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MINNESOTA'S GREAT FAIR IS FORMALLY OPENED;
OFFICIALS ARE PLANNING FOR IMMENSE CROWDSKUROPATKIN AT BAY;
JAPS FORCE BATTLE

Gigantic Conflict Raging at Liao-yang, Russians Having Withdrawn Before the Onslaughts of Kuroki and Oku.

Japanese Forces Pierce to Within 1,200 Yards of Port Arthur, Sacrificing Thousands in Assaults.

Liao-yang, Aug. 29.—The Japanese resumed the battle at 6 o'clock this morning, the point of pressure again being the Russian south front. The Japanese infantry advanced to attack with regiments deployed in open order.

The Russian army has effected its retirement with transport and artillery on Liao-yang and is now in position awaiting the advancing Japanese. The progress of the latter has been rapid and determined, sparing of no sacrifice. In the attack on the Liao-land position, one Japanese battalion lost all its officers.

The retirement of the Russian transport of four corps yesterday evening across the plain, while the artillery and troops in the rear held off the Japanese, afforded a magnificent spectacle. All along the extended lines there was a roar of batteries, the Russians working their guns with great coolness and not retiring until the transport was in safety.

The Japanese have transferred their activity to the Russian eastern and southern fronts. A rear guard battle is proceeding. The weather has improved and the roads are drying. Events, therefore, are likely to be precipitated.

KUROPATKIN IN RETREAT

Russians Again Fall Back Before Japanese Thousands.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 29.—1:50 p. m.—General Kuropatkin, since yesterday morning, has been drawing in all his forces from his eastern and southern front towards Liao-yang.

An-ping, Tse-gow, Liao-an-shan and An-shan-shan, constituting the main positions of the outer defense line of Liao-yang, have been abandoned. The heaviest fighting occurred on the extreme left, where the Japanese advanced to the assault again and again with bayonets. The positions at An-ping, Tse-gow, Liao-an-shan and An-shan-shan were held by the Tenth European corps. The attacks were delivered with fanatical bravery.

The Russian lost a large proportion of officers, ten guns and from 1,500 to 2,000 men, but had been generally successful in beating off the assaults all along the long line and declared that the order to retire came as a surprise just when they were expecting orders for a general advance.

This is considered to be proof that General Kuropatkin, finding his main positions menaced on the flank and anticipating difficulties in withdrawing owing to the condition of the roads, which have suddenly been transformed into mud bogs by the rain, considered that a retreat was imperative.

Menaced by Thousands.

The Japanese column moving up the Liao river and threatening General Kuropatkin from the west is regarded as extremely dangerous and General Kuropatkin's extreme right seems also to be working around General Hershmann's position at An-ping and to be moving toward Mukden. The strength of the enveloping Japanese armies may be judged from the fact that General Oku alone, who is coming up from the south, officially reported to have 75,000 men.

The plan of operations around Liao-yang has undergone a complete change. Owing to the delay in the concentration of General Kuropatkin's army, as a result of the terrible condition of the roads, the Japanese seized the opportunity to attack the slow-moving corps and severe fighting occurred Aug. 27-28, in which the Russians lost another thousand men, and they now probably will have to accept a general engagement.

Kuropatkin Reports.

General Kuropatkin describes the latest phase of hostilities in a long dispatch to the emperor from a point on the railroad a few miles south of Liao-yang, where practically the whole army was assembled, awaiting battle. The telegram, which was filed early this morning, says:

"The Japanese began at dawn, Aug. 27, two movements designed to cut off the first and fourth corps. The first, stationed at An-shan-shan, half way between Hai-cheng and Liao-yang, experienced the most serious difficulty owing to bad roads. The Japanese, under General Oku, tried to flank this corps from the east."

"In the meanwhile General Kuropatkin, abandoning his pressure of General Ivanoff and Hershmann, drove a wedge between the second and fourth corps, which were stationed west of Liao-an-shan, a strong defensive position in the hills twenty-four miles southeast of Liao-yang. The Russians, greatly impeded by their artillery and commissariat, fought a rear-guard action in order to cover the retreat of their impedimenta to Liao-yang, in which they were successful."

