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TWO GREAT ARMIES ARE PREPARING FOR CLASH

A FIERCE BATTLE AT OR NEAR MUKDEN IS EXPECTED SOON.

MINOR FIGHTS OCCUR

Though Japanese General Advance Has Not Yet Begun Outpost Skirmishes Are of Daily Occurrence.—No Great Battle Is Expected for Several Days.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—While the war officers advise today do not indicate that Oyama's main armies have yet resumed their forward movement, advance detachments of Japanese are feeling out the strength and disposition of the Russian forces and Japanese flanking columns are already pressing northward.

Mukden Battle Expected.

The reports that a battle at Mukden is imminent are, however, regarded as premature. All that seems to be definitely established is that Oyama is again essaying to flank Kuropatkin from the east.

Japs Try to Take Da Pass.

The Japanese force is seeking to obtain control of the roads leading twenty to thirty miles east of Mukden. Yesterday they attempted to seize Da Pass, on the road to Fushun. In order to turn the Russian left, but they were repulsed.

New Troops Summoned.

In addition to two Russian corps already mobilizing seven other corps are to be called to colors.

Russians Hold Da Pass.

General Kuropatkin telegraphs that the Japanese yesterday twice attacked a position occupied by the Russians in Da Pass and that they were repulsed and their turning movement checked by the Russian cavalry with machine guns.

Quiet Continues at Front.

Kuropatkin declared that the situation at the front was unchanged. The most reliable information does not indicate a resumption of the Japanese offensive attitude for some days.

Japs Not Across the Hun.

Reports that General Kuroki had crossed the Hun river at Fushun turn out to be false. The Russians strongly hold the road to Fushun and Bentzapuzhe and it is pointed out that if the Japanese had occupied Fushun the Russians would have been compelled to evacuate the city, since Fushun is nearer to Da Pass than is Mukden.

Battle at Mukden Expected.

Tokio, Sept. 21.—The impression is growing generally that an engagement will take place at Mukden. Kuropatkin is evidently preparing to make a determined resistance to any attempt to dispossess him and is entrenching and constructing defenses.

Armies Ready for Fray.

Both armies are now rested, having recovered from the effects of the fight at Liao Yang and are in a condition to fight.

Roads Are Drying.

The weather too, is favorable for military operations. The roads are drying and the Japanese are speedily restoring the railway. There is much speculation now as to the extent of the fall and winter campaign.

Plans for the Winter.

It is generally thought that Oyama will continue pressing Kuropatkin back until the winter falls and will then strongly guard his advance line until spring.

New Attack on Port Arthur.

A renewal of the attack upon Port Arthur on newer and more aggressive lines is expected this week and it is predicted that the reduction of the fortress will be accomplished within ten days or a fortnight.

Spoils at Liao Yang Grow.

The spoils taken at Liao Yang continue to grow. Kuroki reports the capture of four miles of railway rails and 200 tons of coal.

Outpost Skirmishes.

Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, Sept. 20.—(Delayed.)—The Japanese are slowly pushing northward. The outposts are in touch near Yentai and skirmishes between the outposts and patrol parties occur daily.

To Fight for Mines.

FIRE AT MONTREAL.

Damage Amounting to \$750,000 Results From Conflagration Today. Montreal, Can., Sept. 21.—The buildings of the Canada Hardware Co., the Canadian branch of the London thread trust and Chaput & Co., wholesale grocery and liquor store, burned today. The loss is estimated at \$750,000.

EXTRA!

WHOLE TOWN DESTROYED.

Oakley, Kans., Loses Sixteen of Her Seventeen Store Buildings.

