

JAPS WIN TWO MORE BATTLES

RUSSIANS LOSE FENG HUAN CHENG

Besides Being Defeated in Manchuria Town Where Half Their Number Were Made Prisoners

Czar Wants to Crush Japs With One Mighty Blow---Russians Trying to Pull the Cork

London, May 7.—In a St. Petersburg dispatch the official admission is made that the Japanese have captured Feng Huan Cheng.

Fall of Feng Wang Cheng.

London, May 7.—Seoul dispatches confirm the report that Feng Wang Cheng has fallen with heavy losses on both sides.

The report is traced to Antung, which says that the place fell last Wednesday.

Another Jap Victory.

London, May 7.—Word has reached here today of another Russian defeat, in which 1000 Russians of the rear guard made a stand at Heng-tung, on the Lia Yang road.

The Japanese charged, and, after a short fight, the Russians spiked their guns and retreated, but not before 435 of their number had been captured.

Huge Reserve Army for Russia.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—It is learned that the government is planning to concentrate a huge reserve army at Antung, to be ready for action in August, according to present arrangements.

The czar himself will visit the place to inspire the men with a resolve to drive the Japanese into the sea. Until the army is assembled, it is probable that Russia will abandon the whole of southern Manchuria, with the exception of Port Arthur. This is admitted by those in a position to know.

Russians Clearing Channel.

Shanghai, May 7.—Chinese coasting

vessels report a succession of tremendous explosions at the entrance to Port Arthur harbor, from which it is evident the Russians are trying to clear the channel of obstacles and mines placed there by the Japanese where a cruiser squadron is watching the harbor, to prevent a sally of torpedo boats against the Japanese transports, lying along the peninsula.

Danger to Port Arthur Admitted.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—A dispatch from Port Arthur dated yesterday states that six of the enemy's cruisers are continually in sight. A parade of the garrison was held yesterday in honor of the Czarina's name-day.

General Stoessel, in addressing the troops, alluded to the new phase of the war, whereby Port Arthur is threatened by land. He expressed confidence in the endurance and fidelity of Russia's defenders. His remarks were cheered heartily by the soldiers and sailors.

Report from General Stoessel.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—A telegram from Port Arthur contains an order issued by General Stoessel, which reads:

"At 4:30 p. m., May 1st, the enemy crossed the Yalu river in great force. Our troops fell back on positions previously selected. The enemy effected on May 5th an important landing on Lia Tung peninsula, south of Pitzowo and in the vicinity of Kin Chow Bay. Our work is only beginning. Naturally the enemy will destroy railway communication, and endeavor to drive our troops back to Port Arthur, and besiege the fortress, the Russian bulwark of the Far East, and we will defend it until the arrival of troops which are coming to relieve us.

"I call upon you to display unceasing vigilance, and caution you that you must be ready at all times to demean yourselves with dignity and order characteristic of the glorious troops of Russia. No matter what happens you must not lose your heads. Remember that everything is possible in war. We will be able, with God's help, to cope with the arduous task imposed upon us."

Togo Reports on Blockade.

Washington, D. C., May 7.—The Japanese legation gives out a Tokio cablegram, containing Admiral Togo's report of the Port Arthur blockading operations on May 3d. The gunboats Akagi, Chokai, with the second, third, fourth and fifth destroyers flotillas and ninth, tenth and fourteenth torpedo boat flotillas, with steamers, started on May 2d, but a strong wind soon arising greatly hindered their movements, therefore the commander ordered them to stop operations, but the orders did not reach them in time, consequently eight steamers dashed into the harbor, despite the enemy's searchlight. Five gained the entrance to the mouth of the harbor, and one broke the boom and went further inside. The entrance was considered effectively blocked with cruisers and battleships. The Japanese flotilla remained until morning, and rescued half of the crews of the sunken steamers. Torpedo boat No. 67 had a steam pipe disabled, and was towed away. The port engine of the torpedo boat Aotaka was damaged. Casualties were three wounded and two killed.

PORT ARTHUR BOTTLED FOR THE LAST TIME

Admiral Togo Makes Official Report That Channel Is Well Obstructed

Tokio, May 7.—Admiral Togo reports that Port Arthur is completely bottled, except for small boats.

The Japanese did not lose a single warship in the last attack on Port Arthur, although it was expensive as regards loss of life.

BRITISH WHIP BLEW OFF THE THIBETANS ROOF

Fierce Encounter at Cyangtse in Which the Highlanders Lost Heavily

London, May 7.—Viceroy Curzon's official report of the Thibetan repulse at Cyangtse says the enemy's loss was 250 killed and wounded, while the British only suffered slightly.

The attack of the repulse lasted two hours, and the fighting was terrific.

Jesuit College in Spain Partly Wrecked by Explosion of Anarchistic Bomb

Barcelona, May 7.—A dynamite bomb was exploded on the roof of the Jesuit college today and injured one of the prefects. The entire roof is blown in, and the upper part of the structure partially shattered.

It is believed that the act of vandalism was done by the band of anarchists who have made a series of attempts to assassinate public officials in the Latin countries.

TWO KILLED IN FEUD

Prominent Texans Engage in Gun Battle and the Community Is Reduced

Luling, Texas, May 7.—L. M. Nixon, a member of the state Democratic committee and a wealthy planter, this morning shot and killed R. W. Malone and Colonel Veasy.

All are prominent citizens and the affair was caused by a family feud.

State Taxes Paid.

