

EIGHT JAPANESE FIRE SHIPS SUNK BY RUSSIAN SHELLS AT PORT ARTHUR

Unconfirmed Report of Another Great Land Battle In Which Japanese Were Victors—Baron Hayashi Gives Out Official Report of First Battle on the Yalu

ST. PETERSBURG, May 3.—Viceroy Alexieff reports officially that eight Japanese fireships were sunk last night when an attempt was made to block Port Arthur harbor. The land batteries and torpedo boats participated in shelling the ships. Two Japanese torpedo boats also went down, according to the report. The fireships were discovered by searchlights, creeping in from the east and south-east. Torpedo boats and destroyers were ordered out and Viceroy Alexieff himself went aboard the coast defense ship Oshio. A heavy fire was opened, lasting from midnight until 5 o'clock in the morning, when the last fireship sank. The Japanese steamers, which were armed with Hotchkiss and Maxim guns, responded warmly to the Russian fire. Two officers and a few members of the crews of the fireships were saved by the Russians. TIENTSIN, May 3.—Russians officials here have received a dispatch stating that

nine Japanese fireships were sunk, clear of the harbor entrance, by the guns of Port Arthur. LONDON, May 3.—A dispatch received here today from St. Petersburg says a rumor is current there to the effect that another great battle has been fought on the Yalu river, between 30,000 Russians and 80,000 Japanese, in which the Japanese were victorious, capturing thirty-six Russian cannon and 2,000 prisoners. Twenty officers and about 600 men are reported to have been killed and wounded. The rumor may be a belated exaggeration of the last fight. LONDON, May 3.—Additional details of the Russian repulse on the Yalu continue to come in this afternoon. The Seoul correspondent of Reuter's agency wires that the Japanese now hold the north bank of the Yalu from Antung to Liashukon. Despite their confused condition, the

Russians were able to carry off all their wounded at Antung. They found that, in addition to the force confronting them, they were threatened by strong detachments on either flank. Their retreat then became so rapid that they had no time to replace artillery horses shot down by the Japanese, and 20 guns, with ammunition, were captured. LONDON, May 3.—The Central News' Rome correspondent wires that word has been received from Mukden that General Kurapatkin is marching from Laying to Fenwang Cheng with 20,000 men. He has apparently taken personal command of the forces opposing the Japanese. ST. PETERSBURG, May 3.—A sensational rumor is current here this evening to the effect that eight Japanese fireships and two torpedo boats have been sunk by the Russians at Port Arthur while the former were trying to bottle up the harbor. Two official telegrams have arrived, but have not yet been issued to the press. LONDON, May 3.—The Japanese minister, Baron Hayashi, made public this evening the following dispatch from Gen-

eral Kuroki, commanding the Japanese forces, giving the details of the fighting following the battle of the Yalu and the pursuit of the retreating Russians: "In the afternoon of May 1 the enemy offered stubborn resistance to our pursuit, adding 300 to our casualties. "The enemy fought bravely to the last. Finally two companies of artillery, having lost a majority of their men and horses, surrendered, raising the white flag. "Officers taken prisoner asserted that Division General Kashtalinski, commander of the Eleventh and Twelfth infantry regiments, and many artillery officers and sharpshooters were killed. Many other superior officers were killed or wounded. "Many refugees subsequently returned and surrendered. The total number of prisoners taken is 30 officers and 300 sub-officers and men. "The details of our losses are under investigation." NEW YORK, May 3.—A dispatch to a Wall street news agency from London states that the rumors current there to the effect that the Japanese fleet commanded by Admiral Uru had captured the Vladivostok squadron are wholly un-

SOUTH TACOMA DRIVEWAY IS FULL OF RUTS AND MUDHOLES

Much complaint has been made lately in regard to the condition of the driveway between South Tacoma and the business center of the city. The road was in fairly good condition once, but neglect has left it much like a backwoods trail. The road is full of ruts and mudholes and to haul an ordinary load over it is impossible. In some places the roadway is so narrow that the passing of two vehicles is difficult, especially if one is drawn by a skittish horse. This is the gateway between the business center of Tacoma and the prairie country on the south. The present condition of the road is not very inviting to trade from that direction, and it is safe to say that Tacoma merchants are losing considerable business on this account. It has been said by tourists that the prairie country for 30 miles south of Tacoma has some of the prettiest natural driveways to be found anywhere. They

have made unfavorable comments on the condition of the main road leading to these driveways, and have intimated that the people of Tacoma were not alive to the advantages of that section as an attraction to tourists. Several years ago much money was spent in grading the road and putting in drains, but since then it has been neglected. All that the road needs now is the expenditure of a few hundred dollars annually for repairs. A few loads of gravel here and there and ditches made through the level stretches would put the road in condition to be used for teaming or light driving. If it is allowed to go as it is much longer, the cost of repairing will increase greatly. The merchants of South Tacoma have a kick coming, too. Many of them get their goods from wholesale houses in the city, and by reason of not being able to haul a full load over the road, are put to additional expense.

MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY GIRL IS THE CAUSE OF A BIG FUSS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 3.—The above picture is of Miss Jennette Baier, a young and charming Minneapolis girl and a junior student at the University of Minnesota, who won second prize at the New York "shape show," and whose pose in

charms the camera has made famous is taking no part in the affair. She is contentedly watching the havoc her charms have wrought. RIDDELL WILL DEFEND BURKE Judge Snell has appointed Major C. M. Riddell to defend John Burke, the alleged assailant of Siever Larsen, Burke acts very indifferent. He says that he does not care whether there is an attorney appointed to defend him or not, and that he has not yet decided what he will do when his case is called next Saturday. To save time the court has appointed an attorney, so that when the case comes up next Saturday Burke will not delay the trial by signifying his intention to stand trial and asking to have someone appointed to defend him. Gus Chivje, the Italian from whom Burke took the hat the night Larsen was shot, is held at the county jail as a witness. He has been trying to get someone to furnish bail so that he can carry on his work, but had not succeeded in doing so up to noon today. FIRE IN EVERETT LEADS TO ARREST EVERETT, May 3.—As the result of the suspicious nature of a fire yesterday morning in the Howard Finney store, at 1815 Hewitt avenue, A. H. Finney, propri-

etor of the establishment, was placed under arrest. When the fire was extinguished a space between the floor and the ground was found to be filled with oil soaked rags. As both doors were locked when the fire was discovered, the supposition is that the inflammable materials were placed there from the inside. The stock of goods was over-insured.

HEARST HAS SMALL LEAD

DES MOINES, Ia., May 3.—Twenty-four hours before the Democratic state convention the contest between the Hearst and



TYNER IN AN INVALID CHAIR

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—The jury in the Tyner and Barrett postoffice case was completed this morning and the preliminary statements. Tyner was in court in an invalid chair.

TOMAHAWK GIVEN TO WHITMAN COLLEGE

WALLA WALLA, May 3.—Whitman college has just come into possession of the tomahawk with which Marcus Whitman was murdered. It was presented to President Penrose by Fred W. McCandless of Tacoma, who has had the hatchet in his possession for some time. A substantiating fact is that the two wounds found in the skull when the body of Whitman was taken up a few years ago correspond exactly in shape to this hatchet.

SCHOOL BOARD TO AWARD CONTRACTS

The board of education will meet tomorrow afternoon at the Central school. Besides possible action on the position of County Treasurer Reed in refusing to cash the school warrants, the board will award the contracts for the additions to the Grant and Longfellow schools. An eight-room addition will be built to the Grant school, and a four-room addition to the Longfellow school.

THE AGONY WILL BE OVER TONIGHT

The Republican primaries will be held this afternoon and evening to elect delegates to the Pierce county Republican convention. Possible candidates have been doing some hustling the past few days, trying to line up delegates favorable to their interests. Tonight the agony will practically be over. With but few exceptions the election of delegates will eliminate from the contest all but one candidate for each office. The contest will come in the selection of delegates to the state convention.

ELECTROCUTED

DANNEMORA, N. Y., May 3.—Allan Mooney, the murderer of Ellen Thomas and Violet Middleton, women of questionable repute, at Saranac lake in November, 1902, was electrocuted at 11:30 this morning. Jealousy was the cause of the crime. Miss Mae Bisby, who has been in California for the past two years, returned Sunday evening to her home at Sylvan.

confirmed. BERLIN, May 3.—Die Post reports that General Kurapatkin has arrived at Fong Huang Chong to rally the troops fleeing before the Japanese.

YOUNG LADIES FLED IN HASTE

CARMEL, N. Y., May 3.—Fire broke out shortly before dawn this morning in Smith Memorial hall, causing a panic among 70 female students and teachers, who all fled in their night clothes and reached the ground in safety with a few scratches. The occupants lost all of their effects. The building was totally destroyed.

LATE TELEGRAPH

LONDON, May 3.—A dispatch received here today reports that a British force under Major Trenchard, while operating against the natives in Southern Nigeria, had a severe battle, in which the British native troops lost four killed and seven wounded. The enemy lost 200 killed and wounded. Six villages were burned. MARSEILLES, May 3.—Over 3,000 men are idle and 102 vessels are tied up as the result of a strike of the master mariners and dock workers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—President O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists received advice this morning stating that the Santa Fe strike order has been generally obeyed throughout the system. There have been no reports of disorder. TOPEKA, Kan., May 3.—All is quiet this morning at the Santa Fe shops. Eighteen additional deputies are on guard. No trouble is reported along the line.

