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FRIGHTFUL BUTCHERY OF BOTH COMBATANTS

Russian Wounded Streaming Through Mukden From the Front. Japs Using Hand Grenades With Horrible Effect—Battle Is of Most Desperate Character.

KUROPATKIN IS IN A TIGHT PLACE

And is Directing All Effort to Withdraw His Army to Tie Pass.

JAPS HAVE DRIVEN IN RUSSIAN LEFT AND CROSSED THE HUN RIVER—TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT OF RUSSIAN POSITIONS IS UNCEASING—RUMORS OF MUTINY AMONG THE POLISH TROOPS.

By Associated Press.

Mukden, March 3.—A ceaseless artillery fire is heard to the southward, the roaring of guns becoming more distinct every hour. The Russian losses during the last five days have been heavy.

Wounded are streaming through Mukden going northward. Great confusion prevails in this city and every means of transportation out of the city is being used.

Night attacks are again a feature of the struggle. In one engagement on the left flank the men fought in darkness.

The Japanese are using hand grenades with horrible effect and the butchery on both sides is frightful.

DESPERATE BATTLE IS RAGING IN MANCHURIA.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—According to the latest information from the front the battle is now general and of the most desperate character. The losses have been exceedingly heavy on both sides and although it is not officially admitted it is regarded as certain that General Kuropatkin is directing all his efforts to the withdrawal of his army to Tie pass. It is now practically a rear guard action but General Kuropatkin's task of extricating himself is proving very difficult. The Japanese have not only driven in his left, but a column is already said to have crossed the Hun river, east of Fushian, at the same time the Japanese were pressing the Russian center under cover of the fire from siege guns. General Kuropatkin is gradually retiring before the Japanese advance.

Bombardment Continues.

Tokio, March 3.—Reports from headquarters of the Manchurian army say the Japanese bombardment of many Russian positions continues, the Japanese using heavy guns. Many of the Russian positions are strongly defended and it is believed that siege guns will be required to reduce them.

Rumors of Mutiny.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—Ugly rumors of mutiny among some of the Polish regiments at the front are in circulation here, but are not confirmed.

Fight is Stubborn.

Sakhetun, Manchuria, March 3.—Stubborn fighting has been in progress all day long.

Four Japanese divisions are about eleven miles west of Mukden.

The Japanese to-day made two infantry attacks on Poutiloff hill, but were repulsed. They have resumed the bombardment of the hill.

The Japanese attacked the Russian extreme left wing at two points as well as at Gauto Pass, where during the morning the fortifications previously abandoned were captured by the Russians. The bombardment of the Russian position on the left and right flanks continued. While the Japanese swept Poutiloff hill with at least 2,500 shells from siege guns and mortars, the latter's projectiles being recognizable by their enormous explosive force and massive splinters.

Towards evening the Japanese advanced on the right wing where stubborn fighting continues.

Though the Japanese are pushing forward on the left bank of the Hun river, the Russians are maintaining stubborn defense.

The four Japanese divisions engaged in the turning movement in Russian right on the Liao river to-day reached Sawnipu, about eleven miles west of Mukden, but Russian reinforcements were sent out and checked the advance.

A Japanese attack on the positions east of Erdagou at 4 o'clock this morning was repulsed.

Under cover of the artillery fire and a mist the Japanese opened an infan-

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Returned as President of the Big Four Railway

MR. M. E. INGALLS.

Mr. M. E. Ingalls, who has just returned as president of the Big Four Railroad, but who will continue as president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, is one of the best-known transportation men in the country. He was prominently mentioned for the Democratic nomination for president prior to the last campaign.

Elaborate Preparations By New Orleans Catholics

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, March 3.—Elaborate preparations have been made for the entertainment of the distinguished members of the executive board of the American Federation of Catholic Societies which is to meet here tomorrow and Sunday to arrange the program for the annual session of the federation in New Orleans. Arrangements have been made for a great mass meeting of Catholics at the French Opera House on Sunday night. Addresses will be made by Archbishop Messmer, of Milwaukee, Bishop M'Faul of Trenton, N. J.; President Minnahan, of New York, and others. Archbishop Chapelle will deliver the prayer. Archbishop Messmer, accompanied by Nicholas Gonner, of Dubuque, Iowa, and Bishop J. J. Fox and Rev. L. A. Ricklen, of Green Bay, Wis., have already arrived and the remaining members of the executive board are on their way.

