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JAPANESE ASSAULT PORT ARTHUR

ALONG THE ENTIRE LINE OF THE FORTRESS AND ARE PUTTING FORTH SUPREME EFFORT.

JAPANESE CONSUL BELIEVES THE PORT WILL SOON FALL INTO HANDS OF THE JAPANESE.

Russian Emperor Has Ordered All Reserves to Mobilize in Forty-Five Districts—Japanese Occupy Censhanshau and Russians Retreat.

By Associated Press. Chee Foo, Aug. 20—Hijin, the Japanese consul at Tsing-tong, arrived today on the British steamer, Pochill. He conversed last night with the commander of a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer off Liaotai promontory. He says today's assault on Port Arthur, which began at day break is directed against the fortress itself along the entire line and is the Japanese supreme effort. He believes Port Arthur will soon be in Japanese hands.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Aug. 20—The Emperor has ordered all reserve officers summoned to colors throughout the entire empire. All reserves have been ordered mobilized in forty-five districts.

By Associated Press. Tokio, Aug. 20—The Japanese occupied Censhanshau yesterday. The Russians retreated toward Mukden.

By Associated Press. London, Aug. 20—The news agency has received a St. Petersburg dispatch saying the cruiser Novik has reached Kersakook, on the Saigun Island and the Diana has been seen off to Hong Kong.

By Associated Press. Tseing Tang, Aug. 20—The Japanese cruiser Yaeyama today landed Major Hoffman here, the German military attaché, who left Port Arthur by the emperor's orders. The cruiser took him from a junk, confiscated his papers and left his personal baggage on the junk.

By Associated Press. Shanghai, Aug. 20—The report is confirmed that the Russian warships in this port have been ordered by the Chinese government to leave before noon Monday or disarm. It is believed both will disarm.

WHEAT JUMPS UP

Because of Reports of Damage By Storm and Black Rust and Ranches 123 at Minneapolis.

By Associated Press. Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 20—On reports of storms and widespread damage from the black rust in the northwest, wheat went to 123 this morning.

THE BIBLE CONVENTION

Will Begin at Winona Lake Monday—Two Thousand Pastors Were Present Last Year.

By Associated Press. Warsaw, Ind., Aug. 20—The Tenth Winona Bible convention begins its annual session at Winona Lake, Aug. 21. Director Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman delivers the opening sermon.

SUFFOCATES IN FIRE

George Burlage, a Traveling Man, Loses His Life in the Burning of Hotel.

Associated Press. Lima, O., Aug. 20—The Cambridge hotel burned here early this morning. George Burlage, a traveling man from Lawrenceburg, Ind., was suffocated.

Excursion to Baltimore. An excursion will be run from Clarksburg to Washington and Baltimore to night. The train will leave here at 6:30 o'clock p. m., and returning will leave Baltimore at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening and Washington at 7 o'clock. It is expected to have a large patronage, as the fare for the round trip is only four dollars and a half.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

As Result of Mysterious Disappearance of Wealthy Farmer—May Be Dead in Corn Field.

By Associated Press. Coshocton, O., Aug. 20—John Studor, a wealthy farmer, has been missing since Thursday noon, when he was seen to enter a field of corn. Foul play is feared.

COMPANY K MEN

Return From Camp Scott Where They Participated in Shooting Contest—Will Cross Taken Down With Typhoid Fever.

Captain R. L. Osborn of Company K returned home Friday evening from Camp Scott where he went with a detachment of six men to participate in the target contest for the medals offered for the best marksmen of the West Virginia National Guards. He was delayed on account of having lost his baggage on a street car. The members of the detachment returned Thursday night. Will Cross one of the best marksmen of Company K, was taken ill and was unable to participate in the contest which fact was very much regretted. He was brought home by his companions and after he got here was compelled to go to the Kessler hospital where it was found that he had typhoid fever.

The Elkins gold medal was won by Sergeant J. R. Collier of Co. I, First Regiment, who scored 83 out of a possible hundred. The Hughes medal offered by Congressman Hughes for the best marksman from the Fifth congressional district was won by Capt. J. L. Gramam of the Central City company. He scored 71 out of a possible hundred.

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DEATH

Relieves the Sufferings of Ralph Woofter in Local Hospital Saturday Morning—Had Typhoid Fever.

Ralph Woofter, aged twenty-nine who has been residing on the Hoff farm near the city for some time past, died in a local hospital Saturday morning from typhoid fever.

The deceased is survived by a wife and one child. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Woofter, of Doddridge county.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been made as yet but the remains will likely be sent to his former home in Doddridge county for burial.