"The first corps, which figured at the battle of the Yalu and in the fighting at Mo-tien pass, again sustained the brunt of the fighting and suffered the majority of losses, including General Routhkovsky and Lieutenant Colonel von Raaben. The first, second and fourth corps, combined under the command of General Zaroubalet, and the tenth, seventeenth and third corps, under General Ivanoff, forming the eastern contingent, succeeded in effecting a concentration at Liao-yang without further loss."

Army in Battle Array.

"The whole six corps, of which two are European troops, have now formed a semicircle within a radius of six or eight miles of Liao-yang. General Kuropatkin has not far short of 170,000 men."

tends to accept battle at Liao-yang, may not be known positively for several days, but the belief several times indicated in these dispatches prevails here that he will withdraw northward, having found that he is not strong enough to cope with the Japanese and realizing that Liao-yang is made no longer tenable on account of the Japanese threats at his west rear.

This retirement undoubtedly will cause some public disappointment, as it was generally believed that he at last had sufficient reinforcements to accept a decisive engagement, and by the military critics his retreat is interpreted to mean a great prolongation of the war.

Railroad in Danger.

The Tokio report that General Kuropatkin had succeeded in cutting the railroad south of Mukden is not confirmed by the telegraph department, where it is said that the reports have been received of an interruption of communications. Of course, it is realized here that if the railroad north of Liao-yang is cut, the position of the Russian army would be rendered serious if not desperate, as it would probably compel General Kuropatkin to accept an engagement against his will.

The rain, which has again been falling in Manchuria, will again serve the Russians much more than the Japanese, as their retirement will not be impeded, whereas it is likely to stop the Japanese forward movement.

Russian General Slain.

An official dispatch from Liao-yang dated yesterday to the general staff, reporting the continued Japanese advance on Sunday, contains the report that General Routhkovsky was killed during the rear guard engagements and adds that Colonel Von Raaben was also killed.

Lieutenant General Routhkovsky for a number of years had been attached to the staff of the governor-general of the Caucasus, as chief of the engineer corps.

He belonged to a prominent family of the Novgorod district.

Colonel Von Raaben was a well known character in St. Petersburg. He was a man of great wealth and was very popular socially.

Poorer more reinforcements will be raised in the Caucasus. An official announcement to this effect is expected to-morrow.

The first contingent of the First Army Corps has arrived at Harbin. This corps was destined for Vladivostok, but upon the urgent request of General Kuropatkin will be diverted to Mukden.

From an excellent source it is stated that the ill-starred Russian battleship Orel, which already has suffered two accidents, will not be able to join the Baltic squadron. According to reports when her engine trials were being conducted, the engines had been practically wrecked by workmen introducing iron filings into the valves and cylinders. It will require many months to repair the damage.

The department of telegraphs informs the Associated Press that the lines are working direct to Liao-yang, thus refuting definitely the report that General Kuropatkin had cut the railroad.

RUSSIAN LOSSES 3,000

Withdrawals from Front Made for Strategic Reasons.

Harbin, Manchuria, Aug. 29.—The Russian losses in the fighting of Aug. 25 and 26, east and south of Liao-yang, were 3,000 killed or wounded. The great majority of the casualties were sustained at An-ping. The withdrawals of the Russians from their front at An-shan-shan and from their eastern position was made simultaneously for strategic reasons.

In the fighting of Aug. 26 the 13th and 14th corps, with a battery, executed a particularly successful flanking movement on the Japanese extreme right. The Russians, unaware of this, lost the loss of the Japanese whole columns of whom were moved down before they were able to extricate themselves.

JAPS 1,200 YARDS AWAY

Three Divisions Hammer at Port Arthur.

