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## KUROPATKIN AGAIN "RETIRES."

Anping, Tzgow, Lian Dian Sian And Anshaan Have Been Abandoned.

## RETREAT WAS IMPERATIVE.

Japanese Seem to be Gradually Enveloping the Russian General And His Army.

## HIS ACTION IS DISAPPOINTING.

It Was Believed That He Had Sufficient Reinforcements to Accept A Decisive Engagement.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 29, (12:50 p. m.)—Gen. Kuropatkin since yesterday morning has been drawing in all his forces from his eastern and southern fronts toward Liao Yang, Anping, Tzgow, Lian Dian Sian and Anshaan, concentrating the main positions of the out-lying line of Liao Yang, have been abandoned. The heaviest fighting occurred on the extreme left where the Japanese advanced to the assault the again and again with bayonets. The positions at Tzgow and Anping were held by the Tenth European corps. The attacks were delivered with fanatical bravery. The Russians lost a large proportion of officers, 10 guns and from 1,500 to 2,000 men, but the Russians had been generally successful in beating off the assaults all along the long line, and the Russians declare that the order to retire came as a surprise just when they were expecting orders for a general advance. This is considered to be proof that Gen. Kuropatkin, finding his main positions menaced on the flank and anticipating difficulties in withdrawing owing to the condition of the roads, which have suddenly been transformed into mud bogs by the rain, considered that a retreat was imperative. The retirement from the east front was greatly impeded by the conversion of the Liao river into a mountain torrent and his probably accounts for the failure of the Japanese to follow up the retreating Russians.

The Japanese column moving up the Liao river and threatening Gen. Kuropatkin from the west is regarded as being extremely dangerous and Gen. Kuropatkin's extreme right seems also to be working around Gen. Hershchmann's position at Anping and the strength of the enveloping Japanese armies may be judged from the fact that Gen. Oku, alone, who is coming from the south, is officially reported to have 15,000 men. Whether Gen. Kuropatkin intends to accept battle at Liao Yang may not be known positively for several days, but the belief several times indicated in these dispatches prevails here that he will withdraw northward, having found that he is not strong enough to cope with the Japanese and realizing that Liao Yang is made no longer tenable on account of the Japanese threats at his rear. His retirement undoubtedly will cause him public disappointment, as it was generally believed that he at last had sufficient reinforcements to accept a decisive engagement, and by the military critics his retreat is interpreted to mean a great prolongation of the war.

The Tokio report that Gen. Kuroki had succeeded in cutting the railroad south of Mukden is not confirmed by the telegraph department, where it is said that no reports have been received of an interruption of communication.

Of course, it is realized here that if the railroad north of Liao Yang is cut, the position of the Russian army would be rendered serious if not desperate, as it would probably compel Gen. Kuropatkin to accept an engagement against his will.

The rain which has again begun falling in Manchuria will probably serve the Russians much more than the Japanese, as their retreat will not be impeded, whereas it is likely to almost completely stop the Japanese forward movement.

## ANPING EVACUATED.

London, Aug. 29.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokio under today's date, in reporting the Japanese occupation of Anping and Tangchow, says: "On the Japanese advancing to attack Anping the Russians evacuated the place, abandoning large quantities of stores."

## RUSSIAN LOSSES.

Harbin, Manchuria, Aug. 29.—The Russian losses in the fighting of Aug. 25 and Aug. 26, west and south of Liao Yang, were 3,000 killed or wounded. The great majority of the casualties were sustained at Anping. The withdrawal of the Russians from their front at Anshaan and from their eastern position was made simultaneously for strategic reasons.

## JAPANESE FLANKED.

Mukden, Aug. 29.—In the fighting of Aug. 24 the One Hundred and Thirtieth Russian regiment with a battery, executed a remarkably successful flank movement on the Japanese extreme right. The Russians, unperceived, got

in the rear of the Japanese, whose columns of whom were mowed down before they were able to extricate themselves.