Willet LECTURED AT Mt. LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. S. Holmboe returned Friday evening from a sojourn at Mountain Lake Park. While there they heard Attorney Philip Willett, of this city, deliver a lecture at the Mt. Lake Chautauqua, before an assemblage of five thousand people. His subject was "New Crusades." The lecture was a strong one and was delivered in masterly style.

Goes to Mt. Clemens.

J. E. R. Sine, of Clarksburg, formerly well known and popular citizen of Grafton, and who will be very kindly remembered by many of our people, says the Grafton Daily Sentinel, leaves Monday morning next for Mt. Clemens, Mich., with his family, and at which famous health resort they will spend the ensuing six months. Mr. Sine was for some years connected with Mr. W. B. Stuck in the Grafton Drug and Chemical Company.

NOT WORTH INVESTIGATION

By Associated Press. London, Eng., Aug. 20—Consul General Evans does not think the story of the man at Birmingham about stealing papers from F. Kent Loomis worth investigation, as Loomis lost no important papers and never had been at Southampton.

Richwood Excursionists Coming.

An excursion will be run tomorrow from Richwood to this city and as the fare is only one dollar for the round trip a big crowd is expected. A few Sundays ago one was run from that point and it brought nearly a thousand persons.

Taken Suddenly Ill.

Jacob Lepner, who has been accepted for enlistment in the United States army, was taken suddenly sick Saturday morning at a drug store here, and later in the day he was removed to the Kessler hospital a very sick man. He suffers with lumbago.

STOLE LOOMIS' PAPERS

IS THE SENSATIONAL DECLARATION MADE BY SCHNEIDER TO BIRMINGHAM AUTHORITIES.

HE AND TWO OTHERS HIRED BY MAN TO STEAL PAPERS FROM PERSON ARRIVING AT SOUTHAMPTON.

Story is Discredited By Police and is Believed to Be a Bit of Sensational Fiction, But an Investigation is Being Made.

London, Aug. 20—A man giving the name of Franz Schneider has surrendered himself to the Birmingham police, accusing himself of stealing papers "from a person at Southampton delivered to be F. Kent Loomis."

The man's story is being investigated by the police, but the latter attach no credence thereto, it being pointed out that Mr. Loomis is not believed to have reached Southampton, and that no papers are reported missing.

The Associated Press learns that there is no reason to connect the late Mr. Loomis with the Schneider story, beyond the mere mention of his name in the alleged confession, which is a vague account of how he and two other foreigners were hired by a man speaking a Russian dialect to steal important papers from a passenger arriving at Southampton, on a German liner.

Schneider says they waited at the pier and when the passenger reached the gang-plank he was pointed out by their employer. When the passenger left the landing stage, they seized him, throw him to the ground and Schneider, according to his own statement, abstracted from his pocket a large envelope containing papers bearing the seal of the United States government.

Schneider says the next day he saw an account of Mr. Loomis being missing. He describes the victim as being five feet nine inches in height, and about 35 years old.

Schneider is about 35 years old. He has the appearance of a tramp and describes himself as an engineer. He was remained for a week, to enable the police to make inquiries. Schneider says he surrendered because he was without funds and had been in the Birmingham workhouse, but became tired of staying there.

The authorities of the work house deny this statement. He gave the police the name of a man who he alleges employed him to secure the papers and also the names of two others said to be connected with the theft. He now asserts his employer was a Russian and says that after the robbery all four slept in the warehouse, before leaving which he and his two associates received \$25 each.

The Birmingham police say they are convinced that Mr. Loomis was not the victim of robbery as alleged. They will however, investigate the case as possibly disclosing another crime, but they discredit the whole story. They discredit the story, believing it to be sensational fiction made up by Schneider.

Remains Taken to Buckhannon.

The remains of Mamie Wood, the eight-year-old daughter of Robert Wood who died at her home on Baltimore street Friday morning from dropsy and kidney disease, were sent to Buckhannon Saturday afternoon. The funeral will take place there Sunday morning.

DIRECTORS OF Y. M. C. A.

Hold Special Meeting and Consider Matters—Will Meet Again Next Tuesday—Women's Auxiliary Will Also Meet.

The directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, held a special meeting Friday night in the association rooms, and, after transacting some routine business, adjourned to meet next Tuesday to still further consider some matters relative to the new building movement.

There will be a special meeting of the Women's Auxiliary held in the parlors Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock to consider some plans looking to the comfort and needs of Physicist Director Hill, during his severe illness, and also to arrange for a welcome reception to be given to the new secretary and his wife.

C. B. Wolverton was here Saturday on business.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE CONVENES

IN THIS CITY MONDAY AND WILL BE HELD IN CIRCUIT COURT ROOM IN COURT HOUSE.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT HAS ARRANGED AND ADORNED THE ROOM, MAKING IT VERY INVITING.

