

JAPANESE ACCOUNT.

How the Naval Engagement Took Place.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT MADE.

Not a Japanese War Vessel Was Lost. Twenty Japanese Officers and Men Were Killed and Forty-Six Wounded—Comments of London Papers on the Battle. Reports Made to Washington.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—A dispatch from Tokio says that the naval department has received a dispatch from the admiral commanding the Japanese fleet in the gulf of Pe-Chi-Li, to the effect that he engaged the enemy on Monday last and inflicted heavy loss. A Japanese fleet consisting of nine warships and two fast transports, armed and converted into cruisers, had been sent in search of the enemy's northern fleet which was sighted at noon Monday, 30 miles northeast of the Island of Hai-Yung-Pao.

The Japanese pursued the enemy at full speed. The Chinese showed no disposition to alter their course or to give battle. The chase lasted a little over an hour. The Japanese gaining. Shortly after 1 o'clock the cruiser Chi-Yota got within range of the Chinese flagship, the guns of which opened fire upon her, and a running fight ensued. Several vessels on both sides were quickly engaged.

This lasted over two hours. The Chinese transports entered the Yalu river safely during the main engagement, which was fought in the estuary, and which lasted until nightfall. Three Chinese warships were successfully disabled and sunk, and another was set on fire and destroyed. Several other of the enemy's warships were seriously damaged by the heavy fire.

The Japanese warships were so well handled that not one was lost. Only two, the Matsushima and Hiyoi, were damaged to any great extent, but one of the armed transports was badly crippled and put out of action.

The admiral does not mention the number of killed or wounded. A private telegram says that 20 Japanese officers and men were killed and 46 wounded.

Another private dispatch states that the total casualties on the Japanese side did not exceed 100. The dispatch says that the news of the Japanese victory has caused great rejoicing in Tokio, and that a war loan has been subscribed for to three times the amount desired.

WILL CHINA ASK FOR PEACE?

Comments of London Papers on the Korean War.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—The Chronicle this morning points out that the dockyards of Japan are far superior to those of China and that, therefore, her damaged vessels will be much quicker repaired. This will give her a distinct advantage in the future. It is safe to forecast also that the Hunanese army landed by the transports on the Korean side of the Yalu river, will surrender en masse after a short and ferocious defense. The paper adds that if the war continues at the present rate China will soon be compelled to ask terms of peace.

The Times, commenting on the Japanese advance on Wiju and the probability of their going thence to Mukden, says that the capture of the latter place would be accepted throughout the empire as an omen that the emperor is unworthy of divine protection and that such omens in days of distress are too often fulfilled with remarkable celerity. As the politicians about the court are perfectly aware of the consequences that would follow the fall of Mukden, it may be assumed that they would yield to almost any demands rather than to run the serious risk of such a catastrophe.

Loss in the Battle of Ping-Yang.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The Japanese legation here is in receipt of the following cablegram in regard to the battle at Ping-Yang on Sept. 15. It came via St. Petersburg, and is from General Nodga, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in the field in Korea. The dispatch says: "The loss of Japan in the battle of Ping-Yang, so far as ascertained, was 11 officers killed, 154 men killed, 30 officers wounded, 521 men wounded, besides 40 officers whose fate is unknown. Chinese lost over 2,000 killed, and the number of wounded is not yet known, but it is believed to have been very large. A number of the Chinese wounded are in our field hospital."

Papers Seized on Secretary Carlisle.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Secretary Carlisle has been served with the papers in the mandamus proceedings brought by the Miles Planting and Manufacturing company of Louisiana to compel the inspection of their plant under the bounty provision of the McKinley law. The papers are returnable Oct. 4. Assistant Attorney General Whitney has been detailed to defend the secretary.

Royal Welcome to the Baltimoreans.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 21.—Baltimore baseball enthusiasts met last night and subscribed \$1,300 to give the Baltimore team a reception on their return. The meeting was composed of well known citizens, merchants, manufacturers, etc. The reception will be such as to make the bones of conservative Baltimore rattle.

Preparing for Final Argument.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The government is preparing to submit the final argument in the case against President Debs of the American Railway union Sept. 25 at Chicago.

PROSPECTS OF ANOTHER STRIKE.

Sympathizers of the Recent Railroad Strike Are Losing Their Positions.

LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 21.—Since Saturday the Missouri Pacific is said to have discharged 14 firemen and six engineers at this end of the line and eight or 10 firemen at Van Buren on the charge of being implicated in the recent strike, or expressing sympathy with it. There are said to be 25 more names on the list of men to be discharged. The majority of these men refused to go out on a strike but some of them casually expressed sympathy with the strikers and for this reason are being decapitated.

The railroad men are very much exercised over the action of the company, and it is stated on good authority that the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers have issued an ultimatum to the effect that unless the company reinstates the men by Sept. 23 a general strike will be declared.

An ex-railroad man told a reporter yesterday that a list of 125 names was taken to the headquarters at St. Louis last Monday, and that all of them will be discharged. Most of them run on the Fort Smith branch.

GREAT RAILROAD SCHEME.

Direct Air Line From New York City to San Francisco.

ELKHART, Ind., Sept. 21.—Work was commenced yesterday on the Napanee and Benton Harbor branch of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad. William Dallin and English capitalists are interested in a project to build a railroad from New York to San Francisco, to be built on as straight a line as possible; to tunnel mountains and bridge rivers, and peacot nothing to stand in its way.

The great highway, as now surveyed, between New York and Chicago, will shorten the distance 200 miles over all other railroads, while the distance between Chicago and San Francisco will be shortened over 400 miles. The projectors have contemplated from the very inception of the enterprise, the making of it an integral part of the government. A bill is now being prepared, to be presented to the national congress at its next winter's session, placing the entire enterprise under the supervision of the government for its indorsement of the bonds of the road.

Alleged Cloverseed Thief Captured.

DELAWARE, O., Sept. 21.—The police made another good catch of an alleged clover thief yesterday while he was attempting to dispose of several bushels of the seed to a merchant. He gave his name as Otis Goff of Milford Center, and drove a team from the Roy Davis livery stable of that place. The police believe him to be one of a gang of systematic robbers which has been operating in central Ohio for the last two years, and to which Frank Gardner belonged.

Lost on the Chicago Grain Market.

MCAURTHUR, O., Sept. 21.—Henry Robbins, living near Hamden, Vinton county, has made an assignment. His liabilities have been found to be in excess of \$30,000. John T. Ogier is assignee with a bond of \$35,000. Robbins is a prominent farmer and stock dealer, and of an old and wealthy family. His failure was caused by bidding on margins in the Chicago grain market. His assets are as yet unknown being mainly property of doubtful and fluctuating value.

Flowers From Carnot's Casket.

WABASH, Ind., Sept. 21.—Aaron Simol, a wealthy merchant of this city, has just returned from a tour of Europe, lasting four months. He was in Paris at the time of the obsequies of President Sadi-Carnot, the martyr French president, and he attended the funeral. He brought back with him a few of the artificial flowers which lay upon the casket containing the remains of President Carnot, presenting them to Wabash friends.

Money Going to New Orleans.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—A movement of currency of some magnitude is in progress, the objective point being New Orleans. The bulk of the money is shipped in the regular way by express, but some banks taking advantage of a 75-cent rate given by the subtreasury for telegraphic transfers through the subtreasury at New Orleans, by which interest is saved as delivery is made at once and all risk of miscarriage avoided.

Big Demand For Lampchimneys.

ELWOOD, Ind., Sept. 21.—Next week the McBeth lampchimney factory will put on the night turn, and 100 more men will find employment. This has been rendered necessary by a great rush of orders. An engraving department has been added to the McCloy lampchimney factory, where all kinds of fancy engraving is done on glass, giving employment to a number of skilled hands.

Saved From Suiciding.

GALLIPOLIS, O., Sept. 21.—Albert Johnson, a young steamboatman of this place, became despondent and twice attempted suicide by drowning. He was rescued both times by a Cincinnati diver. The last time he could hardly be revived. Upon gaining consciousness he asked his rescuer why he did not let him drown.

Dry Goods Store Burglarized.

HUDSON, O., Sept. 21.—The dry goods and notion store of H. Wehner & Company was entered by burglars last night and goods of considerable value, consisting of hats, clothing, jewelry, etc., were taken. Entrance was gained through a rear window.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The net cash in the treasury at the close of business yesterday was \$125,744,803, of which \$57,918,985 represented the gold reserve.

BIG STRIKE IN BOSTON

Ready Made Clothing Industry Completely Paralyzed.

