

MOVING TO BATTLE

Russia's Main Army Under Way South of Liaoyang.

TRY TO SAVE PORT ARTHUR?

Rumors That Kouropatkin Will Take Desperate Chance.

More Likely That He Is Forced Into Activity by Kuroki's Threatening Movement From Fengwangcheng—Japanese Advance Toward Port Arthur, Occupying More Towns and Capturing More Guns—Two Thousand Russians Hurling in One Engagement in Manchuria.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 31.—The accurate news which the St. Petersburg correspondents of Paris newspapers send to their journals alternates with such erratic nonsense that it is difficult to decide in which class to place the report received yesterday that Gen. Kouropatkin is rushing southward to take Gen. Oku in the rear and succor Port Arthur while Gen. Kandrotovitch holds Gen. Kuroki in check.

The Daily Mail, whose Paris correspondent claims to learn from a well informed source apart from the French newspapers that Gen. Kouropatkin has begun moving south in a serious fashion, and that a serious battle is to be expected shortly, gives great prominence to the statement and describes the movement as a desperate one, to which the Russian commander-in-chief is impelled by political pressure.

According to this view Admiral Alexieff is the moving spirit, he having induced the czar to force Gen. Kouropatkin into a dangerous line of action.

If this is so Gen. Kouropatkin, it is pointed out, is acting like Marshal MacMahon, the French commander, when, in 1870, he yielded to Empress Eugenie and made the fatal attempt to join Marshal Bazaine at Metz, which led up to the disaster at Sedan.

That Gen. Kouropatkin is either conducting or directing some forward movement seems pretty certain. The Chefoo correspondent of the Express says that the main armies about Liaoyang are moving. The Russians are reported to be marching south under urgent orders from the czar.

Gen. Kouropatkin is striking out to a position slightly southeast of Liaoyang. His activity is caused by the steady circling movement of the Japanese, who threaten to surround him unless he breaks out and offers battle.

According to the correspondent, it is not considered that the southward march has any connection with the Port Arthur position, but is an attempt to restore the prestige of the Russian arms. The Japanese have several cavalry brigades operating to the westward which are in touch with the Russians. The Japanese are moving up infantry and guns from Fengwangcheng. The simultaneous advance of both armies causes the belief that a battle is imminent.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily News refers to the same movement, which, like some other correspondents, he represents to be the outcome of a conference between Gen. Kouropatkin and Admiral Alexieff. The News also makes Gen. Oku's army the Russian objective, adding that Gen. Kouropatkin's advance guard is believed to be already rapidly nearing Kinchau. This is obviously gathered from the same source as the Paris story to the effect that the Russian vanguard is further south than Wafangting, which is sixty-five miles north of Port Arthur.

Finally, there are Gen. Kouropatkin's own announcements of a Japanese advance from Kuantien, and Gen. Kuroki's report of activities at Aiyangpenmen and elsewhere northward of Fengwangcheng to show that it is very improbable that the Russian commander will remain inactive at Liaoyang in view of recent events.

So, while the curtain temporarily falls on the Liaoyang promontory scene, it appears about to rise on interesting, perhaps decisive, events further north.

THREAT TO KILL PERDICARIS.

AMERICAN'S MOORISH CAPTOR PRESSES HIS DEMANDS.

United States Cruiser Brooklyn Reaches Tangier and May Land Marines—Bandit Chief Wants a Guarantee of Amnesty for All His Offenses—Also a Ransom.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. TANGIER, May 30.—Rear Admiral Chadwick, who arrived here to-day on the cruiser Brooklyn, and Consul-General Gummeré, visited Mohammed el Torres, the Sultan's representative in Tangier, who later returned the visit at the consulate. The Brooklyn fired a salute.

The British and American representatives have sent a strongly worded note to the Sultan, informing him that their governments are unable to accede to the demands made by the bandit Raisuli, and intimating that unless his Majesty secures the release of Messrs. Perdicaris and Varley, who are prisoners in the hands of Raisuli, they will take the matter into their own hands.

