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TERRIFIC SEA FIGHT REPORTED

HEARST BOOM HAS ABOUT COLLAPSED

ENGAGEMENT OF FLEETS IN PROGRESS

Great Naval Battle Being Fought Between Opposing Vessels

Terrific Explosion Heard by Master of Steamer Fifteen Miles Away

Chefoo, July 1.—The captain of the steamer Chefoo, which has just arrived here reports that a Japanese fleet of two battleships and five cruisers is actively engaged, presumably with the Russian fleet, though the ships could not be observed. The Chefoo passed within 15 miles of the fleet and heard a terrific explosion.

Details of Port Arthur Fight.

Mukden, July 2.—Details of the Sunday's fight outside of Port Arthur say that the battle opened with a bombardment by the Japanese fleet, followed by a land attack on the heights nearby. The Japanese success resulted from turning off the Russian left by a force which had been landed and crept up under cover of the firing in front. The losses on both sides are said to have been heavy, the Japs' casualties being greatly added to by the Russians exploding a mine. The Russian losses are seven officers and 200 men killed. The Japanese loss is much greater, owing to the mine disaster.

Japs Going Forward.

Rome July 1.—The Japanese legation has news that the Japanese army is now almost in touch with Kuropatkin's communication. The Russian position at Liao Yang is said to be becoming untenable.

Kuropatkin Wanted Help.

London, July 1.—The Central News bureau at St. Petersburg wires that it is stated in military circles that Kuropatkin has been denied additional forces. He asked for a quarter of a million. Owing to the burden on the

country and the internal condition of affairs, this was refused him.

Squadron Returns in Safety.

St. Petersburg, July 1.—Admiral Skrydloff reports from Vladivostok that the squadron which bombarded Gen Sen has returned safely today.

Russians Getting Busy.

Tokio, July 1.—Generals Kuropatkin and Stackelburg are hurriedly withdrawing troops from aHi Chang, in an endeavor to arrive at Liao Yang in time to stop the Japanese from advancing over the heights of Tung King.

Details of Late Battles.

St. Petersburg, July 1.—General Gillsky reports that the Japanese in the neighborhood of Port Arthur, on the 26th, made three unsuccessful attempts on the defenses on Mount Daystaza, with great loss. The same day the Japanese bombarded the coast from Syobindas bay. During the night the Russians retired to Lun Wantay, which the Japanese attacked, and were again repulsed. The same day a large force of the enemy made an attack on Aunt Houlinsin, 10 miles from Port Arthur, outflanking the Russians, who retired with great loss. A large Japanese force is marching from Dalny to Houlinsin, equipped with mountain batteries.

Will Stores Close?

It is understood that most of the Salem stores will close all day on Monday next, July 4th. This is a good move, and no doubt all will join in the movement.

ATTACK ON HIS LIFE

Growing Out of Trouble With Another Man's Wife

Roseburg, July 1.—(Special.—Fred Pilkington, who is known about town, was arraigned before Justice Buchanan on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, preferred by his brother-in-law, John Gallagher. Pilkington furnished a bond of \$250 for his reappearance for trial tomorrow afternoon. The case is the outcome of a quarrel between Gallagher and his wife, and the subsequent attempt on her part to get possession of their two little sons. Mrs. Gallagher enlisted the aid of her brother, Pilkington, and personally demanded the children, the request being made at the railroad crossing on Washington street last Monday morning, while Gallagher was accompanied by the smaller of the two boys. Some words ensued, and Pilkington, although the larger man, it is alleged, struck Gallagher in the face with a billet of wood, knocking him down, and breaking the nasal and upper jaw bones. The boy was then taken away, but later he came back to his father. Gallagher has been employed at Albert Abraham's place at the foot of Washington street for several months past.

Celebrated Painter Dead.

London, July 1.—George Frederick Watts, the celebrated painter, is dead of bronchitis. He was born in 1817, and had a world-wide reputation.

A Manchester dispatch reports that Premier Balfour's health is poor and is showing signs of a collapse. This may hasten the dissolution of parliament.

THE YALE HARVARD RACES

Both Colleges Take Honors and Win First Places

New London, Conn., July 1.—The second regatta day dawned in a pouring rain, but at 8 o'clock the clouds cleared. Despite the weather conditions immense crowds are on hand to witness the Yale-Harvard 'varsity eight and four-oared races. With a 10-knot breeze blowing up the river, a heavy mist hanging over the course, the fours took position at 9:40, and three minutes later were sent away. Harvard took the lead and maintained it until the mile and an eighth, where Yale drew up on even terms. Harvard won by a length.

Yale won the 'varsity eight-oared race.

The official time of Harvard was 10:12; Yale 10:15. The collapse of a Yale man near the finish permitted Harvard to win. Yale won the 'varsity eight by eight lengths. Official time, Yale 21:40 3/4; Harvard 22:10.

Yale Was Confident.

There was not a minute from the time Yale caught the water that the followers of the blue on the observation train had any doubt of the result, barring accidents. Yale finished strong. A few cannon were boomed and whistles tooted, but the enthusiasm aboard the ship and train was not marked.

Captain Walter Lyons, who publishes a very bright paper at Independence, was in town today. He says after the Dallas people get through talking railroad to Salem, the Independence people are ready to act.

