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RUSS LOOK FOR A TURN OF THE TIDE

General Staff at St. Petersburg Predicting Change in the Fortunes of War

SATISFIED WITH THE SITUATION

They Believe Russia Will Make Better Showing From Now on in Manchuria—Terrible Effects of the Hand Grenades at Port Arthur—Work of Burying Dead Going on.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—The general staff apparently is entirely satisfied with the military situation in Manchuria, being convinced the Japs have reached their high tide before Port Arthur, with the third Japanese army.

The effect of dynamite used as an offensive weapon in the form of hand grenades is instanced in an appalling manner by the condition of the dead bodies which are torn into unrecognizable masses of flesh and bones. Fragments of hundreds of killed are unearthed from the filled in Russian trenches and presented a scene of awful horror.

The work of removing the dead from the slopes and crests of 203 Metre Hill has been completed on the north side, the south slopes are still covered with bodies buried under debris of trenches and bomb proofs. The long lines of Japanese dead presented an awful appearance. Most of the bodies were partially naked and horribly torn by dynamite bombs.

Mukden, Nov. 1.—This was an unknown and unheralded fight, when the Don Cossacks set out to conquer the Manchurian strongholds and prove that cavalry could take a modern battery of quick-firers, supported by infantry. That they failed was due only to another development of modern warfare on which they had not counted—barbed wire, that ruing up their charge under the very muzzles of the guns. But they failed gallantly, and the Associated Press correspondent heard of it only some time afterward.

The third regiment of Don Cossacks was sent forward on Oct. 17 to reconquer the villages of Panpausen and Tzinziatum, which nobody ever heard of before and whose location was of no real interest to anybody, except that they are in the direction of Lian-dian-tsun, where the fight took place. The Japs in the two villages first named were taken by surprise. Panpausen was cleared by a whirlwind charge in which there was a great deal of miscellaneous shooting from horseback and sniping from the trenches. In Tzinziatum the Japanese had just settled down to dinner when the regiment swept in with a clatter of hoofs at one end of the village and the enemy cleared out at the other.

The Japs were taken by surprise and the Russian riders, hungry and thirsty with their morning's work, found dinner laid for them in the native huts, with half drunk cups and glasses and scarce tables and plates of food, while in the window hung open jars of sweet-meats and preserves from Japan.

They were flushed with success and comfortably feeding when a battery of eight quick firers inconspicuously disturbed them by shelling the villages from some trenches in front of Lian-dian-tsun. It was a reckless, perhaps unnecessary thing to do, but the colonel decided that he would get the guns just to show that they had done away with the enemy. The Japs were not surprised at the firing, but they were under a heavy fire from the battery and later commander a hall of lead from the two companies of infantry that were supporting the battery on each flank. Neither the shrieking bursting overhead nor the infantry fire sufficed to break up the charge. Indeed, the few bullets that got home was one of the wonders of the charge.

The charge converged on the battery and it looked for a moment as if the Cossacks would be able to ride down the trenches, when, at the foot of the trenches, under the very muzzles of the guns, the horses were brought up by a series of cleverly concealed barbed wire entanglements, too broad to jump and too heavy to be torn up. It was here the captain of the leading squadron was literally bowled out of his horse and by a sharp volley, twenty-eight men were wounded, almost all close under the guns, and ten were killed, mostly during the retreat, when all of the wounded and most of the dead were borne away on their comrades' saddles.

The retreat was even more orderly than the charge. The colonel was shot thru both legs, but stuck to his saddle until his horse was killed under him. He managed to mount a second horse and this was also killed. Then a Cossack swung from his own horse, helped the colonel into the saddle and ran by the stirrup until they were out of range. Some dead horses and two dead Cossacks were the only trophies left in the hands of the enemy. The Japs took their repulse gamely enough, but the enlisted men seriously assert that barbed wire is not legitimate warfare.

Can Sell Bibles.

Constantinople, Dec. 14.—In consequence of American and British representations the porte has renewed its instructions to the provincial authorities to allow collectors to sell bibles in the towns and villages.

NEW OPERA HAILED BY KAISER.

Production He Helped to Create Given a Rousing Reception.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The stage of the Royal opera house was piled with wreaths of laurel as Ruggiero Leoncavallo was called to the last time last night after the production of "Der Roland von Berlin." Emperor William stood up in his box, applauding and the brilliant international audience cried "Bravo."

