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SAYS JAPS WERE TOO SLOW DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS

KUROPATKIN VIRTUALLY WON A VICTORY, SAYS JOHN F. BASS—THE RUSSIAN ARMY FAR LESS THAN IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE AND ONLY JAPANESE CAUTION IN STRATEGY SAVED IT FROM DESTRUCTION.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—John F. Bass, war correspondent for the Daily News of this city, reached Chefoo today after some months spent with General Kuroki's army. In a cablegram to his paper, dated today, Bass is unsparing in his criticism of the Japanese commanders. He declares that the Japanese have 400,000 men in the field, while Kuropatkin's army is much smaller than the Russians would have their foes believe, and is made up for the most part of raw Siberians whom Kuropatkin has gradually whipped into an effective fighting force after they had been repeatedly defeated by the Japanese.

Bass declares that the Japanese, by their slowness, have forfeited their chance to destroy the Russian force, which now is practically out of danger and only awaits the arrival of reinforcements to turn the tide of war. The war writer has only words of praise for the Japanese troops, whose utter fearlessness is marvelous, but he says the strategy of the Japanese officers merely consists in sending these brave men straight ahead, no matter what the obstacle.

"After passing months in contriving an exact combined movement from the south and west to crush the Russian army at Liaoyang, the Japanese failed," he says, "through the slowness and timidity of their strategy, to throw a sufficiently large force from Kuroki's army far enough to the east and north to cut off the Russian retreat. They might have annihilated the Russians when, after fighting one of the greatest rear guard battles of history, the retirement from Liaoyang began on the night of September 3.

"The Japanese right wing, consisting of the twelfth division only, was then thirteen miles east by north of Liaoyang, calling for reinforcements. "Military authorities say that this movement cannot be called an enveloping movement, being merely an attack on Kuropatkin's left flank. The guards division of Kuroki's army was not seriously engaged in the fighting on September 3. It had been hurried northward to reinforce the twelfth division on the morning of that day, but the extreme caution of the Japanese held the guards in reserve, for fear of a counter attack by the Russians on the left center. Such an attack was impossible, owing to the long line which was necessary to the Russians to cover their position.

"Kuropatkin's safe withdrawal and virtual victory place him in the highest position as a commander. In a marvelously short time he has reorganized an inefficient army, badly officered and ignorant of the science of war, into a good fighting machine under perfect control. This was done with a large percentage of the same troops that had been defeated again and again by the Japanese.

"Now the troops of the Mikado, with victories galore to their credit, have less chance of final success than they had some months ago. Strategically the Japanese campaign in Manchuria is a failure, because, conforming to the national desire to possess Port Arthur, the Japanese devoted too much force to their endeavor to take that fortress. They devoted their strength, and the rest was that they failed to crush Kuropatkin.

"With 400,000 men in the field the Japanese have no excuse for their failure. Kuropatkin's large army is a myth. The slowness with which the campaign has been conducted affords the Russians a new opportunity to get more troops over the Trans-Siberian Railway. Heavy reinforcements are absolutely necessary to secure success for the czar; in this lies the only chance of Russian victory.

"Japanese strategy has been successful only provided the object of the war is to seize Korea and occupy permanently the Liaoyang Peninsula up to Mukden. This, however, is contrary to Japanese diplomatic representation.

"However, it is rumored that the Powers are to be conciliated by concessions of customs ports in North China, the United States getting Newchwang.

"Trade in the Far East is now at a standstill. Every one, especially the Chinese, would welcome intervention by the Powers to stop the war."

It was announced that the S. S. Alameda would not however, get a full load of sugar for her return trip to San Francisco. The schooner A. E. Smale is to sail tomorrow or the day following for Puget Sound and the Italian ship Forto Figari will probably get away by Wednesday for Puget Sound. Both vessels go in ballast.

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tions on the senatorial ticket leaving the third place blank. John Emmeluth recorded this motion.

