

WET AT THE FRONT

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WAR DISPATCHES SUMMARIZED.

The day has brought no news of a positive character from either the Russian or Japanese army.

The rains continue and it is probable that with impassable roads and the exhausted condition of both armies no extended operations are immediately probable.

The sensational report circulated by the London Morning Post to the effect that General Zassalitch's corps had been captured and Zassalitch wounded proves to be as false as the majority of the war rumors emanating from the British papers.

CAUSES GRAVE CONCERN.

Report That Chinese Troops Are Concentrating in Liao Valley.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 14.—The reports that Chinese troops are concentrating in the valley of the Liao river are causing considerable concern here.

The Bourse Gazette thinks it is entirely probable that the Chinese government will set free all the strength of the Japanese forces to operate against Russia.

China thus would become actually the ally of Japan. If the reports are confirmed not only Russia but other powers must intervene to show China what the limits of "strategic neutrality" mean.

JAPANESE FORCES ADVANCE.

Oyama's Armies Continue in Pursuit of Russians.

Tokio, Sept. 14.—Marshal Oyama's forces are advancing by easy stages in pursuit of the retreating Russian rear guard south of the Hun river, on the road to Mukden. News of further Japanese successes in rear guard engagements Kurapatkin is waiting against Marshal Oyama's troops who received Monday's news of the retreat of the country through which the troops are operating and may delay not only Kurapatkin's retreat on Harbin, but the Japanese advance beyond Mukden.

IS OFFICIALLY DENIED.

Reported Capture of Part of General Zassalitch's Force.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 14.—The war office authorizes the Associated Press to deny the report circulated by the Morning Post of London to the effect that 5,000 men of Lieutenant General Zassalitch's corps have been captured; to deny the report from the same source that he has been wounded and to also deny the statement from Tokio that dum-dum bullets were used by the Russians at Liaoyang.

SOUTHWEST OF MUKDEN.

Considerable Force of Japanese Reported in the Vicinity.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 14.—The emperor has received a dispatch from General Kurapatkin announcing that a considerable force of Japanese has been seen about twenty-five miles southwest of Mukden. No further engagements are reported.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS RETICENT.

No Confirmation of Report That Kuraki Is North of Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 14.—No change is reported in the situation at the front and no confirmation is obtainable here of the reports that General Kuraki is moving northeast of Mukden, but the authorities are noticeably more reticent than usual.

Ouktomsky Will Be Recalled.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 14.—The report published in Paris that Rear Admiral Prince Ouktomsky had been tried by courtmartial, sentenced to death and shot for disobeying the order not to return to Port Arthur after the sortie of the Russian squadron Aug. 10 is untrue. He has not been tried by courtmartial, but will be recalled.

SURPRISE TO RUSSIANS.

Appearance of Transport Lena at San Francisco.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 14.—The authorities here profess ignorance of the circumstances surrounding the case of the Russian transport Lena now at San Francisco. A high officer of the admiralty says that her appearance at San Francisco was a surprise, as Vice Admiral Skrydloff had not notified them that the Lena was going to San Francisco from Vladivostok and they have no information of the purpose of her cruise.

In unofficial quarters there are two versions of the Lena's mission. According to the one which is most generally accepted the Lena was sent out to stop contraband of war bound for Japanese ports.

MAINE ELECTION RETURNS

REPUBLICAN PLURALITY SOMEWHAT SMALLER THAN LAST PRESIDENTIAL YEAR.

Portland, Me., Sept. 14.—The Republicans of Maine were successful in the state election, their candidate for governor, William T. Cobb of Rutland, being elected by a plurality which

A. N. BENNER, Republican Candidate for Nomination for Sheriff.



will probably be as high as 30,000. This probable plurality is about 3,500 smaller than that by which the Republican ticket was successful in Maine four years ago.

The Democrats are claiming that the vote indicates an increase in party strength in the state. On the other hand the Republican leaders had declared that they expected only from 15,000 to 20,000 plurality.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—Early in the day the destroyer Paul Jones, Lieutenant G. G. Davison commanding, was sent to an anchorage off the Union iron works close to the Russian transport Lena.

Under the construction put upon this section it was held that the president alone had authority to act.

Augusta, Me., Sept. 14.—Congressman E. C. Burleigh has sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "Returns indicate a Republican plurality of 30,000. We have carried fourteen and possibly fifteen of the sixteen counties of the state and have elected an overwhelming majority of the legislature. Our victory is complete and sweeping. I congratulate you most heartily upon this splendid omen of victory in November."

WESTERNERS SEE CORTLEYOU.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Senator William B. Allison of Iowa, Thomas P. Carter of Montana and Colonel George Stone, Republican state chairman of California, were among those who called on National Chairman Cortleyou during the day. They gave Mr. Cortleyou reports of the political situation in the various Western states.

