

FIGHT NEAR MUKDEN TODAY MAY BE BEGINNING OF DECISIVE CAMPAIGN

WOUNDED MEN ARE BROUGHT INTO MUKDEN FROM THE FRONT.

FLANK ATTACK PLANNED

Japanese, Leaving a Garrison At Liao Yang, Prepare to Fight Russians Near Tie Pass—Port Arthur Garrison in Good Spirits and Determined to Make Stubborn Defense.

Mukden, Sept. 16.—Early this morning twenty-six wounded men belonging to Major General Mistschenko's Cossack division were brought into Mukden. It is not clear whether the fight in which they were wounded was simply an outpost affair or the beginning of the real advance on Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—General Kuropatkin reports that reconnaissances have established the fact that the Japanese are massing near Yentai and Bentsiaputze. Bodies of Japanese are also moving in the Liao river valley.

Contemplate Flank Attack.

Mukden, Sept. 15.—(Delayed)—According to information from Chinese sources the Japanese are leaving a garrison at Liao Yang and their main forces are moving out on the Russian flanks. The whole Chinese population of Liao Yang is working on the Japanese defenses there.

Task of Burying Dead Long One.

Until three days ago the Japanese had not finished burying or burning their dead around Liao Yang.

Chinese Grow Ungly.

The Chinese are becoming more unfriendly as the Japanese advance and the Japanese are importing their systems of administration at every town occupied by them.

Emperor Thanks Troops.

London, Sept. 16.—A dispatch from Mukden says a general order was issued by General Kuropatkin today and the following message from the emperor to the general was published: "I see from your report that you were unable to hold the fortress of Liao Yang owing to the enemy threatening to cut off your communications. A Splendid Retreat.

"The retreat of the whole army in such difficult circumstances and over such terrible roads was an operation excellently carried out in the face of grave difficulties. I thank you and your splendid troops for their heroic work and continued self sacrifice. May God guard you."

Grows More Independent.

Paris, Sept. 16.—The Matin today published an interview with Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister in London, who is quoted as saying: "Before the war we demanded that Russia recognize China's sovereignty over Manchuria. Today, after our victories and expenses, we are no longer content with our former demand. After the fall of Port Arthur our condition will be still more extreme and after taking Vladivostok they will be yet more so."

Next Battle at Tie Pass.

"The next battle will be at Tie Pass. We shall continue the hostilities throughout the winter."

Will Starve Russians.

"We have given up the plan of taking Port Arthur by assault and will compel its capitulation by famine. Its fall would free 50,000 men and enable them to reinforce our northern army, out we do not need them just now."

Port Arthur Garrison Hopeful.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—A telegram from Harbin says the following has been received from General Stoessel at Port Arthur: "Our garrison is in good spirits and there is no prospect of provisions failing. Port Arthur is prepared to make a long, obstinate defense. The Japanese are strongly fortifying their positions near Kin Chou isthmus and are entrenching before Port Arthur."

Chee Foo, Sept. 16.—The Japanese between September 8 and 10 captured a fort situated on a high hill two miles east of Golden Hill by assault. The fighting was not severe.

Powder is Worthless.

The Japanese were able to remain in the fort because of the quality of the powder used at Golden Hill was so poor that many shells fell short and others failed to explode.

Japs Undermine Forts.

The foregoing information was received from an intelligent Chinaman who left Port Arthur on September 12. He adds that the Japanese are tunneling under the Russian forts with the intention of blowing them up. He says the work will probably be unsuccessful.

Will Destroy Town.

The Russians have placed mines under all public buildings, the wharves, arsenals and everything that could

possibly be of any use to the Japanese, with the intention of causing their destruction should the Japanese enter the city.

Ammunition is Short.

Ammunition is growing scarcer but there is plenty of bread. Boston Sees No Foreigners. San Francisco, Sept. 16.—The cruiser Boston returned today from her short cruise outside of this harbor. She is not reported as having sighted any foreign naval vessels.

Ready for the Fray.

Mukden, Sept. 15.—(Delayed)—It is reported here that the Japanese are advancing on Mukden from the east. A strong force of Russians is ready to meet them.

CROWD BREAKS RECORD.

500,000 People Throng St. Louis Fair On "St. Louis Day."

St. Louis, Sept. 16.—The largest assemblage of people ever congregated within the confines of St. Louis thronged the world's fair grounds yesterday on account of "St. Louis Day." The exact number of admissions is not known, but estimates place the number in the neighborhood of 500,000. Secretary Stevens was most conservative in his estimate and said he was confident that at least 385,000 persons were in the grounds yesterday.

FEUD IN FLORIDA.

