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VICTORY AFTER VICTORY MARK JAPS' MOVEMENTS

PORT ARTHUR'S INVESTMENT IS NOW A QUESTION OF TIME ALONE.

RUSSIANS DEFEATED AND LOSE MANY MEN

The Seizing of Kin Chou is An Important Achievement on the Part of the Invaders—Ambush Proves Great and Awful Surprise to Czar's Troops.

London, May 27.—The Japanese legation has received the following from Tokio: "Kin Chou and all the heights in the vicinity have been taken and our troops are pushing the Russians towards Port Arthur."

Washington, D. C., May 27.—Minister Griscom cables the state department from Tokio that the Japanese have captured Kin Chou and are marching southward.

Tokio, May 27.—(Noon)—The Japanese army swept the Russians from Kin Chou yesterday morning and in a night attack stormed the almost impregnable position of the Russians on Nanshan hill, west of Tallenwan. The battle raged in the hills all through the night. Fragmentary telegrams from Japanese headquarters report that the engagement is still in progress and that the Japanese are still pursuing the Russians south from Nanshan and the head of Tallenwan bay. The Russians had made elaborate preparations to check the Japanese movement south on Liao Tung peninsula toward Port Arthur. They had fortified the high ground on the south shore of Tallenwan bay.

Russians Strongly Fortified. The extreme Russian right was at Hu Shang Tao and the extreme left at Nanshan hill. This hill was the strongest part of the line. A series of batteries, strongly placed, crowned its crest, while rifle pits extended around its sides.

Wire Entanglements Used. Mines had been placed lower down the hill, and around the base on the northern and eastern sides were stretched well made wire entanglements. Another line of defenses protected with wire entanglements extended from Yan Chia Tung near the head of Tallen Wan bay and a strong Russian force of infantry and artillery was posted at Kin Chou, back of which the attacking force assembled in complete security.

Japanese Investigate Carefully. The Russians apparently attempted to draw the Japanese attack last Saturday, for their batteries opened fire on the enemy that day. The Japanese refused to be drawn until the positions of the Russians, their guns and their strength had been fully developed.

Cunning Warfare. To this end the Japanese began a series of careful reconnoissances, their officers working their way close enough to the Russian position to draw the enemy's fire. They thus secured fragments of shells for the purpose of ascertaining the caliber of the Russian guns.

A Long, Hard Struggle. Wednesday morning at 5:30 o'clock the Japanese attacked Kin Chou, and for three hours they had an artillery duel with the batteries on Nanshan hill. The Russian gunners searched the Japanese lines with their fire, but failed to inflict much damage.

The battle was resumed at dawn Thursday. Three Japanese gunboats then entered Kin Chou bay and in co-operation with the artillery on shore shelled the Russian positions on Nanshan hill.

Russian Gunboat Takes Part. A Russian gunboat in Tallenwan bay steamed close to the shore and shelled the Japanese on the left. From dawn the batteries on both sides hammered away at each other.

Enter Kin Chou. At an early hour the Japanese infantry moved forward, and at twenty minutes past 5 o'clock Thursday morning they entered Kin Chou, the Russians retiring to the south. The fighting continued into Thursday night, the Japanese pressing to the south and storming Nanshan hill. They followed the retreating Russians through the southern hills.

Losses Not Known. No information is given concerning the losses. They were probably heavy on both sides.

Fighting Still Continues. Tokio, May 27.—After five hours' desperate fighting the Japanese captured Kin Chou yesterday evening. Nan Quan Ling, a stronghold of the enemy, was taken later after a hot fight. The artillery duel still continues. A Russian gunboat bombarded the Japanese left flank from Tallenwan bay while the Japanese warships worked with the army from Kin Chou bay.

Port Arthur Surrounded. Vice Admiral Togo has now established a complete blockade around the

GREAT DISCOVERY MADE.

It is Said An Ant That Kills Boll Weevil Has Been Found.

Washington, D. C., May 27.—The department of agriculture today announced that an ant has been found in Guatemala that is an effective enemy of the boll weevil. It will be immediately introduced into the cotton states of this country.

southern end of Liao Tung peninsula. This completely envelops Port Arthur from the seaward and probably marks the opening of the final investment of the town and its fortifications.

The Japanese have swept all the Russians from their defenses west of Tallenwan bay. It is now improbable that the latter will be capable of offering any further resistance in the territory north of Port Arthur.

Kin Chou Castle Occupied. Kin Chou castle was occupied by the Japanese at 4:20 o'clock this morning. Later the Russians were driven from their positions on the heights. The Japanese are now in pursuit of the retreating Russians.

