

PORT ARTHUR IS NOW AT THE MERCY OF JAPANESE

THE FACT IS RECOGNIZED AND ADMITTED AT THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL

RAILROAD CONNECTION SEVERE

A Large Force of the Japanese Army Disembarked on Land in Rear of City.

The New Russian Admiral Will Be Unable to Reach His Destination to Take Command—Viceroy Alexieff Makes Hasty Departure to Avoid Being Penned Up.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6, 10:05 p. m.—A dispatch received tonight says that Port Arthur is cut off from all communication by land, the Japanese having cut the railroad and cut the telegraph wires. Vice Admiral Skrydlov, who is en route to Port Arthur to take command of naval forces in the far East, will be unable to reach his destination.

Claim Result was Expected.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—Japanese troops swarming across the narrow neck of Liao Tung peninsula; railroad and telegraph communications cut; Port Arthur isolated and left to its own resources, are the conditions which the Russians seem to accept with great stoicism. These events have been anticipated since the outbreak of the war, and the authorities in a sense appear to be relieved now that the blow has fallen. They assert that the fortress is impregnable, and amply provisioned to stand siege for a year, and it can hold out until the time comes to relieve it. According to official information the landing of troops from sixty transports began simultaneously at Pitsweo and Cape Terminal on May 5. It is also reported that troops are landing at Kinchow, but this is not credited, as the Russians are known to have fortifications there. Complete details of the landing are lacking, owing to the interruption of communication. No resistance was made, the few Cosacks who observed the movement retreating when the warships shelled the shore preparatory to debarkation. It is believed that there are more than 20,000 men now on land preparing for a forward movement.

Strength of Garrison.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6.—The strength of the garrison at Port Arthur is not revealed by the authorities. It is not believed the number exceeds 10,000.

Landing of the Japanese.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6, 9:30 p. m.—The minister of war has received the following from General Plung, chief of the military staff: "According to information which I have received, seven of the enemy's transports, and afterward about forty, appeared opposite Pitsweo on the morning of May 4. 'On the morning of May 5 the Japanese began to land at Pitsweo and on the coast near Cape Terminal, about fifteen miles southwest of Pitsweo, under cover of artillery fire. 'At this moment about sixty transports were observed bearing down upon the whole front and our posts retired from the shore. According to Chinese reports, by the evening of May 5, about 10,000 of the enemy's troops had landed and taken up quarters in the Chinese villages. 'The enemy sent two columns of about one regiment each, one in a westerly direction and the other to the southward. 'On May 6 the passenger train from Port Arthur was fired on a mile and a quarter outside of Polandien (about 40 miles north of Port Arthur), by a hundred Japanese infantrymen. The train carried many passengers, 200 sick occupying an ambulance carriage flying the Red Cross flag. Two of the sick were wounded. The train succeeded in reaching Polandien."

Didn't Wish to Be Trapped.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6.—The landing of the Japanese at Pitsweo, northeast of Port Arthur, is officially confirmed. It is expected that the railroad connecting Port Arthur with Mukden and Harbin will soon be cut. The departure of Viceroy Alexieff and Grand Duke Boris from Port Arthur was hurried owing to the possibility of interruption of railroad communication. The Japanese landed in sufficient force to dislodge the few hundred Russians watching at Pitsweo from offering any resistance.

Port Arthur Under Siege.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The State Department has received a cablegram from United States Minister Griscom, at Tokyo, confirming the press reports of the landing of the Japanese on the Liao Tung peninsula, about 40 miles above Port Arthur. The location given in the Japanese dispatches is Kin Chau. This is the narrowest point on the peninsula, and consequently, the minister says, the railroad is practically closed, and the investment of Port Arthur has begun.

Only A Small Garrison.

Rome, May 6.—According to a telegram received here from Chefoo, the garrison at Port Arthur has been reduced to 4000 men, and all the important documents, money and field guns have been removed to Mukden.

Denies Port Arthur Is Bottled.

Paris, May 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris sends the following: "A general of

the staff believes the Japanese landed at Pitsweo number not less than 40,000, and says the bulk of Kuroki's army was this morning about nine miles from Feng Wang Cheng. The staff officer said General Zassalitch would be kept in the background during the remainder of the war. I am positively able to deny the statement that Port Arthur is bottled up. The passage is still free." The correspondent repeats the report that the Japanese have occupied Port Adams, and says that they are advancing on Port Arthur.