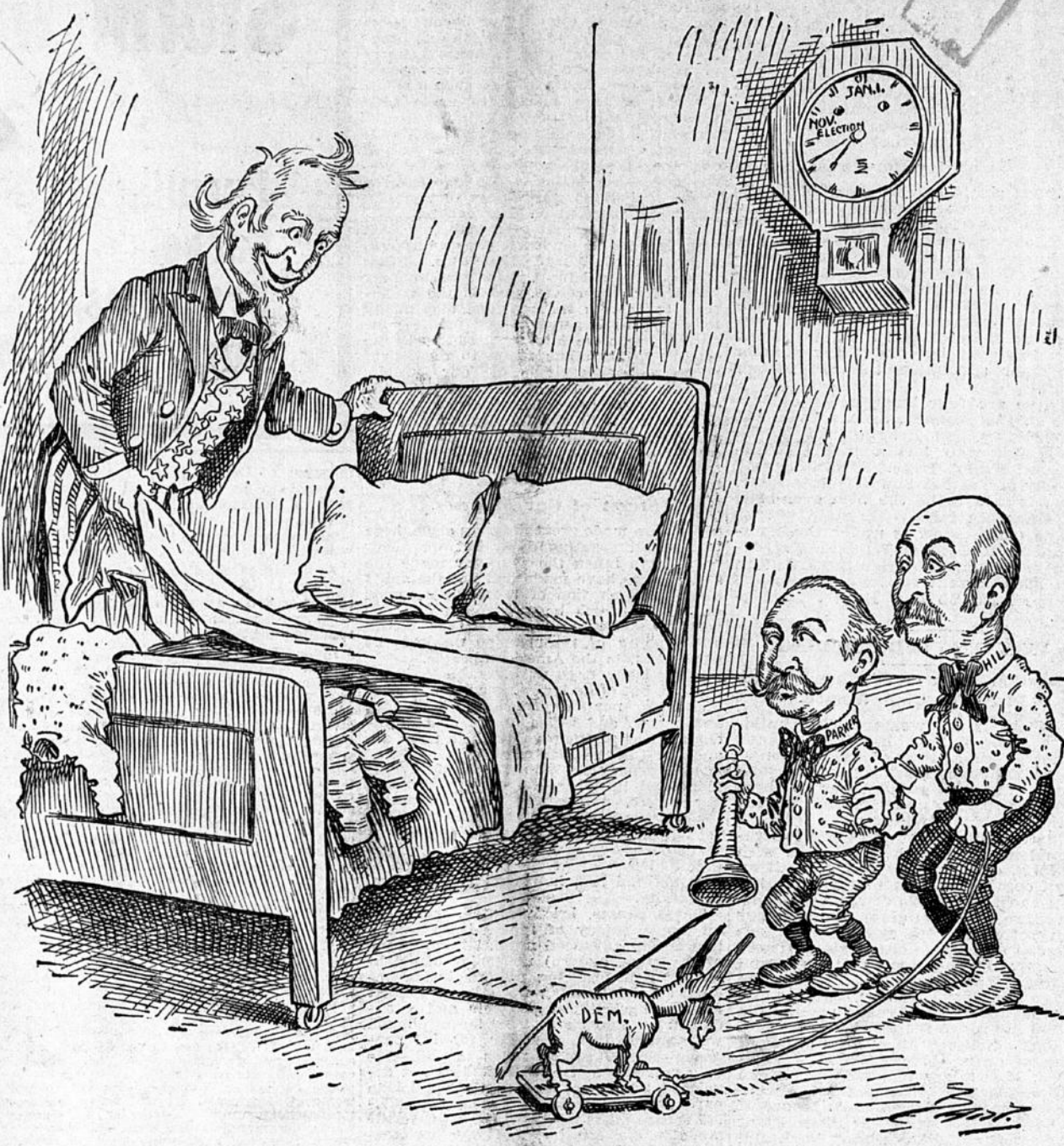
Chi-fu, Aug. 29, 5:50 a.m.—The Japanese who are attacking Port Arthur are divided into three divisions, one to the eastward, one to the westward and a third kept in reserve away to the north. They estimate that they have killed and wounded 15,000 killed and wounded.

To the eastward their advance guard pressed along the Dalny road between Port Arthur and the Chinese village of Chao-chang-kao, one mile from the east basin. Eight days ago they were driven out of the position, but are now holding it with their main body.

To the westward the Japanese are only 1,200 yards from the new town, facing Pal-yu-shan, an unfortified mountain overlooking the town, but cannot advance further owing to the firing from ships in the harbor.

Russians Are Obstinate.

Tokio, Aug. 29.—According to unofficial reports from the Liao-ting peninsula, the Russians, since the explosion of their powder magazine at the foot of Liao-ti-shan hill, appear to have been destitute of smokeless powder, but the obstinacy with which they defend the stronghold is unabated. The garrison is said to feel the heat so much that troops called out to make sorties fight in their underclothes.



