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## FORTIFY TIE PASS

### Russians Are Preparing a Strong Position on Both Sides of Liao River.

### Main Portion of Jap Army Not Yet Ready to Resume The Advance.

### WAR DISPATCHES SUMMARIZED.

Field Marshal Oyama reports to Tokio that a considerable Russian force remains south of the Hun river, while General Kuropatkin telegraphs to St. Petersburg that the balance of the Japanese force is still south of the Yental branch railroad. Oyama also says that the Russians are fortifying the heights on both sides of the Liao river at Tie pass. Beyond this the day's dispatches from the seat of war relate to details of previous fighting and no light is thrown upon the all absorbing question of where the next engagement in force will occur.

General Kuropatkin's estimate of his losses in the fighting around Liaoyang are far under the first reports. He reports that from Aug. 28 to Sept. 5 he lost 4,000 killed and 12,000 wounded. Marshal Oyama placed the total of Japanese casualties at 17,500, making the total for both armies in round numbers 23,500. Accepting these figures as correct the battle of Liaoyang in killed and wounded falls much lower in the scale of the world's great battles.

### MISUSE OF RED CROSS FLAG.

### Russians Complain of Jap Methods at Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Sept. 15.—A communication has been received by the Russian consular here from General Balashoff, chief of the Red Cross at Port Arthur, requesting that the same be made public. The general charges the Japanese with gross violation of the Red Cross. He says on Japanese dead have been found notes written in Russian requesting that their bodies be buried, but when Russian burial parties attempted to fulfill these requests they were fired on. Such instances, General Balashoff adds, are numerous and the Russians are now afraid to trust to the Red Cross flag. He states that the Japanese also protest movements of their troops by the unlawful use of the Red Cross flag.

### CASUALTIES AT LIAOYANG

### KUROPATKIN ESTIMATES RUSSIAN LOSSES AT SIXTEEN THOUSAND.

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### WILL FILL SEVERAL COLUMNS.

### General Kuropatkin's Report of Battle of Liaoyang.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 15.—The long expected details of the battle of Liaoyang has been received from General Kuropatkin. The war office says it will fill several columns. The report covers the operations from Aug. 28 to Sept. 5. According to the advance summary communicated to the press by the general staff it is very satisfactory, showing that the retreat was effected with such precision that not a single field or fortress gun was left behind. The total Russian losses are below 17,000, of which 4,500 were killed.

### MAY BE ONLY IDLE GOSSIP.

### Rumors of a New Commander to Relieve Kuropatkin.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 15.—There are rumors afloat to the effect that General Nicholas Nicolaievitch, inspector of cavalry, may supersede General Kuropatkin at the front. Nicholas Nicolaievitch has a great fighting record, made during the Turkish war. The reports, however, may possibly be only idle gossip.

### JAPS ARE NOT ADVANCING.

### General Kuropatkin Reports the Enemy's Movements.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 15.—General Kuropatkin, telegraphing on Tuesday evening, says 3,000 Japanese are bivouacking at Bentzupitze and that the bulk of the Japanese forces is south of the Yental branch railroad. The Japanese, he adds, are not advancing.

### FORTIFYING AT TIE PASS.

### Marshal Oyama Reports Russian Defensive Preparations.

Tokio, Sept. 15.—Field Marshal Oyama confirms the reports that a considerable force of Russians remains south of the Hun river and says the Russians are fortifying the heights on both sides of the Liao river at Tie pass.

### British Steamer Released.

Vladivostok, Sept. 15.—The prize court has decided to release the British steamer Calchas (captured while bound from Puget Sound ports to Japan by the Vladivostok squadron) and also the neutral portions of the vessel's cargo. That part of the cargo assigned to Japan, consisting of flour, cotton and timber, is confiscated.

### British Steamer Searched.

Gibraltar, Sept. 15.—The British steamer Ortona, Captain Fletcher, which arrived here during the day from London, reported passing a Russian cruiser, which was boarding the steamer Derwen, from Liverpool.

