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## WEEK'S DOINGS

Newly Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

### OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

The Russians have repulsed the Japanese at several points in the Liao valley.

The Japanese are preparing for a great battle at Liao Yang and heavy guns are on the way.

All is quiet at Shanghai and the sides of the disengagement of the Russian ships is closed.

Georgia militiamen declare the sheriff was in collusion with the mob which lynched negroes.

The efforts of the Chicago aldermen have failed to end the packers' strike has come to naught.

It is stated that the Korean government has agreed to engage Japanese advisors and borrow money to carry out much needed reforms.

Placards are being scattered in Tainanfu Province, China, urging the massacre of the "foreign devils." The native Christians are fleeing.

The Japanese war office has concluded that Port Arthur cannot be taken by direct assault and has ordered that attacks be made which would entail heavy loss.

The mining congress may be postponed for a year.

The Russians really command three forts of any importance at Port Arthur.

A big battle is raging near Liao Yang in which the Japanese are attacking.

The two last assaults of the Japanese on Port Arthur are reported to have cost them 13,000 men.

The O. R. & N. steamers between Portland and San Francisco are to be run independent of the railroad.

Three persons lost their lives and a number of others were injured in a tornado which swept a New York picnic ground.

The Russian fleet at Port Arthur is engaged in clearing away the floating mines and it is believed it is preparing to make another dash.

Great Britain has been asked to volunteer cruisers and deliver orders prohibiting stopping of ships.

The state department cannot collect claims of owners of goods on the Arabia, and has advised them to appeal from the decision of the prize court.

Oregon again leads all other states in the sale of public lands.

A rock island train was derailed near Princeton, Mo., and 45 persons injured.

Disguised horsemen in Crook county destroyed a band of 1,000 thoroughbred sheep.

Lloyd's agent at Niu Chwang reports that Liao Yang is likely to fall at any time.

The British consul at Shanghai has ordered Russia to stop repairing ships in that port.

Japan is said to be treating its prisoners of war with great consideration and allowing them many liberties.

Mrs. Maybrick was met on her arrival in New York by a throng of curious people, but she refused to say anything.

Timber Land, Act June 2, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, July 15, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of June 2, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, the following persons have this day filed in this office their sworn statements to-wit:

George Mechen, of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, State of California, sworn statement No. 287, for the purchase of the s.w. 1/4 Section 15, Township 21 S., Range 13 E., East W. M.

John B. Simeon, of Boulder Creek, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, sworn statement No. 288, for the purchase of the s.w. 1/4 Section 10, Township 21 S., Range 13 E., East W. M.

Mark H. Chase, of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, State of California, sworn statement No. 289, for the purchase of the s.w. 1/4 Section 10, Township 21 S., Range 13 E., East W. M.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is better adapted for agricultural purposes and to establish their claims to said land before the Register and Receiver at Lakeview, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 6th day of October, 1904.

They name as witnesses: Mark H. Chase, San Jose, California; T. H. Shannon, and Wm. Carmichael, Klamath Falls, Oregon; John B. Simeon, Boulder Creek, California; George Mechen, San Jose, California.

Any and all persons claiming adversely to the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of October, 1904.

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EDWARD C. REAM, of Klamath Falls, County of Klamath, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 287, for the purchase of the s.w. 1/4 Section No. 9, East, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before George T. Patterson, County Judge of Klamath County, Oregon, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on Saturday, the 8th day of October, 1904.

He names as witnesses: E. M. Colborn, R. C. Short, Matt. Robert, and T. H. Shannon, all of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely to the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 8th day of October, 1904.

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## CATTLE Raisers Take Alarm.

### Roosevelt May Be Asked to End Packers' Strike.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—General N. W. Sheas, a cattleraiser of Waterman, S. D., announced today that the cattleraisers of his section were about to appeal to President Roosevelt to save them from bankruptcy by intervening to bring the strike to a close. Sheas brought 600 head of cattle to the stockyards here, rather than face the loss of feeding them longer. He declares that they sold at a loss of \$3 a head. Others, he said, are feeding large herds at heavy loss rather than face perhaps greater losses by shipping. According to General Sheas the cattleraisers of the Dakotas are in a desperate condition.