The arrival of the Brooklyn has greatly improved the attitude of the Moorish authorities. Raisuli is said to be elated over the situation. He threatens to capture the secretary of the Italian legation and his wife. Several of the tribes are adopting a threatening attitude. They want Raisuli to demand concessions in their behalf.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The negotiations for the release of Ion Perdicaris and Cromwell Varley have reached a critical stage through a threat of Raisuli, their captor, to kill both of them unless his extraordinary demands are complied with. This information reached the State Department last night from Mr. Gummeré, the United States Consul-General at Tangier, who, with the British Minister there, is conducting the exchanges with Raisuli for securing freedom for Mr. Perdicaris and his companion.

No additional instructions have been sent to Mr. Gummeré, those transmitted previously being considered as sufficient to cover the contingency now presented. Mr. Gummeré has been told that it is impossible to grant the demands of Raisuli, which include, in addition to a heavy money ransom, a guarantee on the part of England and the United States that Raisuli and his band shall receive amnesty for all offenses, that the Moroccan troops be withdrawn from his district and that he shall not be compelled to pay tribute or taxes to the Sultan of Morocco.

Word came to the State and Navy departments this morning of the arrival of the armored cruiser Brooklyn at Tangier this morning. The Brooklyn is the flagship of Rear Admiral Chadwick, commander-in-chief of the South Atlantic station, who went ahead of the rest of his squadron in order to get to Tangier in the quickest possible time. In view of the threats of Raisuli it is now considered likely that Admiral Chadwick will land bluejackets and marines, not only as a warning to Raisuli, but to make the Sultan's commanders as enthusiastic as possible in their efforts to compel the bandit to release the captives.

TEST OF FRENCH LOCOMOTIVE.

Not the Equal of American Flyers, the Verdict of the Crew.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 30.—Two test runs were made with a French Bull locomotive to-day over the West Jersey and Seashore lines by officials of the Pennsylvania system to gauge its speed, its power and endurance across the level stretch of roadway from Camden to the shore. The test crew will say for it that "she don't touch the American flyers."

The engine is medium in size and weight and instead of a hrotelle has a wheel. The engineer was Richard Doughty. He confesses that he was not well enough acquainted with its points to get the best work out of it. The locomotive is to be exhibited at St. Louis.

It was attached to a morning express from Philadelphia made up of eleven cars. The express was twelve minutes late in leaving Camden. The engine did not develop power enough to catch up on the down trip, but held its own. This afternoon it was attached to a train of five cars and just made the trip in time—75 minutes for the 55 miles.

It was a slow express and no effort was made to speed, but the engine never showed signs of being able to compete with the American style engines in making up lost time with bursts of speed.

The locomotive will be continued in service for some days on this line and will then be tried on grade climbing.

SIX INJURED IN RACE RIOT.

Sign Displayed by Parading Negroes Causes Bloodshed in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 30.—In a race riot at Thirtieth and Reed streets this afternoon six persons were seriously injured, a score of others were slightly hurt and eleven were arrested charged with assault and battery and inciting to riot.

The injured are: Ilone Nametz, 6 years old, shot in the back; Jesse Waller, colored, head battered; Robert McCollough, shot wound in abdomen; Lizzie Langdon, 19 years old, shot in the abdomen; Policeman Albert Gibson, fractured skull, and William Boyd, detective, stab wound in the abdomen.

The riot started shortly after 3 o'clock. The trouble is ascribed to a negro band that paraded through the streets playing ragtime and patriotic airs. A wagon followed the band and carried a large sign proclaiming:

This is the day WE celebrate. A crowd of colored and white children gathered at the corner of Patton and Reed streets to watch the band pass. The white children immediately took exception to the emphasized "W" in the sign and started to argue with the negro children.

Stones began to fly, and in a few minutes the missiles were going in all directions. A score of negroes ran from their homes on Patton street and became involved with a group of white men. One of the negroes, Elisha Ash, of 2136 Commerce street, drew a revolver, asserting that he "could lick any white man in the crowd."

The white man, being unarmed, fled down the street, and the negro followed, firing his revolver in the direction of Ash's revolver. Ash struck Lizzie Langdon as she was standing on the steps. Another bullet hit Ilone Nametz, a six-year-old girl, in the back.