### SMALL LOSS TO DEFENDERS.

### General Stoessel Reports Jap Repulse at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 15.—General Stoessel, commander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, under the dates of Aug. 28 and Sept. 2, reports that renewed Japanese attacks on the fortress were repulsed with small loss to the defenders.

General Stoessel's first dispatch, dated Aug. 28, says:

"I am happy to report to your majesty that at 3 o'clock on the morning of Aug. 27, during a violent rain and thunder storm, the Japanese again attempted to capture our left flank positions near No. 1 fort and Udan mountain. Their attack was everywhere repulsed. Our losses were small—3 killed and 2 officers and 98 men wounded. A number of Japanese corpses would have been picked up by us but the enemy prevented us from so doing by opening fire on the hospital attendants who had been sent out under the Red Cross flag."

Another dispatch from General Stoessel to the emperor, dated Sept. 2, says:

"On the night of Sept. 1 the enemy attacked Visokaya and Dinnaaya mountains and the neighboring fortifications, opening simultaneously an artillery fire on the forts and mountains. The leading files of the enemy, with the Japanese columns following them, were discovered in good time and our batteries opened on them. The leading files fortunately encountered some automatic mines and many of the enemy were blown in the air. The attack was repulsed in an hour. Our losses were considerable—one officer and seven men wounded."

### CONFISCATION OF COTTON.

### London Paper Objects to Decision of Prize Court.

London, Sept. 15.—The Globe says that the decision of the Vladivostok prize court to confiscate that portion of the cargo of the British steamer Calchas consisting of flour, cotton and timber consigned to Japan, if confirmed by the Russian supreme court, amounts to a complete ignoring of the protest lodged by Great Britain at St. Petersburg against the inclusion of provisions in the Russian list of contraband of war. The paper adds: "It has also been stated in behalf of his majesty's government in the house of commons that raw cotton would only be regarded as contraband when destined to make explosives. This statement shows there were thirty-six bales of cotton on board the Calchas, consigned to trading companies in Japan. The shipment from America also was purely commercial. The decision of the prize court, if allowed to stand, is challenged by Great Britain, amounting to nothing less than a prohibition of commerce between this country and Japan."

### SOUTH OF TIE PASS.

### Correspondent Tells of Disposition of Russian Army.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—Colonel Gaedke, the war correspondent of the Tageblatt, telegraphing his paper from Tie pass Wednesday morning, says:

"The Russian army is disposed south of this point. The Japanese have advanced only about six miles north of Liaoyang."

### TO SUPPRESS ALBANIANS.

### Sixteen Battalions of Turkish Militia Ordered Out.

Salonica, European Turkey, Sept. 15.—Sixteen battalions of local militia have been ordered to be mobilized in the districts of Killish, Seres and Berat. They will be dispatched to Prizren to suppress the insurgent Albanians. A Salonica battalion left here for Prizren during the day.

The Albanians are again revolting and are demanding the acceptance of their demands in full.

### REMOVED FROM HIS POST

### Charges Sustained Against Consul General M'Wade at Canton, China.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Robert M'Wade, United States consul general at Canton, China, has been removed from office by President Roosevelt. Charges made recently were investigated by Assistant Secretary Pierce, who went to the Orient to make an investigation of several of the United States consulates in China and Japan. Secretary Pierce, in his report to the president, strongly sustains the charges made against Consul General M'Wade. The order for M'Wade's dismissal went forward during the afternoon.

### COOL IN THE NORTHWEST.

### Cloudy Weather in Some Sections Prevents Frost.

Des Moines, Sept. 15.—Cloudy weather and high winds saved the Iowa corn fields from a killing frost during the night. Reports to the central bureau from every station in the state indicate an absence of frost in every section, though the temperature fell close to the danger line.

### North Dakota Flax Suffers.

Devils Lake, N. D., Sept. 15.—Heavy frost during the night killed one-half the flax crop of this county and also damaged considerable late wheat and other grains.