TEAMSTER KILLED

SEATTLE, May 3.—George Sample, a teamster, aged 55 years, was run over by his own lumber wagon at Seventh avenue and Lenora streets yesterday and almost instantly killed. His head was crushed and his arm broken by the wheel, which passed over them. No one saw the fatal accident. The dead body was found a few minutes after it occurred.

BAD OUTLOOK FOR ALL FLESHY LADIES

New York, May 7.—Word comes from Paris, the source of feminine fashions, that the fullness of the skirt has not yet reached its limit. There seems to be a tendency to expand the volume of the skirts, to the utter despair of all stout women. It seems, after all, that those who predicted, when the skirts began to become fuller, that the new fashion would not last long and would, certainly, not go beyond a most moderate limit, were mistaken. At first the skirts merely showed a suggestion of fullness by flaring at the bottom. After a while the zone of fullness began to extend to the region of the knees and step by step the fullness ascended to the hip region. Now, so it is reported from Paris, there is every reason to believe that the process of gradual expansion will not stop at the lower part of the hip, but that, after a while, the fullness will begin right at the waistband. Stout women are at a great disadvantage in following the new fashion. Even at the time when the fullness did not reach above the knee a stout woman, with modish skirts would resemble nothing more closely than a big bell, with its rim widely curved out. What are they going to do when full skirts, with the fullness beginning at the waistband, are the style? They will have but two alternatives. They have the choice between following the fashion and wearing skirts that make them look as big and clumsy as a barrel, or sacrifice stylishness for the sake of securing a more graceful appearance. The slender and graceful woman, on the other hand, could not possibly find any style more becoming to her than the skirts of the present fashion. The effect of the graceful lines formed by the judiciously full skirts upon a slender woman is exquisite and far prettier than anything shown for many years. There is, however, also an economic side to the new style. It is more expensive than the style in vogue two or three years ago, when fashion decreed that the skirts must be almost skin tight. For the new style skirt a great deal more material is required than for the skirt of two years ago and that alone has caused a considerable increase in the cost of dresses. But that is not all. The trimming and ornamentation of skirts is infinitely more elaborate than it used to be, and as many of the materials used, like lace, are quite expensive, the large increase in the amount of material required for trimming under the new regime, means a corresponding increase in the cost of modern skirts.

ONE KILLED IN MAN HUNT NEAR AUBURN

Chas. Paulson, a Tramp Logger, Victim of a Winchester Bullet Fired From John North's Rifle

AUBURN, Wash., May 3.—In an exciting man chase near Auburn yesterday evening, Charles Paulson, a logger from Merrill, Wis., was shot and killed by John North, a young farmer. Armed with all sorts of weapons, a posse, organized by Marshal Berner of Auburn, had been chasing Paulson and two others for an hour. When the posse came up with the paroled North called to them to halt. They did not do so and North fired several shots from his rifle, one of which took effect in Paulson's back. He was carried to a nearby house, but died before a physician could reach him. John Anderson, one of the fleeing trio, was captured soon after Paulson was shot, but the third man escaped. Shortly before the chase began, the three men named O'Neil, who lives on a ranch near Auburn. Word was sent to Marshal Berner and the posse was organized to capture the men. O'Neil says that the four men were pulling down his fence. When he ordered them to stop they made an attack on himself and his wife and threatened them with a knife. They stayed about the place until the arrival of the marshal and his posse, when they took to the woods, followed by the officers. During the chase one of the men was lost sight of in the thick underbrush. Near the White river the posse divided, one part going in the direction thought to have been taken by the missing man, and the others continued in pursuit of the three men. The men were chased into the river and waded across. The posse went down stream and crossed on a bridge. They soon caught up with the fugitives and the death of Paulson and the capture of Anderson followed. When North, who is a young man, saw

the effect of his shot he was horrified. He ran to the wounded man and did what he could to stop the flow of blood, and assisted in carrying him to a nearby house. When Paulson died, North broke down completely and has been in a state of nervous collapse ever since. According to the statements of Anderson, the man who was captured, the four were loggers on their way to Eastern Washington, traveling on foot. They had been drinking during the day and were inclined to be quarrelsome. When they arrived at the outskirts of Auburn they decided to take a short cut across the vacant ground. They soon came to a fence and, rather than go around or climb over it, they began to tear it down. While they were doing this, O'Neil came out and ordered the men away. Instead of complying, one of them drew his knife and advanced toward O'Neil, who defended himself with a heavy club. When O'Neil's wife saw that her husband was in danger, she came out and placed herself between him and the three men. They tried to drag her away, but she clung to him and said, "If you get at him you will have to kill me first." Anderson says they would have made no trouble if they had not been drunk. When asked for further particulars of his companions he became surly and refused to answer. In a pocket of Paulson's coat was found a letter addressed to Charles Paulson, Merrill, Wis., which leads the officers to believe that he came from there. The Auburn authorities have decided that, as the town marshal had called on John North and other citizens to act as a posse, they were justified in shooting the fugitive tramps if necessary to prevent their escape. Hence no charge will be lodged against John North, the slayer of Paulson.

