

ARMIES CLING IN DEATH STRUGGLE

FURIOUS FIGHTING ALL ALONG THE LINE

RUSSIANS FLEE FROM DA PASS

Kuroki's Movement Against Left Wing Threatening Grave Results, but Kuropatkin Is Making Determined Stand

Fighting on a large scale is in process between the Russian and Japanese armies in Manchuria. General Kuropatkin, after meeting the initiative of the Japanese in the eastern part of the Shakhe valley, assumed the aggressive in the western portion under cover of heavy artillery fire from Putloff Hill and Novgorod hill, succeeding in driving the Japanese from a position in the outskirts of Sandpau. Simultaneously the Russians attacked and captured a railroad bridge on the Japanese center.

Much more serious is the Japanese movement against the Russian left wing, which threatens, unless quickly checked, to oblige General Kuropatkin to abandon the positions on the Hun river which he has occupied and fortified during the winter.

Kuropatkin Counters ST. PETERSBURG, March 1, 1:50 a. m.—Last evening's news from Manchuria is of the most important nature, the Associated Press dispatch from Mukden, which was transmitted at noon of Tuesday, indicating that a general battle was beginning along the whole of the 100 miles of front occupied by the two armies.

Russians' Dangerous Position The effect of yesterday's developments on Gen. Kuropatkin's reported intention to withdraw from the Shakhe is problematical. Retirement in the face of an enemy, which is extremely hazardous under any circumstances, is doubly dangerous when the armies are grappling in a general engagement, but if Gen. Kuroki succeeds in rolling up the Russian left much further the perilous expedition may become necessary. The counter strokes on the right and center may possibly be intended to cover the withdrawal of trains and stores. If, however, Gen. Kuropatkin is determined to stand and fight out the battle on the line which he has held during the winter, and if he should be able to administer a vigorous check to Gen. Kuroki he has secured a good position for his second move in the great game.

RENNENKAMPF DEFEATED

Russians Lose Over Two Thousand Men and Several Guns

GENERAL KUROKI'S HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 26, via Fusan, Feb. 23.—The Japanese yesterday (Saturday) achieved a signal victory over the forces commanded by Lieutenant General Rennenkampf. While this victory is important in itself, it is more so gained by the Japanese. The fighting was over a mountainous country between thirty and forty-five miles east of Yental, which is about fifteen miles northeast of Liao Yang.

KILLS HIMSELF AFTER READING OSLER THEORY

Aged St. Louis Scientist Accepts the Opinion of Baltimore Professor and Takes Chloroform

Special to The Herald. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28.—After reading Dr. Osler's lecture on the uselessness of old men, Sherman Link, an aged scientific student, chloroformed himself to death. Beside the empty bottle which had contained chloroform were newspaper clippings containing Dr. Osler's lecture. For several days Link had been discussing with his friends Osler's theory, which he believed correct.

DR. HARPER'S RECOVERY RAPID

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Dr. William R. Harper, who was operated on last week for cancer of the colon, was today sitting up in bed at the Presbyterian hospital, attending to his duties as president of the University of Chicago.

CORONER PROBING DEEP MYSTERY

FINDS NEW THEORY IN OCEAN PARK CASE

SUICIDE MAY BE SOLVED

Woman Whose Body Is Unidentified May Have Been a Guest at the Westminster Hotel in Los Angeles

Was the woman whose body was found floating in the surf off Ocean Park Sunday, the same one who was taken ill at the Westminster hotel a few weeks ago, and when she had partially recovered was found to be in destitute circumstances? This is the question that is puzzling Coroner Trout and the authorities just now. If their theory is correct there is doubtless a pathetic story back of the case, which now appears to be shrouded in deepest mystery.

DESCRIPTIONS CLOSELY TALLY

Manager R. W. Lariatt of the Westminster gave Coroner Trout a description of Mrs. Webster, or Maria Stone, yesterday, and it is said to have tallied with that of the corpse found at Ocean Park. A gold tooth on the left side of Mrs. Webster's mouth answers to the description of the one in the mouth of the deceased.

RELATES SAD STORY

When the woman had partially recovered she saw Proprietor Frank Johnson of the hotel and explained to him her strained circumstances. She told him tearfully that she had not a dollar in the world and knew not where to get one. She owed a large bill, but could not pay it. Mr. Johnson, considering the unfortunate condition of the woman, said he would make everything alright and for her not to worry. Manager Lariatt then secured quarters for her in a house on Sixth street, it is said, and since nothing has been heard of her.

LOOKS LIKE SUICIDE

From all accounts it appears that the woman went to the Sixth street place, however, at Lariatt's suggestion, and his action in taking up the case with the coroner leads to the belief that she mysteriously disappeared from there. It is regarded as very probable that she left the place, while in a fit of despondency, and went to Ocean Park for the deliberate purpose of ending her life.

BROKEN BEAM THE CAUSE

INQUIRY SHOWS NEGLIGENCE IN BROOKLYN CHURCH CATASTROPHE NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A searching investigation was begun today by the county and borough authorities of Brooklyn to ascertain the cause of the collapse of the floor of the Fleet Street African Methodist Episcopal Church of Zion last night, when ten persons were killed and upward of fifty injured.