Program For the First Day Has Many Things of Interest to All Interested in the Subject of Education—Social Will Be Held at Night—Prospects Are Flattering.

The teachers' institute for this county will convene in the court house Monday morning at 10:15 o'clock and will be held five consecutive days, adjourning Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Prof. Charles H. Albert, an eminent Pennsylvania educator, and Prof. J. N. Deahl, of the West Virginia university will be the instructors.

County Superintendent L. Wayman Ogden, assisted by Arthur Thompson, has arranged the institute hall and has it in very inviting order. The room is artistically decorated in the national colors, and the appointments have been made with a view to convenience, comfort and beauty. The secretaries will have separate apartments from the institute and the jury box will be used by the choir. At this point in the room is a piano for the use of the institute. Easy chairs have been provided for the instructors and there is a modern blackboard for their use. Small flags forming the word "Welcome" are both within and without the hall, the chandeliers are decorated with flags and the walls have bunting festooned along them. In the rear of the instructors platform are potted plants.

The institute will be opened with devotional exercises, and then Superintendent Ogden will make a brief address. "Bibliography and distribution of programs" will follow and then will come the organization of the institute.

Next will be the appointment of secretaries and committees and the instructors will deliver short addresses outlining the special work they expect to present. Announcement of boarding places, evening entertainments, special lectures and so forth.

The noon recess will be taken at 11:45 and the afternoon session will begin at 1:30 o'clock, when the regular work of the institute will be taken up.

Among the subjects which will be discussed that afternoon will be "The Value of a Graded Course of Study for Our District Schools," "The First Day in the District School," and "The Louisiana Purchase."

An address in memory of Prof. Wade will also be made that afternoon and Monday night there will be an institute social.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT

County Judges Convene and Transact Various Things of Interest to the County and People.

The county court held a special session here Saturday with all the members, namely, S. S. Farris, president; Commissioners Guinn Minter and Jefferson D. Bassel, and County Clerk C. F. Holden in attendance.

A commission as notary public from Governor White was presented by C. F. Zaruba and he was permitted to qualify as such officer.

Cigarette licenses were granted to Frank Caville and the Pike News Company.

Columbus T. White was given permission to obtain a certificate to practice law in this state.

George W. Sturm qualified as a notary public, giving the lawful bond.

The contract for a bridge across Patterson creek, near Salem, was awarded to the York Bridge Company.

Will Reside in Jacksonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. H. Smith who have just returned here from their wedding tour, will leave Monday for Jacksonburg, this state, where they will take up their future residence. Mr. Smith is the owner and proprietor of a large general merchandise establishment here and is numbered among the prominent and successful business men of that section.

Dr. W. A. Marsh and wife, of Wilsonburg, were here Saturday shopping.

Squire Joe Guevront was a business visitor here Saturday from West Union.

James S. Griffin was here Saturday from Lamberport for a few hours.

BLOODY BATTLE AT ATHENS

PROVOST GUARD HALTED BY REGULARS AND THEY DID NOT LIKE IT.

SHOWED THEIR DISPLEASURE BY FIRING AND GUARDSMEN RETURNED IT.

Corporal Clark, of the Guardsmen Killed and Several Others Wounded—Town Put Under Martial Law and All is Quiet.

By Associated Press. Athens, Ohio, Aug. 20—A thorough investigation is in progress today of last night's trouble when Corporal Clark was killed.

The coroner is also making an investigation. Regular army soldiers, said to be members of the cavalry troop connected with the First brigade at Camp Armistice, near this city, attacked members of Provost Guard of patrols made of members of Company D, Fifth Ohio National Guard, Cleveland, and one man was killed and three wounded, the latter all being National Guardsmen. The regulars escaped without any casualties as far as is known.

The guardsman killed was Corporal Charles Clark, whose home is at Warren, where the company is located. He was 21 years old and a machinist by occupation.

The wounded are Watson H. Oil struck on head by a rifle; Albert G. Heald, private, shot in the left leg; sergeant William Blessing, struck on left hip.

The regulars, who used pistols, scattered for camp, and none of them have been apprehended. Fifteen minutes after the shooting, General Dieck in command of the national guardsmen, and the regular army officers, had declared the town under martial law, and hundreds of regulars were rushed into the city, and are now patrolling the streets to prevent further trouble.

As gathered from soldiers in camp it seems that nearly all the provost guards sent to town to gather in soldiers who have over-stayed their leaves, have been national guardsmen and the regulars became possessed of the idea that the provosts were discriminating against the regulars in favor of the guardsmen, arresting the former and allowing the latter to go free, when the miscreants were in such numbers that a choice arose of arresting either one or the other.

