

RUSSIANS USING WAR BALLOONS.

Are Observing Movements of Japanese Southeast of Mukden.

A BATTLE IS EXPECTED SOON.

Kuropatkin May Not Contest Seriously Advance of the Enemy—Shelling of Port Arthur.

Mukden, Sept. 21, (10:40 a. m.)—The military authorities continue to express the belief that a battle will be fought near Mukden within a few days, but, on the other hand, the Chinese profess the belief that hostilities are remote. The Russians are using war balloons southeast of Mukden to observe the movements of the Japanese. The line of out posts established by the Japanese is so effective that even the Chinese have been unable to penetrate it. It is impossible, therefore, to say definitely how Marquis Oyama has disposed his forces.

It is believed Gen. Kuropatkin's army stretches from Bentshi to Bentshi and the armies of Gen. Oka and Nodzu from Yantai along the high road and railroad to Shihou, 15 miles south of Mukden, while a fourth army is moving from Dalian across the Da river mountains. All these roads converge at Mukden.

Of the four armies, those of Oka and Nodzu are nearest Mukden, and their progress will have to be slackened in order to permit Kuropatkin and the flanking columns time to come up. Meanwhile Oka and Nodzu have command of the railroad.

Supplies of grain and ammunition are carried from Yantai over heavy roads and exposed to capture by Cossack raiders. There has been an improvement in the weather at Mukden, which has been a great help to the Japanese.

KUROPATKIN WILL MOVE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—Absence of detailed reports from the seat of war, despite the important character of events that are believed to be developing around Mukden, leads to the supposition that Gen. Kuropatkin may, after all, not seriously contest the Japanese advance, and the long-expected battle at Mukden may turn out to be merely a rear-guard action on a large scale.

Gen. Sakharoff reports that the Japanese army is moving from Bentshi to Pu pass, a village six miles north of Mukden and near the right bank of the Hun river. The river at this point is shallow, and probably for this reason the locality has been selected by the Japanese for crossing.

If the Japanese gain a foothold at Pu pass, Gen. Kuropatkin's position at Mukden will be insecure, as the Japanese will then be able to threaten the Russian line of communications.

Pu pass is only 20 miles north of Bentshi, but at the present rate of progress the Japanese will probably occupy four or five days in traversing these 20 miles.

The Russian force south of Mukden is believed to consist of only one army corps, which is acting as a rear-guard and is not intended to effect a serious resistance to the Japanese advance. Nothing is known as to the admiralty of the reported sailing of the Gromobol out of Vladivostok to capture a Japanese transport, supposed to be a sailing vessel.

FIRE TWO SHELLS PER MINUTE.

Chefoo, Sept. 21.—A Japanese who has arrived here from Dalny says that the battle which began at Port Arthur Sept. 19 continued during Sept. 20, but he is unable to give any details of the fighting. On Sept. 21 and Sept. 22 the Japanese bombardment was light.

The Japanese further said that there were unverified rumors at Dalny to the effect that the Japanese had made some gains. The bombardment of Sept. 19 began at 5 o'clock in the morning and

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lasted one hour. At dawn the volume of firing increased to an extent hitherto unknown. Some of the heavy guns which have lately been placed opened fire from a quarter which has previously been silent. During the fiercest firing the heavy guns fired at an average of twice in one minute. Every window in Dalny shook. The firing continued heavy during the night of Sept. 20. Thereafter it was intermittent.

Chinese from a village near Port Arthur confirm the foregoing and add that while off the Miaotao islands yesterday they heard firing from 10 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Killed by a Train.

San Bernardino, Cal., Sept. 21.—A man supposed to be Atty. Anthony R. Stookey of Warsaw, Ind., was killed in the railroad yards at Barstow early yesterday morning. The mangled body was found lying along the tracks at daybreak. The man was about 28 years of age. Pinned in a coat pocket was a typewritten paper that Anthony R. Stookey had been admitted to practice in the circuit court of Kosciusko county, Ind., Jan. 24, 1900. There were no other means of identification. The remains were buried at Barstow.

O. R. & N. Train Ditched.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 21.—A telephone message from La Grande, Ore., to the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's eastbound train No. 2, which has been derailed at La Grande, tonight. The baggage man and two tramps who were stealing a ride were injured. The cause of the wreck is unknown.

