

THE BURNING CITY OF LIAO YANG WITH RUSSIAN STORES, ARMS AND AMMUNITION FALLS INTO JAPS' HANDS

RUSSIANS SET FIRE TO THE CITY AND ITS SUBURBS BEFORE FLEEING ACROSS TIATSE RIVER—CZAR'S SOLDIERS WERE IN SUCH A HURRY TO MAKE AN "ORDERLY" RETREAT THAT THEY LEFT THEIR CANNON, RIFLES AND OTHER ACCOUTREMENTS ON THE BATTLEFIELD

(By Scripps News Ass'n)

TOKIO, Sept. 2.—It is reported that the city of Liao Yang is in flames. This action was probably taken by the Russians to prevent the Japanese from securing the stores left behind.

ROME, Sept. 2.—A Tokio dispatch states that Kuropatkin ordered all villages about Liao Yang burned. Four villages are already destroyed, rendering several thousand Manchurians homeless. The Manchurians are now joining the brigand Chuchuses and will wreak vengeance on the Russians.

JAPS HAVE CUT OFF RUSSIAN RETREAT

MUKDEN, Sept. 2.—The train service between Mukden and Liao Yang is interrupted. The roads are impassable. LONDON, Sept. 2.—This morning's newspapers comment upon the Associated Press dispatch from Mukden saying that the train service between Mukden and Liao Yang is interrupted and that the roads are impassable, as the most important news from the scene of hostilities in the far east, and say there is only one meaning to it, that the Japanese have seized the railway between Liao Yang and Mukden.

Commenting upon the situation in the far east, all the morning newspapers discuss the problem as to whether General Kuropatkin will be able to extricate his forces or whether Marshal Oyama will succeed in completing the victory by enveloping and destroying the Russian army. The consensus of opinion is that General Kuropatkin's position is most perilous.

TOKIO, Sept. 2.—The Japanese followed up the retreat of Gen. Kuropatkin from Liao Yang. They secured the use of Russian guns left at Liao Yang and the Russian retreat across the Tiatse river was effected with great confusion, owing to the Japanese gun fire from the river's banks.

RUSSIANS HARD PRESSED BY JAPS

TOKIO, Sept. 2.—(10 a. m.)—The Russians began to retreat on the right center from Liao Yang early Thursday. They were thrown into great confusion while attempting to cross to the right bank of the Tiatse river. The Japanese pursued them vigorously, seized a Russian cannon, which they used to shell the Liao Yang railway station.

Field Marshal Oyama's right attacked a heavy force of Russians in the vicinity of Heiyang, 12 miles northeast of Liao Yang, at 11 o'clock Thursday. His left began at dawn today pressing the Russians toward Taitso. It is thought that he will severely punish the Russians.

The Japanese casualties in the Liao Yang engagement have not yet been ascertained officially. It is announced that they will not exceed 10,000.

TOKIO, Sept. 2.—The Japanese left began pressing the Russians toward Taitso at dawn this (Friday) morning. The Japanese right is engaged in the neighborhood of Heiyang.

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DARING ESCAPE

TWO HARDENED CRIMINALS SLIPPED AWAY FROM GUARDS, STOLE A BOAT AND ROWED TO MAINLAND—MAN HUNT IS NOW IN PROGRESS

(Special to The Star)

TACOMA, Sept. 2.—Harry Chester and W. Meinberg, two desperate convicts, escaped from the United States penitentiary at McNeil's island and a man hunt with blood hounds hot after the escaped men is now on.

Watching a favorable opportunity when the guards were not looking, Chester and Meinberg slipped away from a jetty where they, along with a number of other prisoners, were at work on the island, and walking rapidly along the waterfront, succeeded in securing a boat and, although closely pursued by the guards, made good their escape.

Chester and Meinberg are two hardened criminals, both of whom have served terms in various prisons in different parts of the United States. They were convicted in Nome of larceny and sent to McNeil's island, Chester for three years and Meinberg for four years. Meinberg has still about eleven months to serve and Chester four months.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the two quietly slipped away from the rest of the gang on the waterfront and soon disappeared. The escape was discovered some minutes later and a search for the missing men at once instituted. Following the course of the men with the bloodhounds kept at the penitentiary, the two prisoners were traced to a point a mile to the other

side of where the jetty is being built. Some distance out in the sound a row-boat containing the two escaping men was perceived. An instant pursuit was started, but the men had too great a start. Boats were secured and Chester and Meinberg traced to Devils Head at which point they had abandoned the boat.