### No Damage to Corn.

Sioux City, Ia., Sept. 15.—Special dispatches from South Dakota show that no damage was done to corn by the light frost during the night.

### Child Drowns in Buttermilk.

Wabash, Ind., Sept. 15.—Drowning in buttermilk is the fate which befell the fourteen-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Steele of Larwell. The mother had just finished churning and had emptied the buttermilk into a large can. The child, playing about, lost its balance and fell head downward into the can and was not observed until it had drowned.

## CONTEST IN WISCONSIN

### Fight Over Regularity of Republican Ticket Now Before Supreme Court.

### Attorneys For La Follette Object to This Move By Anti-Third Termers.

Madison, Wis., Sept. 15.—When the supreme court convened during the day to take up the contest over the regularity of the Republican ticket all the judges were at their seats and the courtroom was crowded.

The first proceeding before the court was the filing of an amendment to the complaint. The anti-third termers attach great importance to the action of the old state central committee in certifying the nominees and the amendment attacks the regularity of this committee and its right to fill vacancies.

H. W. Chynoweth, for the La Follette ticket, objected to this amended complaint, stating that it was an entirely new matter and should be admitted in the form of a supplemental complaint.

After the answer to the amendment was filed Mr. Olin asked that the statements in the answer be verified by exact dates and facts concerning the resignations. This Mr. Chynoweth agreed would be done and would be submitted to the court later in the day.

### National Committee Supreme.

The brief submitted by George G. Greene of Green Bay, for the anti-third termers, deals almost entirely with the claim that the Republican national committee is the highest authority and claims that the court should not try the numerous issues of fact raised by the pleadings, but "should enforce the decision of the national committee and convention, unless the statute has specially vested the power of decision in some other officer or tribunal; that failing decision by the highest party authority or such special tribunal the court should not try such issues but direct the nomination of each convention to go on the ballot on an equality."

The contention of Mr. Chynoweth, attorney for the La Follette ticket, is that the state central committee is the only legal authority to decide which is the regular ticket and that this body was created through an act of the legislature and that their decision should be final. The answer of the La Follette faction attacks the national committee, the credentials committee and the national convention itself.

The arguments continued throughout the day.

### WILL RENOMINATE PEABODY.

### Colorado Republicans in State Convention at Denver.

Denver, Sept. 15.—Renomination of Governor Peabody, with a strong endorsement of his "law and order" policy is the chief feature of the programme prepared by the Republican leaders for the state convention which met here during the day for the purpose of nominating presidential electors, congressmen-at-large and a state ticket. Former Senator Samuel V. Newell of Gilpin county, who has been a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, was entreated by friend and foe alike to withdraw and permit the nomination of Governor Peabody by acclamation, but to all he replied that his name would certainly go before the convention.

Attorney Frank C. Gony of Denver was named as temporary chairman of the convention.

### MONTANA DEMOCRATS MEET.

### Governor Toole Will Undoubtedly Be Renominated.

Helena, Mont., Sept. 15.—The Democratic convention called for the purpose of nominating a state ticket and presidential electors met here during the afternoon. Beyond perfecting a temporary organization and appointment of the usual committees little progress had been made up to a late hour. The chief interest centers in the question of seating the contesting Heinze delegates from Butte. The matter of fusion with the Populists and Laborites is also attracting a great deal of attention. Governor Toole will undoubtedly be renominated.

### DO NOT CHANGE ESTIMATE.

### Returns Nearly Complete in Maine Election.

Portland, Me., Sept. 15.—State election returns from thirty-seven of the seventy-two missing towns received up to noon brought the total up to 485 towns and indicated a further reduction in the aggregated Republican vote, though not changing the estimate of 27,000 as the final plurality.

The totals show a plurality for Cobb, Republican, over Davis, Democrat, of 26,733.

### ON THE FIRST BALLOT.

### Connecticut Republicans Name Henry Roberts for Governor.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 15.—Lieutenant Governor Henry Roberts was nominated for governor by the Republicans during the day on the first ballot, he receiving 374 votes against 106 for W. S. Chamberlain and 81 for Judge Livingston W. Cleveland.

