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J. J. REGAN Candidate for Superintendent of Schools.



"I am very much pleased with Mr. Regan's work in my classes. In fact he has more natural ability as a teacher than any other teacher enrolled and I will trust and recommend him to any school he might aspire to sooner than any one else I know of. All the teachers here have the same opinion of him."—Extract from the testimonial given Mr. Regan by Prof. Roscheleau of the Moorhead Normal school.

GENERAL STRIKE IN ITALY SOCIALISTS ORDER SUSPENSION OF WORK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Rome, Sept. 17.—To protest against a conflict between strikers and the police in which two strikers, a Sicilian and a Sicilian, were killed the socialists have decided on a general strike throughout Italy, which began during the day 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 referring to it.

FOREST FIRES CONTINUE. Only Heavy Rain Will Quench Montana Blaze.

Anaconda, Mont., Sept. 17.—The forest fires that have been burning for the past four days on the mountains west of this city are still raging. Nothing but heavy rains can save the valuable timber and piles of cordwood in the path of the flames and there appears to be no likelihood of a shower.

FLORIDA FEUD RENEWED. Two Men Reported Killed and a Number Wounded.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 16.—The Altman-Duncan feud at Baxter has broken out again. It is reported that two men have been killed and a number wounded. Specials from Baxter say the situation is critical and unless troops are speedily brought to the scene there will be further bloodshed.

JOHN F. GIBBONS, Candidate for County Attorney.



Mr. Gibbons is a lawyer of ability and a man of integrity and strength of character. If nominated and elected Beltrami county will have a county attorney whom even his opponents concede is perfectly fair, entirely able and strictly honorable.

JAPS AGAIN IN MOTION

General Kuropatkin Reports That The Enemy is Massing On His Flank.

Russians Believe Japanese Are Not in Shape For Another Attack.

WAR DISPATCHES SUMMARIZED.

Press advices from Mukden and an official report to St. Petersburg indicate that the Japanese forces are again on the move. Kuropatkin's reconnaissance established the fact that they are massing on his flank and bodies of Japanese are moving up the Liao River valley. St. Petersburg, however, still believes that a serious engagement is not immediately at hand, but that it will require some weeks for Marshal Oyama to be in shape for another attack. In the meantime the Russians continue to fortify Tie pass and statements that Kuropatkin will not abandon Mukden are received in St. Petersburg with some skepticism. St. Petersburg expects the Japanese to now redouble their efforts before Port Arthur and another sortie of the fleet is expected.

JAPANESE FORCES MOVING.

Kuropatkin Says They Are Massing at Yentai and Bentziapitze. St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—General Kuropatkin reports that reconnaissance have established the fact that the Japanese are massing near Yentai and Bentziapitze. Bodies of Japanese are also moving in the Liao river valley.

RUSSIANS READY TO MEET THEM.

Japanese Said to Be Moving on Mukden From the East. Mukden, Sept. 17.—It is reported here that the Japanese are advancing on Mukden from the east. A strong force of Russians is ready to meet them.

JAPS TAKE ANOTHER FORT

CAPTURE AN IMPORTANT POSITION EAST OF GOLDEN HILL AT PORT ARTHUR.

Chefoo, Sept. 17.—The Japanese troops between Sept. 8 and 10 captured a fort situated on a high hill two miles east of Golden Hill by assault. The fighting was not severe. The Japanese were able to remain in the fort because the quality of the powder used at Golden Hill was so poor that many shells fell short and others failed to explode. The foregoing information was received from an intelligent Chinese who left Port Arthur on Sept. 12. He had been a dockyard laborer there for many years. He adds that the Japanese are tunneling under the Russian forts with the intention of blowing them up. He says that the work of tunneling is slow and arduous and will probably be unsuccessful. The Russians have placed mines under all the public buildings, wharves, arsenals and everything that could possibly be of use to the Japanese with the intention of causing their destruction should the Japanese enter the city. Ammunition is growing scarcer, but there is plenty of bread. The price of flour is now 9 roubles.

