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JAPS BEGIN TO CRUMPLE RIGHT FLANK

Drive in Kuropatkin's Vanguard South of Mukden After Sharp Fighting.

ST. PETERSBURG LOSING HOPE.

Believes Absence of News From Russian Headquarters Indicates Another Disaster.

TALK OF RECALLING GENERAL KUROPATKIN.

London, March 2.—The Times Russian correspondent telegraphs that he hears a war council will be held at St. Petersburg about March 5 to determine whether General Kuropatkin shall be recalled.

General Oku's Headquarters, Feb. 28, 2 p. m., via Fusan, March 1.—The Japanese left wing is driving back the Russian outposts.

The Japanese have occupied a line from Shatzemur, two miles west of the Hun River, in a northwest direction to Kallia, on the east bank of the Jiao River.

A heavy bombardment along the entire line west of the railroad is in progress night and day.

The Russians are firing blindly with field and heavy guns.

Last night five companies of Russian infantry attacked Lantun, aided by a terrible artillery fire.

After desperate hand-to-hand fighting, which lasted for an hour and a half, the Russians were repulsed, leaving sixty dead. Many trophies were taken, as well as some prisoners.

The Japanese loss did not exceed sixty.

Small detachments of Russians also attacked at many other points, but in every case they were repulsed.

YEAR KUROPATKIN HAS BEEN OUTPLANKED.

St. Petersburg, March 2, 2:50 a. m.—The curtain of rigid censorship has settled down over events in Manchuria. There is no news of the results of yesterday's fighting.

Dispatches describing the picturesque events of the night's retreat from Da Pass and the all-night combat at the railroad bridge across the Sha River, have been sent to correspondents, but nothing is shown whether General Kuropatkin is withdrawing or is determined to stand his ground.

It is significant that no news has been received from the threatened left flank. The last dispatches leaving the Russians clinging desperately to Yusheng against the strong forces of General Kuratkin's veterans.

Although it is not admitted at the War office, the general impression in military circles is that General Kuropatkin may be forced to withdraw, with not only General Kuratkin threatening his communication, but the reduction of Puffing and Nougoung hills and even the hills themselves to the position of the Russian center, appear to be crumbling away under the impact of the terrible 11-inch shells, such as leveled fortifications of Port Arthur and rendered the fortress untenable. No troops will be able to reach the position long if the bombardment continues.

RUNNERS BRIBED.

Mukden, March 1.—For three days Puffing and Nougoung hills have been subjected to a terrific bombardment with 11-inch shells charged with Shimon powder. From a distance the hills looked like volcanoes spouting flame and great clouds of smoke, a hail of earth and stones falling far beyond their bases. The Russian guns batteries are answering energetically, but their fire is comparatively ineffectual.

After an all-night battle the Russian forces which were ordered to retreat across the Sha River retired after having destroyed the Japanese fortifications at the further end of the bridge and thrown the Japanese forces there into consternation. The Japanese losses were heavy.

NO WARM WELCOME FOR GENERAL STOESEL.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Lieutenant General Stoessel arrived in St. Petersburg this morning from Moscow. A quarter of an hour before his train was due it looked as if not more than a hundred persons would be present to welcome the defender of Port Arthur. But their number augmented rapidly, and when the train steamed into the station many hundreds crowded the platform.

War Minister Sakharoff and Admiral Zlotoff, in behalf of the Admiralty, welcomed General Stoessel, who was loudly cheered. After receiving the personal congratulations of friends, the general, looking bronzed and in good health, traversed a cheering crowd to a reception room, stopping now and then to shake hands with admirers. Behind the general came Mrs. Stoessel, leaning on the arm of a military officer. She looked to be even more bronzed than her husband, and smiled happily at the warm welcome accorded him. It was remarked that the general's hair had turned quite white.

MAYOR WELLS IN MEXICO CITY.

Forty American Citizens Visit Mexican Metropolis.

Mexico City, March 1.—Forty American citizens, headed by Arthur E. Stillwell, have arrived here.

Among them is Rolla Wells, Mayor of St. Louis.

SUMMARY OF The St. Louis Republic

Thursday, March 2, 1905.

THE WEATHER.

Table with weather forecast for St. Louis and vicinity, including temperature and wind conditions.

Slightly cooler with continued sunshine, in the forecast for to-day. While the temperature will be lower...

In the Lake Region the temperature is much below the normal. At White River, Ontario, 25 degrees below zero was recorded yesterday morning.

The sun rises this morning at 6:52 and sets this afternoon at 5:33.

The moon rises tomorrow at 5:02 a. m.

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FEATURES OF TODAY'S NEWS.

- 1. Mrs. Stanford Poisoning Case. Missouri Senatorship. John L. Sullivan Wins Fight. Russo-Japanese War. Lawson Praised in Crowded Court.