POLITICAL RETIREMENT.

Dave Hill—I'm goin' to retire at 12 o'clock.

Uncle Sam—Yes, David, Uncle Sam is fixing things so you can retire before that time, and take little Alton with you.

FEARS "400" MIGHT
RULE DOMINION

Canadian Paper Opposes Duke of Marlborough as Governor General.



DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH, Who, with His American Wife, May Govern Canada.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 29.—The Sunday Sun, the only English Sunday paper in Canada, says:

"Those who prate about the Duke of Marlborough being one whose appointment as governor-general would be especially popular in Canada because he is married to an American lady, do not know enough about Canada to keep them awake at night. The very fact that his grace has married a wife from the neighboring republic will make him a less satisfactory person to occupy Rideau hall than if he were a perfect stranger to this continent."

"To speak frankly, Canadians do not want to be patronized by their friends over the border. Perhaps courtesy, which is often misunderstood, prevents our speaking more emphatically upon this subject. If his grace of Marlborough should visit Canada he will be sure of a most cordial welcome. At the same time, Canada does not want to have the vice regal chair of this country made an annex to New York's '400,' or be patronized by the Vanderbilts. Perhaps others will not care to say this quite so bluntly, but many think it."

Y. W. C. A. WARS ON
PROFANITY IN STREETS

Berwick, Pa., Aug. 29.—A campaign against the use of profanity in the streets here has been inaugurated by the Young Women's Christian association. Copies of an ordinance recently enacted by the town council have been posted conspicuously about town. It forbids the use of profanity on penalty of \$100 fine or three months' imprisonment. Members of the association propose to secure the strict enforcement of the law, and have called on all good citizens to help them.

NEW YORK DOUBTS
HILL STATEMENT

Announced Intention to Retire from Politics Jan. 1 Is Discredited.

By W. W. Jermene.

New York, Aug. 29.—David B. Hill's statement that he will retire from politics Jan. 1, is not being taken with special seriousness here. What he has in mind nobody knows, but that he actually purposes stepping down and out is not commonly believed.

In the light of the storm of protest from democrats which was raised by his speech denouncing President Roosevelt as a "fraud," it may be that his latest announcement is intended to help the Parker campaign, for it is now apparent that the friendship of Hill is to be a tremendous handicap for Parker. The report that Parker, if elected, will make Hill secretary of state is widespread in this state. Hill's retirement, of course, would render this impossible.

It is evident that the World, which is the leading Parker organ of New York, will not permit a misunderstanding. It denounced Hill's Binghamton speech editorially, the day after its delivery, and yesterday had a cartoon making a further attack on it. To-day it begins an editorial with these words:

"The World has already expressed its opinion of David B. Hill's coarse denunciation of President Roosevelt as a 'fraud.' It is prepared to employ equally strong language in denouncing the inspired idiocy which is responsible for the circulation of the cheap and palpable falsehood that President Roosevelt once referred to farmers as 'the basest set in the land.'"

"If the campaign is to be free from personalities and insults, Hill will be much in evidence during its progress. It is apparent that he has been a source of weakness to Parker since last spring. His friendship came very near preventing Parker's nomination. The Binghamton speech has hurt the democratic cause in this state thousands of votes. Of course Parker cannot be expected to carry such a load without protest."

"That Hill's announcement of his intended withdrawal from public life is intimately related to the campaign in this state is very generally believed and that is why it is not accepted at its face value."

VOLUME OF MESSAGES
AS HANNA MEMORIAL

New York Sun Special Service.