SHOT BY WOULD-BE THIEVES

SAN JOSE, Feb. 28.—Constable J. J. Toomy of Santa Clara was shot about noon today by a stranger in that town, the ball inflicting a dangerous wound in the leg. Two strangers attempted to get away with a stack of money on a table in a saloon where one of them and a saloon habitue were playing, and while endeavoring to arrest them the constable was shot. The two men were overpowered and taken to the county jail.

'RECALL' IS LOOSE; JOKE, SAYS MAYOR

OFFICIALS THREATENED WITH "PEOPLE'S WEAPON"

NORTON AFTER COUNCILMEN

Persistent Rumor on the Streets and in the City Hall That a Petition Is to Be Circulated—Strohm Case Mentioned

The "recall" is loose again. That has been buzzed so persistently in the ears of Sixth ward voters was in evidence yesterday. Among those stated by rumor for a visit from the "people's weapon" is Owen McAleer, mayor of Los Angeles, and several councilmen.

THREATENS COUNCIL

R. H. Norton, president of the Good Government league and leader of the Davenport recall, declared last evening that while he knows nothing of an attempt to recall the mayor, there is likely to be something doing in that line with one or more of the councilmen.

MAYOR LAUGHS

The mayor laughed heartily when told of the rumor. He asked what the occasion for all this is and said he in no wise considers it seriously. "I cannot understand how such a rumor could have started," said the mayor. "There can certainly be no foundation for it. It's simply a huge joke."

BETTER YET...

The Herald will allow all advertisers or prospective patrons a privilege never before accorded by any other newspaper on the Pacific Coast of seeing the press run and keeping tab on every paper printed, and as a final test will allow all its advertisers and patrons to see the Mail Room reports and see

HIGHWAYMAN IS LYNCHED AT RENO

NOTORIOUSLY BAD CHARACTER IS STRUNG UP

ATTEMPTED HOLD-UP FOILED

Citizens Had Been Greatly Wrought Up Over Repeated Robberies, and the Climax Was Not Unexpected

RENO, Nev., Feb. 28.—William Woods, sometimes known as "Red" Woods, was lynched at Hazen at an early hour this morning. Woods, with a companion, attempted to hold up D. A. Wise and James Wallace near the passenger depot last night. Agent Ferguson heard the calls for help from the victims and rushing out scared off the highwaymen, who took flight. Ferguson sent five shots after them and succeeded in bringing Woods to a halt. The prisoner was taken to the town jail, a wooden structure.

His arrest caused the people of the town to arise in arms and as the night advanced their anger became unmanageable. Deputy Sheriff Allen cautioned coolness, but his entreaties were in vain. It was after 2 o'clock when the crowd, by this time thoroughly organized, marched to the jail. An axe and a sledgehammer were used in bursting open the door and soon Wood, trembling with fear, was dragged from the jail.

No formalities were used. He was led and carried to the nearest telegraph pole. A rope was thrown over the crossarm and in a moment the fellow was swung into the air. The free end of the rope was then fastened, the mob dispersed and it was after 3 o'clock this morning before the people found the body.

A coroner's jury was summoned, a verdict of death by hanging by unknown parties returned and by noon the body was interred in the Hazen cemetery.

SCIENTIST SUCCEEDS IN REMARKABLE EXPERIMENT



PROF. JACQUES LOEB

LOEB CREATES ARTIFICIAL LIFE

EGGS OF THE SEA URCHIN ARE VITALIZED

NATURAL PROCESS IMITATED

University of California Scientist Succeeds in Experiments Begun in Chicago Several Years Ago

Special to The Herald. CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Advices received in Chicago tonight assert that complete success in artificial reproduction from the female egg of the sea urchin not vitalized by the male principle has been achieved by Professor Jacques Loeb of the University of California. The eminent physiologist issued a bulletin today announcing that he had at last perfected his amazing experiments begun at the University of Chicago several years ago, to a point which is just at the threshold of his daring goal—the creation of life itself.

Since the publication of his revolutionary discoveries in Chicago Professor Loeb has worked silently along the same lines. Now he can produce perfect healthy baby sea urchins from more than 90 per cent of the eggs used. Professor Loeb sums up his results thus: "We are now able to imitate the natural process of fertilization in the egg of the sea urchin completely by physical and chemical means. The fact that the parthenogenetic larvae (animals developed artificially) produced by the new method have the same vitality as the larvae produced by normal fertilization arouses the hope that it will be possible to undertake the solution of the problems to which the raising of parthenogenetic larvae in large numbers is preliminary."

These fields of further research at which Prof. Loeb hints are nothing less than the rewriting of the mystery of reproduction of life in all organisms from animalcules to man, in chemical and physical terms, the elimination of that divine force at the sources of life which has previously baffled materialistic science.

MRS. CODY TESTIFIES

Denies That She Ever Administered Poison to Her Husband

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Louisa Cody, wife of Col. Cody (Buffalo Bill), today took the witness stand in defense of her character and good name, which have been assailed by her husband in his sensational petition for divorce, and to tell her side of the family quarrel.