Kansas City, Sept. 21.—Oakley, Kans., a small place on the Union Pacific railroad, has been entirely destroyed by fire. Sixteen business buildings were burned and only one store is left standing.

owing to the receipt from foreign sources of news that a general storming of the fortifications there has begun. A few belated telegrams from General Stossel, the commander at Port Arthur, published Tuesday afternoon, recording the repulse of the Japanese and continual attacks, strengthen confidence in the ability of the defenders to hold out despite the furious onslaughts being made on them. The last attack mentioned by General Stossel took place on the night of September 14, and was directed against redoubt No. 8, which protects the water supply of the city. The redoubt is about two miles beyond the line of permanent forts, and the attack upon this shows that the Japanese were not then within striking distance of the main fortress. Reports from Shanghai that some of the defenses had fallen into the hands of the Japanese as a result of a general assault on September 20, are not confirmed from Russian sources.

MYSTERIOUS FIRES.

Farmer of Green Mountain Insane and House Is Burned.

Marshalltown, Sept. 21.—(Special)—T. J. Wilken a well known farmer of Green Mountain was arrested for insanity late yesterday afternoon. Half an hour after he was taken from his home his house was discovered in flames and burned to the ground. Wilken lived directly across the road from John Knight, who has suffered several heavy fire losses in the past few years.

TOO MUCH LEARNING.

United States Will Stop Telling the World All About American Navy.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Because it is believed that the foreign governments are learning entirely too much regarding the inside workings of the American navy from the annual reports, a change will be made this year in the preparation of the reports and much that has hitherto been included in these papers will be omitted.

BISMARCK FUNERAL SERVICE.

Distinguished Company Pays Respects to Memory of Dead Prince.

Friedrichsruhe, Sept. 21.—A simple funeral service over the remains of Prince Herbert Bismarck, who died on Sunday, took place today, in the presence of a distinguished company, including representatives of the German sovereigns and the diplomatic corps.

WILL MAINTAIN HEADQUARTERS.

Tax Imposed by Patriarchs Militant for Marengo Office.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—The international council of the Patriarch Militant has decided to impose a new tax of twenty-five cents for the purpose of assisting in maintaining headquarters of the order at Marengo, Iowa.

BANK MAKES MARRIAGE RULE.

Forbids Clerks Taking Wife Until Earning \$1,400 a Year.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 21.—The bank of British North America, with branches all over the country, has made a rule that none of its clerks can marry unless he is earning at least \$1,400 a year.

THE ARMY IS OVERMARRIED SAYS GENERAL H. C. CORBIN

Washington, Sept. 21.—That no army officer be permitted to marry until he has first secured the permission of the secretary of war and satisfied that official that his income is sufficient to support himself and family and that he is entirely free from debt, is the recommendation of Major General Henry C. Corbin, adjutant general commanding the Atlantic division, and department of the east, which has just been issued at the war department. Regarding marriage in the army, General Corbin says:

"I desire to reiterate in effect what I have formerly said on this subject, which statement, however, has been misread, misquoted and misunderstood: "Marriages of army officers, who have made no proper provision for assuming the responsibility thereof, is hurtful both to the army and to the officers themselves. To this broad statement there are, of course, exceptions, as there are to all broad statements, but the general fact remains that our army is overmarried. The pay of a subaltern officer is barely enough for his proper support and the expenses of his equipment and uniform. If to this is added the inevitable expenses attached to the family, it is not only probable, but almost certain, that when an officer strikes his balance at the end of the year he will be behind if he has no income but his pay.

PETER IS CROWNED

NEW KING OF SERBIA IS HAILED AS RULER BY THE NATION.

TRAGEDY IS FORGOTTEN

The Coronation Services Are Carried Out Without the Slightest Untoward Incident That Might Remind People of Murder of Alexander and Draga.

Belgrade, Servia, Sept. 21.—The coronation of King Peter took place this morning. No untoward incident occurred and no attempt to carry out the numerous threats against the new king's life was made.

Recent Tragedy Is Forgotten.

In solemn ritual of the Greek church which lasted three hours, and in the elaborate state procession which preceded and followed the coronation of Peter Karageorgevitch, the tragedy of Serbia's previous ruler found no echo, and King Alexander's murder was at least outwardly forgotten.