As soon as the trail of the pair was discovered the bloodhounds were placed on the track and an exciting man hunt began. The trail was plainly distinguishable and was followed for several miles. In addition to the hounds three launches are now patrolling the waterfront along the territory likely to be traversed by the two men. Officers all along the peninsula have been warned and a sharp lookout is being kept for the men.

Harry Chester is known as a notorious burglar and robber. He is 28 years old, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches in height and weighs 160 pounds. He is of fair complexion, with blue eyes and has a scar on his right shoulder and a birthmark on his abdomen. His hair is light brown and thin, and he is described by the prison officials as being somewhat bald.

Meinberg has served terms in a number of prisons. He is also 28 years old, 5 feet 11 inches in height and weighs 195 pounds. He has light brown hair and a fair complexion, with light blue eyes. Both forearms are tattooed with various designs and on the left forearm is tattooed his name, W. Meinberg.

confirmable at the war office, that Liao Yang has fallen and that the Japanese are inside the walled town. No further details are yet obtainable.

MUKDEN, Sept. 2.—The Russian losses about Liao Yang since Tuesday are estimated at 10,000 killed and wounded.

Oyama Tells Of the Battle

LONDON, Sept. 2.—The Japanese legation received a dispatch from Tokio this morning giving a report of Field Marshal Oyama on yesterday's fight.

"The enemy being unable to resist our fierce attack began retreating on September 1 toward Liao Yang," says Oyama. "Our left and central divisions hotly pursued the enemy, which was in great confusion, while trying to retire to the right bank of the Tiatse river.

"We captured 13 half centimetre cannon, which are being used to bombard the road to Liao Yang and the railway station. Our right flank attacked the enemy at Heiyang Tai, 15 miles northeast of Liao Yang. Our casualties since August 29 have been 10,000 killed and wounded."

JAPANESE REPULSED IN FIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR

LONDON, Sept. 2.—The Tientsin correspondent of the Central News wires that an official message from Port Arthur stated that the Japanese attacks of the past few days have been repulsed with heavy losses. There has been a lull in the firing since yesterday. A strong column of Japanese are reported moving south from Liao Tishan for the purpose of effecting a strict blockade. Eleven Japanese warships are outside the harbor at present.

NODZU CONTINUES THE ADVANCE

TOKIO, Sept. 2.—General Nodzu, commanding the center of the Japanese army, telegraphed this morning that he was continuing the advance with the object of taking a line from Shichi Yan to Liao Yang and effecting a junction with the Japanese left.

RUSSIANS HAD TO HURRY

TOKIO, Sept. 2.—The Japanese secured 21,700 rifles about Liao Yang, which the Russians threw away during the retreat.

KUROPATKIN SAYS "WE'RE FALLING BACK"

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 2.—A telegram from General Kuropatkin reports that the firing did not cease throughout the day yesterday. The Russians, he says, are falling back.

WILL COURT-MARTIAL OUKTO MSKY

LONDON, Sept. 2.—A St. Petersburg dispatch says that at a council of admirals, High Admiral Grand Duke Alexis presiding, it was decided to court-martial Rear Admiral Prince Ouktomsky for having disobeyed orders not to return with the Port Arthur fleet to Port Arthur, given at the time of the disastrous sortie of August 16. The court will sit at Vladivostok.

The Modern Woodmen of this city will leave for an excursion to Monte Cristo at 5:45 Monday morning. They will have a special train of 12 coaches and two engines.

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HALLFAX, N. S., Sept. 2.—The American fishing schooner Samoset Duxbury was seized this morning by the Canadian government cruiser Gladiator for being within the three-mile limit.

ANOTHER CLAIMANT

(By Scripps News Ass'n)

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—Another unexpected claimant to the McVicker estate appeared today in the person of Alexander McBean, of San Francisco. The attorneys for McBean notified Attorney Condee, representing the estate, but he did not state on what ground the claim was based. The will will possibly not be probated before next week. Mrs. McVicker's body is expected to arrive in Chicago Sunday afternoon.

A Green Lake car ran into an open switch at 10:30 last night at Interlake station and bumped into a car of lumber. Several passengers were on the car at the time, who were considerably jarred. C. R. Hawkins, an attorney, was injured to the extent of a broken rib and slight sprains about the back. The rest of the passengers were not seriously injured.

HANGED

(Special to The Star.)

WALLA WALLA, Sept. 2.—Chas. Clark was hanged in the state penitentiary here this morning for the murder of Lelia Page, his mistress, in the Jewel house of ill-fame, in Olympia on the morning of Janu-

ary 13, 1903.