Generalissimo Kuropatkin, in the vanguard of General Kuropatkin's right flank south of Mukden, directly threatening the Russian base.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

The suit of Col. A. D. Tilles, to prevent the sale of the Transit stock to the United Railway Company is within the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, so Judge Sanborn of the United States Court of Appeals decides.

St. Louis Credit Men's Association is to ask for a modification of certain rules relative to collection charges.

Judge McElhinney's opinion, in a written opinion, does not hold the auto-scoring law to be invalid, but that the indictment against Miss Ruby Patterson was faulty in that no motive power was specified.

Business men expressed satisfaction over the results of trade for the first two months of the year.

President Francis may be selected to visit Europe and thank the Governments for their participation in the World's Fair.

The removal of exhibits from the galleries at the World's Fair has been accomplished in quicker time than at Chicago.

City officials conferred on the question of the cost of equipping the new City Hospital, the plan being to make it a model institution in every way.

A year-old boy ran away with his playmate and sweetheart, six months his senior, and fought a six-foot policeman who took the tots into custody.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

In the caucus held by the supporters of Niedringhaus last night fifteen ballots were taken to select a new candidate. Major William Warner received thirty-nine votes and Dr. Pat Lister 27.

Thomas W. Lawson is praised by an attorney in a crowded Boston courtroom for tearing the mask from the combines.

Mrs. Jane Stanford on her deathbed in Honolulu declared that she was poisoned.

The Texas House adopts a resolution including President Roosevelt's move to investigate the affairs of the Beef Trust in that State, and providing for a committee to aid in the inquiry.

The appropriation bill for State education, passed by the House, is recommended by committee, although Republicans attempt to cut several items.

SPORT NEWS.

The Browns will depart tonight for their training trip to Texas.

FOREIGN.

Lack of quantities of foodstuffs are being imported into Russia in boxes labeled oranges, the customs officials discover.

"JOHN L." KNOCKS OUT M'CORMICK

Former Champion Puts Galveston Fighter to Sleep in the Second Round.

ISSUES A GENERAL DEF.

Declares He Is Still "Able to Stay With Top Notchers"—Texan Unconscious Ten Minutes.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 1.—John L. Sullivan, former champion heavy-weight pugilist of the world, knocked out Jack McCormick of Galveston, Tex., in the second round of what was to have been a four-round boxing contest at Smith's Opera-house here to-night.

Sullivan and McCormick entered the ring in fine condition. Sullivan is training every day, and McCormick gave up training for a battle with Kid McCoy to meet Sullivan here to-night.

In the first round Sullivan led savagely at McCormick's face, but the way Jack ducked, receiving a stiff uppercut for his pains. Two or three light blows were exchanged. Then the men clinched.

After the break Sullivan rushed McCormick around the ring, raining blows upon him. McCormick went to his corner looking somewhat worn.

In the second round Sullivan began to puff, but kept after McCormick, landing heavy blows, taking a few light ones in return. Then Sullivan sent his right to McCormick's jaw and McCormick went down. It took about ten minutes to revive him.

After the fight Sullivan gave out the following statement:

"I do not think Jeffries, Corbett or Fitzsimmons can stop me in eight or ten rounds. I am feeling well and am confident that I can put up a hard fight. I stand back of my previous statements as to being able to stay with any of the top-notchers."

(Signed) "JOHN L. SULLIVAN."

McCormick is the hero of twenty-two battles, out of which he lost but one. He knocked out Billy Sift in two rounds, and Andy Ferguson in five rounds. Ferguson is the negro fighter whom Jeffries is said to have refused to meet.

In his coming fight with Kid McCoy he was thought to have an excellent chance. Sullivan weighs 225 pounds and McCormick 215.

SENSE OF SMELL SAVES BUILDING

Watchman Catches Odor of Smoke in Seven-Story Building a Block Away—Prevents Bad Fire.

The keen sense of smell possessed by Martin Ryan, a private watchman, prevented the possible loss of the seven-story building at Ninth and Lucas avenue last midnight.

Ryan smelled the smoke, although it came from the top floor of the building, and with the keenness of an Indian located it and ran for the fire alarm box.

He was standing on the corner of Ninth and Washington, a block away, at the time, talking with several policemen.

The fire was put out by the Fire Department, but the loss was estimated at \$200. The seventh and sixth floors of the building are occupied by the Raymond & Torgue Hat Company, the sixth and fifth by the Belle-Hickey Manufacturing Company, and the other two floors by the Singer Brothers' cloak company.

The building is owned by R. H. O'Reilly.

Flat Building Burns.

A new two-story flat at No. 127 North Spring avenue, which had been under repair, caught fire in an unknown manner at 12:45 o'clock this morning and was totally destroyed. The flat had not been quite completed and was to have been ready for occupancy within a few days. The loss is estimated at \$100. The flat belonged to the Tobin-Strass Plumbing Company.

