

TORMS IN ARIZONA TIE UP ALL TRAINS

Track Washed Out and Fierce Electric Storms Demoralize Business in Southwest

San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 25.—The lines of the Santa Fe railroad tied up indefinitely by washouts, the storm is still raging today. The fierce electric disturbances, three overlands were held at Barrow and returned here by a detour over the Southern Pacific. Balls of fire play along the steel rails for miles. Miles of the roadbed is swept away, and Santa Fe officials say that traffic in Arizona cannot be resumed before Saturday. Many trains are held at Needles. The repairs made on Wednesday have been destroyed. The Knights Templar are not expected before Sunday. Needles is shut off from the west, and all trains arriving since Sunday are still there, as the cloudburst Sunday tore up miles of the track. The Knights Templar trains are tied up in East Arizona by washouts.

RUSSIANS COMMENCE MOVEMENT

General Kuropatkin Notifies St. Petersburg That He Will Act

Will Attempt to Crush the Northern Japanese Army and Relieve Port Arthur

St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—A telegram received today from General Kuropatkin, dated at Liao Yang, states that he will now begin an offensive movement against the Japanese.

Torpedo Boat Sinks.

Tokio, Aug. 25.—Two Russian torpedo boat destroyers struck mines at the entrance of Port Arthur last evening. The larger one of the destroyers, a four-funnelled one, was sunk. The names of the vessels and the number of lives lost are unknown.

Final Assault Imminent.

Tokio, Aug. 25.—The final assault on Port Arthur is imminent. Hundreds of Japanese guns continue to pour a destructive fire into the city and harbor along the lines of forts and entrenchments, preparatory to the infantry assault. It is evident that the Russian lines have been weakened, and partly penetrated in the vicinity of Antsashan and Etshesan forts. The entire line of Russian defenses immediately about the harbor are within range of the Japanese guns.

Russians Get Coal.

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Aug. 25.—Fishermen who have just arrived report that they saw three Russian cruisers coaling from the German steamer Valesia, off Cape Juby. The Valesia sailed from Barry, Wales, on August 11th, for Las Palmas.

Will Refuse Mediation.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—The newspaper Ruse tomorrow will publish an officially inspired article to the effect that Russia will refuse to accept mediation in the war with Japan under any and all circumstances.

Heavy Floods in Nevada

Reno, Nev., Aug. 25.—Food supplies for the relief of Teopah and Goldfield, which are isolated by washouts are being rushed in by wagons. The washouts are the worst in the history of Nevada. The water at Walker Lake has risen over six feet, and overflows three miles of railway track. Traffic cannot be resumed for a week at least.

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Balfour Meets Shippers.

London, Aug. 25.—Premier Balfour this afternoon received a deputation from the chamber of commerce to discuss the molestation of British shipping by Russian war vessels.

Causes No Surprise.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—The announcement that the Askold and Grozovoi had disarmed at Shanghai created no surprise here, as the authorities had decided the matter a week ago, and were only waiting a definite agreement with China and Japan which would insure the protection of the vessels against a repetition of the Ryshiteini incident at Chefoo.

Ships Will Dismantle.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Consul Goodnow cables the state department that the Russian consul-general has notified the Taotai that the Askold and Grozovoi would dismantle at once.

Alexieff Heard From.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—A report from Alexieff, dated Liao Yang, says that the Japanese in the assault on Port Arthur on August 19th, stormed Anshovaya and the fortifications on the north and east side of Wolf's Hill. The report adds that the Japanese are now entrenched before Sineshin, and

FIERCE BATTLE IN PORTLAND HARBOR

Chinese Crew of a Pacific Liner Cover the Docks With Their Blood

Portland, Or., Aug. 25.—Fifty members of the Chinese crew of the liner Nicodemus fought last night over a stolen ring. They used whatever weapons were most convenient. The officers parted the combatants, but later the fight was renewed, and the decks were covered with blood. The officers finally quelled the disturbance by knocking down the most murderous of the crew, and drove the men below with revolvers. Twenty-two Chinese are in the sick bay today.

TOWN PEOPLE ANGRY

Patterson, N. J., Aug. 25.—Four Italians, suspected of being the highwaymen who held up Paymaster White, were arrested today near Little Falls by a posse. They desperately resisted arrest. When taken to Little Falls they were nearly mobbed by the people.