THE OPERATIVES QUIT WORK.

Nearly Six Thousand People Are Out—The Lumping and Sweating Systems Are Objected To—Weekly Wage System and the Nine Hour Day Asked For—Prospects Bright For the Strikers.

BOSTON, Sept. 21.—The ready made clothing industry of this city was completely paralyzed yesterday by a strike of operatives. At an early hour in the morning a committee from the United Garment Workers' union, acting upon instructions from the Clothing Trades District Council No. 3, commenced the war by calling out every operative, pressman and baster employed in the 250 shops here. By noon 2,000 were out and at the close of the day fully 5,500 clothing workers had joined the strike.

The issue of the strike is now clearly defined as being an endeavor to secure the abolition of the lumping and sweating system and the adoption of the week wage system and the nine-hour a day.

Although the contractors favor the demands of the operators they claim that, as the wholesalers decline to grant anything their hands are tied.

Both contractors and manufacturers are surprised at the completeness of the strike. It was expected by the trades council that in some shops a few operators would refuse to come out, but the doubtful ones were among the first to leave, and it is confidently asserted that not a contractor within a circuit of five miles can obtain an operator.

Early in the day a number of contractors had conferences with the committee of employes and afterward the contractors held a meeting, lasting five hours. They decided that an effort should be made to induce the manufacturers to increase their prices, and a committee was appointed to draw a bill of prices in conformity with the demands of the employes and to present the same.

The strikers held a monster mass-meeting in Wells' Memorial hall in the afternoon, and the sentiment of the meeting was that no one should return to work under the old condition.

The clothing trades district council has drawn up agreements for the signature of individual contractors who have pledged themselves to accede to the demands of their employes and who will also give bonds that they will abide by the agreement.

A number of wholesale merchants were seen by an Associated Press reporter and the general opinion was that the operatives struck at the right time and manufacturers will have to increase their prices fully 40 per cent.

FINISHING THEIR WORK.

Doings of the Third Day's Session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

CHATTANOOGA, Sept. 21.—At the third day's session of the sovereign grand lodge I. O. O. F., the report of the committee appointed to locate and erect a building as headquarters in Baltimore was postponed indefinitely.

The law requiring a canton tax was repealed.

A Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Patriarchs association was authorized for each jurisdiction.

A special committee was appointed to investigate the alleged misappropriation of funds donated to the Fargo sufferers.

Legislation on the admission of women to the order through the Rebekah lodge came next. The new legislation admits all Odd Fellows and wives and all white women over 18 years of age who "believe in the ruler of the universe."

The ladies were the guests of the local Rebekah lodge in the afternoon. They were driven over the government road to Missionary Ridge and DeLong's place, where a Bohemian luncheon was served.

"SOCITA DA GARIBALDI."

Parade of Italian Societies Breaks Up in a Riot.

BOSTON, Sept. 21.—A parade of Italian societies in honor of the restoration of Rome broke up in a riot last night, in which three constables, who had attempted to serve replevins on two of the parades, were roughly handled. The Italians, with drawn sabres, were marching through the north end about 6 o'clock, when Constable Thomas Blatt and two assistants attempted to take two members of the "Socita Da Garibaldi" on writs of replevin.

The officers were at once surrounded by indignant Italians, who hustled them very roughly, shouting and waving their swords menacingly. The mounted police, who were at the head of the column, dashed into the mob and with several patrolmen rescued the constables and dispersed the parade with considerable difficulty. Three Italians were arrested.

Thousand Barrels a Day.

FOSTORIA, O., Sept. 21.—An oil well has just been completed north of here in the Wood county field, which is good for 1,000 barrels daily. The well is owned by Robert Miller, the Tiffin banker.

Lost a Finger.

BELLEFONTAINE, O., Sept. 21.—Lon Odor, an employe in the A. J. Miller carriage manufactory, while working the shaper, had one of his fingers cut off and another badly injured.

MEANS MUCH TO NAVIGATION.

Lieutenant Behler's New Mathematical Instrument a Wonder.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 21.—Lieutenant W. H. Behler, United States navy, has arrived from Bremen, with his solarometer, which was tested on the voyage, and which he exhibited in Germany and France. Lieutenant Behler and the officer of the Weimar, the steamship on which he sailed, took 189 observations of the sun and stars at all hours of the days and nights, and the ship's latitude, longitude and compass errors were ascertained by the solarometer with accuracy. Lieutenant Behler took the solarometer to Paris, where he explained it to M. Gauthier, the celebrated Parisian astronomical instrument-maker, who now has a contract for making the solarometers in France.

