

MERELY SKIRMISHING

No Important Military Operations in Manchuria.

ROADS IMPASSABLE

REPORTED CAPTURE OF ZASSALITCH'S CORPS DENIED.

A Number of Other Statements Originating in the British and European Press Denied.

Today has brought no news of a positive character from either the Russian or Japanese armies. There has been no fighting, and if any movements are being carried out they are thoroughly veiled.

The sensational report received by the London Morning Post to the effect that Gen. Zassalitch's corps had captured and Zassalitch wounded, proves to be false. Authoritative denial is given to that report, as well as to various others originating in the British and European press, particularly the London Daily Mail's statement that Gen. Lnevitch had marched into eastern Korea and cut Kuroki's communications with Penguanchang. Paris reports that Rear Admiral Prince Ouktsouky had been tried by court martial, sentenced to death and shot for disobedience of orders in returning to Port Arthur after the sortie of August 10.

No Change in the Situation.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 13.—No change is reported in the situation at the front, and no confirmation is obtainable here of the report that General Kuroki is moving northeast of Mukden, but the authorities are noticeably more reticent than usual.

The emperor received a dispatch from General Kuroki, announcing that a considerable force of Japanese has been seen about twenty-five miles southwest of Mukden. Later it was learned that the Japanese were near the village of Bianpu, thirty-six kilometers southeast of Mukden, not twenty-five miles southwest of the latter place, as at first reported.

The report published in Paris today that Rear Admiral Prince Ouktsouky had been tried by court-martial, sentenced to death and shot for disobeying the order not to return to Port Arthur after the sortie of the Russian squadron, August 10, is untrue. He has not been tried by court-martial, but will be recalled.

Report of Big Capture False.

The war office authorizes the Associated Press to deny the report circulated by the Morning Post of London to the effect that 3,000 men of Lieutenant General Zassalitch's corps had been captured; to deny the report from the same source that the Japanese were about to capture the city of Penguanchang, and to also deny the statement from Tokyo that dum-dum bullets were used by the Russians at Liaoyang.

Concerned About the Chinese.

The reports that Chinese troops are concentrating in the valley of the Liao river are causing considerable concern here. The Bourse Gazette thinks it is entirely probable the Chinese government will formally propose to undertake to guard and administer the territory actually occupied by the Japanese, adding:

A General Battle Expected.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, September 13.—The following cable dispatch regarding the war has been received here today:

FRAUD ORDERS ISSUED.

Two Business Schemes That Have Been Barred From the Mails. A fraud order has been issued against the Le Roy Manufacturing Company of Boston, Mass., which is charged with conducting a fraudulent scheme to make most identical with those of other concerns in Boston and New York against which fraud orders have been recently issued.

PROUD OF THE REGULARS.

Gen. Chaffee Praises the Review on Manassas Battlefield. Lieutenant General Chaffee, chief of staff, was keenly interested in the grand review of the regular troops and National Guardsmen engaged in the maneuvers on Manassas battlefield. Said he: "The review was highly creditable from every point of view. The

organized militia made a fine appearance. Of course their ranks were somewhat thinned because many of the men were footsore as the result of their hard work. I would not undertake to discriminate in a case where all of the men did so well. But through the fact that the Connecticut commands were massed in one compact body they made an excellent appearance on the field. New York did well, also, though laboring under the disadvantage of having its force divided between Grant and Bell's commands. As to the regulars, well, I saw better soldiers. They marched along with an erect carriage and a springy, swinging step that spoke volumes for their endurance. They had gone through. I was proud of them."

WILL RESUME DUTIES MONDAY.

The Postmaster General Expected the Latter Part of This Week. Postmaster General Payne will be in Washington the end of this week and will be at his office next Monday. It is expected that soon after his return Mr. Payne will take up the selection of a superintendent of the dead letter office in place of the late Capt. Lebbard.

Among the more important of the items which will be brought to his attention is that of the report of the committee which has been considering the bids in relation to the contracts for supplying mail package boxes for the free delivery system. The report of this committee has been finished, and is expected to be submitted to him by the Postmaster General for final action.

THREE OFFICERS DISMISSED.