Many Killed in Wreck of Washington Troop Trains

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, March 3.—A special train from Cleveland, Ohio, over the Pennsylvania Railway, carrying the Tippecanoe Club, of Cleveland, and the Ohio engineers' battalion, Ohio National Guard, was run into by another special carrying the Sixth Ohio National Guard regiment near Clifton station to-night.

The first reports of the wreck stated the number of killed at 25 or 30, but later reports state the dead at from five to eight, possibly more, and the number of injured at thirty-five.

In the rear car of the first train were officers of the guard, a number of whom are reported killed. Major Keyes has both legs broken and will probably die. The wreckage took fire and three cars were burned.

CIVIL MARRIAGE OF MISS PORTER

DAUGHTER OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE JOINED TO SWISS PHYSICIAN.

By Associated Press.

Paris, March 3.—The civil marriage of Miss Elsie Porter, daughter of the American Ambassador, to Dr. Edwin Menge, of Seurich, Switzerland, was performed to-day at the town hall of the municipality of the Passy quarter. Only members of the family and intimate friends were present. The mayor, who seldom officiates, personally conducted the ceremony.

BARR WILL COMMAND SCHOONER ATLANTIC.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 3.—Captain Chas. Barr, skipper of the defending yachts in many of the America's cup races, has been engaged to command the three-masted auxiliary schooner Atlantic, in the Kaiser's cup race across the ocean.

The Atlantic is owned by Wilson Marshall.

LEFT A FORTUNE TO HIS CHILDREN

STRANGE CASE BROUGHT TO LIGHT BY DEATH IN AN IDAHO HOSPITAL.

By Associated Press.

Boise, Idaho, March 3.—A strange story has come to light here in connection with the filing of the will of the late John Wood. He died in the hospital a short time ago. Before his death he made a will leaving his property, valued at $50,000 to his children. No one here knew he had children, though he had lived here thirty-five years. He was married after he came here and was afterwards divorced, but there were no children to the union. It now seems he left a family in Crawford county, Missouri, in 1860. They thought he went to the Southern army and was killed. His right name was Bruce Wood.

The wife and three children are still living, but he had never communicated with them or heard of them, and when he came to make his will he did not know the number of children or their names. They have been hunted up since his death. The children are Peter S. Wood of Cuba, Mosijohn Wood of Steeleville, Mo., and Mrs. Maggie Stemle of Florida.

ALL IN READINESS FOR INAUGURAL CEREMONY

National Capital Thronged With Thousands of Visitors Representing Every State in the Union.

IMMENSE THRONG AT WHITE HOUSE

Four Governors and Their Staffs Called Upon President.

CITY OF WASHINGTON IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE AND ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS PROPITIOUS WEATHER—TIME SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS OF THE INAUGURATION.

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 3.—Everything is in readiness for the inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt as president of the United States to-morrow. Plans for the event, even to the minutest details, have been carefully worked out and the only thing remaining to be settled is the quality of weather which will be dispensed to the thousands of visitors. This being entirely out of the hands of the various committees, will not be determined until to-morrow.

There was an immense throng at the White House to-day and the president shook hands with many visitors. Among the governors received by the president were Higgins, of New York, Bell, of Vermont, Herrick, of Ohio, and Blanchard, of Louisiana. All were accompanied by their staffs. Traffic is heavy on all the railroads entering Washington.

Thousands of people from almost every state in the union are in Washington and the streets and hotels are crowded with strangers. The city is in holiday attire and all that is now needed is the propitious weather that has proved so often the uncertain factor in the inauguration scheme. The time card for the inaugural events as closely as can be scheduled, is as follows:

Schedule of Events.

10 a. m.—President leaves White House for the capitol with his personal escort.

10:30 a. m. to 12 noon—President remains in his room adjoining the senate chamber and passes on the measures passed at the last hour and awaiting his action.

12 noon—President takes seat in senate chamber in front of the vice-president's desk.

12:15 p. m.—President Pro Tempore of the senate administers the oath to Mr. Fairbanks as vice-president.

12:30 p. m.—New senators sworn in.

1 p. m.—President Roosevelt takes the oath on stand at east front of capitol.

1:15 p. m.—President reads his inaugural address.

1:20 to 1:30 p. m.—President Roosevelt concludes his inaugural address and starts for White House.

Start of parade in which approximately 30,000 troops, according to the committee's estimate, will be in line. Parade halts at head of Pennsylvania avenue, to allow president to take luncheon and reach reviewing stand.

2 p. m.—President at luncheon.