By request, Lieutenant Behler exhibited the solarometer to the officers of the French navy in Paris. The North German Lloyd Steamship company are interested in the solarometer and the firm of William Ludolph in Bremen has begun to manufacture solarometers for that company. At the German naval observatory in Hamburg the professors and astronomers evinced the greatest interest in the instrument, and expressed their approval of its principles and their admiration of its mechanical design. The solarometer on board the Weimar will be taken to Washington to serve as a standard for the tests of six solarometers now in course of construction in Baltimore. One of them has been ordered by the navy department and will probably be mounted on the armored cruiser New York.

A CRUEL JOKE

Which May Cost the Perpetrator Several Thousand Dollars.

TRIMBLE, Tenn., Sept. 21.—A case of unusual interest and out of the ordinary will be tried at the next term of our circuit court. The case is the result of a practical joke which came very near resulting in a death.

A day or two ago Jim Harber and a half dozen others were sitting in front of Simpson's grocery talking. Bob Jellow, who was standing by, thinking to have some fun, drew a sun-glass from his pocket and focused its lens on Harber's uncovered head. A broad smile played over the features of Jellow, who momentarily expected to see Jim jump up with an exclamation of pain and astonishment.

The glass did more than was expected of it. The concentrated rays of the sun did not reach Harber's scalp, but suddenly his head was a mass of flames, caused by the ignition of the bay rum on his hair, he having just come from the barbershop. When his head caught fire he jumped up and started to run, but Frank Gordon caught and held him while the others extinguished the blaze with their hats and handkerchiefs. He would doubtless have killed the joker on the spot had he not been restrained by friends. He has now brought suit against Jellow for \$15,000. Physicians say Harber's head will never be adorned with another suit of hair, and a jury may prove to Jellow, who is quite wealthy, that his little joke was rather expensive.

Changes in the Adams Express Company.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The board of directors of the Adams Express company yesterday accepted the resignation of President Sanford and elected Mr. L. C. Weir of Cincinnati in his stead. Mr. Sanford has desired to resign a number of times during the past two years, but he was not allowed to retire until yesterday. Mr. Weir has been with the company for 30 years. The election was in accordance with Mr. Sanford's request. Mr. Sanford remains a director of the company.

Girl Sentenced to the Penitentiary.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Sept. 21.—In the circuit court here Lizzie Christy, an attractive girl of modest manners, pleaded guilty to stealing a horse, buggy and harness at Webb City last summer, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The officers say they have evidence to show that her sweetheart, a sportive young farmer, who lives near Webb City, really committed the theft. They say the two left Webb City in the stolen rig, but at Sedalia the man deserted her.

Political Shooting.

SYLVANIA, Ga., Sept. 21.—Sheriff L. B. Brooker of Scriven county was seriously shot yesterday afternoon by George M. Ziegler and his son Sol. The shooting, which was the result of a political discussion, occurred at Ziegler station, five miles from Sylvania. Brooker is a Democrat and a candidate for Sheriff. Ziegler is a Populist. Brooker may die. The elder Ziegler is perhaps fatally injured, and the son has a wound in the arm.

Robbed and Fired the House.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 21.—Burglars broke into the residence of Alexander Hartford, a wealthy contractor at Ingram, near here, yesterday morning, carried off all the silverware and jewelry and set fire to the house. Hartford, who was the only occupant, his family being away, narrowly escaped with his life.

Policeman Killed by Electricity.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 21.—Officer Peter Dillon of the Allegheny police force was instantly killed by catching hold of a live electric light wire that had blown down. It had fallen across the street, blocking travel, and he was endeavoring to remove it. He leaves a wife and three children.

Died Away From Home.

MAUCH CHUNK, Pa., Sept. 21.—E. B. Leisenring, a millionaire coal operator and president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, died at Hamburg, Germany, yesterday.

STILL ANOTHER ONE

Pacing Record For Two-Year-Olds Lowered.

DIRECTLY MAKES IT IN 2:07 3/4.

