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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.

The Port Arthur channel is again open.

Mrs. Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) is dead.

Russia fears a rising against the czar if Port Arthur falls.

Vice Admiral Togo has been promoted to be admiral.

The Japanese have found Tallenwan by completely mined and must delay landing.

Fire near Richmond, Va., destroyed 4,000,000 pounds of tobacco. Loss, \$600,000.

Reports have been sent out that both Japan and Russia have lost ships in a fight at Port Arthur.

Senator Mitchell fails to find anything in reports to warrant the removal of Postmaster Bancroft at Portland.

Two riots in Victor, Colo., following the blowing up of non-union miners, resulted in two miners being killed and a number injured.

Thirteen non-union miners were killed at Victor, Colo., while waiting for a train. Three hundred pounds of dynamite was placed under the depot platform and fired by electricity by unknown persons. Troops have been ordered to the scene.

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 Cosack 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 Kinchow 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.

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.

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.

Transports 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.

## 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 Peking 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.

## Hundreds Homeless in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City, O. T., June 7.—Water covers the western section of this city from First to Sixth streets, and hundreds of families have been driven from their homes. The excessive rains of the last few days culminated in a terrific downpour. The water covers ten residence blocks, and is two feet higher than during the big flood of a year ago. The river is rising and threatens the southern part of the city, when additional water reaches here from above.

## 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 Trips 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 eagerly 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 Lens, 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.

## 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 upstream 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 Wittcoff and Grigorovich 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 Onalasi 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 Cosack was wounded and one horse killed."

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

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

## MBET AT FULL COLLIDE.

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 Thirtieth Japanese cavalry was annihilated."

## Reports Battleship Aground.

St. Petersburg, June 4.—An unconfirmed 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

### PROMISE OF A BIG CROP.

Umatilla Wheat Fields are in a Flourishing Condition.

PENDLETON.—Based on reports from the various sections of the country, the wheat crop, conservatively estimated, will amount to more than 5,000,000 bushels. The condition of growing grain at the present time is considered most satisfactory and unless the weather within the next three weeks proves unfavorable, farmers say this year's crop will reach 1,500,000 bushels in excess of last year.

The wheat in the vicinity of Pendleton is quite far advanced, having headed out several days ago. The section of the county between Pendleton and Athena, which is owned by the Umatilla Indians, is an immense expanse of waving grain. Thousands of acres in this locality are rented by the Indians to the large farmers at a nominal figure, and comprise the richest farming land in the country. The average annual yield is from 30 to 35 bushels an acre, and accordingly the profit to the farmer is very large. In reality, the profits realized by the farmers by renting these lands are greater than they would be if owned by the farmers themselves, since a comparatively small working capital is required. The reservation wheat land will, this year, produce the largest portion of the crop of the county, provided the grain escapes injury from any tricks of the weather during the critical period.

Grain in that part of the county northwest of the city is also reported to be in a very healthy condition. It has headed and reached the stage for haying. The land in that locality is lighter and of course the yield is never as large as that of the reservation lands, yet anything approaching a partial failure has never been known there.

In the Helix country wheat is looking good and an average crop is in prospect. The early frosts did some damage to grain in that locality, but by the recent heavy rains the affected grain will make a satisfactory yield. Out of 1000 acres owned by Christian Breeding less than 40 acres were damaged. Other stands suffered in a less degree.

Farmers living south and southeast of the city also give most favorable reports of growing grain and feel assured that they will harvest an unusually large crop this year.

### Coming Events.

Knights of Pythias Convention, ninth district, Fossil, June 15.

Commencements—University of Oregon, Eugene, June 12-15; Albany College, June 10-15; Pacific University, Forest Grove, June 10-15.

Annual Reunion, Department of Oregon, G. A. R., Hood River, June 15-17.

First Oregon Cavalry and Infantry Reunion, Hood River, June 16.

Lane County Veterans' Association, June 22-24.

Pioneer Association Reunion, Portland, June 22.

Northwest Sportsmen's Tournament, Pendleton, June 24-28.

Christian Campmeeting, Turner, June 23-30.

Federated Fraternal Mardi Gras and Carnival, Portland, June 28-July 2.

Western Division State Teachers' Association, Portland, June 29-July 1.

Eastern Oregon G. A. R. Encampment, La Grande, July 1-4.

Southern Oregon Chautauqua Assembly, Ashland, July 13-22.

American Mining Congress, Portland, August 22-27.

### Rinehart Clans Will Gather.

PENDLETON.—A fare and one-third rate is being granted by the O. R. & N. for the second annual Rinehart family reunion at Summerville in the Grand Ronde Valley, to which members of the big Rinehart clan from all over Oregon and Washington are expected to come. The reunion is to take in the descendants of Louis and Elizabeth Rinehart, whose immense family has blossomed out into the fourth generation there is an extraordinary gathering when all get together. It is probably the first time that the O. R. & N. has made a low rate for a family reunion.

