

## KUROKI TALKS ON JAPANESE PLANS.

They Intend to Take Possession Of All Southern Manchuria.

### PORT ARTHUR HEADQUARTERS.

Will Fortify Yin Kow, the Port of Newchwang—Will Cost Russia \$5,000,000 Men to Retake Places.

Liao Yang, Thursday, July 7.—Gen. Kuroki, talking to a Russian officer who has been taken prisoner, said the Japanese intend to take possession of all southern Manchuria, establishing themselves at Port Arthur and Yin Kow (the port of Newchwang) which it is proposed to fortify, garrison with large bodies of troops and supply it with long range artillery. If the Russians then recapture these places, Gen. Kuroki declared, it will be at the cost of an enormous amount of money and 800,000 fresh troops from Europe.

### WITHIN THE WAR ZONE.

Tokio, July 7.—(11 a. m.)—Operations of paramount importance are going on within the war zone, but the government succeeds in veiling them in almost absolute secrecy. Since the occupation of Dairen the government officials have been silent concerning conditions at Port Arthur. It is generally known, however, that the Japanese army and navy are daily tightening their relentless grip on the besieged city, and that a final assault followed by the fall of the fortress is a matter of weeks. It is known that engagements of varying importance are constantly occurring on the hills surrounding the city. The fleet of Admiral Togo is in motion day and night and is frequently engaged, but the forces and number of guns of the besiegers, as well as their positions, details of past operations and future plans are secrets which probably will not be revealed until the final and decisive action.

Fragmentary information from various sources, especially Chinese, reaches Japan but its publication here or the sending of it abroad is forbidden under severe penalty.

To the Japanese people it is like the enactment of a great tragedy in a thronged theater upon which the curtain never is lifted.

Much concerning the siege of Port Arthur could be published without injury to the Japanese cause, but the general staff having resolved to avoid aiding St. Petersburg or Gen. Kuropatkin with a single shred of information, has placed an absolute embargo on the transmission of all news. Geographical and local conditions, both in Japan and at the seat of war, make it possible to enforce this embargo with almost complete effect. No foreign companies either of the Japanese forces which are besieging Port Arthur, the army under Gen. Oku or the army which was landed at Takushan, and the newspaper correspondents and foreign attaches with Gen. Kuroki are made to remain within a circle having a radius of a little over half a mile.

The Russians are forced to travel abroad along a Japanese front which extends for 250 miles in order to determine, by actual scouting, the positions and the strength of their enemy, and added to this they must discount a series of clever feints and ruses designed to deceive them.

Many false reports concerning the war operations are being sent abroad; these the Japanese welcome as being just so much more chaff and sand thrown in the eyes of the enemy.

The curtain now down over the theater of war will, however, soon be raised and it is confidently expected that the lifting will reveal the Japanese to be in possession of splendid strategic advantages, with men and guns enough to carry the present campaign to a successful conclusion.

## AL PORCH BEARS A CHARMED LIFE.

He is Rigger of the Capitol at Washington and Does Daring Deeds.

### HE CLIMBED THE GREAT DOME.

Placed a Scaffold Around the Statue of Freedom—Has Narrow Escape From Lightning.

### Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., July 3.—Al Porch is the rigger of the Capitol. He has climbed the dome and has installed a scaffold around the statue of Freedom, and has cleared off that mammoth of bronze when nine men out of ten would have sworn that such an act was utterly impossible. Al Porch is a short, stocky man, born with a mechanical eye, to whom the word "fear" is absolutely unknown. The wonderful work which he has done in the line of his business would form an interesting theme for a novelist. Last year, just before Congress met, it was decided by the architect of the Capitol to place a new marble bath tub in the bathroom of the house of representatives. This was in compliance with the request of Senator Hale that a marble tub be placed in position where his particular tub had been for nearly 30 years. All the rest are porcelain, but the Maine senator insisted on marble for himself. This in spite of the fact that the senate has bathrooms for its members. A new tub was ordered. It weighed three tons, and it had to be put in place through tortuous corridors only half an inch wider than the tub itself. When the measurements were made everyone predicted that the contractor would be unable to get it into position, but Al Porch guaranteed to do the work, and he did.