Acknowledged at St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6.—The details of the Japanese landing at Pitsweo have just been received by the general staff. From information brought to Port Arthur by the Chinese, 60 transports are disembarking two divisions, numbering altogether 30,000 men, of which 10,000 were landed yesterday evening. No news has been received up to this hour of any other landing. Strict orders have been given to Rear Admiral Wittsoeff not to take out his warships from Port Arthur.

Alexieff Is Heard From.

Mukden, May 6.—Viceroy Alexieff has arrived here.

Captured With Big Losses.

Souel, Corea, May 6.—A dispatch from Antung says that it is rumored there that the Japanese captured Feng Wang Cheng, May 4, after fierce fighting and losses on both sides very heavy.

BRITISH MISSION ATTACKED

LONDON, May 6.—The London Mail's Simla correspondent says 800 Tibetans, coming from the direction of Shigatze, attacked the British Mission at Gyantse on April 5. The Tibetans were repulsed with heavy losses and fled. The British loss was two Sepoys wounded.

WOODMEN'S DAY

FIVE THOUSAND W. O. W. TO COME TO SALEM DURING THE STATE FAIR.

Two and Possibly Three Full Regiments Will Camp on the Grounds Three Days, and Will Engage in Competitive Military Drills for Big Prizes.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

George K. Rogers, state organizer for the Woodmen of the World, is in the city on an important mission connected with his order, and is the guest of C. L. Parrish, of the State Land Office. Through the efforts of Mr. Rogers and others the State Board of Agriculture was induced to make an appropriation setting aside \$600 to be used as prizes for drill teams to compete during the State Fair in September, and the gentleman is here now to perfect arrangements for that event. Mr. Rogers says there will be present at the time two complete regiments of the Uniform Rank of the order, ten companies to each regiment, with an entire set of regimental officers, including surgeons and chaplains, organized, drilled and disciplined in true military style. There will be two full regiments for certain, and possibly a third one, which has not yet reached a decision. In addition to the regimental officers Brigadier General W. E. Rapson of San Francisco, commander of the Department of the West, which includes five Coast states, will be present with his entire staff and assist in the pleasure of the occasion. The 13th of September has been set apart as Woodman Day, but instead of remaining one day, as was first intended, it is now determined to hold an encampment lasting three days, the regiments being provided with tents and complete camping facilities, so that the grounds will present the appearance of a regular army headquarters. The expectation is that there will be anywhere from two thousand to five thousand Woodmen present, making a magnificent showing for the order as well as adding a unique and attractive feature to the State Fair.

Mr. Rogers visited the local Woodmen camp last evening, accompanied by Colonel Robt. G. Morrow, who is Judge Advocate General of the Uniform Rank and Head Manager W. C. Hawley of this city, for the purpose of arousing the necessary spirit of enthusiasm in the brethren to prepare for the big reception. The general committee is to meet here today for the purpose of appointing sub-committees on decorations, on parades, receptions, encampment grounds, etc., and sometime next month Mr. Rogers will come here to superintend the period and assist in the preparations for the biggest event that has ever occurred in the Pacific life of Woodcraft.

HANNA'S PLACE NOT FILED.

NEW YORK, May 6.—The executive committee of the National Civic Federation today held its first meeting since the death of its chairman, Marcus A. Hanna. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, presided. Resolutions in commemoration of Mr. Hanna were adopted unanimously. Brief tributes to the memory of the Senator were spoken by Bishop Potter, Joe Mitchell, Cornelius J. Bliss and others. Tonight the committee on nominations reported that a successor to President Hanna had not been chosen. The committee was instructed to continue its search for a president.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS.

LOS ANGELES, May 6.—Little progress was made by the Methodist General Conference today, but the business session was better and more systematic than the work will proceed smoothly and rapidly. The various important committees held their first meetings and made a fair start in the business before them.

BAD STORM IN TEXAS

TORNADO SWEEPED THROUGH THE NORTHWEST PART OF STATE.

SEVERAL LIVES ARE LOST

Five Houses Demolished Near Star Mountain and a Child Is Blown Away.

Hundreds of Heads of Cattle Reported Killed and Crops Are Badly Injured—General Devastation Wrought in Several Localities.

