

**THE WEATHER.**

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, August 2:

San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Tuesday; light southerly winds, changing to brisk westerly. A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

# THE CALL

**THE THEATERS.**

Alcazar—"The Lady of Lyons." California—"The Buffalo Mystery." Central—"Sergeant James." Columbia—"Mice and Men." Grand—"Shenandoah." Orpheum—"Vandeville." Tivoli—"The Toreador."

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## KUROPATKIN'S ARMY IS RETREATING TOWARD THE FRONTIER OF SIBERIA

ST. PETERSBURG, August 2, 4:05 a. m.—A report from an apparently reliable source late last night was to the effect that General Kuropatkin's main force had been rapidly moving northward for several days. According to this report, no troops proceeding to the front from Russia had gone past Harbin in the past three days. They will be detained there and every available piece of rolling stock will be rushed southward, empty, for the removing of troops at Liaoyang and other points to the northward, leaving a skeleton force to contest the Japanese advance on vital positions.

### LURES SON TO HOSPITAL BY A TRICK

Ruse of Mother to Free Lad From Morphine.

Feigns Illness in Order to Entice Him to a Safe Retreat.

When Young Man Is Inside She Reveals Plot and Turns Him Over to Physicians.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN BERNARDINO, Aug. 1.—Harry Cooper, a bright young man who had been brought to the verge of insanity by the morphine habit, was lured into a cell at the County Hospital by his mother, Mrs. Harriet Cooper, in a sensational manner by feigning illness. Mrs. Cooper is one of the most generally esteemed residents of Cucamonga, while her son, who is only 21 years old, was fast becoming a physical wreck owing to the drug habit. Mrs. Cooper determined to send the boy to the hospital and subsequently to the asylum, but he became suspicious, and in order to allay his fears Mrs. Cooper feigned illness. She was suddenly seriously ill, the family physician directed her removed to the County Hospital and the son took it upon himself to accompany her. On the train she won sympathy from all the passengers, who shook their heads as they gazed upon her face, which seemed stamped with critical illness, and many a one believed her and was but a short time off. At the Santa Fe station she was met by the ambulance, placed on a cot and carried to the vehicle. At the hospital she was carried to one of the sick wards and nurses started in to take her temperature, brush her hair and show other little attentions bestowed upon invalids, when she winked at Dr. Mercer, and from her manner he knew that she had something private to say. All the others were sent away and the woman unfolded the true situation, that the youth, her son, was really the patient. Through careful handling the youth was lured into the green room, placed in a cell and informed that he would be given treatment until he had become free from the terrible habit which has blighted the past year of his life.

### PRESIDENT OF HAYTI ATTACKS FOREIGNERS

Accuses Them of Trying to Overthrow Government by Raising Exchange Rate.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Aug. 1. At a public reception to-day President Nord made an address which has alarmed the foreign residents. He accused the foreigners of plotting against his Government, saying they had put up the rate of exchange and also prices on all goods. The President has decided to defend himself, and intimated that he would take strong measures.

President Nord made a threatening reference to "what happened to Hayti in 1844."

The rate of exchange is 600 per cent.

### ARMENIANS AMBUSH THE SULTAN'S SOLDIERS

Revolutionists Set Fire to Three Villages in the Vicinity of Mush.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 1.—Official telegrams report that a band of Armenian revolutionists ambushed a party of soldiers near Mush. On the arrival of reinforcements the Armenians fled, setting fire to three villages on their way.

Another band of Armenians, numbering sixty, attacked the village of Mouson, in the vilayet of Erzeroum, but was repulsed by the garrison and attempted to escape to the Russian frontier. This was prevented by the frontier guards, however, only four of the Armenians getting away.

### SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE PLEASSED WITH REPORTS

Official Says Indications Point Toward a Very Satisfactory Crop Year.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—"In my estimation we are going to have a very satisfactory crop year," said Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to-day. "Corn is looking better than it has at this season for three years—wheat compares well with past years—is better, in fact, than at this time last year or the year before. Reports from the cotton belt are encouraging. All hay crops are reported good and so are oats."



