

DESTRUCTION BY RUSSIA OF THEIR OWN FLEET

IS NOT CREDITED BY OFFICERS WHO PASSED THAT PORT ON WEDNESDAY.

REPORT OF GEN'L ZASSALITCH

The Japanese Army is Concentrated in Three Groups and Making Rapid Advancement.

The Japanese Expect to Occupy Niu Chwang Tomorrow—Japanese Boat Seen in Front of Vladivostok and Russians Preparing to Meet Expected Attack at Any Time.

CHEFOO, May 12.—(1:30 a. m.)—

The officers of the steamers arriving from Niu Chwang discredited the story of the destruction by the Russians of their fleet at Port Arthur. When the officers passed Port Arthur on Wednesday night, they saw searchlights flashing from the ships and forts. There were no signs of the Japanese fleet in the vicinity. The officers further stated there were not to exceed 1000 Russian soldiers at Niu Chwang and vicinity. There are only six light field guns in the forts, all the big guns having been taken to Liao Yang. An opinion prevailed at Niu Chwang that Russia intends restoring Niu Chwang, also the district eastward to Tasi Chiao. The Russian troops, it is understood, will remain until the Chinese troops arrive. This is to prevent looting by brigands.

Report of Zassalitch.

St. Petersburg, May 11.—General Sakharoff sent a dispatch to the General Staff today communicating the report of General Zassalitch, dated May 10, as follows: "Troops which appeared to be a division of the Japanese guard have been advancing for the last two days from Feng Wang Cheng west-

erly in the direction of Hai Cheng. It is reported that a Japanese force consisting of about a division of infantry intended to march on Saimadna with forty guns and 1500 cavalry. From reports received from the River Dasaw it may be concluded the Japanese army is concentrated in three groups, the two southern groups being on the lower section of the river Tayang at Houshouany, on the left bank of the river at Dayan and at Donamio in the same locality, and the northern group opposite Habalina, on the road from Feng Wang Cheng to Salidza, fourteen to sixteen miles from Feng Wang Cheng. It is difficult to obtain information from local Chinese. In one case we discovered the Chinese had warned the Japanese troops of an ambulance, which had been arranged by the Cosacks."

To Niu Chwang Tomorrow.

Shanghai, May 11.—It is reported from Peking that the Japanese on Monday occupied Hai Ping, sixteen miles below Tashicha, and they expected to occupy Niu Chwang on Friday.

SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENTS.

POSSIBLY, Siberia, May 11.—A Japanese boat made its appearance in the roadstead two days ago and suspicious lights have been seen. Everything is quiet here, but all is in readiness to meet any landing of the enemy, whose probable purpose is the cutting off of Vladivostok.

Russians Are Fortifying.

London, May 12.—The Morning Post Shanghai correspondent says the Russians are building forts at Mao Tien Ling pass and extensive entrenchments outside of Lio Pang.

Ought to Have Held Out.

London, May 11.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Japanese headquarters in describing the battle on Yalu river testifies that the Russian position there, if properly held, ought to have been impregnable, even with the sacrifice of 10,000 men.

ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON THE GOVERNORSHIP

THE REPUBLICANS OF WASHINGTON HOLD ALL NIGHT CAUCUSES, BUT WITHOUT AVAIL.

TWO CANDIDATES ARE OUT

Pierce and King Counties—Tacoma and Seattle Respectively—Forming Opposing Combinations.

A. E. Mead, of Bellingham, Tacoma's Candidate, With Other Backing—Another Caucus at 2 O'clock in the Morning, While Seattle Rests Until Nine.

TACOMA, May 11.—At 1 o'clock this morning the delegates to the Re-

publican State Convention have been unable to get together on the Governorship and all the other offices are kept in the background. Pierce county and the northwest have agreed on A. E. Mead, of Bellingham, and the southwest will enter the combine provided it is not fought by King county. D. B. Crocker and Geo. H. Baker, mentioned in connection with the nomination, have been declared out of the race. Pierce holds another caucus at 2 a. m. and the King county delegation has adjourned until 9 o'clock today. It looks now as if the fight would be transferred to the floor of the convention, which meets today.

WASHINGTON CONGRESSMEN ARE ALL RENOMINATED

MARK H. FULLERTON, FORMERLY OF SALEM, IS RENOMINATED FOR JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT.

A. E. MEAD FOR GOVERNOR

The Convention Instructs the Delegation to Support President Roosevelt for Renomination.

Platform Advocates Protective Tariff, Reciprocity in Non-Competitive Products, Liberal Appropriations for Rivers and Harbors and Passage of Good Roads Bill.

TACOMA, May 11.—

The Republican State Convention adjourned tonight after nominating the following ticket: For Congress—Will E. Humphrey, of King county; Wesley L. Jones, of Yakima; Francis W. Cushman, of Pierce.

Governor—Albert E. Mead, of Whatcom.

Lieutenant Governor—Chas. E. Coon, of Jefferson.

Secretary of State—Samuel H. Nichols, of Snohomish.

Treasurer—Geo. G. Mills of Thurston.