Perfect Performance on a Perfect Track. Twenty Thousand People Witness the Race Against Time—Robert J. Fails to Beat His Own Record—The Events at Galesburg.

GALESBURG, Ills., Sept. 21.—But one record was broken yesterday and that by Monroe Salisbury's wonderful 2-year-old pacer Directly, who sent the 2-year-old record down from 2:09 to 2:07 3/4 and at the same time reduced his own record 2 1/4 seconds. This performance was witnessed by 20,000 people and created the most intense enthusiasm.

It was the second special event of the afternoon, following Robert J's failure to reduce his record. The conditions were extremely favorable, the track being very fast and weather superb. Directly got away on the first score, Andy McDowell driving him. The colt was moving with great speed and evenly, and needed no other urging than an occasional word from McDowell. He had the pole, and just behind him was a thoroughbred running mate.

The gait proved a remarkable one, showing a steady improvement. The first quarter was gone in 32, the half in 1:04 1/2, the three quarters in 1:36 1/4, and the mile in 2:07 3/4. The gait was perfect from start to finish, and the result set the crowd wild with enthusiasm. The reduction of 1 1/4 seconds at one clip was deemed an event worthy of cheers.

When Williams made the announcement there were loud cries for McDowell, and the famous driver was obliged to go up into the grandstand and acknowledge the ovation. In announcing him Williams said: "I introduce to you Andy McDowell, who drove Alix yesterday in 2:03 3/4, and has just driven Directly in 2:07 3/4, beating two records in as many days, a feat no driver on earth has heretofore accomplished."

To horsemen the remarkable feat about the perfect performance was the increase of speed and the strong showing made in the last quarter. By quarters the rating is: 32, 33 1/2, 31 3/4 and 31 1/2.

It was 5:10 o'clock when Robert J. was sent off on a second scoring. In a warming heat he had made the circuit in 2:11 and there was a general feeling that he would pace a great mile, even if he failed to beat his own record.

Ed Geer was the driver. On the judges' stand was C. J. Hamblin, the owner of Robert J., and nearby him was John H. Lesh of Goshen, Ind., the owner of Online, the fast 4-year-old pacer. Chandler drove the running mate. Robert J. made the first quarter in 0:30 and expectation was high. The half was made in 1:00 1/2, but in the third quarter the great stallion slowed up, making the pole in 1:31 3/4. The mile was made in 2:03 3/4. By quarters the time was 30, 30 1/2, 31 1/4 and 31.

Geer assigned two reasons for the failure of the pacer, namely: "The track was a trifle too hard for Robert J's feet, and that he was fearful of the crowd that filled the entire track, save a few feet next the pole."

Online was next sent to beat his record of 2:07 1/4. He went a strong steady mile, equaling his mile without apparent effort. Chandler drove the pacer and Geer the running mate. The quarters were made in 31 1/2, 32, 31 1/4 and 32 1/4, or 2:07 1/4 for the mile.

MASSILLON MINERS.

Operators Order Picks and Shovels for Nonunion Men.

MASSILLON, O., Sept. 21.—The operators here have made no move yet, except to order 500 picks and shovels for the expected nonunion miners. The Canal Fulton Tool company refused to book the order, at the request of the strikers.

In the north end of the district the operators seem to be in control. Polish labor is employed under contract. The miners are paid 30 cents a ton by their employer, who reaps a handsome profit from the companies. For their accommodation a building 20 by 40 two stories high, has been erected near the Card & Barrett shaft.

At Coleman's No. 2 mine the men are working steadily, and are getting 75 cents.

Negroes En Route.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 21.—Three hundred negroes left here last night in charge of labor agents to take the places of the striking miners in the Massillon (O.) districts, and 1,000 more will follow soon. It is said that the Ohio strikers have threatened to slaughter the southern negroes if they attempt to go to work. The negroes have not been apprised of the situation in Ohio and trouble is expected on their arrival.

Valuable Diamonds Stolen.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 21.—Last night Mrs. W. W. Hite of 1616 Third street was robbed of diamonds valued at \$1,500. The robbery occurred while the family was at supper. Mrs. Hite was going out in the evening and laid her diamonds on a dresser in her room on the second floor. When she returned to her room the jewelry was gone. The jewelry taken consisted of two diamond rings, a cluster pin and a diamond bracelet. A gold watch and \$30 in cash were also taken. Detectives are working on the case and think it is the work of a professional.