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SUPREME EFFORT OF JAPANESE IS DIRECTED AT PORT ARTHUR

FORTRESS' FALL SEEMS IMMINENT

Rumor of Jap Repulse Is Heard, but Source Is Untraceable.

Meanwhile Kuropatkin Retreats—Russian Cruisers Safe.

Chi-fu, Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m.—There is a rumor current here, the source of which cannot be learned, that the Japanese have been repulsed at Port Arthur.

M. H. Itoh, the Japanese consul general at Tien-tsin, who arrived today on the British steamer Pechili, and who had a conversation with the commander of a Japanese torpedo-boat destroyer, which overhauled the steamer off Liao-ti promontory last night, says that today's battle, which began at daylight, is directed against the fortress itself. It is taking place along the entire line and it is Japan's supreme effort, to which the recent battles were only preliminary contests. He adds:

I firmly believe that you can safely say that Port Arthur will soon be in our hands. One after the other of the outer defenses have been taken by the Japanese and when the latter had completed their preparations for the grand assault, General Stoessel was asked to surrender. He refused. Now comes the final test.

Last night the chief of the civil police of Port Arthur arrived on a junk that sailed from the fortress at 10 o'clock Wednesday night. He asserts that the main attack of the Japanese is now being delivered against the center of the line of defenses. The losses of the assailants on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday he estimates at 1,000. Two regiments of infantry, one battery of artillery and two squadrons of cavalry were destroyed on Tuesday, he asserts, by the explosion of land mines. The Japanese, however, captured forts 3 and 4 on Wednesday.

RUSSIANS AGAIN RETREAT

Japanese Occupy An-shan-shan, a Defense of Liao-yang.

Tokio, Aug. 20, 4 p.m.—The Japanese troops occupied An-shan-shan yesterday and the Russians have retreated toward Mukden.

CZAR CALLS OUT RESERVES

All Reserve Officers in Empire Ordered Into Service.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—The emperor has issued a ukase summoning to the colors all the reserve officers throughout the empire.

The defeats which the Russians have suffered only seem to increase Russia's determination to fight to the bitter end. The ukase, ordering the mobilization of forty-five additional districts, calls to the colors the reserves of about one-fourth of European Russia. Considerably over half the first-class reserves of European Russia have now been called out and practically all the reserves in Siberia.

TWO RUSS SHIPS SUNK

Warships Said to Have Been Sent to Bottom at Port Arthur.

Rome, Aug. 20.—The military attaché with the Japanese army says that the Russian warships at Port Arthur have been sunk.

STRIKEBREAKER SUFFERS

Chicago Laborer Found Unconscious in Stockyards.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Allen Patton, a colored strikebreaker, was found unconscious in the stockyards today with his eyes lacerated and his right eye being destroyed. The right eye was practically gouged out and the man was bleeding profusely. It is believed he is also suffering from fracture of the skull. The police took him to a hospital.

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FAITH OF JAP AND RUSS PINNED TO THEIR GENERALS



GENERAL STOESEL, Commander of the Russian Forces in Port Arthur. GENERAL NOGAI, Commander of Jap Forces Before Port Arthur.

ARIZONA FLOOD KILLS SEVEN

Town of Globe Suffers in Deluge Following a Cloud-burst.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 20.—Seven lives at least were lost in the flood that swept through the town of Globe, Ariz., and surrounding country. The known dead are: M. N. Mitchell, Mrs. M. N. Mitchell, O. D. Wilson, Charles Sims, John Epley, Mrs. Hurd and Miss Moody.

STRIKERS GROW MORE CONFIDENT

Donnelly Says Peace Will Come Only With Packers' Unconditional Surrender.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—"I see no peace in sight, except on condition that the strikers surrender on unconditional terms." "When the people see the report of last night's meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor they will be astounded. We have a trump card to play and it has been drawn from the deck," said President Donnelly of the strikers. "Not since the strike has he been directing his assistant to go to other cities, and while he himself was preparing to go to East St. Louis to meet the principal of President Cass E. Schmidt, whom he will send to Kansas City to look after the labor situation there. He declared the action of Mayor Harrison, in ousting the strikebreakers from the housingrooms in the packingplants, meant quicker success for the strikers. Not since the strike began has President Donnelly seemed so hopeful.