Auditor—C. W. Clausen, of Kitsap.

Attorney General—John D. Atkinson, of Chelan.

Land Commissioner—E. W. Ross, of Cowlitz.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—B. B. Bryan, of Chehalis.

Justices of Supreme Court—Mark A. Fullerton, of Whitman, and Frank Rudkin, of Yakima.

The platform commends the national administration and instructs the delegates to vote for President Roosevelt; advocates protective tariff; favors reciprocity in non-competitive products and opposes a duty on coal. More liberal appropriations for improvement of rivers and harbors are demanded. In state matters the platform says: "We favor a Tax Commission, with power to determine, for the purpose of assessment and taxation, the value of all corporate property, both real and personal, to the end that the burden of government may be borne without prejudice, favor or inequality."

The Congressional delegation is instructed to support the Brownlow Good Roads bill. There is no reference to the Railway Commission.

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SERIOUS STRIKE

THREATENS FOOD SUPPLY OF EXPOSITION CITY UNLESS DEMANDS ARE GRANTED.

Expected to Start Next Week and to Affect All Hotels and Restaurants of St. Louis.—The Western Federation of Miners Holding a Meeting at Denver, Give Sympathy to President Moyer.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 11.—A resolution extending aid to the St. Louis Union in the strike that threatens the Exposition city, was unanimously adopted today by the convention of Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League. It is believed the strike will start next week. Every hotel and restaurant in St. Louis will be tied up.

Sympathy For Moyer.

Denver, Colo., May 11.—The semi-annual meeting of the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners began at its headquarters in this city today. Vice President John C. Williams, of California, will preside at the session because of the absence of President Moyer, who is being held as a military prisoner at Telluride. The board sent a message of sympathy to Moyer and received a reply from him acknowledging the receipt of the message.

WENTZ'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL

BRISTOL, Tenn., May 11.—"He came to his death by the accidental discharge of his own revolver," is the verdict of the coroner's jury which for nearly two days has been investigating circumstances surrounding the death of Edward L. Wentz, the young millionaire whose body was discovered decayed and unburied on a spur of Black Mountain last Sunday afternoon. The verdict comes as a surprise in every quarter, as a great majority of the people who heard the evidence and examined the conditions surrounding the body believe the cause to have been suicide, while many others accept the murder theory.

THE SENTENCE APPROVED.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 11.—Colonel Duncan, commanding officer at Fort Leavenworth, is in receipt of a telegram from the War Department stating that President Roosevelt has approved the sentence dismissing First Lieutenant Frederick W. Mills, of the Seventh Infantry, from the army.

NOT MUCH DOING.

LOS ANGELES, May 11.—Practically no business was transacted by the Methodist conference today. The early morning session was devoted entirely to consideration of the report of the committee on rules. After recess the duty of receiving and welcoming the fraternal delegates, which was not completed at yesterday's session, was taken up.

ALL QUIET IN HAYTI.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Minister Leger, of Hayti, this afternoon communicated the following statement to the Associated Press: "According to a telegram just received there is no trouble in Hayti. There is not even any fear of an uprising. The country is perfectly quiet."

U. S. CONSUL DIES.

PUERTO CABELLO, Venezuela, Tuesday, May 10 (delayed)—Thomas J. Cummings, United States Consul, died suddenly today.

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SUIT VIRTUALLY ABANDONED.

PARIS, May 11.—The suit of the Republic of Colombia against the Panama Canal Company, in connection with the shares of stock, was further adjourned today. The litigation is practically suspended, owing to the transfer of the canal to the United States and liquidation of the Canal Company.

Made a Quick Run.

The Salem fire department made a run to the foot of Marion street at 11:15 a. m. yesterday, having been summoned to extinguish a small roof fire. The department lost no time in getting to the scene of the miniature conflagration, but the services of the firemen were not needed, the flames having been extinguished before their arrival. The department was out for a drill last evening and made a run east on Chemekeka to Cottage street, then south on Cottage to Court, and west on Court to the corner of High where the La France engine was connected with the cistern and her machinery put to a test. The big engine proved to be in perfect condition and threw two splendid streams of water under a moderate head of steam. Chief Pugh was also much pleased with the action of his men as the drill was carried on without a hitch.

Mrs. W. S. Matthews has returned from an extended visit to Southern Oregon.

HAD A LUCKY ESCAPE.

Earl Crossan, Employed at the Capital Lumber Mills, Meets With an Accident.

Earl Crossan, a young man who is employed at the planer in the Capital Lumber Mills, was caught by the planing knife yesterday afternoon and lost quite a little chunk of flesh from the leg between the knee and hip. He was taken to the office of Dr. C. H. Robertson, who dressed the wound and made him as comfortable as possible. The injury is not serious and will leave no bad consequences, but he can consider himself exceedingly lucky, for the planing knife is a wicked tool when in motion and a little deeper exposure would mean an awful cut.

THE BOY WAS WORKING AT THE SIDE

of the machine just after starting up following the noon hour and reached over to adjust some part of the machinery, neglecting to notice his close proximity to the moving blade until he was caught by the corner of it, which tore a large hole in his pantaloons and made a painful gash in the flesh.