Although Leoncavallo got all the applause, the emperor sitting impassive, the composer, said his majesty ought to have had at least a quarter, as the emperor's suggestions had been accepted in the production of every scene.

The opera is full of songs that will be heard on the concert stage around the world within two or three months, especially "The Song of Longfing," and the love duet sung by Princess Desina and Herr Hoffmann. In the last act, where Emperor William's ancestor, the Margrave Frederick, breaks down with grief, the stage fills up with steel-clad horsemen, making a grand tragic finale.

At the close of the performance Emperor William received Signor Leoncavallo and his wife in the royal box and conferred upon the composer the Crown Order, second class.

The opera is in the morning newspapers content themselves with moderate praise of the opera. Some of the critics reserve judgment until after the performances of Friday and Sunday.

THE PATTERSON CASE

Question of Admitting Evidence Regarding the Disappearance of J. Morgan Smith Disposed of by the Prosecution Withdrawing Request—Cab Driver Growley Testifies.

New York, Dec. 14.—When the trial of Nan Patterson was resumed today and before Justice Davis had opportunity to announce a decision on the alleged conspiracy point, Assistant District Attorney Rand closed the incident by withdrawing his request that the grand jury subpoena.

John Crowley, the cab driver, who at the previous trial testified that Young had asked Patterson's face and sent her home the night before he was killed, retold the story of his experiences with the couple. He said that Young, and the man who accompanied him, were intoxicated when they killed him and asked him to take Miss Patterson home.

"The man slapped her in the face and said if she did not get into the cab and go home, he would knock her head off," said Crowley. He then pushed her into the cab and it drove off while the men walked away."

CRACK IS FOUND ON MOON.

May Break and Come Down Say Astronomers at Lick Observatory.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 14.—The discovery of a great crack or rift on the face of the moon which extends lengthwise thru the Valley of the Alps for a distance of eighty miles is one of the facts announced in the latest bulletin issued from the Lick Observatory.

The rift on the moon was discovered by Assistant Astronomer J. B. Perrine with the 36-inch telescope. It is in the nature of a crack in the moon's crust, or of a dry river bed, only a few hundred feet in width and about eighty miles in length, extending thru the center of the valley. It can be seen only under good atmospheric conditions and when the sun is shining upon it at the proper angle.

TODAY'S COURT DECISIONS.

Opinions Handed Down by the Supreme Court of Iowa.

Des Moines, Dec. 14.—The following opinions were handed down by the supreme court today:

State of Iowa vs. McPherson, appellant, Page district. Affirmed.

Newburg vs. Lucas, appellant, Polk district. Affirmed.

Spanish Cabinet Resigns.

ANOTHER CARRIER IS INVESTIGATED

Postal Department Will Put an End to Lobbying by Employees in Mail Service

SECRETARY TUMBER ON CARPET

Another Officer of the Rural Carriers' Association May be Punished for Sending Circular Letter to Candidates for Congress—Judge Swayne's Impeachment.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Orders were issued today for an investigation of the case of Secretary Tumber of the Rural Carriers' Association, whose signature was on a circular letter sent candidates for congress, asking them as to their position on legislation affecting carriers.

Tumber is employed as a rural carrier at Lockport, N. Y.

The postal officials are determined to break up alleged lobbying which they claim to have been going on here in connection with proposed measures affecting interests of postal employees.

Impeachment of Swayne. A committee of the house appeared at the bar of the senate today and notified the senate that the house had impeached Judge Charles Swayne.

FOR INTERSTATE COURT.

Hedge Has a Substitute for the Government Control.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Elkins, chairman of the interstate commerce commission favors the establishment of an interstate commerce court to handle disagreements between the states and railroads.

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HEADS CARNEGIE INSTITUTION.

Dr. Woodward, Dean at Columbia, Elected President by Board.

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San Francisco, Dec. 14.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here early today. No damage resulted.

ELECTION FRAUD INDICTMENTS.

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 14.—The special grand jury has returned twenty-five indictments for election frauds.

FATHER OF WATERS FROZE OVER.

LaCrosse, Wis., Dec. 14.—The Mississippi froze over today and navigation is closed.

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