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BIG RUSSIAN VICTORY REPORTED

SECOND BATTLE HAS BEEN FOUGHT AT KIEN LIEN CHENG, ACCORDING TO PERSISTENT REPORTS IN CIRCULATION.

JAPANESE LOSS WAS TEN THOUSAND AND RUSSIAN LOSS SEVEN THOUSAND, BUT JAPS WERE DRIVEN BACK IN DISORDER.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT ANOTHER BIG NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IS ON BETWEEN VLADIVOSTOK AND JAPANESE SQUADRONS BUT IT IS NOT CONFIRMED.

The Russian Losses at the First Battle at Kien Lien Cheng Were Two Thousand Men and Forty Officers--Terrible Price Paid For Delay in Crossing the Yalu River.

By Associated Press. London, May 5--A Central News dispatch from St. Petersburg says a report is current there that a second battle has been fought at Kien Lien Cheng. The Russian loss was seven thousand and the Japanese loss ten thousand.

The Japanese were driven back in disorder. No confirmation of the report is obtainable.

By Associated Press. London, May 5--A Tokio dispatch to the Central News Agency says that after the steamers were sunk at the entrance of Port Arthur, the Japanese fleet bombarded the forts and the town May 3, and continued it until May 4.

By Associated Press. Cheefoo, May 5--Chinese junk reports that a fleet of forty Japanese vessels were sighted off Wei Hai Wei on Tuesday steaming northwest.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, May 5--General Kuropatkin has gone to the front from Liao Yang to near Feng Wang Cheng. Troops are being hurried forward to a position near Feng Wang Cheng. All of the wounded have been taken to Liao Yang.

There are persistent rumors of a naval engagement between the Vladivostok and Japanese squadrons, but no confirmation of the reports have been received up to one o'clock this afternoon. Admiral Ty says there is no further news from Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, May 5--The Russian losses at the battle of Kien Lien Cheng were 2,000 men and 40 officers--far greater than previous reports indicated. This is the official estimate of Major General Kashtalinsky, who directly commanded the division that suffered the brunt of the attack and whose report was received yesterday by the emperor. Many are inclined to place the Russian losses even higher. General Kashtalinsky mentions also that more than 700 wounded have arrived at Feng Wang Cheng and these may not be included in his calculations. He made no attempt to estimate the Japanese losses, merely stating that they must have been colossal.

The magnitude of the Russian losses had an almost stunning effect on the authorities and aroused general grief, mitigated only by satisfaction at the bravery displayed by the Russian troops. Not for a moment was there an intention to pay such a terrible price for delay in the enemy's crossing of the Yalu. This fact was known throughout the city and gave rise to renewed reports, attributed to official sources, that General Kuropatkin had officially censured Lieutenant General Zaslitch.

General Kashtalinsky's report establishes the fact that the Russians sustained the greatest loss in order to save the two regiments which were at Antung. The eleventh regiment was at the rear, with instructions to hold back the Japanese. The twelfth regiment and the third battery's quick-firing detachment were directed to retire.

When the latter movement commenced the Japanese had almost surrounded the Russian position. The men of the second battery put their shoulders to the wheels in an effort to push the guns up the mountain side, but the Japanese fire was so hot that they returned to the protection of the eleventh regiment.

BANK CASHIER SHOT IN HEAD

Former Postmaster of Parkersburg and Cashier of Commercial Banking & Trust Company is Accidentally Shot While Handling Revolver.

Edward McCreary, cashier of the Commercial Banking & Trust Company at Parkersburg, and former postmaster under McKinley's first administration, was accidentally shot yesterday afternoon and may die as a result.

He was sitting at his desk in the bank when Thomas Rardin, a member of the hardware firm that sold a revolver for use in the bank, came in to make a deposit. When told the revolver would not work properly he took it in a breaking it down one of the cartridges was discharged and the bullet struck Mr. McCreary under the left eye. It went almost entirely through his head and after he was taken to the hospital it was cut out of his cheek under the right ear. The shooting being purely accidental, no action was taken against Rardin.

THREE ARE FATALLY INJURED

By Associated Press. Marion, Ind., May 5--Mrs. James McDaniel and two children were fatally injured by a gas explosion to-day which demolished their home a few miles south of Marion.

DEATH OF INFANT.

Virginia, the nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Miffland, of Point Comfort, died at one o'clock Thursday morning. The funeral will take place from the home Friday afternoon at three o'clock and burial will be in the L. O. F. cemetery.

MAYOR'S COURT.