Eye witnesses agree in admiring the fanatical bravery of the Japanese. Many of the wounded committed suicide rather than fall into the hands of the Russians.

An additional detachment of 600 Russian wounded was sent northward Sunday.

## Count von Micheroux Dead.

New York, Aug. 29.—Count Albert von Micheroux is dead at his former residence in Baldwin, L. I., at the age of 62 years. Count von Micheroux, who had served in the Austrian army, accompanied the Emperor Maximilian to Mexico, and participated in the war there until the downfall of the empire. Then he went to New Orleans, where he renounced his titles and became a naturalized citizen. For a time he was in the banking business, but relinquished that to establish a silk importing house in Chicago. He came to New York after the great fire of 1871 in which his establishment was destroyed.

## Dividends for September.

New York, Aug. 29.—On the basis of declarations already made and those yet to come, September promises, according to the Journal of Commerce, to make an unusually poor showing in the matter of industrial dividends. The amount will be the smallest for any month in years, aggregating only \$2,409,771. This compares with \$14,622,465 in August and which previously was the smallest amount disbursed in any one month since the opening of the market. This year's September total compares with \$17,275,492 in 1903 and \$16,942,957 in 1902. Part of the falling off shown in the comparisons is due to the discontinuance of one industrial payment amounting to \$5,000,000 which figured in the returns of September last year.

## A LAKE HEROINE.

Gertrude Sawyer to Receive a Gold Medal.

Menominee, Mich., Aug. 29.—Gertrude Sawyer, the young heroine who plotted a party of five children across the waters of Lake Michigan during a storm last Thursday night, is to receive a gold medal for her brave act, to be purchased by funds subscribed by citizens of Menominee. The young woman saved the entire party from an almost certain death, battling with her oars until her hands were raw, against waves rolling 35 feet high. The sea that night was so heavy that all the larger steamships remained in port.

## TRAIN HOLD-UP BALKED.

Road Master Ben Johnson Believed to Have Frustrated One.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 29.—A Miles City, Mont., dispatch says: "It is believed that Roadmaster Ben Johnson, of the Northern Pacific railroad, frustrated an attempt to hold up a special Sunday morning. A brakeman was to the rear of the train and was told to get back in the car by a fellow with a revolver. Passengers who went back to investigate were also driven back."

Roadmaster Johnson got off a couple of stations east and telegraphed to Sheriff Savage to meet the train at Miles City.

The hold-up was there with men, but the train having 15 cars, before the hold-up was reached the hold-up had disappeared. He jumped off opposite the section house, Johnson after him. Johnson groped with him, but he broke away and they exchanged two shots each. All trains, either way, were stopped about two miles from town, but the hold-up had disappeared.

## PROF. MAHAFFEY PREACHES.

Subject, "What Does Christianity Owe to the Jews?"

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Tracing the greatest truth of the Christian religion to an origin in the beliefs of heathen nations, and expressing the opinion that many of the writings of the Bible are of the period of the Christian faith, Prof. John Pentland Mahaffey, governor of the University of Dublin, has delivered the convocation sermon to the University of Chicago graduating class at Mandel hall.

Dr. Mahaffey used for his subject, "What Does Christianity Owe to the Jews?"

"The doctrines of the Trinity and the incarnation were imported from primitive peoples," the speaker said. "The Trinity comes from the documents of the Egyptians and Indians, and the incarnation from the legends of the Greeks and Romans. It is remarkable that the notion of sacrifice appears not only in the religions of all civilized nations, but also in the lower races, commonly called heathen and primitive, and whose notions of religion were very crude."

"I do not believe that Genesis is an inspired book, and that Moses was directly inspired in writing his account of the origin of the world. He used old documents of the Egyptians and Mesopotamians and did not write from direct observation."

"The serpent in the garden of Eden was not Satan disguised, as many good people have been taught to believe. The serpent is merely the most subtle beast of the forest, not the most evil one."