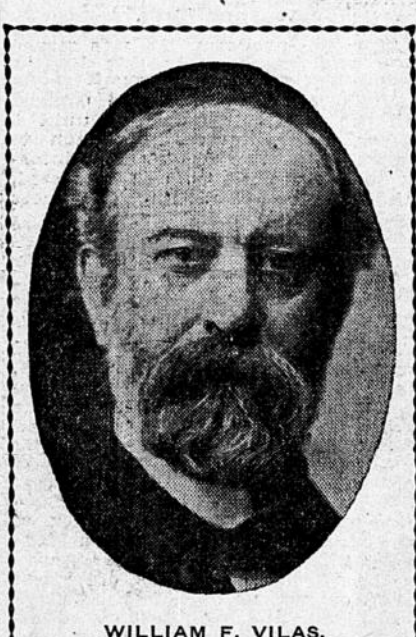
Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 29.—On the demise of the late Senator Hanna, the family received 1,434 telegrams of condolence and sympathy, constituting a record in the history of the state. The messages were sorted in alphabetical order and inserted in albums as companions to eight books of newspaper clippings. Included in the books are resolutions passed by all manner of organizations and the cards left at the house and the cards attached to the floral offerings. There were four large volumes, making a total of twelve volumes of tributes, constituting a remarkable memorial that will be most highly cherished by future generations.

PIONEER MERCHANT FOUND DEAD.

La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 29.—C. F. Scharp, a pioneer hardware merchant, was found dead in bed today. He was 68.

VILAS TO MAKE
KEYNOTE SPEECH

Former Senator Sees an Opening in Mixed Political Situation in Wisconsin.



WILLIAM F. VILAS, Veteran Democratic Leader, Back in Political Arena.

New York Sun Special Service.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Chicago democrats became interested in the Wisconsin democratic state convention, which meets at Oshkosh on Wednesday, when it became known that former Senator William Vilas is to take a prominent part. Word comes from Madison that not only has Colonel Vilas engaged headquarters, but will make a "keynote" speech and return to his old position in Wisconsin politics.

This was taken by Chicago democrats to mean that Colonel Vilas believes he sees in the present situation in Wisconsin a chance to elect a democratic legislature this year, which, in turn, will choose a successor to Senator Quarles.

That former Governor George W. Peck will be nominated by the convention for governor is taken for granted, as there is no serious opposition to him. The possibilities in the senatorial situation, however, promise to make the convention interesting.

CANNON TO SPEAK
IN THE FLOUR CITY

Special to The Journal.

Winona, Minn., Aug. 29.—Congressman Tawner, chairman of the speakers' bureau of the republican national committee, is home for a day and reports that Speaker Cannon has consented to speak in Winona as well as in Minneapolis.

J. Ham Davidson, formerly of St. Paul, will make several speeches in the first district. Other good speakers will be sent to Minnesota.

German republicans are organizing a national German republican Roosevelt league and have \$2,000 Germans enrolled in Illinois.

FAIR'S GATES SWING
WIDE TO VISITORS

Senator Nelson Formally Opens Great Exposition of the State With Speech Which Large Numbers Gather to Hear.

Exhibits of Rare Merit Are in Order—Crowd Is in Good Humor—Fair Grounds a Veritable "White City."

At 12 o'clock to-day the turnstiles at the state fair showed a total of 6,854 admissions, including the pass gates, but not including the admissions at the team gates, thru which probably 1,200 passed. At the regular turnstiles the count from St. Paul was 2,179 and the Minneapolis count 2,521. The figures are very large for a Monday. They do not reach the totals of last year's Monday. At the 1903 fair Monday was Dan Patch day, one of the largest of the whole week. The total attendance last year was close to 32,000 including the night admissions.

To the stirring music of three great military bands the forty-fifth annual fair of the Minnesota State Agricultural society was opened this morning. Senator Nelson was the guest of honor and orator. The officers of the society and of the state government "did the honors" of the hour. Thousands thronged the big livestock tent, which is the largest spread of canvas ever seen in this state.

The bands of the Ninety-first Highlanders of Toronto, Canada, and the First Regiment, Minnesota National Guards, with the ever popular Minneapolis Jernal Newboys' band, over fifty pieces, filled the grounds with their inspiring and enlivening music. President C. N. Cosgrove and Secretary E. W. Randall, on whom has fallen the bulk of the work of arranging the exposition, gave this morning a splendid lesson of how to open a big show on the opening day. Every exhibit was in shape to be seen this morning. As a matter of fact, the show was as nearly in readiness last Saturday afternoon as it used to be on the opening days of fairs a few years ago.

Weather Doesn't Keep Crowd Away.

Threatening weather had little or no effect on the early comers, and altho the skies were still gloomy and rain was in prospect as late as 11 o'clock, the cars from both cities were liberally filled with early comers and the grounds plentifully besprinkled with eager sightseers before Senator Nelson began his speech in the large tent near the main gate.