### Holdup Men Still at Large.

Des Moines, Sept. 15.—A dozen detectives are scouring the country in search of three peddlers of thwarte, a tall man and two companions, seen in the vicinity of the Letts holdup the day before, but who disappeared immediately afterwards. A local man believed to have been implicated has been arrested, but the police refuse to divulge his identity.

### BETWEEN ODELL AND PLATT.

### Fight for Control of New York Republican Convention.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 15.—The apparently tangled political situation here had resolved itself by the time the Republican state convention actually met into an open contest between Governor Odell and Senator Platt, which the former and his friends until the last moment were trying to keep from taken open form upon the floor of the convention. There is no antagonism between Governor Odell and Mr. Woodruff and none between Mr. Woodruff and Lieutenant Governor Higgins. It was made plain that Mr. Woodruff was not averse to an amicable settlement of the conflict between his own and the Higgins interests. It was the uncompromising attitude of Senator Platt in behalf of Woodruff and against Governor Odell and the Higgins movement that prevented the proposed conference and precluded the possibility of Mr. Woodruff's honorable withdrawal from the contest, or a compromise which might have resulted in the selection of a third man for the governorship nomination.

The convention was called to order soon after noon, former State Senator J. Sloat Fassett being chosen temporary chairman.

The appearance of former Lieutenant Governor Woodruff evoked a burst of cheers and Senator Platt, who followed soon afterward, received an ovation that lasted several minutes.

Governor Odell was not in attendance.

In opening his speech Temporary Chairman Fassett said:

"Not being a Democratic nominee for the present, I shall have no hesitation in discussing public issues."

He then reviewed the growth of the Republican party for the last fifty years, saying its greatest asset is the record of what it had done and inquiring why there should be a change. Sentences that immensely pleased the convention was:

"It means a better chance today for a child to be born under the Stars and Stripes than under any other flag beneath the sun."

While cheering at this sentiment was in progress the band began to play "The Star Spangled Banner" and the delegates rose and sang the song to the end.

At 2:15 p. m. the convention took a recess until 11 o'clock in the morning.

### SHANAHAN WILL CASE DECIDED.

### Surviving Heir of Dead Priest Awarded Small Fortune.

St. Paul, Sept. 15.—The Shanahan will case, one of the most famous equity cases ever litigated in Minnesota, has finally been settled after dragging along for 45 years.

Six years ago Father Shanahan, a Caledonia (Minn.) priest, died, leaving behind an estate valued at \$40,000, which since increased in value to over \$100,000. He willed the estate to Bishop Cotter, his superior, to be applied to the education of young men for the priesthood.

Friget Shanahan, supposed to be the only surviving heir of the dead priest, and who had been only a short time in this country, went to Caledonia and engaged attorneys there to break the will. The case was carried to the district court, which decided that the trust in the will was void under the Minnesota law which provides for indefinite and vague beneficiaries.

The decision just rendered ends all litigation in the case and places the heir in possession of a small fortune.

### MINING ENGINEERS MEET.

### Twenty-seventh Gathering in Session at Duluth.

Duluth, Sept. 15.—The twenty-seventh meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers began here during the day at the rooms of the Commercial club, with over 100 members in attendance and having as guests prominent engineers from Russia, Mexico and Cuba. About seventy-five of the party arrived on the steamer North-west and the remainder came in on various trains.

The program consists of a session of the institute at 10 a. m. at the Commercial club, a boat ride in the harbor at 2 p. m. and a reception at the Northland Country club at 8 p. m.

### WERE TRUSTED EMPLOYEES.

### Two Clerks Rob Milwaukee Grain Firm of Over \$150,000.

Milwaukee, Sept. 15.—According to allegations contained in a complaint in a civil suit brought by the Bartlett, Frazer & Carrington company, grain and stock brokers, the company lost, through the operations of two former trusted employees, George D. Emery and Carl H. Baumann, \$153,948.39.