One Member of Mob Killed and Others Are Injured.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 16.—After two days' quiet in the country near Baxter and attack was made late last night on the posse which was guarding the home of William Baker, one of the participants in the alleged Duncan-Altman feud. One of the mob, Ellis Dowling was killed and several others were wounded. Deputy Sheriff Thrift was also wounded. A company of state militia has departed for Baxter.

INNOCENT MAN KILLED

JOHN NELSON OF AVERY SHOT TO DEATH BY OSKALOOSA BOY.

Oskaloosa, Sept. 16.—John Nelson, of Avery, a music teacher, was shot and killed at 6 o'clock last evening, two and a half miles northeast of this city by a 17-year-old lad named Jimmie Siebert. Nelson was hit in the lungs and lived but a short time. Young Siebert is under arrest.

The lad pursued Nelson under the impression that he was a scoundrel who came to his home to abduct his sister. The tragedy is the outcome of the Chas. Carpenter rape case now before the supreme court. Nelson approached the Siebert home in a buggy with Carpenter in the afternoon. Joe Siebert, seeing Carpenter, ran for a gun and opened fire on Carpenter. Nelson jumped from the rig and ran into the brush. The boy followed with another gun and fired the contents at the victim with fatal result.

Nelson was an innocent party and knew nothing of the trouble between Carpenter and Siebert. The boy supposed himself justified in thus defending his sister against the conspirators. Nelson was 29 years old and formerly lived at Eddyville.

BIRTH OF AN HEIR TO ITALY'S KING BRINGS JOY TO PRISONERS

Rome, Sept. 16.—To celebrate the birth of his heir the king has granted amnesty to all deserters and has shortened by six months the terms of imprisonment for certain crimes.

Son Born Last Night.

Racconigi, Italy, Sept. 16.—Queen Helena gave birth to a son at 11 o'clock last night at the royal palace here. Both mother and child are doing well. The infant has received the name of Humbert and the title of Prince of Piedmont.

There is joy in the royal household, as well as throughout Italy, over the birth of an heir to the throne, for it always has been the dearest wish of the young king and queen. Apart from the official glamor that surrounds them, however, they always have been more of "a happy young couple" than most sovereigns, simple in their home life and as unostentatious as the rigors of court etiquette will permit.

Devoted to Children.

They already had two children—the Princess Yolanda-Margherita-Milena, born June 1, 1901, and the Princess Mafalda-Maria-Elizabeth, born Nov. 19, 1902.

Queen Helena is 31 years old. She is the third of seven daughters of Prince Nicholas, lord of the Black Mountain Kingdom of Montenegro.

BABE DIES IN RUNAWAY

INFANT DAUGHTER OF BLAKESBURG BURNED IN STATE HIGHWAY.

Blakesburg, Sept. 16.—(Special)—The eight months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sander Pierson was fatally injured and its mother sustained a broken arm in a runaway accident at 6 o'clock last evening. The little child lived two hours after receiving the injuries but died at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Pierson, with her babe in her arms, was driving home from a visit to a neighboring farm last evening when her horse suddenly became unmanageable and began kicking. Mrs. Pierson bravely tried to subdue the animal but was handicapped by the child in her arms. The horse kicked completely over the dashboard of the vehicle and one of its hoofs crushed the little child's skull, knocking her from her mother's arms. Mrs. Pierson finally gained control of the beast but not until her arm had been broken. Forgetting her own pain, however, she ran to where her babe had fallen but was horrified to find the little body frightfully mangled and life almost extinct.

Friends cared for Mrs. Pierson and carried the little child to the family home. Physicians were hastily summoned but their fight was a hopeless one and two hours after the accident death relieved the little sufferer.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierson are well known and highly respected people living four miles north of Blakesburg. Their many friends sympathize deeply with them in their affliction.

A NATIONAL STRIKE.

Socialists in Italy Threaten to Tie Up Industries.

Rome, Sept. 16.—To protest against a conflict between the strikers and the police in which two strikers were killed, the socialists have decided on a general strike throughout Italy, which began today at Milan and threatens to spread through the whole peninsula. The government has taken extraordinary measures to suppress the strike and has stopped all telegrams bearing on it.

SAYS TAYLOR IS A TOOL

DES MOINES COLORED LAWYER DECLARES OTTUMWA IS A DEMOCRAT.

Des Moines, Sept. 16.—"Taylor is nothing more than a tool used by the democratic party to cut into the negro vote of the republicans," said H. J. Wright, the colored attorney, in speaking of Taylor's letter of acceptance. "I believe that the platform was inspired by the democratic national committee and that the money that will be used to conduct the campaign will be furnished by democrats."