PRESIDENT TO SETTLE

Problem of What to Do With The Russian Transport Lena at San Francisco.

Naval Experts Say It Will Take Six Weeks to Make the Ship Seaworthy.

Washington, Sept. 14.—After wrestling for two days with the problem of what disposition to make of the Russian transport Lena, now in port at San Francisco, the officials of the state, navy and commerce and labor departments have turned the whole matter over to the president.

Captain Pillsbury of the bureau of navigation, navy department, upon the receipt of the report of Admiral Goodrich covering a statement of Lieutenant Commander Herbert as to the condition of the Lena's boilers, communicated the information to the president and at the same time held a conference with Acting Secretary Murray of the department of commerce and labor.

It was ascertained that the officials were determined in their action by section 5288 of the revised statutes, contained in circular No. 23 of the department of commerce and labor.

"It shall be lawful for the president or such person as he shall empower for that purpose to employ such part of the land or naval forces of the United States or of the militia thereof as shall be necessary to compel any foreign vessel to depart from the United States in all cases in which, by the laws of nations or the treaties with the United States, she ought not to

FAMILY AT THE BEDSIDE.

Condition of Prince Herbert Bismarck Most Grave.

Friedrichsruhe, Sept. 14.—Prince Herbert Bismarck's condition is most grave. His sister, Countess von Rantzau, has been summoned to join the rest of the family, who are already at Friedrichsruhe.

It was announced from Friedrichsruhe Saturday that Prince Herbert Bismarck was seriously ill and that contradictory reports had been in circulation for some time regarding his condition.

Another report said the prince was suffering from ptomaine poisoning, due to eating bad fish while in England several months ago.

Prince Herbert is the eldest son of the late Prince Bismarck. He was born in Berlin Dec. 28, 1849, and married Margaret, Countess Hoyos, in 1892.

NEGROES DRIVEN OUT OF TOWN.

Race Feeling Becomes Intense at Carlisle, Ind.

Carlisle, Ind., Sept. 14.—Jasper Hammond, colored, while resisting arrest, was shot and seriously wounded by Constable Johnson. Hammond was trying to renew a quarrel with other negroes. At night a mob gathered and drove all the resident negroes out of town.

Race feeling is intense and it is feared negroes having homes here will be compelled to leave. Hammond was taken to the Sullivan jail for safe keeping when threats of lynching were heard.

VICTORY FOR STRIKING MINERS.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 14.—The strike of miners at the Diamond mine, Coal City, ordered by state officers of the United Mine Workers because the operators refused to reinstate a driver who had been discharged, has resulted in the miners, 900 in number, returning to work. The operators have reinstated the driver and paid him ten days' back wages.

ONE THOUSAND PUT TO WORK.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—More than 7,000 of the former strikers at the Union stock yards gathered in Packing Town during the day looking for work. About 1,100 were given employment and the rest went away to try again later.

IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

Interparliamentary Union Takes Up Important Matters.

St. Louis, Sept. 14.—The interparliamentary union, whose mission to the United States is to advance the cause of peace and bring about, if possible, universal international arbitration, has taken up in earnest the important matters before it.

The calling of another session of the conference held at The Hague had already caused heated debate in the executive council and its phraseology was decided upon only after a compromise in which American wording predominated.

Congressman Burton of Cleveland was the spokesman of the council on The Hague resolution.

The proposition to undertake to secure intervention in the Far East was presented by Le Comte Goblet d'Alviella of Belgium and Dr. Goblet of Switzerland submitted a resolution dealing with international agreements.

No time was lost in reaching the order of business and Le Comte Goblet d'Alviella presented the resolution calling for intervention in the Russo-Japanese war. He urged its adoption at some length and in closing he urged that the president of the United States was quite the proper person to tender mediation.

The only opposition to the resolution was that it was not vigorous enough, but the resolution was adopted.

The new Hague conference proposition was next taken up. Congressman Burton of Cleveland presented the resolution and urged its adoption. The resolution was supported enthusiastically and its adoption was unanimously voted.

By this resolution President Roosevelt is asked to call a second session of The Hague conference.

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SECOND HOLDUP AT SAME POINT.

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The engineer, as the train rounded the curve, saw a red lantern on the track and immediately stopped the train. The engine, express car and baggage car were boarded by the robbers, apparently five in number. A fusillade of shots was fired from the sides of the train to prevent interference by passengers.

The messenger of the express car was compelled to open the door. The car safe was dynamited and the contents taken, after which the engine crew was compelled to return to the passenger coaches, the engine cut off and the robbers mounted it and ran it west through Letts and to within two miles of Columbus Junction, where the engine was left standing on the track.

The manner in which the robbers handled the engine, their knowledge of the fact that Letts was a closed station at night and their selection of a point contiguous to Columbus Junction to abandon the engine convinces the officers that the robbers or some of them are experienced railroad men.

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