There was but one prisoner before Mayor Shields at the regular morning session of police court Thursday. He had been nabbed up the morning before for overestimating his stomach capacity and getting too much booze in him. When he was run in he had \$9.40 in his pockets. The mayor gave him a lecture and fined him three dollars and costs. His exact change was handed him and he was released.

DR. PAYNE ELECTED STATE PHYSICIAN OF MOCABEES

In the write-up of the election of state officers by the order of the Knights of the Maccabees, at the state convention just closed at Wheeling, the name of Dr. J. B. Payne, of this city, was unintentionally omitted. He was elected state physician to succeed himself. His term is for three years, the same length of time for which the other state officers were elected.

YOUNG VETS WILL MEET

Plan is On Foot to Have Big Reunion of All Soldiers Who Served in Spanish-American War at Wheeling This Summer.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 5--It is probable that Wheeling will see during the coming summer something which has not occurred in West Virginia in over thirty years--a gathering of veterans whose average age will hardly be thirty years.

The plan now on foot is to have a reunion in Wheeling during the summer of all the veterans from this state who served in the Spanish-American war. It is said that there are over 2,000 men who served as soldiers in that war from West Virginia and if half of the number would attend the reunion it would make an imposing gathering. Many of those who saw service are most enthusiastic in their approval of the plan and it is probable that it will be carried out.

Various dates have been suggested for the possible event, one of them being July 4, the advocates claiming that no day could be as appropriate as the Nation's birthday, but the general opinion seems to be in favor of August 12th. This latter would make the affair to partake more of the nature of a peace celebration, as it was on this day, 1898, that Secretary of State Hay signed the protocol, and President McKinley issued the peace proclamation and directed officers to cease hostilities.

Some of the local vets are very much in evidence in the matter and it is likely that a meeting will be held here and other towns in the state contemplated with in the near future, in the attempt to arrange the event.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BURGLARIZED

BURGLAR ENTERS MIDDLE ROOM AND STEALS MONEY FROM TELEPHONE PAY STATION BOX.

EMPLOYEES HEARD NOISE BUT THOUGHT IT WAS MADE BY LINEMAN OR OTHER EMPLOYEE.

Burglary Discovered Next Morning, When Door Was Found Unlocked and Telephone Box Broken Open--No Clue As Yet.

The Consolidated Telephone Company's office in the Irwin building on the corner of Third and West Pike streets, was burglarized Tuesday night but the matter has been kept quiet with a view to catching the burglar.

The telephone at the pay station in Glen Elk has been removed to the main office and put in the middle room of the three rooms occupied by the exchange. It contained \$10 or \$12 and this had not been removed.

About 10 o'clock at night the young ladies who were on duty heard a noise in the room, where the burglary occurred, but thought it was a lineman or some one else connected with the system, who had entered the room and no attention was paid to it.

Next morning the door was found unlocked and the telephone box robbed. An investigation was begun but so far there is no clue that warrants an arrest.

STEEL STEAMER LAUNCHED

By Associated Press. Toledo, O., May 5--The steel passenger steamer Indiamopolis, owned by the InCarna Transportation Company, was successfully launched here to-day. The boat is expected to be in commission in two weeks on Lake Michigan.

HOME MISSION SOCIETY WILL GIVE SOCIAL

The ladies of the Home Mission Society of the M. E. church, South, will serve ice and coffee on Friday evening, May 6, from seven to eleven o'clock at the home of Mrs. Harry Wade, No. 139 Coal street, to which the public is most cordially invited.

NO. 3 HAD A HOT BOX.

Train No. 3, on the B. & O. R. R. due here at 10:13 o'clock in the morning was delayed in the yards here on Thursday morning by a hot box under the dining car. The trouble was adjusted within a half hour and the train went on through. No. 46, eastbound, due at the same time was also delayed.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER ALARMED RESIDENTS

A suspicious character was seen in the neighborhood of the Episcopal church Wednesday night. His action was so strange that a telephone call was sent in to police headquarters, but when the officers went in quest of the fellow, he was not to be found, having become alarmed; perhaps, and disappeared.

REPUBLICAN

National Committee is Called to Meet in Chicago on June 15 to Make Preliminary Arrangements for Convention.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., May 5--A meeting of the Republican national committee has been called for June 15 at Chicago, when the contests will be considered and the temporary roll of delegates prepared.

It has been decided that each delegate to the convention would be apportioned one gallery ticket in addition to the ticket of admission to the floor. A report was received from the central traffic association saying that a rate equal to fare one way for round trip tickets would be made to and from Chicago.

The secretary and sergeant-at-arms will open headquarters at the Coliseum on June 1st.