There was no opposition to this motion but there was opposition to any possibility of Cecil Brown being made one of these nominees. For some reason Brown was dragged in however and for a time there was considerable debate in which his name figured quite prominently. W. A. Kinney spoke in favor of the motion and likewise in favor of Cecil Brown. The speaker wanted a rising vote on the motion to show that the convention was unanimous on the matter of opposition to the methods of the administration. He said that in this matter Brown stood in practically the same position as the Democratic party.

Bipikane of the Fifth District was on his feet in an instant as soon as the other speaker had concluded. The delegate from the Fifth evidently had no use for Cecil Brown and he proceeded to show it. He was opposed to Cecil Brown. The speaker said that Brown had participated in the overthrow of the Queen and furthermore Brown had been responsible for the defeat of the County Bill.

L. W. F. Kaneall of the Fourth spoke in favor of Cecil Brown but supported the general motion although he made no effort to urge the endorsement of Brown. The speaker in reply to Bipikane said that they were not living now in the past but were an integral part of the United States, the overthrow was dead now.

The previous question was moved and carried and then the original motion was put and carried unanimously. The nomination of the two senatorial candidates was then proceeded with. Stephen Umauma nominated E. H. F. Wolters for the Fourth and this was seconded by Turrill.

The Fifth District then made its nomination. F. J. Testa nominated Frank R. Harvey as the choice of the Fifth District caucus, as Wolters had been of the Fourth. Testa made a few remarks of a eulogistic character of Harvey. The nomination was seconded as Chairman McCarthy put it by every body in the hall. The nominations were then closed and the secretary instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for the two nominees. The senatorial convention then adjourned in order that the district conventions could get to business. Three cheers were given for the ticket. At this point Col. Wolters entered the hall and was received with cheers. Fred Weed the interpreter, grabbed Wolters and placed him on the table to respond to the calls for a speech. Col. Wolters was evidently quite overcome but he responded to the demand for some remarks.

Col. Wolters said: "Do you know that valuable parcels are brought in small contents. I have been unable to attend the convention gentlemen for I have been up on the hill doing some good work for the party. I wish to thank you one and all for the nomination and I will try to fill the bill if it is possible so to do. I see Mr. Frank Harvey my right bower on the ticket here, and feel sure that myself and himself can carry the field."

The speaker then launched into a eulogy of Cecil Brown's stand against the administration and said that the gap on the ticket would be well and truly filled by him. He urged everybody to support Cecil Brown. The speaker then painted a dismal picture of future conditions if the Democrats did not get into power to enforce the laws. Col. Wolters predicted that unless the laws were enforced there would be a Japanese constituency which would be braver than the Hawaiians and the latter would have to go to the Japanese who would be in the legislature. He said that this condition was foreshadowed by the large number of Japanese children in the schools. He predicted that it would come to pass in 10 to 20 years.

Frank Harvey then appeared and was received with cheers. He greeted the Democrats, thanked them for the nomination and then proceeded to toast the Republicans. They had done nothing for the people since annexation, continuing he said that these Hawaiians who today were advocating Republicanism had been bought and had been used for a mass of postage and that would live to regret it.

Now, gentlemen, let us consider our governor, George R. Carter. Outside he seems to be an exemplary gentleman but inside he is a very hell of antagonism against the people. Another thing I want to call your attention to is the boast made by Governor Carter to the federal officials that he had the politics of Hawaii pocketed. Let us show at the ballot box if he told the truth or if he spoke untruth. If he succeeds this time in winning the election here and continuing in his control and dominance of affairs, he will become a fiend incarnate."

The speaker then referred to the blank space on the senatorial ticket. He thanked the convention for the broad minded way in which it had chosen the senatorial ticket. He thanked the convention for that blank, it had been left for Cecil Brown who stood shoulder to shoulder with them. He urged that Brown be supported and thanked the convention for having nominated him.