His Mother Prostrated

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 2.—Mrs. Clark, mother of the murderer, here is in a serious condition on account of grief. It is necessary to keep her constantly under the partial influence of opiates. At 4 o'clock this morning she began to ask her attendants the hour and continued to do so until the physicians took her to the hospital, where she collapsed and lost consciousness. Though she now slowly realizes that the hour of execution has passed, no one is allowed to tell her all is over. She has the sympathy of the entire community.

Threatened By Fire

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Sept. 2.—A fire started this morning on the hill west of Larkspur and rapidly spread until it now threatens the entire country to the south and west, including Mount Tamalpais, Mill valley, Baltimore canyon and the Kent and Murray properties. Gangs of fire fighters are making heroic efforts to keep the flames from running east to the town of Larkspur.

DENIES IT

James O'Donnell, who was arrested yesterday on a writ of ne exeat to prevent him from leaving the state without paying his wife temporary alimony, was brought into court this afternoon on a writ of habeas corpus. His wife, who is suing him for divorce, claims that he intended leaving the country to avoid being forced to support her and her children. O'Donnell denies this and said he was simply going away on business. The habeas corpus proceedings are brought on the ground that the court had no right to issue a writ of ne exeat in this state.

JIM HILL'S FINGER IN CITY HALL PIE

The ordinance now before the council calling for a special election to vote for the issuance of bonds for the erection of a new city hall and jail, is not going to be passed without opposition. The ordinance provides for the erection of a \$150,000 jail and emergency hospital on the city's triangle at Fifth avenue and Yeeler Way, known as the Keeler block, and for the erection of a new city hall on the block occupied by the present city hall.

For this purpose \$500,000 of bonds are to be issued, making a total issue of \$900,000. The \$500,000 is to be used both for the building of a city hall and for the purchase of the east half of the present city hall block, which is not yet owned by the city. This is the chief objection to the proposition.

The Great Northern railway owns the east half of this block. Already rumors of graft have been set afloat on this account. The Great Northern paid an exorbitant price for the property. Naturally it will want an exorbitant price from the city, it is claimed. That price will not be less than \$150,000, it is said by those qualified to judge.

If the city is held up for this amount, it will make the purchase of the Yeeler block for a court house site by the county commissioners, which has always been looked upon as a shady deal, appear as innocent as a Sunday school prize award, it is claimed.

If the ordinance as now framed, is finally passed by the council, it will make it absolutely NECESSARY TO BUY the east half of the block. But two propositions will be placed before the people at the special election, according to the provisions of the present ordinance.

One will be to expend \$150,000 for erecting the jail on the city's property at Fifth and Yeeler. The other will be to expend \$500,000 for the purchase of the east half of the present city hall block and for the erection of a city hall thereon. This will not give the voters a chance to choose any other site for a city hall.

It will not even give them the privilege of deciding how much they want to pay for the additional property. As soon as the proposition is passed at the special election, the city will have to purchase the east half of the block. The Great Northern railway can then ask any price for it which it desires.

The block is by many regarded as far from the most desirable site for a city hall. The Great Northern bought the east half of it because it had to. It paid a high price because the owners of the property demanded it. It was purchased under the same conditions as was the York hotel property. The company's railroad tunnel passes underneath it. This caused a settling of the ground directly above it and so unsettled Fourth avenue that it was almost impassable for a while.

That was about a year ago. The Great Northern bought the property at that time. The subsoil in this vicinity is naturally unstable, and the ground is nearly as "made," a gulch having formerly run through the block, which was filled in. With a tunnel underneath it, so it is stated by engineers, it would become still less stable. The constant rumbling of the trains on a short distance below might also MAKE IT UNDESIRABLE for a city hall site. At any rate, to make the foundation perfectly solid would be costly.

In the opinion of well known real estate men it will cost the city about \$150,000 to purchase this half of the block. They make the estimate this high because they realize that the Great Northern paid a high price for it and would naturally ask a large sum from the municipality, which always gets the worst of such a deal.

M. F. Backus, who formerly owned the corner of Fourth avenue and Jefferson street, 60 by 120 feet, in a house theater, now a lodging house, sold it to J. A. Murray, a Seattle millionaire, for \$25,000. Later Murray sold it to the Great Northern.

Mr. Backus is under the impression that the Great Northern paid Murray \$50,000 for it. At this rate it must have cost the railway company, in his estimation, at least \$150,000 to buy the whole half block, which the company is said to now own.

At that, however, Mr. Backus does not want to be understood as being opposed to the purchase of the half block. He thinks it would be worth the price to the city. He said so this morning.

