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BAD LUCK FOR BOTH

Russians Defeated in Severe Land Battle.

THREE WARSHIPS MAY BE LOST

The Japanese Suffer the Loss of Two Transports Loaded With Troops— Captured by Russians.

LONDON, June 16.—Reuter's Tokyo correspondent sends a report via Cologne that the three Russian warships which engaged the Japanese vessels off the island of Tsushima Wednesday and Thursday were captured by Admiral Kuroki. Another dispatch dated at 9 this morning states that a Japanese scout ship followed the Russian vessels, probably merely to keep in touch with their location, which it

succeeded in doing till nightfall. Should these telegrams prove authentic it means that the Vladivostok squadron must no longer be considered in the war.

Bad Luck on Both Sides.
TOKIO, June 16.—The capture of Tellisa between Kaichou and Seoul Antien by the Japanese is confirmed. The Russians lost six guns and many regimental colors. The sinking of the Japanese transports Hitach and Sado by the Russians is also confirmed. Three hundred and ninety-seven survivors of the Sado have reached Kure. Further details of the sinking are not obtainable.

General Oku Reports Land Battle.
TOKIO, June 16.—General Oku reports that on the 14th the Japanese main body advanced northward in two columns along the railway, expelling the enemy from east of Wafang Tien. At 5 p. m. enemy made a stand on the railway line between Lung Wang Miao and Tafang Shen. After two hours' cannonading the Japanese occupied at nightfall a line between Pang Chiaton and Yuhoton. Another column marched eastward of Foe Chow and advanced upon the line between Teng Shlakow and Nachialing. The enemy near Lung Wang Miao was reinforced. On the 15th the enemy near Tellissu attacked two half divisions occupying positions between Tafan Shen and

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MAY BE TWELVE HUNDRED DEAD WORSE THAN FIRST REPORTED

Estimates of the Loss of Life in the Burning of the Steamboat Slocum Vary From Eight to Twelve Hundred—Nearly All Survivors Were Injured in Some Manner—More Theories as to the Origin of the Fire—Many Divers at Work Recovering Bodies.

NEW YORK, June 16.—At 8:30 this morning 489 bodies of victims of the Slocum disaster had been recovered. Divers at dawn resumed work in the sunken hull, adding to the ghastly list. The horror grew during the night and the total number of dead are now estimated will reach at least 800. Some estimates say 1000.

Grief stricken crowds thronged the morgue, the vicinity of St. Mark's church, and the shores near the wreck all night looking for loved ones. One mother who identified the burned body of her child this morning tried to jump from the pier on which the body lay.

Long Island sound this morning is covered with a thick white mist that settled around the wreck of the Slocum as if in an endeavor to cover the horror of the spot with a huge white mantle. All through the night wrecking tugs hovered about the wreck but the work of taking out bodies which was suspended at midnight was not resumed till the sun was well up in the heavens. On the shore during the night there was always a crowd ever changing of anxious fathers, mothers and other relatives of the dead.

Half a dozen divers were at work this morning led by John Rice, hero of the Boonton catastrophe in which diver Olsen lost his life. As a diver brought a body to the surface a grappling hook was placed under it and it was raised to the deck. Generally the bodies were burned beyond recognition. When several had been recovered a city tug would stand alongside and the dead would be transferred. The coroner would take the number of the corpses, after which they were placed in plain, white wooden boxes. With his load complete the tug brought it to the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, where the bodies were transferred to a temporary morgue. Out in the sound numerous small boats patrolled constantly, finding bodies and taking them to North Brothers island.

Health Commissioner Darlington, who had been at North Brothers island most of the night, came down on a boat loaded with dead this morning. He said he felt satisfied that fully 1000 persons lost their lives. Of the bodies recovered 100 and a few odd had been identified up to noon.

A day of disaster was followed by a night of horror and grief at the morgue

where over 500 bodies lay in the silent rooms awaiting identification. Fifty police assisted relatives and friends there in the work of finding the dead. The scenes were of the most heart-breaking kind, fathers and mothers in some cases attempting to do themselves harm. Hundreds of people however, were drawn to the morgue by morbid curiosity, many of whom were unceremoniously hustled away by the police.

At noon 469 bodies were at the morgue and 70 more were on the way, making the total number of dead recovered 539. There were 165 identifications at that time.

At 3 p. m. 57 bodies had reached the morgue. Fourteen launches manned by harbor police and equipped with drags and other appliances are at work looking for more victims. Peter Gilligan and Samuel Gullock, divers, who made a careful examination of the hull of the Slocum during the morning, reported not fewer than 100 bodies penned under the wreck of the superstructure.

Superintendent Rickards, of the Bellevue hospital said today:

"It will take days for identification of the bodies. In 18 years of hospital experience this is the most appalling accident I ever heard of. There are 1200 dead. The mystery as to the cause of the fire remains impenetrable. No one can be found who saw the actual start of the flames but theories are numerous."