"Christianity is not a new thing, but it is the gathering of all the great truths and the weaving of them into the religious texture of Christian faith."

Dr. Mahaffey blamed the churches, both of England and America, for narrowness and bigotry in their creeds. "Each church thinks that the others' creeds are false and dangerous. 'Shall we, then, make religion so small and exclusive that it cannot even embrace all the Christians of our own nation?'"

## BARNEY OLDFIELD.

He is Recovering and Will be Out in a Few Days.

St. Louis, Aug. 29.—Barney Oldfield, who was injured by a fall from a horse in an accident which demolished his machine and resulted in the death of two men, is at the Missouri Baptist sanitarium, recovering from severe cuts and bruises. It is expected that he will be out again in a few days.

## Vice Admiral Rolland Dead.

London, Aug. 29.—The death is announced of Vice Admiral W. H. Rolland, retired. He was born in 1817.

Admiral Rolland received a gold medal from the United States government for saving part of the crew of the United States Brig Somers, off the coast of Mexico, on the west coast of Mexico.

## German Vessels Not Paid For.

Berlin, Aug. 29.—The complaint of the German government to the London chamber of commerce to Premier Balfour Friday that Russia paid for the German vessels seized

while refusing satisfaction to the British is denied by Herr Dietrichsen, of Kiel, the owner of the German steamer Thetis, which was sunk by the Vladivostok squadron in July, who telegraphs to the Associated Press that such is not the case. No satisfaction has been given for the Thetis.

## FINNISH DIET.

Calling of It Creates a Good Impression in Finland.

Helsingfors, Finland, Aug. 29.—The definite announcement of the convening of the Diet Dec. 6 has created an excellent impression in Finland. The Diet has been feared for months that it was the intention of the Russian authorities to refuse to summon it. The list of members to be discussed, published in the Finland Gazette, is not important, but the mere fact of the assembling of the four estates, which the Finns consider to be bound up in all their traditions, taken in connection with the spirit of the recent imperial manifesto has produced a good impression.

## SENATOR HOAR'S BIRTHDAY.

He Completes Seventy-Eight Years of Life.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 29.—Senator Geo. Hoar's condition is unchanged today. He is quite cheerful and continues taking nourishment. The senator is 78 years of age today.

## KUROPATKIN'S SITUATION RESEMBLES THAT OF BAZAINE

Berlin, Aug. 29.—German military men are discussing the situation of Gen. Kuropatkin with the keenest interest. They have information that the defenses of Liao Yang are of extraordinary strength. The fortifying of the town was entrusted to Gen. Melnikoff, who enjoys here the reputation of being a master of military engineering. During the past two months he has fortified all the strategic positions around Liao Yang in a manner well nigh impregnable. Triple lines of trenches crown every height where artillery could be effective. The entire line of fortifications is connected through passages for facilitating the reinforcement of endangered points, while bomb-proof retreats covered with steel rails protect reserves.

All important points have telegraphic communication with headquarters. The German critics think Liao Yang's defenses about equalize the difference in numbers between the Russians—estimated at 180,000—and the Japanese, numbering 240,000. The danger of Gen. Kuropatkin's situation is recognized as being as great as that of Bismarck's army, who surrounded Metz in 1870. It is doubted by the experts if Gen. Kuropatkin will be able to prevent the complete encircling of Liao Yang, which would mean probably the eventual loss of his entire army. The Japanese delay of action is believed to have been due to the necessity of bringing the reinforcement which to break the Russian fortifications.

## GERMAN STEAMER ARABIA ARRIVES AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Aug. 29, Evening.—The German steamer Arabia, belonging to the Hamburg-American line, has arrived here from Vladivostok. This is the vessel that was captured by the Russian Vladivostok squadron in July. A prize crew was put on board her, and she was taken to Vladivostok, where she arrived July 28. All the while men among her crew were well treated by the Russians. She was tried before a prize court, which condemned 20,000 barrels of flour and 71 railroad car bodies. The remainder of the cargo and the vessel were released.