### Japanese May Crush Russian Force Engaged at Haicheng.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 2, 5 a. m. If the report of Kuropatkin's retreat is true, it leaves the Russian forces in an exceedingly serious position.

If the Russian formation has not been broken by the capture of Simoucheng, the authorities here say that if Kuropatkin accepts a general engagement they believe it will occur near Anshantschan, half way between Haicheng and Liaoyang, in which case the Haicheng force will fall back thither and the Simoucheng force, under General Mitschenko, on the northward road to Yanzein, which is already fortified with a view to such a contingency. Yanzein would then become the advanced position for Anshantschan, the natural strength of which is shown by the fact that it was the only position the Chinese successfully defended against the Japanese. It is possible that if Simoucheng is evacuated it may be in pursuance of the foregoing plan and it is also possible in this case that General Stakelberg may get away to the north, but in any case his retreat with Oku at his heels must be a difficult operation, even with the railway to help him.

General Kuropatkin's reports of yesterday only carried the fighting up to Sunday night, when the Russians had been driven in from the left flank of the Simoucheng position. The Russians had repelled several attacks and one bayonet charge, in which there was a desperate hand-to-hand fight at Kapwa heights. Elsewhere the Russians were reported to be holding their own.

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### URGES CREATION OF CABINET.

Russian Editor Points Out the Evils of the Present System.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 1.—The suggestion of Souvorin, editor of the Novoye Vremya, regarding the establishment of a responsible cabinet is creating much popular comment. Great significance attaches to the freedom with which the newspapers are discussing the question.

Souvorin this morning returned to the charge in a signed article pointing out the evils of the present system and saying that the rivalry between the ministers is causing chaos in the public service.

### DRIFTS UNDER RUSSIAN GUNS.

Disabled Japanese Gunboat Bravely Rescued by Another Vessel.

TOKIO, Aug. 1.—The following exciting naval incident has been reported by Admiral Togo. While engaged recently in sweeping for Russian mines near Lungwangtao, a Japanese gunboat got entangled with a mine, and while trying to free itself the mine got fastened in the sweeping machinery of the gunboat. This rendered the gunboat helpless, and it drifted to Shenshen Point, where it was exposed to a heavy Russian cannonade.

Captain Hirose, on board another gunboat, then went to the rescue of the first vessel. He succeeded in getting a line to the disabled gunboat and had started to tow her away, when he was suddenly attacked by a Russian torpedo-boat destroyer. After fighting which lasted one hour, Captain Hirose succeeded in extricating both gunboats.

The vessel under the command of Captain Hirose was hit twice and

### GREAT BRITAIN'S PROTEST.

Objects to the Classification of Foodstuffs as Contraband.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Answering a question propounded to the Government, the Under Foreign Secretary, Earl Percy, said in the House of Commons to-day that Foreign Secretary Lansdowne had instructed Sir Charles Hardinge, the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, to protest to Russia against the inclusion of foodstuffs in the list of articles declared contraband, and, with regard to cotton, it is claimed that it should be treated as contraband only when destined for the manufacture of explosives.

### Tolstol's Son Goes to the Front.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 1.—Count Tolstol's son is leaving for the front as a volunteer in the Two Hundred and Seventeenth (Kromy) regiment of infantry.

### War Bulletins.

HAICHENG, Aug. 1, 4:55 p. m.—An artillery duel raged all day along the whole front, but the Russians held their positions.

TOKIO, Aug. 2, noon.—After two days' fighting, General Kuroki has defeated the Russian forces in two separate actions, fought at Yushulku and the Yangse Pass.

TIENTSIN, Aug. 1.—A recent arrival from Port Arthur says the Japanese are five miles distant from the Russian strongholds, the approaches to which are heavily mined. Bread is plentiful in Port Arthur.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokio says there is reason to believe that, after two days' fighting, the Japanese occupied Simoucheng, thus cutting off General Stakelberg from General Kuropatkin.