Fairbanks' Western Tour.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The itinerary of Senator Fairbanks' western tour has been extended so as to provide for two days of speaking in Iowa and one in Illinois on the return trip. Oct. 11 and 12 will be spent in Iowa and Oct. 13 in Illinois, closing with a meeting in Chicago on the night of Oct. 13. Senator Fairbanks will be accompanied by Senator Dilliver, and their train will be in charge of Col. Daniel M. Ramsdell, sergeant-at-arms of the United States senate. Fred Fairbanks, the senator's son, will accompany his father. The party left Chicago at 10:30 tonight on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road. The entire day tomorrow will be spent in Minnesota, closing tomorrow night at St. Paul.

AGED COUPLE TORTURED.

Masked Robbers Tried to Secure Their Money.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 21.—Three masked robbers who broke in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibbons, residing near Nesquehanna, tortured the aged couple in an effort to find hidden money.

Gibbons and his wife were pulled from bed and asked where their money was hidden. They denied having any, and when threatened, continued their denial. Gibbons was then thrown back on the bed while the robbers kicked and choked his wife until she became unconscious and probably will die.

The robbers fled but one was captured and taken to Tunkahannock jail under heavy guard.

SHELLS RAINING ON PORT ARTHUR.

Togo's and Kamimura's Squadrons Are Taking Part in the Great Assault.

IT MAY BE THE FINAL ONE.

Present Attack Is Far More Furious Than Former Ones—Simultaneous On Three Sides.

Paris, Sept. 21.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs as follows:

"Telegrams of which the general staff has as yet no knowledge reached the czar at 4 o'clock this morning. I can affirm that they concern Port Arthur, regarding which the greatest anxiety prevails at court.

"The Japanese are now engaged in a general assault, which is more furious than the predecessors, attacking the town on three sides simultaneously and employing their whole force, being determined to finish the business.

"Russian mines blew up whole battalions. Gen. Fock especially distinguished himself, directing the fire from the wall, which the Japanese reached after indecisive fighting.

"The whole of Admiral Togo's and Vice Admiral Kamimura's squadrons are adding the struggle, which, it is feared, will be final. The besieged forces are fighting as in a furnace. "A perfect storm of shells is falling on the town, port and fortress from the whole hill and roundstead. Gen. Stossel is going from fort to fort encouraging the defenders in their desperate efforts.

"In St. Petersburg the facts concerning the tragic event which perhaps will terminate by a glorious fall of Port Arthur, are wholly unknown. At court hope has not yet been entirely abandoned."

RELATED DISPATCHES.

London, Sept. 21.—A series of belated dispatches from correspondents with the Japanese army are published in the newspapers this morning, but they add little to the knowledge of the situation in the far east.

The Standard's correspondent, under date of Sept. 17, comments on Gen. Kuropatkin's vacillation. He says that one time the Russians outnumbered the Japanese, and that they have now lost their only chance of assuming the offensive before the release of the Japanese troops before Port Arthur.

Other correspondents confirm the reports that the Japanese are suffering because of the inclemency of the weather and lack of water.

The Morning Post thinks it is impossible precisely to place a large Japanese force that is endeavoring to turn Gen. Kuropatkin's left, because Tsu pass, that is, "Great pass," is a term applied to numerous ridges and passes in Manchuria. The paper, however, supposes that its immediate object may be the coal mines of Fusan, which must be south of the Hun river, because the prejudices of the people of Mukden are strongly against mining on the north bank of that river for fear of disturbing the sleeping dragon that is supposed to inhabit the mountains eastward from Mukden toward Kirin.

The correspondent at Kobe of the Daily Express telegraphing on Sept. 21, says that the Japanese stopped the British steamer Crusader in the Tsugaru strait and took it to Hakodate.

The Times Tokyo correspondent telegraphs as follows: "Lieut. Gen. Sir William Nicholson, director-general of the military intelligence of the British War office, who was appointed to observe the movements of the Japanese army, has returned to Tokyo, owing to sickness. He emphatically denies the stories of liberal treatment of foreign attaches by the Japanese staff, and declares that it would have been impossible to show greater courtesy, grant larger facilities or repose fuller confidence. Gen. Nicholson expresses the highest appreciation of the skill of the Russian military engineers and

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regards the Japanese capture of the Lao Yang entrenchments as an extraordinary feat of arms.

ANTI-PARKER LEAGUE.

Disgruntled Democrats Organize One in Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—The anti-Parker Democratic National league, with the object of defeating every Democrat opposed to the Democratic presidential nominee, has just been organized in Chicago. It was announced that the league will have branches in every county in the northern states and in a good many of those in the south.

