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BIG JAP LOSS DOUBTED
Port Arthur Repulse Not Confirmed.
GIVEN NO CREDENCE
RUSSIAN WAR OFFICE IN ABSOLUTE IGNORANCE.
Japanese Minister in Washington Does Not Believe Setback Was Sustained as Reported.

CAMPAIGN MATERIAL
The Republican National Committee Begins Work.
PREPARING HANDBOOK
SPEECHES FOR CIRCULATION BEING PUT IN SHAPE.
Bourke Cockran's Commitment of the Democratic Party to Free Trade Will Be Widely Distributed.



PRESIDENT AT GROTON
With His Sons for School Closing Exercises.
GREETED EN ROUTE
CAR SWITCHED AT TRENTON TO ANOTHER ROAD.
Thought to Avoid All Possibility of Delay on Account of Railway Strikers.

BUCKEYE DEMOCRATS
Looks Like Old Time Fight in Ohio.
CONVENTION TOMORROW
HEARST LEADERS SUSPECTED OF PLANNING A COUP.
State Central Committee in Doubt—Control a Matter of Speculation—Bigelow Pitched.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 24, 6 p.m.—The report, cabled to the Associated Press yesterday, that the foreign office had received a telegram from the Russian consul at Che-Foo reporting that the Japanese had made a land attack on Port Arthur and had lost 15,000 men killed or wounded and that the Russians had lost 3,000 men is true, but as nothing confirmatory has been received from any other source, the report is not given credence.

The republican national committee has started its machinery for grinding out campaign literature and preparing the campaign handbook for the coming contest. The preliminary work is being carried on under the direction of the executive committee of the national committee, superintended by Secretary Elmer Dover. Speeches for distribution later are being prepared in the copy, although the printing of them is not yet started.

EYES ON PORT ARTHUR.
RUSSIA BELIEVES THIS TO BE ALL REPUBLICAN DELEGATES HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.
Direct Attack on Gen. Kuropatkin's Main Force Not Considered Immediately Impending.

THE TWO CONVENTIONS
A LITERARY BUREAU ESTABLISHED IN THIS CITY.
Glowing Description of the Judge's Personal Appearance Prepared for the Use of Newspapers.

TO BOOM PARKER
The Parker boom has made its appearance in this city in a well-defined form. This evidence of systematic and regular work that is going on in favor of the New York Judge is called "Cosmographic," under which name is issued a variety of literary compositions in convenient form to be copied in papers that are booming Judge Parker for the nomination.

GROTON, Mass., May 24.—President Roosevelt, who had made the trip from Washington to be present at the Groton school today and participate in the annual prize day exercises, reached Groton at five minutes past 9 this forenoon. He was met at the station by the Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody, principal of the institution, at which two of the President's sons, Theodore, Jr., and Kermit, are preparing for college, and was driven to the school.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.
COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 24.—All signs point to a regular old-time democratic fight on the floor of the democratic state convention tomorrow. The conservatives, as the anti-Hearst democrats are called, suspect that the Hearst leaders are hatching a plan to unseat enough of their men to give them the control of the convention after all. What the state central committee will do is uncertain. It was completely Tom Johnson body when selected last year, but got away from him in the meeting to select the temporary organization of the state convention two months ago. Who has it now is doubtful. In fact, it is uncertain where Tom Johnson himself stands. He will not arrive here before noon. It looks as though there had been a break between the two camps.

At the Japanese legation today the report of an assault on Port Arthur with a subsequent loss of 15,000 Japanese was discredited as wholly unlikely if not quite impossible. It was said the legation that the Japanese army in the locality of Port Arthur is by no means ready for an assault on the fortress. Only four days ago the legation learned of the landing at Taku-Shan, and the fleet was not even prepared to assist from the sea any overt action by the army.

Some of the republican managers are very much interested in the character of the literature which the opposition is getting up. The speech of Mr. W. Bourke Cockran, in which, according to the claim of the republicans, he has committed the democratic party to the policy of free trade, had been printed, and is now in circulation. The speech has attracted the attention of the republican congressional campaign managers, who propose to aid in its distribution. It is said that the republicans should circulate a democratic speech.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 24, 2 p.m.—The prevailing opinion at the headquarters of the Japanese upon Feng-Wang-Cheng means that the enemy has decided to object to the withdrawal of the Russian troops from Port Arthur, and that the present object of Gen. Kuroki, with the first army, supported by Gen. Nadya with the third army now landing near Taku-Shan, is to watch Gen. Kuropatkin and prevent a move southward, which would take Gen. Oku and the second army, on the Liao-Tung peninsula, to the rear.