This is the first statement of the amount of the loss, although Baumann and Emery were arrested nearly a month ago, charged with embezzlement.

Emery was employed as office manager, cashier and bookkeeper and Baumann as assistant bookkeeper and pit trader. Emery and Baumann are now having their preliminary hearings.

### FOREIGN COLONY RIOTING.

### Pistols, Knives and Clubs Freely Used in an Ohio Town.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 15.—A riot is in progress in the foreign colony of Portland Station, West Virginia, where has sworn in fifteen deputy constables to suppress the trouble. One man was beaten almost to death, others had their ears chewed off and noses smashed. Pistols, knives and clubs were freely used. The cause of the trouble is as yet unknown.

The constables up to a late hour had arrested nineteen of the rioters. A large boardinghouse in which the men fought resembles a shambles. Every door and window is broken.

### THREATEN TO STRIKE AGAIN.

### Packers Too Slow in Taking Back Butchers.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Of nearly 10,000 union men still unemployed at the day before, but who were reinstated during the day. Members of the Cattle and Butchers' union are threatening to strike again unless more of their number are put to work speedily.

## MAY BE DISARMED

### Reasonably Certain That Russian Transport Will Stay At San Francisco.

### Vessel Can Be Put In Seaworthy Shape, However, Inside Of Thirty Days.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 15.—It seems reasonably certain that the Russian transport Lena will be dismantled and ordered to remain where she is now until the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese war, but final decision on that point may not be reached for a day or two. A possibility exists that she may be ordered to depart after making urgent repairs, but it is only a possibility.

The report of the inspector of boilers and hulls, which was referred by the department of commerce and labor to the state and navy departments, is substantially as follows:

The boilers and engines are both badly in need of repairs. To put in new boilers will require from four to six months. The tubes of the boilers are badly pitted, but the Lena has on board 200 additional tubes which could be put in in a short time and the inspector says that the vessel can be put in a seaworthy condition in from twenty to thirty days and repaired so that she will be able to make about eight knots.

This is regarded by officials of the navy department as entirely within the term "reasonable time" used in the president's proclamation. The state department is now awaiting the detailed report of Admiral Goodrich before taking further action.

### CRUISING IN THE PACIFIC

### LENA ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL RUSSIAN SHIPS LOOKING FOR CONTRABAND.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 15.—The admiralty still declares it is without official advice relative to the presence of the Russian transport Lena at San Francisco. The possibility of her disarmament and other kindred questions will not be discussed and decided until the admiralty is in possession of full facts regarding the situation. Telegraphic inquiries, however, have elicited the information from Vladivostok that the Lena was sent to the Pacific with the view of stopping the shipment of contraband of war. There is an intimation also, but this is not official, that certain other vessels, probably merchantmen purchased in Germany and converted into armed cruisers, are in the Pacific on a similar mission. If the United States declines to permit the Lena to have ample time in which to make the repairs, without which she could not venture to undertake a long voyage either back to Vladivostok or home by way of Cape Horn, it seems probable that Russia will acquiesce to the decision to disarm her. There is no disposition here to criticize the course of the United States so far as it is revealed in the press dispatches.

### MORE THOROUGH INSPECTION.

### Another Examination to Be Made of Russian Transport.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Another and more thorough inspection of the Russian cruiser Lena will be made during the day by naval engineers in order to furnish the state and navy departments with more complete data concerning her boilers and seaworthiness. In the event that the Lena is dismantled she will probably be laid up at the Mare Island navy yard. Rear Admiral Goodrich has been directed by the navy department to offer the navy yard to Captain Berlinsky for that purpose.

The watch kept on the Lena is even more rigid than at first. The gunboat Bennington has moved nearer to her and the patrolling launches are relieved every day. It is reported that Japanese Minister Takahira has censured the local Japanese consul, M. Uyeno, for demanding that Japanese inspectors be permitted to inspect the Lena and pass on her need of repairs.