ST. LOUIS, May 6.—A special to the Republican from Dallas, Texas, says: A tornado in northwest Texas last night killed three people at Moran. A dozen persons were severely but not fatally injured. At Putnam, one man was killed and a woman injured. A negro cabin was swept into the Brazos river and three negro laborers were drowned. A wreck train was blown from the track near Crescent and two negro laborers were drowned. Twenty houses were wrecked at Moran and a half dozen at Putnam. Hundreds of head of livestock are reported killed and crops are badly injured. It is believed that lives were lost in isolated places that will swell the total to the number of twenty.

A Home Destroyed.

Hamilton, Texas, May 6.—A tornado near Star Mountain, in Mills county, destroyed five houses, killing Geo. Mason and blowing away one of his children. The child is not expected to live. C. E. Behooker's house was blown away and one child killed and other members of his family were injured.

School House Demolished.

Wichita Falls, Texas, May 6.—A tornado at Holliday Station tonight demolished a school house and many other buildings. One man was fatally injured.

"UNCLE JOE" IS PLEASED.

Speaker Cannon Is Received at Home With Hearty Welcome, Which Touches a Tender Spot.

Speaker Joseph M. Cannon received an enthusiastic welcome home this evening. A majority of the business houses were closed and an immense crowd lined the streets. Business houses and dwellings were dressed with flags and bunting. When Mr. Cannon could make himself heard, his voice was shaking and tears stood in his eyes. "I'd rather have this," he said, "than any other testimonial on the face of the earth."

EARLY DECISION EXPECTED.

Denver, May 6.—Arguments in the habeas corpus case of President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, held by the military at Telluride, were concluded in the Supreme Court today. Attorneys for both sides will file supplemental briefs early next week and the court will take the case under advisement. In the usual course of proceedings a decision can be expected in about ten days.

PAID PENALTY

ZENNON CHAMPOUX IS EXECUTED FOR MURDER OF LOTTIE BRACE.

Was the First Man Hanged at the Walla Walla Penitentiary Under the New Law of Washington—Story of the Terrible Crime.

WALLA WALLA, WASH., May 6.

Zennon Champoux, the first man to be executed at the state penitentiary under the new law, was hanged this morning at 5:11 o'clock. Champoux kept his nerve to the last. His neck was broken by the fall; paralysis was instantaneous and death ensued in 17 minutes.

Story of the Crime.

Zennon Champoux killed Lottie Brace, a variety theatre performer, in Riley's Arcade Theatre, Seattle, in the early part of November, 1902. He had met the woman in Alaska previously and became infatuated with her. He spent most of his money on her. Finally she threw him aside. He went to the theatre where she was employed with the intention of killing her. He stabbed her in the brain with a hunting knife as she was leaving the theatre and she died the next day from the wound. His trial was dramatic. He feigned insanity, fought the jailers and acted in every way like a mad man, but a jury declared him sane. His case was appealed to every possible court, but the convicted man's attorney at last gave up hope of staying the execution. Champoux stated before leaving for the state prison that he wished to die and cursed his attorney for trying to save his neck. Champoux's wealthy relatives in Eastern Canada, however, made a hard fight to save him from the scaffold.

ALASKAN RIVERS SWOLLEN.

Seven Horses Drowned From the Yukon Mail Stage and Service Demoralized.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 6.

A special from Dawson to the Province says: Owing to the sudden rise in Honton river, seven horses connected with the Yukon crossing, and the driver and four passengers barely escaped. The Yukon and other streams are now impassable, and the entire mail service is demoralized.

REFUSES TO DEAL WITH UNIONS

TOPEKA, Kas., May 6.—The striking Santa Fe machinists will be given until Monday morning to resume their places with the company. Third Vice President Buckalew, of the Machinists' Union, tonight offered to submit to the Santa Fe management the new set of rules adopted by the executive committee of the union in Washington. He was informed that the Santa Fe Company would have no dealings with the union whatever.

NEW BOWLING RECORD.

OMAHA, May 6.—A new world's record for five-men team, three games, was made on the Omaha Bowling Association alleys tonight. In the contest, the winning team scored 3232 pins on a regulation alley.

HOLY ROLLERS

TWO MORE OF THE SECT BROUGHT TO THE ASYLUM FROM CORVALLIS.