No News at St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg, May 27.—(Afternoon)—Owing to the fact that communication with the defending army at Port Arthur is cut off the war office here admits that it is not in position to question the Tokio and other reports that the Japanese have carried the outer works at Kin Chou.

Japanese Have Large Force. New Chungang, May 27.—The Japanese estimate the strength of the Russians about Port Arthur at 20,000 men. The former have 50,000 men at Kin Chou.

The Russian authorities here declare that a Japanese battleship has been sunk by a submarine boat and that three crafts of this class are now at Port Arthur. Another is enroute to Vladivostok by rail.

Kin Chou a Useful Place. London, May 27.—The Japanese Minister Hayashi, said today: "Kin Chou will be occupied as the first base and the neighboring hills will be strongly fortified. For food supplies and ammunition Port Dalny will be the second base. The possession of Kin Chou will be of an invaluable aid in the campaign against Port Arthur. The hills command positions around the country for several miles in the direction of Port Arthur."

Russians to Fight Hard. "I presume from the action at Kin Chou that the Russians intend to make another stand at Port Dalny. I expect practically all the available Russian troops have been moved out from Port Arthur in an attempt to head off the investment."

Awful Defeat for Russians. London, May 27.—A dispatch to the London Chronicle from Shan Hai Kwan states that a battle has taken place between 30,000 Japanese and 15,000 Russians at the Tatung Pass, between Hai Cheng and Feng Wang Cheng, and that the Russians were defeated with a loss of 4,000 killed and wounded and 1,000 prisoners.

The Japanese led the Russians to believe that they had retired to Feng Wang Cheng.

Japs Ambush Enemy. Acting under this belief the Russian general sent 15,000 men from Hai Cheng to Liao Yang and the entire force marched into a Japanese ambush at Tatung Pass.

Attacked by a force of Japanese twice their own, the Russians were routed with a loss of one-third their entire strength.

The Japanese drove the czar's troops in utter confusion back to the main Russian force at Hai Cheng.

Short But Sharp Battle. The battle is reported to have lasted only a few hours and during the encounter the fighting was fierce. The Russians, taken by surprise and assailed by a greatly superior force, were slaughtered right and left.

Japanese Loss Light. The Japanese loss is not reported but is said to have been very light, as the Japanese troops had all the advantage, both as to position and numbers.

Japs Build Railroad. London, May 27.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, under date of May 26, sends the following: "The Japanese have already constructed thirty miles of light railway for the transportation of siege guns toward Port Arthur."

WILL BE ONE CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTES TO REUNITE WITH CUMBERLANDS.

PRESBYTERIES TO VOTE

The Question of a Basis for the Union of the Two Divisions of the Church Will Be Referred to the Members Before Final Action Is Taken.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 27.—The Presbyterian general assembly of the United States today declared in favor of uniting with the Cumberland Presbyterian church by a vote so nearly unanimous that it was not counted.

Resolutions Recommend Union. The resolutions adopted included not only favorable action on the report but recommended that steps be taken to secure a union of the churches and to make plain the position of the church.

Presbyteries Will Vote. The question of the proposed basis of union will now go to the presbyteries and if it is approved by a vote of two-thirds of them the necessary steps will be taken at the next general assembly to effect the union.

Dr. F. F. Stoltz, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Ottumwa today expressed himself as highly gratified with the action of the general assembly of the church of which he is a member. "This action should have been taken years ago," said Dr. Stoltz, "and is the best thing for the church that could possibly have been done."

The Cumberland Presbyterian church includes a membership of about 200,000 members. It was established in 1810 by secession from the general church by a party which did not agree with the majority of the members of the denomination regarding the education of ministers. Later on some few doctrinal differences crept into the breach between the two denominations but none have occurred that cannot be arranged in a satisfactory manner to both. That this is the opinion of nearly all the members of the general church of the United States is apparent by the overwhelming majority in favor of the union.

Centerville, May 27.—(Special)—The resident alumni of the Iowa state university passed resolutions last night urging the regents to act deliberately and not radically in the MacLean affair, believing that the greater part of the trouble is from jealousy and politics aided by yellow journalism. The sentiment was that the difficulty be wholly submitted to the board and not tried through the papers of the state. J. M. Wilson and J. K. Huston will represent the local alumni at the board meeting in June.

WAS NEAR DEATH. O. E. Smith, Farmer Living Near Eddyville, Suffers From Damp.