Proceedings of the Last May Be Repeated—Only One-Fourth of Democrats Have Been Selected.
The delegates to the republican national convention have now been chosen. Of the 900 delegates of which the convention will be composed, 774 have been instructed for Roosevelt and 200 are without instructions. Eight districts, entitled to sixteen delegates, have not reported.

Judge Parker is six feet tall and a man of giant strength. His shoulders are broad and his chest deep. His muscles, developed by hard work on the farm and by daily horseback riding, are the muscles of an athlete. He slopes perfectly as a man should, from his shoulders to his feet, and in spite of his nearly fifty-two years and his weight of 196 pounds his step is as light as a boy's and he can vault into the saddle with ease.

Not to take any risk of the New Haven railroad strike trying up the transfer boats Maryland and Express, the officials of the Pennsylvania railway had the car Mayflower, in which President Roosevelt traveled to Groton, Mass., detached from the Federal Express at Trenton at 9:05 o'clock last night. The President's car was hitched to an engine and taken over the Belvidere division to Belvidere. From there it ran over the Lehigh and Hudson River railroad to Maybrook, N. Y., thence over the Poughkeepsie bridge on the Central New England road to Newburgh, N. Y., where it was transferred to the Pennsylvania depot in Jersey City.

Plan of Hearst Delegates.
The plan of the Hearst men seems to be this: They think they have the state central committee solid. They expect to give the convention badge to the delegates and holders to seats in the convention until the credential committee's report is acted upon. The Hearst men expect to force a rule that all delegations thus seated may vote on the question of securing all delegates except their own. This would of course give the organization of the convention after all to the Hearst men.

ADVANCING FROM SONGCHIN.
Power of Lady Om, Korean Emperor's Favorite, Waning.
SEOUL, May 24, 9:30 p.m.—Further reports are being received that the Russians are advancing along the Great South road from Songchin. Koreans estimate their number at about six hundred.

Not Relished by the Democrats.
The foregoing is an extract from Mr. Cockran's speech of April 23. There is also in circulation his speech of April 26, the heading of which is as follows: "Subsidies and Protection a Policy of Plunder—Corruption Its Inevitable Fruit—Calumny Its Natural Weapon."

A SOURCE OF DANGER.
The Panama Canal Zone a Possible Menace to Island Possessions.
Dr. Richard P. Strong, director of the biological laboratory at Manila, P. I., has a paper in the fourth annual report of the Philippine commission, about to be published by the bureau of insular affairs, showing how the Panama canal may become a factor in introducing yellow fever into our eastern possessions and the entire orient.

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Left Washington Yesterday.
President Roosevelt and party left here yesterday afternoon for Groton, Mass., to attend the prize day exercises at the school where Theodore and Kermit Roosevelt attend. The party, which consisted of the President, Miss Carow, his sister-in-law, Secretary Loeb and Mr. Ferguson of New York, an intimate friend of the President, who goes only as far as Trenton, traveled by the regular 4:45 o'clock train over the Pennsylvania railroad. The original route mapped out for the President was changed shortly before his departure, and instead of going by way of New Haven he will travel in both directions by the Poughkeepsie bridge route.

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National Bank Examiner Has Been Placed in Charge.
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Gen. Kuropatkin Inspects Gates of the City.
LIAO-YANG, Monday, May 23 (delayed in transmission).—Troops continue pouring into Liao-Yang.

MR. RUSSELL TO COME HOME.
Columbia Unwilling to Receive a Minister From This Country.
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RUSSIAN OFFICERS NOT CHARGED WITH SELLING AMMUNITION.
ST. PETERSBURG, May 24, 5:35 p.m.—The war office denies any knowledge of the alleged charges against Lieut. Col. Korinsky and Staff Capt. Ignatowich of selling government rifles and ammunition to Chinese, as reported by the Harbin correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung.

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DEATH OF PORT ARTHUR NEWS.
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