Regulars assembled in Athens in force last night and the provost from troop D met a number of them in front of the sheriff's residence, near the court house. The regulars were halted and showed fight. The provost guards clubbed their rifles and then, they claim, the regulars commenced to shoot. They returned the fire and more than a hundred shots in all were fired. The battle ended when the regulars ran for camp after the killing.

No further trouble is anticipated as only regulars are now patrolling the streets of Athens.

Sergeant William Blessing, shot in the pelvic region, the ball lodging in the hip, will probably recover.

All soldiers have been ordered to remain in camp and passes are forbidden. Guards are patrolling the streets to day.

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, O., Aug. 20—A Times-Star Washington special says Secretary Taft is very much disturbed over the reported clash between the militia and regulars in Athens. He has ordered rigid investigation into the matter and an immediate report. He calls attention to the fact that the regulars in carrying side arms disobeyed army regulations which forbid carrying side arms, except when on duty.

Bellington Race Meeting Bad.

Ellsworth Cork and others are back from the Bellington races. Mr. Cork reports that the meeting was a failure in point of attendance as well as contests of speed and that Clarksburg horses came out at the small end of the horn so far as purses were concerned. The only real lively feature of the event was the general raid on speakasies and drug stores, which was pulled off there Friday night.

Stevens Case Was Up.

A meeting in the case of J. C. Stevens, bankrupt, of Philippi, was held before W. Frank Stout, referee, Saturday afternoon, but the matter was continued to another date. Attorney Charles D. Murphy, of Philippi, is the trustee in the case and he was present at the meeting.

WEALTH OF COUNTY

As Shown By the County Superintendent's Report Exceeds Twelve Million Dollars—Interesting Figures.

As required by law County Superintendent L. Wayman Ogden, of the public school system, has submitted to the state superintendent a detailed report showing the assessed value of property in the various districts, rate of levy for both building and teachers funds and the date of laying levies.

According to the total valuation Clay district is worth \$1,212,000; Clark, \$400,395; Coal 977,392; Eagle, \$845,000; Elk \$559,344; Grant, \$638,405; Sardis, \$829,000; Simpson, \$825,000; Tennille, \$1,043,200; Union, \$904,625; Clarksburg, \$3,270,392; Bridgeport, \$206,000; Salem, \$455,300, and Sheets Mills, \$74,730, making a total of \$12,237,783.

The rate of levy for building fund is Clay district 5 cents; Clark 15 cents; Coal 40 cents; Eagle 33 1/2 cents; Elk 16 2-3 cents; Grant 5 cents; Sardis 33 1-3 cents; Simpson 8 1-3 cents; Tennille 12 1/2 cents; Union 10 cents; Clarksburg 30 cents; Bridgeport 20 cents; Salem 75 cents and Sheets Mills 16 2-3 cents.

The rate of levy for the teachers fund is Clay district 20 cents; Clark 50 cents; Coal 60 cents; Eagle 40 cents; Elk 33 1-3 cents; Grant 25 cents; Sardis 45 cents; Simpson 20 cents; Tennille 20 cents; Union 40 cents; Clarksburg 45 cents; Bridgeport 35 cents; Salem 25 cents and Sheets Mills 60 2-3 cents.

The amounts which will be raised this year for the building fund is Clark district \$606; Clay \$609.59; Coal \$3,909.57; Eagle \$2,816.66; Elk \$932.24; Grant \$319.20; Sardis \$2,733.33; Simpson \$687.50; Tennille \$1,304; Union \$904.82; Clarksburg \$9,829.18; Bridgeport, \$412; Salem \$3,414.75 and Sheets Mills \$124.55, making a total of \$13,730.48.

The figures for the teachers fund are Clay district \$2,424; Clark \$2,001.97; Coal \$5,864.35; Eagle \$3,380; Elk \$1,844.48; Grant \$1,596.01; Sardis \$3,900; Simpson \$1,650; Tennille \$2,086.40; Union \$3,618.50; Clarksburg \$28,594.19; Bridgeport \$721; Salem \$1,138.25 and Sheets Mills \$498.20, making a total of \$45,294.92.

TROUBADOURS HAVE OUTING

Party of Merry Young People Take Trolley Ride on Special Car and Enjoy Refreshments at Park.