There Are Still Others and It Is the Opinion of the Authorities That the Only Solution of the Problem Is to Commit All to the Asylum, Where They May Be Watched.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Two more of the famous band of "Holy Rollers" were yesterday afternoon brought to Salem from Corvallis by Sheriff M. F. Burnett, of Benton county, and taken to the asylum, having been committed to that institution by the county court of Benton county, as being dangerous to the peace and good morals of the community. Those brought were Rose Seely, aged 23 years, a servant girl by occupation, of good habits and born in Alaska, and Attie Bray, aged 22 years, also a servant girl, of good habits, and born in Lincoln county.

These are now six members of this particular sect in the insane asylum, all having been committed from Corvallis, and all of good habits, with no charge against them except on account of their outlandish method of worship. They are Frank Hurt and Mrs. Millie Hurt, aged 25 years; Miss Sophia Harley, aged 20 years, a daughter of a respectable and well-to-do family of Corvallis, and Mrs. Maud Crawford, aged 23 years, who was enticed from home and induced to marry the apostle Crawford, originator of the sect.

There are yet several who espoused the faith who are still at large or confined in other cities, and it seems to be the opinion of those who have come in contact with them that the only way of breaking up the movement, which threatened to undermine a certain element in society, is to send them to the asylum, where they may be looked after and prevented from spreading their abominable doctrines and exerting a hypnotic influence over others. It is admitted by all that they are not crazy, and any one conversing with them can tell that their minds are as well balanced on general subjects as those of ordinary mortals. They declare that it is necessary for them to return to the old manner of living, as was practiced by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and it is their mission to convert the world to the new doctrine.

They can be easily recognized at sight as members of the sect, by their peculiar manner of dress, although they have not yet adapted the original human habit of attiring themselves in a fig leaf, at least not in public. All of the ladies who have so far been brought to Salem wore brown dresses, caught with a draw string around the neck, without collar. They invariably wear their hair unbraided and unkempt, flowing in tangled masses over their shoulders, and they seem to wear such a thing as a hat or other head gear.

TEN YEARS AGO.

Meeting of the County Republican Central Committee of 1894 and the Motto of the Party.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

In looking up some old records yesterday Mr. B. Frank Meredith, secretary of the Republican county central committee, encountered the records of the committee of ten years ago.

The meeting was held on April 28, in the then council chamber, a room across the hallway from the present Republican headquarters, and was called to order by Chairman E. M. Creighton at 2 o'clock p. m., and B. F. Meredith was selected to act as secretary, and later was elected secretary to serve during the campaign.

The usual committee were named, that on finance consisting of L. R. Stinson, L. Hobson, H. C. Tarpley, G. B. Cornelius and A. F. Blackerby, and on canvass of J. M. Poorman, C. B. Moore, I. L. Patterson, Hiram Smith and John Knight. The committees reported, their reports were adopted, but "with the understanding that it was the sense of the meeting that a second assessment should not be made."

A further committee on finance consisting of J. M. Poorman, Savage and L. R. Stinson was appointed to assist the chairman. This was followed by a motion, which was adopted, that Capt. B. Ormsby, Hon. Jno. Minto, Hon. S. Ford, Hon. T. T. Geer, Hon. Wm. Armstrong, C. W. Wasson, Dr. W. A. Cusick, Jno. H. McNary, Prof. W. L. Cummings, Ed. T. Judd, W. L. Toose, Geo. G. Bingham, H. J. Bigger, Prof. C. P. Strain, Edgar Grimm, Warren Cranston, John A. Carson and Gen. W. B. Odell be invited to make speeches throughout the county for the Republican cause. The minutes are on letter heads at the top of which appears the alteration, "Patriotism, Protection, Prosperity."

SPOTTED FEVER EPIDEMIC FEARS.

BUTTE, Mont., May 6.—A Victor special to the Miner says the strange malady, spotted fever, has broken out there, a daughter of John Cleary being in a precarious condition from the disease. Great apprehension exists over the fear of a possible epidemic.

FEMALE FIEND IS FOILED

PROCURERS SEEKING YOUNG GIRL VICTIMS AT OREGON CITY.

IS FORCED TO LEAVE THE CITY

Masquerading as a Palmist She Files Her Baleful Trade for Several Weeks.

Finally, Mayor Dimick Discovers Her Real Business and Applies the Law of Heavy License in Absence of Positive Criminal Evidence and She Goes.

