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## FENG-HUANG-CHENG FALLS INTO JAPAN'S HANDS; SEVERE FIGHTING AND HEAVY LOSSES REPORTED

### COLLINS TO MEET CHARGES BY DUNN; FIGHT IS BITTER

Dunn Has Apparently Been Stung by Those Timber Trespass Revelations.

Collins Will Verify His Opponent's Charges and Then Reply Specifically.

Robert C. Dunn attacked his opponent, Judge L. W. Collins, in a speech made at a meeting of his eleventh ward supporters last evening in the Boston block.

Mr. Dunn's speech was full of vituperation, and charges of offenses against Judge Collins and his supporters. His bitterness was evidently inspired by the timber trespass report now in the attorney general's hands. His knowledge of the statement was as follows:

I have it upon the authority of James J. Hill that when Judge Collins was running against Judge Willis for the supreme bench the Great Northern railroad contributed between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to his campaign fund. I have it on the same authority that E. A. Nelson, state librarian, went to the Great Northern railroad to get \$25,000 for Judge Collins in the present campaign.

Judge Collins is indignant.

Judge Collins was seen by The Journal this morning. He was very indignant and said: "I shall not have much to say until I learn whether Mr. Dunn made the statements attributed to him. The stories in the newspapers disagree, and I shall ask Mr. Dunn to state which, if any, are correct, and just what he did say."

"The published statements I know to be absolutely untrue. Mr. Hill has never, to my knowledge, contributed a dollar to any of my campaigns, directly or indirectly, nor to my knowledge has he ever been solicited to do so. I do not think he has and do not see why he should have been. My expenses in the campaign of 1894, to which he refers, were just \$1,500, outside of my contribution to the state committee, and I paid it all out of my own pocket. Any other expenditures in my interest by my friends were much smaller in amount. I did not and never have made a boodid campaign."

"Just one question," Judge Collins added. "How can it happen that Mr. Dunn is on such intimate terms with Mr. Hill as to be told by the latter that he has contributed to a fund to be used to defeat a candidate for justice of the supreme court?"

"I do not believe that Mr. Hill has made any such statement."

Shortly after noon to-day Judge Collins sent a special messenger to Mr. Dunn with a letter, asking him whether he had made the charges as quoted in the morning papers.

Nelson Waits on Hill.

E. A. Nelson, state librarian, who is accused by Mr. Dunn of soliciting a \$25,000 contribution for Judge Collins from Mr. Hill, went personally to Mr. Hill's office this afternoon with a written note, asking Mr. Hill to affirm or deny the charge. Mr. Nelson said:

"I have denied the story before, although it was too absurd to need a denial. Unless I was a candidate for the insane asylum, I would not go to Mr. Hill with such a request. The only time I was communicated with by Mr. Hill since Judge Collins became a candidate was in the presence of several people and politics were not mentioned."

"Mr. Dunn claims Mr. Hill as authority for his statement, and I am sure that Mr. Hill will deny any such responsibility."

James A. Martin, manager of Judge Collins' campaign, said:

"The man who made that statement knows it isn't true."

Dunn Discusses Trespasses.

In his speech last evening Mr. Dunn took up some time with an explanation of the timber trespass. He claimed that two-thirds of the money he collected for trespass was son pure bluff, when he did not have evidence on which to bring suits. "The state of Minnesota," he continued, "received every dollar that the stumpage was worth when I settled for trespass." He did not explain why he made these settlements for less than double the value, which the law absolutely requires.

Men employed by Mr. Dunn have been going over the records of his successor, S. G. Iverson, and a St. Paul paper to-day gave more space to cases settled by Mr. Iverson than it has to the eight years' record of Mr. Dunn. The public examiner's department has not yet brought its work down to the time of Mr. Iverson. It appears, however, that Mr. Iverson has received considerably more from trespass settlements, for each thousand feet, than regular stumpage prices, while Mr. Dunn received considerably less.

In his speech last night Mr. Dunn said:

"I will withdraw from this race to-morrow if anybody can prove that I am a Great Northern man, as has been charged, or that I have directly or indirectly received any money from Mr. Hill or the Great Northern road."

It was remarked to-day that this statement was not a denial, but a challenge to prove such a state of facts, which would be very difficult to do.

Mr. Hill Doesn't Talk.

Several attempts were made to get a statement from Mr. Hill to-day, but he sent word to all newspaper men that he had "nothing to say."

DENIAL BY JOHNSON

He Tells What He Really Said to A. Y. Merrill.

