

## RUSSIANS ATTACK MO TIEN PASS.

Their Purpose Was to Determine The Strength of the Japanese Force There.

### COST THEM A THOUSAND MEN.

Gen. Keller Found Enemy So Strong That He Decided Not To Continue the Fight.

Petersburg, July 18.—Gen. Kurapatkin reports that Lieut.-Gen. Count Keller lost over 1,000 killed or wounded in the attack on Mo Tien Pass July 17. The following dispatch from Gen. Kurapatkin to the emperor, dated July 17, "on our eastern front," was given out tonight: "On July 17, in order to determine the strength of the enemy, it was decided to advance against his position in the direction of Lushan Hankwan. Lieut.-Gen. Count Keller had been instructed not to start with the object of capturing the pass, but to act according to the strength of the force that he would find opposed to him.

"The left column of the expeditionary force, consisting of three battalions, was dispatched toward Sydy pass. The entire column, commanded by Maj.-Gen. Kashtalinsky, consisting of 14 battalions, with 12 guns, was destined to attack Shinkou pass, the heights surrounded by the temple and eight battalions strong, was occupying points where the road leading to Shinkou and Lushan passes cross in order to cover the left flank of Gen. Kashtalinsky's column. The general reserve was left at Kharven and a portion of the force occupied a position at that place.

"At 10 p. m., July 16, the head of the column advanced from Kharven. At 11 o'clock a battalion of the Second regiment dislodged a Japanese outpost at the point of the bayonet at the crossing of the Lushan and the Shinkou roads. The details of this engagement have not been verified, but its general course, according to telegraphic reports sent in by Gen. Keller, was as follows: "During the night the Japanese had evacuated Shinkou pass and the heights surrounded by the temple, leaving only outposts there. At dawn, Kashtalinsky's column occupied these passes, driving back the Japanese advance posts.

### WAFANKWAN PASS OCCUPIED.

"At about 5:30 on the morning of July 17 the Japanese in considerable strength and with numerous guns occupied Wafankwan pass on the mountainous bluffs to the south on the flank of Gen. Kashtalinsky's column. From this position and from the crest of the mountains to the east of the heights surrounded by the temple the enemy directed a very heavy rifle and artillery fire.

"Gen. Kashtalinsky advanced to occupy the bluffs, sending forward at once one and then three battalions, but the attempt failed, notwithstanding the support given by the horse mountain battery as our field guns could not be brought into action on account of the nature of the ground.

### KELLER DIRECTED FIGHT.

"About 8 a. m. Gen. Keller, who was directing the fight around Kharven, deemed it necessary to lend assistance to Gen. Kashtalinsky's column by bringing up from the general reserve three battalions to the heights surrounded by the temple. In order to maintain the positions we had already occupied it was necessary, owing to the enemy's pressure, to reinforce immediately the troops on the fighting line, but these positions, owing to their situation, were untenable.

"Gen. Keller found the strength of the enemy so great compared with ours that he decided not to continue the fight and not to bring up either the special or general reserves and artillery in view of the fact that in case of his ultimately taking the offensive it would be necessary to attack without support of the field artillery.

"In consequence of this Gen. Keller decided about 10:30 to withdraw his troops to the positions originally occupied in the Yanzu pass. The troops retired slowly and in perfect order, covered by the fire of a field battery, which had been brought into action.

### JAPS ON THE OFFENSIVE.

"Toward midday an offensive movement by the enemy in the direction of the right flank of the Yanzu pass position developed and at the same time the Japanese mounted battery was brought into position in the village of Tsoudiputse, two and a half miles south of Kharven.

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## CITY OF ADAB HAS BEEN DISCOVERED.

### RUSSIANS FATIGUED.

"In consequence of a sleepless night and the heat of the day, our troops were greatly fatigued, having been over 15 hours on foot and fighting. Our losses have not yet been exactly ascertained, but Gen. Keller reports that they exceed 1,000.

"The gallant Twenty-fourth regiment suffered most. Gen. Keller especially mentions the activity, courage and coolness shown by its command officer, Col. Koschitz, who was severely wounded in the leg, but remained in the ranks until the end of the action."

Gen. Kurapatkin precedes his report of the repulse of Lieut.-Gen. Count Keller's force with a lengthy statement of skirmishes by patrols which brings events up to July 16. He does not mention any important engagement with the possible exception of the occupation of heights north of Yonintza by Cossacks before a detachment of which the Japanese fell back.