Action on the Cases of Lieuts. Collins, White and Smith. The President has approved the sentences of dismissal imposed by courts-martial in the cases of Second Lieuts. William W. White and Charles F. Smith, 13th Infantry, and of First Lieut. Harry J. Collins, 28th Infantry, and their names will be dropped from the army register. Lieuts. White and Smith were convicted of scandalous conduct while stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco. Lieut. Smith is a grandson of Maj. Gen. Charles F. Smith of civil war fame, and was graduated from the Military Academy last year. Lieut. White was a captain in the 3d Ohio Infantry during the Spanish war, and was appointed a second lieutenant in the 13th Regular Infantry in January, 1902.

Personal Mention.

Mr. Garfield Charles, secretary to Senator Cullom, after spending the greater part of the summer at Atlantic City, has joined the senator in Chicago, where he will remain until after the presidential election.

Selected for Military Instruction.

Under the provisions of the Dick militia law Capt. James T. Burns, 2d Infantry, Illinois National Guard, has been authorized by the President to attend and pursue the regular course of instruction at thearrison school at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Ordered to This City for Instruction.

The following-named assistant surgeons at the posts indicated have been ordered to this city October 1 next for a course of instruction at the Army Medical School: First Lieutenants William R. Davis at San Francisco, Cal.; Leartus J. Owen at Fort Myer, Va.; Stanley G. Zinke at Fort Riley, Kan.; Robert M. Culler at Fort Jay, N. Y.; Frank W. Weed at Fort McHenry, Md.; William A. Wickham at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.; Henry L. Brown, Columbus barracks, Ohio; Howard H. Bailey, Plattsburg barracks, N. Y.; Harry G. Humphreys, Fort Totten, N. Y.; and Paul L. Freeman at Fort Slocum, N. Y.

A Marriage Requirement Suspended.

A. S. M. Gottschalk, United States consul at Peru, stated in a recent report that the decree of February last requiring that before celebrating a marriage with a foreigner, or between a Peruvian and a foreigner, the civil and ecclesiastical authorities should exact, in addition to the testimony of two witnesses, a certificate of the date of the nuptials, has been indefinitely suspended by the Peruvian government.

Resignation of Lieut. Wells.

The President has accepted the resignation of Second Lieut. Charles Wells, 1st Infantry, to take effect at once. Lieutenant Wells is a native of Ohio and served as an enlisted man in the volunteer establishment during the Spanish war. He was appointed second lieutenant in the regular army in May, 1902.

Meeting of General Officers.

A board of officers, consisting of Generals Grant, Bell, Wint, Bliss and Story, met at the War Department today to recommend a principal and alternate, for detail, to fill an anticipated vacancy in the grade of lieutenant colonel on the general staff, resulting from the promotion of Lieut. Col. Charles Shaler, ordnance department, to the grade of colonel.

New Rifle Range Near the Presidio.

The War Department has been advised of the completion of the protected rifle range near the Presidio of San Francisco, which was constructed under the supervision of Capt. Charles R. Howland, 21st Infantry.

Secretary Hay to Speak.

The Secretary of State has accepted the invitation of the thirteenth international peace congress to be present at their meeting in Boston, Monday, the 3d of October, and to deliver a brief address on that day as the representative of the government of the United States.



IN BED: "If this is a dream, let me sleep 'til spring."

A REDUCED PLURALITY AFFAIRS AT OYSTER BAY A SUCCESSFUL HOLD-UP

REPUBLICANS CARRY MAINE ELECTION BY ABOUT 30,000.

Probably 3,300 Smaller Than Their Victory Four Years Ago—Democratic Legislative Gains.

PORTLAND, Me., September 13.—The republicans of Maine were successful in the state election yesterday, their candidate for governor, William C. Cobb of Rockland, being elected by a plurality which probably will be as high as 30,000. This estimate is based upon returns tabulated today from 350 cities, towns and plantations out of a total of 822, which give Cobb 71,955 and Cyrus W. Davis of Waterville, democrat, 46,162. This probable plurality is about 3,300 smaller than that by which the republican ticket was successful in Maine four years ago. The democratic leaders who previous to the election declared that any reduction from the plurality of 1900 would be a democratic gain, are therefore claiming that the vote indicates an increase in party strength in the state. On the other hand the republican leaders had declared that they expected only from 15,000 to 20,000 plurality.