J. Ogden Armour appeared at the stockyards today, having suddenly returned from his vacation in the East. In proceeding to the packing center he drove through a throng of strikers and pickets, who recently fell back before an attack by the police. When Mr. Armour and a companion arrived at the Exchange avenue entrance to the yards, at Halsted avenue, in a light buggy, over 100 strikers had arrived there on their way to a meeting. The police were in the act of dispersing the gathering when Mr. Armour arrived and drove through the crowd. There was no demonstration, although he was recognized.

In connection with the unexpected return of Mr. Armour, reports of another effort to bring about peace negotiations independent of the Council's efforts were circulated. Strike leaders called a meeting and unusual activity was manifested.

NEVADA WASHOUTS SERIOUS.

Traffic Cannot Be Resumed on Tonopah Road for a Week.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 27.—Cloudbursts and washouts in Tonopah and along lines of the Tonopah and Carson & Colorado railroads are the most disastrous in the history of these districts. On the Tonopah road, all of the track rebuilt after the last washout has been swept away, and it will be a week at least before any traffic can be resumed. At Walker Lake, near Hawthorne, the track is under water, and the lake has risen above its level from six to nine feet. Great chasms have been washed in the desert, and traffic is in a state of chaos.

Tonopah and Goldfields, which are the verge of starvation, are being temporarily relieved by the rushing in of supplies via Crow Springs, Silver Peak and Candelaria by wagon trains, but this is only temporary, as over 5,000 people must be fed in the face of the famine.

Extraordinary measures adopted for their relief. Food supplies at the camps are practically exhausted. Flour, bacon and all staples have run out, only canned goods remaining. Herd animals are being adopted, and with the resumption of stage lines, relief is hoped for. While the situation is critical and much suffering must be endured, it is hoped that the next few days will bring about better conditions. No lives have been lost.

FILIPINOS LIKE NEW COINS.

Currency System Is Rapidly Coming Into Favor.

Washington, Aug. 27.—When the new currency system was proposed for the Philippines there were predictions in some quarters that the conservative islanders could not be readily induced to surrender the Mexican dollars and the Spanish coin which they had been familiar with for so many years in favor of the new Philippine peso proposed by the commission. But reports received here show that the change had been made smoothly and more expeditiously than was at first possible.

Colonel Edwards, chief of the Insular Bureau, has just received the following letter dated Manila, July 22, bearing on this subject:

"You will be interested in knowing our currency scheme has made progress since I last wrote you. All the business houses have by common consent put their business on the basis of the new currency. In all the provinces it is found in free circulation and the people now object strenuously to taking any other currency. The old currency has been very largely brought into the Insular treasury for recoinage."

Wani Federal Troops.

Omaha, Aug. 27.—T. J. Mahoney, one of the attorneys for the South Omaha packing interests, today made the statement that efforts were being made on the part of his clients and their associates to have federal troops stationed at South Omaha and along the railroads leading to Omaha over which the packers are running, morning and evening, a chartered train for the accommodation of their present workmen. The packers' representatives assert this course has been determined on for several reasons, one of which is they cannot get justice in South Omaha.

Big Cotton Firm Fails.

New Orleans, Aug. 27.—The cotton market received one of the greatest surprises in its history today, when the well-known firm of H. F. Page & Co. posted an announcement to the effect that it was unable to meet further calls for margins. October and December, within a minute's time after the announcement went up 21 and 22 points respectively. It has been one of the heaviest operators on the short side of the market for some time.

Are to Disarm.

London, Aug. 27.—The correspondent of the Times at Shanghai, in a dispatch dated August 24, says that orders from Emperor Nicholas have been conveyed to Captain Reitzelstein, commanding him forthwith to disarm the cruiser Askold and the torpedo-boat destroyer Grozovoi, and that "the flags on both vessels were lowered at 7 o'clock tonight."

## OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

### S. LETZ RICH IN TIMBER.

Railroad Survey Party Loud in Praise of Country.