Eddyville, May 27.—(Special)—O. E. Smith, a prominent farmer living a few miles north of Eddyville, came near meeting his death from black damp Thursday. Mr. Smith had gone to an old well near his home to remove some lumber. A few minutes later his little son Rufus, aged about seven years, discovered his father lying prostrate on the braces about a dozen feet from the well. Help was summoned and quite a number of miners of that vicinity soon gathered. James Smith, an older son of the man, was lowered into the well by means of a rope.

A second rope was tied around the prostrate form and the unconscious man was drawn to the ground. The younger man was then drawn out and found himself quite weak from his short experience in the well. Dr. F. E. Vance of this place was summoned and artificial respiration being resorted to by calling and lowering the man's arms till the doctor could reach him. After about three hours' work the medical attendant succeeded in producing normal respiration, but it was not until about two hours later that Mr. Smith regained consciousness. He will recover. Were it not for the cool heads and efficient aid of Wm. Bennett and John Evans, two of his neighbors, the younger Smith might also have fared badly.

WATERWORKS FOR ALBIA. Question is Being Agitated and May Produce Results.

Albia, May 27.—The question of putting in waterworks is again being agitated in Albia. C. A. Reese of Talequah, I. T., has recently submitted an ordinance to the city council, which has been approved by that body and been sent to Mr. Reese's company headquarters in Chicago for approval. The ordinance will then be submitted to the citizens who will decide by their vote whether the franchise will be granted or not. The plant will cost about \$50,000 and the people of Albia are asked to carry one-third of this amount on first mortgage bonds.

SELLS COLFAX SANITARIUM. Dr. W. D. Kinney Disposes of Property To An Illinois Man.

Colfax, May 27.—The Colfax sanitarium has again changed hands, Dr. W. D. Kinney having disposed of this valuable property, including the thirty acres of beautiful woodland, to Mr. Hamilton, of Rockford, Ill., for 70,000 acres of North Dakota land.

ILLINOIS' DAY AT FAIR

STATE'S PAVILION FORMALLY OPENED WITH THE MOST ELABORATE CEREMONIES.

St. Louis, May 27.—Marked by the most elaborate ceremonies that have yet attended the dedication of a state world's fair building, the Illinois pavilion was today formally opened to the public by Governor Yates. The first incident of the day was the parade of the Illinois delegation headed by the state world's fair commissioners and the cadets of the Illinois state university, 750 strong.

Ceremonies at the Pavilion. At the pavilion Rev. J. A. Lucas, of Carlinville, pronounced an invocation. The president of the Illinois commission, H. M. Dunlap, delivered the pavilion to the people of Illinois. Addresses by Governor Yates and President Francis followed. Just previous to the adjournment Mrs. Yates unfurled the state flag and the audience sang "America." After an informal luncheon there was a reception in the pavilion.

ACCUSATIONS ARE REPEATED. Sheriffliffe Makes Affidavit in Tom Denison Case.

Des Moines, May 27.—The Tom Denison requisition case may go over until tomorrow. An affidavit from Sheriffliffe furnished the governor today strongly implicates Denison and the latter's attorneys ask for time to file an affidavit from Denison.

DEMAND A FAIR TRIAL. CENTERVILLE ALUMNI OF STATE UNIVERSITY RECOMMEND DELIBERATE ACTION.

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TALK OVER ILLINOIS SITUATION. Senator Cullom and Representative Foss Confer With President.

Washington, D. C., May 27.—Senator Cullom and Representative Foss of Illinois had talks with the President yesterday on the Illinois political situation. Both express the confidence that while no material change in the situation apparently had taken place since the convention took a recess, a satisfactory solution of the problem would be reached.

PEORIA SECURES A FRANCHISE. Marion Team of the Central League Transferred.

Marion, Ind., May 27.—The Marion baseball team of the Central baseball league has been transferred to Peoria, Ill. The deal was consummated yesterday in the latter city by C. W. Halderman, the owner of the team and franchise. He retains all of its interests and will be represented in Peoria by Manager Jack Grim.

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HE SOUNDS THE KNELL

A. W. MAXWELL'S LATEST ACTION MEANS DEFEAT OF JUDGE WADE NEXT FALL.

DEMOS' FIGHT WARM ONE

Maxwell Has Appointed His Committee and Takes Up the Work of State Chairman Despite the Fact That Jackson Has Not Given up the Office

From Friday's Daily. "Member at large, C. A. Walsh, Ottumwa."

The above significant statement stands prominently upon a letter head being sent out by A. W. Maxwell of Des Moines, chief of the Hearst forces in the state of Iowa, who has formally assumed the functions of chairman of the democratic state central committee and who has appointed his sub-committees.

This action on the part of Mr. Maxwell will, it is stated, undoubtedly lead to an application for an injunction restraining him from the exercise of the authority which he has assumed and will, it is predicted, cause such disorganization in the ranks of the democratic party as to insure Judge Wade's defeat for congress next fall.