PARIS, Aug. 2.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says that Vice Admiral Bezobrazoff entered Port Arthur two weeks ago on the torpedo-boat destroyer Lieutenant Burukoff, which has since been sunk with all on board except three persons. Admiral Bezobrazoff is now commanding the Russian Pacific squadron.

### NEW YORK IS VISITED BY AN ELECTRIC STORM.

Several Persons Are Injured and Property Damaged in Various Parts of the City.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Considerable damage was done in widely separated parts of the city during an electrical storm this afternoon. Both flagstaffs on the postoffice building in lower New York were struck, and a man on top of the building was badly shocked and burned about the hand.

A bolt of lightning struck the Third avenue elevated structure near Fifth street, ran along and set fire to the street, causing a beautiful pyrotechnic display.

The big flagpole on top of the Flatiron building was struck, a piece over fifteen feet long being broken off. Fragments of the pole fell on both sides of the building to the streets below. One splinter grazed the arm of a policeman, but no one else was hit. Several flagpoles in various parts of the city were shattered by lightning, and many dwelling houses were struck.

During the forty-five minutes the storm continued nearly two inches of water fell, flooding cellars and streets so that traffic was seriously impeded.

### YINKOW REOPENED TO TRADE.

Japan Rescinds the Order Warning Foreign Shipping to Keep Away.

TOKIO, Aug. 1.—The Government to-day decided to open Yinkow to the trade of neutral ships and individuals. Free intercourse is permitted, the only restriction being the formality of forbidding the importation of contraband of war destined for the Russians. Following the Japanese occupation several days ago, foreign shipping was warned away and this led to a protest on the part of the foreign Consuls.

### CORRESPONDENT DEPORTED.

Writer Offends Japan by Succeeding in Getting Into Port Arthur.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 1.—The Japanese Government, through American Minister Griscom, having ordered the return of the passports given Hec-

### Kuroki's Soldiers Carry Enemy's Positions by Assault.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The correspondent of the Times with General Kuroki, in the field, in a dispatch dated July 31 says:

"This army began a general attack at daylight to-day, which lasted until sunset. The Japanese center took Toawan, capturing the enemy's north-eastern positions. The left then advanced and occupied a position jeopardizing the Russian right."

"The Japanese right carried the enemy's position against superior numbers."

"There was tremendous artillery firing throughout the day and the infantry finished with a brilliant march under the enemy's shrapnel. I believe that the Russian position will be untenable to-morrow."

Other British correspondents with General Kuroki in the field, in brief dispatches dated July 31, concur in the statement that the Japanese have carried certain positions, leaving only one defensible position between them and Liaoyang. The Standard correspondent says:

"The attack on the position beyond Motien Pass was fully justified by its success. Every advantage was in favor of the Russians, whose position was strong and force superior, but they showed inferiority in tactics and in power of resistance. While they made a vigorous stand on our left, they were unable to resist our right."

The Morning Post's correspondent says:

"The Russian force consisted of three divisions. The Japanese shelled the defensive works until 8 o'clock in the evening. The infantry in the center then captured Tawan and the enemy's position behind, and the other positions on the left and right were afterward carried by a brilliant assault on the strongly defended heights."

### EN ROUTE TO THE RED SEA.

Russian Cruisers Don and Ural Pass the Island of Jutland.

FREDERICKHAVEN, Island of Jutland, Aug. 1.—The Russian auxiliary cruisers Don and Ural and two torpedo-boats passed here during the night. At Skaw, Cape Skagen, the northern extremity of Jutland, the torpedo-boats returned and proceeded to Odesund. The cruisers continued their course. Their destination is the Red Sea.

### KOREA ON VERGE OF REVOLUE.

Japan Finds It Necessary to Greatly Strengthen Her Garrison.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—According to trustworthy advices the Japanese seriously fear an uprising in Korea, where the announcement that Japan intends to distribute the lands not actually cultivated among Japanese colonists has greatly incensed the natives. The Japanese garrison, it is added, was strengthened by thousands during the last few days.