District Attorney Jerome has engaged Fire Marshal Free to assist him in making an investigation of the causes of the fire and of allegations that the life preservers were rotten. Several victims report ineffectual efforts to secure serviceable corp support. Supervising Inspector Rodie said that within a few days an exhaustive inquiry will be held. He said the records showed that the boat was properly equipped.

Cortelyou Orders Investigation.
WASHINGTON, June 16.—Secretary Cortelyou today ordered a rigid investigation of the Slocum disaster.

Loubet Expresses Sympathy.
WASHINGTON, June 16.—President Loubet today cabled his sympathy on the Slocum disaster. The president replied expressing his appreciation.

Bennett Automobile Races.

HAMBURG, June 16.—The committee on management of the Bennett automobile race announces this morning that 2800 pleasure motor cars, bringing the number of spectators of the race to 10,000 arrived. Emperor William accompanied by the empress and suites, arrived this morning. His majesty went over the course in a motor at high speed, rushing down the descents at a dizzy speed, inspecting the dangerous spots and revising the arrangements where thought needed. Later the kaiser watched the display at the Saalsburg of the kind of work the ancient Roman artillery did. Ambassador Tower was among the visitors. The consensus of opinion is that the course is extremely dangerous and that the race will be marked by a succession of serious accidents.

Great Gold Strike in Oregon.

MEDFORD, Or., June 16.—There is a great stampede of miners to Gray-back mountain, 30 miles east of here, the location of the greatest gold strike ever made in southern Oregon. An 18-year-old boy and a companion found the ledge while hunting and brought in \$700 gathered with a mortar pestle. Three other men rushed out and gathered \$3800 in one day's work yesterday. The location of the strike is almost on the California line, near the scene of early placer diggings.

Extradition Treaty With Spain.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—The extradition treaty between Spain and the United States was signed at Madrid today.

Committees Settling Contests.

CHICAGO, June 16.—The second session of the republican national committee began this morning with Vice Chairman Payne presiding, having recovered from yesterday's indisposition. The first case taken up was that of the fourth Alabama district, which was decided in favor of the "Black and Tan," or the administration delegates, Aldrich and Cook. The famous Delaware case then begun in a fight between the Addicks and anti-Addicks forces for four delegates at large and two from congressional districts. The committee decided to give the Philippines and Porto Rico representation with two delegates from each of the island possessions with both voice and vote. The Wisconsin dispute will be taken up tomorrow.

Addicks Wins Contest.

Addicks won his contest, his delegates at large and two district delegates being seated. The Louisiana case was next taken up.

Fears of Ocean Disaster.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 16.—A Cape Henry dispatch states that a quantity of burned wreckage, cabin furniture, oil cases and passenger checks of the Ocean Steamship company have been washed ashore at False Cape. It is feared a serious disaster has occurred.

Chicago Wheat and Corn.

CHICAGO, June 16.—July wheat 85 1/2 @ 85 1/2; new 84 1/2 @ 84 1/2; July corn 49 @ 48 1/2.

Corbin to Command in Philippines.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Major General Corbin was today assigned to

command of the Philippines, vice Wade. This assignment created surprise as it was believed that Wood would succeed Wade. It is also hinted that it is the desire of General Chaffee to be succeeded as chief of staff by Corbin and that the assignment of the latter to the Philippines is for the purpose of putting him in line for that position.

MAY DECLARE FIGHT OFF.

Poor Financial Outlook for Jeffries-Munroe Contest.

SAN FRANCISCO, The News says today that there is a strong probability that the fight between Jeffries and Munroe will never take place. The match is no doubt cancelled for the time being and wise ones are clinging to the belief that financial matters and Jeffries' bad knee will cause an indefinite postponement.

It is conceded that the advance sale of seats is so slow as to make it impossible for the club to proceed without incurring heavy loss. It is pointed out that a great many who would otherwise attend the fight, have gone to the World's fair or on a summer vacation.

Raisuli Gets All He Asks.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—The Moroccan government will probably accede to the further demands of Raisuli according to a cablegram from Consul Gummere, who says he is informed by the minister of foreign affairs that one sheik and his two brothers have been arrested in accordance with the demands of Raisuli.

Oregon Forest Fire Under Control.

FOREST GROVE, June 16.—The forest fire is now under control. There were no casualties, but the loss to timber will reach several hundred thousand dollars. Estimates vary from a \$250,000 to \$750,000.

Demand for Independence Dynamiters.

CRIPPLE CREEK, June 16.—The Teller county commissioners have voted \$10,000 for the running down of the perpetrators of the Independence outrage. To date 145 men have been deported and 72 are yet in the bull pens.

Moyer May Get Bail.

TELLURIDE, June 16.—President Moyer has been surrendered to the sheriff and an effort is being made to secure bonds on the charge of desecrating the flag. The federation attorneys claim to have evidence that Governor Peabody did not issue the proclamation declaring martial law off in San Miguel county and releasing Moyer until after he learned that Judge Thayer at St. Louis had issued a writ of habeas corpus. They will try to have Peabody charged with contempt for technical evasion of Thayer's order.

Now Accused of Murder.