### ATTEMPT TO RECAPTURE MO TIEN PASS.

Tokio, July 18.—Gen. Kuroki reports that two divisions of the Russian army made a desperate assault on Mo Tien pass at dawn on July 17, but were repulsed. At 2 o'clock Sunday morning, a heavy fog veiling their movements, two divisions of Russians, commanded by Lieut.-Gen. Keller, made an assault on the Japanese position at Mo Tien pass. Gen. Kuroki adds that the Russians assailed all the Japanese positions at Mo Tien pass, and in its vicinity desperately. The Japanese resisted stubbornly, repulsed the Russians and pushed them for a considerable distance westward.

Kuroki in his report praises the valor of his men.

### RUSSIAN LOSS TWO THOUSAND.

General Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, via Kusan, July 18 (Delayed in transmission).—More Russian troops were engaged in yesterday's battle at Mo Tien pass than in previous engagements. There were probably double the number of those who took part in the battle at Yalu river, while opposed to them were only one brigade and one battalion of the Japanese forces. The Russian loss is estimated at 2,000.

The burial of the dead continues. The Japanese casualties aggregated 300. The engagement has conspicuously demonstrated the wonderful efficiency of the Japanese infantry. They proved incomparably the better marksmen, more initiative and they out-fought and out-generated the Russians on every point.

### RURAL MAIL CARRIERS.

New Salary Schedule Applies From July 1.

Washington, July 18.—The new salary schedule for rural mail carriers has been completed. The new schedule applies from July 1. The last Congress recommended the maximum salary be \$100 a year, from \$600. It was found that the maximum route was 24 miles long, and to carriers on routes of this length, numbering about 12,000, the maximum salary will be paid. The salaries of carriers on routes shorter than the maximum was fixed by deducting \$18 for each mile less than 24. The net result has been slightly over two-thirds of the whole force of 24,500 rural carriers have received increases of \$100 a year in their salaries. The remaining carriers have received increases of less than this amount.

### BERTHA DOLBEER'S WILL.

Most of Her Estate Is Given to Her Friend Etta Warren.

San Francisco, July 18.—The will of Miss Bertha Marion Dolbeer, whose tragic death while at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York, was recently reported, has been filed for probate. Most of her estate, valued at nearly \$2,000,000, is given to her friend Etta Warren, who is bequeathed \$200,000 in cash, \$100,000 of the Dolbeer & Carson Lumber company's stocks at par value, the home and personal effects of Miss Dolbeer in this city, and all the residue of the estate not otherwise provided for, about \$125,000, and given to other friends and relatives, \$5,000 to charitable institutions, and \$50,000 to be set aside for the erection of a mausoleum in Cypress Lawn cemetery.

### Going to Rosebud Reservation.

Yankton, S. D., July 18.—The gigantic land rush at Yankton develops into almost a stampede. Thirty-three thousand had registered up to the closing tonight. Today's record was 5,055 and that will be exceeded tomorrow.

The fever for land seems to have taken possession of thousands who heretofore had not thought of coming here to register. The crush in the city and on trains is simply indescribable. Railroad officials say they have more than they can possibly haul to Yankton.

Lines of people were still two blocks long at closing time today. The crowd was not so large as the number in the city last night, but the Northwestern train in three sections brought 2,000 people and the rush tomorrow will be unequalled. Hundreds will stay up all night to be early in line and at least 50 men have procured baskets of food and will go into line tonight.

### GOV. PEABODY DENOUNCED.

Done to a Turn in Five Different Languages.

Spring Valley, Ill., July 18.—Five thousand miners from Spring Valley, La Salle, Peru, Oglebury, Ladama, Seatonville, Dupue and Dailzell assembled in Spring Valley today to take part in a demonstration denouncing Gov. Peabody of Colorado. There were 10,000 persons present. Gov. Peabody was denounced in English, French, Italian and Polish by several speakers. Resolutions were passed requesting President Roosevelt to intervene in the strike.

Two thousand miners of the Springfield sub-district today held a mass meeting at the state arsenal and adopted resolutions denouncing what they termed the unwarranted use of military power by Gov. Peabody of Colorado, and asking President Roosevelt to intervene in the Colorado strike.

### Hawaii Wants Aid for Lepers.

San Francisco, July 18.—Hawaii wants the government to help it provide for the leper colony and the scientific study of the disease. The territory's board of health has written to the San Francisco board of health asking for that city's assistance in appeals at Washington for funds needed in the work of caring for a large settlement.

