

HEAVY ATTACK ON THE RUSSIANS.

Gen. Kuroki is Said to be Threatening Mukden from the Northeast.

STOESSEL MAY HAVE SUICIDED.

Such is the Report—Panic Said to Prevail at Port Arthur—St. Petersburg is Impatient.

Berlin, Aug. 8.—The Tageblatt this morning prints the following dispatch: "Liao Yang, Aug. 8.—The western Russian forces north of Hai Cheng suffered a heavy attack today. Many wounded Russians are here. There is a rumor current that Gen. Kuroki is threatening Mukden from the northeast. "Viceroy Alexieff and Gen. Kuropatkin were yesterday in Liao Yang."

HAS STOESSEL SUICIDED?

London, Aug. 8.—According to the correspondent of the Morning Post, it is reported that there are 10,000 sick and wounded persons at Port Arthur, and that the Russians are negotiating with the Japanese to send the hospital ship Mongolia away full of sick. It is reported, the correspondent says, that Lieut. Gen. Stoessel (in command of the military forces at Port Arthur) has committed suicide, and that panic prevails at Port Arthur. "Margus Oyama (commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in Manchuria) has proceeded north and expects to attack Liao Yang Aug. 20."

RUSSIANS ARE IMPATIENT.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8 (3:15 p. m.).—There is increasing impatience among the Russian people for decisive news from Liao Yang. Lieut. Gen. Sakaharoff's report that there had not been a change in the Manchurian sphere of operations merely adds to the tension which possibly will continue for some time. There is no telling how much time the notoriously slow and methodical preparations of the Japanese may consume before they feel ready to advance on Gen. Kuropatkin's strong position. Every day's delay gives the Russian command more opportunity to fortify or to get away in case he decides to avoid a big battle, though it is not generally thought here that there is much likelihood of his retreating under a decisive fight.

Viceroy Alexieff's dispatch from Mukden communicating official messages from Port Arthur bears out the reported loss of the Japanese armaments and indicates considerable advance on the part of the Port Arthur squadron. The capture of the Japanese cruiser Itatsukishima and Chiyoda, and indicates considerable advance on the part of the Port Arthur squadron. The capture of the Japanese cruiser Itatsukishima and Chiyoda, and indicates considerable advance on the part of the Port Arthur squadron.

HEAVY FIRING. Chefoo, Aug. 9 (6 a. m.).—The firing which was heard last night continued to 2:30 o'clock this morning. A Japanese ship left Port Arthur Aug. 6, reported that there had been no hostile movements since July 28, except exchanges between the batteries. The Russian battleships Pobleda, Retvizan, Potlawa and Peresviet fired occasionally, which was probably what was heard last night.

As engineer who is familiar with Port Arthur states that it will take the Japanese four weeks to fortify the captured hills and plant siege guns, which will require strong foundations, in the face of the Russian fire.

SOME WILD RUMORS.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—The city is full of wild rumors that Port Arthur has fallen, due to reports from Chefoo of another assault in which the fortress was taken by the combined land and sea forces, though the Japanese lost three warships, including the protected cruiser Chiyoda and Itatsukishima. There is no the slightest confirmation of these rumors. It is believed that the Japanese are still unable to capture the outer works, much less the fortress itself.

IN THE BALKANS.

Armenians Trying to Interest Americans in Their Cause.

London, Aug. 8.—A report having been submitted in the house of commons by F. S. Stevenson, member of the division of Suffolk, that 8,000 Armenians had been killed in the Mush and Sassoun districts of Asia Minor. Foreign Secy. Lansdowne has replied that reports of consular officers show these figures to be greatly exaggerated. Secy. Lansdowne will receive tomorrow H. Rhojlan, archbishop of the Armenian church in America; Sakik Avakian, archbishop of Persia and India and Dr. Jean Loris Melikow, representing the Armenians of Caucasus who form a commission appointed by the supreme patriarch of the Armenian church to visit the chief representatives of the great powers and appeal to them to compel the sultan of Turkey to establish and preserve order and tranquility in Armenia. The Armenians are going to Rome, Vienna and Berlin and thence to Washington, where they will present a personal letter from the supreme patriarch to President Roosevelt, who will be asked as the head of a great Christian power to apply pressure on the sultan to ameliorate the condition of the Armenian people.