Public Examiner Johnson was shown to-day the published statement that Mr. Dunn made yesterday, saying that Mr. Johnson had told A. Y. Merrill of Minneapolis that he knew a man who would give \$20,000 to be smirch the character of Mr. Dunn. Mr. Johnson replied:



GOVERNOR BLACK, Who Will Nominates Roosevelt.

### ALDERMEN DEMAND MONEY FOR VOTES

Railroad Official Offers to Disclose New York City Fathers' Methods.

New York Sun Special Service.

New York, May 7.—\$125,000 was the price demanded by certain members of the board of aldermen for favorable consideration of the application of the New York & Port Chester railroad company for the Bronx franchise.

It has been stated recently in reputable newspapers that the price demanded was \$300,000, but appears from authoritative information the aldermen do not "come as high" as reported.

President Fornes of the board of aldermen wrote to William C. Gotschell of the New York & Port Chester company, enclosing newspaper clippings and asking for proofs of the report that the franchise had been held up with a demand for a large sum of money.

Mr. Gotschell says he will tell the whole story if called upon to do so by an aldermanic committee.

### COUNCIL TO CONTROL MILITARY IN CANADA

Vancouver, B. C., May 7.—Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, will amend his militia bill so that a council of seven will have control of the Canadian military.

This council will comprise four officers of the headquarters staff and three civilians, vice-minister of militia, the deputy minister of militia and the accountant of the militia department.

### FORMER MILLIONAIRE DIES IN ALMHOUSE

San Francisco, May 7.—Henry Fuchs, once millionaire, passed away at the city almshouse. Formerly Fuchs was a partner of John W. Gates.

Fuchs' fortune ebbed away with his health. He was taken to a private hospital in this city and regular remittances from his former partner paid for his medical treatment.

He was next sent to the almshouse and Gates continued to send money to pay for small luxuries.

Fuchs appeared to be perfectly sane on all subjects but that of finance. He was 55 years of age, but seemed much older.

### CANNON'S HOMECOMING TURNED INTO HODLIAY

Danville, Ill., May 7.—Speaker Cannon was greeted by an ovation upon his homcoming from Washington yesterday. Many business houses were closed and the occasion was a holiday. Stores and residences were decorated with flags and bunting and everything presented a gala day appearance.

Mr. Cannon was met at the train by a band of 200, led by a dozen preachers, and escorted to the Armory hall, where Supreme Justice Jacob W. Wilkin made a short address of welcome.

### SHAW CARRIES FORTY MILLIONS TO MORGAN

Washington, May 7.—Secretary Shaw this afternoon will sign a warrant for \$40,000,000 in favor of the Panama Canal company.

To-morrow evening the secretary himself will take the warrant to New York and deliver it to Morgan & Co., together with the appointment as disbursing agents of the treasury department for this fund.

Morgan & Co. on Monday will deliver to Secretary Shaw \$25,000,000 in United States bonds to be deposited in the subtreasury at New York as security for the disbursement of the money.

KILLED BY HIS FRIEND.

Winnipeg, Man., May 7.—While duck shooting at Strathcona, Alberta, Rev. G. Poesger, a German Lutheran minister, was fatally shot in the abdomen by his friend, Rev. Mr. Henson.

BRITISH TRADE INCREASES.

London, May 7.—The April statement of the Board of Trade, issued to-day, shows that imports increased \$6,397,000 and that the exports increased \$5,748,000.

### A WEEK OF WAR—VICTORIES FOR JAPANESE.

This week has seen the rapid development of the Japanese campaign on land. Last Saturday news of the first big land battle was received. This week the details have been coming in. As predicted early in the war, the fighting took place in Manchuria.

The Japanese were everywhere victorious. The passage of the Yalu was forced, An-tung and Klutten-cheng were captured, and the Russians were driven back upon their first base, Feng-huang-cheng.

The Japanese followed by forced marches and today they are reported to have taken Feng-huang-cheng after severe fighting, in which the losses on both sides were heavy.

Port Arthur has been cut off from the outside world. The Japanese landed Thursday at Port Adams and Pi-tsu-wo, on opposite sides of the narrowest part of the Liao-tung peninsula. They cut the railroad line connecting Port Arthur and Mukden. Port Arthur must now stand a siege.

Admiral Togo also succeeded in completely blocking the entrance to the harbor at Port Arthur. It has been reported that the Vladivostok cruiser squadron was surprised by a Japanese fleet in a raid down the eastern coast of Korea and that a naval battle was fought. This has not been confirmed.

### BISHOP MERRILL RESIGNS OFFICE

Senior Methodist Bishop Asks General Conference to Retire Him.



BISHOP MERRILL, Who Asks to be Retired.

