

# KUROPATKIN DECIDES TO RETURN TO THE NORTH

### RUSSIAN ARMY'S DEFEATS THOUGHT TO HAVE DISCOURAGED LEADER.

## HAS FIGHT YESTERDAY

### Japanese, After a Battle of Several Hours, Occupy Important Passes and Russians are Forced to Retreat—Japs Near Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, June 28.—The Associated Press is informed on good authority that General Kuropatkin has decided to withdraw to the northward.

Cheo Foo, June 28.—Chinees who left Port Arthur June 24, say only four battleships, five cruisers and the torpedo boats were left in the harbor on June 23. Of these three returned badly damaged, but none sank. Several of the large ships previously damaged carried no guns. On June 24 the Japanese main army was within fourteen miles of Port Arthur and their scouts were nearer.

London, June 28.—A Central News Tokyo dispatch reports that another Russian battleship has been discovered stranded off Tiger Rock. It is presumed she was wrecked while returning to Port Arthur after the recent naval engagement outside the harbor.

Tien Tsin, June 28.—It is reported that Edward F. Knight, the correspondent of the London Morning Post with the Japanese army, was killed at Wafangtien.

Seoul, June 28.—It is rumored here the Russian Vladivostok squadron has again left that port.

Tokio, June 28.—After a fight which lasted six hours on the morning of June 27, the Takushan division of the Japanese army completely defeated five battalions of Russian infantry which supported two regiments of cavalry and sixteen guns, occupied Fen Shuiling, twenty-seven miles northwest of Siuyen.

## Russians Retreat.

The Russians finally fell back in the direction of Shimucheng. The Japanese casualties aggregate 100 killed or wounded.

## A Major Killed.

Major Oba was killed during the battle.

## Vladivostok Fleet Again.

An unconfirmed report has been received from Hokkaido that ships resembling the Russian Vladivostok squadron appeared off there June 27.

## Kuropatkin Reports Fights.

St. Petersburg, June 28.—The emperor has received the following dispatch from General Kuropatkin, dated Liao Yang, June 27: "The Japanese attacked our forces occupying the Mottien, Fenshui and Ta Passes on June 26. Our infantry and cavalry retreated persuaded that the Japanese army was much stronger than our detachments.

## Japanese Repulsed.

"The Japanese troops occupied Fen Shui and Mottien during the morning of June 27. Our forces which retreated from Fenshui pass were attacked by small detachments of Japanese. They however, were easily repulsed.

## On Way to Join Kuroki.

"Reconnoitering parties report that one portion of the southern Japanese

army is moving northeastward with the intention of joining Kuroki's force. At noon today our cavalry was hotly engaged near Seu Y Chen.

## Japanese Strength.

"All reports of the last few days state that the forces of Japanese arrayed against our Manchurian army consist of eight or nine infantry divisions. Several brigades of reserves also occupy positions in the fighting line."

## Japanese Spies Captured.

Narva, Russia, June 28.—Two Japanese masquerading as itinerant organ grinders and attired in Bulgarian costumes were arrested here yesterday. Their organ was searched and was found to contain maps of the Baltic coast line and surveying instruments. The prisoners confessed their guilt.

## Brigades Near New Chwang.

New Chwang, June 28.—Brigades are again active in this vicinity. They attacked a village two miles south of here last night. The natives and foreign residents fear that if the Japanese troops do not arrive within a few days the brigades will enter this city, which is practically unprotected.

## Well Known Correspondent Dead.

New Chwang, June 28.—P. J. Middleton, an Associated Press correspondent with the Russian headquarters near Liao Yang, in Manchuria, died Sunday from enteric dysentery.

## Oku Passes Mountains.

Tokio, June 28.—It is stated by the war office that Gen. Oku's army has passed the mountain barrier, protecting the right flank and rear of Kuropatkin's forces in the passes between Kai Ping and Moalen. The Russian position has thus been rendered strategically untenable and it is expected it will be made actually untenable in the course of the operations of the coming week unless the Russians resist the advance of the Japanese more successfully than hitherto. In that event General Kuroki will be relieved of the necessity of attacking frontally the main strongholds of the Muscovites between Feng Hing Cheng and the railway.

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# BOY DIES FROM BURNS

## LEONARD CULBERTSON OF CHARLTON STARTS FIRE WITH COAL OIL.

Charlton, June 28.—(Special)—Leonard Culbertson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Culbertson of this city, died at 3 o'clock this morning after suffering for ten hours as the result of awful burns received last evening. The boy poured coal oil into the kitchen stove to start a fire but did not know that a few coals of fire still remained from earlier in the day. The oil was ignited and before the lad could escape his clothes were on fire. Mrs. Culbertson tried to extinguish the flames and was herself slightly injured. Leonard sustained frightful burns from his waist to his knees and his right arm and hand were also badly injured.