### ANOTHER VESSEL COMING.

### Said Russian Cruiser is Due at a Pacific Port.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The correspondent of the Echo de Paris at St. Petersburg has telegraphed his paper as follows: "The ministry of marine tells me, regarding the arrival of the Russian transport Lena at San Francisco, that another vessel, the Korea, is also due at an American port on the Pacific. Orders have been sent to the Russian ships to scrupulously conform with the American neutrality rules, which are expected to permit them taking on enough coal to reach Vladivostok. I consider the situation very delicate, as there is evidence that the ships were destined to prevent the transport of contraband goods from the United States to Japan and perhaps capture vessels carrying contraband."

### Floater Found in a Trunk.

Cleveland, Sept. 15.—The body of a middle aged woman was discovered floating down the river during the day tightly wedged in a trunk. The body, which was clothed in a wrapper, evidently had been in the water for several days. The police believe the woman was murdered. Detectives have been set to work in connection with the case.

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### MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

#### Admiral Walker Discusses Building of Panama Canal.

New York, Sept. 15.—Rear Admiral Walker, the head of the Panama commission, declared during the day, on his arrival from Colon, that the United States government intended to keep the two open ports in the canal zone in spite of any protests which might be made by the Panama government.

He added that he did not anticipate any trouble over the making of Ancon, on the Panama side of the isthmus, and Cristobal, near Colon, free ports of entry.

"The unfortunate part of the affair," he said, "is that it has got into local politics. Of course the outs have to protest against what has been done by the ins."

Admiral Walker said that the work of excavation was now proceeding twice as fast and with less men and at half the cost as under the French company. Health conditions, he declared, were excellent and the canal construction work was being rapidly systematized. He declared that statements which have found their way into the press relating to political excitement in Panama were greatly exaggerated. Everything at present seems to be quiet and satisfactory to the people of Panama.

#### ROOSEVELT TO GO TO CAPITAL.

#### President Will Be at the White House Next Week.

Washington, Sept. 15.—President Roosevelt will return to Washington the first of next week, when there will be a renewal of activity in political circles here, and attention will be given to public matters which require it. The fact that President Roosevelt sees comparatively few politicians who desire to talk about campaign affairs during his stay at Oyster Bay makes it gratifying to the party workers that the president is to come here for the greater part of the next month.

#### SUFFERING GREAT PAIN.

#### Morphine Injections Given to Prince Herbert Bismarck.

Friedrichsruhe, Sept. 15.—Prince Herbert Bismarck is suffering great pain, which is being alleviated by morphine injections.

#### Dan Patch Improves.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 15.—The surgeon in charge of Dan Patch reports the great pacer's condition is slightly improved, but far from out of danger. That Dan Patch is a very sick animal yet and his recovery doubtful all the surgeons and attendants agree.

#### Light Frost in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 15.—Frost touched almost every part of Nebraska during the night, although no great damage was done to the crops.

#### The twelfth conference of the Inter-parliamentary union, which has been in session at St. Louis for three days, has adjourned to meet next year in Prussia.

At the session of the great council of Red Men at St. Joseph, Mo., Nashville, Tenn., was chosen as the next meeting place for the great council the second Monday in September, 1905.

In a box which arrived recently at New York on a French steamer the customs officials have found a magnificent trousseau estimated to be worth \$20,000. The box was seized, but there has been no claimant and considerable mystery surrounds the affair.

#### BASEBALL SCORES.

#### National League.

At Brooklyn, 5; Philadelphia, 2.  
At Cincinnati, 2; Pittsburg, 1.  
Second game—Cincinnati, 4; Pittsburg, 2—seven innings; called at dark.  
At New York, 3; Boston, 1.  
Second game—New York, 9; Boston, 2—seven innings; called at dark.

#### American League.

At Philadelphia, 0; Boston, 0—seven innings; stopped by rain.  
At St. Paul, 7; Minneapolis, 0.  
At Louisville, 16; Indianapolis,