A Jap shell recently stuck a destroyer which was lying in dock undergoing repairs, knocking it into kindling wood and killing seven sailors. This shell came from the Japanese fleet, which comes in much closer than formerly daily, throwing a few shells. One shell demolished several engines in the dockyards and killed an officer and two men.

The fort which the Japanese captured is not regarded as essential to the defense of Port Arthur, although it is obvious there will be some disadvantage from its occupation, as the Japanese are constantly receiving heavy guns from Japan, to which the Russians are unable to reply effectively.

MOVING ON RUSSIAN FLANKS.

Japanese Are Leaving Only a Garrison at Liaoyang. Mukden, Sept. 17.—According to information from Chinese sources the Japanese are leaving a garrison at Liaoyang and their main forces are moving out on the Russian flanks. The whole Chinese population of Liaoyang is working on the Japanese defenses there.

The Chinese also report that the Japanese are running regular trains between Port Dalny and Newchwang, the rolling stock, according to their statements, having come from San Francisco. Mukden merchants who have dealings with Newchwang say that the Japanese occupy Mukden they intend to connect the railroad with the Simintin terminus of the Shinkwan-Tientsin railroad, about thirty-five miles west of Mukden.

At night the Russian sentries here can discern the glow of Japanese camp fires in the direction of Liaoyang.

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

The Chinese are becoming more unfriendly as the Japanese advance. The Japanese are imposing their systems of administration at every town occupied, seizing the revenues, beginning with the timber dues in the Yalu district, and ending with the salt tax in Manchuria.

MOVING TO THE EASTWARD.

Japanese Avoiding Flat Country West of the Liao River.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—The Associated Press dispatch from Mukden announcing that, according to information from Chinese sources, the Japanese are leaving a garrison at Liaoyang and their main forces are moving out on the Russian flanks, is partially confirmed by the dispatch from General Kuropatkin reporting that the Japanese are massing on the Russian flanks, that a large force is concentrating at Sentslapitze, twenty miles southeast of Mukden, and another force, whose strength has not been established, is moving up the Liao valley. The greater part of Field Marshal Oyama's army, however, is still near Yentai, encamped along the heights between the mines and the railroad. While the war office does not expect an immediate advance the preliminary dispositions of the Japanese forces are taken to indicate that the Japanese intend when they advance to strike from the eastward. They seem to be avoiding the territory west of the Liao river, possibly because it is flat and would give the Russians the advantage of their superiority in cavalry.

EVIDENCE OF FIGHTING.

Number of Wounded Russians Reach Mukden.

Mukden, Sept. 17.—Twenty-six wounded men belonging to Major General Mitchev's Cossack division have been brought into Mukden. Particulars of the skirmish are not available. It is not clear whether it was a simple outpost affair or the beginning of the real Jap advance on Mukden.

AWAITING REINFORCEMENTS

JAPANESE NOT LIKELY TO IMMEDIATELY RENEW ACTIVE OPERATIONS.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—News from the front is exceedingly meager and the present lull in the operations in Manchuria is expected to continue for several weeks. Ever since General Kuropatkin's retreat was definitely accomplished the best informed military circles were convinced that Field Marshal Oyama could not immediately renew his aggressive tactics. All the information since received regarding the condition of the Japanese armies has strengthened the conviction that Oyama will require considerable time to organize a new advance and it is now believed that he will probably await reinforcements of men and guns to make good his losses at Liaoyang. These, it is reported, will be ready to leave Japan at the end of the month. Moreover it would create no surprise here if a Japanese diversion is attempted in the direction of Vladivostok to prepare the way for a renewal of aggressive operations against Mukden. In the meantime Kuropatkin is also awaiting reinforcements. A large number of guns and some independent troops are on their way to the front. There is considerable mystery about Kuropatkin's plans. Although

All the information obtainable indicates that the bulk of his army is still around Mukden and the official intimations are that Kuropatkin does not contemplate retiring further at present there is considerable skepticism on these points. About all that is definitely known is that a considerable number of his troops have already gone north to the heights near the Liao river at Tie pass have been fortified, that the pass has been secured and that cavalry is scouting wide on the Russian flanks to signal the first indication of a new turning movement on the part of the Japanese. Only outpost skirmishes of little importance have been reported.