The letter which is being sent out by Mr. Maxwell includes a list of the names of the state central committee, the executive committee named by himself, and the sub-committees. It also indicates that he has consulted attorneys and that he is prepared to fight for his alleged rights.

The letter follows closely the wording of the one sent to J. C. Likes of Des Moines, whom he has named as chairman of the executive committee, and is in the following words: "By the above letterhead you will see I have appointed you chairman of the executive committee for the ensuing year. I have consulted good attorneys before taking any action, and they tell me my acts are legal in every way and from the large number of letters which I am receiving daily I have no doubt that a large majority of the democrats of Iowa recognize me as chairman of the committee."

Jackson's Letterhead. The letterheads of A. E. Jackson of Tama who also claims to be chairman and is recognized as such by six members of the committee are vastly different. The difference consists in having his name appear as chairman, of the absence of C. A. Walsh's name and of a different name of the committee.

Resort to the courts in an application for injunction will undoubtedly be the next move. S. B. Morrissey of Harlan, member of the committee from the ninth district is authority for the statement that an injunction will be the next move. He says there cannot be two separate committees in the democratic party if the latter is to prosper and he fails to see how any court, even though the Iowa judges are nearly all republicans can sustain such a claim as that of Maxwell which is based upon the action of the state convention. Morrissey claims the state convention has no right to elect the chairman of the state committee and his opinion is shared by many of Maxwell's friends.

The effect of litigation would probably be disastrous to the cause of democracy in Iowa, especially in the second district, where the only democratic congressman in the state is in imminent danger of defeat at the hands of A. P. Dawson of Preston, Senator Allison's private secretary. There will therefore, be much endeavor to bring about a compromise, but the feeling is such that it would appear to be impossible.

Are Actually Two Committees. There is no longer any doubt that there are two committees. Jackson has issued a call for the convention and Maxwell will issue one. Jackson has appointed sub-committees as the chairman and so has Maxwell. Each has six of the twelve followers of the committee according to Maxwell's figures and Jackson claims six to five, not recognizing the right of National Committeeman Walsh to sit on the committee.

But Maxwell's followers do not appear to be in any doubt as to the fact that there are two committees. Jackson has issued a call for the convention and Maxwell will issue one. Jackson has appointed sub-committees as the chairman and so has Maxwell. Each has six of the twelve followers of the committee according to Maxwell's figures and Jackson claims six to five, not recognizing the right of National Committeeman Walsh to sit on the committee.

FAITHFUL DOG SAVES THE LIFE OF HIS MASTER. Charlton, May 27.—(Special)—A faithful dog saved the life of Nathan Gillaspie, a young farmer residing in Lincoln township, yesterday, and succeeded in dringing away a vicious bull which was trying to gore Gillaspie and would undoubtedly have killed him outright had not the dog interfered.

Gillaspie went into a field where several cattle were, yesterday afternoon, and as he had often done so without serious results he was quite unprepared for the attack made upon him by the bull. The vicious animal knocked the man down and trampled upon him but fortunately Gillaspie succeeded in evading the sharp horns which threatened him with death.

Just when the man was losing his strength and was in imminent danger of being gored, his dog rushed into the field and straight at the enraged bull. He attacked the big animal and fought fiercely until it turned from the man to its newer enemy. Gillaspie was then enabled to reach a place of safety. He is severely bruised as a result of his experience but no serious injuries resulted.

M'DONALD IS CLEARED. Found Not Guilty of Murdering Miss Sarah Schaeffer.

Bedford, Ind., May 27.—James McDonald, charged with the murder of Miss Sarah Schaeffer, formerly Latin teacher in the local high school, was found not guilty by the jury this afternoon.

THE WEATHER. Iowa—Increasing cloudiness with showers Saturday and in the west portion tonight and warmer tonight. Illinois—Fair tonight. Probably showers with rising temperature. Local Weather. Nine o'clock last night..... 54 Seven o'clock this morning..... 61 Two o'clock this afternoon..... 72

ROOSEVELT MAY ACT AS PEACEMAKER AND END WAR

STRIKERS ARE VICTORS. Peoria Building Trades Unionists Win Long Struggle.

Peoria, May 27.—The strike of the building trades, which has completely tied up all building operations in this city for seven weeks, ended today in a victory for the working men.

THE PRESIDENT HAS INTIMATED THAT HE IS READY TO LEND HIS SERVICES.