Present Representatives Re-Elected.

All the present representatives, who are republicans, were re-elected by pluralities ranging from 5,000 to 8,000. They are Amos L. Allen, Charles E. Littlefield, Edwin C. Burleigh and Llewellyn Powers. Mr. Powers had the greatest opposition, defeating Mr. R. Pattangall of Machias, his democratic opponent, by 6,500 votes, a reduction of his plurality from 8,800 two years ago. Incomplete returns indicate that the democrats will have several state senators, whereas they now have only one, and that they will make a slight gain over their present twenty members of the state house of representatives.

Gov. Hill to Roosevelt.

The following telegrams were sent late last night from Augustus by Gov. Hill: "The President, Oyster Bay, N. Y.: 'Maine expresses her appreciation of the splendid achievements of your administration and of your efforts for the advancement of every interest of the nation by a plurality of about 30,000 for Roosevelt and prosperity.' JOHN F. HILL."

Burleigh to Roosevelt.

AUGUSTA, Me., September 13.—Representative E. C. Burleigh today sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "To the President, Oyster Bay, N. Y.: 'Returns indicate a republican plurality of 30,000. We have carried fourteen and possibly fifteen of the sixteen counties of the state, and have elected an overwhelming majority of the legislature. Our victory is complete and sweeping. I congratulate you most heartily upon this splendid omen of victory in November.' C. BURLEIGH."

Latest Tabulated Returns.

Returns for governor from 400 cities, towns and plantations out of a total of 322 were tabulated by the middle of the afternoon and show (republican) had 75,456, and Davis (democrat) 48,543. The same cities and towns four years ago gave Hill (republican) 66,948, and Lord (democrat) 37,400. These figures show a republican plurality of 28,610.

American's Remains Arrive at New York.

NEW YORK, September 13.—The body of D. S. Chestnut of Indiana, who died of pneumonia at Southampton soon after landing from the steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm, from New York, was brought here today in the steamer Grosser Kurkurs. Mrs. Chestnut, who accompanied her husband abroad, came with the body, and will take it west for burial.

PRESIDENT HAS A LONG CONFERENCE WITH FAIRBANKS.

Vice Presidential Candidate Well Satisfied Over the Maine Election—McCumber a Caller.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., September 13.—After a long conference with President Roosevelt last night, Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, the President's running mate on the republican national ticket, left Sagamore Hill today in time to catch an early train to New York. While declining to discuss the details of his conference with the President, Senator Fairbanks said they had had a most satisfactory talk. It is known that, in addition to consideration of the general political situation, they discussed the status of affairs in both New York and Indiana. The senator assured the President he had no doubt that Indiana would give a heavy republican plurality.

Maine Election Results.

Senator Fairbanks said he expected to leave New York at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Saratoga, where tomorrow he will address the republican state convention. The news from the Maine election, he said, was "exceedingly gratifying."

No Comment From President.

Beyond expressing his gratification at the results of the election the President made no public comment upon it. He telegraphed today his congratulations to the state committee and to the leaders in Maine.

Bismarck is Very Ill.

LIFE OF THE GERMAN PRINCE HANGS IN THE BALANCE. Scion of the Late Chancellor Reported to Be Victim of Cancer of the Liver.

Friedrichsruhe, September 13.

Prince Herbert Bismarck's condition is most grave. His sister, Countess von Rantau, has been summoned to join the rest of the family, who are already at Friedrichsruhe. It was announced from Friedrichsruhe Saturday that Prince Herbert Bismarck was seriously ill and that contradictory reports regarding his condition. According to one version the prince's condition was hopeless and abdominal cancer was hinted at. Another report said the prince was merely suffering from ptomaine poisoning, due to eating bad fish while in England several months ago.

Plunged to His Death.