Dr. Melikow said to a representative of the Associated Press: "We do not ask for separation, but simply for the right to live quietly without constant fear of outrages from the Turks."

KNIGHT COMMANDER.

If Damages Are Demanded, Case May Go to the Hague.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—The case of the British steamer Knight Commander, which is being reviewed by a special admiralty court, on account of the strong position taken in this case by Great Britain, Russia has agreed that such a court shall determine the question whether the vessel was a lawful prize, and Foreign Minister Alexander, requesting that all documents on which the

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prize court based its judgment he sent to St. Petersburg.

While Russia has not abandoned her claim to the right to sink neutral vessels of "contraband" it is safe to say that no case will again arise. If Great Britain still demands compensation for the ship because she was sunk before being adjudged a legal prize by the court of claims, damages on the ground of indignity, as indicated by Premier Balfour's speech, there is a strong belief here that both parties will agree to settle the matter in controversy to the Hague tribunal.

London, Aug. 8.—In the commons today the premier made a general statement of the government's views on the Malacca and Knight Commander incidents. He pointed out that the government's objection to the seizure of the Malacca was based entirely on the British contention that ships issued from the Black sea under the commercial flag of Russia were incompetent to transport themselves into cruisers. "We have no remonstrance, therefore, very strongly with the Russian government and they showed a desire to meet us," continued Mr. Balfour, "but an important thing to remember is that it is an entirely new issue. It is the first time any such incident has occurred since the treaty of Paris or the treaty of London, on which our objections are based. The Russian government, the actual arrangement reached was in the nature of a compromise."

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"We adhere to our opinion that these circumstances, whether true or not, afford no justification for sinking a neutral ship. We have not abandoned our position in the smallest degree."

200 MEN ARRESTED.

All Charged With Being on the Streets After Hours.

Portland, Or., Aug. 9.—Between the hours of midnight and 3 o'clock this morning the police department arrested over 200 men, all charged with being on the streets after hours. Their arrest is the result of an order issued yesterday by Chief of Police Charles H. Hunt, that all persons found roaming the streets after midnight should be incarcerated. For the past few weeks, and especially since gambling was closed in this city, the number of highway robberies, burglaries and petty crimes has been on the increase. The police companies to carry armed guards after nightfall, and to cause the chief of police to counsel citizens to arm themselves and shoot on sight. The order directing the arrest of all idlers is the first step in the act of clearing this city of vagrants and undesirable characters of all sorts.

FREEDOM'S EDITORS.

Sentenced to Imprisonment Confirmed by U. S. Supreme Court.

Manila, Aug. 9.—F. L. Dorr and E. T. O'Brien, formerly the owners and editors of Freedom, a paper published in this city, were sentenced some time ago by two of the Philippine courts to six months' imprisonment and to a fine of \$1,000 for libelling M. Tavera, a member of the Philippine commission. This sentence has now been confirmed by the supreme court of the United States, where an appeal was lodged and the prisoners have been committed to the prison at Bilibid.

Big Fire in Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Fire in the five-story building at Nos. 231-237 Main street today caused a loss estimated at \$400,000, and for a time threatened the academy of music, next door, where a play was being produced. Asst. Fire Chief Murphy went to the academy building, informed the audience that a building nearby was ablaze, but assured them that there was no danger. He then asked the people to leave the theater. The crowd fled out quietly.

CHRISTIE ARRAIGNED.

Waives Examination and Bonds Are Placed at \$15,000.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 8.—A Phillipsburg, Mont., dispatch says: John Christie, the partner of George F. Hammond in the robbery of the North Coast limited train near Bearmouth, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Connelley this morning, and asked if he wished to plead guilty. Christie replied that in view of the disclosures he had made he guessed he would have to plead guilty. He then waived preliminary examination, stating that he would prefer to await action at the hands of the district court.