THE DAY'S NEWS

Southern California: Cloudy, unsettled weather Wednesday; possibly light showers; fresh east winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 80 degrees; minimum, 62 degrees.

- 1—Ground to death by car.
2—Kearns riddles Mormon church.
3—"Bullet" latest aerial wonder.
4—Southern California news.
5—Say Osler is wrong.
6—Editorial.
7—City news.
8-9—Classified advertisements.
10—Sports.
11—Markets.
12—News of the divorce courts.

EASTERN

Prof. Loeb succeeds in vitalizing eggs of sea urchins by artificial means.

FOREIGN

Great battle raging with success that appears to be mostly on the Japanese side.

COAST

Senate strikes out recommendation of committee that the regents of state university make good money stolen by McKowen.

LOCAL

Visions of another "recall" appear. Mayor says it is a joke. Corner stone of Highland Park Presbyterian church laid with ceremony. Mayor and improvement association reach agreement about Broadway street lamps. Police commission figures on competitive bids for saloon licenses.

GROUND TO DEATH BY EXPRESS CAR

WOMAN HORRIBLY MANGLED UNDER WHEELS

Mrs. H. De La Monte, Mother of the County Constable, the Victim of a Frightful Accident

VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS

Mrs. H. De La Monte, killed by car at Twelfth and Hill streets. Fred L. Benedict fell from building at 631 South Spring street. Crushed to death. William Foley struck by car at Second and Los Angeles streets. May die. E. Murray fell from car. Severely injured. Lawrence Brown, teamster, struck by Vernon car. Gash on head.

According to City Attorney Mathews, the Huntington interests are violating the franchises under which street railway companies are permitted to do a passenger business in Los Angeles every time they operate freight or express cars over their lines.

While attempting to cross the railway tracks at Twelfth and Hill streets yesterday afternoon Mrs. H. De La Monte, aged 68 years, mother of Constable Jacques H. De La Monte, was struck by a swiftly moving express car and crushed to death under the wheels.

Mrs. De La Monte resided at 1153 South Hope street. After luncheon she started out with her young daughter to visit friends down town. She had proceeded as far as Hill street on Twelfth when she met with the fatal accident. Her little daughter had crossed the tracks safely and was awaiting the arrival of a northbound car, while Mrs. De La Monte hesitated on the tracks to permit a vehicle to pass. Just then she was struck by the express car, which had advanced toward her at such a rapid rate of speed that she evidently did not see it in time to escape.

Daughter Hysterical

There were several witnesses to the accident, among whom was the woman's daughter. She was standing only a few feet away from the tracks. She was hysterical and screamed pitifully for help, but it was too late.

J. D. Talbot was the motorman in charge of the express car and Albert Vaughan was the conductor. The body of Mrs. De La Monte was removed to Breece Bros' morgue.

E. D. Marriott was standing on the front porch of the Wilton lodging house, 1300 South Hill street, at the time of the accident and will be one of the witnesses at the inquest.

BURNING VESSEL HEADED SOUTH

HEROIC ATTEMPT TO REACH EUREKA

Passengers Safely Transferred, but Fire is Believed to Be Beyond Control and Cargo Expected to Be Total Loss

CRESCENT CITY, CAL., FEB. 28.

The steamer Oregon, with a burning cargo, left here today for Eureka, where she will be beached. The Oregon was accompanied from Crescent City by the steamer Del Norte, Captain Payne, and every effort will be made to reach Eureka. It is thought her cargo of general merchandise will be a total loss.

Fire broke out in the cargo of the steamer Oregon yesterday evening, when the ship was north of Crescent City on her voyage from San Francisco to Portland. There were fifty-six passengers on board the Oregon besides the crew.

Signals of distress were at once made and these brought the collier Meteor alongside, and all the passengers were at once transferred to the Meteor. Nearing Crescent City the steamer Del Norte was attracted by the signals of distress that were still flying. She at once headed toward the Oregon and within a few minutes the passengers made another transfer, this time to the Del Norte.

Shortly afterward the burning steamer and the Del Norte shot out of Crescent City harbor, Capt. Warner believing he could make Eureka in time to beach his vessel. Smoke was coming out of the Oregon in clouds, however, and it was deemed very doubtful by those who saw her whether she would ever reach the more southerly port.

TRANSPORTATION LINE SELLS OUT ITS BUSINESS

Old-Time Sacramento River Company Passes Into the Hands of Dutch Company

STOCKTON, Feb. 28.—The Union Transportation line of steamboats and the company's business has been sold to the California Transportation company, known in trade circles on the rivers as the Dutch company and heretofore operating on the Sacramento river. The Union company's boats are the Capt. Weber and the Columbia, which have been running for many years between Stockton and San Francisco in opposition to the boats of the old line, the California Navigation and Improvement company.

The late James Gillis owned most of the stock of the Union company and his heirs have made the sale to the Dutch company. There is a belief in transportation circles that the Santa Fe is interested in the deal, owing to its fruit business, but the purchaser in the Dutch company and its plans are to enter into the San Joaquin trade.

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