The British steamer Calchas, from Tacoma for the Japanese ports, which was arrested by the Vladivostok squadron 20 miles off the coast of Japan, while the Russian warships were cruising off the Pacific coast of Japan last July, was also taken into Vladivostok. The flour and lumber on board the Calchas was confiscated by the Russians without awaiting the action of the prize court. The Calchas is now at Vladivostok with the balance of her cargo on board.

The Arabia brought 90 bags of mail for Japan, which were taken from the Calchas. With the exception of two small Japanese sailing vessels the only mail steamer at Vladivostok is the British steamer Alton.

The Arabia brought also to Shanghai the captain and crew of the German steamer Thetis, which was sunk by the Vladivostok fleet when loaded with fish manure. The Russians made no attempt to take the Thetis into port.

The Arabia reports that there are few signs of war at Vladivostok. The trains leave the port daily. Viceroy Alexieff is there, and the town is full of officers and troops. Meat and flour are plentiful, but sugar and cigars are scarce. The Russian cruisers Gromobol and Rossia arrived from their engagement Aug. 14, with the Japanese fleet under Vice-Admiral Kamimura in a severely damaged condition. It is remarkable that they were able to make port at all. The repairs to the Russian cruiser Bogatyr, which was damaged by running aground near Vladivostok, are nearly completed.

The steamer Arabia sailed from Portland, Or., on the night of July 1, carrying about 5,000 tons of freight, valued at \$187,087. This included 32,726 barrels of flour and a large quantity of material used in the construction of railroad cars, consigned to Kobe and Nagasaki.

## BALLOONIST TOMLINSON.

Nothing Heard of Him Since He Passed Over Wyoming, Ill.

St. Louis, Aug. 29.—Nothing has been heard from Aeronaut John Tomlinson, who called away from St. Louis Sunday for Washington since he passed over Wyoming, Ill., about 200 miles north of St. Louis Sunday afternoon. It is supposed that he has continued on his aerial way.

## For a Regatta at Bilbao.

Bilbao, Spain, Aug. 29.—King Alfonso has undertaken to organize an international regatta at Bilbao similar to the Kiel regatta.

The king will present a cup, and the prize to personally endeavor to obtain foreign entries.

## Ocean Rate War Conference.

Frankfort-on-the-Main, Aug. 29.—Representatives of eight transatlantic steamship lines began a conference here today that may settle the passenger rate war that has been raging since the directors of the Hamburg-American line, George Plate and H. Grand of the North German-Lloyd line, J. Bruce Ismay and S. Anderson, of the White Star line, J. Van Euphan and Herr Vandenbergh of the Holland-American line, H. C. Taitel, of the French Transatlantique company, Court Councillor Emil Kierand, of the Hungarian-Adriatic company, and Edward Strasser, of the Red Star line, an agreement is not likely to be reached today.

## MAYOR ROYLANCE ON GOVERNORSHIP.

Thinks His Chances are Good and That He Will Land the Nomination.

## SAYS NEBEKER IS IN IT, TOO

Declares That There Will be Four Democratic Candidates for Place—Hopeful of Party Success.

The Hon. William M. Roylance, mayor of Provo, is not one of those who share in the popular opinion that Hon. James H. Moyle is in the lead in the gubernatorial nomination race on the Democratic side of the line. Mr. Roylance was up from the Garden City today and spoke with considerable confidence concerning his own candidacy and in the course of an interview, said: "First of all I want to say that in the nomination of Cutler there is considerable satisfaction for the Democrats. It is evident that the Democrats are divided and that there is small prospect of all or any considerable number of their sores being healed over. Life-long Republicans are displaying a marvelous amount of sunset. Many of them will vote the Democratic ticket. Besides the sentiment in this state and throughout the country has set in in earnest toward Provo, and it will continue to go in that direction till it, in my judgment, becomes overwhelming. In this state I am sure that the prospects are better for the Democracy than they have been at any time since 1896."