Christie's bonds were fixed at \$15,000.

each on two charges, that of grand larceny and having stolen goods in his possession. He was taken to jail here, where he will remain until his case comes up in the district court.

His early life was spent in the vicinity of Toronto, Ont., but he has been in Montana and North Dakota for several years. He is a youth of dashing appearance and is much given to boasting of the many "maahes" he has made.

FIRE IN ST. LOUIS.

Am. Refrigerator Transit Co. Plant Almost Destroyed.

St. Louis, Aug. 9.—The plant of the American Refrigerator Transit company was almost entirely destroyed by fire today entailing a total loss of about \$250,000. The plant was valued at about \$500,000, the most serious loss being the destruction of 100 refrigerator cars worth about \$1,500 each, which were in the repair shops and on side tracks in the city into action.

It is believed that the fire originated by sparks from a passing locomotive. A first alarm was quickly followed by a second and almost immediately afterward by a third. The flames spread with marvelous rapidity and a general alarm brought 11 of the fire fighting apparatus in the central portion of the city into action.

In addition to the cars destroyed by the flames there were more than 100 damaged, involving a loss of more than \$50,000.

Before the fire was brought under control it had spread over an area one block wide and four blocks long, entirely occupied by the American Refrigerator Transit company's plant.

HAY GETS BLUNT.

Tell Turkish Minister American Patience is Nearly Exhausted.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Secy. Hay today bluntly told Cheikh Bey, the Turkish minister here, that the patience of the American government is well high exhausted. The minister is expected to communicate this information to his home government speedily. Cheikh Bey had no instructions from the porte when he called at the state department today. He had seen the newspaper reports of the state department to second Minister Lelshman's efforts diplomatically at Constantinople by the presence of a fleet of American warships in Turkish waters and he doubted the reports. Secy. Hay soon satisfied him on that point, and the minister returned to his legation to frame a dispatch for the information of the Turkish foreign office.

NO REPLY FROM PORTE.

Constantinople, Monday, Aug. 8.—The American legation has not yet received a reply from the porte regarding the demand upon the Turkish government for the same favored treatment in the matter of schools, hospitals and charitable institutions accorded other powers. However, it is anticipated by diplomats that the demands will be granted before the arrival of the American squadron at Smyrna.

N. Y. BUILDING TRADES.

Lockout in Effect and 100,000 Are Out.

New York, Aug. 8.—The Building Trades Alliance, which comprises all the unions affected by the lockout order, which went into effect today, at a meeting this afternoon adopted a resolution providing for the repudiation of the general arbitration plan signed about one year ago with the representatives of the Building Trades Employers' association and members of the Building Trades Alliance.

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REP. HEADQUARTERS.

They Are Formally Opened by Secy. Cortelyou in New York.

New York, Aug. 8.—A swarm of applicants for positions as followers of the opening of the Republican headquarters today. Several conferences were held between the members of the national committee and the members of the congressional campaign committee regarding work in which both committees are interested. Mr. Cortelyou announced that no meeting of the national committee would be held until next Monday.

Wreck on the Vandalla.

Plainfield, Ind., Aug. 8.—Eastbound Vandalla passenger train No. 21 struck a broken rail this afternoon in the city limits. Five cars left the track and were burned. Several passengers were injured, but none killed.

The fire from the cars and the explosion of the tanks set fire to the Plainfield four track, and the fire will be a total loss. The plant of the Plainfield Cabinet company was totally destroyed.

Three baggage cars rolled down a 25-foot embankment and were burned. Five people were slightly hurt, but none seriously.

Mex. Cent. Machinists Strike.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 9.—Machinists on the Mexican Central railroad at Chihuahua have struck in sympathy with those at Aguas Calientes, who went out last Saturday. The strike threatens to seriously hamper the road.

Ryan Goes to Europe.

New York, Aug. 9.—John J. Ryan, the horseman recently arrested here and taken to Missouri on an indictment found in a connection with a turf investment concern, is reported to have sailed for Europe. He was accompanied by his oldest daughter.