### Steamship Arabia on Trial.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 1.—The trial of the steamship Arabia is now progressing at Vladivostok and will have to be completed before the question of her release can be determined upon.

### Japanese Warships at Newchwang.

NEWCHWANG, Aug. 1.—One Japanese battleship, one cruiser, three gunboats and one torpedo-boat arrived here to-day.

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PAYNE DISAPPOINTS MISSISSIPPI'S CHIEF

Refuses to Name a Postoffice After Governor of the Southern State.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Postmaster General Payne said to-day that an application to give the name of Vardaman to a postoffice in Mississippi, in honor of the Governor of that State, had been received through the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, and that the application had been refused.

### FOUR MEN ROB WORLD'S FAIR TRAIN

Pullman Car Passengers Victims of Bandits.

Routed From Their Berths and Compelled to Give Up Their Coin.

Two Tourists Who Move Too Slowly Are Struck on Head With a Hatchet.

### CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—Four highwaymen, all heavily armed and two of them wearing masks, held up the passengers on the Illinois Central Chicago-St. Louis express train No. 1, known as the "Diamond Special," as it neared Matteson to-night. The robbers secured all the money and valuables carried by the thirty passengers in the two Pullman sleepers, stopped the train and escaped in the darkness. The forward sleeper was entered first. The occupants were aroused, and, with nothing on but their night robes, were marched back to the Pullman car behind. Two of the passengers who were slow in responding to the command of the robbers were hit on the head with a hatchet and one was seriously injured. It is impossible to-night to obtain the names of the injured passengers. When the passengers in the two cars had been lined up in the rear Pullman two of the robbers stood guard, one at each end of the car, with drawn revolvers. The third, who is supposed to have been the leader, ordered the passengers, who had been compelled to bring along their clothing from the first car, to throw the garments on the floor of the car. The passengers in the rear car were then commanded to return to their berths and deposit their clothing in the same heap. Then the leader, with the utmost coolness, began to search the clothing for valuables. When he had finished this search he made a close examination of the passengers for any money that they might have secreted. When the search had been completed all the booty was placed in a flour sack and the three robbers joined their commander, who had stood guard in the vestibule of the train. Pulling the bell rope, the signal to the engineer to stop was given and when the speed of the train had slackened sufficiently the robbers, after having locked the doors of the car, jumped off and fled in the darkness. So systematic was the work of the robbers and with so little confusion, that the train crew was unaware of what was going on. It was not until the engineer, in response to the signal, brought his train to a stop, and, seeing nothing of the remainder of the crew, walked back to the rear of the train to ascertain what was the matter, that he learned of the robbery. The robbers secured more than \$1000 in money and a quantity of valuables. Most of the despoiled passengers were en route to the St. Louis Exposition.

### EARTH OPENS AND CAUSES MEXICANS GREAT FRIGHT

Crack Extending to Base of Colima Volcano Arouses Fear of Natives.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 1.—The inhabitants of Zapotlan, State of Jalisco, and the surrounding villages in the vicinity of the Colima volcano, are greatly exercised over the opening of the earth in almost an unbroken line from a point near Zapotlan to the very base of the erratic "fire mountain." This crack is supposed to have been the result of recent earthquakes. It is several feet wide at various points along its length, and that it is of considerable depth is proved by the disappearance into it of water, which, after rushing down the mountain sides, usually finds its way to creeks in the valley below.

### MARK TWAIN'S DAUGHTER HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Her Horse Is Struck by Car and Killed and She Sustains Broken Ankle.

LENOX, Mass., Aug. 1.—Miss Jane Clemens, the youngest daughter of Mark Twain, with Rodman Gilder, son of Richard Watson Gilder, was riding along the highway in South Lee Saturday evening when a fast-running trolley car approached. Miss Clemens' horse bolted and the car struck and killed it and dragged it for fifty feet. Miss Clemens was thrown and her ankle was dislocated.