Policemen rushed to the scene, but were powerless to check the riot. Detective Boyd of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, grabbed Ash as he fired the last shot. He wrested the revolver from the negro's grasp, but Ash drew a knife from his pocket and stabbed Boyd in the stomach.

A squad of policemen pursued Ash, and he was finally cornered and arrested in the cellar of a neighbor's house. Meanwhile the riot spread in the street. Jesse Waller, another negro, fired his revolver into the crowd, striking Robert McCollough. Then he fled into a house, leaving a trail of blood and emptying his revolver into the crowd of rich Negroes.

From the adjoining window Mary Waller, his wife, rained a volley of bricks upon the heads of the people beneath, one of them striking Policeman Gibson and fracturing his skull. Waller kept on discharging his revolver until Sergt. Christie of the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue station entered the house by the rear and placed Waller and his wife under arrest.

ODELL MEN "DON'T WANT ROOT."

Expect Odell to Pick Out Somebody Else While Platt's Away.

Some of Governor-Chairman Odell's adherents were at the Hotel Manhattan last night and delivered themselves of a few utterances. In the first place, they said that they were glad that Senator Platt was going to Europe on July 15, to be gone until Sept. 1. The Governor-Chairman is expected to return on June 31.

Immediately after the Republican national convention adjourns at Chicago, late in June, the Governor-Chairman is to take up in real earnest the State ticket he is to name at the convention to be held in the fall.

The Governor-Chairman's cronies went on to admit that all over the State of New York there is a demand for a change in the nomination of Elisha Root for Governor, but that the Governor-Chairman and his clique were violently opposed to the nomination of Mr. Root, and that in the absence of Senator Platt in Europe they are to attempt to stifle in all the counties of the State the sentiment of the Republicans demanding the nomination of Mr. Root.

PRANKS OF THE LIGHTNING.

Believe in Gloom for Three Hours: Theaters Had Second Supply—Fort George Crowd Scared—Floods Stall Trains on New Haven Line and 30,000 on Cars.

During the storm which began about 6:30 last evening lightning struck the plant of the United Electric Light Company at Twenty-eighth street and the East River, putting a dynamo out of business.

This dynamo supplied Bellevue Hospital and Wallack's, Hammerstein's and the Casino theatres, and these places became dark. The theatres had arranged for just such an emergency, being also supplied by another electric light company.

As soon as the lights went out in the theatres the management had the emergency supply of electricity turned on. Bellevue Hospital was not so fortunate. From 7 o'clock until 10 the wards were lighted by candles and gas. About 10 o'clock the disabled dynamo was repaired, and then the electric lights in the hospital were turned on again.

When the storm struck Fort George the crowd of merry-makers there got a bad scare. About 500 women and children sought shelter from the rain in Trocadero Hall. Lightning struck the flagpole, putting out all the electric lights in the building. There was a stampede from the place, but two policemen and the attendants soon quieted the crowd and got them to return to the hall when they were convinced that little damage had been done.

Then the crowd got another scare. A huge torrent of water rushed down Astor avenue, clogging the sewers and filling the streets. The water poured into the building, causing the women to take refuge on the chairs and tables.

But this didn't prevent the waiters from keeping an eye on the opportunity. They removed their shoes and stockings, rolled their trousers up to their knees and rushed around the place yelling: "It was the handsome waiter!"

Thereafter beer business was brisk, even before the water subsided. Downtown there was little lightning or thunder. The rainfall was 45-100ths of an inch. It wet the streets and made them sloppy and unpleasant.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., May 30.—A heavy rainstorm this afternoon, in addition to damaging country estates of rich New Yorkers in Westchester county, caused the Harlem and New Haven railroad tracks between Melrose and Fordham to be flooded in some places to a depth of three feet. A high tide on the East River made the water back up through a big outlet sewer which is used to carry off the water along the tracks, and express trains had to dash through the flood.

The trains were crowded with New York people who had been spending the day in the country, and when the engines struck the deep water there was a roar of steam. In several instances lights were extinguished and there was great excitement among the passengers. The water on the tracks reached to the car steps, and two engines were disabled and new ones had to be sent for before the carloads of people could be pulled out of the flooded district.