## Dies This Morning.

The unfortunate boy suffered awful agony for several hours and finally death ended his pain at 3 o'clock this morning. He was 12 years of age and was an unusually bright boy. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

## Related to Former Ottumwan.

The father of the boy, William Culbertson is a well known resident of Charlton and has lived here several years. He is a brother of L. A. Culbertson, formerly of Ottumwa.

## MAY BE CASE OF MURDER.

Johnson County Farmer Found Dead—Possible Suicide.

Iowa City, June 28.—Frank Casteck, a prominent farmer, was shot yesterday in Monroe township. He died shortly after he discovered family trouble. His wife recently secured a divorce and he had been ordered by the court to pay alimony.

## SAYS HE WILL SUICIDE.

Melbourne MacDowell, the Actor, Writes That He Will Kill Himself.

San Francisco, Cal., June 28.—Melbourne MacDowell, the actor, has written to the coroner warning him of his intention to commit suicide, as the result of reverses he has met here.

# DID LARUE SUICIDE? LONG SEARCH ENDS

### THIS QUESTION IS BEING ASKED BY CORNING PEOPLE NOW.

Des Moines, June 28.—Did Frank L. LaRue, the alleged defaulting president of the First National bank at Corning, who swindled the customers of the institution to the extent of \$100,000, commit suicide as was reported by his relatives or is he still alive and in possession of the major portion of the funds he embezzled?

"There are people who firmly believe that the LaRue suicide was a job," said a Corning man in this city. "They cite some pretty suspicious circumstances and some good arguments to uphold their theories, and the question is receiving such general support that the body may be exhumed in order to satisfy those who have raised the question."

## Casket Was Sealed.

"In the first place, Mrs. LaRue, her son, her father, Mr. Beymer, Dr. Bryant and an undertaker, are the only persons who lay claim to having seen the body of the alleged suicide. A metallic casket was sealed about the body immediately following the supposed suicide, providing there was a body at all. The casket was of such weight in itself that the pall-bearers could not determine whether or not a man was in it."

## What Became of Money.

"Still another strong suspicion arises when efforts are made to find where LaRue disposed of his alleged stealings. The expenditure of the large sums he stole cannot be accounted for by many thousands. Regarding this they say he may have 'salted' a large part of this money, which, with the \$50,000 insurance his wife will receive, would make a good sum."

"To back up this suspicion, they point to the fact that LaRue's insurance was so arranged that it would come to his family in case of suicide. A strong argument is based upon the fact that though LaRue was reported to be in an extremely dangerous condition, there was no one in the house at the time he committed suicide."

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## OBITUARY

William Earl Biles was born three miles southeast of Blakesburg, Ia., June 21, 1881, and died at the same place June 23, 1904, aged 23 years and two days.

## YALE'S COMMENCEMENT.

Many Guests Are Present for the Annual Ceremony.

New Haven, June 28.—Yale's commencement week was formally opened Sunday when President Arthur T. Hadley delivered the baccalaureate address in Woolsey hall, Yale's magnificent new auditorium. There are a large number of commencement guests here from all parts of the country.

President Hadley, after reviewing the tendencies of the times, said that faith, inspiration for the better things and enthusiastic devotion make a nation really great. He continued:

"If wealth and dominion follow as a result of faith and enthusiasm, they are good. But if wealth and dominion are made a primary object, and are trusted as a source of national strength, instead of its consequence or evidence, they prove a false reliance."

"And it is an unfortunate fact that very few nations have achieved wealth or dominion without suffering loss of faith and enthusiasm, and remaining with the empty husk of greatness at the very moment when they deemed themselves most powerful."

"Almost every evil—political, social or commercial—which constitutes a serious menace to the permanent prosperity of our country can be traced directly to our tolerant acceptance of selfishness as a basis of morality."

## MEANS MORE MILEAGE.

Addition of Fort Dodge Line to Minneapolis and St. Louis.

Des Moines, June 28.—The addition of the Fort Dodge line to the Minneapolis system will make a material difference in the extent of that system in Iowa. The Minneapolis & St. Louis now has 211 miles in Iowa, the lines running into Iowa from the north and ending at Angus and Storm Lake. The Fort Dodge line has 138 miles of track.

The entire mileage of the Minneapolis & St. Louis is 641 miles. The directors of the Minneapolis are Edwin Hawley, John E. Searies, F. H. Davis, H. E. Huntington, Edwin Langdon, F. E. Palmer, L. C. Weir, George Crocker and K. F. Day. The company is owned by the same persons who own the Iowa Central and the general officers are the same. A. E. Clarke of St. Paul, is general solicitor for the Minneapolis.