The officers of the league are: President, A. W. Maxwell, former chairman of the Iowa Democratic state committee.

Vice president, Thomas E. Hastings, former chairman of the Illinois state Democratic committee.

Secretary, George P. Locke, former chairman of the Kansas state executive committee.

Treasurer, Michael D. Callahan, of the Chicago and western Indiana railroad.

The objects of the league as outlined by Mr. Locke, are as follows:

"To get in touch with every Democrat who is opposed to the election of Parker.

"To work against the undemocratic element that controlled the St. Louis convention.

"To re-organize the Democratic party so that it will be in a position to elect a Democratic candidate when one of Democratic principles is nominated four years hence.

It was said that the names of 10,000 disaffected Democrats already had been secured.

CUCOZZA PLEADS GUILTY.

Admits Having Assisted to Kidnap Antonio Mannino.

New York, Sept. 21.—Antonio Cucozza, the sixteen-year-old Italian who was arrested in connection with the recent mysterious kidnapping of Antonio Mannino, the nine-year-old son of a wealthy Brooklyn contractor, has pleaded guilty to the charge of having lured the child to Manhattan as the agent of the kidnappers, who released Mannino after several days, and have thus far eluded the police.

Cucozza disclaimed all knowledge of the mysterious black hand, and the judge smiled when the boy gave it as his opinion that there is no such organization. He will be sentenced later.

TO GET THE SUFFRAGE.

Mrs. Foulks Advises Married Women to Go Strike.

Newcastle, Pa., Sept. 21.—Mrs. Charles W. Foulks of this city, principal speaker at the twenty-first annual convention of the Lawrence county Woman's Christian Temperance union, has advocated a strike among the married women if their husbands refuse to give them the right of suffrage, so the women can vote down the liquor traffic. She said:

"If the men do not recognize our right to political suffrage the women should retaliate by refusing to cook for the men. In this manner the men will soon be brought to time and will recognize a woman's power."

Frances Hope Sankey Dead.

New York, Sept. 21.—Frances Hope Sankey, granddaughter of Ira D. Sankey, the well known evangelist, who not long ago became blind, is dead at her home in Brooklyn from diabetes.

The child, who was only four years old, had been an almost constant companion of the evangelist since he lost his sight.

Hardy B. Durham Drops Dead.

New York, Sept. 21.—Mardy B. Durham, a well known horse owner and trainer, has dropped dead at Sheepshead Bay race track. He had just stabled his favorite horse Dekaber, after watching the animal at work on the track.

A strange coincidence was connected with the horseman's sudden ending. Last Saturday at Brighton track Dekaber won a race, beating Ostich in a close finish. When the latter animal was led back to the stable at Sheepshead, the foreman, Gus Hahan, asked the stable boy if he had won. Learning that the horse upon which he had wagered a large sum had been beaten by Dekaber, Hahan threw up his arms and fell dead.

Italians Still on Strike.

Naples, Sept. 21.—Though there has been a cessation of the general strike in Italy, there is still on a strike of 2,355 engine drivers and stokers against their chief engineer. At first it was considered of little importance, but it now seems that it may spread to a serious extent. Some railway trains have been forced to cease running because of a lack of engine drivers.

WATSON TALKS.

Hearst or Bryan's Nomination Would Have Hurt Populists.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 21.—Thomas E. Watson, Populist candidate for president, tonight delivered an address to a great crowd of people assembled from the surrounding country, several excursions being run. Mr. Watson is still suffering from an indisposition, and appeared weak. He was given close attention. Mr. Watson said:

"If our campaign hurts the Democrats most this year, that is not our fault. It is the fault of Jones and all the others who sold out the principles of Democracy to Wall street at St. Louis. Had Senator Jones and his crowd readopted the Omaha platform, or something similar, and then nominated some real Democrat, as Hearst or Bryan, the People's party could not have done business in 1904 at all.

"It is the astounding betrayal of Democratic principles by Jones, Hill & Company which gave the People's party the opportunity to renew the fight for Jeffersonian Democracy. Inasmuch as we are now advocating the same principles which Bryan Democrats advocated for eight years, it seems a little hard that we should be abused as 'assisting Republicans.' If anybody has sold out, it would be reasonable to suppose that it was the crowd who dropped their principles. We have not dropped ours.