FIVE MINERS ARE KILLED

BY AN EXPLOSION OF SIX KEGS OF POWDER IN AN ILLINOIS COAL MINE.

CAUSED BY ELECTRIC CURRENT

Five Others Were Seriously Injured and Twenty Were Slightly Hurt by the Accident.

A Train on the Pacific Electric Road

Near Los Angeles Crashes Into a Santa Fe Passenger Train, Injuring Fourteen Passengers, Residents of Whittier and Los Angeles.

CARBONDALE, Ill., May 11.—

In an explosion today in the Big Muddy Coal and Iron Company's mine in Herrin, five men were killed outright, five were seriously injured and twenty others slightly hurt. Six kegs of powder had been placed in the mine, during the time intervening between the night and day shifts, for distribution to the men in the morning, by John Miller, driver, who had charge of the distribution of explosives. Ten minutes after Miller was supposed to have accomplished his task, the electric current which runs the mine machines was turned on and the explosion followed. It is supposed that through some mistake the current was switched on before Miller had distributed the powder.

Two Trains Collide.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 11.—A train on the Pacific Electric Road, bound from Los Angeles to Whittier, crashed into a Santa Fe passenger train from San Diego at Los Nietos crossing ten miles from this city tonight. Fourteen persons were injured, four on the Santa Fe and ten on the Electric car. The injured are all residents of Whittier and Los Angeles. It is not thought any of the injured will die.

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CLEANED AT STATE HOUSE.

Senator Daly of Benton County, resigns His Office—Lawyer Admitted—Other Routine.

Governor Chamberlain received yesterday the resignation of State Senator John D. Daly, of Benton county, couched in the following terms: "Having accepted the office of Surveyor General for Oregon, I hereby beg leave to tender my resignation as State Senator for Benton county, to take effect on such date as may legally qualify my successor."

Inasmuch as the people of Benton county have already taken steps to elect a successor to Senator Daly by the nomination of candidates for the position, it is not likely that any writ of election will be issued by the Governor in relation to this case. Senator Daly has been for years one of the most influential members of the Senate and one of the safest law-makers of the state. His influence will be sadly missed in that body.

Edward Bergeron, a native of Quebec, Canada, aged 45 years, was brought to the asylum by Sheriff Sewell of Washington county. The man was found in a dazed and somewhat helpless condition in a barn at Tualatin and seems to be a victim of chronic alcoholism. He is a bachelor and this is his first attack of insanity.

In the Supreme Court yesterday A. Backus, an attorney from Jamestown, N. Dak., presenting a certificate from the Supreme Court of that state, was admitted to practice in Oregon on probation of nine months. His present location is at Baker City.

The hearing of the Newport tide-land case, which was to have taken place yesterday, was again postponed until Tuesday, May 17, at 10 a. m., as the Governor could not be present yesterday.

A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. McMeire of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It is infallible for croup, whooping cough, grip, pneumonia and consumption. Try it. It is guaranteed by Dan J. Fry, druggist. Trial bottles free. Reg. Size 50c, \$1.00.

IS NO DAMAGE

DALLAS LADIES HAVE EXCITING RUNAWAY WHILE CROSSING WILLAMETTE BRIDGE.

Horse Became Frightened and Jumped Underneath Wires Onto Foot Bridge and After Being Released Wrecked Bicycle—Wire Railing Should Be Replaced or Strengthened by Timbers.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

An accident occurred on the Willamette steel bridge yesterday morning which might have proven serious to those concerned had not men been at hand to assist, but faulty construction of the bridge railing was shown, and it is hoped this defect will be speedily remedied before a more serious catastrophe occurs.

Two ladies from near Dallas were crossing the bridge on their way to Salem for a shopping tour, driving a gentle horse and open buggy, and when near the Marion county side the horse became frightened at a noise caused by men on the river banks below beating carpet. The animal suddenly lunged toward the south side of the bridge, plunging under the wires used as railing, careening the buggy and tipping out the occupants. The horse then raised up with the three wires on its back, and began plunging frantically in a desperate effort to release itself. The driver pluckily held to the lines and prevented the horse from going further until Arthur Meyers and Mr. Pasco, who were near, could come to the rescue. They unlatched the animal, but he broke away from them onto the foot bridge and ran down the Marion county approach. At the end of the foot bridge Ennis Waites' wheel was leaning against the railing, and the frightened animal struck it, making a complete wreck. There he was caught and returned to the owners, the only damage having been a few broken straps of the harness.

Had the horse struck the wires on the opposite side he would have gone over into the river, and the buggy been wrecked, with a possibility of the ladies also having been thrown into the icy waters of the Willamette. As it was, they were thrown near the edge and could easily have fallen between the wires. Had none been at hand to assist, the ladies would have been entirely at the mercy of the frightened beast.

There has been a feeling of insecurity ever since the old wooden railings were replaced with wire and the accident yesterday shows that no time should be lost in making it more secure.

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