"Regarding my own candidacy—O yes, I am very hopeful of it. I believe I will win. There will, I think, be no choice on the first ballot. That will be helpful to me particularly, as there will be more than two candidates. Yes, there will be more than two candidates. There will be more than three. There will be four. In addition to Mr. Moyle and myself there will be Wells—Rulon Wells, I mean, and Quill Nebeker."

"When reminded that Mr. Nebeker said he would not be a candidate under any circumstances, Mr. Roylance said he had no questionable information to the effect that he would. Reverting to his own interests again he said he expected to have most of the southern counties, some delegates from Salt Lake and a few from the north. So altogether he was very hopeful of the outlook."

"But whether I win or lose; whether one of the other candidates does better than I, no more spots among Democrats this year. When we go out of the convention it should be with a whoop hurrah for victory. And if we do go out that way we will have the victory all right."

## WILL RATIFY TOMORROW.

Young Men's Republic Club Want Big Theater Endorsement.

There will be no frost at the Republican ratification in the Salt Lake Theater tomorrow night if the Young Men's Republic club can prevent it; and it probably can, for it has provided a splendid program and will endeavor to have the crowd there.

It is announced that Gov. Wells will preside, and it is stated that the executive may have something of interest to the effect that he would. Reverting to his own interests again he said he expected to have most of the southern counties, some delegates from Salt Lake and a few from the north. So altogether he was very hopeful of the outlook."

The Utah State band has been engaged for the occasion and Emma Ramsey and Lizzie Thomas Edward are on the program for some stirring vocal selections.

## ROYLANCE AND POWERS.

Grand Co. Democrats Instruct for Former and Also Want Latter.

(Special to the "News.") Moab, Utah, Aug. 27.—At the Democratic convention held here today, F. B. Hammond, 7201 Crout and R. P. Robertson, were elected delegates to the state convention. They were instructed to vote in favor of James H. Moyle, and to vote for Roylance if he was nominated.

No other instructions were given, but the delegates are all for Powers for Congress.

## THE CONTEST WAS CLOSE.

Harsh Words and Hard Feelings at Democratic Convention.

Special Correspondence. Logan, Cache Co., Aug. 27.—The Democrats of the First judicial district met here in convention today and nominated C. H. Hart district judge to succeed himself by acclamation. The nomination for district attorney was hotly contested. E. K. Nebeker of Cache and J. D. Call of Boxelder were the candidates. The Cache delegates wanted Nebeker renominated for another term after which they were willing to yield to Call. Nebeker, the Brighamites claimed that that promise had been made four years ago and the people of Boxelder would not stand for Cache taking the plum any longer and Cache was freely made that if Nebeker was nominated many Democrats in Boxelder would vote the Republican ticket. All this talk was unavailing, for when the ballot was taken the vote stood Nebeker 49; Call 35. When the vote was announced one of the Boxelder delegates moved that so far as the First judicial district was concerned that they make the party emblem a hog instead of a rooster.

## POLITICAL POINTERS.

Lafe Pence would probably resent the statement that the Colorado Mining congress delegates were friends indeed to a man in need when it came to making good that \$30.

This morning's Tribune: "Mr. Cutler, in the closing business of the naturally confident that he can suit the people." However, the Tribune ap-

pears to have been non-suited at the recent Republican convention.

The Democrats of Sugar House ward will meet tomorrow evening and organize a local club and get into the harness for the coming campaign. They say they expect to whoop things up somewhat this fall.

Barney Quinn commenting on the "sacred editorial" of a disappointed political paper yesterday morning remarked this afternoon: "When the devil begins to quote from the Bible it is up to every man to put his hands on his pocket book."