The local committee in charge was delegated to select the chaplains to offer prayer, it being expected that the convention will be in session three days and that three different ministers will be chosen.

There are some vacancies among the minor temporary officers which will be filled at some future time for the committee meets in Chicago.

SURPASSES CHICAGO FAIR

DOES THE BEAUTIFUL AND MAGNIFICENT LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION AT ST. LOUIS.

THIS WAS THE DECLARATION OF COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION OFFICIAL WHO IS THERE AS A VISITOR.

Contrasts the Fair with the One Held in Chicago in 1893, and Says "This Exposition is More Colossal and More Stupendous."

St. Louis, World's Fair Grounds, May 5--I am here simply as a visitor, and not in any official capacity, but I desire to say that the Louisiana Purchase Exposition far surpasses my greatest expectations," said Ferdinand W. Peck, last night to the Associated Press reporter, as he stood in the administration building and gazed out over the grounds. Mr. Peck was a first vice president of the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, and in 1900 was commissioner general for the United States to the Paris Exposition.

"At the opening of this exposition it was far in advance of the Paris exposition on its opening day," continued Mr. Peck, "and this is saying a great deal, when it is considered that the preparations for the Paris exposition covered a period of ten years, while the Louisiana Purchase Exposition had been in course of preparation only three years. We do everything by comparison these days, and especially so when talking of expositions. It is not speaking derogatorily for me to say that the Chicago exposition was, perhaps, a trifle farther advanced at its opening, but then it must be considered that it did not cover so vast an area. This exposition is more colossal and more stupendous."

"Now, at the Chicago exposition, Lak Michigan formed a beautiful background while here there is no body of water. But the undulating ground, the verdure and the surroundings as a whole, which have a most softening and pleasing effect to the eye, constitute equally a beautiful background and give the visitor an impression that was impossible in Chicago."

MURDEROUS

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GENERAL CONFERENCE

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church is On at Los Angeles, Cal.--Bishops Deliver Addresses--Missionary Exhibit Opens.

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FIVE THOUSAND

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BOOKEEPPER APPOINTED.

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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTIONS

ARE BEING HELD THIS AFTERNOON TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICE.

LIVELY CONTEST BETWEEN THORN AND HARMER IS MOST INTERESTING--LITTLE ATTENTION IS PAID TO OTHERS.

Vote in City is Unusually Heavy But Light in Country Because of the Weather--Results Can Not Be Foretold.

At the various voting places in this city and throughout Harrison county Thursday afternoon the Republican primary election for the selection of candidates in the county and to select delegates to the state, senatorial and judicial conventions, was held.

Much interest is being taken and an unusually large vote is being polled in the city. Reports from the country so far as can be learned indicate that the good weather has interfered to some extent in the attendance at the polls and the vote is rather light as the result.

As the polls do not close until 7:00 o'clock but little is known at press hour concerning the results. In the city, however, Thorn for the state senate seems to be in the lead. That appears to be the principal contest and but little attention is paid to the other candidates. Thorn's badge are very much in evidence and his friends are working hard for him.

The election is passing off quietly and there have been no wrangles or disputes so far, but many pleasantries and fun.

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STRIKE IS ENDED

On the Camden Interstate Railway Company Between Huntington and Hanging Rock and Conductors and Motormen Go Back to Work.

Huntington, W. Va., May 5--The strike of the conductors and motormen, numbering about sixty, of the Camden Interstate Railway Company, an electric line running from this city to Hanging Rock, Ohio, a distance of 30 miles, was settled to-day. The strike has been on since March 24, and has been bitterly fought on both sides. The cars have been operated by non-union men from Pittsburg and Cincinnati, but the strikers will be put to work as fast as possible. A large number of them are working to-day. In going back the men did not surrender their charter and the organized union still exists, although under the new agreement the Camden Interstate is to be operated as an "open" road.

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Leave Huntington Armed With Winchester Rifles and Revolvers to Arrest Desperado Who Shot and Killed Trainman.

Huntington, W. Va., May 5--About twenty special officers all armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers, left here to-day for Big Creek in Logan county, to arrest John Owens, the desperado, who shot and killed R. M. Crivkett, the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad special officer on an excursion from this city Monday night. The party is in charge of Harrison A. P., one of the best known detectives in this section of the state, and who is a dead shot. It is feared that general battle will result, as Owens is hiding in the mountains, and has gathered about him a number of other desperadoes taken alive.

NEW CARDINAL

Fresh Recommendations Are Made the Pope For Creation of a New American Cardinal at the Next Consistory.