In Hawaii's leper settlement at Molokai, there are 21 natives, 24 Chinese, 10 Portuguese, 10 English and Germans, five Americans and four negroes and Malays. All those persons, it is said, either inherited the disease or were infected with it by intimate relations with persons who had it. But none of them ever got it any other way, as leprosy is not, it is alleged, contagious.

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The Find Was Made by the University of Chicago's Expedition in Babylonia.

### SEARCHED FOR FOR MANY YEARS

Bricks Bearing the Syllables Ua-Nun-Ki Found at Lowest Level Of Ruins.

Chicago, July 18.—Udunuki, the ancient Adab, perhaps the oldest city in the world, has been discovered by the University of Chicago's excavating expedition in Babylonia. This city has for many years been the object of search by orientalists. It is mentioned in the code of Hammurabi, an early king of Babylonia, which document was translated recently by Prof. Robert F. Harper, director of the expedition. He has just received the news here in a cablegram from Prof. E. J. Banks, field director of the expedition, who since leaving this country last winter for Bismya, in Babylonia, has announced many important discoveries. The uncovering of ancient Adab is one of the most important archaeological achievements of recent years.

Dr. Banks informed Prof. Harper that he had found bricks bearing the syllables Ua-Nun-Ki at the lowest level of the ruins. He is certain that these bricks identify the city of Adab. With a force of 120 men he excavated the ruins at Bismya and found the remains of four temples, built one above the other, which he named according to the kings who built them. The dates became earlier until finally the bricks identifying Udunuki were found. Among the other articles which Dr. Banks found are marble statues, onyx and sandstone lamps and many bronze objects.

### Milk River Reservoir.

Great Falls, Mont., July 18.—The secretary of the interior department has called for bids for the construction of the main portion of the Milk river canal and it is expected that work on the irrigation project, the largest ever undertaken by the federal government, will commence within two months. Chief Newell of the reclamation service will arrive at Malta, Mont., within two weeks, when it is expected operations will be begun on a 40-mile portion of the canal. For this section alone \$750,000 is available.

The government plans the construction of a mammoth reservoir to store the flood waters from the Milk river and northern Montana streams, from which it is planned to reclaim in the neighborhood of 150,000 acres of what is now practically desert land.

It will require two years of continuous flowing to fill the reservoirs planned and their waters will submerge about 20 miles of the present right of way of the Great Northern railroad. The preliminary surveys of the project have been approved by the secretary of the interior. Five million dollars have been appropriated by Congress to carry on this work.

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## THE WICKEDEST COUNTY IN THE WHOLE UNITED STATES.

Fayette county, in the southern part of West Virginia is not the wickedest county in the United States, the one which surpasses it has yet to be heard from, says the Cincinnati Enquirer.

To begin with, the judge of the criminal court was under indictment for embezzlement at the time of his election, is still under indictment and a special judge will have to sit at his trial in his own court.

The president of the county court, which has sole power to grant or refuse licenses to sell liquors in the county, is the principal owner of the only wholesale liquor house in the county, and every saloon which secures licenses in the county buys its supplies from this wholesale house.

The sheriff of the county is a bar-keeper, has been one for twenty years and has been convicted several times since he has occupied the office of sheriff of illegal liquor selling.

A justice of the peace in the county ran away with a woman and was married to her at Cincinnati. It developed that he had another wife living and his indictment for bigamy followed.

A man who had been constable for thirty years and one of the best officers in the county, shot and killed another man for talking to the constable's wife, and he is serving a term of eight years in the penitentiary for it.

The son of a former judge of the criminal court was tried by his father's successor for murder.

The grand jury, which has just adjourned, returned fourteen indictments for murder and there are sixteen indictments on the docket for trial for murder at the present term of court.

The grand jury before the present one returned twelve indictments for murder.

Fifteen murders were committed within the county during Christmas week.

The jail contains so many prisoners that tramps arrested for riding on trains are turned away from the jail when brought in, for the reason that there is no room for them.

There are fifty-five counties in West Virginia, yet almost one-fifth of the inmates of the state penitentiary were sent there from Fayette county.

With a population of less than 35,000 the county has a debt of almost \$100,000.

Out of the 9,000 voters in the county over 4,000 were last year returned delinquent for the non-payment of taxes.

The carrying of firearms is so prevalent in the county that the judge of the criminal court has had to issue a proclamation warning the public that he will give every person convicted of carrying firearms a fine of \$200 and a sentence of one year in jail.

The judge of the criminal court is W. R. Bennett. Before he was elected judge, he was secretary of the board of education of Kanawha district, Fayette county. At the time of his nomination and election to the judicial position he was under indictment for embezzlement from the board of education.