Are Old Acquaintances.

"I have known George Taylor for twenty years. He has been a leading democrat for ten years. He was a delegate to the last state democratic convention held in this city, and was also in attendance at the national convention held at St. Louis."

"The negroes see through the ruse the democrats have tried to establish and Taylor's national liberty party will do little if it was hoped to accomplish."

Other prominent colored men in Des Moines agree with Mr. Wright and say Taylor is at heart a democrat and will swing few colored votes.

SEEKS AID IN PANIC.

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"The panic of 1893 was really a 'bleeding in disguise'; it was the cleaning up storm; it was the culmination of the storm period, and so purified methods that a better atmosphere has been breathed since. The western banker during these years was the target. His methods were criticised and his motives were often impugned. Had he not been a man with more than ordinary faith in his undertakings, he would have despaired. He had, however, faith in his ideas in himself, in his possibilities and in the country he was developing. He worked on with indomitable courage until his hopes ended in fruition."

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Popular With Subjects.

Essentially a womanly woman, the queen is perhaps the most attractive royal personage of the day, and certainly she is the most beloved and admired woman in the kingdom of Italy.

The queen's love of children is a popular tradition in Italy. The number of fat little "bambinos" who have felt the caress of her royal lips is beyond computation, and at the charity bazaars which she visits, it is always the baby-clothes booth that secures her earliest attention and patronage.

OUTLOOK IS GOOD

BANKERS, ESPECIALLY SOUTHERNERS, SAY NATION'S CONDITION IS SPLENDID.

PANAMA CANAL IS AN AID

Financiers See Prospect for An Increase in Business When the Isthmian Waterway is Put to Use—Westerners Talks of Panic of 1893.

New York, Sept. 16.—The election of officers was the principal event scheduled for the closing session of the American Bankers' convention today. Addresses were delivered by W. E. Schwegle of St. Louis, who spoke on "Credit Indemnity and Its Value to Banks," and by Ellis H. Roberts treasurer of the United States on "The Strength and Weakness of American Finance."

By the testimony of accredited experts all is well, commercially speaking throughout the United States. This information was rendered by foremost bankers of the nation, who rose in their places at yesterday afternoon's session of the American Bankers' association convention and gave five minute talks concerning the brand of prosperity prevailing in their sections of the union.

The impressive thing about this verbal symposium was the rosette views taken by southerners.

Southerners Are Optimistic.

"The development of our railroads, the output of our coal and iron mines, the value of our minerals, the wonderful yield of our cotton fields, the products of our mills and factories, the increasing wealth of our banks the ever diminishing heritage of illiteracy among us, and the growth of our schools and colleges give us the right to stand here today, not as a prodigal returned, but as the loving, loyal son," said Joseph G. Brown, president of the Citizens' National bank of Raleigh, N. C.

Hope in Canal.

"The future is radiant with hope," he continued. "The building of the great opening a shorter route and a great gateway to the teeming millions of the Orient, can but accelerate the already rapidly increasing commerce of our southern ports and stimulate trade in every line."

Other bankers from the south who reported in a similar vein were A. V. Lane, vice president of the National Exchange bank of Dallas, Texas; R. F. Maddox, Atlanta, Ga.; J. Wirt Randall, president of the Farmers' National bank, Annapolis, Md., and Fisher J. Wade of St. Louis, who spoke for the bank southward. Joseph C. Hendrix, former president of the National Bank of Commerce, New York, in glowing phrases pictured the good times in New York state and asserted the whole country was in a healthy condition financially.

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SEARCH IS GIVEN UP

Tramps, Not Train Robbers, Were Discovered By Farmer.

WINFIELD, IOWA, SEPT. 16.—IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT THE MEN DISCOVERED IN A STRAW STACK ON THE BEAMAN FARM NEAR HERE, WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THE ROCK ISLAND TRAIN ROBBERS, WERE TRAMPS. THE OFFICERS HAVE GIVEN UP THE SEARCH FOR THE MEN AND IT IS NOW THOUGHT THAT THEY HAVE ESCAPED INTO ILLINOIS.

THE SUSPICION IS GROWING THAT THE ROBBERS WERE MEMBERS OF THE PAT CROWE GANG WHICH HAS LOOTED MANY TRAINS ON THE ROCK ISLAND DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS.

AGED MAN ARRESTED

H. H. DISBROW, OF KEOSAUQUA, AGED 65 YEARS, CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Keosauqua, Sept. 16.—(Special)—H. H. Disbrow, of Keosauqua, was arrested yesterday on an indictment found at the present term of the district court, charging him with larceny by embezzlement. He has not yet entered a plea nor has he furnished bonds, set at \$1,000. Mr. Disbrow's arrest is a great surprise to the people of Keosauqua, where he has been a highly respected citizen for several years.

