

AMMUNITION AT PORT ARTHUR IS ALMOST EXHAUSTED AND GARRISON MUST YIELD

TRAINMEN LOSE THEIR PLACES

Southern Pacific Dismisses the Employees Responsible for the Wreck in Nevada

ENGINES A TOTAL LOSS
Coroner Will Hold Inquest to Determine Responsibility for the Loss of Life

RENO, Nev., Sept. 13.—Three men, old employees of the Southern Pacific Company, have lost their positions as a result of the terrible wreck at Laughtons yesterday.

They are Engineers Isard and Boyd and Conductor LaForge. The men were in charge of the westbound passenger train, and the company holds that they are responsible for the dreadful accident, in which twenty-five persons were injured and two killed.

AFFIX BLAME FOR WRECK.

Southern Pacific Officials Say Train Crew Was Negligent.

A number of the passengers who were on the wrecked section of the westbound train arrived here yesterday afternoon, and included a party of Rock Island excursionists and several of those who were slightly injured in the smashup. In discussing the accident yesterday Manager Agler of the Southern Pacific said that the train crew upon whom had been affixed the blame for the collision is doomed to dismissal, but he added that the case of Engineer Isard, who is in the railroad hospital, will not be acted on until he has recovered sufficiently to move about.

The officials of the company are preparing to thoroughly investigate the collision. The frank admission made by Engineer Isard, however, hardly necessitates further inquiry into the matter, for he has taken the blame on his own shoulders. It is a rule of the company that on receipt of train orders an engineer must immediately read the same to his fireman, and the conductor to his head brakeman.

This rule is enforced to anticipate any possibility of the engineer or conductor forgetting their orders, in the event of which the fireman and brakeman are in duty bound to remind them of the fact. Apparently the fireman and brakeman were negligent in this duty Monday and allowed Engineer Isard to send his train into a collision. Engineer Boyd and the conductor, however, were also adjudged guilty of neglect for they received the same orders as Isard, notwithstanding the latter guided the train on its run.

Health may be wealth for some, but it is poverty for the doctor.

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BESIEGERS PREPARING TO ATTACK

Elaborate Earthworks Being Constructed in Front of Port Arthur.

Powder Manufactured by Russians Proves to Be of Little Value.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CHEFU, Sept. 13.—Port Arthur's semi-official journal, the Novi Kral, of date September 8 announces that General Stoessel, commander of the fortress, has received a telegram of congratulation from General Kuropatkin. Early on the morning of September 8 a thanksgiving service was held in the barracks of the Tenth Regiment on account of the Czar having issued the order that each month spent by the troops in Port Arthur should count as a year's service.

Operations are at present confined on both sides to reconnaissances. All along the line there are occasional encounters between small detachments. The Novi Kral gives many details of this desultory fighting, showing that the Russians are in the habit of making reconnaissances that at times penetrate well within the lines of the Japanese outposts. These expeditions have developed the information that the Japanese are constructing elaborate earthworks, particularly at the east center of the defense line.

On September 6 three large merchantmen were sighted in Louisa Bay, and many wagon trains were noticed moving to and from the bay. On the night of September 7 the sea front port lights revealed three Japanese torpedo-boats, maneuvering close to the forts.

The Novi Kral remarks upon the great energy of the Japanese, who continue the work of strengthening their forts near Rihlungshan night and day. On September 6 some Russian scouts stealthily approached the Japanese lines and kidnapped five Japanese sentinels. Later, they inadvertently ran into some wires hung with bells, which the Japanese had strung up in order to sound an alarm. When the bells began ringing the Russians charged forward, firing the while. A Japanese detachment in a trench returned the fire wildly for a moment and then retreated. The Russians gained the trench and found forty-six Japanese dead there.

Two junks arrived here to-day from Port Arthur. One contained villagers from Polantsu, which has been destroyed, and the other brought 187 Chinese deported by the Russian authorities. They reported that a junk carrying three Russian officers had been captured by the Japanese and taken into Port Dalny.

The official command has been despatched to Polantsu to complain that it is the practice of the Russians to commandeer everything obtainable in the way of eatables. They say the soldiers often entered their houses and took meals which had just been cooked.

It is reported that the Russians are having difficulty with the powder they manufacture at Port Arthur. A shell fired from Golden Hill recently failed to carry the proper distance and dropped among some Russian troops, killing four of them.