2:45 p. m.—President enters reviewing stand and begins review of the parade.

5:30 p. m.—Parade ends.

7:30 p. m.—Inaugural ball committee's assemble. Fireworks begin.

8 p. m.—Pension building opened for inaugural ball.

8:45 p. m.—Fireworks conclude.

9 p. m.—Grand march at the ball.

12 midnight—Ball ends.

Monday, grand inaugural concert.

JOINED HAWAIIAN SUGAR TRUST

CROCKETT REFINERY NOW IN HANDS OF COMBINATION THAT CONTROLS THE ISLAND'S OUTPUT.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, March 3.—It is authoritatively announced that the Crocket Sugar Refinery has passed into the hands of the Hawaii sugar factory's association, a combination of all the leading sugar planters on the Hawaiian islands, and which practically controls all of the cane production there. The plant at Crockett, which has been idle for years, shortly will be reopened. It is on a large scale, and controlled by the association.

The present transfer involves about three million dollars.

DENIES SAYING THAT COOK POISONED MRS. STANFORD

San Francisco Dispatch Says Chinese Servants are Detained in Stanford Mansion Under Suspicion.

By Associated Press.

Honolulu, H. I., March 3.—Chemists who are examining the contents of the stomach of Mrs. Sanford, who died under suspicious circumstances Tuesday night, say they will not be able to make a report to-day.

Miss Bertha Berner, who was Mrs. Stanford's secretary, told a correspondent of The Associated Press that there was absolutely no truth in the dispatch from this city to San Francisco attributing to her a statement to the effect that she suspected Ah Wing, the Chinese cook employed at Mrs. Stanford's mansion at San Francisco, of having placed strychnine in the bottle of bi-carbonate of soda.

The San Francisco Report.

San Francisco, March 3.—The Call publishes a dispatch from Honolulu to-day which says that Miss Bertha Berner, who was Mrs. Stanford's secretary, has named Ah Wing, a Chinese cook who has been employed at Mrs. Stanford's home for over 20 years, as the person whom she suspects of placing the strychnine in the bi-carbonate of soda. Ah Wing, with the other servants in the employ of Mrs. Stanford, is now confined in the Stanford mansion on California street, by private detectives, under orders, it is said, of the personal attorney of Mrs. Stanford. They are not allowed to leave the house and a watchman is on guard day and night with orders to prohibit all persons from approaching the dwelling.

Besides Ah Wing, there are two other Chinese servants and the housekeeper kept in the house.

Since the announcement was received that strychnine had been found in the bottle of bi-carbonate detectives have made careful search of Mrs. Stanford's California street home and her place in Palo-Alto. They have found a one-pound can of imported bi-carbonate of soda. The can at the Palo Alto home had not been opened but from the one discovered in the California street mansion there had been a small portion taken, presumably the amount to fill the small bottle that Mrs. Stanford carried with her to Honolulu.

Both of these cans have been analyzed by a local chemist, who has pronounced their contents absolutely free from any kind of poison. With this knowledge in their possession, the detectives have been eager to discover who refilled the small bottle and possibly fixed the bi-carbonate of soda with strychnine.

STEAMER BURNED AT NEW ORLEANS

CARGO OF COTTON AND MISCELLANEOUS FREIGHT DAMAGED—THE VESSEL COST $25,000 AND WAS UNINSURED.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, March 3.—The river steamer Columbia was partially burned here to-day as was also a considerable quantity of miscellaneous freight. The steamer carried 1,182 bales of cotton and much of it can be saved, although damaged. The cotton was insured for thirty-three dollars a bale. The boat was uninsured and cost twenty-five thousand dollars to build.

PROMINENT RAILROADER

R. S. HAYES, WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, EXPIRED IN NEW YORK.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 3.—Richard Somer Hayes, the railroad capitalist, is dead at his home here. He was fifty-nine years old and had been ill more than two years.

For over thirty years Mr. Hayes was prominent in railraod circles, being at various times president of the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad Company vice-president of the Missouri Pacific, president of the New York and Northern and managing director of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. For many years he was prominently identified with railroads in Texas. He was the engineer of construction of the Texas and Pacific and was also receiver of the Texas International, being made president when the receivership was dissolved.

Among the railroad companies of which he was a director are the Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix, Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe and Delaware and Hudson.

INSURGENTS VICTORIOUS

By Associated Press.

Constantinople, March 3.—The towns of Aab and Yerim southward of Yemen, Arabia, have fallen into the hands of the insurgents.

