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RUSSIANS LOSE THOUSAND MEN

Gen'l Kuropatkin Reports Heavy Losses In Fight on August 26.

St. Petersburg, August 27.—The Russian casualties are placed at over a thousand men in the report of General Kuropatkin relative to the fighting near Liao Yang yesterday. The Japanese also sustained a serious loss. While twenty-four of their guns have been put out of action, General Kuropatkin reports that the fighting Aug. 26, was in all parts of theater operations.

Liaoyang, Aug. 27.—A big battle commenced Thursday twenty miles east of Liaoyang and still continues. The Russian front from the Taitse river south was engaged.

Fighting is also under way at Liandianshan, twenty-three miles south east of Liaoyang. The Japanese are attacking.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—A dispatch from Liaoyang under date of Aug. 25 says the Japanese eastern forces began a forward movement Aug. 24, eight companies going on the main Liaoyang road in the direction of Liandianshan.

The Russian outposts held their position, the fight continuing Thursday. The result is not stated, but it is understood the Second and Twelfth Japanese guards divisions are participating.

Paris, Aug. 27.—A dispatch to the Temps from Liaoyang, dated Thursday, says that on the previous day the Japanese made a reconnaissance to within about twenty-five miles of Liaoyang. After an artillery and infantry

engagement the Japanese fell back. Thursday they attempted another reconnaissance in force. The engagement lasted all day, the Japanese again retiring.

BALTIC FLEET MOVES.

Leaves Cronstadt Preparatory to Starting for Far East.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—The Baltic fleet has left Cronstadt on a trial cruise. The fleet consists of the battleships Souvaroff, flag ship; Borodino, Alexander III, Oslabla and Orsk; the cruisers Dmitri Donskoi, Aurora, Zemtchuga, Izarud and Almaz and the transports Okean and Kamchatka, with a number of torpedo boat destroyers.

While it is officially stated that the fleet is bound on a trial cruise it is believed by many people that the ships will not return to Cronstadt unless in the case of a serious breakdown, but that they will put into Ljba, where they will be joined by auxiliary cruisers, colliers and torpedo boat destroyers, built at Ljba and Reval, and there await their ultimate start for the Far East.

PROGRESS IS SLOW

Committee of Chicago Aldermen Seeks to Settle Packing- House Strike.

Strikers Explain the Situation At Length But Insist on Eirst Demands.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Union leaders and packers during the day conferred with the committee appointed by the city council to seek terms of settlement for the stock yards strike. Separate sessions were arranged. President Michael Donnelly of the butcher workmen, Matthew Carr of the allied trades conference board and Organizer John J. Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor were selected to represent the unions. President Donnelly was hopeful.

"In spite of all that has been said," he asserted, "I believe the packers are weary of fighting us and will be willing to agree to terms."

The packers gathered at the offices of Nelson Morris & Co., where a conference on the proposed attempt to settle the strike by the aldermen was discussed. The conference was a private one, but Alderman Thomas Carey was admitted and remained for almost an hour.

Right Catholic clergymen, led by the Rev. Edward Kelly of St. Cecilia's church, held a conference with President Donnelly. Several of the clergymen had come from other cities. After conferring with the Rev. Father Kelly they decided to offer their services toward a settlement of the strike. It was reported that in every city great suffering was resulting from the strike. No word of the outcome of the conference was given out.

Harrison Discusses Situation.

"It is a game of checkers," said Mayor Harrison at the end of an hour's conference with President Donnelly's committee.

"The strikers have not changed their position," said the mayor, "and the meeting resulted only in the aldermen being given a full explanation of what the position is. President Donnelly told of the history of the original strike, the agreement to resume work and the strikers' side of the renewal of the strike."

The mayor said he expected another meeting with the strike leaders after dismissing the packers' representatives. So long as there appeared a hope of results, he said, the meetings with the contending interests would be continued.

Special Agent Elshbert Stewart of the federal department of commerce and labor was present at the conference with the strike leaders. He had presented a written request to the mayor, who had referred the question to Stewart's admittance to the strike leaders and to the committee of aldermen.

"To report to my department any developments of the conference," was Mr. Stewart's explanation of his request for permission to attend the meeting. There was no opposition to Stewart's admittance from either the council members or strike leaders.

OFFICERS ON THE TRAIL.

Murderer of Wisconsin Sheriff Hiding in Swamp.

La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 27.—Sheriff Leuth has received a report that Lon Smith, the fugitive murderer of Sheriff Harris of Hudson, Wis., is in hiding in the swamps along Black river between that stream and the Mississippi of French island. The sheriff is organizing a posse to capture the murderer.

Fifty deputies will be armed and sent to the island at once in an effort to capture the criminal, who is known to be in desperate circumstances from lack of food and continued hiding in the swamps along the two rivers.

WILL TIE UP ALL PORTS.