Celebration Begins at Dawn.

Here and in every garrison town of Serbia the dawn of the day was marked by a salute of twenty-one guns and before the sun was well up King Peter on horseback rode out from the palace.

Dense Crowd Views Ceremonies.

A brilliant procession then started for the cathedral through troop lined streets. Behind the soldiers were packed dense crowds, who in spite of the rainy weather, stood awaiting to see the king.

Colorado Democrats Meet Today.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 21.—Senator Henry M. Teller was temporary chairman of the democratic state convention which assembled here today to nominate presidential electors. A congressman-at-large and a full state ticket. In his address he outlined the policy of the party in this campaign.

EXTRA!

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TWO BIG DAYS

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St. Louis, Sept. 21.—A military parade and receptions at the Illinois building given by Governor Yates, together with special exercises, constitute the feature of Illinois' celebration at the world's fair, which commenced today and will continue throughout tomorrow. Governor Yates was met by a battalion of the Illinois National Guard and escorted to the state pavilion. A dress parade of the Illinois troops on the Plaza of St. Louis was followed by a concert by a military band from Jacksonville. This evening there will be a reception and dance in the Illinois state building.

TO TEST NEW LAW.

Standard Oil Co. Made Defendant in Anti-Trust Case.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 21.—The state today at Gallatin began suit against the Standard Oil Co. on the charge of violating the anti-trust law passed by the last legislature.

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HERRICK IS CHOSEN

DEMOCRATS OF NEW YORK MAKE HIM THEIR GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 21.—The democratic leaders of New York this morning after a prolonged discussion agreed upon Justice D. Cady Herrick, of Albany, as the candidate for governor, and Francis Burton Harrison for lieutenant governor.

The Platform.

When the convention reconvened, Permanent Chairman Duncan C. Lee made a speech, after which the platform was read and adopted. The platform is chiefly devoted to state issues, and Governor Odell and his administration are denounced and condemned in severe terms. The national platform is endorsed as a complete exposition of democratic principles and policies upon all the living issues of the present time.

Support Parker and Davis.

"We approve the sound sentiments so admirably expressed by our national candidates in their speeches of acceptance," it continues. The electoral vote of state is unhesitatingly promised to Parker and Davis.

Nomination Unanimous.

Former Governor, Hill presented the name of Justice Herrick for governor. He was nominated by the secretary casting a single ballot for the convention.

The other nominations were:

For lieutenant governor — Francis Burton Harrison. For secretary of state — John Wallace, Jr. For attorney general — John Cullen. For treasurer — William Muench. For comptroller — George Hall. For state engineer — Thos. H. Stryker.

For chief judge, court of appeals—Edgar M. Cullen.

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TRAINMEN ARE KILLED

ILLINOIS CENTRAL'S DIAMOND SPECIAL IS WRECKED AT BARCLAY, ILL.

SWITCH TAMPERED WITH

Lock Was Broken and Light on the Switch Stand Was Extinguished—Train on Norfolk & Western Road Ditched by Spreading Rails.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 21.—The Diamond Special passenger train on the Illinois Central was wrecked at Barclay, seven miles from here today and thirteen coaches were derailed.

Fireman Is Killed.

The fireman was killed and the engineer was seriously injured. None of the passengers were hurt except one who was slightly injured.

Switch Tampered With.

A switch had apparently been tampered with for the purpose of wrecking the train. The lock had been removed and the light extinguished.

Think Wreck No Accident.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—At the general offices of the Illinois Central here the accident to the Diamond Special is attributed to maliciousness. The Diamond Special is the same train that was held up and robbed a few weeks ago at Litchfield, Ill.

Spreading Rails Cause Wreck.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 21.—A Norfolk & Western passenger train was wrecked today at Lockburn, by the spreading of the rails. None of the passengers were injured.