At Coalville on Saturday night the Democrats elected the following five delegates to attend the Summit county convention that meets at Coalville today: C. A. Callis, P. A. Newey, Daniel Sommer, Frank Rippon and J. W. Wilde.

James H. Moyle, Democratic candidate for governor is up at Brighton, where he spent Sunday at his summer home amid the peaks and pines. However, he will drop down from there this evening and tomorrow will mingle with his friends again.

Rulon S. Wells, who is being boomed for the Democratic nomination for governor by an enthusiastic number of Salt Lake friends is in Idaho today but is expected to arrive home tomorrow night or Wednesday morning. When he returns he will find that quite a boom has been staged in his behalf.

The Weber county Democratic committee has issued a call for the primaries to select delegates to the state and judicial conventions. The date for the primaries is Thursday evening, Aug. 31, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. Speaking of the late convention he said: "I have spent a couple of days at home putting salve on the sores made in our mixup and today I feel better. I expect to thoroughly recover in time."

Secy. of State Hammond will take his gun, rod and reel and go to the mountains for a week or two to think about it. When he comes back he will be found at his office in other days, and after the first of the year he will open a law office in this city and commence anew the practice of his profession.

President H. H. Voss and Secy. J. R. Leach of the "Loyal and Patriotic McKinley Republican club" invite all colored Republicans to be present at No. 42 Franklin avenue Wednesday evening, Aug. 31, at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and for the ratification of the national and state tickets.

On Saturday night at Richfield Willis Johnson of Platte county was given the nomination for state senator on the Republican ticket. Daniel Hansen of Sevier county and James Meeks of Wayne were the candidates whom he defeated in getting the place. The Herald of this city declares that Johnson is for Kearns for the United States senate.

It was asserted on good authority today that Lafe Pence, the political Philistine and defamer will not register at the Kenyon next time he comes to Salt Lake. When Proprietor Fowler was asked if the report was correct he replied that such was his private opinion, and that the questioner must have been in communication with Lafe's friends.

Wesley K. Walton is coming to the capital to stay until after the state campaign. It is a habit he has and can't help it. Ever since he was state chairman several years ago he is drawn to Salt Lake almost annually by the magnetism of the political machinery that his party starts in motion. Then he thinks he can throw a few obstacles in front of the Democratic car that may derail it.

The Sanpete Democratic county convention will meet on Sept. 3 at Ephraim to nominate a full county ticket. The precinct caucus at Ephraim on Saturday night resulted in the election of the following delegates to attend the county convention: Ramus Hanson, J. P. Christensen, H. P. Larsen, J. Warren Tye, John Darius J. P. Hanson, John S. Best, P. Y. Jensen, C. A. Larsen, E. P. Thomsen, Parley Peterson, H. F. Nielson.

At the Republican senatorial convention held at Layton on Saturday last Wesley K. Walton, former state chairman of the party, was nominated for the senate. His competitors were John

Croft and Dr. Osborne both of whom he easily defeated. After the nomination the convention endorsed the national and state tickets and appointed a senatorial campaign committee in the persons of E. F. Edwards of Davis, C. E. Condie of Morgan, and C. E. Jensen of Rich.

Senator Fairbanks, in a letter to Senator Kearns says in part: "I hope I may be able to visit Utah as you request. I will be glad to render you any possible service. My engagements are entirely in the hands of the national committee. I will bring your suggestion to their attention. If I go, I would be glad, indeed, if Mrs. Fairbanks could accompany me, but my trips will probably be such that it will be hard for her to get about. As you can imagine, I am pretty well tied down at the present time."

At Park City on Saturday night the Democrats of that place held their party caucus. Their officers were Geo. Smith, chairman, and Dan B. Shields, secretary. The following were named as delegates to the county convention: George Smith, C. W. Mair, P. Clark, Gerald Dunkin, Dan Shields, J. W. Geiger, James Byrne, J. F. Welsh, J. C. O'Hara, F. J. McLaughlin, John Fitzgerald, B. McDonough, Fred Smith, J. D. Cline, P. H. Tullon, Joseph Wilcox, C. E. Cushing, A. E. Westler, E. W. Berry, J. W. Patrick, Henry Condon, Dan Gallivan, John Carroll, James Howells and L. J. Aubrey.