"In my opinion, Parker is going to be one of the worst bosses men in political history for the reason that he stands for nothing. He does not even pretend to have any principles. That such a man can be elected is an impossibility.

"The eastern Democrats forgot that the American people had both mind and conscience. Their surrender of principle at St. Louis went beyond the limit of endurance. The Democratic rank and file did not authorize that surrender and will not ratify it. The masses are rising in revolt, and the city politician may tremble for the thunder-clouds are forming. As sure as right lives and God rules, there's going to be a storm.

"Jeffersonians everywhere, let us get together. Brothers in sentiment, let us be brethren in action. Divisions are

what plutocracy wants; unity is what Democracy must have. Begin now the great movement which will bring you victory in 1908."

Stop Casualty Insurance Frauds.

New York, Sept. 21.—A movement is on foot among the casualty insurance companies, according to the Journal of Commerce, to form an organization of national scope on the lines of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. An informal meeting will be held here shortly at which representatives of all the leading companies will discuss the plan. Among the objects of the proposed association will be inauguration of active measures to suppress alleged systematic fraud in casualty claims.

Planting Plant Burned.

Bellingham, Wash., Sept. 21.—The Globe Lumber company lumber, planing and shingle mill plant was destroyed by fire at midnight, entailing a loss of \$45,000. The insurance was \$10,000. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The Globe mill was the first large plant of the kind built on Bellingham bay and was a landmark. The company had just signed a contract with a Seattle street contractor to lay 8,000,000 feet of lumber, one of the largest contracts for lumber ever signed by a mill. Its cut was about 70,000 a day.

C. Vanderbilt Won't Run.

New York, Sept. 21.—Cornelius Vanderbilt has notified the Republican leaders of New York county that he will not accept the offer of the Republican nomination in the Thirtieth congressional district. He was urged last week to accept the nomination by representatives of the local leaders. The present representative from that district is Francis B. Harrison, who was nominated for lieutenant-governor by the Democratic convention just held at Saratoga.

L. A. Barnes, "Oldbach," Dead.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—L. A. Barnes, better known as "Oldbach," in the northern mines of California where he worked in the early days, has just died in this city. He crossed the plains from Chicago on foot in 1850.

PANAMA CANAL.

Chief Engineer Wallace Estimates Cost at \$150,000,000.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—John F. Wallace, chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission, who is in direct charge of the construction of the canal, to be built by the United States across the isthmus of Panama, is at home for a brief vacation, and will be in Washington on Oct. 6, when the bids are opened for machinery and material to be used in canal construction. These bids were advertised for some time ago and will cover the expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000.

Mr. Wallace denied the story sent out by a New York special correspondent,

who said that there was contention between himself and Gen. Davis, governor of the canal zone.

Mr. Wallace says that at present there are about 1,500 men in the field in Panama. Of this number about 500 are in the sanitary department. There are now at work six divisions of the engineer corps, each in charge of a resident engineer who reports to Mr. Wallace as chief engineer. There are subordinates in each engineer corps such as assistant clerks and superintendents. The engineering and clerical departments are almost entirely Americanized and nearly every arriving steamer brings fresh additions from the United States.

Mr. Wallace says that most of the men who now hold responsible positions in connection with the canal work are sober, industrious and ambitious, and that many of them are college-bred men. They find health conditions in Panama excellent. The preliminary work of thoroughly surveying the canal route with a view of determining at what level the canal is to be cut will consume the remainder of the year and all of 1905. Mr. Wallace estimates that the completion of the canal will cost \$150,000,000.

Bp. Davis Wants Conductor.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 21.—The Detroit Free Press says:

Bishop Thomas F. Davley of the episcopal diocese of Michigan has decided to ask that a bishop conductor be elected. Bishop Davley is in his seventy-second year. The matter will be brought before the diocesan council which will meet in November.

KILLED HIS COMPANION.

Shot at Hat in Hand, Hitting Him in Head.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 21.—Lads at play with a rifle led to the usual tragedy today at Fulten, a suburb of Portland. Charles Edelman, a lad of 16 years, was shooting in a field with a rifle, when Carl Loewig, his chum, came riding down the road on a bicycle. Loewig held up his hat for Edelman to shoot at and with the customary ill aim which attaches to such cases, the bullet flew wide of the mark, entering Loewig's head at the base of the brain. He died before medical help arrived.

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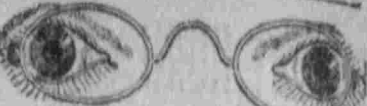
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