The Japanese are now expected to redouble their efforts before Port Arthur, where the news received is not encouraging. In spite of the success which has hitherto attended the defense the Russian lines are being drawn closer, the garrison is undergoing severe privations and its resisting power is weakening under the strain. A final sortie of the Russian squadron at Port Arthur may be expected at any time. When the command of the squadron was turned over to Rear Admiral Wren he received strict instructions that if the fortress falls not one of the Russian ships must fall into the hands of the Japanese.

FIGHTING FORCE NOT LARGE.

Twenty-four Thousand Wounded and Sick at Port Arthur. Shanghai, Sept. 17.—The North China Daily News publishes a private letter from a Chinese interpreter employed from 1897 until the end of August last in the commissariat department at Port Arthur. The writer says that in February last the department supplied daily 32,000 rations to the Russian land forces alone, the naval forces supplying themselves. "But when war declared," he adds, "only 15,000 rations were supplied daily to the whole garrison, including the crews of the ironclads, which are now manning the forts. There are now 24,000 sick and wounded men at Port Arthur. Of ammunition of all kinds there are very small stocks and there are only five weeks' full rations remaining."

The interpreter says the garrison of Port Arthur, the officers excepted, is anxious to surrender.

CRUISER IN THE PACIFIC.

Russian Warship Off the Coast of Vancouver Island. Victoria, B. C., Sept. 17.—Members of the crew of H. M. S. Grafton report the presence of the Russian armed auxiliary cruiser Korea in the Pacific off the northern coast of Vancouver Island, steaming slowly southward. They expect that the Korea will come to Esquimaux or Victoria. She is described as a larger vessel than the Lena and is commanded by an officer of higher rank than the Russian navy. The news has caused much excitement at Esquimaux, where preparations to deal with her in case she should enter are now making.

ARGUMENTS ARE ENDED

Wisconsin Republican Fight Now In The Hands of The Supreme Court.

At Conclusion of Pleas Adjournment is Taken Until That Date.

Madison, Wis., Sept. 17.—The people of Wisconsin will probably learn one week from next Tuesday which of the Republican state tickets is entitled to the badge of regularity. After listening to arguments in the case for two days and a half the court adjourned until Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Some interesting sparring between the attorneys marked the concluding arguments in the case. The final pleas in the argument were made by J. M. Olin for the Cook ticket and by R. M. Bashford for the La Follette ticket. The closing argument was made by Mr. Olin. In discussing section 35, revised statutes of 1898, Mr. Olin said he thought the construction placed on section 35 by the La Follette people was of recent origin.

Mr. Bashford called attention to South Carolina decisions on the subject and said that the trend of all decisions was to leave decisions of such questions with the people. Voters of Wisconsin are not noticing the action of the national committee nor waiting for this court to decide what they will do.

In attacking the equity jurisdiction of the court Mr. Bashford decided that this court, to assume jurisdiction and decide for the plaintiffs, would have to decide a convention having 480 delegates legal as against a convention having 555 delegates. Mr. Olin's argument on section 35 of the revised statutes was followed very closely by the court.

Mr. Olin also reviewed the history of the statute and indicated that the late General E. E. Bryant, father of the statute, entertained the same theory as to the statute as the attorneys for the plaintiffs.

In closing his argument Mr. Olin made an eloquent appeal to the court for an adjudication of the rights of the people given them under the statute.

ACCEPTS IMPORTANT PLACE.

Gorman Will Assist in Management of Democratic Campaign. New York, Sept. 17.—Judge Parker's reception of visitors at his apartment at the Hotel Astor is proceeding in the same manner as the previous day. Few persons admitted to the apartment on the fifth floor passed through the hotel office. Those who admitted conferring with the candidate, or were acknowledged to the press by Private Secretary McCausland, were Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader; former Senator Hill, Senator Arthur P. Gorman, Representative William Sulzer and John B. McDonald of New York.

