has pledged itself to seek.

"The Brazilian legation's statement that Peru took advantage of Brazil's trouble with Bolivia to send military forces to the headwaters of the rivers Yuroa and Peru is unwarranted, and as a Peruvian population always has existed there as well as small garrisons to preserve order. Peru today is desirous of resorting to arbitration, without demanding previous conditions, unnecessary to governments really wishing to reach a prompt, just and pacific settlement of their differences. This she can offer as the best proof of her good faith and fraternal sentiments towards her sister republic."

RUSSIAN LOSS IS VERY HEAVY.

Monday's Fight at Feng Wang Cheng Resulted in 3,000 Casualties.

Tokio, May 11.—Last Friday, after sharp cavalry skirmishes at Erhitau, Santaisu and other places, a detachment of infantry belonging to General Kuroki's army took Feng Wang Cheng. The Russians, before retiring, exploded the magazines, but left large quantities of hospital stores, which are being used by the Japanese hospitals. Refugees from the woods and small villages are surrendering. The Russians buried many of their dead.

Natives in the vicinity of Feng Wang Cheng say that last Monday the Russians carried about 800 wounded through that place and that their casualties probably were above 3,000.

AI-KI ASHORE IN ALASKA.

Port Townsend, Wash., May 11.—Steamer Cottage City, arriving today from Alaska, reports speaking the steamer Al-Ki ashore in Menzie's bay, where she grounded while northbound, heavily laden with freight. The Cottage City could render no assistance to the stranded vessel, and it is the opinion of Captain Wallace that her cargo will have to be lightered before the vessel can be floated. The Al-Ki lies in a protected position, and is in no danger unless an unusual storm should occur.

MURDERED BY MEXICAN BANDITS.

Oaxaca, Mexico, May 11.—Othon Quinjano, the paymaster of the National railroad of Tehuantepec, was assaulted by five bandits between Palo Mare and Paso de Bnques. One bullet went through his body and his head was cut almost in two with a machete. He died of his wounds. The bandits got away with between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

STANLEY IS DEAD

NOTED EXPLORER PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY OF PLEURISY.

Was a Welsh Boy Who Rose From Poor Farm to Palace—Won Fame in Wilds of Africa—Rescued Dr. Livingstone and Relieved Emin Pasha When He Was Penned in by Hostile Natives.

London, May 11.—Sir Henry M. Stanley, the famous African explorer, died at 3 o'clock this morning from an attack of pleurisy, which developed about two weeks ago. Since Sunday he has been in a semi-conscious condition, and while the doctors had no hope of his recovery, they did not expect the end to come so soon. Heart trouble complicated the case, however, and their famous patient dropped off almost before they knew it.

Probably no man in recent years has been more worthy of the title "self made man" than Stanley, who rose from poorhouse to palace entirely through his strength of character and determination to be a man of mark. He was born at Denbigh, Wales. He was placed in a poorhouse at the age of 3, and remained there 10 years, until he had acquired an education. He sailed as cabin boy on a ship to New Orleans when 15, and was adopted by a merchant there whose family name of Stanley he assumed instead of his own of John Rowlands. He enlisted in the Confederate army as a youth, was captured and enlisted in the Federal army.

He went to Turkey at the close of the war as a newspaper correspondent, and later accompanied the British army through the Abyssinian war as the correspondent of the New York Herald. He was sent by that paper to Africa to find Dr. Livingstone, who had been lost in the Congo region for two years. He accomplished the task and was honored by England and the Royal Geographical society for his clever work.

He went back a second time, and secured information about Central Africa which was badly needed by cartographers. Coming back to civilization he was decorated by numerous French and British science societies. He went back a third time and established trading stations along the Congo from its mouth to Stanley Pool. He led the expedition which relieved Emin Pasha, governor of Equatorial Africa, who was penned in by hostiles.

Mr. Stanley married Miss Dorothy Tennant on July 12, 1890, in Westminster Abbey. He was elected to parliament from the Lambeth district, and until taken with his last illness had been active in the English political field.

TO AVOID BATTLE.

Kouroupatkin Will Retire to Mukden or Even to Harbin.

Paris, May 11.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg, of the Echo de Paris, says:

General Kouroupatkin has ordered a general retreat, and no doubt intends to avoid a battle until he has sufficient forces. He actually has at his disposal not more than 150,000 men, exclusive of the garrison at Port Arthur, which consists of 30,000, and the garrison at Niu Chwang of 15,000.

A general, who knows the secrets of the mobilization, tells me that the last 1,000 men will leave Kasan, July 21, adding: "We will be very sick if the railroad is not working well."