During the height of the storm the roof of the big rotary station of the Huckleberry trolley road at Mount Vernon began leaking so that water fell on the dynamo, and the power had to be shut off for an hour. More than 20,000 pleasure seekers were stalled on the cars while the storm was raging.

PATERSON, N. J., May 30.—A heavy rainstorm that passed over this evening washed a large sand bank at West Nutley onto the trolley tracks of the Public Service Corporation and delayed traffic between this city and Newark until 9 o'clock.

Two hundred and fifty passengers were held in five cars in the pouring rain for three hours. Hundreds of Decoration Day sight-seers from Newark were detained in Paterson by the congestion of travel due to the washout, and many women with children in their arms were compelled to wait for hours on the street.

MURDERER TASCOTT DEAD.

Prospector Tells of Dramatic End in Alaska of Famous Chicago Crime.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 30.—Phillip Robertson, a veteran prospector and mining man of the lower Yukon, has reached Dawson with a surprising story. Apparently it clears up the famous Snell murder case of Chicago, since it locates and disposes of the murderer Tascott.

Robertson left Dawson last fall in a small boat for the mouth of the Tanana, expecting to catch a steamer to Fairbanks. After fighting an ice run, he reached a point near Dahl River, where he made camp. There a fugitive god joined him, seemingly in distress. So peculiar were its actions that Robertson followed it, being led to a lonely cabin concealed in a bunch of scrub about 400 yards above the river.

There he found a dying man, whose first question was: "Are you an officer?" The sick man then became unconscious. Two hours later he awoke.

"See here," he said, "I'm dying and I've got something on my chest I've got to get rid of. My name's not Watson; it's Tascott. I'm Tascott. I'm getting what I deserve. I'm getting paid for what I did. I feel myself going and I know where I'll go. You call the boys when they come back."

A few hours later he died. QUAY'S ADVICE TO ROOSEVELT. Wanted Cameron to Tell Him He Should Name a Politician as National Chairman.

BEAVER, Pa., May 30.—A story was told at the Quay residence to-day that Senator Quay and Don Cameron last Friday, during their talk, spoke of the approaching Presidential campaign. Senator Quay asked Cameron to call on President Roosevelt for him and to advise him that he was making a mistake in appointing any one but a politician as national chairman in the next campaign, as the campaign will be one of the hardest in history and may become more difficult as it advances.

Senator Quay favored the appointment of Senator Penrose as the campaign manager. It is said that the place was offered to Senator Quay after Senator Hanna's death.

IF ROOSEVELT HAD BEEN BAD He'd Have Been the Baddest That Ever Was, His Daughter Says.

ST. LOUIS, May 30.—When Miss Alice Roosevelt and her party of eight friends entered the central building of the Palace of Fine Arts at the world's fair to-day, a crowd of interested citizens assembled but were denied admission to the building by the Jefferson Guard, who stood by the door.

It was stated that only a few persons, including several fair directors and prominent society people, were inside, and that an informal reception was being tendered Miss Roosevelt by the art director.

Later, Miss Roosevelt visited the Arizona gold mine exhibit in the Gulch, and while there met Harry Clifford and a number of Rough Riders who had known her father. The discussion naturally turned to the man of the West, their bad and good points, and the President's daughter said:

"Well, if papa had turned out to be a bad man, I am sure he would have been the baddest bad man that ever was." This evening Miss Roosevelt was the guest of honor at a ball in the German pavilion given by the Commissioner-General, Dr. Theodore Lewald.

WOMAN A BURGLAR'S PAL.

Westchester Police Say She Stands Guard While He Rehearses.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., May 30.—The police of Port Chester, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains and other towns along the northern shore of Long Island Sound are looking for a burglar who is accompanied by a young woman in black.

The woman stands guard while her partner rehearses a burglary in a house. In one week this burglar robbed places in Mount Vernon and houses in White Plains, New Rochelle and Port Chester.

From a house at Port Chester he stole a dress suit case, a costly silk dress, a woman's jacket and other female attire, and it is believed that his fair companion were part of the garments out of town.

The police of Mount Vernon say they have a clue to the burglar and expect to have him locked up in a few hours.

A DEADLY BASEBALL FIELD. Boys Played on Tremont Reef; One Fell—Lowed Ball to the Ground.