Philadelphia Crashed by Drink Leaped From Hotel Window. BOONE, Iowa, September 13.—J. P. Fenton, a traveling man from Philadelphia, crashed by drink, leaped from a second-story window of a local hotel today. The force of the fall drove his head completely through a cellar door and he died in a few hours.

German Consul at Baltimore Arrived.

NEW YORK, September 13.—George A. Von Lingen, German consul at Baltimore, arrived here today on the steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm from Bremen.

FIVE BANDITS BOARDED ROCK ISLAND TRAIN IN IOWA.

Express Safe Blown, but No Money Secured—Mounted Men With Bloodhounds in Pursuit.

DES MOINES, Iowa, September 13.—Five bandits perpetrated a successful hold-up of a passenger train on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway near Letts, Iowa, early this morning. The statements of expressmen are that the robbers secured no money, though the safe was blown open and the contents taken. The officers assert that the safe contained merchandise of some value, company papers in transit, etc., but no money.

Posse Scouring the Country.

Mounted men with bloodhounds are now scouring the country for miles in every direction in an effort to apprehend the robbers, while all the railways that passed through Columbus Junction or nearby points from the time of the robbery are being held up by the officers and carefully inspected by them to ascertain if the bandits are undertaking to escape in this way. The engineer and fireman are constantly furnished good descriptions of three of the men.

Watching River Banks.

Believing the bandits will keep under cover for the time being, the officers directing the search have arranged to keep a sharp lookout along the Mississippi and Iowa rivers and at Wapello, Keokuk and other points.

WORLD'S PEACE CONGRESS.

Opened Up Business at St. Louis in Earnest Today. ST. LOUIS, September 13.—The Interparliamentary Union, whose mission to the United States is to advance the cause of peace and bring about, if possible, universal international arbitration, took up in earnest today the important matters before it. The session was held in the hall of congress at the world's fair, which was superbly decorated with the flags of all nations and palms and ferns.

ADMITTS A SETTLEMENT.

PHIPPS DIVORCE TROUBLE TO BE SETTLED ON FINANCIAL BASIS. DENVER, Col., September 13.—The News today says that Mrs. Lawrence C. Phipps, wife of the Pittsburgh millionaire, who is suing for divorce, admits that a settlement of the case has been reached. According to her statement Mr. and Mrs. Phipps are to have equal rights as to custody of the children; Mrs. Phipps is to transfer all property held in her name, including the Denver and Pittsburgh residences. Mrs. Phipps is to retain her \$500,000; Mrs. Phipps is to retain her stocks and bonds. Today Mrs. Phipps, through her attorneys, will file an answer to Mr. Phipps' divorce petition, in which she will deny the allegation of desertion.

NO WESTERN HEADQUARTERS.

Result of Conference at Rosemont With Leaders. ESOPUS, N. Y., September 13.—Judge Parker was up early today and spent an hour with the newspapers before breakfast. He made no comment for publication regarding the result of the Maine elections. As a result of recent conferences between the governor and the western delegates, it has been decided not to open western headquarters. Chairman Taggart will personally survey the western situation and when he returns to New York will take measures to put more life into the work in Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois.

STRIKERS SEEK WORK.

About 1,100 Out of 7,000 Applicants Re-Employed Today. CHICAGO, September 13.—More than 7,000 of the former strikers at the union stock yards gathered in Packington today looking for work. About 1,100 were given employment and the rest went away to try again tomorrow.

far-reaching possibilities.

It had already caused heated debate the council, and its phraseology was decided upon only after a compromise, in which American wording preponderated.

The proposition to undertake to secure intervention in the far east was presented by Lecomte Goblet d'Alviella of Belgium, and if Goblet of Switzerland submitted a report dealing with the international agreement.

At the opening of the session Dr. Goblet, the secretary of the association, was telegraphed to President Roosevelt, and the following telegram was sent:

"The fifteenth interparliamentary conference composed of representatives of fifteen parliaments, at the commencement of its deliberations sends its respectful and cordial salutations to the President of the great American republic. It considers itself most fortunate in having the opportunity of holding its sessions in a country whose chief magistracy is considered by all the nations a champion of international justice. (Signed) 'RICHARD BARTHOLDY,' 'President.' 'DR. GOBLET, Secretary.'"

