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JAPS WIN
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Chinese Lose 16,000 in Killed,
Wounded and Prisoners
at Ping Yang.

WILL THIS END THE WAR?

Mikado's Men Draw a Cordon
Around the Celestial Troops
at Night.

CHINESE TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

Forced from a Strong Position
After Half an Hour's Hard
Fighting.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 17.—Despatches to the Times to-day say that news has been received from Hiroshima that the Japanese have won a great victory at Ping Yang.

During the evening of Thursday last a Japanese column from Pong San made a reconnaissance in force, drawing the fire of the Chinese forts and ascertaining accurately their disposition. This done, the Japanese fell back in good order, with little loss.

On Friday night all the Japanese forces were in position for a combined attack. The Gen San column was threatening the Chinese left flank, the Pong San column was facing the Chinese center and the Hwang Zu column was operating on the Chinese right. The latter column had been reinforced the day before by a detachment of marines and bluejackets from the fleet stationed at the mouth of the Ta-Tong River.

The Chinese utilized their old defenses at Ping Yang and had thrown up new works, with the result that their position was exceptionally strong.

The battle opened on Saturday morning at daybreak, with a direct cannonade upon the Chinese works, and this fire was continued without cessation until after noon. The Chinese fought their guns well, replying effectively to the Japanese fire.

At 2 P. M. a body of Japanese infantry was thrown forward in skirmish and kept up a rifle fire upon the enemy until dusk.

All the fighting during the day, was done by the Pong San column. The Chinese defenses suffered exceedingly from the Japanese fire, but it is doubtful if the losses on either side were great, as the troops, both Chinese and Japanese, took every advantage possible of the shelter which the earthworks, on one side, and the nature of the ground on the other afforded them.

The flank attacks upon the Chinese position did not develop any material advantage during the day, although the Japanese gained some advanced positions. But they mainly occupied the same ground at night as when the attack was opened.

The firing was continued at intervals throughout the night.

In the mean time the two flanking columns of Japanese drew a cordon around the Chinese troops, and at 3 o'clock in the morning the Japanese attack was made by both columns simultaneously and with admirable precision.

The Chinese lines, which were strong in front, were found to be weak in the rear, and the Chinese, utterly unprepared of the Japanese attack from that quarter, were taken completely by surprise, became panic-stricken and were cut down and bayoneted by the hundreds.

So well was the Japanese attack directed, that the Chinese were surrounded at every point and eventually sought safety in flight.

Defending the intrenchments, however, were some of Viceroy Li Hung Chang's picked Chinese troops, drilled by Europeans. These soldiers made a determined stand to the last and were cut down to a man.

The Pong San column, swarming over the damaged defenses of the Chinese front, completed the rout of the Chinese, and the whole of the latter's position was captured by the troops of the Mikado.

Half an hour after the early morning attack commenced the strongly defended position of Ping Yang was in the hands of the Japanese.

It is believed that the Chinese position at Ping Yang was defended by 20,000 Chinese, of whom only a few succeeded in escaping. The Japanese victory was brilliant and complete. An immense amount of provisions, arms, ammunition and other stores, in addition to hundreds of flags, were captured in the Chinese camps and intrenchments.

KOERNER TO ANSWER.

A Doctor Held in \$2,500 Bail on
Mrs. Duffy's Charges.

She is in Harlem Hospital in a
Serious Condition.

The Physician Says She Was Drunk
and Her Injuries Accidental.

Dr. M. Koerner, of 1736 Lexington avenue, who is charged by Mrs. Mary A. Duffy, twenty-four years old, of 209 East One Hundredth street, with first attempting a criminal assault upon her and then throwing her out of his office last night, was held in \$2,500 bail for examination in Harlem Court this morning.

Mrs. Duffy is in the Harlem Hospital, suffering from shock and a severe scalp wound, which she says the doctor inflicted upon her with a stick.

Dr. Rothwell, of the Harlem Hospital, says that Mrs. Duffy will not be able to move from her bed for at least three days.