FOR \$9,000,000 BOND ISSUE.

Building Trades Council Unanimously Adopts Resolution.

The Building Trades Council last night unanimously adopted a resolution favoring the \$9,000,000 bond issue for the city.

An appeal will be made to every tradesman in the city urging him to support the measure at the election.

LAWSON RECEIVES GREAT OVATION

Drawn Before Legislative Committee by Prospect of Combat, He Is Praised.

WHY CHALLENGE WAS GIVEN.

Attorney Explains He Wanted Financier Present When He Told of Service He Has Rendered People.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Boston, Mass., March 1.—One of the many sensations in the Boston gas war came at the Statehouse this morning, when the Legislative Committee on Public Lighting gave a hearing on the bill to increase the capitalization of the Boston Gas Company to \$3,000,000 on an assessed valuation of property of only \$5,000,000.

The hearing was scheduled for yesterday, but owing to the expected clash between Thomas W. Lawson and Attorney John B. Moran, the attendance was so great that the hearing was adjourned.

Those who expected verbal or physical combat between Moran and Lawson were disappointed. Moran explained that he challenged Lawson to appear in order to insure the latter's presence at the hearing, and then proceeded to eulogize him.

He scored the majority of the State Gas Commission, declared that the companies had paid more than \$2,000 to lobbyists to get the consolidation act through the Legislature in 1902, and named Chairman W. S. McNary of the Democratic State Committee as having received \$500.

Referring to Lawson, Moran said, in part:

"As to you, Mr. Lawson, I say I have no evidence that you had any connection with the corruption practiced to secure the passage of the consolidating act. No man has accused you. I hold you absolutely guiltless until evidence is produced. I believe in such evidence exists."

"In your struggle, voluntarily entered upon against the villainies of 'freighted brasses' you have my hearty approval. Above and single-handed you assailed the most powerful combinations of criminals ever harnessed together."

"You have torn the mask of hypocrisy from their hidden features, disclosing corruption in all its vicious nakedness. Millions of American citizens read your monthly articles. You have aroused thought and the honestest breast of every liberty-loving law-abiding citizen in our country there goes out to you in words of encouragement. God speed you in your work, Lawson!" (loud applause.)

Mr. Lawson smiled, but said nothing, and the hearing was adjourned.

GET \$1 FROM UNLOCKED SAFE

Office of Fish and Game Company on Franklin Avenue Forced Open by Burglars.

The safe in the office of the St. Louis Western Fish and Game Company, at No. 419 Franklin avenue, was opened by burglars last night, but the robbers were poorly rewarded for their trouble. The safe had been left unlocked and contained only \$1.

Policeman Hennessy of the Fourth District was passing the store shortly before 9 o'clock when he noticed that the front door had been forced open. Upon entering he found that the safe had been opened. The door was closed with papers.

He at once summoned Charles Rose, manager of the company, who stated that the safe had been tampered with in the day and that the safe contained money in small change and some valuable papers, which were worthless to the burglars.

CAR JUMPS TRACK AT CURVE.

Five Passengers in Cherokee Coach Slightly Injured.

A crowded Cherokee car while rounding a curve jumped the track at Ninth street and Park avenue, last night, injuring five passengers and demolishing a telephone pole and street lamp.

All the passengers were shaken up. The women were frightened and some were on the verge of collapse when the car was brought to a standstill.

The following were reported to the police as having been injured: Joseph Lehner, No. 212 Cherokee street, scalp wound; Carl Bell, No. 218 South Eleventh street, finger mangled; George Fink, No. 441 Missouri avenue, left arm cut; Amelia Schmitz, No. 228 Wisconsin avenue, leg cut; and Alice Caldwell, No. 211 Santa street, right arm bruised.

WARNER AND DYER GET MOST VOTES IN NEW CAUCUS

Effort to Break Deadlock Results in Thirty-Nine Votes for Warner and Eight for Dyer.

NO AGREEMENT REACHED.

Fifteen Ballots Taken in Vain. Members Become Disgusted at Failure to Get Together and Leave Conference.

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NIEDRINGHAUS WRITES LETTER.

Urges Followers to Decide on Man Whom They Can Elect—Repeats Assertion He Will Not Stand in Way—Yesterday's Vote Unchanged.

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As soon as the conference met, a letter was read from Mr. Niedringhaus that told the members to get together and elect someone. Then Spangler of Clark introduced a resolution providing that when

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MRS. STANFORD ON DEATHBED SAYS SHE WAS POISONED

Declares She Left San Francisco Because of Effort to Kill Her—Died Soon After Taking Dose of Bicarbonate of Soda, Which Doctor Says Contained Strychnine.

