

CRUISER BOSTON DID NOT FIND SHIPS

Returned From Trip on Pacific Where Russian Vessels Are Supposed to be

San Francisco, Sept. 16.—The cruiser Boston returned this morning from a cruise around the Farrallones, but found no trace of foreign war craft. Late last night she sighted a large vessel about 15 miles off the entrance of the harbor, and the discovery caused some excitement, but it was soon learned that the ship was the transport Sherman, from Manila, with 300 troops, \$2,000,000 Mexican money for coinage and several passengers.

San Francisco, Sept. 16.—It is learned this afternoon that on board the Lena is a high Russian naval officer, whose name is unknown, and that he has command of the Lena, Korea and other auxiliary cruisers, and that his sole duty is to direct his fleet in the capture of all vessels carrying contraband of war. Admiral Goodrich, it is stated, was aware of the officer's presence since the vessel's arrival, and communicated the fact to Washington. To this is now ascribed the fact that the authorities here and at Washington have shown so much concern, and displayed so much care in handling the matter. The Lena was scheduled to start for Mare Island at 11 o'clock this morning, but at 1 o'clock she is still at anchor.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—The Russian decision on the contraband question has been communicated to the British, German and American embassies. It is understood that Russia recognizes that goods when they are consigned to private parties are only contraband when the cargoes are government, military or naval stores.

Mukden, Sept. 16.—The Chinese report that the Japanese are running regular trains between Dalny and New Chwang, the rolling stock, according

to their statements, having come from San Francisco.

Paris, Sept. 16.—In an interview, published in the Main today, Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to London, says: "Before the war we demanded that Russia recognize China's sovereignty over Manchuria. Today, after our victories and expenses, we are no longer contented with our former demand. After the fall of Port Arthur the conditions will be still more extreme, and after the taking of Vladivostok they will be yet more extreme. "The next battle will be at Tie Pass and shall continue throughout the winter. We have given up the plan of taking Port Arthur by assault, but will compel its capitulation by famine. Its fall will free 50,000 men for the reinforcement of the northern army, but we don't need them now."

Want to Change Leaders.

Pueblo, Colo., Sept. 16.—Delegates to the convention of District No. 15, United Mine Workers of America are in executive conference today with the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners. They discussed the advisability of withdrawing from the Mitchell organization, and joining hands with the Western Federation. The coal strikers are angered because national aid was withdrawn from them during the present strike.

Fairbanks Speaks.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Senator Fairbanks arrived from New York at 9:30 this morning, and boarded the B. & O. special train. He is accompanied by Senator Scott, Representative Dayton, and other West Virginia Republicans. The first stop will be at Harper's Ferry. Brief speeches will be made along the line during the day. The special is expected to reach Parkersburg, Tenn., this evening.

JAPANESE ADVANCE TOWARD MUKDEN

Number of Wounded Russians Brought to City Indicates Forward Movement

Mukden, Sept. 16.—Twenty-six wounded men, belonging to General Kistchenko's division, were brought into Mukden today. The particulars of the skirmish are not available, but it may be the beginning of the Japanese advance on Mukden.

Chefoo, Sept. 16.—The Japanese between September 8th and 10th assaulted and captured important fortifications two miles east of Golden Hill, near Port Arthur. The Japanese were able to hold the positions, owing to the poor quality of the Russian powder, the shells falling short of the point for which they were aimed, and many shells failed to explode. It is known to indicate that General Stoessel's supply of ammunition is running very low.

The Russians have placed mines under all public buildings, wharves, arsenals and everything that could possibly be of use to the Japanese, with the intention of destroying them in case the Japanese enter the city. The house formerly occupied by Alexieff was hit by a shell recently and partially wrecked. Another shell struck a destroyer, which was docked for repairs, destroying it, and killing seven sailors. One shell demolished several engines in the dockyards, killing an officer and two men. The Japanese fleet comes in daily much closer than formerly, and throwing a few shells. The Japanese army is constantly receiving heavy guns from Japan, to which the Russians are unable to reply. Of the ships in the harbor only six are able to fight at present.

New Chwang, Sept. 16.—The Japanese reinforcements are continually debarking here, and are being sent northward toward Liao Yang, as soon as they arrive. With them are being sent great stores of winter supplies. Huge crops are being reaped throughout Manchuria.

London, Sept. 16.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Central News reports that the unknown Japanese who was arrested at Skagen yesterday on suspicion of being a spy, is Captain Takikawa, the naval attaché at Berlin. He was freed this morning, and said that he was traveling for pleasure, but the correspondent says that it is believed in reality that he is watching the Baltic fleet.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—General Kuropatkin reports that the Japanese forces before Yentai and Taiti station are being increased, also those near Bentsipuzi. The Czar telegraphed to Kuropatkin the following message: "Thank you and our splendid troops for the heroic work and continued self-sacrifice. The return from Liao Yang, under the circumstances, was excellently carried out, in the face of grave difficulties."

No Cruiser in Sight.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 16.—The naval authorities this morning absolutely denied any knowledge of a Russian auxiliary cruiser having been seen off Victoria by the crew of a British torpedo boat.

INTEREST IN FAIR CONTINUES TO GROW

Pronounced by Visitors to Be the Greatest and Grandest Exhibit

While not as large as the two preceding days, the attendance at the fair today was above the average, and the interest, despite the large crowds of the previous day, did not appear to be on the wane.

All children under the age of 15 were admitted free to the grounds today, and the little folks took the opportunity to see the big exhibit. The boys from the reform school, and the wards of the Chemawa school were there in full force, enjoying the day.

The good roads demonstration continued, and the road experts have completed several hundred feet of the splendid highway northwest of the pavilion. The rock crusher was at work, and was visited by many people.

Portland Day.

The thousands attending the fair yesterday were pleased with the program, and left for their homes declaring that it was the best fair in the history of the state. It was a revelation to Portlanders of what a farmers' fair can be made.

Thursday's Races.

The first event was the 3-year-old trot for the Inland Empire stake of \$500, best two in three. Bessie R. took two straight heats in 2:23½ and 2:21½. Jules Redel finished fourth in the first heat, but came up second in the next, while Queen Director came under the wire second in the first and fell back to third, giving her second money. Loveless came in third in the first, but was distanced in the second.

The second race was the 2:17 trot for the Lewis and Clark stake of \$2000. There were five starters. The Com-

monwealth, Red Skin, Briny K., Lady Madison and Belladi. The Commonwealth took the first heat in 2:16½, Belladi second. The next three heats were won by Red Skin. Time, 2:17, 2:17 and 2:21. The Commonwealth took second money and Lady Madison third.

The first of the three running events was six-furlong race with six starters. Sallie Goodwin won, Urbano second, Bud Wade third. Time 1:14. Penzance, Barnato and Mordente also ran.

A new Northwest record was established in the Oregon Derby, of 1¼ miles, by The Moor. The time, 2:06½, was excellent, considering surrounding conditions. There were five starters, The Moor, Ilowaho, Instructor, The Stewardess and Col. Anderson. The latter followed the winner by a nose under the wire in an exciting finish.

The last race of the day was the one-mile running, for non-winners since August 7th. The Pride won, with All About second, and Cromwell third. Past Master, Prestolus, Lady Rice, Gypsy Bell and Scherzo also ran.

The Evening Program.

Mrs. Hallie Parrish-Hinges and Miss Ethel Raymond were heard in several selections, and, to say that they pleased the large audience would be superfluous. The audience in the large pavilion hall testified to the excellence of their renditions. McElroy's Military Band discoursed splendid music during the evening.

Today's Program.

The races include the Greater Salem Consolation pace, best two in three, for

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