French Dock Laborers Present an Ultimatum.

Marseilles, Aug. 27.—The striking dock laborers and marine workers, who have completely tied up marine traffic, have presented an ultimatum demanding the general adoption of eight hours' work without a diminution of wages. Unless it is accepted by Monday the marine workers of all the ports of France will be ordered to strike. An appeal is also made to the government, which with it is reported, consider the question at the cabinet meeting Monday.

FLAMES CONTINUE TO RAGE.

Blaze in Louisiana Oil Fields Cannot Be Extinguished.

Crowley, La., Aug. 27.—The fire in the Mamou oil fields is still burning in the Morse wells, No. 7 and 8, and all work has been abandoned by order of the company and every workman in the field is helping to make arrangements to smother the fire with steam. The oil being burned is worth \$400 an hour and the loss already amounts to \$200,000.

Race Between Cruisers.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 27.—The United States cruisers Columbia, Minneapolis, Prairie and Topeka sailed for Hampton Roads, Va., during the afternoon. The voyage will take the form of a race between the Columbia and Minneapolis, as the navy department wishes to determine what is the best speed the two warships can make at the present time.

Two Iowans Are Drowned.

Clinton, Ia., Aug. 27.—Peter Holling, aged twenty-three years, and John Otto, thirty-five years old, while scuffling in a boat upset it and both were drowned. Two other men in the boat were rescued by boys in a skiff.

IN EVENT OF VICTORY.

Japs Will Claim All Dismantled Russian Warships.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister here, called on Acting Secretary of State Ladd during the day to talk over the settlement of the questions connected with the presence of the two Russian warships in the harbor of Shanghai. The minister expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the negotiations in the agreement to disarm the vessels and lay them up during the war, but he regarded it as essential that the completeness of the disarmament of the ships be established to the satisfaction of the Japanese government through a personal inspection of the craft by a Japanese naval officer designated for that purpose. As this course was pursued in the case of the Czarevitch at Tsingtau, the German port on the Shandong peninsula without objection from Russian quarters, it is expected that consent also will be given to the examination of the Askold and Grozovoi at Shanghai. It is intimated here that there are two reasons why the Japanese government is not disposed to press its original objections against the course pursued by the Russian vessels in taking refuge in this fashion in the Chinese treaty ports and insist on its right to cut them out. The first is that Japan, more than any other country at the moment, desires to maintain in full force the agreement to preserve neutrality and thereby avoid entangling powers at present neutral in the struggle now going on. The second reason is that, expecting an ultimate victory over Russia, the Japanese contemplate the inclusion in the peace treaty of a provision for the surrender of Japan of all the Russian naval vessels dismantled and laid up in Chinese ports, as well as all that may be found in Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION.

Advices to the Russian War Office Very Meager.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—The advices of the war office from the front are very meager. In fact they are confined to a report dated Aug. 24, giving an account of the advance of the Japanese column of 50,000 men along the main road towards Liaoyang, which began at daybreak Aug. 24. The Japanese drove in the Russian outposts and when the column reached a point a couple of miles west of Liandianshan the Japanese attempted to install batteries, but they met with such a hot fire that they only succeeded in placing one battery, which was soon compelled to change its position. At the moment of sending the dispatch the Japanese had suspended operations. The war office has no news of the reported attack on Anshanshan and the general staff is by no means satisfied that the eastern movement of the Japanese is more than a feint.

DRIVE BACK RUSSIANS.

Japs Oust Port Arthur Defenders From All but Three Forts.

Chefoo, Aug. 27.—Golden hill, White Marble mountain and Liaoti mountain, according to Chinese advices dated the night of Aug. 25, are now the only main forts securely held by the Russians at Port Arthur. Others are occupied by them, but they are subjected to an artillery fire which renders their tenure uncertain. Fort No. 5, which has frequently been reported taken by the Japanese and retaken by the Russians, is again declared to be in the hands of the Japanese.

A rumor, having some points indubitable, says that the new European section of Port Arthur is in flames. Owing to the mud and brick construction of the buildings, however, it is probable that the fire is not general.

It is said that the Japanese are using guns taken from the harbor defenses of Kobe, Nagasaki and Yokohama. These guns, numbering 300, are of heavy calibre.

A junk, which left Port Arthur on Aug. 22, reports that the Russian wounded at that date numbered 5,000 and that the Japanese occupied the heights near Chaochanko. It is further reported that boys are fighting in the Russian ranks now.

Diana Will Not Be Disarmed. St. Petersburg, Aug. 27.—No decision has been reached, so far as known here, by the French authorities regarding the duration of the stay of the Russian cruiser Diana at Saigon, French Indo-China. It is understood here that her injuries are not serious and if France demands her disarmament she will put to sea and possibly return to European waters.