MINING CONGRESS SESSION

Portland, Or., Aug. 25.—The mining congress this morning adopted resolutions favoring a change of laws covering Alaskan mining locations, whereby one man can make but two mineral locations on any one creek, by a power of attorney or otherwise. It is intended to check wholesale staking. Another resolution adopted was one appealing to the congressional committee on weights and coinage to establish an assay office in Portland.

Also a resolution making congress rectify the present laws so land patent records will not conflict with mining documents. This afternoon Powers, of Salt Lake, spoke in advocacy of locating the permanent headquarters at Salt Lake.

MONEY LOOKED GOOD

New York, Aug. 25.—Philip Weismeyer pleaded not guilty today before Judge Newberger in the court of general sessions of the charge of accepting a bribe of \$2700 from George J. Fassig, boss plumber. The application to quash the indictment was denied.

GUSHERS ARE ON FIRE

Conning, La., Aug. 25.—Three big oil gushers are on fire, and are burning fiercely. Five other wells in the vicinity are in danger, and if they catch small hopes are entertained for the entire oil fields.

London, Aug. 25.—A Central News dispatch from Liao Yang states that the Japanese returned the advance against General Kuropatkin from the East yesterday, marching along the Liao Yang road. The advance guard, consisting of eight companies, encountered the Russians at Lianhsiang, but the attack was not pressed, although the fighting was continuous today.

DEATH OF MRS. NEEDHAM

Mrs. I. C. Needham died at the family home, on North Cottage street, last evening from a complication of diseases, aged 51 years.

Clara Doty Needham was born near Jefferson, Marion county, Oregon, November 14, 1853, and was married to Mr. I. C. Needham, September 25, 1872, who survives her. They made their home on a farm south of this city, and have always spent a happy and prosperous life. Besides her husband she leaves four children, Miss W. Needham, of this city; Orris and Winifred Needham, who reside in Salem, and a daughter, Miss Doty, of Salem.

About four years ago Mr. Needham was elected county commissioner, and he removed his family to Salem, where they have resided ever since. Mrs. Needham was a woman of lovely character, and was sincerely loved. She was highly prized as a neighbor and friend in their neighborhood. They had just returned from a visit to Belknap Springs, and, although she was not feeling well, no thought of danger came to the family, when last evening she grew worse and passed away.

The funeral will be held tomorrow from the home, across the bridge on North Cottage street, and the services will be conducted by Rev. W. S. Gordon, of the Leslie M. E. church. Interment will be had in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Jerry Simpson Democrat.

Santa Fe, N. M., Aug. 25.—"Jerry" Simpson, who has been busy making money since he emigrated here from Kansas several years ago, now feels a longing to re-enter the field of politics. Mr. Simpson aspires to become the territorial delegate in congress and his name will be presented for nomination at the Democratic territorial convention in session today. He has a considerable following among the party leaders and his nomination is among the possibilities. His principal opponent is George P. Money, of Las Vegas.

Lose Many Men.

Chefoo, Aug. 25.—From Russian sources it is reported here that the Japanese attempt to capture Fort No. 1 at Port Arthur on August 21 and 22 cost them 10,000 in killed and wounded. The attack on Fort Fitzsham resulted in a loss of 3000. The Japanese are hiring laborers for services on Liao Tung peninsula. It is reported that the besieging army are obtaining their provisions through Wei Hai Wei.

Mississippi Populists.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 25.—Delegates from various parts of the state assembled in convention here today in an effort to revive the Populist party in Mississippi by naming electors and choosing a new state executive committee. Thomas E. Watson, the Populist nominee for President, addressed the delegates this afternoon in the hall of the house of representatives.

Burning Oil Successfully.

The Salem Woolen Mills have been burning oil all this week, and have used no other fuel but crude oil. Manager Thomas Kay says it is a perfect success, but cannot tell on such a short trial whether it is a measure of economy or not.

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St. Louis Fair Contest

Only Five More Days Voting.
Contest Closes Next Wednesday
Result of voting up to 5:30 yesterday

Total Cast	84,576
Voted for	65
Miss Mellen, East	34,059
Miss Shelton, Music	33,441

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