A representative of the Associated Press was received by Judge Parker, who said that Senator Gorman had consented to take an important place in the management of the campaign and that his decision was at the earnest request of National Chairman Taggart, as well as all other campaign managers. He said that Mr. Taggart would not be supplanted nor superseded in any way and that Senator Gorman would not be connected with the details of the campaign management. Judge Parker said Senator Gorman would be in an advisory capacity only and would remain in New York practically all the time from now to election. The candidate was disinclined to comment on the nomination and said he was opposed to a decision in favor of any candidate as the result of conferences such as are now in progress at the Hotel Astor and added that no decision would be made at this time.

TOOLE IS RENOMINATED.

Democrats of Montana Name Their State Ticket. Helena, Mont., Sept. 17.—The Democratic state convention adjourned at 1 a. m. after nominating a complete ticket as follows: Congressman A. C. Gormley; governor, J. K. Toole; chief justice, D. E. Smith; lieutenant governor, Edwin Norris; clerk of the supreme court, Finley McRae; secretary of state, Miles Romey; auditor, Phil C. Goodwin; treasurer, David G. Browne; attorney general, Charles H. Hall; superintendent of public instruction, J. M. Kay; presidential electors, Pat Carney, Paul A. Fusz and Edward Cardwell.

KILLED BY REJECTED LOVER.

Bride of One Day Slain by the Man She Refused to Marry. Spokane, Wash., Sept. 17.—Mrs. Henry Holm, bride of one day, was shot to death near Mead, Wash., during the day by a rejected lover, Fred Hoffman, who then committed suicide.

No Trace of Train Robbers.

Winfield, Ia., Sept. 17.—Sheriff Teeters of Washington spent the night here after making a search for the men who were observed last Wednesday in a strawstack six miles from here and supposed to be the Rock Island train robbers. The general impression prevails here that the alleged bandits were tramps. There is no posse following the men.

Young Woman Murdered.

Anniston, Ala., Sept. 17.—Miss Bessie Roberts, a highly connected young lady, who was found buried and unconscious under a vacant house in the outskirts of the city, died during the day. It is believed Miss Roberts was assaulted and robbed, left for dead and her body placed under the house.

D. L. SYLVESTER, Candidate for Auditor.



Mr. Sylvester has been repeatedly pronounced by high authority to be one of the best auditors in the state. He has not had time from the duties of his office to solicit votes but probably stands as well with the people for all that.

WILL PROCEED TO DISARM

CAPTAIN OF RUSSIAN TRANSPORT AGREES TO CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY OFFICIALS.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Announcement that Captain Berlinksky, commanding the Russian transport Lena at San Francisco, acquiesced in all the details of the process of disarmament prescribed by this government and would proceed to take advantage of the permission reached the navy department over night in a telegram from Rear Admiral Goodrich, commander-in-chief of the Pacific station. Captain Pillsbury, acting chief of the bureau of navigation, has transmitted copies of the instructions sent Rear Admiral Goodrich to the secretary of the departments of the treasury and of commerce and labor.

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—The Russian transport Lena, which reached this port in a weather stained condition, is being painted a brilliant black. During the evening the wardroom officers of the Lena were given a dinner on board the New York by the wardroom officers of the latter, the flagship's band giving a concert.

ARE STEADILY INCREASING.

Japan No Longer Content With Original Demands. Paris, Sept. 17.—The Matin publishes a long 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 demands. After the fall of Port Arthur our conditions will be still more extreme and after taking Vladivostok they will be yet more extreme."

"The next battle will be at Tie pass. We shall continue hostilities through."

THREATEN TO EXTEND STRIKE.

New York, Sept. 17.—At a secret meeting of delegates representing unions both in and out of the Building Trades alliance it has been determined to extend the strike now on unless the lockout prevailing against the alliance unions shall have been declared off by Wednesday next.

CREW PROBABLY DROWNED.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—A nameless capsized yacht, found in the lake and brought to Chicago, is believed by boatmen to indicate that the crew has been drowned. The fact that the sails were set is held as additional proof. The yacht would accommodate six persons.

MATT PHIBBS, Candidate for Register of Deeds.



Mr. Phibbs' record in the register of deeds office is a record of efficiency and faithfulness. If the people of the county want a good man for the place they know that they can get one by re-electing Mr. Phibbs.