He criticized the action of the teamsters in sending a committee into the yards yesterday to make an investigation. "I don't see what the teamsters expected to do. If they thought this strike let them go back to work."

Packers affected by Corporation Counsel Tolman's opinion holding that thousands of packing plants would be contested, recourse being had to the courts if necessary.

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Pittsburgh, Aug. 20.—An official of the Pittsburgh Steel company announced yesterday that the Republic Iron & Steel company, owned by Gates, was to be sold to the United States Steel & Iron company, and that there was trouble ahead for the United States Steel corporation if it insisted on forcing war.

IS THE CZARINA'S CHILD A GIRL?

Russian Revolutionists Say Male Child Is Not the Czarina's Own.

Tell That Peasant Woman's Infant Was Substituted for Girl.

New York Sun Special Service.

Paris, Aug. 20.—Russian revolutionists here declare that the emperor of Russia really gave birth to a female child, for whom a male child was substituted. The revolutionists insist that the story comes from a perfectly reliable source, and that it will be verified later.

A peasant about to become a mother was smuggled into the Alexandra villa at Peterhof. The nihilists pretend even to go into particulars and aver that the czarina was blessed with a girl, the first, the day before a boy came to the peasant. The fact of the czarina's accouchement was concealed until the baby boy was taken from his mother's arms, presented to the czar's relatives and the court and placed in the imperial cradle.

Improbable as this story appears, it must be remembered that the revolutionists have extraordinary underground means of intercommunication all over Europe. The Russian revolutionary committee in Paris had news, via Geneva, that von Plehve was assassinated some time before the fact was known on the bourse.

PANAMA GRABS COLOMBIAN LAND

New Republic Takes Possession of Valuable Strip—Bogota Is Excited.

New York, Aug. 20.—Private advices from Buena Ventura, Colombia, are to the effect that the government of Panama has stationed a military garrison at Nogui, a city at the confluence of the Atrato and San Juan rivers. If this news is correct the Panama republic has assumed formal possession of a wide strip of the Colombian department of Cauca, which, according to a map of Greater Colombia, issued in 1830 at Caracas, was originally the southern extremity of the department of Panama.

HELEN GOULD TO AID IN WAR ON MOSQUITOES

New York Sun Special Service.

New York, Aug. 20.—Miss Helen Gould has been enlisted in the war against mosquitoes. This is said on the authority of Colonel Isaac W. Brown of Rochester, Ind., who is known throughout the west as the "Bird and Bee Man," because he knows so much about birds, bees and insects. Colonel Brown has convinced Miss Gould that to put an end to mosquitoes, the so-called English sparrow must be driven out of this country, because the sparrow has practically exterminated the blue jay and the swallow, which feed on mosquitoes.

MISER'S FARM TO BE DUG OVER FOR GOLD

New York Sun Special Service.

New York, Aug. 20.—Every foot of the farm of the late Francis W. Wheeler, who lived like a miser and buried his money about his farm, near Sayville, L. I., is to be dug up by the farm's new owners, in search for hidden treasures.

The property was sold in sections at public auction today. The bidding was spirited, because of the tales of buried treasure, and the property brought good prices.

Wheeler was so many different spots that he forgot where some of it was. When he needed money he would postpone payment for a day, that he might go out in the night and dig up some of it.