KUROKI MAY BLOCK PLAN.

London Believes He Will Overtake the Russians Soon.

London, May 11.—In the absence of further stirring news from the seat of war, the London newspapers are discussing the probable course of events. The balance of opinion inclines to the belief that General Kuroki will succeed in overtaking the Russians between Feng Wang Cheng and Liao Yang, and will compel him to fight at a disadvantage.

It is argued that it will be impossible for General Kouroupatkin, depending upon a slender line of railway and with his army encumbered with baggage, to make his retirement speedy enough to enable him to choose his own battleground.

AMERICAN SHIPS GO.

Washington, May 11.—Orders were cabled today to Rear Admiral Cooper, commanding the Asiatic fleet, to send two warships to Chefoo, where they will be held in readiness to proceed to Niu Chwang, a day's sail. This is in view of the possibility that Chinese bandits will attempt to pillage Niu Chwang in the interval between the Russians' expected evacuation of the city, and the Japanese occupation of it. The warships will not be sent to Niu Chwang unless United States Consul Miller asks for them.

RUSSIA PLACES ORDER FOR RIFLES.

Paris, May 11.—It is learned that the Russian government has placed an order for 200,000 Lebel rifles, the same to be delivered in St. Petersburg at the rate of 50,000 a week.

CITY WILL FALL.

Russian Troops Leaving Niu Chwang—Guns Sent to Liao Yang.

Chefoo, May 10.—Passengers arriving here on the steamer Petrarch from Niu Chwang say that when they left Niu Chwang the Russians had commenced to evacuate. Some guns had been taken from the forts and many troops had already gone. In other respects, Niu Chwang was quiet.

The passengers understood before their departure that the Japanese had cut the railway, but they learned no particulars.

London, May 10.—The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent reports that Dally was captured Friday, while the Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, cabling under date of Sunday, says:

"Dally was invested yesterday."

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Niu Chwang, in a dispatch dated May 8, says:

"Yesterday most of the Russian troops retired to Tashihchiao, and during the night most of the guns were removed from the fort and sent to Liao Yang, where all the Russian forces are concentrating. A conference of the civil and military authorities was held this afternoon and it was decided to prepare to leave at a moment's notice."

GREAT GLOOM IN RUSSIA.

Probable Movement of the Enemy a Source of Anxiety.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—Two official dispatches, calculated to increase the depression existing among all circles in Russia were given out last night. From the point of view of the progress of the campaign, the most important is that regarding the capture by the Japanese without opposition of Feng Wang Cheng, on May 6. The second gives details concerning the killed, wounded and missing among the troops under the command of Lieutenant General Zassalitch, as the result of the fighting on the Yalu. The number of which totals 2,397 officers and men.

Now that General Kuroki is established at Feng Wang Cheng, the Russians are puzzled as to what move he will make next. The fact that he sent two companies to Dallandapu Tso, ten miles northeast of Feng Wang Cheng, might indicate his purpose to proceed along this road to Ting Chang Gien, 90 miles north from where he would reach due west to Liao Yang. This would permit an effective flanking movement, but it is not considered probable, the likelihood being that he will move along the road by which the Russians retreated toward Liao Yang.

TO PICK 'OS SITE.

National Board Will Send One of Its Members to Portland.

World's Fair Grounds, St. Louis, May 10.—The members of the government board of the Lewis and Clark exposition left for Washington today to report upon the site offered for the government buildings by Henry E. Dosch, commissioner general of the Lewis and Clark centennial to the Louisiana Purchase exposition. All but two members of the government board were present, and organized their board with Theodore A. Bingham, assistant secretary of agriculture, as chairman, and Major William C. Fox, of the bureau of American republics, as secretary.

Mr. Dosch offered the government either the peninsula in Guild's lake or a site on the higher ground overlooking the lake with the rest of the buildings. The members of the board are in favor of the peninsula site, and will detail one of the members as a representative to visit Portland and report on both sites. The government building, Alaskan building, Philippine building, Hawaiian building, forestry building and other insular buildings will be located at the same time. Mr. Dosch, who served as commissioner general for Oregon at the Chicago, Omaha, Buffalo, Charleston, and Osaka, Japan, expositions, is director of exhibits for the Lewis and Clark exposition, is assured that about two-thirds of the exhibits in the government building here will be taken to Portland and Mr. Dosch will be requested by the board to select what exhibits he would prefer. The Portland building, Mr. Dosch says, will be ready November 1, and exhibits from St. Louis removed direct.

SHAW DRAWS CANAL WARRANT.