BELIEVE BANDITS HAVE NOT LEFT COUNTRY
Canadian Authorities Are of Opinion That Robbers Are Hiding in Deserted Cabins.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Sept. 13.—The three bandits who Saturday night held up the Canadian Pacific train are believed to be still within the boundaries of Whatcom County, but they have completely dropped from sight, and not the slightest additional clew has been obtained by the posse. Interest is stimulated by the fact that \$5000 reward by the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Dominion Express Company, in addition to \$500 that the Canadian Government offers for each man captured.

In the woods about where the bandits are supposed to be hiding there are many cabins left by deserted logging camps, in one of which they are believed to be concealing themselves by day while they forage at night.

The theory is gaining ground that the gang has separated and the individuals are endeavoring to make their way out of the country, each with his share of the \$7200 in gold dust and money obtained from the express car.

MOTION TO ACQUIT MCGEOGHEGAN DENIED
Prosecution Closes Its Case Against the Accused Ex-Treasurer of San Jose.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 13.—The prosecution has finished its case in the trial of ex-City Treasurer McGeoghegan, charged with embezzling \$9823 of the city's money.

This afternoon a motion was made to have the jury instructed to acquit on the ground that the evidence was not sufficient to convict. Judge Tuttle denied the motion.

WOMAN IS STRUCK ON HEAD WITH AN AX
Sacramento Man Arrested for Attempting to Kill His Sister-in-Law While She Sleeps.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 13.—Jennie Baxter was struck on the head with an ax while lying in bed asleep about 4 o'clock this morning and seriously wounded. William Gibson, a brother-in-law of the victim, has been arrested on suspicion of having committed the deed, as it is alleged he made threats against her.

FIRST AMERICAN COURT IS OPENED IN PANAMA
Tribunal Presided Over by Judge Kyle With the Assistance of Attorney and Marshal.

COLON, Sept. 13.—Judge Oskala Kyle yesterday opened the first American court in the Panama canal zone. Prosecuting Attorney Keedy was at his post and G. R. Shanton, captain of police of the canal zone, acted as marshal. The former railway station at Colon has been converted into a courthouse. Judge Kyle will preside at Ancon.

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STOESSEL'S DEFENSE OF STRONGHOLD NEARS THE END.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 13.—The whole secret of the paralysis that has apparently stricken the opposing forces between Yental and Mukden lies simply in the fact that rain makes action quite impossible. The roads are morasses and the retreat of the Russian troops is being made at snail's pace. The Japanese, who started in pursuit, gave up the task as totally impossible.

Meanwhile interest here is once more turning from the north to the south. Port Arthur again monopolizes anxious attention. It is fully believed that a crisis is imminent there, owing to the approaching failure of the ammunition supply. The smokeless powder has entirely given out.

I am told that Japanese engineers are changing the gauge of the railway as fast as it is captured, but in such a way as to prevent the Russians using it later on. One rail is left, while the other is so modified that it will bear the lighter type of narrow gauge Japanese rolling stock, but be useless for the heavier Russian locomotives and cars.

The hostile attitude of the Chinese troops is looked upon as a highly serious feature of the situation.

Russian Disasters in the Far East Due to the Stubborn Blundering of Viceroy Alexieff.

Special Dispatch to the Call.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 13.—"One more 'defeat' and retirement for the Russian forces in Manchuria and then the tide will have turned," said a high official of the War Department to-day. "The 'defeat' will come at Mukden and the first decisive Russian victory of the war will occur at Tie Pass, providing the Japanese continue their advance beyond Mukden."

The gloom that succeeded the reverse at Liaoyang has been followed by a buoyancy that indicates cheering news from the command-in-chief. By the expected defeat at Mukden the official probably meant that General Kuropatkin would leave sufficient force there to check for a time the Japanese advance and when the attack is pressed too strongly to fall back to the main army at Tie Pass. The force that will defend Mukden will consist of 50,000 men. It is not expected that the Japanese will attack the city within three weeks, as that period will be necessary to enable them to replenish their supplies of ammunition and get their commissariat into shape for a resumption of the campaign. The bad roads have of late delayed the advance of transport.

The Pass is the strongest point, from the standpoint of defensive operations, in all Manchuria. It was here that Kuropatkin, even before he left Russia for the front, planned to make his first stand against the Japanese armies. "There will be a battle before Mukden," said Kuropatkin in the Russian army will take the offensive.

The programme of the Russian commander-in-chief was upset as soon as he reached the front. Viceroy Alexieff believed that the Japanese advance should be met at the Yalu River. Despite Kuropatkin's protest he was compelled to attempt with 35,000 men to break through the Russian lines through Korea and thereafter fight battle after battle while falling back toward the position where he had planned to make his first stand early in September. Alexieff's policy was popular with the Czar and with the Russian populace, for the Viceroy told the Emperor that the Russians would defeat the islanders, though outnumbered four to one, and advance to the early relief of Port Arthur, which stronghold had been placed in its critical position through his blundering.