Both district conventions seemed to be love feasts. There was however a slight hitch in the Fourth District Convention in the matter of one nominee. Col. McCarthy presented the following names as the choice at the Fourth District caucus for nomination for representatives: Joseph Aea, I. N. Naha, C. J. Hutchins, L. R. Medelton, William Jarrett and C. J. Campbell. L. W. F. Kaneall was also nominated. The addition of Kaneall threatened to disarrange the program. Stephen Umauma and Kaneall spoke on the subject. Finally C. W. Ashford came to the rescue and with

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honeyed words, urged harmony. He paid a tribute to the Democracy of Kaneall but asked in the interests of all concerned, that Kaneall withdraw his name for the sake of harmony. He said that an county government was to go through this time, there would be other places to be distributed and said that Kaneall would not be forgotten. W. A. Kinney followed in a similar vein and promised that Kaneall should not be forgotten, if he withdrew. Kaneall announced that he would withdraw, provided the men who had nominated and seconded him would withdraw his name. They did so amid cheers and then the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the six delegates nominated by McCarthy. The convention then adjourned.

The Fifth District convention was, if possible, more harmonious than the Fourth and everybody seemed to have a peace dove sitting on his shoulder. The following nominations were made: D. Mamahu, D. M. Kupihua, W. K. Apua, R. H. Trent, H. T. Moore, and J. P. Makainai. The nominations were made unanimous and the convention adjourned.

TO AID MIDWAY LABORERS. Customs Inspector H. J. Johnston has cabled to the New York office of Milliken Brothers regarding what they desire done with the laborers who returned from Midway yesterday on the U. S. S. Iroquois. Milliken Brothers have communicated with the Midway contractors and will probably advise Johnston today to provide the men here with transportation to San Francisco where they were hired originally.

GRILL OPERA PARTIES. The Alexander Young hotel grill will be opened again this evening after the performance of Said Pusha, and there will be many supper parties, as there were after the last evening performance. Members of the cast are looking forward to a large attendance this evening, many of the friends of the performers being anxious to see the production again and the singers and friends will meet at the hotel afterwards.

KINAU ARRIVED TODAY. The steamers Kinau and Likelike arrived this morning from their runs, the Likelike had also made a special trip to Kawaihae. A good sized crowd of passengers returned on the Kinau.

RECOVERED A STOLEN WATCH. Detective Rencar has arrested Manuel Gomez and Pedro Ferreira small boys, on suspicion of having stolen a silver watch from Antone Cabral while the latter was bathing at the Annex at Waikiki on Regatta Day.