Washington, May 10.—Secretary Shaw this afternoon signed a treasury warrant for \$40,000,000, which will be turned over to J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, as disbursing agents of this government, on account of the Panama canal purchase. This warrant is many times larger than any warrant ever before issued by this government. The largest sum previously covered by a single government warrant was for \$7,200,000, paid to Russia in 1868 on account of the purchase of the Alaskan territory.

SEVERE SNOWSTORM IN COLORADO.

Leadville, Colo., May 10.—Severe snow storms have prevailed in this vicinity for several days. There is about three feet of snow in the hills but no damage has resulted from the storm. It is still snowing tonight.

JAPS SUCCESSFUL

HAVE CUT THE LINE OF COMMUNICATION WITH PORT ARTHUR.

Port Has 15,000 Me but Russians Confident They Can Hold Off Army of 100,000—Japanese Force Numbers 30,000—Viceroy Alexieff and Staff Had Narrow Escape from Capture.

St. Petersburg, May 9.—It was officially announced tonight that the Japanese have succeeded in gaining a foothold on the Liao Tung peninsula, landing forces at Pitswo and at Cape Terminal, 15 miles distant, and have cut the line of communication with Port Arthur. Not only that but Viceroy Alexieff, Grand Duke Boris and many of the higher Russian officers in Manchuria narrowly escaped capture, or at least being penned up in the beleaguered town.

The news that the Japanese had arrived near Pitswo was transmitted to Port Arthur by a Russian signal corps officer, who sighted the Japanese transport fleet early on Thursday. He immediately notified the viceroy, and preparations were at once made for the quitting of Port Arthur by Admiral Alexieff, Grand Duke Boris and the viceroy's staff, and in a baggage car were placed all important documents of the Manchurian administration, which had been stored at army headquarters in Port Arthur.

The last word received from Port Arthur came from the commandant, Lieutenant General Stossel, who stated there was great confidence among his men, and he did not believe the Japanese could capture the fortress, even though they landed an army of 100,000. The garrison is equipped with a sufficient supply of arms and ammunition and enough canned provisions to last them for 18 months.

The Japanese army which has undertaken the investment of Port Arthur numbers fully 30,000 men. General Stossel has 10,000 to 15,000 men, among them being some of the best fighters in the Russian army.

It is admitted it will be necessary to call out the entire Russian army reserve, but this does not mean that they are destined for Manchuria service. They will be mobilized so that such troops as are needed by General Kouroupatkin can be sent to him, and the remainder will be held for service for which they may be needed. The work of rushing all of the men to the front will be much easier from now on, as the ferry service across Lake Baikal has been resumed.

STILL FEARS CHINA.

Russia Realizes Danger of Uprising Since the Yalu Defeat.

St. Petersburg, May 9.—The effect of the disaster to Russian arms on the Yalu upon the Chinese is being watched with keen interest and considerable apprehension. The Russian government appears to be satisfied with the situation for the moment, and Paul Lesar, the Russian minister at Peking, is making daily reports to the foreign office. The report received from the minister today contained nothing disquieting.

The Peking government, according to Russian reports, seems to be acting in perfect good faith, and insists it is intent upon preserving neutrality. It is turning a deaf ear to the appeals of anti-Russian leaders, who want China to throw in her lot with Japan, and is doing all possible to suppress anti-foreign agitation among the people.

Nevertheless, the Russian authorities regard China as a powder magazine. They realize the danger and necessity for constant pressure. The danger of an anti-foreign movement throughout the Chinese empire exists, not only for Russia, but for all the powers, and Russia has at least three times since the outbreak of the war addressed the powers on the subject, the last time being less than ten days ago. The answers received uniformly show a full appreciation of the need of exercising a restraining influence on Peking, and all the powers are co-operating to this end.

LIBERTY BELL WILL BE SENT.

Philadelphia, May 9.—The Liberty Bell will be taken to St. Louis. Both branches of the city council today passed a resolution appointing a special joint committee of 24 to escort the revolutionary relic, and appropriating \$15,000 to defray the expenses. The start will be made early in June, but before the old bell is placed in the Pennsylvania building it is proposed to pass through the principal cities in the states and territories comprising the Louisiana purchase. At the fair Philadelphia police will guard it.

CROPS ARE DESTROYED.

Wichita, Kan., May 9.—A telephone message to the Eagle from Camden, Okla., states that a tornado started at Helena and passed through Timberlake, extending to Alva. It cut a swath six miles long and one and a half miles wide, destroying crops and some buildings at Timberlake. Damaging hail fell in that section, but no lives were lost.

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. 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. 167 and 181, in Lakeview district, involving 5,495 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.

MAY 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 Ghen. 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 4,000 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.