The Russian heart is set upon the rescue of the brave garrison that for months has held the "Gibraltar of the East" against the Japanese besiegers. It was in the hope of effecting this that the Russian government, in a disastrous attempt to pierce the Japanese lines and fight his way to Port Arthur, and it is the belief here that the Czar himself ordered that a decisive stand be made at Liaoyang in the hope that the last Russian commander-in-chief had been sufficiently reinforced to defeat the combined Japanese armies and advance to the relief of Stoessel.

Now General Kuropatkin is just where he expected to be in September when he left St. Petersburg to take command. Through the interference of Alexieff he has lost thousands of men, many guns and quantities of supplies. Moreover, the morale of his men has been affected by successive reverses. But the Russian general will retreat no farther if his own belief in the success of his plan of campaign prove to have been correct. It is expected that at Tie Pass the Japanese will receive their final check, and the reinforcements that are now crossing Korea will enable him to take the offensive either in winter campaign, if the Japanese so elect, or next spring, when Russia will have more than a half-million men at the front.

In the meantime should Port Arthur fall that disaster too will be attributed to the interference of Alexieff. Kuropatkin had planned to give Port Arthur an enormous garrison and supplies sufficient to withstand a year's siege, expecting to effect the relief of the garrison no later than late this autumn or early next spring. Alexieff stubbornly confident that one Russian could easily defeat ten Japanese, ordered that Kuropatkin send to the Yalu the men that he had intended for Port Arthur. After repulsing the Japanese, said Alexieff, there would be plenty of time to look after Port Arthur.

With the knowledge of this situation at the front it is not to be wondered at that the Russian press is outspoken in its demand that Kuropatkin be given a free hand hereafter, nor is it remarkable that the rumor should be abroad periodically that the blundering Alexieff had sent his resignation to the Emperor.

WILL FIGHT AT MUKDEN.
Portion of Kuropatkin's Army to Oppose Japanese Advance.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 13.—The Emperor last night received a long report from General Kuropatkin, outlining the military situation and the disposition of the Russian forces and describing minutely the strategical considerations. It is understood that General Kuropatkin dealt lengthily with the political aspect of the situation.

The authorities here are of the opinion that General Kuropatkin will not withdraw from Mukden without accepting battle. It is expected that he will leave 50,000 men to defend Mukden, while the remainder of his army retires to Tie Pass. It is believed that General Kuropatkin now has more than 200,000 men. The general staff said to-day that since the battle of Liaoyang General Kuropatkin had been reinforced by two army corps.

KUROPATKIN BLAMES ORLOFF.
Said to Have Recommended His Trial by Courtmartial.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 13.—The report persists, although there is nothing official to confirm it, that General Kuropatkin has recommended the trial by courtmartial of Major General Orloff, upon whose failure to carry out his orders the non-success of General Kuropatkin's plans against General Kuroki, at the most critical hour of the battle of Liaoyang, is attributed.

According to a statement made by a personage connected with the Emperor's surroundings, Kuropatkin assured his Majesty of his ability to accept battle and defeat the Japanese at Liaoyang, and for this reason the Emperor's disappointment is all the more keen and his dissatisfaction at the outcome all the greater.

DENIAL OF WAR FAKES.
Russian War Office Disposes of a Batch of False Reports.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 13.—The War Office to-day authorized the press to deny the report circulated by the Morning Post of London to the effect that 3000 men of Lieutenant General Zassulitch's corps have been captured; to deny the report from the same source that Zassulitch had been wounded, and also to deny the statement from Tokio that dum dum bullets were used by the Russians at Liaoyang.

The general staff denies that General Linetich has marched into Northeastern Korea from Vladivostok and cut General Kuroki's communications with Fengwangcheng, as reported in a dispatch from Tientsin to the London Daily Mail.

The report published in Paris to-day that Rear Admiral Prince Ouktomsky had been tried by court-martial, sentenced to death and shot for disobeying the order not to return to Port Arthur after the sortie of the Russian squadron on August 10, is untrue. He has not been tried by court-martial, but will be recalled.

MORE MEN TO BE SENT BY MIKADO

Portion of Japan's Territorial Army Will Be Called to the Colors.

Chinese Bandits Preparing for Active Operations North of Mukden.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Chefu reports that 300,000 Chinese coolies are engaged upon Japanese entrenchments between Dalny and Port Arthur.

The Morning Post's correspondent at Shanghai hears that the calling out of a portion of the Japanese territorial army is imminent.