Wallowa county has paid the first half of the taxes due the state. The amount is \$4471.25.

POLK COUNTY BOOM

Big Company Organized to Bore for Oil and Salt Near Independence

The Polk County Salt, Gas and Oil Company has filed articles of incorporation, with H. Hirschberg, Chas. E. Ladd, A. L. Mills, J. E. Sibley and D. W. Sears, incorporators. The office will be at Independence and the capital stock is placed at \$100,000. The new corporation claims to have

BELIEVES IN STRIKES AS LAST RESORT

John Mitchell Relates His Views to Authorities on Labor

New York, May 7.—John Mitchell addressed the executive committee of the National Civic Federation today on the joint trade agreement in the bituminous fields, saying he thoroughly

believed in strikes and lockouts, whenever all other means failed. He further said that arbitration is useful in preventing strikes, but fundamental questions cannot be arbitrated.

CONFERENCE VOTES M'KINLEY MEMORIAL

Methodists Arranging Work So It Can Be Expedited

Los Angeles, May 7.—The work of the Methodist general conference has been so systematized that but few more sessions will be required to clear away the vast quantity of preliminary matter, when the work will proceed smoothly and rapidly.

The committee on itineraries met in its first session yesterday afternoon, and listened to the memorials from the different conferences to the general conference in reference to restoring the ministerial time limit. Ten memorials were read and referred to a sub-committee of members, which will hear all memorials on this subject and report to the main committee next Friday with their recommendations.

By a rising vote the conference this morning passed a resolution appointing a committee to prepare a memorial to the late President McKinley.

The resolution was accepted looking toward the new evangelistic movement to secure to Methodism 1,000,000 souls annually. It is rumored that the 1904 quadriennial favors old-time Methodism. The first meeting of the standing committee on itineraries favored a conservative move toward the re-establishment of the time limit. Bishop W. F. Mallouk presided at today's session.

splendid prospects of uncovering large deposits of salt and other valuable commercial commodities, and is supposed to be the result of the prospecting commenced by Mr. Hirschberg about two years ago in Polk county, when a well was drilled almost 1000 feet, in search of oil. The progress of the work will be watched with interest by the entire valley, as a rich find would mean a rapid development of the country.

A Douglas County Patient.

Sheriff Parrott, of Douglas county, came down last evening from Roseburg with Alvin Ormiston, who was committed to the asylum by the county court of that county.

CANAL IS OURS

Paris, May 7.—Final delivery of the Panama canal, in all its details, to the United States was accomplished today.

Japs Spreading Operations.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—The newspaper Viedomosti today reports what is believed to have been a Japanese attempt to destroy the governmental section of Cronstadt, where large naval supplies are stored.

The same paper urges an alliance between Russia and Turkey.

The Quality of our Men's Clothing

Unsurpassed. It's above the average. The

details in the make-up of our men's suits receive the most attention from the experienced tailors in the factory

Crowse and Brandegee

That's why they fit and keep their shape. The fabrics are selected for both style and service. Our cashmere of business means lower prices than at "regular stores."

The New York Jacket

Salem's Cheapest One-Priced Store. T. BARNES, Proprietor.



Ladies' Suits

Try this year and see if you can't be suited here in a ready-to-enjoy suit, saving nearly one-half—fully as much style, just as good materials, linings and trimmings as you'll see in expensive made-to-order suits. Remember, every suit in our big department is radically reduced in price, and here's where you save money.

- \$17.50 to \$20.00 Suits \$13.65.
- \$22.00 to \$25.00 Suits \$17.55.
- \$26.50 to \$30.00 Suits \$19.65.
- \$35.00 to \$40.00 Suits \$26.60.



Busy Reapers

Our customers have been this week. This store has proven a fertile field for buyers who have taken us at our word. Have you been a reaper? Have you shared in the harvest of honest merchandise values? Wise buyers come here for best values.

Silks

SUPERB DISPLAY OF NOVELTY SILKS. NEW EFFECTS

Months of careful planning find their culmination in the finest display of fancy novelty silks we have ever brought together. All the new and scarce shades are shown. The demand for silks for entire suits has never been equalled and we have been fortunate in securing the right styles.



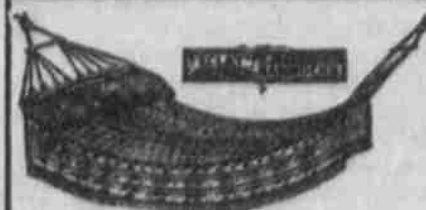
New Lace Curtains

House cleaning time is pretty close at hand and no doubt you will need several pairs of new curtains. Let us show you our line, the largest in the city. All grades, all prices.

50c to \$15

Wash Goods

The minute the weather condescends to be pleasant, mildly will don new dresses. Shirt waists, shirt-waist suits and wash dresses will be worn to an extent never before dreamed of. The best and most beautiful fabrics are here, priced in a manner that gives as much pleasure as does the beauty of the fabrics.



Hammocks

Little early to talk hammocks! Not a bit of it. Come in and make your selections before the line is broken. You can have better choosing NOW.

68c to \$5



Clothing for Men

The best news that could be told today is about the new clothes for men which we are showing. Here is such a variety as will please particular men who have clothing to buy today. First, because of the character and style of the fabrics; second, because of the careful and shapely tailoring; third, because of the prices, which are always several dollars lower than must be paid for such clothing in other stores. Many new arrivals during the week for your consideration and approval.