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St. Petersburg, Aug. 7.—Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel, commanding the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, in an undated dispatch to the emperor says: "I am happy to report that the troops repulsed all the Japanese attacks of July 27 and 28 with enormous losses. The Japanese enthusiasm was extraordinary. The fleet assisted in the defense of bombarding the Japanese fleet."

"Our losses during the three days' fighting were about 1,500 and 40 officers killed or wounded. According to statements of Chinese and prisoners the Japanese lost as many as 10,000. Their losses were so great that the enemy has not had time to remove the dead and wounded."

Gen. Kuropatkin in a telegram to the emperor dated Aug. 6 reports a reconnaissance on Aug. 5 on the south front in the direction of the Japanese positions. The Russians set fire to the village of Hengchuan Tsai, 15 miles west of Newchwang, from which place a small force of Japanese fled precipitately, leaving their transport animal. The report gives details of other skirmishes and concludes with the statement that there is no change on the east front of the army.

JAPS PRAISE KUROPATKIN.

Tokio, Aug. 7.—Gen. Kuropatkin's success in extricating his army from the Liao Tung peninsula without disaster has elicited much praise from the Japanese. The concentration of his army at Kai Chou at one time seemed certain to involve it in disaster. It was popularly believed that a general and decisive battle would be fought either at Tai Kiao or at Hai Cheng. It is considered here that Kuropatkin sacrificed his prestige by abandoning an immense territory without a battle. The unexpected loss of the Russian left at Tai Kiao and the appearance of the Japanese Takushan army on the flank forced the abandonment and surrender, without a fight, of Yinkow, Hai Cheng and Newchwang. It is generally believed that the crisis will come shortly at Liao Yang, and that Kuropatkin will be forced to give battle whenever his present purpose is to be. Gen. Oku's and the Takushan armies are pressing northward and Gen. Kuroki is close at hand, ready to take any part necessary in the general Japanese play.

The possession of Yinkow (the port of Newchwang) has enormously simplified the transportation problem for the Japanese. It gives their two armies a freedom of movement which they have heretofore not possessed. The Japanese are steadily repairing the railroad, which the Russians had so seriously damaged in their hasty retreat.

SOME RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8, 2:15 a. m.—An official report from the Russian general, commanding the military forces at Port Arthur, says that the Japanese were repulsed with tremendous losses in a three-day fight from July 26 to July 28.

Gen. Kuropatkin reports some Russian successes in outpost fighting on Aug. 5 without the expected great battle having opened.

The simultaneous receipt of favorable news from these commanders in the far east raised the spirits of those in the Russian capital. The dispatches were printed in special newspaper bulletins and were eagerly bought up on the street. The news around the depots met the strong shouts of Sunday pleasure seekers and shouted their way without being restrained by the police and thousands of tonight apparently satisfied a favorable turn of affairs had commenced at the front.

Gen. Stoessel's dispatch, though 10 days old, is taken as a satisfactory refutation of the recently repeated rumors of the fall of Port Arthur. He says that the determined Japanese assaults were repulsed with tremendous losses and figures 10,000 as the number of Japanese killed or wounded. This is admittedly on Chinese information which heretofore has proved of exceedingly doubtful value. But with Russian losses of 1,500 as a basis, the authorities here consider that 10,000 is a fairly conservative estimate since the Japanese were beaten off on a tremendously strong fortification. The removal of their dead and wounded is taken to prove that their defeat must have been one of great severity.

The part played by the fleet bears out the prediction of the Associated Press reader efficient support to the garrison is considered significant that no mention is made of Vice Admiral Togo, indicating that the Japanese fleet is incapable of aid friend or foe. Postulated for other services, though this would not be likely at a time when a serious land assault on the fortress was contemplated.

The authorities do not divulge the source of Gen. Stoessel's report, though it is understood that it came by way of the Japanese. The fact that the Japanese are in possession of the country as likely that it came by the land route. Gen. Kuropatkin's report states that the Japanese are stationary on his eastern front, the greatest activity being where the Russians are able to take the offensive. While the movements in themselves are apparently of no great importance they are interesting as foreshadowing that the Japanese are still taking the Liao Yang with its strong circle of defenses.

AN EVENTFUL WEEK.

Liao Yang, Aug. 7.—The past week has been a most dramatic and eventful one. The Japanese intend to follow up the Russian retreat to gain ground and south by an attack on An-shan and Liao Tung. It is reported that the Japanese are advancing on the west, and exciting rumors are current.

BRITISH VESSEL HAD CONTRABAND.

Evidence Against the Knight Commander on This Point Quite Conclusive.

THE CAPTAIN SIMPLY LIED.

Said He Didn't Know It and His Own Letter Copying Book Showed That He Did.