SENTIMENT GROWING FOR PARKER

Delegations Gathered at St. Louis Are Inclined to New Yorker

Predictions Are Freely Made That He Will Be Nominated on Third Ballot

St. Louis, Mo., July 1.—Practically every detail has been arranged, and the finishing touches are being made to the Coliseum for next week's Democratic national convention. The Democratic hosts are already en route to St. Louis. Tomorrow the party leaders from East West South and North will come flocking in to attend the various conferences and committee meetings preparatory to the work of the big convention itself.

In the Coliseum every detail to add to the convenience of delegates, guests and convention workers that could be thought out has been installed. The arrangements make every seat in the building desirable. The large platform for the accommodation of the officers of the convention and the national committee has been constructed in the center of the northern side of the auditorium. Directly in front of it divisions have been made for the delegates, while directly to the

right and left are the reservations for the working press, with seats for alternates to the extreme right and left of the arena. Three passageways lead from the front of the platform to the telegraph and telephone offices, directly under and back of it.

Wiring is complete for lighting and fans throughout the building. Telephones are being installed to afford chairmen of different delegations means of communication to all working parts of the Coliseum. This feature is a new one, and its adoption by the national committee was upon the suggestion of the local committee from the business men's league.

There will be an emergency hospital in the building large enough to accommodate all of those who may be overcome by the warmth of the proceedings. A large corps of physicians and nurses will be constantly on hand to care for possible heat prostrations.

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Today

Our twenty second

FRIDAY ECONOMIC SALE

Read the items below and profit.

Any \$8.50 Suit or Overcoat
\$ 6.50

Any \$10.00 Suit or Overcoat
\$ 7.00

Any \$15.00 Suit or Overcoat
\$10.00

EVERY SUIT, TOP-COAT
AND OVERCOAT
IN THE HOUSE
(Except staple blues and blacks.)
GREATLY REDUCED.

EVERY SUIT, TOPCOAT
AND OVERCOAT
IN THE HOUSE
(Except staple blues and blacks.)
GREATLY REDUCED

Any \$18.50 Suit or Overcoats
\$13.50

Any \$20.00 Suit or Overcoats
\$15.00

EVERY SUIT, TOPCOAT
AND OVERCOAT
IN THE HOUSE
(Except staple blues and blacks.)
GREATLY REDUCED

EVERY SUIT, TOPCOAT
AND OVERCOAT
IN THE HOUSE
(Except staple blues and blacks.)
GREATLY REDUCED

Any \$22.50 Suit or Overcoats
\$16.00

Any \$24.00 Suit or Overcoats
\$17.00

Any \$25.00 Suit or Overcoats
\$17.00

Go. Meyers & Sons
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE "WHITE CORNER" (TRADE MARK)
RECEIVED

Today

Our twenty second

FRIDAY ECONOMIC SALE

Read the items below and profit.

Great Sale of Clothing

St. Louis Fair Contest TODAY LAST DAY

In which to cast your June vote. No June votes counted after 6 p. m., Thursday, June 30, 04. One vote with every 25c purchase, two with 50c and so on.

Result of Vote up to 5:30 P. M. Yesterday.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST 34,856

TOTAL NUMBER PERSONS VOTED FOR 63

Miss Shelton, Music	13,277	Miss Kramer, East	534
Miss Mellen, East	13,266	Miss Knight, Music	454
Miss Thomas	1,623	Miss Patrick, O. E. S.	370
Miss Cosper, East	1,443	Miss Prunk, Elocution	359
Miss Bushnell, Park	1,254	Miss Gordon	259

Ladies' Suits

The suits are all new of this season's product. Colors are royal, navy, black, gray, tan, browns and swell novelty mixtures. The smartest lot of tailor suits ever gathered by any Salem house.

Half Price

Draperies

We cannot begin to describe the styles and to give an adequate idea of the values in Lace Curtains and Portieres. All grades are included in our showing. It will surely repay every woman who has a home to care for to see how many surprises await her.

SPECIAL NO. 5.
Boys pure worsted
JERSEYS
Colors, navy, cardinal and white,
sizes 26 to 34, regular \$1.50 values
\$1.10

SPECIAL NO. 6.
A great value in
WALKING SKIRTS
Color gray, all lengths, an exceptional offer at \$2.50 for tomorrow only
\$1.78

SPECIAL NO. 7.
Men's high grade genuine derby ribbet
UNDERWEAR
finished with satin regular \$2.50 per suit, Friday only
\$1.50

SPECIAL NO. 8.
Choose from our entire stock of
PICTURES
A splendid lot of elegant subjects at
HALF PRICE
SECOND FLOOR

YOU CAN BUY YOUR

MEN'S CLOTHING

AT

The New York Racket

With the assurance that the fit, workmanship and linings, as well as the suit fabrics are of the highest possible quality consistent with the price. We save our customers 20 to 30 per cent on their purchases. That is why our clothing department continues to grow.

Our Prices on Reliable Dry Goods

Prove that the cash plan enables us to cut the "regular stores" profits in two. It is the honest wearing qualities of our

SHOES

That have made our shoe department the most popular in the city. We carry only reliable footwear. It doesn't pay to buy unreliable goods at any price.

Hats, Shirts, Gloves, Underwear.

Everything for the whole family. Salem's cheapest one-price cash store.

E. T. BARNES, Prop.