Her condition, caused by the alleged violence last night, is the more critical because she is in delicate health.

Mrs. Duffy said she called at the doctor's office last night for the purpose of consulting him for a trifling ailment. The doctor was out at the time, and she waited for him.

When he came in, she says, he attempted to assault her. She repelled him by holding a chair between the doctor and herself. The doctor thereupon seized Mrs. Duffy by the neck of her dress, and struck her on the head, driving a chair into her on the top of the head.

She fell down the three or four steps, and when she was able to get up, with blood flowing from the wound, she went in search of a policeman.

Folkman Uncle, of the East One Hundred and Fourth street station, happened along, and sent a messenger for an ambulance. Mrs. Duffy was removed to the Harlem Hospital, and the doctor placed under arrest.

In defending himself against Mrs. Duffy's charges, Dr. Koerner said that he was under the influence of liquor when she called at his office last night. "Seeing her condition," said the doctor, "I refused to treat her, but told her to call in the morning. She refused to go, and became abusive and violent. I carried her out of the room, and she followed me and raised a chair to strike me."

It thereupon pushed her out on the steps, and as they were slippery from the rain, she fell and struck her head. She then lay on the ground for several occasions before she was picked up.

The doctor said that immediately after the accident he advised her to go to a policeman. Mrs. Sophia Buttsch, the doctor's landlady, corroborated her testimony.

She added that she let Mrs. Duffy in last night, and seeing she was under the influence of liquor, she went to her room and locked the door. She said she was in the rear of the house when the struggle occurred and did not see the doctor strike the woman.

When she came out, however, she said she saw Mrs. Duffy having hold of the chair.

The wound in Mrs. Duffy's head, in the opinion of Dr. Rothwell, was not the result of a fall.

VICTIM OF THE MAFIA

De George Says the Arson Charge
Is Part of a Plot.

Denies All Knowledge of the In-
genious Fire Machine.

The Fire Marshal, However, Says
He Has Proof Against Him.

Michael De George, the real estate and insurance agent, of 23 Liberty street, who is under arrest, charged with attempted arson, pleaded not guilty before Justice Simms in the Essex Market Police Court this morning. His examination was adjourned until late this afternoon, to allow him to communicate with his counsel, Assemblyman William Sulzer.

Fire Marshal Mitchell said to-day that he hopes to connect De George with a gang of Italian firebugs which has given much trouble during the last few years.

The Fire Marshal says he has some startling facts in his possession which will certainly lead to the prisoner's indictment. Working on these facts, he said he had his deputies, Freeland and Lenz, shadow De George, and on Saturday Mr. Mitchell's agents were satisfied that it was about time to arrest their man.

They proceeded to his apartments on the third floor of the double-decker tenement at 105 Avenue A. De George was in the room, and he was removed to the apartment and made a discovery.

On a wooden chair, placed near a bed, was a lighted candle, which had burned apparently for an hour. The bottom of the candle was connected with a long rubber overbo, which was the ordinary household gas-lighter. The taper ran down the leg of a chair and was held away from the wood by two pieces of thread.

The end of the taper was stuck into a hole in the wall, which, according to Fire Marshal Mitchell, contained a mixture of alcohol and turpentine. The rubber shoe was filled to overflowing with the fluid.

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While De George was talking, his son Anthony, who has for fifteen years been foreman for Confectioner Hummel, and who is an honorable man, and a well known figure in the neighborhood, was present. He said that he had seen his father in the act of lighting the candle.

My father, he said, "denies positively," that he had anything to do with the attempt to set the house on fire. He is an honorable man, and a well known figure in the neighborhood, and could not be guilty of such a crime.

He knows who is at the bottom of this plot against him. De George time ago was instrumental in disclosing a plot of the Mafia, and since that he has been a marked man.

My father is a Mason and is master of many lodges, and is well known. De George appeared before him some time ago, and tried to prove an honor on him, but he refused to do so.

His answers to some of the questions put were such as to arouse Mr. Mitchell's suspicions. De George's connection with the prisoner.