Washington, May 27.—Through its ambassador at St. Petersburg and its minister at Tokio the government has made known, informally and delicately to the Russian and Japanese governments that the President stands ready to tender his good offices to bring about peace between them the moment they are both willing that such a step shall be taken.

Is a Delicate Matter. The attitude of the government in this connection has been discussed not only in the capitals of the belligerents but here in Washington between Secretary Hay and the Russian and Japanese diplomatic representatives. It has been made clear to the United States, however, that neither Russia nor Japan is willing to tolerate for an instant at this time the idea of foreign mediation to put an end to the war.

Realizing this, the representatives of the United States have not persisted in pressing the subject, but have contented themselves with making plain that whenever Russia and Japan are ready to adjust their differences the government at Washington is to be considered as the mutual friend who will act the role of peacemaker. It should be understood that at no time was any direct proposal made by this government's representation. Both Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador and Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister had interviews with Secretary Hay yesterday. Afterward Count Cassini took luncheon with President Roosevelt at the White House.

Belligerents Must Be Willing. There is no desire or intention on the part of this government to take any measures for bringing the war to an end that would be unacceptable to the two belligerents or their officials. Adhering to the principle of non-interference in the affairs of foreign nations the government holds that it has no warrant to intimate, by even the most conservative means, to bring about an ending to the war unless both Russia and Japan cordially desire it to act as mediator. Anything beyond a mere tender of good offices might lead to difficulties and embarrassments which the government has no desire to encounter, and what has been done so far has been done in a most delicate way, so as to afford neither belligerent opportunity for taking differences.

The Novoye Vremya, the leading newspaper of Russia, has been quoted as saying that Russia would welcome a proposal from the United States to have the whole far Eastern question considered with a view to ending the war. From what has occurred the administration doubts that Russia would look kindly on any such proposal.

FRENCHMEN DISCUSS TROUBLE. Rupture in Relations With the Vatican Subject of Debate by Deputies.

Paris, May 27.—Debate was opened today in the chamber of deputies on the subject of the rupture of diplomatic relations between France and the vatican and continued amidst much excitement. The chamber is packed with people. The debate will last two days.

THE BROOKLYN IS EN ROUTE. Cruiser Will Investigate Kidnaping of American in Tangiers.

Washington, D. C., May 27.—Rear Admiral Chadwick at Tenerife, Canary Island, reported to the navy department that he has dispatched the cruiser Brooklyn to Tangiers in connection with the kidnaping of the American Perdicaris.

GOES TO DES MOINES. Manager Will Miller of the Senior Class Play Visits Capital City.

William Miller, manager of the senior high school class play "An American Citizen" left this morning on Burlington No. 3 for Des Moines, where he will arrange for the properties and costumes necessary for the production next Friday evening. Mr. Miller will return to this city Saturday evening. The cast of "An American Citizen" is making rapid headway with the production and one week from this evening the play will be presented to the many friends of the class.

OSKALOOSA GRADUATES ARE ADDRESSED BY CONGRESSMAN WADE. Oskaloosa, May 27.—A class of forty-four young people were graduated from the Oskaloosa high school last evening. Hon. M. J. Wade, congressman from the second district, delivered the address which sparkled with wit and good hard sense. Average age of the class, forty-four is 18 years, 3 months, 18 days.

SWEDISH METHODISTS MEET. Conference of Iowa District is Opened in Burlington by Rev. A. R. Millin.

Burlington, May 27.—Rev. A. R. Millin, D. D., of Des Moines, opened the Iowa District Swedish Methodist conference here last evening and a reception was given to the delegates from Iowa points. The sessions will continue this week.

ROBBERY STORY SPOILED BY ARREST OF IOWA MAN

St. Joseph, Mo., May 27.—By the arrest of Charles H. Bristow of Bedford, Iowa, in St. Joseph last yesterday afternoon the local police recovered \$11,710.63 which was reported to have been stolen from Alonzo Bristow, a brother, in Chicago, last week, while taking the money in a grip from a bank to the train. He had sold 83 horses in Chicago and was going back to Bedford.

Conspiracy is Charged. The arrest of Bristow revealed a conspiracy by which W. E. Crum, president of the Bedford National bank, was

robbed of more than \$11,000 advanced to buy the horses. This money was located in the hands of Elliott Spalding, a St. Joseph lawyer. Charles H. Bristow was walking on Edmond street near Fourth street when taken into custody. He was looking for Ray Richards, aged 21, formerly of Bedford, son of St. Joseph, who had placed the money in the hands of Attorney Spalding for safe keeping. Bristow made a gun play in resisting arrest. The prisoner refused to make any statement. Banker Crum is in St. Joseph and last night said he might decide not to prosecute.