THE WAR FOR THE WEEK

All signs point to an immediate crisis at Port Arthur. The last line of defenses back of the fortress has been taken by the Japanese. The mikado's men had gone far enough Wednesday to feel warranted in demanding surrender. This was refused by General Stoessel, and the assault was immediately resumed. Fierce fighting has been going on since, the Japs suffering great losses, but pouring a rain of shells upon the stronghold and no doubt inflicting great loss on the garrison. Wednesday fire added its horrors to those of shot and shell, and the city was threatened. Conditions are hourly becoming worse and it is believed that Stoessel cannot hold out much longer.

Outside of Port Arthur the incident of the week was the battle Sunday between Admiral Kamimura and the Vladivostok squadron in the strait of Korea, in which the Rurik, one of Russia's most powerful cruisers, was sunk, 600 of her officers and crew being rescued by the Japanese. Two other cruisers, the Rossia and the Gromoboi, badly battered, hastened back to Vladivostok. Two Russian vessels have also been reported sunk at Port Arthur.

At Shanghai Japanese vessels are watching like hawks the cruiser Askold and the destroyer Groszovoi, which put in there after the fight with Togo, and have now been ordered to leave. The Carevitch and three Russian destroyers at the German port of Tsing-tau have been dismantled and will be out of commission until the war is over. Japan has refused to surrender the Ryehitneli, cut out at Chi-fu. The Baltic squadron is all ready to start, but in view of Russia's naval disasters hesitates to set sail.

Despite Kuropatkin's aggressive talk about a prospective severe battle south of Liaoyang, he seems to have been forced to resume his retreat. Dispatches today say that the Japanese have occupied An-shan-shan, just south of Liao-yang, and that the Russians have retreated toward Mukden.

That the czar feels that the empire's strength is to be taxed to the utmost is shown by his ukase today summoning to the colors all the reserve officers throughout the realm. The mobilization of reserves is going on rapidly throughout Russia.

WHEAT RESISTS ALL EFFORTS TO HAMMER DOWN THE PRICE

THIS BULGE... AND OTHERS

Doings of the Apparently Crazy Men Who Are Making the Price of Wheat.

Farmers, Who Lost in the Erratic 1900 Market, Get Back Into Trade.



HENRY G. DAVIS, Whose Condition Is Worrying the Democratic Leaders.

DAVIS' CHOICE VIEWED AS ERROR

Evidence of His Failing Powers Causes Regret for His Nomination.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Representative men who attended the Davis notification meeting in West Virginia, said yesterday that the nomination of the farmer to make another selection of a vice presidential candidate.

Candidate Davis manifested such evidence of weakness and failing powers that the party leaders were surprised.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post, one of the most vigorous of the Parker supporters in New York, sent to his paper an account of the impression obtained by those who attended the White Sulphur Springs meeting. The correspondent speaks of the "abounding evidence furnished of the pathetic mistake which the party made in filling the second place on its ticket."

LEGAL BATTLE AT GRAVE'S EDGE

Attempts to Serve Papers on F. Augustus Heinze at Mother's Funeral.

New York Sun Special Service.

New York, Aug. 20.—Attempts were made to serve legal papers in the great Montana copper war on F. Augustus Heinze as he stood beside his mother's grave in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn. The process servers appeared just as Mrs. Heinze's body was to be lowered into the grave.

Their legal inquiries as to which of the mourners was Mr. Heinze disturbed the religious services, but the clergyman continued reading the last rites. Friends of Mr. Heinze eventually succeeded in getting the law clerk and his muscular-looking guard away from the grave. It could not be learned whether service was actually secured.

The subpoena was issued by the United States circuit court, requiring the attendance of Mr. Heinze before a notary public in an action begun by the Boston and Montana Consolidated Copper company and the Silver Mining company to recover \$5,200,000 as damages for alleged wrongful conversion of ores.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD A HERO

Dives into Twenty-two Feet of Water to Save His Brother.

Special to The Journal.

Sheboygan, Wis., Aug. 20.—Oscar Smith, 5 years old, dived from a dock into twenty-two feet of water to rescue his 8-year-old brother, who had fallen in. He was not strong enough to hold his brother above water and both were almost dead when rescued.