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Fully a dozen people who were looking out of the window watching the street in the distance below saw him jump.

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JONES ASKED TO RESIGN.

Nevada Republican Committee
Writes to the Backsliding Senator.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Senator John P. Jones, of Nevada, has been requested by the Republican State Central Committee to resign his seat in the United States Senate, to which he was elected by Republicans.

This request is made in a long letter which was drafted by Chairman Fremont Coffin and approved by the committee at a meeting held in this city. The letter, which is signed by Senator Jones's letter of Aug. 23, to the former chairman of the committee, Enoch Strother, in which Jones announces that he has left the Republican party to join the Populists and severely criticizes his course of action.

Over the shoe was piled a lot of bed clothes and light wearing apparel. From the foot of the bed, and attached to the mattress, was a sheet which was covered with the foot-board and into a closet. There it was pinned to some clothing which hung in the closet. Mr. Mitchell says that had the inflammable fluid caught from the taper, nothing could have prevented the building from taking fire.

De George's apartments are so situated that had the fire gained any considerable headway before being discovered, several families would have been cut off from escape. Freeland and Lenz, however, were on duty at the time, and they were able to get out of the building before the fire had become serious.

Mr. Mitchell took note of the arrangement of the tapers and the whole apparatus to Fire Headquarters. Freeland and Lenz kept watch until 11 o'clock Saturday night De George returned home. He was at once placed under arrest and taken to the Fifth street station-house.

Yesterday he was taken to Essex Market Court and held in \$5,000 bail for examination to-day.

An "Evening World" reporter visited De George in the large five-story brick building at New York avenue and Sixth street, occupied by the mattress factory of Stump & Bros. One man was unable to get out and was burned to death. He was killed from the fifth story and sustained severe injuries.

When asked for an explanation of the alleged fact that a rubber shoe filled with a highly combustible fluid was found in his room with a taper leading to it, De George said that he positively knew nothing about it. He admitted the possession of the shoe wax tapers, but said that he had always kept them for use when it was necessary for him to get up in the night.

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Levi F. Morton will be nominated for Lieutenant-Governor. It is believed that the anti-Platt leaders held a conference last night and they figured that the nomination of Platt was to be rejected. It was thought that some kind friend would give Mr. Fassett good advice, and that this morning he would announce a change of mind.

But this morning Mr. Fassett clung to his old position. He said that he would make it as strong as language can make it. He said he was in the race for the nomination of Governor, and he would not be deterred by the Convention if I don't get more than one vote, and under no consideration will I be deterred by anything. I want first place on my own terms.

Chauncey M. Depew, who was relied upon to lead the opposition to Platt, has been out of the race. He has been out of the race for some time, and will place Morton in nomination. Still, the anti-Platt do not seem to be discouraged.

"They don't know when they are beaten, and don't know enough to come to their senses," was the way one man expressed it.

What seems to inspire the anti-Platt sentiment is the fact that Platt is usually indulged in by disappointed candidates and their friends. About a dozen anti-Platt men started from home with booms for Lieutenant-Governor, and when they arrived here and opened their mouths they were told that they were out of the race. They speak of him now as Thomas McNeill.

The anti-Platt sentiment is also inspired by the fact that the nomination of Morton is a concession to the anti-Platt sentiment. It is believed that the nomination of Morton is a concession to the anti-Platt sentiment.

Free Race for Lieutenant-Governor
Mayor George W. Aldridge, of Rochester, Senator Charles E. Saxton, of Clyde, and Congressman Wadsworth, of Genesee, are still in the race. Platt's slate contains the name of Wadsworth, but Mr. Platt insists that the lieutenant-governorship contest continues open to all comers, and that the nomination for Judge of the Court of Appeals by no means settled either.

The expectation is that Mr. Platt will really have to fight for the nomination to do so. He is only excused the delegates have to be held in the work of the convention is practically settled beforehand, and as most of the candidates for governor have withdrawn, and there will consequently be very little rivalry, the Convention will not last more than one day, with probably an evening session.

