

TOKIO AWAITS AUTHENTIC NEWS FROM ARMY

War Office Issues Plain Statement Denying Heavy Loss at Port Arthur

Russians Report a Number of Battles in Which the Japanese Lost Many

St. Petersburg, July 16.—Gen. Sakuroff, with Kuropatkin's force, reports that the Japanese during Thursday and Friday occupied many positions, and placed cannon on the heights near the railway north of Port Arthur. There have been but few skirmishes thus far.

Tokio, July 16.—The war office denies the report current for several days past that 30,000 Japanese were killed and wounded in an attack on Port Arthur.

Russians Victorious.

St. Petersburg, July 16.—The lack of further official news regarding the engagement at Port Arthur, the night of July 10th is puzzling. That the Japanese were heavily defeated is not doubted here, but in the absence of further information, the extent of the disaster that befell them is beginning to be seriously questioned.

Definite news has been received from Viceroy Alexieff's headquarters at Mukden that the week before the engagement at Port Arthur, Major-General Fock administered a severe defeat on the Japanese on July 4th and on July 5th, driving them from the heights commanding Lunsantan pass, with a loss of 200. This is regarded as proof that there has been heavy fighting before the fortress of Port Arthur, and the silence of Tokio regarding it is all the more significant.

RUSSIANS SEIZE TWO FOREIGN MAIL SHIPS

British and German Vessels Are Captured by the Czar's Men of War

London, July 16.—A dispatch this afternoon reports that the British steamer Malacca has been seized by Russians in the Red Sea and taken to Suez. No reasons are given.

Berlin, July 16.—The North German Lloyd steamer Prinz Heinrich has been stopped by the Russian volunteer cruiser Smolenski in the Red Sea and compelled to surrender 31 sacks of letters.

STRIKERS HOPEFUL OF EARLY SETTLEMENT

Another Conference Will Be Held and It Is Expected That Some Plan Compromise Will Be Formed

Chicago, July 16.—Just before noon it was announced that President Donnelly, of the butchers' union, replied to the packers' ultimatum, and that the prospects were fair for another conference. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the packers met again in the downtown offices. Donnelly said, after a consultation with the officers of the firemen's union, that he had not requested allied labor to go out as he didn't want to embarrass the pending negotiations, which he considered still to be finally gone over. Up to 1 o'clock there had been no violence of movement anywhere in the stockyards district. The weather, which is extremely hot, is acting as a deterrent upon the active movements of the men.

Omaha, July 16.—The strike situation is unchanged here today, both sides hope that the Chicago arbitration plan will succeed. No violence is reported, and but little killing is done at the plants.

Kansas City, July 16.—Schwarzchild and Sulzberger joined the other packers today in slaughtering. Only one small plant is idle, otherwise the situation is unchanged. No violence has been reported.

First Clash of Strike.

St. Paul, July 16.—The first actual violence of the packers' strike came this morning, when the sheriff attempted to take in 15 office employes and several strike-breakers at Swift's.

The pickets resisted, and a fist fight followed, in which many were roughly handled, but none seriously hurt. The governor and sheriff had a conference this morning before the clash, and the former viewed the situation seriously. No militia will be ordered out unless life is endangered.

St. Louis, July 16.—The St. Louis dressed Beef Company has secured a sufficient number of operatives to resume operations at their plant today. Three larger plants assert that they are not seriously hampered by the strike. Officers of the local union maintain there is no sign of weakness on the part of the strikers.

Chicago, July 16.—A pessimistic quietude characterized the packers' strike this morning. The departure of Gompers for New York, where he was called to assist in the garment workers' strike is taken as an indication of the hopelessness of the situation as it exists at present. Donnelly and the company workers met this morning to deliberate over the latest phase, and, if possible, to get another conference with the packers. At the yards there were no disturbances during the night, or early morning hours. Armour has imported 300 negroes, and other non-union help came in during the night.

The Virginia Passenger & Power Company, the \$10,000,000 railway system of Frank J. Gould, which operates in three cities, was placed in the hands of a receiver at midnight.

LOOMIS BODY ASHORE

Plymouth, July 16.—The body of Kent Loomis has been washed ashore at King's Bridge, three miles from here. It was identified by valuables and papers, and had a quantity of money on his person.

Will Make Inquiry.

Washington, July 16.—Up to noon Assistant Secretary of State Loomis had received no other advices concerning the finding of his brother's body near Plymouth, England, than those contained in the press dispatches. He has wired a number of his brothers to watch for other particulars, and has asked for a careful search for marks of violence.

Prune Growers Meet.

The Willamette Prune Association is holding a meeting this afternoon. Officers will be elected and other business transacted.

COMING FROM AFRICA

Rome, July 16.—Advices from Djibouti state that King Menelik has decided to send Ras Makonnen to Washington as the Abyssinian minister.

Wireless Messages at Sea.

Queenstown, July 16.—The Cunard steamer Umbria, which arrived this morning, reports having had wireless communication with the American liner St. Louis, and that the latter reported that her low pressure cylinder was broken, but she was able to complete the repairs, however.

Desperate Lunatic Captured.

Salinas, Cal., July 16.—James Paulson, the murderous lunatic, who escaped from jail here on Wednesday, has been recaptured near Soledad, after having made a desperate resistance and trying to kill his pursuers.

SMALL FOLKS ESCAPE

New York, July 16.—Fire was discovered early this morning at the Catholic Protectory, which housed 300 persons, 300 of whom are small children. The bell for fire drill rang and the children took their places in the windows were raised, and escaped down the fire ladders without disorder.

Mrs. Parnell is ill.

London, July 16.—The financial other difficulties of Mrs. Parnell, wife of Charles Stewart Parnell, cropped up in the Brighton Bankruptcy Court, where, at a meeting of creditors, the testimony of a doctor was given showing that she is seriously ill that she never again be able to attend court. The case therefore, was adjourned sine die.

Fast Train Wrecked.

Rochester, N. Y., July 16.—Pennsylvania's "Buffalo Flyer" rided with a freight train at Emporium this morning, killing Firemen Charles Sullivan and Krosseler, and injuring six passengers. None of the passengers were injured seriously, however. A fog was the cause of the accident.

TEXAS TRAIN ROBBERS

Palestine, Texas, July 16.—It is reported that the bandits who held up the Great Northern train near Speers last night secured no booty. They blew up the express car without detaching it from the train. One of the robbers was apparently hurt in the act. None of the passengers were molested. The work was amateurish.

Phyllis Canal Again Broken.

Nampa, Idaho, July 16.—The Phyllis canal, the longest in the Boise basin, which was enlarged last year, and which broke three weeks ago, entailing a loss of many thousands of dollars to farmers, and which cost about \$2500 to repair, broke again last night, 10 miles up from this city and 1000 feet from the first rent. Several days will be consumed in repairing the embankment.

Miner's Desperate Deed.

Boise, Idaho, July 16.—Frank L. Thompson, a well-known mining man, shot his wife, whom he took out of a resort at Ala, and then killed himself. He was interested in the Silent friend mine and other Thunder Mountain property.



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