A SAG FOLLOWS WHEAT AT \$1.23

But Prices Recover and Today's Close Is Higher Than Yesterday's.

Canadian Officials Insist That Their Crop Will Be Good—Latest Storms.

Wheat swept along this morning like a roaring torrent, bearing down all opposition and carrying everything before it until September sold in the Minneapolis pit at \$1.23. This with terrifying suddenness it broke to \$1.16, spreading panic among the bulls.

Erratic, uncertain, turning about by sweeping changes of one and two cents, the market passed over a five-cent range, without the heavy pressure of the heavy rains. The heavy hammer blows of the pounding bears, and the quick, sharp breaks of stop-loss orders, and in the face of a beating down, was the final and the finish, closed higher than yesterday, all around.

September at high point sold to \$1.23; December to \$1.17 and May to \$1.15.

MANITOBA REPORTS DENIED

Liverpool failed to follow the Minneapolis advance of yesterday. This was due to a cable sent to Lord Strathcona, in London, by the minister of the interior of Canada, which said "Manitoba and Ontario reports of damage by rust in Canadian northwest exaggerated. Wheat prospects are for a splendid crop. This was cabled back to the Wall street house of Bache and came on 'change here to Whalan a little later. A few big traders knew of this and put their bets on the market. A little sag followed and then an avalanche of wheat.

Early the bears were in a panic again. Over a million bushels of wheat were sold short yesterday by traders who expected that selling out for end-of-the-week liquidation would bring a market down to \$1.15. The night put their calculations all wrong, and they bought in their short wheat at the advanced prices, which meant big losses.

In the first thirty minutes after opening, or at 10 o'clock, September sold at \$1.21; December, \$1.17, and May, \$1.15. As against yesterday's close of September, \$1.18; December, \$1.14, and May, \$1.15.

Fifteen minutes after these figures were marked, \$1.23 for September had been reached, and appeared the price was soaring uncontrollably.

FIELDS HIT AGAIN

The northwest was again storm-swept. Up in Canada rains covered a considerable extent of territory passing east through Calgary, Medicine Hat and Swift Current, crossing the Saskatchewan and putting the rain and soaking the western part of the latter province. They thinned out, however, to almost nothing around Winnipeg.

On the American side heavy rains fell in several sections. There was a downpour at Fergus Falls and Comstock, and north and west of St. Cloud a stiff wind was accompanied by rain. At O'Leary, Minn., 1.50 inches of rain had fallen in Minneapolis and .88 in St. Paul.

The storm was general over a wide territory. Milwaukee got 1.14 inches of rain; St. Louis, 1.46; Buffalo, N. Y., about an inch, and Detroit, Mich., two inches.

For the northwest the outlook is for cooler and unsettled weather tonight, with possible showers over Sunday.

MINNEAPOLIS TRADERS THIS MORNING

Had a Hot Box. Against a rising market this concern, having no exchange connections anywhere, has "bucketed" all the stock, and it has been a hard game for the proprietors. This morning all was confusion. Inquiries over the telephone brought the reply that one of the traders was with nervous prostration, and another, who was attending to business, was very sour and cross.

"How hundred-dollar credit of mine?" said an anxious voice over the wire. "Oh, what a few dollars!" said the voice, and the receiver went up with a bang.

NO. 1 HARD BOUGHT UP

Some one has grabbed the little lot of No. 1 hard that the stock exchange have not suffered and this has been an astonishing thing to many followers of the stock market, who looked for a break on the lessened prospects for the wheat haul. Many here have said, "So short on this view of it, and in New York 'Jakey' Field and others have raised northwestern rails, as the bad wheat reports came into the street, but without indifferent success. One thing to encourage holders of stocks is the fact that other grain crops are good and will largely make up for wheat tonnage losses.

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THE FAMOUS 1900 MARKET

But "corners" are not the only markets in which money is dropped. A "legitimate" market in Minneapolis in 1900—a market controlled by

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