A number of small boys played a game of baseball on the roof of 845 East Third street yesterday afternoon. The game was interrupted several times by the ball being batted off the roof and into the airshaft.

Each time one of the boys had to walk down five flights of stairs to get it. Abraham Hordiner, 10 years old, who lives in the house, was stationed at the edge of the roof to top the ball from going over.

The first ball that came along he missed. In trying to stop it he followed it over the roof and landed in the yard. He died in Bellevue Hospital an hour later.

Fell off a Bridge While Praying for a Relative Who Was Drowned.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 30.—While praying for a relative who was drowned five years ago, George Shepla of Plymouth fell from the bridge there this afternoon and was drowned. He had heard of the American custom of special services for the dead on Decoration Day and told a friend that he was going to pray for his relative who lost his life in the river and whose body was never recovered.

Coach Excursion to St. Louis, \$18.00. VIA LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD, June 2nd. Tickets good on day round only. See time table in this paper for ticket offices.—A.S.

MAYOR McLANE A SUICIDE.

BALTIMORE'S EXECUTIVE SHOOTS HIMSELF IN HIS HOME.

Fires a Bullet into His Head and Dies Soon Afterward—Mind Is Supposed to Have Given Way—His Marriage, Two Weeks Ago, a Surprise to His Friends—Family Opposition to the Match and Troubles in Office Caused Worry.

BALTIMORE, May 30.—Robert McLane, Mayor of Baltimore, who was married two weeks ago, committed suicide at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon by shooting himself through the head. Worry over the troubles resulting from the recent big fire and family differences growing out of his marriage are said to have caused mental aberration, which led to his act. The tragedy occurred in the dressing room of the Mayor's bed chamber at his home, 32 West Preston street.

At the time of the shooting Mrs. McLane was taking a nap in a front room on the same floor. The Mayor was found lying on the floor with a bullet in his head. Mrs. McLane gave the alarm at 2 o'clock and the physicians nearby were summoned. Messages were hurried to the members of Mr. McLane's family, and the first to reach him was his father, James L. McLane.

Dr. A. Trego Shortzer, who lives a few doors from the Mayor's residence, was the first physician on the scene. When he entered the room he found Mr. McLane lying fully dressed on the floor in front of the bureau, in a pool of blood. He was lying doubled up with his head under his left shoulder. Dr. Shortzer straightened him out and put pillows under his head, and then made an examination of the wound.

The pistol, which was a five shooter, was lying under him. The bullet had penetrated the upper part of the right temple and had come out a little behind and just above the left ear.

Mrs. McLane was in the room at the time and asked the doctor if her husband could live. He told her that there was no hope. Dr. Schortzer told her that more doctors should be called, and that she sent for additional medical aid. Dr. Nathan B. Corser was the first to arrive. He was followed by Drs. Green, Watson, Raberg and Van Bibber. All agreed with Dr. Schortzer that the wound was fatal.

Mrs. McLane telephoned for Dr. Claude Van Bibber, her brother-in-law by her first marriage, and he responded promptly, but did not reach the house as early as some of the other doctors.

James L. McLane, the Mayor's father, was telephoned for, and he arrived about the same time as the physicians. The first thing he did was to telephone for his son. Gen. Allan McLane, and tell him to go at once to his mother and remain with her.

FATHERS WITH HIM WHEN HE DIED. James L. McLane and the doctors remained with the Mayor until he died. The father's distress was pitiable to behold, but he made every effort to control his feelings.

The Mayor's wife began to break down under the strain, and the physicians would not allow her to remain in the room. She was taken to another apartment, and women visitors, whose names could not be learned, tried to comfort her.

Coroner Hayden, after viewing the body and making an investigation, decided that Mayor McLane committed suicide, but in view of the circumstances surrounding the case he deemed an inquest unnecessary.

MRS. McLANE'S STORY TO THE CORONER. Mrs. McLane told the Coroner that a few minutes before the shooting she and Mayor McLane were in her apartment talking. He appeared to be in good spirits and they were laughing together over a package which he was trying.

The Mayor remarked to Mrs. McLane that he wanted to put to rights some articles in a bureau drawer in another room (the one in which the shooting occurred), and he left the apartment where they had been talking together.