CHEERS FOR ROOSEVELT.

Incident at Public Meeting of Locomotive Firemen. BUFFALO, N. Y., September 13.—The public meeting held last night in convention hall by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen of America, now in convention in this city, wound up in a demonstration for President Roosevelt. The hall was filled.

Grand Master Hannah of the brotherhood was just drawing his address to a close and had called attention to the fact that a New York newspaper had criticized the President because he had accepted an honorary membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

"Let me say," said the grand master, "that the President of the United States is not only a citizen, but a citizen of the nation's greatest enterprises would do as the President and meet us upon a common platform and more of peace and good will in the industrial world."

AT DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS.

Assistant Treasurer Appointed—Taggart to Go West—Jones Advises. NEW YORK, September 13.—Charles R. Hall, attorney-at-law, of 45 Broadway, New York, was today appointed assistant treasurer of the national democratic committee. The Maine election was constantly in the mind of the campaign may be in hand, as it is impossible for Treasurer Peabody to give his entire time to the work.

MOUNTAIN A MASS OF FLAMES.

Valuable Property Endangered by Raging Forest Fires in Montana. ANACONDA, Mont., September 13.—A large forest fire is raging in the mountains west of here, and a hoisting works and shaft house, together with a bunk and boarding house, have been destroyed. Mr. A number of prospectors' cabins have been burned. The timber in the vicinity of the Blue-Eyed creek is damaged, and much valuable timber is being destroyed.

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ACTING WITH CAUTION

YOUTH AND OLD AGE PLAY FOR VANTAGE AT SARATOGA.

Great Political Game of Checkers in Progress—Result Means Much to Odell and Party.

Special From a Staff Correspondent.

SARATOGA, N. Y., September 13.—Governor Odell has been a much perplexed man for the past twenty-four hours, and this morning his dark and somber visage still bears the frown of anxiety and concern. The governor knows what he wants, knows that he can get it, but also is aware that if he is not careful in the manner of working his will the result will be disastrous.

Here is the spectacle of this absolute boss of the republican party of New York, holding the machinery of the party under such perfect control that it will register his command to the last extremity, yet felled temporarily of his purpose by the fact that the nation's choice of his leadership will defeat his own purpose.

Across the narrow hallway that separates his cottage from Senator Platt's sits a feeble old man, his frame wasted with age and the fatigue of many years of hard work. He is not so feeble as he looks, but his listeners must lean to him to hear his words, yet whose word of acquiescence is all necessary to the virtue, unless young leader who has supplanted him.

The point is this: If Senator Platt should not lead to the governor's suggestion, the governor's choice, Frank W. Higgins, could be nominated without a protest from any quarter. The nomination would be harmless and the charge could not be made that Higgins bore the tag of Odell. The senator has been withholding that nod, that word of acquiescence.

Could Force Nomination.

The governor could override the objection of the senator and force the nomination on the first ballot. He has more than a majority of the delegates safely tagged, ticketed and ready for delivery, but what would be the result? The cry would be raised that the nominee was "tagged with Odellism." Senator Platt's friends would rush under another blow in the face of important interests in the republican party would be alienated from the support of the senator.

The question naturally comes up, "Why should there be any more objection to the nominee hearing the Odell tag than the Platt tag?" Well, the answer to that necessarily raises the lid from the seething cauldron of New York politics, and the fumes are not fragrant.

The fact that the governor refrains from using his power and from putting on the senator is evidence enough that he realizes that his tag would be a blight upon the prospects of the candidate whom he forced upon the republican party. Whether the thought may bring to the governor, if it brings any, and whatever responsibility he feels for such a condition of affairs, he knows, and he is constantly aware of it. He has realized that fact more and more as his lieutenants have come in from Saratoga and have reported the status of the Odell administration.

Odell Moving With Caution.

So he has been moving with caution and using his power with the same care to accomplish his purpose and in the same time to divert the senator to join him and place the cloak of Platt's great prestige over his candidate's shoulders. The governor is outwardly all attention and consideration to the senator, but inwardly he is taking the empty room and fraught with no element of accomplishment.

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