Independence.—The surveying party of the S. Chapman Lumber Company that has been in the Coast range mountains since May 25, has completed its task, coming out at a point no one guessed. The survey 25 completed interests the Southern Pacific scarcely half a mile south of Independence, near the old meet track.

The surveying crew, comprising 15 men, is in charge of Engineer L. M. Rice.

The timber found in the Siletz basin was a revelation to the party, many of whom are experienced timber men and surveyors. There is enough timber in the Siletz country, says Chief Engineer Rice, to last 50 years after it is made into lumber.

The route terminating at Independence is a very feasible one and, according to the survey, it is not over 45 miles into the heart of the rich Siletz basin.

Terminating here, timber over the proposed route could be handled by rail or river, and the Southern Pacific is just completing a spur from within a few rods of where the survey ended into the bed of the river. A road over this survey would also afford a short cut to Newport.

STIRRING UP DAIRYMEN.

Effort to Induce Valley Farmers to Produce Butter Fat.

Albany.—An important meeting of the dairymen and farmers of Linn county was held at Shedd last week. The meeting is the result of the efforts of prominent creamery men of Portland and of State Dairy and Food Commissioner J. W. Hatley.

Curtis Grove, one mile from Shedd, was the scene of the meeting, which took the nature of a farmers' picnic. A Portland creamery provided gallons of ice cream free, and the attendance was large for this season of the year. The great importance of the meeting in the eyes of friends of diversified farming in Oregon is in the fact that it is the beginning of an effort on the part of the large purchasers of dairy products in Oregon to induce the farmers of the Willamette Valley to devote more time to raising blooded stock, and particularly dairy stock.

County Is Worth More.

Oregon City.—Assessor J. F. Nelson has completed the assessment of Clackamas county property for the 1904 roll. The aggregate of property valuations, represented by the roll, is approximately \$10,550,000, or an increase of \$200,000 over last year's roll. It is not expected that any material changes will be made in the assessed valuations by the board of equalization, which will be convened August 28. This is the earliest date for years that the assessment of property in this county has been completed.

Raise Timber Land Values.

St. Helens.—The assessment roll for Columbia county will be completed within a few days. It will show an increase of about one-third in the assessed valuation of the county. The valuation of the timber land has been raised from \$2.50 to \$3.75. This means heavy taxes on non-resident land-owners, but it is not nearly as high as in Clatsop county, and is far below the actual cash value of the property. The assessment of the Benson Company amounts to \$128,000, and the cash value is certainly three times that amount.

Start Work on Fair Grounds.

Baker City.—The survey of the ground for the Baker County Fair Association is completed and the work of constructing the new speed track begun in earnest. The grounds adjoin the city on the north, and are within easy reach of the city. The land is comparatively level and admirably located for the purpose. Work on the grandstand and fair building will be begun at once. The site has not yet been set for the fair, but it will likely be the first week in October.

Umatilla Wheat Moving.

Pendleton.—Wheat buyers estimate that 1,000,000 bushels of Umatilla county's wheat crop have been sold so far this season. Sales are being made constantly, sometimes amounting to 50,000 bushels per day. Considerable wheat is being shipped from Eastland, 10 miles northeast of here, to New York, to the cereal market and to fill contracts made on the board of trade. Harvesting is more than half done, but in some localities will continue several weeks into September.

Seven Williams Name Camp.

Albany.—Because seven men whose first names were Williams were the first settlers of the proposed mining camp, the town was christened Billville. It is in the Blue river mining district near the line between Lane and Linn counties. Billville is now a busy mining camp.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 77c; blue stem, 82c; valley, 83c.

Tacoma—Bluestem, 83c; club, 78c. Albany—76c.

Salem—80c.

Colfax—Club, 65c; bluestem, 71c.

Pendleton—Club, 67c; bluestem, 72c.

La Grande—Club, 62c; bluestem, 67c.

## AVOIDS A FIGHT.

### Directors to Choose Convention City for 1903.

Portland, Aug. 24.—Politics, arrival of delegates, speeches, and adoption of resolutions occupied the second day of the American Mining Congress. And a busy day it was, with the buzz and hum of the rival delegations filling the cool air of the convention hall. Yesterday morning the convention adopted a strong resolution urging congress to create a Department of Mines and Mining, and last night another was passed advocating the protection of forests.