REED WILL NOT PAY WARRANTS WITHOUT ORDERS FROM COURT

The recent action of County Treasurer John E. Reed in refusing to cash the Tourist hotel site warrants is causing a great deal of comment around town. Friends of the proposition are inclined to believe that the treasurer has acted in a very arbitrary manner in not paying the warrants regularly issued by the board of education. Others say that he is simply keeping on the safe side of the dispute and safeguarding the cash belonging to the school fund. When asked what he intended to do further, Mr. Reed said: "I will maintain the position I have taken. There is a question as to the legality of these warrants, and I am waiting for the city to issue a writ of mandamus compelling the matter to be tried out in the courts, and then I shall know just where I stand. I do not care to pay out \$10,000, or any part of it, until I know what I am about. I have handled money for a good many years, and my experience has been that if one makes an illegal payment on a thing he is out just that much. "So far as having to pay interest on those warrants for the time intervening

between now and the time the question is settled, let me say there is no power on earth that can compel me to do it, unless it is—Mr. Whitty. Please print it just the way I said it." Mr. Reed said that no one in particular had asked him to defer paying the warrants. "I have simply refused to cash those school warrants entirely on my own responsibility," said he. "When the matter is settled so that I am sure of what I am doing, then I will cash the warrants without a word, for personally, I would just as soon cash them as not. "There is serious doubt as to whether the board of education had the right to purchase the site. If they were perfectly free to purchase the site, regardless of the expression of the people, what did they put it to a vote for? Why did they not do as they did afterwards—purchase it anyway?" Every day since the county treasurer refused to cash the warrants, City Treasurer Atkins has made a demand on Mr. Reed for the interest, which amounts to \$220 a day. Mr. Atkins says: "I am going to send for that interest every day until it is paid."

STUDENTS THREATEN TO REVOLT

Unless the board of trustees of Whitworth college will consent to reconsider the action of a week ago, the college may be left without any students. A number of students were interviewed by The Times today and they could scarcely find words to express their indignation at the action of the trustees. "If the trustees will not reconsider what they did at the last meeting, every student will leave the school," said one of the students. "President Gault is a favorite with everyone and there could not be the slightest reason for asking him to resign. Anyway, we won't stand it." The students held an indignation meeting when the action of the trustees became known. A petition asking to have the

deposed members of the faculty retained was signed by every student in the school, and a copy was sent to the trustees. A committee of six students was appointed to make a personal appeal to the board. This committee will present at the meeting of the trustees next Monday. "The Times had the situation sized up about right last Saturday," said a friend of the college, "when it intimated that Seattle interests were responsible for the troubles. That's just where the whole thing comes from." In regard to the statement that he was an aspirant for President Gault's position, Rev. A. L. Hutchison said: "The rumor has no foundation whatever. I am not an aspirant for the place and would not accept it on any condition whatever."

TEST OF CITY WELLS DELAYED

Shortly after 12 o'clock last night the electric current which the Tacoma Railway & Power company is furnishing for the pumping station at South Tacoma was shut off and the official test of the three new wells, which was commenced late yesterday afternoon, was interrupted. The power company usually shuts off the power from the Electron plant at about 1 o'clock each morning, and through some misunderstanding there was not enough power furnished by the local plant to operate the pump and a shut-down followed. Contractor McConihe started up the pumps again this afternoon and the power company has assured him that enough power will be delivered to him during the next 48 hours to run the pumps without interruption. The pumps were started again at 1 o'clock today and will be run for 48 hours.

Commissioner Welsh is much pleased with the working of the wells and the water cannot be beaten for purity or clearness. VACATION IN SPRING TIME NORFOLK, Va., May 3.—Secretary of the Navy Moody, Senators Hale, Penrose, and Bacon, and Representatives Daboll, Meyers and Hemingway sailed for Guantanamo this morning, aboard the Dolphin, to inspect the naval station there.



Jenette Baier—lights is causing a miniature war in university circles. The board of editors of The Gopher, an annual published by the junior class, proposed to print a picture which displayed the symmetrical contour and almost matchless beauty of the prize winner. To this many of the juniors objected strongly, and there was talk, it is claimed, of breaking into the engraving plant for the purpose of destroying the objectionable plate. Even the faculty took a hand in the matter and instituted a censorship over the publication, which for rigidity has the Japanese proposition backed off the boards. The young beauty whose unadorned