CRIPPLE CREEK, June 16.—Assistant District Attorney Crump has wired the sheriff at Telluride to hold Moyer, president of the republican national committee until a secret service agent can bring him to Cripple Creek. Moyer will be brought here on a warrant charging him with aiding and abetting in the murder of Charles McCormick and Melvin Beck, who were blown up at the Vindicator mine by an infernal machine November 21. It is rumored that W. D. Haywood, secretary of the federation, is accused of being a member of the conspiracy and a warrant is said to have been sent to Denver for his arrest.

Baltimore & Ohio Flyer Wrecked.

ST. LOUIS, June 16.—The west bound Royal Blue flyer on the Baltimore & Ohio collided with a freight at Caseyville, Ills., this afternoon. Engineer List was killed and several passengers were injured. The handsomest train on the road was badly damaged. It was crowded with easterners coming to the fair.

Frisco Call Man Suicides.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—George Asphen, assistant Sunday editor of the Call, suicided at Golden Gate park this morning, shooting himself through the heart. Despondency over illness was the cause of the act.

Hermis Wins Suburban.

NEW YORK, June 16.—Hermis wins the suburban; Picket second, Irish Lad third. Time 2:05.

Cubans Killed by Cyclone.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, June 16.—A hundred persons, it is estimated, were killed as the result of a cyclone which devastated this section of the island last night.

STATE BANKERS ARE IN SESSION

Hold Their Ninth Annual Convention.

GIVEN HEARTY WELCOME BY MAYOR

Large Number of Prominent Financiers of Washington Are in Attendance—Lord Presided.

The great financial interests of the state of Washington were represented today at the ninth annual meeting of the Washington State Bankers' association by a large body of distinguished men from all parts of Washington, while Oregon, California and the eastern states were represented as well. They arrived in Walla Walla yesterday and this morning in large numbers and were given a cordial greeting by the reception committee from the local bankers' association. The freedom of the city was extended to them and from now until Saturday evening when the convention is over the citizens in general will vie with each other in making the stay of their distinguished guests in Walla Walla a most pleasant and enjoyable one. The arrangements for their entertainment have been carefully planned and no effort will be spared to demonstrate that the hospitality of the people of Walla Walla cannot be surpassed within the borders of the state of Washington.

THE CONVENTION.

Mayor Hunt Welcomes Distinguished Gentlemen to Walla Walla.

The ninth annual convention of the Washington State Bankers' association was called to order in the Odd Fellows' temple at 11 o'clock today by President C. J. Lord, of the Capital National bank of Olympia. The room was well filled with the delegates from the numerous banks throughout the state of Washington and a large number of financial men of the state.

Rev. Andreas Hard, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city then delivered the invocation.

Address of Welcome.

Mayor Gilbert Hunt then stepped forward on the platform and delivered the address of welcome. He said:

"Among the pleasant duties devolving upon the mayor of this prosperous city is that of extending the glad hand of friendship to our visitors, and it gives me great pleasure to be called upon today to welcome this convention of keen, broad minded, and I think I am safe in saying, large hearted bankers, notwithstanding the fact that some people are uncharitable enough to say that bankers have no hearts.

"One, however, making this statement, we know to be very ignorant of your many good qualities. We who know you best consider you princes of good fellows. We could not get along without you, as, under the present banking system you make it so convenient for us of the commercial world to conduct our business with one another. We might say, to quote a little from a book with which you are all acquainted, that you are of the salt of the earth, at any rate you are so considered by your friends.

"Along certain lines you are great educators. Men learn by dealing with you to be prompt in meeting their obligations, to be honest in their dealings with all men, to be conservative in their transactions and to save their money instead of squandering it.

"Of your many good qualities and of your usefulness to the world one could talk for hours, but today I am only asked to bid you welcome to our beautiful city. We who have lived here the longest consider it truly the garden spot of the northwest.

"For the first time in nearly two thousand years you meet with us as a convention. We do not know how you happened to defer your visit so many years, but we are glad to see you and it will be the aim of our citizens to make you so welcome that you will not wait so long before calling on us again.

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Greatest Annual Housekeepers Sale

Begins promptly Wednesday morning, June 15th and continues four days, ending Saturday night, June 18th.

Come and see the bargains in the Queensware Basement

Five Patterns of Decorated Semi-Porcelain Ware at One-Half Price

Bargains in Table Linnen, Towels, Dutch Prints, Baskets Etc. Etc.

See Hand Bills For Full Particulars

Motter-Wheeler Co.

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England and the United States contributed to our stock of fishing tackle this season and it is without doubt the finest line ever brought to Walla Walla. Rods, lines, reels, leaders, flies and baskets of many kinds and varieties. Pickled salmon eggs.

MEYER & KEENEY

No. 27 Main Street
Phone Main 264

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They are made of alligator skin, African bird skin and other leathers. Beautiful new tints. Some contain a pocket book, card case and smoking salts combinations, while they all have space for a handkerchief and small articles.

The Hockett Drug Co.

No. 5 East Main Street



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