OREGON CITY, May 6.—That a procurer of girls for immoral purposes has been plying her nefarious business in this city has just come to light, and the woman who was, beyond doubt, guilty of acting as such an agent, today disappeared. The woman has been masquerading as a palmist, and has been working in the city for several weeks. She established her office on Main street next door to the Royal restaurant, and since her advent has done a good deal of business in her pretended vocation. The statement having been made to Mayor Dimick that the business of the woman here was to procure girls, he ordered the chief of police to collect \$3 a day license from her, with the idea of driving her out of town. This was successful, and she left, but she could have easily been arrested and held on the charge of procuring. The authorities probably hesitated for lack of direct evidence in the matter, but to a man who was bent on exposing the scheme, she admitted yesterday that she expected to take several girls out of town with her for immoral purposes.

SMOOT CONFIDENT OF SAFETY.

SALT LAKE, May 6.—Senator Smoot returned from Washington today. In an interview, Senator Smoot expressed entire confidence that he would be allowed to retain his seat in the Senate.

OFFERS REWARD

THE S. P. COMPANY WILL PAY \$800 FOR THE ARREST OF ROBBERS.

Gates Brothers and Arnett, Who Robbed the Oregon Express and Killed Messenger O'Neill, Are Said to Be Desperate Criminals With Several Robberies Charged to Them.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The realty transfers filed for record in the Marion county recorder's office yesterday aggregated the consideration of \$16,121, as follows:

J. H. and M. H. Albert to L. K. Page, 115.51 acres in t 6 s, r 2 w, w d \$7085
Frank Savage, by administrator, to J. N. Skaine, et al, lot 1, block 64, Salem; a d 3025
J. H. and A. M. L. McCormick to E. Mc. VanVlack, lot 1, block 11, North Salem; w d 1000
W. H. and N. J. Priest to H. and A. Thompson, 3 acres in Marion county; w d 800
F. D. and H. A. Brunner to Carrie Goodie, land in North Salem w d 800
J. H. and M. C. Settlement to B. F. and A. McKee, land in Marion county; w d 743
Prior of the Benedictine Priory to L. and K. Hessel, 10.72 acres in t 6 s, r 1 w, w d 640
J. and M. A. Ogile to Jennie M. Austin, 4.84 acres in Marion county; w d 600
Frank R. Miller et al, to Isaac Baumgardner, 5.92 acres in Marion county; w d 592
F. and M. B. Morrison to J. T. and R. G. Matthews, lots 8 and 9, block 16, Yew Park Annex to Salem; w d 330
E. and M. L. Reddick to H. L. Koester, lots 3 and 4, block 25, Gervais; w d 200
E. E. and L. W. Stewart to Robt. S. Shaw, lots 7 and 8, block 2, in Elizabeth's addition to Mill city; w d 200
G. P. and E. Terrell to Curtiss Lumber Co., lot 4, block 6, Mill City; w d 75
Trustees of M. E. church to G. Terrell, lot 4, block 6, Mill City; q d 30
J. T. and J. M. Bowman to Wm. G. Stanton, lot 4, block 40, in North Salem; w d 1
Total \$16,121

DEEDS RECORDED.

The realty transfers filed for record in the Marion county recorder's office yesterday aggregated the consideration of \$5397, as follows:

Gottlob Noack et al, to C. and A. Brietzke, east half of the south half of the northwest quarter of section 7, t 6 s, r 1 e, w d \$2300
W. P. Smith, et ux, to T. N. and J. B. Kennedy, 30 acres in sections 13 and 14, t 4 s, r 2 w, w d 1,150
J. H. and M. B. Dunlap to E. A. Dunlap, the west one-third of lot 10 in block 81, Salem; w d 1,000
Julian Dupont to B. P. Bowley, lots 3 and 4, block 17, St. Louis; w d 375

Died at Walla Walla.

"Dayton, Wash., May 9.—The body of Edward H. Slocum, a Columbia county pioneer, whose death occurred last night in a Walla Walla hospital, following amputation of a limb for gangrene, were brought here this morning for interment. Mr. Slocum came to Dayton from the Willamette valley about 1880. He crossed the plains from Illinois in the '60s. He has a son, C. W. Slocum, at St. Johns, and a daughter, Mrs. May Corbett, of Walla Walla." (This dispatch appeared in the Portland Telegram of last evening. Mr. Slocum went from Southern Oregon near Roseburg, to Eastern Washington. He was a brother of Mrs. W. H. Byars of this city.)

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