Incident Regarded as Closed. Washington, Aug. 27.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Rear Admiral Yates Sterling, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, dated Shanghai, saying that the situation there is quiet and that he regards the incident of the disarmament of the Russian ships as closed.

HAS BENEFICIAL EFFECT. Assurances Regarding American Policy in Panama. Washington, Aug. 27.—It is learned that the American minister to Panama, John Barrett, acting under instructions from the state department, has assured the Panama government that the United States will do nothing in its interpretation of the treaty regarding the troublesome port question which is in any way inconsistent with the honor and true interests of both countries and that it will not adopt any permanent policy as to the main issue involved in the port matter without fully conferring with the Panamanian authorities. This announcement has had a good effect in the isthmus.

SEEKS AN INJUNCTION

John J. Kempf Objects to Removal Of His Name From La- Follette Ticket.

Sensational Charges By Candidate For Re-Election as State Treasurer.

Milwaukee, Aug. 27.—Further communications have been added to the La Follette Republican state ticket by an action begun during the day in the circuit court of Milwaukee county by State Treasurer Kempf to restrain the La Follette state central committee from removing his name from the list of nominations on the La Follette state ticket.

Many of the allegations in the complaint are sensational and much of the inside history of the Kempf case is given. It is practically charged that the resignation of Mr. Kempf from the La Follette ticket was obtained through representations designed to move Mr. Kempf to do that which he would not have done if left to his own notion. It is alleged that Mr. Kempf was told that the papers for his arrest on the charge of embezzlement had been prepared and that unless he gave the letter of resignation requested he would not even be given a chance to go to Milwaukee to obtain money to make good the \$3,500 shortage, but would be arrested then and there in Madison. According to Mr. Kempf's story his resignation was obtained by Chairman Corner of the La Follette state central committee.

Accompanying the complaint in the action is an order signed by Judge Lawrence T. Halsey, circuit judge for Milwaukee county, restraining W. D. Corner as chairman and Henry F. Cochran as secretary of the La Follette state central committee from certifying any other nomination to the secretary of state for state treasurer, and Secretary of State Walter L. Houser from placing any other name for the nomination of state treasurer in the La Follette column than that of John J. Kempf.

HOLDS IT NOT BINDING.

New York Court Passes on Arbitration Agreement.

New York, Aug. 27.—On the ground that the agreement is not a mutual or reciprocal one Supreme Court Justice Dickey has denied an application by the Tile Layers' union for an injunction to restrain the Building Trades Employers' association from "ordering, maintaining or continuing" a lockout in alleged violation of an arbitration agreement entered into between the association and representatives of the labor union on July 3, 1903. In his opinion Justice Dickey said the action was an entirely new one in the courts, but he came to the conclusion that the arbitration agreement was not enforceable by the means sought or by any other method for the reason stated.

"If it were settled," said the court, "that an employer has a right to employ and discharge any one he pleases and a workman may work or refuse to work at will."

TO DIVERT WHEAT TO GULF.

Burlington to Spend Million to Get Twin Cities Traffic.

Kansas City, Aug. 27.—The Star says:

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad company has completed plans for the expenditure of \$1,000,000 in the development of terminals on its holdings in Clay county, Mo., opposite Kansas City. The company will build many miles of tracks and switches and use them to store freight cars and for general yard work.

These improvements are in line with a plan to divert St. Paul and Minneapolis wheat from the Eastern seaboard to the gulf by way of Kansas City, which may be accomplished when the proposed line from Kansas City south.

SENSATIONAL JAIL DELIVERY.

Eddie Fay, Alleged Postoffice Robber, at Liberty.

Janesville, Wis., Aug. 27.—Eddie Fay, who was in jail here awaiting trial on the charge of robbing the Superior postoffice of \$14,000 in stamps and money, made a sensational escape from his cell some time during the night. Fay was assisted by outsiders, who climbed to the second story outside of his cell and sawed through a heavy iron bar, enabling the prisoner to effect his exit. Two others who were charged with complicity in the robbery are Charles Flaherty, now in jail at Fort Leavenworth, and Ed Flaherty, who made his escape from the Madison jail. Fay is said to be a Chicago man.

SANTA FE KNOCKED OUT.

Storm Destroys Miles of Track and Many Bridges.

Kingman, Ariz., Aug. 27.—The Santa Fe has 2,000 men at work repairing the damage caused by Thursday's storm. At Crozier it is estimated that five miles of track, bridges and cribbing has been carried out. It is estimated that it will take at least eight days to get the road in shape to move trains, even if no more rain falls. The Postal telegraph lines are down west of here for miles.

Kaiser's Present En Route.

Berlin, Aug. 27.—Professor Uppner's statue of Frederick the Great, to be presented to the United States by Emperor William and which has been standing all summer in the sculptor's garden, was packed Thursday and shipped to Hamburg. It will be forwarded to America by one of the Hamburg-American line steamers, consigned to Ambassador von Sternberg.

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