From Tokio the correspondent of the Standard telegraphs that the Chinese Government is becoming uneasy over the fate of Manchuria. An unconfirmed report, he says, is current that Wu Ting Fane, the Chinese assistant Foreign Minister, will leave Peking shortly on a special mission to Europe and America on the Manchurian question.

Bennett Burleigh, cabling from Tientsin to the Daily Telegraph, still insists that the Japanese casualties in the battle of Liaoyang were near 30,000 than 17,000. Burleigh declares there is no evidence that the Russians used dum dum bullets. Burleigh's dispatch says:

"The Japanese, who are bad horsemen, have many thousands of animals foudered, terribly galled and sore. Reinforcements both of men and horses, however, are being hastened northward. The Mikado's troops hold secretly but strongly all the districts to the north along the Liao River up to Singmintin. I believe the Chunchuses are organizing for some important operations north of Mukden."

"Oyama was overheard to say at Liaoyang that, should a Kuropatkin be met now, he is in a desperate condition and aware that his game will not be. Whatever corps Russia may mobilize, Japan can duplicate them with better troops put into the field more quickly."

Grant Wallace, correspondent of the San Francisco Bulletin, who has just recovered from a dangerous illness, complains of gross neglect at the hands of the Japanese army doctors. He says that a part of the plan to be rid of all foreigners.

CHINESE MAY AID JAPAN.

Concentration of Yellow Troops Causes Alarm in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 13.—The reports that Chinese troops are concentrating in the valley of the Liao River are causing considerable concern here. The Bourse Gazette believes it is entirely probable that the Chinese Government will formally propose to undertake to guard and administer the territory actually occupied by the Japanese, adding:

"To this Japan doubtless will readily acquiesce, as it will relieve Japan of guarding her lines of communication. In other words, regular Chinese troops will become auxiliaries to the Japanese, and the Japanese army, thus relieved of the necessity of protecting its lines, stores and land transport, will set free all the strength of the Japanese forces to operate against Russia. China thus would become actually the ally of Japan. If the reports are confirmed not only Russia, but other powers, must intervene to show China what the limits of 'neutrality' mean."

BALTIMORE DOES NOT GO FAR.

BERLIN, Sept. 14.—The Tageblatt's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs that the departure of the Baltic squadron has at the last moment been deferred for several days, apparently to await news from the Far East. The fleet will remain for the present at Revel.

HAYS LOOKING FOR RAILROAD TERMINUS

President of the Grand Trunk Pacific Makes Inspection of Coast in Search of Site.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 13.—The Grand Trunk Pacific terminus site will not be settled definitely for some time, but it is certain that the northern road will have feeders extending farther north and to Southern Columbia. So said President Charles M. Hays of the Grand Trunk Pacific to The Call correspondent to-day. Hays, accompanied by prominent officials of the railway, returned this morning from a tour of the northern coast so far as Port Simpson. Their steamer called in at all principal inlets, and Hays says much valuable information has been obtained as to possible harbors.

A strong effort is being made by Victorians to secure for this city a terminus of the southern branch railway and a deputation waited on Hays to-day to impress upon him the many advantages of the place. Hays admitted the strength of the claims, but did not commit himself. Construction of the new road from the east is to commence almost immediately.

TRYING TO REGULATE TRAFFIC IN LIQUOR

Napa County Supervisors Will Be Urged to Adopt Rigorous License Laws.

NAPA, Sept. 13.—This morning fifty members of the Temperance Federation appeared before the Board of Supervisors and presented a petition and a proposed new ordinance. It provides that petitions of men for saloon licenses shall be signed by at least six out of ten freeholders residing nearest to the proposed saloon. The license may be revoked and the saloon-keeper punished for misdemeanor if place is not kept in an orderly and lawful manner.

The board is disposed to take favorable action on the proposed ordinance. At present there are practically no restrictions on saloons in outside towns.

LINEMAN ELOPES WITH FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD CHILD

Los Angeles Man Heartlessly Deserts Wife and Babies and Runs Away With Girl.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13.—Peace officers of every city in the State, particularly those of San Francisco, have been requested to look out for and arrest Augustus Wolfe, aged 30, a telephone lineman. If found he will be accompanied by Elizabeth Davis, a 15-year-old girl, very pretty. Wolfe and the girl left this city together Sunday. One distressing feature of the affair is the fact that Wolfe deserted a wife and three children. The youngest, a babe in arms, is dying of brain fever.

CARMEN'S JINKS—The jinks of the Carmen's Union at their headquarters on O'Farrell street last night proved a successful affair and was attended by a large crowd.

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