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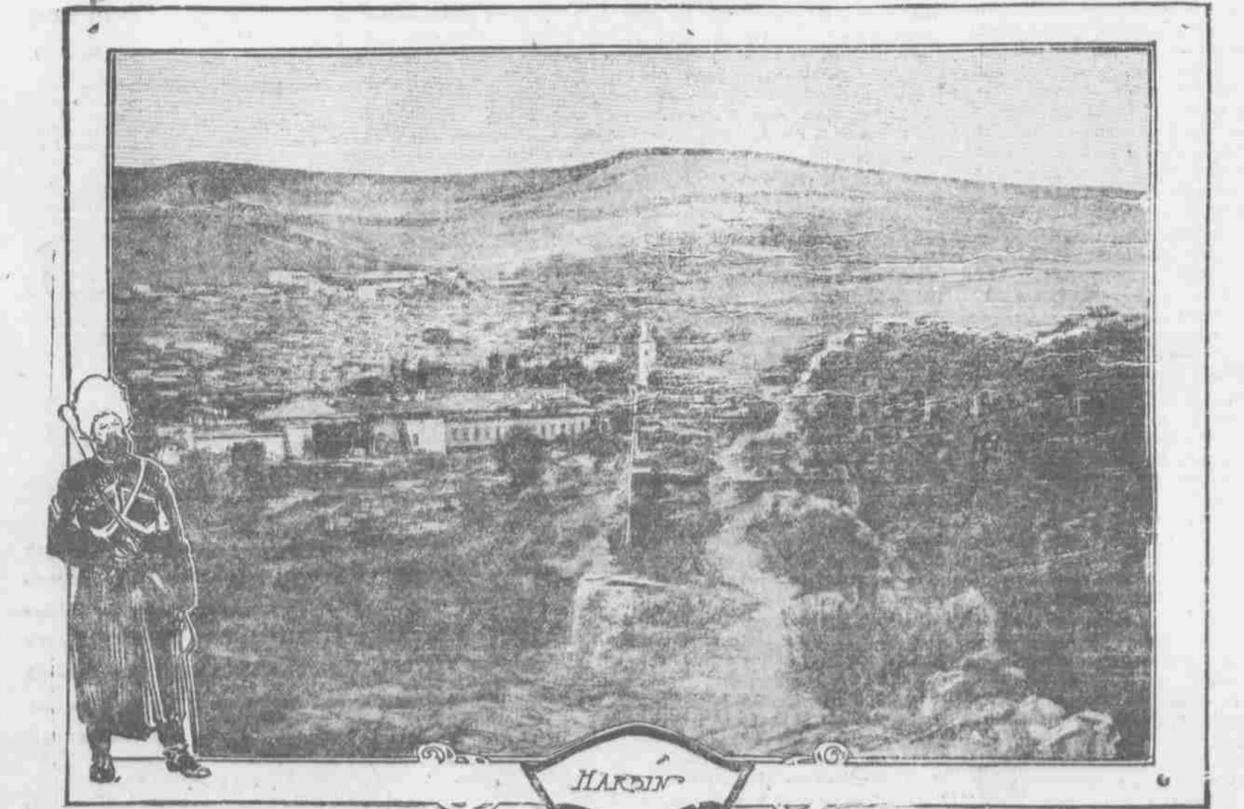
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THREE SUGAR SHIPS ARE NOW IN PORT

SMALL NUMBER OF VESSELS IN HARBOR—HAWAIIAN ISLES GETTING SUGAR FOR FRISCO. This is certainly slack sugar season. At present, there are only three of the sugar fleet in port. They are the ship Hawaiian Isles, bark Santiago and schooner W. H. Marston. The Hawaiian Isles is at the Railway wharf, loading sugar for San Francisco. She has about 2,500 tons aboard and will take about 4,200 tons altogether. The remainder of her complement will be

supplied from the plantations of F. A. Schaefer and Company and Hackfeld and Company. Castle and Cooke are loading about 200 tons more into the vessel to finish their complement. The steamer Mikahala will bring sugar from Kekaha plantation Wednesday for the vessel and the steamer Kauai will bring more sugar tomorrow or the following day from Hamakua for the Hawaiian Isles. There will also be sugar from Oahu Plantation loaded on the vessel. At the Railway wharf there is scarcely 1,000 tons of sugar on hand. About 200 tons of this is to go into the Hawaiian Isles about 400 tons is to be loaded into the schooner W. H. Marston and most of the remainder is to be kept for the bark Mohican which is now out from San Francisco for this port. The Santiago was moved over to the Quarantine wharf today to fumigate. She will probably get nearly a full load of sugar for San Francisco.

WHERE RUSSIAN RETREAT MUST STOP



General Kuropatkin has lost one after another the fortified places in which his various armies have made stands since the first battle of the Yalu. Liaoyang and Mukden are now left in the hands of the Japanese and Harbin is the last great Russian base in the north. It is the great railroad junction where the lines to Vladivostok and Port Arthur meet the Siberian railway, and is now the Russian terminus of the latter. It is expected that when Kuropatkin reaches Harbin he will have to fight the great decisive battle, making a stand to the last against the Japanese who are hastening after him. Harbin and vicinity may therefore be the scene of a much greater battle than the one at Liaoyang.