Rome, May 5--Pope Pius, on receiving fresh recommendations for the creation of a new American Cardinal at the next consistory, to-day states that he would not take any definite action in the matter until he had conferred with Archbishop Falconio, apostolic delegate at Washington. The Archbishop is expected in Rome in June. The present indications are that should another cardinal be created, the red hat will go to either Archbishop Ireland or Ryan.

WILL GO INTO BUSINESS HERE.

Harry Johnson, who has disposed of his hardware store at Mt. Carey, Ohio, and returned to Charleburg with his family, will either engage in business here or go to Pennsylvania, where he has a location in view. It is probable he will remain here, however. His many friends are glad to see him and his family back among them.

DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL.

John C. Kirk, of Smithfield, who has been a patient at the Kessler hospital in this city for the past two weeks undergoing treatment for a serious illness, was discharged from that institution Thursday as cured and he returned to his home.

PROMINENT INDIANIAN DEAD.

By Associated Press. Decatur, Ind., May 5--David Studebaker, prominent banker, lawyer and jurist, is dead at the age of 77 years.

PATROLMAN SHOT BY A BURGLAR

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., May 5--Patrolman Herford Huffke was shot five times to-day in a street fight with a burglar and may die. The burglar escaped through shot holes.

PRESBYTERIANS ELECT ELDERS.

The First Presbyterian church held a congregational meeting Wednesday for the purpose of electing two additional ruling elders. Those selected are J. Horner Davis and C. D. Weidemann. The other ruling elders are James N. David, John Koblegard and A. H. Stotler.

MRS. VANCE WILL ENTERTAIN.

The First Table Card Club will be entertained by Mrs. Elizabeth Hurns Vance to-morrow, Friday afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

WESTON FAMILIES BATTLE

MEN ACCOMPANIED BY WOMEN MEET IN PUBLIC ROAD AND GO TO SHOOTING.

BOTH MEN RECEIVED WOUNDS WHICH MAY PROVE FATAL AND WOMEN MIX UP IN THE FRAY.

Trouble Grew Out of the Shouting of a Dog and Then Followed Severe Threshing, Then a Trial and Finally the Shooting Scrape.

Weston, W. Va., May 5--Poke Creek, the place of nearly all of Weston's bloody conflicts, was the scene again yesterday afternoon of what may yet prove to be a double murder. For some time past a bitter enmity has existed among the family of Ervin, Cavins and Price. The last trouble grew out of the shooting of a dog belonging to Cree Ervin by David Cavins and Tuesday Ervin gave Cavins a severe thrashing. The result of this fist encounter was told in the justice court that evening, where it was thought to have been settled.

Cavins, accompanied by his wife and his wife's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Price, met Ervin in the public road. Firing broke out of a gangling gun was heard and when the smoke cleared away it was found that Ervin was shot in the left shoulder, the forearm and in the left side. A book in his coat-pocket, covering his heart, was pierced nearly through, the ball lodging in the book. Cavins was pierced in the right side of the back. Revolvers were used and some eighteen or twenty shots were exchanged. There is little hopes of recovery for either man. It was singular that neither of the women who were in the mix-up was not hit. It is said one of them used her revolver with much accuracy.

BROAD OAKS

People Air Their Troubles in Magistrate Riley's Court Wednesday Evening--John Crumrine Was Charged With Assaulting Mrs. Mollie Reed.

John Crumrine, of Broad Oaks, was arraigned in Magistrate Riley's assizes Wednesday evening to answer to a warrant charging him with assaulting and threatening to kill Mrs. Mollie Reed. The warrant was issued at the instance of Adam Reed, who is the husband of Mrs. Reed. Over a dozen witnesses from Broad Oaks were examined and after a long and tedious trial the warrant was dismissed by the magistrate. Each of the principals were required to pay the costs in the case. The case was the outcome of a Broad Oaks neighborhood squabble.

NATIONAL GUARD CHANGES

There are likely to be some great changes in the personnel of the West Virginia National Guard this summer specially in the first regiment, due to several resignations among the commissioned officers. It is understood that Major A. J. Moore, of Martinsburg, commanding the First Battalion, has tendered his resignation. If this is true Captain C. E. Joffe, of company D, at Arctim, will succeed him, as he is the ranking captain of the battalion. Major Amick, of Wellsburg, commanding the second battalion, will have the number of his battalion changed to the first, he being the ranking Major. In the same manner Major John P. Gless, commanding the third battalion, will have his command number changed to second, while Joffe's command will be first. It is not thought that the companies will be re-arranged as they are now arranged in a geographical order.

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