Col. S. V. R. Cruger started a boom for Election Lieutenant-Governor in the New York delegation this morning. Saxton, he says, is a poor man, and as such would be an offset to Morton. Wadsworth is a millionaire, too, and with two millionaires in the ticket would be a heavy load. He is a Col. Cruger thinks.

Geographical locations are disregarded. Justice Albert Haight, of Buffalo, will be named for Judge of the Court of Appeals. The northern section from Livingston County, contiguous to Erie, Justice Haight's home county.

The supporters of Supreme Court Justice S. Alonso Kellogg, of Plattsburgh, argue that if the Lieutenant-Governorship goes to the western part of the State, and the nominee for Governor comes from Dutchess, in the eastern part of the State, the Kellogg nomination.

Kings County is Platt's favorite. In the person of Jesse Johnson, of Brooklyn, Mr. Haight is the favorite

REJECTED SUITOR'S CRIME.

Portland Engineer Shot and Killed
a Woman and Himself.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 17.—J. W. Stangels, a civil engineer, shot and killed Mrs. Mabel Colvin on the street yesterday afternoon and then blew out his own brains. Mrs. Colvin was out walking when Stangels met her. She was a handsome woman and came here about two years ago from Woodwich, Mass. She and her husband did not live together, and only a few days ago she had been out for a walk with her children. Stangels was an engineer employed at the City Park, and it is said he was drinking heavily, and the two had frequent quarrels. Last Saturday persons living in the same house noticed a peculiar odor yesterday afternoon from Stangels' rooms and investigated. Fogakita was found dead on the floor. His wife was in bed and also dead. He had drunk carbolic acid. They left no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Fogakita, of Buffalo, Drank Carbolic Acid.

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RUFFALO, Sept. 17.—Andrew Fogakita and wife lived for three years in rooms at 23 Peckham street. Mrs. Fogakita kept a stall at Broadway Market and her husband has been out of work for a long time. He has been drinking heavily, and the two had frequent quarrels. Last Saturday persons living in the same house noticed a peculiar odor yesterday afternoon from Stangels' rooms and investigated. Fogakita was found dead on the floor. His wife was in bed and also dead. He had drunk carbolic acid. They left no children.

MRS. WESCHLER DEAD.

Her Jump or Fall from a Window
Results Fatally.

Mary E. Weschler, thirty years of age, of 29 Columbus avenue, died at Roosevelt Hospital this morning. She jumped or fell from the third-story window of her home during the thunder storm last night.

The husband, Henry, is an artist for one of the illustrated papers. He told the girls that he was going to the window that he had been separated from his wife for some time. Proceedings for a separation have been pending in court.

Hanged Himself from Grief.

Courier Keene, of Brooklyn, was notified to-day of the death of Mrs. Catherine Hoff, who committed suicide yesterday afternoon by hanging herself in the cellar of her home, 238 Hendrix street. Mrs. Hoff, however, died from grief she left a note saying that she was tired of life and would die with her husband. She leaves two small daughters.

Cannot Explain Rafalsky's Suicide.

Miss Josephine Rafalsky, of 69 East One Hundred and Twenty-second street, a sister of Albert Rafalsky, who committed suicide in Chicago yesterday, is being held in custody by the police. It is believed that she had been separated from her husband for some time. Proceedings for a separation have been pending in court.

Krebs Will Allege.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Sept. 17.—Charles Krebs, forty-five years old, a hardware dealer and plumber, of Elizabeth avenue, who yesterday afternoon shot himself while standing in front of a mirror, is still alive. The cause of his attempted suicide is not known.

WANTS A JURY TRIAL.

Crowell's Application in His Suit
for Divorce.

Justice Cullen, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, this morning, heard an application to send to a jury the suit of Charles P. Crowell, of Jamaica, against his wife, Lydia, for divorce. Mrs. Crowell says she was never legally separated in the action, and makes a general denial.

Actor Thompson Attacked.

Father of His Divorced Wife Tries
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