### Grand Ronde Fruit Good.

LA GRANDE.—The crop prospects for Union county and most of Eastern Oregon are very flattering so far this season. Grand Ronde valley has had a heavy shower last week, just when it was most needed. Sugar beets never looked better than now, and hundreds of Indians, Japs and many whites are now in the fields thinning them as rapidly as possible. Only a few early strawberries and some cherries were damaged by the frost. A full crop of all fruits is assured in the Grand Ronde Valley; the strawberries will be on the market in about four weeks.

### Poor Business at Cold Storage.

ASTORIA.—Up to the present the fishing season has been a greater failure than last year, especially for the cold-storage people. At this time last year fully 500 tierces of pickled fish had been put up, while now not over 150 tierces have been packed. The pack of the canners is not much over 10,000 cans, but those interested are not discouraged as they expect a large late run the same as last year.

### APPLES BROUGHT HIM HERE.

New Yorker Found Eastern Fruit Could Not Compete.

HOOD RIVER.—The Hood River Fruit Company is a new Hood River corporation. The company is capitalized at \$75,000, the stockholders being Burt Van Horn, of Buffalo, N. Y., A. A. Jayne and T. A. Decker, of Hood River. Mr. Van Horn owns a 400-acre apple orchard in New York. His apples met with competition in big markets with the Hood River product, and last November he made a special trip to this valley to acquaint himself with conditions here. The result of his investigation is the recent organization of the Hood River Fruit Company.

The company has been formed solely for the purpose of growing commercial apples. It is not a speculative land-dealing scheme, says Mr. Van Horn. Mr. Van Horn was for years prominently connected with the street railway business in the City of Buffalo. He expects to spend much of his time in Hood River this summer and fall, except when his other business interests take him out of town. He has let contracts for clearing the fruit lands he has purchased.

Following are the Hood River farmers who made sales of land to the Hood River Fruit Company: Boyd Sproat, Warren Wells, August Pasch, C. H. Stauffer, G. R. Castner, W. Y. Johnson.

### Found With Stolen Horses.

LA GRANDE.—Word has reached here from Wallowa county that Bill Cottingham, more familiarly known as "Coyote Bill," who was wanted in the state of Washington for stealing horses, and who took French leave, was captured near Wallowa last week in camp, in company with his wife. He was hunted down by some of his bondsmen. He apparently thought he was perfectly safe when he was caught. He had horses in the camp, also, that were stolen. Cottingham was immediately taken back to Washington.

### New Hatchery Site on Sinalaw.

ASTORIA.—Master Fish Warden Van Dusen has returned from a trip to the Sinalaw river, where he selected a new site for the state salmon hatchery. Considerable trouble has been experienced in the past by the floods, which rise rapidly, and several times a vast amount of damage has been done. A location has now been selected where this difficulty is expected to be obviated.

### Build a Hotel at Hot Lake.

PENDLETON.—A fine new hotel is under construction at Hot Lake, where State Senator W. M. Pierce, of Pendleton, is one of the proprietors. The structure will be three stories high, brick, equipped with modern conveniences and 100 feet long with two 1/2's, each 120 by 45 feet. It will cost \$75,000.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 72c; blue-stem, 80c; Valley, 81c.

BARLEY—Feed, \$23 per ton; rolled, \$24.50@25.

FLOUR—Valley, \$3.90@4.05 per barrel; hard wheat straights, \$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.

MILLSTUFFS—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, \$8@9; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$11@12.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 80c per sack; carrots, 80c; beets, \$1; parsnips, \$1; cabbage, 2@2 1/2c; red cabbage, 2 1/2c; lettuce, head, 25@40c per doz.; parsley, per doz., 25c; cauliflower, \$1.75@2 per dozen; celery, 75c@90c per dozen; cucumbers, 15c@1.50 per dozen; asparagus, 50c; peas, 5c per pound; rhubarb, 3c per pound; beans, green, 15c; wax, 15c; squash, \$1 per box.

HONEY—\$3@3.50 per case.

POTATOES—Fancy, 75c@81c per cental, growers' price; new potatoes, 3 1/2@4c per pound.

FRUITS—Strawberries, \$1.75@3 per crate; cherries, 75c@1.25 per box; gooseberries, 6c per pound; apples, fancy Baldwins and Spitzenbergs, \$1.50@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.50; cooking, 75c@81c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 17@17 1/2c per dozen.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 13@13 1/2c per pound; spring, small, 20@22 1/2c; hens, 13@13 1/2c; turkeys, live, 16@17c per pound; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$7@8 per dozen; geese, live, 7@8c per pound.

CHEESE—Full cream, twins, new stock, 12 1/2@13c; old stock, 10c; Young America, 14c.

HOPS—1903 crop, 23@25 1/2c per pound.

WOOL—Valley, 18@20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 11@15c; mohair, 80c per pound for choice.

BEEF—Dressed, 6@7 1/2c per pound. MUTTON—Dressed, 4@6c per pound; lambs, 8c.

VEAL—Dressed, 6@6 1/2c per pound. PORK—Dressed, 6@7c.

HAM—14@16c.