Engineer Dead, Fireman Dying.

The engineer, Wm. D. Simonton, of Columbus, was burned to death, and fireman Kyle, of Columbus, was fatally scalded.

WANT BETTER CONDITIONS.

People of Congo Free State Ask Roosevelt to Aid Them.

London, Sept. 21.—E. D. Morel, secretary of the Congo Reform association, called for New York today with the double purpose of presenting a memorial to President Roosevelt urging him to join in an international movement for bringing about a change in the conditions of the Congo Independent State and to participate in the discussion of this question at the Boston peace congress.

FAST HORSES AT WHAT CHEER.

Every Race of Fair Soon to Open There Has Many Entries.

What Cheer, Sept. 21.—The largest field of track horses is congregated here ever seen at this fair. Over seventy-five head are here and more coming. Every race has from eight to sixteen starters and the speed department will be the greatest treat ever witnessed here.

TOPEKA IN THE WESTERN.

Kansas Capital City Takes the Place of St. Joseph Next Year.

Des Moines, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Topeka takes the place of St. Joseph in the eighth town Western league for 1905. Pueblo and Victor, Colorado, the other two towns, acceded to Tom Burns of Colorado Springs and their population will allow Colorado Springs to be a member of the league.

WANT LONDON DRAFTS.

Augustinian Friars Repudiate Agreement Between Pope Leo and Taft.

Manila, Sept. 21.—The Augustinian friars have repudiated the agreement made in Rome between the late Pope Leo, and former Governor Taft, that money paid by United States in purchase of friars' land should remain in the islands, and have requested payments to them be made in drafts on London.

GOLDEN RELEASED.

Business Agent of Packing House Teamsters Is at Liberty.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 21.—George F. Golden, business agent for the Packing House Teamsters' union who was held to the grand jury on the charge of intimidation during the stock yards strike, was released today on a writ of habeas corpus.

BURGULARS' RICH HAUL.

Thieves Loot Plant of Parker Pen Co. at Janesville, Wis.

Janesville, Wis., Sept. 21.—The plant of the Parker Pen Co., was looted by thieves last night. A thousand dollars' worth of pens and a large sum of money was obtained by the burglars.

SECRETARY WILSON SAYS CORN CROP IS NORMAL

SNOW IN ADIRONACKS. Temperature Falls Below Freezing Point At Mountain Resorts.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Sept. 21.—A light snow fell for an hour today at Saranac Lake and other Adirondack points. The temperature fell below the freezing point.

EXTRA!

LIGHTNING KILLS FIVE.

Strikes Oil Tank at Port Arthur, Tex., Causing Fatal Explosion.

Port Arthur, Texas, Sept. 21.—Lightning today struck an oil tank of the Texas oil refinery and an explosion followed killing five workmen and fatally injuring another.

CONSECRATED BISHOP.

Rev. M. C. Lenihan Honored at Dubuque — Many Divines Attend.

Dubuque, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Rev. M. C. Lenihan of Marshalltown, was consecrated bishop of Great Falls Mont., today. Archbishop Keane presided and Archbishop Ireland delivered the sermon. A hundred bishops and priests were present.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

This market is furnished by the Cassidy Commission company, members Chicago board of trade. Local office rooms 28 and 30, Hoffmann block. C. French, local manager.