IN DYING STATEMENT SHE SAID IT WAS SECOND ATTEMPT.



MRS. JANE STANFORD. Who died in a hotel at Honolulu shortly after taking a dose of bicarbonate of soda, in which it is thought strychnine had been placed.

Mrs. Jane Stanford died Tuesday night in Honolulu within forty minutes after taking a dose of bicarbonate of soda.

An attempt to poison Mrs. Stanford with strychnine was made at her San Francisco home the middle of February, and it was to escape her would-be murderer that she went to Hawaii.

The physician who attended Mrs. Stanford at her death, and who afterward made a cursory examination of the bicarbonate of soda remaining in the bottle from which she had taken the powder, declared strychnine was mixed with the drug.

No motive for the crime is known, and no one has been accused of it. An investigation by detectives after Mrs. Stanford's death, and which resulted in nothing, returned to the hotel, ate sparingly of soup, and went to her room to retire, in the best of health.

Physicians who conducted an autopsy declared the immediate cause of death was tetanus of the respiratory organs. That this was caused by strychnine cannot be absolutely asserted until after an examination of the contents of her stomach.

Honolulu, March 1.—Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford of San Francisco, widow of United States Senator Leland Stanford, died at 11:30 o'clock last night, forty minutes after she was taken ill at the Moana Hotel here, under suspicious circumstances, pointing, in the opinion of the physician who attended her in her dying hours, and seemingly in that others, to poisoning by the administration of strychnine in a glass of bicarbonate of soda.

Mrs. Stanford herself, when found by a guest of the hotel, who had heard her groaning in her agony and suffering from convulsions, declared, "I have been poisoned," and her last words were: "This is a horrible death to die."

The physicians say that between convulsions Mrs. Stanford repeated the assertion that she had been poisoned, and said it was the second time the attempt had been made, the first time being in January, at her San Francisco home, and that it was this attempt which caused her to come to Honolulu.

An autopsy on the remains showed that the cause of death was tetanus of the respiratory organs, but how this was brought about will not be known until after an examination of the contents of the stomach, the result of which examination will probably be known to-morrow.

Mrs. Stanford came here from San Francisco on the Korea February 21, in conversation with Mrs. Henry Highton of San Francisco, who is now here. Mrs. Stanford said that an attempt had been made to poison her in that city, and that this was her reason for coming to Hawaii. Mrs. Stanford's belief, according to Mrs. Highton, that enough poison had been used to kill twenty persons, had been used to kill twenty persons.

It is understood that an investigation is now being made by the police of San Francisco. The police here are also conducting an investigation.

BEFORE SHE RETIRED.

Before retiring last night Mrs. Stanford took a dose of bicarbonate of soda which she purchased at San Francisco. It is reported that the soda contained strychnine, but this report cannot be verified. Doctor F. H. Humphreys, who attended Mrs. Stanford, is now making an examination of the contents of the bottle, which had not been touched since Mrs. Stanford left San Francisco.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Stanford went to a picnic. She ate heartily, on returning to the hotel she took only soup for dinner and retired shortly after 9 o'clock. At 11 o'clock a guest of the hotel who occupied an adjoining room heard Mrs. Stanford groaning and, running to the room, found her lying on the floor. She had evidently tried to summon help.

At the time of Mrs. Stanford's death there were present Miss Bremer, her secretary, and her maid, May Hunt. Both are prostrated.

GROANS CALLED SID FROM ADJOINING ROOM.

The guest of the hotel who occupied an adjoining suite and who, hearing Mrs. Stanford groaning, ran for her assistance, is A. Heunish of San Francisco.

Miss Bremer has been Mrs. Stanford's secretary for twenty years. Former Judge W. L. Stanley represents the Stanford estate here.

Mrs. Stanford took a drive over the Fall road yesterday, accompanied by her secretary.

"THE FLYING DEATH" Has caught the community—it is the best piece of fiction ever offered in a Sunday newspaper in St. Louis. When this great story reaches its end, The Republic's incomparable Sunday Magazine will begin the publication of "SOULS ON FIRE" by Louis Tracy, author of "The Wings of the Morning." The most thrilling story of the year in which it appeared. "SOULS ON FIRE" IS EVEN BETTER. You are missing a literary treat if you are not getting The Sunday Republic and it's wonderful pair of Magazines—three sections in color.

POLICEMAN SHOTS A NEGRO. Alleged Junk Thief Wounded While Attempting to Escape. Willis Camar, a negro, giving his address as No. 109 North Twelfth street, was shot in the spine and seriously wounded at 1 o'clock this morning just outside the police station at Seventh and Carr streets, when he attempted to run away from Patrolman Tony Tomasso of the Fourth District. Tomasso had just arrested Camar and another negro while the two were driving past the station with a wagonload of junk. The policeman stopped the negro and asked them where they got the junk.