National Chairman George B. Cortelyou has addressed the following letter to Senator Kearns: "In line with my brief remarks to the members of the Republican national committee in Chicago upon the occasion of my election as chairman of the committee, in which I said that I would welcome most heartily the co-operation of the leaders of the party, I write now to say that I hope to have your advice and counsel during an absence business trip to the platform and the candidates are such as to commend them to the conscience and common sense of the American people. We shall make a honest, straightforward and vigorous fight for a Republican victory all along the line, and I earnestly urge that you will give me from time to time the benefit of your experience and of your knowledge of conditions in your section of the country."

## HEAVIEST OF CLOUDBURSTS.

Comes at Hawthorne, Nev., Making Great Washouts.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 29.—A special from Hawthorne, Nev., to the Gazette, says: The heaviest of all the cloudbursts came yesterday, and there were washouts all the way from Mason to Summit. In half an hour, from 3:30 to 4 o'clock p. m., one and one-half inches of water fell in Hawthorne. The train which left Reno yesterday morning after many delays reached here last night and did not attempt to proceed further.

Forty laborers, brought from California, were started south with a construction train last evening and repaired as they proceeded, reaching Sodaville about 7 a. m. today.

The company will try and run a passenger train from here to Sodaville tonight.

Forty delayed passengers now at Sodaville presented a petition to the railroad people this afternoon, asking to be returned to Reno if there was any way possible, and the railroad company is now trying to arrange to get them back north this afternoon.

At Laughlin canyon, 50 miles south of here, where the washout occurred last Tuesday, tearing out five miles of track and roadbed, 50 men have been engaged in repairing, was again washed out and is now in much worse condition than at any time before, and the Trenchard road is experiencing the same washouts with indications of more rain today, so that the time of resuming through traffic remains very uncertain.

## President Working on His Letter

Oyster Bay, L. I., Aug. 29.—President Roosevelt devoted his time today almost entirely to recreation. He and Secy. Loeb transacted some official business, but the volume of government matters was comparatively light.

Work on the letter of acceptance has been completed substantially, and the document now is being transcribed in final form. It will be placed in the hands of the printer in a day or two.

## HEAVY FIRING HEARD.

Chetov, Aug. 29, 9 p. m.—The steamer Chinian, which has arrived here from Newchwang, reports that there was heavy firing at Port Arthur last night from 9 o'clock until two.

## DEFENDERS ARE DETERMINED.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 29, 4 p. m.—It is reported from a reliable source that Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel, commander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, has telegraphed to the emperor, thanking him for the recent message of encouragement sent to the garrison of Port Arthur, saying that the defenders of the fortress are ready and willing to lay down their lives, that the garrison has already suffered severely, and intimating that it is hardly possible to hold out for more than a month or six weeks.

The first contingent of the first army corps has arrived at Harbin. This corps was destined for Vladivostok, but upon the urgent request of Gen. Kuropatkin it will be directed to Mukden.

From an excellent source it is stated that the ill-starred Russian battleship Orel, which already has suffered two accidents, will not be able to join the Baltic squadron. According to reports, when her engine trials began it was discovered that the engines had been practically wrecked by workmen introducing iron filings into the valves and cylinders. It probably will require many months to repair the damage. This is the second failure of the Orel to go out on a trial trip, with the other ships last week.

## TO PUNISH CHAUFFEURS.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 29.—Because of the imposition of fines has in no way abated the over speeding of automobiles, the authorities are believed to have decided to make punishment the punishment for all persons convicted a second time of breaking the law. The first sentence under this decision has fallen on Michael Woods, chauffeur of Alphonse de Snavarro, who has been sent to the county jail for five days.

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