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

There are a great many men around the United States Capitol who believe that Al Porch, the rigger, is fearless. Some of them even go so far as to say that he has an understanding with "Old Nick," such as Gambrinus is reputed to have had. Whether this is true or not Al Porch has twice stood within six inches of death. And he is still alive. On Thursday last Washington was visited by a terrific thunderstorm. Al Porch stood under the portico on the east side of the Capitol building leaning against a marble pillar when a bolt of lightning struck the dome rebounded to the pavement, and then struck the granite within six inches of his feet. It fused the granite and in three or four places caused that solid substance to blister and swell so that



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there are today "nubs" half an inch high. The lightning scattered through the corridor of the Capitol and finally hit the electric wires and twisted the switch-board all out of shape. But Al Porch was undisturbed. The workmen inside dropped their tools and the material which they were carrying and rushed in expecting to find him a corpse. But he stood smoking his cigar with perfect nonchalance, and when asked if he was hurt, replied, "No, not a bit but I feel kinder nervous and I think I need a drink."

### A GREAT DEAL OF LIGHTNING.

Last year Al Porch had almost identical experience when lightning struck the pavement outside the office of the sergeant-at-arms. There, the granite was fused and the marks still show but there is no blistering as there is in this case. Porch was within a foot of the spot upon which the bolt struck, where the marks are still to be seen. He was unhurt.

### TECHNICAL OFFICIALS.

Congress at the last session provided that all officers on the retired list of the army, who served during the Civil war, should be promoted one grade, that is to say, a colonel on the retired list, who served during the Civil war, shall hereafter be rated and paid as a brigadier-general. A lieutenant-colonel is made a colonel, and so on down the line. In order that the provisions of the act may be carried out without delay an appropriation of half a million dollars was made. But the accounting officers of the treasury are always looking for technicalities. They won't pay a bill for a whisk broom or a spittoon without winding up and unwinding a spool of red tape. Very naturally, under these circumstances, these gentlemen have found a reason for declining to pay retired officers the additional allowances which Congress has authorized. They say that the officers have not been confirmed by the senate in their higher grades, and consequently no payments can be made until the senate meets next December to confirm the appointments. This is a trivial affair, but it has caused a great deal of inconvenience to several hundred worthy men. And it has demonstrated once more that the wise men in the accounting division of the federal government can be over technical at times.

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## BRYAN SPEAKS ON ILLINOIS CONTEST.

Says in the Convention of That State the Majority Was Not Allowed to Rule.

### FRAUD DELIBERATELY PLANNED.

Gathering Was Openly and Notoriously by Gang Ruled and Gang Run By Men in Control.

St. Louis, July 7.—William J. Bryan made two speeches in the convention on the report of the committee on credentials in which he used bitter language. His opening speech follows:

"I came to this convention in the hope that we would be able to agree on platform, on candidates, and have nothing to stir the feelings or rouse contention. I still hope that we shall be able to agree upon a platform that will represent the sentiments of all of us so that we can present it to the country as the platform of a united party. I will go further than that. I still hope that we shall be able to present to the country a ticket behind which it can stand a united party. And I regret that I am compelled to come in at this time and present a subject upon which your votes will be asked. But if there is one Democratic principle more fundamental than another it is the right of a majority to rule. If you destroy the binding force of that principle there is nothing that can hold a party together.

"And, my friends, it is because I want the Democratic party to stand on the Jeffersonian principle of majority that I come here and present the minority in this case.

"In the state of Illinois the majority was not allowed to rule. That convention was dominated by a clique of men who deliberately, purposefully, boldly trampled on the rights of the people of Illinois. My friends, the evidence shows that no band of train robbers ever planned a robbery upon a train more deliberately or with less conscience than they did.

"And these men who planned it and who carried it out have the audacity, the impudence and the insolence to say that because they certify that what they did was regular, you cannot go behind their certificates. If that is good law in the Democratic convention, it ought to be good doctrine in a court, and if it is good doctrine in a court, then the only thing that train robbers have to do in the future is to make a report of their transactions over their own signatures. I reply that after they have committed their crime all that train robbers will have to do is to certify over their own signatures that it was a voluntary collection taken up for religious purposes and deny you the right to go behind the returns."

Mr. Bryan made a severe arraignment of the methods of State Chairman Quinn and Convention Chairman Quinn in suppressing their opponents in the state convention, and appealed for fair treatment of the Illinois Democratic. He continued:

"That convention was so openly, so notoriously a gang-ruled and gang-run convention that two of the men who had been out and had made a canvass in the state for governor refused to be candidates before that convention. And I honor Judge Prentiss of Chicago and Mayor Crolius of Joliet. I honor these men who refused to go out as candidates of that convention, and I honor Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Cable had any respect for the rights of a majority to rule, they would be ashamed to be here, the representatives of a minority.