It is seldom the direct cause of the trouble is disclosed.

### MISSISSIPPI RIVER GIVES UP ITS DEAD AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS.

Quincy, Ill., June 28.—With the recovery of the body of David Paul Stice from the river Sunday a search that has been continued since before Christmas came to an end.

David Stice was a Keokuk boy aged 9 years. On December 21 he was drowned along with his brother, William Orville Stice aged 11 years. There was some mystery connected with the double drowning and a boy named Arthur Humphrey, aged 14 years, was suspected of having shoved William into the river and that little David was drowned while trying to save him. It was known that Humphrey had threatened to kill Willie and after the drowning he claimed not to have been with the Stice boys the day they met their death. This was proved untrue and it was also proved that he had assaulted Willie the day of the drowning. But he maintained his innocence of responsibility for the deaths of the two boys and as there was no evidence upon which he could be convicted he was not prosecuted. The fact of the matter appears to be that the younger boy lost his life in making an heroic effort to save his brother and was dragged to his death by the latter.

Four weeks ago Sunday at 11 a. m., the body of Willie was recovered from the river in front of Canton. Sunday the body of brave little David was recovered from the river five miles north of Quincy.

## CUPID WINS OUT.

Girl of 14 Elopes With a Man of 20 From Moline, Ill.

Davenport, June 28.—After zealously watching the love affair of her 14 year old daughter, Minnie, and a boarder, Elmer Palmer, for several months, Mrs. Alvina Handel, of Moline, Ill., was finally outwitted and the young people were married Sunday morning in Muscatine, returning later in the day for the parental blessing, which, however, has not been forthcoming and the prospects are that it will be many moons before the fatted calf will be killed.

It is alleged that young Palmer, 20 years of age, has been boarding at Mrs. Handel's for some time and that he was driven away at one time on account of the love affair that was rapidly developing between him and her daughter. In a few months, however, Mrs. Handel was persuaded to allow the young man to return to her place and for a time everything went well, so far as she was able to discern.

Sunday the girl left home and was married at Muscatine, Palmer having gone there and secured the license on Saturday.

Des Moines, June 28.—It is understood in democratic circles that H. J. Stiger of Tama has been asked to prepare a speech as temporary chairman of the democratic state convention of July 19.

This is upon the assurance that the state committee at its meeting of July 18 which has been called for Iowa City, will elect him temporary chairman of the convention to be held on the following day.

It is said that this program has been agreed to by seven members of the committee, which makes a clear majority and insures the carrying out of the proposition.

Defeated by T. J. Phillips.

Mr. Stiger lives in the fifth district. He was prominently a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor in 1901. He was defeated by the radicals who nominated "Tom" Phillips of Ottumwa.

His selection as temporary chairman does not meet with the hearty approval of Hon. Cato Sells of Vinton. It is said, and some democrats declare that it was only when he believed the selection of Stiger as temporary chairman was imminent that Mr. Sells devised the scheme to elect Judge Wade and at the same time hoist A. W. Maxwell into the chairmanship of the state central committee, a program to which Walsh and other Hearst leaders had no hesitation in subscribing not for Wade's sake, but for Maxwell's.

## ISSUES A DIRECTORY.

Iowa Federation of Labor Shows a Good Gain in Membership.

Davenport, June 28.—A showing of increased membership in the Iowa Federation of Labor is made in the report of the work done at the state federation meeting held at Marshalltown in May which has been just issued by President A. L. Urlick.

According to the statistics issued there have been six organizations dropped from the roll for non compliance with the rules of the state organization, while on the other hand there have been fourteen new charters issued to organizations of labor in various parts of Iowa. Of these fourteen new unions five are mine workers, brought about it is presumed by the late difficulties which were adjusted at the Des Moines conference of operators and miners last spring. The strength of the miners of the state in organizations is now greater than it has ever been before. Dubuque alone has furnished four of the new unions.

## CASTS SLUR ON CALIFORNIANS.

Gen. Elliott Quoted as Saying State is Undesirable for Recruiting.

San Francisco, Cal., June 28.—Brig. Gen. George F. Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, holds a pessimistic view of Californians. He is said to have explained the transporting of marines from the east to this coast by saying that "it is altogether undesirable to recruit men for the marine corps in California because of the large number of adventurers there."

San Francisco is the only large city in that country that has not a marine recruiting depot.

## FIGHT OVER REWARD.

A Boy and a Constable at New London Go into Court.

Mt. Pleasant, June 28.—A dispute between a boy named Foggy and Constable Parrott of New London, over who is to have a reward of \$25 is being tried today in the court at New London. Russell Canby of near Winfield had a horse stray away, and offered \$25 for its return. The boy found the horse, but did not know of the reward. The boy inquired, among others, of Mr.