The Troubadours enjoyed a very pleasant time from 8 to 11 o'clock last evening. Special car No. 20 in charge of Conductor Vise and Motorman Flowers met the party at the corner of Main and Third streets, and with colors flying and horns blowing proceeded around the loop and thence to Wilsonburg and O'Neil. A short stop was made at the Francois Mineral Springs. The party was then taken to the park where refreshments were served in elaborate style. Members of the club present were Misses Lucy Pool, Blanche Hursey, Tessie Bonnett, Maud Radford, Lizzie Condy, George Thorn, Bessie Olsen, Ethel Morris, Vera Williams, Nina Filcro, Hattie Goin and Emma Kyle; Messrs. Harry Willett, Tom Collier, Keith Pugh, Nolan Wine, Clarence Jewett, Lee Williams, William Gandy, Elzie Evans, Morice Johnston, Barton Alexander Jack Harris, Wilson Holdie and Clyde Gribble.

GRANDPA IS CHILDISH

Democratic Leaders Will Not Let Him Stump Any—Made Big Fizz at White Sulphur Springs.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20—The managers of the Democratic campaign will not put Henry Gassaway Davis on the stump this year. Visitors returning from the dedication ceremonies at White Sulphur Springs agree in the statement that the exhibition given in response to the notification was pathetic and discouraging in the extreme to the Democratic leaders who witnessed it.

He departed from his written speech his memory failed him, and he gave such proofs of the effects of age as to astonish those who had heard of his vigor.

In attempting to quote from Judge Parker's telegram he was unable to recall the words correctly. Those who had criticized Mr. Davis' observations on the age of the candidate had nothing to say after the address.

City Clerk Sick.

City Clerk W. H. Gale was unable to be at his post of duty in the city building Saturday as usual on account of sickness. He is confined to his home on West Pike street.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS

SESSION IS SHORT AND BUT LITTLE OF MOMENT IS CONSIDERED OR DONE BY CITY SAGES.

PAVING OF CHESTNUT STREET ORDERED ON SAME CONDITIONS AS EAST MAIN STREET.

Complaints Made Against Surface Water Damaging Property and Committee Appointed to Look Into the Matter—Other Matters in General Looked After.

The city council held a short regular session Friday night. The members present were Clumelinen Kearns, Kelly Anderson, Ernst, Hart, Law and Goff. Mayor Shields presided and Clerk Cole kept the minutes of the meeting.

Dr. Nelson Peck, the health officer, reported that there was complaint about surface water running on property just east of the Catholic church, where street improvements are being made. He and the street committee were appointed a special committee to notify the residents there that the matter would be remedied within two weeks or such a matter.

The clerk and others submitted reports showing the financial condition of the city and estimates of one year's work projected, and upon these reports the matter of paving Chestnut street, as provided in a previous report by the street committee and approved by the council was taken up. Councilman Hart assured the council that he would guarantee the payment of the costs of the paving on the same terms specified and followed in the East Main street paving, and with this understanding the council ordered that that street be paved.

W. S. Williams appeared before council and made complaint about damage being done to his property in Canfield court, because of surface water from a street not properly drained. The matter was referred to the two commissioners in that ward and the street superintendent with instructions to ascertain what was best to do and how much it would cost and report to council.

H. H. Davis was granted a residential license at 106 North Depot street.

Edward Rome's restaurant license was transferred from Baltimore street to North Fourth street.

M. S. Williams was given permission to build a one-story residence on Monticello avenue and to construct a concrete wall along the property. His application for permission to lay a concrete pavement with the city's paying two-thirds of the cost was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Councilman Hart reported that he had had the crematory stock pointed at a cost of \$10 and paid for the same. The report was accepted.

A special committee reported that a stone wall being built at Harvey E. Smith's residence on Philippi street was on city property. The report was ordered accepted and filed.

The salary of Robert Reed, keeper of the crematory, was fixed at \$50 a month and his name was ordered placed on the regular salary roll of the council.

Several small bills were allowed and other matters of minor importance done, among which was the granting of a restaurant license to the Clarksburg Store Company, in the Pythain Building in Glog Elk.

EXPRESS TRAIN IS DITCHED

By Landslide in Pennsylvania, and Four Trainers Are Injured As the Result.

By Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 20—A train of five express cars was ditched by a landslide at Conowingo near here early this morning. Four trainmen were injured, namely, J. J. Hanley, conductor; Harry Whitegayer, engineer; H. S. Shuck and George Feathers, express messengers.

Funeral of Henry Winemiller. The funeral of Henry Winemiller, who died at his home in Northview Friday morning after a lingering illness, took place Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. The remains were taken to the county infirmary and buried in the cemetery there.

Accepted For Coast Artillery. Jacob W. Leffer, of this city, was accepted Friday evening at the local recruiting station for enlistment in the coast artillery of the United States army and will be sent to Fort Slocum, at New Rochelle, N. Y.