The stocksheds, always an attractive spot to the breeder, farmer and fancier, were given some early cleaning in many cases picturesque decorating, before the crowds began to arrive. From Agricultural hall and the Manufacturers' building, at one end of the grounds, the grand stand and midway at the other, the curious, or those desirous of being informed as to what is going forward in the great state, trod the miles of cement walks. In addition, they traversed the other miles of dirt paths and board walks, intent on getting a first sight of the wonders of the greatest of the many great fairs the State Agricultural association has given.

Early in the day it was apparent that, no matter what the size of the

incoming and outgoing crowds might be, the vastly improved terminal facilities provided this year by the Twin City Rapid Transit company would be entirely adequate. This most practical form of "loop the loop" was the first and most impressive feature to those who came to the fair for the first time this year, and was generally and favorably commented on.

Next to this, the new \$30,000 Manufacturers' building attracted the attention of the newcomers, and was generally accredited with being the first permanent improvement the State fair association has made this year. Improvements in the grand stand paddock and adjoining portions of the grounds were also favorably noted.

Entertainment for All.

As with all great fairs, variety in attraction and manner and mode of life combined to stimulate the interest of the young and revive fleeting memories of the old-time devotees of that American institution known as "the fair." Sandwiched in between the lines of animal sheds and the many beautiful buildings in which are housed the various industrial, horticultural and other exhibits, were rows and rows of hucksters' tents and stalls where the vendors exhibited the curious products of their different crafts. Dark-skinned gipsies vied with those of a lighter hue in showing rare and costly souvenirs of the fair. The lemonade man shouted opposite to he who instantly created the succulent apple cider, red, yellow and other colored popcorn was seductively offered to the passer-by, while the chewing candy of commerce was invitingly "pulled" so that all who might see, "The red-hot" and other candies of the family "sausage" sent the orders of their conversion into luncheon into the nostrils of those afar off.

Down by the "Pike"—that portion of the grounds designed to amuse, where other attractions fail to appeal to a possibly jaded appetite—all things were made in readiness to furnish the sensations of the day. The lion tamer and he who looped the loop, foregathered inside the place of attractions and prepared for the great day's doings.

Outside, the organ grinder ground for the pennies proffered him, and the lame, halt and blind, saw to it that the charitably disposed were not neglected. From all parts of the grounds came the ringing of the temple bells and the strains of merry-go-round. Strong men fresh from the country saw to it that the striking machine was not allowed to lie idle, others skilfully knocked the babies down and got the good cigar, while from all points came the multitudinous sounds marking the fair.

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WHAT'S DOING AT STATE FAIR

Tonight at the Grand Stand.

Running Race—Half mile in heats.
Running Race—Mile dash.
Balloon Ascension and parachute drop.
Band Concert.
Wilton Brothers in bounding bed and triple-bar act.
Dode Fisk, bareback rider, and his educated horse and clown mule.
Kitamura's troupe of Japanese acrobats and wrestlers.

Leaping the Chasm—Thrilling bicycle act.
Slide for Life—Daring feat of Jap.
Peerless Potters, the human shuttlecocks.
Death Trap Loop—By the Great Babcock.
High Diving—Fearless act.
Destruction of St. Pierre—Pain's great fireworks spectacle.

Tomorrow, August 30, St. Paul Day.

MORNING.

Judging of cattle in large tent near the cattle barns.
Judging of horses in tent near the horse barns.
10 a.m. to 12 m.—Band concert.

AFTERNOON.

At the grand stand, 1 p.m., races:
2:13 class, pacing, St. Paul purse, \$5,000.
2:45 class, trotting, \$1,000.
Free-for-all pace. Minnesota horses, owners to drive, 2 in 3, silver cup.
Running race, 138-mile hurdles, for 3-year-olds and upwards.
Remainder of the afternoon program same as tonight.

On the Grounds:
3 to 5 p.m.—Grand Band Concert.
In the Horse Exhibition Tent:
2 p.m.—Judging of saddle horses; judging of turnouts.
3 p.m.—Judging of harness horses, matched heavy and light carriage teams.

EVENING—AT THE GRAND STAND.

Same program as tonight.