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Refuses to Commute Sentence of Negro Who Committed Criminal Assault on Little Girl.

BRUTE MUST SUFFER DEATH.

The Executive Has Scent Sympathy With Pleas of Insanity Advanced On Prisoner's Behalf.

Washington, Aug. 8.—President Roosevelt has declined to interfere in the case of John W. Burley, a negro, confined in the jail of the District of Columbia, under sentence of death for the crime of criminal assault, the victim having been a little girl 4½ years old. The president has directed that the sentence of the jury be carried into effect on Aug. 23, as decreed. President Roosevelt's conclusions follow:

"White House, Washington, Aug. 8.—The application for the commutation of sentence of John W. Burley is denied. This man committed the most heinous crime known to our laws and twice before he has committed crimes of a similar, though less horrible character. In my judgment this is no justification whatever for paying heed to the allegations that he is not of sound mind, allegations made after the trial and conviction. Nobody would pretend that there has ever been any such degree of mental unsoundness shown as would make people even consider sending him to an asylum if he had not committed this crime. Under such circumstances he should certainly be esteemed sane enough to suffer the penalty for his monstrous crime."

"I have scant sympathy with the plea of insanity advanced to save a man from the consequences of crime, which, unless the crime had been committed, it would have been impossible to persuade any reasonable authority to commit him to an asylum as insane. Among the most dangerous criminals, and especially among those prone to commit this particular kind of offense, there are plenty of a temper so fiendish or so brutal as to be incompatible with any other than a brutish order of intelligence, but these men are nevertheless responsible for their acts, and nothing more tends to encourage crime among such men than the belief that though the plea of insanity or any other method it is possible for them to escape paying the just penalty of their crimes."

"The crime in question is one to the existence of which we largely owe the existence of that spirit of lawlessness, which take form in lynching. It is a crime so revolting that the criminal is not entitled to any particle of sympathy from any human being. It is essential that the punishment for it should be not only as certain, but as swift as possible. The jury in this case did their duty by recommending the infliction of the death penalty. It is to be regretted that we do not have special provision for more summary dealing with this type of cases. The more we do what in us lies to secure certain and swift justice in dealing with these cases, the more effectively do we work against the growth of that lynching spirit which is so full of evil omen for this people, because it seeks to avenge one infamous crime by the commission of another of equal infamy. The application is denied, and the sentence will be carried into effect."

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

Decides Not to Open Western Headquarters.

New York, Aug. 8.—The national Democratic executive committee was in session five hours today, and upon adjournment gave out the following statement:

"The location of national headquarters was fixed at 1 West 44th street, consisting of the second and third floors and the basement of the Century building."

"It was determined not to open branch headquarters in the west nor to name additional committees for the present."

"Plans of organization were taken up and discussed, and a resolution was adopted. This episode of five hours' work was authorized by Chairman Sheehan. Members of the committee were very reticent, although the statement was made that the session was harmonious and the conclusions were reached without discord. Chairman Taggart denied that the decision not to establish branch headquarters in the west at present was due to any differences about location or because he had suggested Indianapolis in preference to Chicago. All stated that the existing differences between Patrick H. McCarren and Charles F. Murphy in Greater New York were not taken up."

There was a general interchange of views concerning conditions in states which the Democrats deem essential to Democratic success.

Senator Gorman was not at the meeting, remaining in his room at the Fifth Avenue hotel, but there were frequent communications between the executive committee and the Maryland senator."

It seems to be understood as a result of the meeting of the Democratic committee today and conferences which were held after the committee adjourned that the executive committee will have exclusive charge of the presidential campaign, and is, in fact, a campaign committee. This will mean that the important work of management will devolve upon William F. Sheehan and the men selected by Chairman Taggart as his associates. All matters of policy and procedure will be determined by the executive committee. As announced by Chairman Taggart at the time he appointed the executive committee, Senator Gorman will not in an advisory capacity to the executive committee."

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