Vladivostok, Aug. 7.—The evidence on which the British steamer Knight Commander, sunk by the Vladivostok squadron, was condemned by the prize court was contained in a letter copying book taken from a press in the captain's cabin by Midshipman Baron Ert, after the officers and crew had left the vessel. This book was not delivered when the captain surrendered the other documents, and it proved conclusively to the Russians that the cargo of railway material carried by the Knight Commander was destined for Chemulpo and not for private firms in Japan.

Before the prize court the captain was not compelled to take an oath, the president of the court saying that he would accept his word of honor as a gentleman.

The captain testified that neither he nor the owners of the Knight Commander knew that the cargo was contraband and that they believed it was not destined to be used as war material.

He was then confronted with his own letter book and was dazed for a moment. He then exclaimed: "Heavens, I thought that book was at the bottom of the sea."

WHY HE WAS SUNK.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 7.—The official account of the sinking of the British steamer Knight Commander by the Vladivostok squadron says that a Russian cruiser fired two blank shots at her at a distance of two miles. Instead of stopping, the vessel steamed at full speed towards the gulf of Tokio, and only heaved to at a second shot, having in the meantime hoisted the British flag.

The visit to the vessel, the official account says, showed that the captain had neither charter nor manifest, but certified copies of these documents presented by the captain showed that his cargo was destined for Kobe and Yokohama. It was established that the vessel was chartered in the United States to sail for Japan with raw material and machinery, which is contraband, and which was therefore liable to confiscation.

The proximity of a Japanese port, the lack of coal on board the Knight Commander to carry her to a Russian port, and the impossibility of coaling from a Russian cruiser owing to the high sea running, obliged the Russian commander to sink the vessel.

The members of the crew were taken to Vladivostok as passengers and not as prisoners. They were granted perfect liberty and every possible assistance was given them. They were also

FOREST FIRES IN WASHINGTON.

Portland, Or., Aug. 7.—Green timber is on fire back of Oak Point, Wash., eight miles distant from the Columbia river, in a tract of 30,000 acres. Three hundred men have been fighting for two days, and the last report received from there last night indicates that the fire is not under control.

The timber threatened belongs to the Benson Logging & Timber company, and immediately back of it is the immense holdings of the Weyerhaeuser company of St. Paul, Minn. If the fire gets away from the loggers now fighting it, the whole timber tract is likely to burn.

All western and southern Oregon is suffering more or less from the scourge of forest fires. The biggest in southern Oregon is between Woodville and Gold Hill, in Josephine county, almost on the Josephine county line. This is back in the hills and little is known of its extent.

FILIPINOS TO VISIT THE PRESIDENT.

St. Louis, Aug. 7.—In response to a telegram from Col. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, saying that President Roosevelt would be pleased to receive some of the head people of the Filipino tribes at the exposition, Fred Lewis, manager of the Moro village, and C. C. Hunt, in charge of the Igorrote village, left tonight for Washington with eight of the natives.

WITH PLEDGE OPIUM REVENUES.

London, Aug. 8.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times, in a dispatch referring to the question of the improvement with the financial assistance of China of the Whangpu river, on which Shanghai is situated, says that the foreign office has notified Mr. Conger, the American minister, that China will pledge the opium and inland revenues of the province of Szechuan, yielding 400,000 taels annually, and the opium revenues of the prefecture of Sachuan, yielding 200,000 taels annually, at the same time agreeing that these revenues shall not be pledged to any other service whatever. Minister Conger has given the pledge to the state department at Washington.

SWIMMERS WENT INSANE.

Attempted to Swim from Brooklyn Bridge to Coney Island.

New York, Aug. 7.—Clifford R. Baxter, a civil engineer, and Capt. John Enright of the South Beach life saving station, started in a swimming contest from Brooklyn bridge to the iron pier at Coney Island today and were both taken out of the water ten minutes after starting. Enright, after seven hours and when within a mile of their goal. The distance is estimated at 12 and one-half miles.

Baxter, passed Enright at Norton's Point when both men were nearly exhausted. Enright soon afterward declared that someone was holding him back and began to rave. He was taken from the water. A brother of Enright, seeing that Baxter might finish, became excited and jumped overboard. He caught Enright and Baxter, and fought him off with an oar. By this time Baxter developed a delusion that a devil fish was towing him and that he was starving to death and his friends dragged him from the water.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Is the Result of Prolonged Study and Deep Research.

RUSSAINS AGAIN RETIRING.

Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field via Fushan, Aug. 7. (Delayed in transmission).—The Russian forces in front of Gen. Kuroki's army are reported retreating northward. A part of it has encamped at Anping, 12 miles from Liao Yang. Guns were heard this morning on the Japanese right, meaning that possibly the Japanese are following the Russian retreat. In connection with the death of Lieut.-Gen. Count Keller, killed by shrapnel on July 29, while watching the battle at Yangse pass from a battery position above Maowan, the Chinese living here say that the Russians removed two coffins from that place with great ceremony.