Los Angeles, May 7.—Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, senior member of the board of bishops, yesterday afternoon presented a petition to the Methodist general conference asking that he be retired from active service.

He is 73 years of age. One more year and he would have rounded out sixty years of service in the Methodist church. He said that on account of his age it would be wise to have a successor appointed by this conference.

If this request is granted, he will be the second bishop to retire voluntarily.

The end of the first week of the thirty-first general conference of the Methodist church saw the great gathering nearly ready to take up the more important work before it.

In the initial sessions of the leading committees, one question above all others has been brought prominently to the fore. It is the question of whether the present conference

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### THE SOO TO TAKE WASHBURN LINE

'Twill Make a Good Feeder for Big System Beyond Bismarck.

Negotiations for the sale of the Bismarck Washburn & Great Falls railroad to the Soo Line are reported as nearly complete. It is supposed that the acquisition of this extension from Bismarck thru Washburn, about fifty-eight miles in all, is a step toward the extension of the Minneapolis system thru the richest part of North Dakota now untraversed by railway lines, and possibly toward a continuation thru Buford north to the Canadian Pacific at Moose Jaw. This plan of gridironing the country by parallels to the main line by branches at convenient distances, is used with great effect in the northwest by the Soo and other systems.

The Washburn road was built by General W. D. Washburn from Bismarck northwest along the Missouri river to Washburn, with three miles of side track to the lignite mines. It will make a prime feeder for the Soo line, which now reaches Bismarck.

The authorized stock of the Washburn road is \$500,000 and \$180,000 outstanding. Of the \$7,000,000 authorized in bonds, \$600,000 were issuable on completion of the first forty-six miles, and the balance at \$12,000 a mile.

The Washburn line is standard gauge, has an equipment of three locomotives and sixty-six cars. The officers: President, W. D. Washburn; vice president, F. D. Underwood; secretary and treasurer, C. C. Crane; traffic manager, E. H. Walker; general superintendent, C. P. Eckels; chief engineer, E. A. Whitman.

### TIBET LOSES 150 IN FIGHT WITH BRITISH

London, May 7.—An official report says that the Tibetan attack at Gyantse May 5 was repulsed after two hours' fighting. The Tibetans, who were commanded by a Lhasa general, lost 150 killed or wounded; the British two wounded.

### HARVARD WINS DEBATE.

Cambridge, Mass., May 7.—The tenth annual debate between Princeton and Harvard was held last night. Harvard receiving the decision by the unanimous consent of the judges.

### CZAR ON VERGE OF BREAKDOWN

Emperor Takes War Terribly to Heart and Finds Solace in Church.



CZAR NICHOLAS II, Whom Worry Has Weakened.

New York Sun Special Service.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—Since the disaster to the battleship Petropavlovsk at Port Arthur the emperor has been seen very little in public and the empress, because of her state of health, not at all. There is no exaggeration in the statements that the emperor is taking the war terribly to heart.

He looks pinched and plainly is painfully worried. He is working like a galley slave, but much of his work could be done as well, if not better, by an ordinary clerk.

Were it not for his mother, the empress dowager, the czar would be alone practically. But one reform of great importance he has succeeded in carrying out. He has cleansed of corrupt elements the navy and dock yards at Kronstadt, Riga, Libau and Revel.

Father John of Kronstadt often visits the emperor and they are closeted during long intervals in which, thanks to his deeply religious nature, the czar finds solace.

### VICEROY'S TRAIN IS FIRED ON BY MIKADO'S TROOPS

Alexieff and Staff Barely Escape in Flight from Port Arthur.

Admiral Togo Reports That Entrance to Harbor Is Blocked.



LIEUTENANT GENERAL STOESELL, In Command at Port Arthur.

### CHARGES BRIBERY OF LEGISLATURE

Attorney General of Colorado Declares Corporations Defeated Labor Measure.

New York Sun Special Service.

Denver, May 7.—That the last Colorado legislature was debauched by the corporations and bribes not to pass an eight-hour law was admitted with startling frankness by Attorney General Miller in the closing arguments in the Moyer habeas corpus case.

"Instead of attaching blame to Governor Peabody," the attorney general said to the supreme court, "the laboring men and their advocates should seek redress for the conditions in Colorado from the men who debauched the fourteenth general assembly."

"I know from personal knowledge that the law has not been enforced for years in San Miguel county. In most parts of the mining counties of Colorado the law is inoperative. I will choose, but unless the jury chooses to convict you cannot obtain conviction. I have tried it, thru two terms as district attorney."