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## SHELBY HAS BIG CROPS.

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## BRIDE 94; HER SIXTH HUSBAND.

Squaw of the Iowa Tribe Marries Indian Eighteen Years Her Junior.

Perkins, I. T., June 28.—Hickalachee, aged 76, and Theresa Roubidoux, aged 94, both members of the Iowa tribe of Indians, were married yesterday. Theresa is the youngest daughter of the founder of St. Joseph, Mo., and this is her sixth husband. Hickalachee served with distinction in the union army during the civil war.

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Bordentown, N. J., June 25.—Mrs. Josephine E. Tyler, of Crosswicks, and Henry B. Brown, justice of the supreme court of the United States, was married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary English. The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Scarborough, of New Jersey.

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Parrott, if he knew the owner of such a horse. The constable said he wanted a certain horse and would go with him to see the animal, and if it was the one he wanted he would give the boy five dollars.

The horse proved to be the one he wanted, and the one for which he knew the reward was offered. But in the meantime the boy found out about the reward for the horse, and they both claimed it, and were unable to agree upon a settlement, so Mr. Parrott has entered a suit against Mr. Canby for the \$25. Mr. Canby has paid the money into the hands of Mr. Beatty, to be paid to whoever is entitled to it.

## SAYS END IS DUE.

New York Evangelist Is Sure World Will End Very Soon.

New York, June 28.—In the opinion of Rev. John Robertson, Scotch evangelist who is preaching every night in a gospel tent, the end of the world is due at any minute. By his system of reasoning—induction, he calls it—judgment day is at hand and he warns all to prepare.

"The Coming of the Lord" was the text taken by Rev. Mr. Robertson. "He waits until every one is converted," said he.

"He'd never come back if he waited even for Chicago to be converted. Chicago can never be converted."

The Lord, he said, had so far visited earth three times. First as Creator, second as Lawgiver, when commandments were delivered to Moses, and thirdly as Jesus Christ.

"About two thousand years elapsed between each visit," said Mr. Robertson. "We say two thousand, but it was approximately less. According to the law of induction, He's about due now. He may come in ten minutes. He may come at midnight tonight."

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## TOO GOOD A WOODER.

O. C. Cook's Fall Said to Be Due to That Fact.

Fairfield, June 28.—(Special)—O. C. Cook, formerly a resident of Fairfield, and previously of Mt. Pleasant, where his parents now reside, is under arrest here on the charge of adultery.

Cook arrived here Sunday from Chicago, where he met Miss Goldie Salladay, of this city. Together they had started for Des Moines, where the girl says, Cook had promised to be married. For some reason best known to Cook they stopped at Batavia and he came to Fairfield. Mrs. Longenecker, a boarding house mistress who, it is said, Cook had promised to marry, had the man arrested on the charge above mentioned and he is to have his trial soon. Miss Salladay, who was formerly a stenographer in the office in Fairfield, was brought here from Batavia.

Made Love To Too Many. It is reported that Cook's greatest mistake was in making love to too many women. He has a wife and child in Mt. Pleasant, officers say, but left them some months ago and came here, later going to Minneapolis and thence to Chicago, where he is said to have won money at races. Then he went to Chicago and met Miss Salladay, whom he had known in Fairfield.

## AGED RESIDENT DEAD.

Andrew Gillen, Well Known Swedish Citizen Swishes Away.

Andrew Gillen, a well known and respected Swedish resident of the city, died last evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Nord, 603 Center avenue. Mr. Gillen was nearly 80 years of age and came to Ottumwa from Sweden seven years ago. He is survived by five sons and four daughters, Mrs. Nord, Mrs. L. Lindell, Carl, Otto and Albert Gillen of Ottumwa; Mrs. Esther Ingie, of Alleghany, Pa.; Gust Gillen, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. Ann Malstrom and Axel Gillen, of Sweden.

Funeral of Thomas W. German. The funeral services of the late Thomas W. German, who died at his home on East Court street, Saturday morning, were conducted from Trinity Episcopal church this morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. Hollister Lynch officiating. There were many beautiful floral tributes and a large concourse of friends accompanied the remains to their last resting place in the Ottumwa cemetery. The pallbearers were Ernest Mitchell, John K. Mahon, Judson Treneman, Carl Rauscher, George Fletcher, Ernest LeCompt.

## MORRELL PICNIC.

Oskaloosa, June 28.—The Oskaloosa Commercial club has extended a formal invitation to the Morrell packers' picnic, the Morrell Packers' Mutual Aid society, to hold their annual picnic, which occurs in August in this city. It is understood that the packers are very favorable to Oskaloosa as the location of their annual meeting.