Ali Riga Pasha, with five battalions of Turkish reinforcements, left Arabia February 28 for Hodeida.

CONTROLS THE DRUG TRADE

EXISTENCE OF GIGANTIC COMBINATION DISCOVERED—COSTS CONSUMERS MILLIONS YEARLY.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, March 3.—Existence of a gigantic combination controlling the drug trade of the United States and costing the consumers $40,000,000 annually is held to have been proved by the hearing just concluded before special United States Commissioner Marshall E. Simpselle. The amount of business controlled by the combination is placed at $400,000,000 yearly. The evidence is said to be so conclusive that it probably will be placed in the hands of Attorney General Moody for investigation.

The fight against the combination is being made by a large retail druggist in Philadelphia, who is sueing for $100,000 damages under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The chief witness has been Thomas V. Wooten, secretary of the National Association of Retail Druggists.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM LYNCHING

MOB OF NEW YORK LONGSHOREMEN LED BY ANGRY FATHER, TRIED TO HANG SYRIAN.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 3.—Led by an enraged father, who asserted that Assal Encoor, a Syrian, had attempted to maltreat his daughter, an infuriated mob of three hundred longshoremen put a noose around the Syrian's neck and were about to string him up to a lamp post when police interfered and only after a hard fight rescued the man.

LAST OF BILLS IS DISPOSED OF

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 3.—The house has adopted the conference report on the river and harbor bill and the senate has agreed to the conference report on the measure, which was passed. This disposes of all appropriation bills.

CZAR PROMISES PEOPLE VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

Signs Rescript Granting Convention of Elected Representatives to Elaborate and Consider Legislative Measures.

SEES TROUBLE IN PROPOSED REFORM

While Preserving Absolutely the Fundamental Laws of Russia.

GENERAL STRIKE PROCLAIMED WHEN DEMANDS OF WORKMEN WERE REFUSED—TROUBLE EXPECTED IN WARSAW, WHERE TROOPS ARE BEING RAPIDLY CONCENTRATED.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—Emperor Nicholas this afternoon signed a rescript promising the people a voice in the preparation of laws.

The rescript was issued to the minister of the interior, stating that he (Emperor Nicholas) has decided to convene an assembly of elected representatives of the people to "Elaborate and consider legislative measures." Among other things the rescript says "taking into consideration the peculiar circumstances of war, and the multiplicity of races and, in certain parts of the county, the weak development of citizenship, Russian rulers, in their wisdom, instituted reforms in accordance with their natural requirements but only in logical sequence, at the same time considering a continuation for the firm historical ties of the past as a pledge for the durability and stability of the present."

The Emperor says he sees "all the complexity and difficulty presented in the elaboration of this reform while preserving absolutely the immutability of the fundamental laws of the empire."

The rescript closes with an expression of faith in the ability of the minister of the interior and asks the "blessing of God upon this good beginning."

General Strike Proclaimed.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—Following the action of the government in refusing to consider the political conditions imposed by workmen in their demands, a general strike was proclaimed at sectional meetings here today.

Fear Trouble at Warsaw.

Warsaw, March 3.—It is feared the reactionary tone in the Emperor's manifesto published here to-day will have a bad effect. Everyone is nervously anticipating some development in the next few days and it is rumored that martial law will be proclaimed here on March 4th.

Three regiments of infantry and several squadrons of Cossacks arrived to-day. The authorities are apparently concentrating the troops in readiness for any emergencies.

The exodus of the wealthiest people continues. The editor of the Flos Krzywicki was arrested to-day.

An Imperial Decree.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—An imperial decree commands that "in order that it may be possible for all our loyal subjects to be heard directly by the emperor," the council presided over by the emperor shall examine and consider in his name all the views and wishes that may be received from private persons and institutions in regard to perfecting the administration of the state and the improvement of the welfare of the people.

JOCKEY CLUBS IN OPPOSITION

CRESCENT CITY CLUB WILL RUN DAY FOR DAY WITH OTHER CLUB, AND ONE DAY LONGER.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, March 3.—George C. Bennett, one of the largest stockholders in the New Memphis Jockey Club and who is also interested in the Crescent City Jockey Club, has stated that the latter will run day for day with the New Orleans Jockey Club and one day longer. Mr. Bennett said that to carry out the plans of the Western Jockey Club in the turf war that is now in progress, the Memphis meeting will be postponed. Mr. Bennett has informed H. D. Brown, who is interested in the New Orleans Jockey Club, of the plans that have been mapped out.