The question of the selection of the meeting place for next year's congress will not be fought out on the floor of the convention as has been anticipated, but will be placed solely in the hands of the board of directors.

A resolution to this effect introduced by Dr. Buckley, of Missouri, was adopted at last night's session of the congress and met with enthusiastic applause from those present. This will prevent El Paso from making its open fight in the convention for the honor of entertaining the 1905 congress.

As yet the credential committee has made no report, and therefore the membership of the congress will be unknown until Thursday morning. This prevents any definite action on the settlement of any question until that time, but a great deal is being done indefinitely. The permanent home agitation is being kept up by the Salt Lake men, who are hard at work trying to get the membership of the congress into line for their city. The Denver delegation is represented by two or three men, and though it has been announced that there is a carload of delegates on the way from Denver, the car has not been sighted and the cause of Denver is suffering a little from the tardiness of the Colorado men.

FORTS ARE LOST.

Russians Meet Further Reverse at Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Aug. 25.—A junk which left Liao Ti Promontory the night of August 21 has just arrived here. She reports that the Japanese have succeeded in occupying Antsashan as well as another fort, probably Etse-shan, about a mile southwest of Antsashan. They have driven the Russians from the parade ground, which lies about two miles north of the harbor; they have destroyed two forts at Chaohanko, which is within the eastern fortifications, and they have advanced to a point near Chaohanko. This news confirms information received here previously, and which the local Japanese were not inclined to believe.

The junk heard firing until midnight of August 22. Scarcely a building in Port Arthur remains undamaged. The town hall, which was used as a magazine, has been destroyed.

Four large warships unable to fight, are at Port Arthur. Only one ship, a vessel with two masts and two funnels, has guns on board.

The fire of the forts not captured by the Japanese, together with the effect of land mines, is given as the reason why the Japanese have not as yet conquered the Russian stronghold.

Restored to Domain.

The Dalles.—The Secretary of the Interior has authorized and instructed the officers of the Dalles land office to restore to the public domain portions of the following-named townships, embraced in the temporary withdrawal for the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve: Twelve south, 17 east, 13 south, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 east, 13 south, 19 and 20 east, and 15, 20, 22 and 23 east. These lands, which were withdrawn from entry at the creation of the reserve June 28, 1902, exclusive of townships 15 and 22. Twenty-three thousand acres of land are released from the withdrawal by this order, out of which 14,500 are already filed upon.

Malheur People in Earnest.

Ontario.—The committee of 17 for completing the organization of the Malheur Watershed Association met in Mayor Lackey's office and appointed a committee for drafting bylaws and for dividing the territory to be irrigated into districts. The committee for securing stock in the association reported that 50,000 shares have been subscribed, or 50,000 more than was required to organize permanently. Work on the Malheur project is expected to be begun this fall unless something unforeseen occurs. A meeting of stockholders will be held in Vale, September 27.

Exhibit of Grasses and Grains.

Albany.—A. F. Miller, of Portland, is getting together a display of grains, grasses, vegetables, leaves, mosses, ferns, etc., for an exhibit to be shown in Albany in connection with his work on a left a number of orders. It is a little early yet to collect a large display, but arrangements are being made for materials to make up a display to be collected later. Mr. Miller has been making these collections for the last 40 years and knows just what part of the state to visit for the best collection of every variety of product.

New Linn Mills.

Albany.—Eugene Bosse, who has announced that he will establish a linen mill in Salem, is looking over the field in Albany with a view to establishing a linen mill here. Mr. Bosse says he will establish a number of mills over the valley, and that flax should be grown here in large quantities, as the Oregon product is the best in the world. At the present time the linen mill at Seio is the only one in this locality. It has proved successful in every way.

Surveyors in Grand Ronde.

La Grande.—The surveyors who are out locating the route for the new electric belt railroad in Union county for the Eastern Oregon Development Company are now in the center of the Grand Ronde Valley and will reach La Grande in a short time. The expense up to this time has reached a total of \$85 per day, and the company have the greatest confidence in the best outcome of the undertaking.

London Papers Excited.