While he was its secretary. The indictment was found in the same court, and he was afterward elected to preside over, and which he still presides over. He has never been tried on this indictment, but if he is tried a special judge will have to sit in the case, for the trial will be in the court of which he is judge, and he, of course, cannot try himself.

The "whisky ring" of Fayette county has become notorious in West Virginia. Judge M. J. Simms is the president of the county court and at the same time the principal owner of the only wholesale liquor house in the county. The county court has the sole power to grant licenses to sell liquors in the county, and has also the sole power to refuse them. While it is not a matter of record that all parties to the whisky ring are licensed saloonkeepers, there are fifty-seven licensed saloons in the county, and it is asserted that every one of them is a patron of Judge Simms' wholesale liquor house.

N. Daniel, the sheriff of the county, has been for twenty years a bartender or saloonkeeper. He was still in the business during the early part of his term of office, and since he has been sheriff he has been four times convicted of violations of the liquor laws and has four times paid his fine. He is

too busy now with the duties of his office to continue in the saloon business. J. E. Moss, a colored justice of the peace, of Fayette county, eloped a few months ago to Cincinnati with Maggie Merchant and was married to her there. It was discovered that he had a wife already living and he was promptly indicted for bigamy.

Judge Brazie was the first judge of the Fayette county criminal court, which has been in existence but a few years. Over a year ago his son shot and killed a friend, who, it was said, was trying to get him home. He was indicted in the court over which his father had shortly before presided. His trial was held in Kanawha county, where he was acquitted after a trial that excited the greatest interest in the two counties.

Amid all this lawlessness there is one official of the county who is trying to put an end to crime. He is the prosecuting attorney, C. W. Ostenton of Fayetteville, and that he is performing his duty well may be seen by the report of the warden of the state penitentiary. The total number of prisoners in the state penitentiary at Moundsville is given by Warden C. E. Haddock as 652, of which 114 are from Fayette. Thus, with fifty-five counties in the state, almost one-fifth of the population of the penitentiary is from Fayette county.

During the three years that Mr. Ostenton has been in the office he has convicted 179 persons for felony. Of these one was hanged, eight were given jail sentences and 161 were sent to the penitentiary. Ten went for life and, excluding the life prisoners, the aggregate term of the others has sent to the penitentiary is 671 years. In one week of the present term of court he convicted nine men of murder. He has had conviction in 356 misdemeanor cases, including those against the sheriff, who was his own prisoner during several trials. Mr. Ostenton's popularity in his own town is shown by his election. He is a Democrat, and was elected by about 1,500 plurality in a county which gave President McKinley over 2,200 plurality at the same election.

Montgomery is the largest town in Fayette county. It is a good sized town and supports a daily paper and a good many business enterprises, but has no fire alarm system. When a fire breaks out every man in town who carries a gun begins firing. As they all carry guns, it sounds for a time like a regular battle. A traveling man who was asleep in the Montgomery hotel recently when it caught fire, was aroused by the usual alarm. "This revolver fire alarm," he said, "is the blindest I ever heard of. Somebody holloed 'Fire!' and immediately it seemed as if hell had broken loose. I could hear a big gun bellow over in front of the hotel, and then a smaller one over in the other direction, and in a few minutes they were blazing away in all parts of town. It certainly does wake people up. A stray bullet came crashing through my window in the hotel, but fell to the floor harmless. This system may not be as highly recommended as some others, but it certainly is effective."

A few years ago Fayette county was even worse than it is now. Before the law was passed requiring all legal executions to take place in the penitentiary the hangings were public, the condemned being executed in the jail yards at the county seats, where they were convicted. During the term of office of Sheriff McVey he had so many executions that he got to be known as the expert hangman. The first few men he hanged were negroes, and he had a specially woven cotton rope which he kept for the occasion. But one day he had to hang a white man, and the white man objected to being hanged with the same rope that had been used to hang a negro, so Sheriff McVey had to get another rope. Thereafter he kept two—one to hang his white men with and another to hang the negroes.

It was during his term of office that a man named Riggs was confined in the jail awaiting trial for murder. He was a good prisoner and was allowed many liberties about the jail. One Christmas morning it was discovered that he was missing. A search was instituted, but he could not be found anywhere. The next morning he walked up to the door of the jail and gave himself up. He said he had had no intention of escaping, but he had had an engagement for several weeks to play the fiddle for a dance on Christmas night and he wasn't going to disappoint the people, even if he were in jail. He fiddled for the merry dancers all Christmas night, and without going to bed he walked back to jail and gave himself up.

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