Trust Funds Disappear.

According to the charges preferred against Mr. Disbrow, he is alleged to have embezzled \$900 which he held as guardian for a minor. Judgment was entered against his sureties on the guardian's bond for \$1,000, a few days ago, \$100 being the penalty as provided by law. No explanation of the case can be given by Disbrow's friends.

In Business for Many Years.

Mr. Disbrow is about 65 years old and has been in the men's furnishing goods business in Keosauqua for the past twenty-five years.

suggested a few salient features, which are epitomized as follows:

"1. No bank of any kind should be allowed to open without ample paid-in capital as a guarantee fund before the innocent depositors entrust their funds with it."

"2. A limitation on loans to a certain percentage of capital, to which I will add surplus which is not included in the national currency act—to any one individual, firm or corporation."

"3. Requirements of reserves against liabilities. The cash reserves can consistently be lowest with the savings banks and trust companies, because their deposits are largely subject to time notice before payment. The time limit in times of trouble should be rigidly enforced, as it was lately in St. Louis where a foolish panic was undoubtedly prevented by prompt action in this respect."

"4. The rate of interest paid to depositors must be left to the individual bank and cannot be regulated by law. "It is just cause of some concern now that fierce competition in several quarters in this respect is likely to produce unpleasant results. Thrice within my forty-two years of banking experience, banks in a certain city mailed broadcast offers to pay interest on deposits in excess of the current legitimate rate paid by other banks. Depositors that took the bait within a year thereafter got bitten by a failure of every one of those three banks."

"5. The question of value of supervision of banks is simply beyond controversy as to beneficial results, and I will therefore pass it."

Mr. Frame said this last question was debated in San Francisco last year and that he stood for it, excepting as to details, and he asked why such great state banks as the Illinois Trust and Savings of Chicago, Bank of America, New York, of Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, should not be entitled to the same privilege.

Ticket Made Up.

The nominating committee at large made the following nominations for officers of the association last night and they were not opposed at the session of the convention today: President—E. F. Swinney, president First National bank, Kansas City. Vice president—John L. Hamilton, president Hamilton and Cunningham bank, Hoopstown, Ill.

Members of executive council—G. S. Whitson, vice president National City bank, New York City; Clark Williams, representing the trust company section, New York City; John Perry, American National bank, Indianapolis; F. E. Marcell, vice president National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis.

The state delegates nominated the following bankers for members of the executive council: E. P. Fancher, cashier First National bank, Cleveland. T. J. Fletcher, cashier First National bank, Marshalltown, Iowa. L. E. Parley, cashier Merchants and Planters' National bank, Montgomery, Ala.

William George, president Illinois Bankers' association, Aurora, Ill. F. E. Marshall, vice president National Bank of Commerce, St. Louis.

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RUSSIA BOWS TO WILL OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA AND REPLIES TO NOTE

ARGUMENTS ARE FINISHED.

Wisconsin Supreme Court Will Decide Republican Case September 27. Madison, Wis., Sept. 16.—The people of Wisconsin will probably learn a week from next Tuesday which republican state ticket is entitled to the badge of regularity. After listening to the arguments in the case for two days and a half, the supreme court adjourned today until September 27.

CORN CARNIVAL

IOWA'S GREAT STAPLE TO BE MADE LEADING FEATURE IN EXHIBITIONS.

Pavilion for Exhibition Purposes to be Built—Cash Prizes for Agricultural Products—Railroad Rates—About 25 Shows—Attractions Already Booked

From Friday's Daily

"We are going to make the agricultural feature a prominent one in the big Corn Carnival which we are planning for Ottumwa during the coming month," said one of the men who are engaged in making the preliminary preparations and arrangements for the carnival. The men interested in the matter are working in connection with the members of the retail merchants' association, and it is their intention to give Ottumwa such a unique and interesting affair that people will be drawn from the entire surrounding country and from all neighboring towns.

Corn the Feature.

"Corn is to be the great feature of the carnival," said the speaker. "Of course there will be other agricultural products exhibited but corn, (Iowa's great staple) will be the principal feature in the decorations and in the prize contests. We are going to offer cash prizes and put the management of the exhibition and the contests in the hands of practical farmers."

"There will be about twenty-five attractions and a committee is going to Galesburg this week to investigate the attractions offered by the Dodge Bowman company. If they come up to expectations the company will be engaged. Several other good attractions are already booked."

"It is the intention to locate the attractions between Second and Main streets from Jefferson on the east to Marion street on the west. Traffic on either Second or Main street will not be interfered with and only the cross streets will be used as carnival streets."