London, Aug. 25.—The Standard this morning, unable to conceal its disappointment that the United States government is not prepared to protect the neutrality of China at Shanghai, editorially contends that the United States could have taken the lead in the matter without arousing the jealousies which must follow intervention by any European power. The Daily Telegraph publishes a strong editorial demanding that the government adopt rigorous measures.

Russian Ship Hits Mine.

Tokio, Aug. 25.—Admiral Kataoka reports that as the Russian battleship Savatop was emerging from Port Arthur yesterday she struck a mine, and afterward was seen to be listed to starboard. She was towed back into the harbor.

Fire at Oil Wells.

Jennings, La., Aug. 25.—Fire at the oil wells near here today destroyed four Italian dwellings, 400 barrels of oil and burned four pumping rigs. Wells Nos. 2 and 6 were not injured except by the destruction of machinery. Tonight the fire is confined to wells Nos. 7 and 8.

## HOME LOCATED

### Mining Congress Settles Important Question.

DENVER WINS BY A BIG VOTE

Election of Officers Only Remaining Business—President Richard's Re-Election Is Certain.

Portland, Aug. 27.—It is Denver that is proud today, proud of her sons and of their success, glad at the result of their efforts, thankful for the support of the loyal friends and followers from all quarters, grateful for the graceful hospitality of the gentlemen from Salt Lake, and happy in the possession of the permanent home of the American Mining Congress.

It was an unexpected throng that gathered at the Armory yesterday morning at 10 o'clock to listen to the continued debate on the settlement of the permanent-home question, after the exciting scenes of the previous afternoon, and whatever their result, one thing alone was apparent—the intention of the delegation from Salt Lake to fight to the finish the question of the settlement of the permanent home. From Salt Lake men there came no talk of postponement or hope of compromise. They were in the hall to win or to be defeated at the last ditch.

The vote on the question was taken, both members and delegates to the convention being allowed to cast their ballots. The process was long and tiresome and resulted in a total of 139 votes being cast, 83 of which were for Denver and 56 for Salt Lake.

Before the vote could be announced by the president, Judge Powers made a floor and in a graceful speech, which won for him and his delegation the long-continued cheers of the audience, moved to make the choice of Denver unanimous. This was done with a rush and a cheer.

The action of yesterday practically closes the business of the convention, which is expected to adjourn sine die at the close of the session this morning.

But one thing of importance remains yet to be done, and that is the selection of the officers of the congress. The committee to which was delegated the task of selecting the board of directors has reported, and they have been guarded until the time of announcement.

TURBINE LINER LAUNCHED.

Largest Vessel of Its Type to Be Equipped for Atlantic Service.

Belfast, Ireland, Aug. 29.—The Allan line steamer Victorian, the largest turbine vessel yet built, was launched here today. It is expected that she will be ready for service before the end of the year. She is 540 feet long, has 60-foot beam and her depth is 40½ feet.

The Victorian is to be fitted in a most luxurious manner, and is to carry 1,500 passengers, but the chief interest in her lies in her propelling power. Turbine steamers on the Clyde and in cross-channel service have proved very successful, mainly because they have afforded more comfort to passengers, but considerable modifications had to be devised to meet the requirements of the Atlantic service, including enormous propelling power and great stopping and backing powers.

These difficulties are understood to have been overcome by Charles A. Parsons, the engineer, who has developed the steam turbine and made it suitable for the generation of electricity and the propulsion of mercantile vessels. A special arrangement has been devised for the Victorian's machinery, whereby reversing power equal to that of her forward propelling power can be imparted to it, securing the almost instant arrest of the steamers forward motion and speedy backing in case it is needed. Her propellers are three in number, each on a separate length of shafting.

The Victorian will be fitted with a wireless telegraph apparatus, and will carry a complete printing outfit between decks. Her tonnage is about 12,000, and she is expected to develop about 10,000 horsepower.

Will Keep After the Russians.