NOT SOUNDING THE POWERS.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The statement was made tonight in high official quarters that, contrary to the reports from abroad, the United States has not been sounding the European governments with a view to ascertaining their views of what should be considered contraband in the present struggle between Russia and Japan. This government is determining for itself what classes of merchandise it considers contraband, without suggestions from any other power, and when a decision has been reached its attitude on the subject will be made public.

A MESSAGE TO GARCIA.

Capt. Rowan, Man Who Carried It, Married.

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—Capt. and Rev. S. Rowan, United States army, and Mrs. Josephine De Greener were married in this city today. Capt. Rowan is best known as "The man who carried the message to Garcia."

NEW YORK'S HEALTHY SUMMER.

New York, Aug. 8.—Records of the board of health of Bellevue hospital indicate that this city is having the healthiest summer season in 10 years. Favorable weather conditions are admitted to have figured largely in the returns. Thus far there has not been a single case of heat prostration in Bellevue, excepting four alcoholic patients. There has been comparatively little sickness among the babies of the tenements and the mortality among infants is much lower than in previous years. There have been no epidemics of fever or contagious diseases and cases of smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria and typhoid have been few and scattered.

TWO LIVES LOST.

Through Cloudburst Near Trinidad, Colorado.

Trinidad, Colo., Aug. 7.—A cloudburst in Fisher canyon, three miles north of here, tonight caused the loss of two lives and flooded mines and other property in and adjacent to the canyon. William Haigh, general manager of the Trinidad mine, and an employee named William Richardson, while driving up Fisher canyon, were caught in the flood caused by the cloudburst.

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MEN'S FURNISHINGS. We have the largest men's furnishing department in the city, full of just the things you need, and at prices a little lower than at the other stores.	Men's Shirts. A Porcelaine Shirt—good patterns, fast colors, regular 75c Shirts. As a special for this sale, (each)..... 29c
Men's Underwear. A good Balbriggan Suit. The Drawers made with double seats. Made to sell at \$1.00 a Suit..... 50c	Silk Stripe Underwear. Splendid garments of extra soft Sea Island Cotton with delicate Silk stripes. Regular \$1.75 Suit. Sale price, (suit)..... \$1.00
BOY'S WAISTS. Have them in the laundered Porcelaine and Soft Blouse effects. Every Waist made to sell at 50c each. Sale price..... 25c	

THE BUSY STORE—BARTLING'S

New York Cash Store.

invited to attend the sittings of the prize court, although there was no obligation on their part to do so.

Porte Accepts Notification.

Constantinople, Aug. 7.—The porte has practically accepted the verbal notification made Saturday by the Russian ambassador, M. Zinaviev, of the impending passage of the Dardanelles by some vessels of the volunteer fleet laden with coal. This notification was accompanied by assurance that the vessels would preserve the character of merchantmen throughout the voyage.

Homesteaders Lining Up.

Devil's Lake, N. D., Aug. 7.—The line-up of the prospective homesteaders for registration in the land lottery began this afternoon, a great number forming in line, although the filing does not begin until tomorrow morning. Much excitement attended the lineup. Many gamblers and gamblers are here and the police department has been largely increased.

Big Lake Freighters Sunk.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 7.—The freighter City of Berlin, with about 3,000 tons of iron on board, collided with an unknown boat in the Detroit river, north of Belle Isle, tonight and sank. The crew was rescued.

Two Horse Thieves Break Out of Oregon Jail.

Ontario, Or., Aug. 7.—Bob Hess and Ed. Chester, the two prisoners confined in the Malheur county jail for horse stealing at Vale, made a daring escape at 6 o'clock this morning. Deputy Sheriff Thomas was giving them their breakfast when he was seized, bound and gagged and locked in a cell. Then the men secured arms and horses and started for the hills.

A DARING ESCAPE.

Vale is a small town of about 300 inhabitants and but few people were astir at the time of the escape and it was two hours before the citizens became aware of what had transpired. A party was then organized and started in pursuit.

Hess and Chester were recently arrested on the charge of horse stealing. They had seventeen stolen horses in their possession when arrested. Previous to that they attempted to ship two stolen horses from Parma, Illa. Both are desperate characters and will resist arrest if overtaken.

SMUGGLED CHINESE.

Sealed in Box Car for Seven Days, Four Without Water.

Los Angeles, Aug. 7.—Six Chinese were taken from a box car that had just arrived over the Southern Pacific today in a pitiable condition, having been sealed up in their prison at Juarez, Mexico, in order to smuggle themselves into the United States. For seven days they lay in a car filled with merchandise, four days without water and food, in their ignorance and fear of being discovered and arrested the unfortunate men suffered the tortures of thirst and the pangs of hunger without making outcry. When they were discovered today and taken out they were in a state of complete physical exhaustion and almost unable to stand. The Chinese say they were placed in the car by an employee of the Mexican National railroad at Juarez, in consideration of \$25.

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