"The block will become very valuable," he declared. "The regrade of Third avenue and the cutting of the diagonal roadway through the block immediately on the south, together with the improving of Fourth avenue, will make it so. It will be close to the business district, although not perhaps in the center of population. It also will be close to the county's court house site."

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ON THE YESLER BLOCK adjoining, it will make it unnecessary to sell the west half on which the present city hall is now built, thus avoiding another opportunity to beat the city.

"I doubt if the city could make a better deal. It cannot get a place on the old university grounds because they are already leased. It cannot buy Second avenue property because it would cost too much. I am not taking this position for personal reasons, because most of the property I own is on upper Third avenue."

Another objection to the proposition is that it would place the city hall too far from the center of population. In round numbers one-half the population of the city lives north of Denny way; two-thirds of it north of Madison street, and

three-fourths of it north of Yesler way. There are those also who see danger ahead for the municipal lighting plant in the issuance of the \$800,000 of bonds. Councilman Daulton is one of these. There is no opposition as yet to the construction of the jail. Mayor Hallinger, himself, says that he is not certain as to the advisability of constructing a new city hall at this time. He has not investigated the matter thoroughly, he stated yesterday. But of the urgent need of a new jail he is convinced.

The \$800,000 bonds for the two buildings will bring the city up to the full limit of its bonded indebtedness. When the matter of constructing a jail was broached before the special council committee several months ago for the first time City Comptroller Riplinger stated that \$500,000 more would BE THE LIMIT of the city's bonded indebtedness. Therefore, if the large bond issue is made, it will be impossible to thereafter issue more bonds for the extension of the city's electrical distributing system.

Many citizens in this see a chance for the electric octopus to get local consumers hopelessly in its clutches. The city will be competing with it only in the business district—with the big manufacturing firms—where rates are already low because of the sliding scale of the Seattle Electric company and the competition of the Snoqualmie Falls & White River Power company.

The Seattle Electric company will be left free to exploit the residences and other small consumers, which give the cream of its present business.

ISSAQUAH COAL MINE IS ON FIRE

FLAMES ARE NOW CONFINED TO THE AIR COURSE, BUT ARE RAPIDLY SPREADING INTO THE LOWER WORKINGS—TOWN IN DANGER

The Issaquah coal mines are on

fire. This news reached the city this afternoon. The fire was first discovered this morning, although it is thought it has been burning for at least 48 hours. A big crew of men are at work trying to extinguish the flames, but as yet no apparent headway has been made, as smoke is pouring out of the

shafts more densely than ever. The fire is now confined to the air course and steam pipe shaft, but is thought to be gradually eating its way into the main shaft and, it is feared, will reach the 1,700-foot level in this event it will be impossible to extinguish the fire until tremendous damage has been done.

Manager Allen, of the coal company, is on the ground and supervising the work of extinguishing the fire. He said today that he thought the fire could be placed under control in a very short time, but others are not so firm in their belief. In fact many people are moving out of the town and many loads of furniture have already been taken to the neighboring towns.

President Buchanan, of the Coal Mine Workers' union, offered the assistance of 100 men without pay, to help extinguish the fire, but Manager Allen refused the offer and ordered the men off the grounds, it is asserted.

William Lewis, a foreman of a crew at the mines, was overcome by smoke while at work on the fire and was taken to a house near by, unconscious. He was revived later.

MESSAGE FROM THE LAMORNA

Note in a Bottle Picked Up Near Port Townsend May Give Clew to Lost Ship's Fate

What appears to be the first positive proof of the fact that the British ship Lamorna is sinking condition. No hope for crew.

"JAMES SLOANE, First Officer." On the other side of the note is the signature of W. E. R. Notman and wife, of Norfolk, Va.

The Lamorna was well known at this port in Capt. Carmack was her commander. It had been believed in marine circles for some time that she was wrecked on the Vancouver coast some time prior to March 22, but the grim message picked up by the Barto native is the

first positive evidence of the fact that has yet been discovered.

HUNTING IS GOOD

Grouse, pheasants and ducks are now having their season of attention from the local sportsmen. Yesterday morning the season opened with good promise. Notwithstanding the fact that the morning was cloudy, which is always favorable to the birds, there were a good many killed. Hunters returned to the city about noon with bags containing several nice specimens.

Some hunters report that there are not many birds this season. Others say there are plenty for all. The chief complaint comes from only a few sections and, as a general rule, the season is expected to be a good one. A large number of sportsmen left this morning for the hunting grounds.