London, Aug. 29.—According to the correspondent of the Chronicle with General Kuroki's army, the Japanese are not likely to retire into winter quarters. Rather than this to give the Russians a breathing spell, they will prosecute a vigorous winter campaign. The correspondent says that the Japanese are accumulating immense stores, ammunition and guns at Hanchow. A dispatch from Liao Yang to the Daily Telegraph reports that severe fighting has taken place at Torantapu, 20 miles southeast of Liao Yang, and that apparently an attack is in progress.

Ambushed by Filipinos.

Manila, Aug. 29.—A detail of the constabulary has been ambushed on the island of Leyte by a superior force of bandits. Captain H. Barrett, of the constabulary, was killed in the fighting. There has been trouble in the Province of Misamis, island of Mindanao, where bandits have looted several towns. The native authorities were defied and Pablo Mercado and his family were kidnapped. Mercado was accused of being too friendly with the Americans.

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## FLESH AGAINST POWDER.

### Question Whether Japanese Forces Will Hold Out.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—The latest reports from Port Arthur indicate that the garrison there is holding out with wonderful tenacity in the face of persistent desperate assaults. The only question is how long any body of troops can withstand such awful punishment, and whether the garrison in the fortress can outlast Japanese ammunition and men.

The report that 30 regiments have been drawn from General Oku to strengthen the attackers is believed to indicate that the Japanese southern army is in desperate straits and seems to show that the Japanese have not enough men to prosecute simultaneous campaigns of great magnitude in the north and south.

The report that the Novik has been sunk has not yet been published here. If it is true, it will be greatly felt, for the gallant cruiser, which has been frequently mentioned in dispatches, has endeared herself to the whole nation by her tireless activity at Port Arthur, and it has been greatly hoped that she would reach Vladivostok in safety.

The attitude of the Japanese government in regard to China has caused increasing uneasiness here. While it is believed that the dictatorial attitude assumed by Japan was adopted largely for its moral influence on the Chinese, it is also taken to indicate that Japan intends to make herself the dominant spirit in the Celestial empire.

PORTE VERY SILENT.

Embarrassed by Reminder of Verbal Pledge to America.

Constantinople, Aug. 24.—A note from American Minister Leishman, dated August 16, was handed to the Turkish authorities within 12 hours after the receipt by the Minister of the Turkish note Monday. In this note Mr. Leishman holds the government to its solemn undertaking, coming direct from the Sultan, respecting equal treatment with other nations for the United States concerning the question of educational institutions.

This allusion to the imperial pledge apparently embarrassed the Porte, which had previously announced that it would ignore the former verbal assurances which Minister Leishman declared he had received.

It is considered improbable that the Porte will reply to the Minister's note and therefore the question is looked upon as shelved pending the execution of the process of recognition, when it is considered not improbable fresh difficulties will arise.

Nothing regarding the assertion by Izzet Pasha, the secretary of the Palace, that \$250,000 has been deposited as compensation due to an American citizen at Smyrna for land illegally taken, no such deposit has yet been made.

FLEET APPROACHES SHANGHAI.

Consul Goodnow Calls Consular Body Together for Action.

Shanghai, Aug. 24.—The steamer Haiting, which arrived here today, reports having sighted a Japanese squadron last night off Gutzlaff Island, about 65 miles southeast of Shanghai. The squadron showed no lights.

The United States monitor Monadnock and two torpedo-boat destroyers have been ordered to be ready to protect the neutrality of Shanghai.

American Consul Goodnow called the meeting of the consular body for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. It is believed that the foreign consuls will arrange means to strengthen the hands of the Taotal in dealing with the matter of the Russian warships here.

Later reports declare the Japanese squadron to be 20 miles from Woosung. Woosung is the outside harbor of Shanghai.

Rin Stops Field Operations.

At the Headquarters of General Kuroki, in Southern Manchuria, Aug. 20, via Fusan and Seoul, Aug. 24.—It has rained steadily for four days and both of the lower roads are covered with ten feet of water and are absolutely impassable. A number of Chinese and horses of the commissary department have been drowned crossing the Lang river at the ford. Russian spies have been located hiding in the cornfields near the outposts and large scouting parties are searching for them. The relative positions of the two armies remain unchanged.

Vessels Slick to Port.

Shanghai, Aug. 24.—The Russian consular-general here, replying again to the demands of the