Wheat—Open. High Low. Close Sept. 1.06 1/2 1.07 1/2 1.06 1/2 1.06 1/2 Dec. 1.08 1/2 1.10 1.08 1.09 May 1.10 1/2 1.11 1.10 1.10 1.10

Corn—Sept. 52 52 1/2 51 52 Dec. 50 50 1/2 49 50 1/2 May 50 50 1/2 49 1/2 49 1/2

Port—Sept. 30 31 30 30 30 Dec. 32 32 31 31 31 May 34 34 34 34 34

Oct. 11 11 17 17 11 17 Jan. 13 13 13 13 13 13

Lard—Sept. 7.15 7.27 7.10 7.15 Oct. 7.32 7.37 7.27 7.30

Short Ribs—Sept. 7.55 7.65 7.50 7.52 Oct. 6.85 6.95 6.80 6.80

Northwestern Receipts. Today. Last wk. Last yr. Duluth . . . 162 85 52 Minneapolis . . 444 252 311

Wheat, 72 cars; corn, 237 cars; oats, 92 cars. Estimated Receipts Tomorrow. Wheat, 164 cars; corn, 385 cars; oats, 185 cars.

Wheat today 1,054,000 bushels and last year 570,000 bushels; corn today 748,000 bushels and last year 412,000 bushels.

MARKETS BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Chicago Live Stock Markets. Chicago, Sept. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; good to steady, others dull; good to prime, \$5.50@5.65; poor to medium, \$3.50@5.15; stockers, \$2.25@4.00; cows, \$1.50@4.50; Texans, \$3.50@5.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 21,000; 5c lower; mixed butchers, \$5.70@6.25; good to choice heavy, \$6.00@6.15; rough heavy \$5.60@5.90; light, \$5.75@6.25; bulk sales, \$5.85@6.05.

Sheep — Receipts, 25,000; steady; \$3.60@4.15; lambs weak, \$3.00@6.00.

Chicago Produce Market. Chicago, Sept. 21.—Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.15; No. 3 red, \$1.10@1.13; No. 2 hard, \$1.10@1.12 1/2; No. 3 hard, \$1.02@1.09; Dec. opened, \$1.08 1/2@1.08 1/2; highest, \$1.10; lowest, \$1.08 1/2; closing, \$1.09; May, \$1.10 1/2.

Corn—No. 2 and No. 2 white, 52 1/2@52 1/2; No. 3 and No. 3 white, 52 1/2@52 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 54 1/2@54 1/2; Dec. opened, 50 1/2@50 1/2; highest, 51; lowest, 50 1/2; closing, 50 1/2@50 1/2; May, 49 1/2@49 1/2.

Oats—No. 2 2 1/2@3 1/2; No. 3, 30 1/2; No. 2 white, 33@33 1/2; No. 3 white, 32@32 1/2; Dec. opened, 32 1/2; highest, 32 1/2@32 1/2; lowest, 31 1/2; closing, 31 1/2; May, 34.

Pork—Sept. \$11.37; Jan., \$13.10. Lard—Sept. \$7.15; Jan., \$7.35. Ribs—Sept. \$7.52; Jan., \$6.80@6.82. Rye—Sept. 73. Timothy—\$2.80@2.82 1/2. Clover—\$11.75@11.85. Barley—Cash, \$7@56.

Chicago Butter and Egg Market. Chicago, Sept. 21.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 14@19; dairies, 12 1/2@16. Eggs—Firm; 14@17 1/2.

Chicago Poultry Market. Chicago, Sept. 21.—Poultry—Steady; turkeys, 12; chickens, 10 1/2; springs, 11.

New York Poultry Market. New York, Sept. 21.—Poultry—Alive, quiet; chickens, 12; fowls, 12 1/2; turkeys, 12; dressed, weak; chickens, 12@12 1/2; fowls, 12 1/2; turkeys, 14@15.

New York Produce Market. New York, Sept. 21.—Wheat—Dec., \$1.12 1/2@1.12 1/2. Corn—Dec., 56 1/2.

St. Louis Produce Market. St. Louis, Sept. 21.—Wheat — Dec., \$1.12 1/2. Corn—Dec., 47 1/2@47 1/2. Oats—Dec., 32.

Peoria Produce Market. Peoria, Sept. 21.—Corn—No. 3, 52 1/2.

HEAD OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS OPTIMISTIC.

DANGER NOT ALL PAST

A Killing Frost May Reduce the Crops 1,000