Interest Other Towns.

"We are planning to interest other towns wherever it is possible by engaging their bands and any amusement features they may possess to play in connection with the local musicians. The necessary stops have already been taken to secure good cheap rates within a large radius on all the roads."

To Build Pavilion.

"A pavilion for the exhibition of agricultural products will be built on one of the streets. This will be about 100 feet long. A meeting of the retail merchants' association will soon be held and it is expected that the corn carnival will be taken up and that the work of preparing for it will be fully planned and mapped out."

HOLD-UP IN MISSOURI.

Two Masked Men Rob Burlington Agent at Wheeling.

Chillicothe, Mo., Sept. 14.—Night Agent Clem was held up and robbed of \$12 by two masked men at the Burlington station at Wheeling, this county, early Tuesday morning. One of the hold-ups pointed a revolver through the window and forced the agent to hand out the money while the other kept watch. The robbers have escaped. They are supposed to be the white man and negro who escaped from the Adair county jail at Kirksville ten days ago.

FOODSTUFFS AND FUEL TO BE VIEWED AS "CONDITIONALLY" CONTRABAND OF WAR.

PRIZE COURT NOTIFIED

Czar's Government Issues Orders to Naval Commanders and Tribunals Explaining the Misinterpretation of International Law Which Has Caused Trouble to Neutral Nations.

Marseilles, Sept. 16.—A steamer which arrived here today from Indo China reports that the steamer San Gottardo, flying the American flag, which sailed from Norfolk, Va., September 3, recently arrived at Singapore loaded with cannon and dynamite concealed under coal and destined for the Japanese. The Indo China press asserts that this use of the American flag is unwarranted as the steamer is owned in Japan.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—Russia has given her answer to the American and British notes on the subject of contraband war. Her answer was communicated to ambassador Harding after a meeting with Foreign Minister Lamdorff and bears out the predictions on the subject by the Associated Press.

Russia Accepts Others' Views.

The ambassador was informed in effect that the government has agreed to view as a "conditionally contraband" character foodstuffs and fuel and that supplementary instructions have been issued to the Russian naval commanders and the prize court calling their attention to the misinterpretation which had been placed upon the laws.

Effect of New Instructions.

In effect the new instructions will place the burden of the proof that foodstuffs, etc., are designed for belligerent purposes upon the captor. The new instructions will involve a reversal of the judgment of the Vladivostok prize court by the admiralty court in the case of provisions confiscated.

Direct Answer Tomorrow.

A direct answer to the American note is expected tomorrow.

Provisions for the Lena.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Acting Secretary of State Adee last evening gave out the following statement regarding the Russian ship Lena, now in San Francisco: "The President has today issued an order, through the acting secretary of state, directing that the Russian armed transport, Lena, now at San Francisco, be taken in custody by the naval authorities of the United States and disarmed."

"The main features of the conditions prescribed are that the Lena be taken to the Mare Island navy-yard and there disarmed by removal of small guns, breech blocks of large guns, small arms, ammunition and ordnance stores and such other dismantlement as may be prescribed by the commandant of the navy-yard; that the captain give a written guarantee that the Lena shall not leave San Francisco until peace shall have been concluded."

Crew is to be Paroled.

"It is also provided that the officers and crew shall be paroled not to leave San Francisco until some other understanding as to their disposal may be reached between the United States government and both the belligerents; that after disarmament the vessel may be removed to a private dock for such reasonable repairs as will make her seaworthy and preserve her in good condition during her detention and may be so repaired at the navy yard if the Russian commander should so elect; that while at a private dock the commandant of the navy yard at Mare Island shall have custody of the ship and the repairs shall be overseen by an engineer officer to be detailed by the commandant and that when so repaired, if peace shall not then have been concluded, the vessel shall be taken back to the Mare Island navy yard and be there held in custody until the end of the war."

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Leonard Elliott Unable to Rally After Amputation of Limbs.

Creighton, Sept. 16.—(Special)—Leonard Elliott, the young man who was run over while trying to board an engine at Cromwell Wednesday evening, died in this city last night. He was unable to rally after having both limbs amputated.

Cudahy-Morton Marriage.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Secretary and Mrs. Morton have taken the residence of Mrs. Matthew S. Quay, 1612 K street, for the coming season. The marriage of Miss Jean Morton, niece of the secretary of the navy and Mrs. Morton, and Joseph Cudahy, son of Michael Cudahy, of Chicago, will occur October 1 at Arbor lodge, the estate of the late Hon. J. Sterling Morton. Miss Pauline Morton, daughter of the secretary, will be one of the cousin's bridesmaids.