"But, my friends, if they have not learned to be ashamed to misrepresent a great state, you ought to teach them that they cannot do it with the approval of the Democratic party of the United States. Now, their own returns upon these men. You do not hear it. But when you, if you do, decide to seat these men, these delegates from the districts, against the evidence presented in regard to the contestants from the districts in suits of the protest of 87 members—if you do that, you take from the shoulders of Hopkins and Cable and Quinn the odium that they bear and put it upon the Democratic party of the nation and endorse that attempt.

"You have not this condition in other states today, but let this convention endorse this conduct and the next national convention will see more than one state here as the result of gavel rule. And it is because this question transcends the interests of any state or any candidate or any faction, that I am here to present the minority report and to ask you to do the Democrats of Illinois the justice that this gang denied them, deliberately and insolently."

In his concluding address Mr. Bryan said:

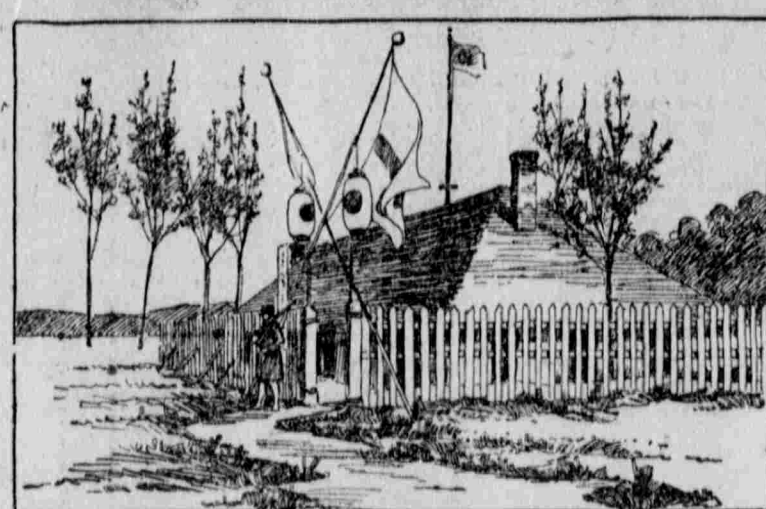
"The first speaker said that I had not heard the evidence. I stayed in the sub-committee room of the national committee and heard evidence until 3 o'clock in the morning, and I have heard more evidence than the gentleman who talked to you, and who impeached my knowledge of this case. The gentleman tries to obtain credit from the report of the national committee. The national committee referred this case to the credentials committee, on the ground that the national committee did not have time to investigate the merits, and by so doing said that in some districts there was evidence to show that questionable methods prevailed.

## RUSSIAN CONCENTRATION ON THE YALU RIVER.



The above represents the gathering of the Russian troops on the north bank of the Yalu, across the river from Wiju. Note the ever present Chinese coolie, who does the work of the Russian in the far east. At Wiju occurred the first land battle of the China-Japanese war, ten years ago, and in this vicinity has been the most active concentration of troops in the present conflict. In the beginning of the war the Russians put a large force in the town itself, which is on the south bank of the river, but it retreated on the approach of the Japanese.

## JAPANESE HOSPITAL BUILDINGS AT CHEMAUPO.



As an evidence of the fact that the Japanese are of a high grade of civilization it is necessary only to cite the fact that in warfare they pay the strictest attention to all Red Cross requirements. In the days of the old samurai, the warrior princes of the mikado's empire, the methods of fighting and the treatment of the wounded of the enemy may have been conducted according to the customs of barbarians. Now, however, all the amenities of modern warfare between civilized nations are observed. The sketch shows the Japanese hospital buildings at Chemulpo, where the wounded Russians from the destroyed Varig and Korietz were received.

## VIEW ON THE EAST OF KIRIN, MANCHURIA.



On the Sungari river, about 250 miles west of Vladivostok and over sixty miles southeast of Harbin, lies the Manchurian town of Kirin, which is the capital of the province of the same name. Kirin, which is at the end of a spur of the Chinese Eastern railroad, is a city of nearly 100,000 inhabitants and an important military point. It is a beautiful city, many of the squares being ornamented with potted flowers. At one place the main street extends out over the river, being built on piles. A great amount of timber is floated down the river in the shape of rafts, a group of which is shown in the accompanying illustration.

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