### SENTENCED TO SPEND 296 YEARS IN PRISON

Greenville, Texas, May 7.—W. B. Lax was yesterday sentenced to ninety-six years in the penitentiary for killing the infant baby of Maud Ross, his 14-year-old step-daughter. This makes three life terms that have been assessed against Lax at this term of court, two penalties of 100 years each had previously been assessed against him at this term of court.

### MERGER OF SCHOOLS PROPOSED BY HARVARD

New York Sun Special Service.

Cambridge, Mass., May 7.—President Eliot of Harvard confirmed the statement that the crimson university and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, representing the two greatest scientific schools in the country, are trying to combine.

The plan, as explained, is not an absorption of the institute by Harvard, but a sort of co-operative scheme by which competition could in a large measure be avoided, and more efficiency be secured by a common availment of the teaching forces of both institutions.

Harvard's share in the merger would involve not only her property and equipment but also the \$4,000,000 left to the scientific school by the McKay fund.

### THEATER MEN SUE "LIFE" CO. FOR LIBEL

New York, May 7.—Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger have entered suit for \$100,000 damages for libel against the Life Publishing company.

The theatrical managers allege that Life printed a cartoon on Jan. 21 which gave an impression that they were guilty of mismanagement in regard to the Iniquity theater fire.

The cartoon contained a picture of the theater with padlocked doors, under which was the caption: "Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger present 'Mr. Bluebeard.'"

### HORSE'S FAITHFULNESS LEADS TO HIS DEATH

Danbury, Conn., May 7.—Dan, a big bay horse owned by the fire department, met his death this morning as a result of a faithful effort to do his duty when an alarm of fire was sounded.

The horse had been suffering with a lame leg for several days, and had been kept in a box stall.

When an alarm of fire was sent in, Dan made a frantic effort to get to his post by battering down the walls of the stall, and broke his leg in doing so. The horse had to be shot.

### BULLETIN.

Chi-fu, May 7.—Chinese coasting vessels report a succession of tremendous explosions at the entrance of Port Arthur harbor. It is believed the Russians are trying to clear the channel of the ships and mines sunk there by the Japanese. A Japanese cruiser squadron is watching the harbor to prevent a sortie of Russian torpedo boats against Japanese transports.

Seoul, May 7.—A dispatch from Antung says it is rumored there that the Japanese have captured Feng-huang-cheng after fierce fighting and that the losses on both sides were very heavy.

Taken Without a Fight?

St. Petersburg, May 7.—According to a persistent rumor, General Kuro-patkin decided not to give battle at Feng-huang-cheng. The Russians have fallen back and the Japanese have occupied Feng-huang-cheng.

The Russian retreat from Feng-huang-cheng is confirmed. The Japanese pressed the retreating troops with few losses to either side.

The Japanese destroyed the railway at Port Adams, blowing up the bridges.

Japs Near Feng-huang-cheng.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—The Russian capital has now been without news from Port Arthur for almost twenty-four hours. The last telegram received was filed at 6 o'clock last night.

Important developments are hourly expected from Feng-huang-cheng. News of heavy fighting there is expected shortly.

A telegram from General Kuro-patkin says: "General Kuro-patkin is advancing upon the Russian position in two divisions. The enemy with artillery he reports has reached Kiao-tseu. The distance between the two which is within ten miles of Feng-huang-cheng."

Kuroki Forcing Battle.

London, May 7.—The Daily News correspondent at St. Petersburg, who has previously shown himself to be well informed, says:

"General Kuroki, according to the information of the Russian war office, is advancing upon Feng-huang-cheng by forced marches. Reinforcements have also been sent to join hands with General Sassulitch."

If the Japanese prove to be in overwhelming force, no attempt will be made by the Russians to hold Feng-huang-cheng, but the retreat northwards will be continued.

The extreme seriousness of the situation is at last fully recognized here. The Japanese, it is understood, are making desperate efforts to overwhelm General Kuro-patkin by force of numbers before reinforcements can be brought up along the Trans-Siberian railway.

For this purpose every available man is being hurried up from Korea, only a small occupying force being left to guard the present position.

Two divisions of the Third Japanese army are about to be landed in Korea immediately to replace to some extent the divisions which have been pushed on to the front.

### ALEXIEFF'S CLOSE SHAVE

New York Sun Special Service.

Niu-chuang, May 7.—Viceroys Alexieff and his staff narrowly escaped capture by the Japanese.

Their special train passed north yesterday. It was the last train out of Port Arthur, which now is cut off from rail, telegraph and sea communication.

Alexieff's train was fired upon by the Japanese infantry, but no one on board was injured, although there were some narrow escapes.

Immediately after the train passed, the Japanese took possession of the road and cut the wires.



MR. PARKER SEES DANGER IN NEW YORK.