

FORGED ELEVATOR RECEIPTS IN BANKS

W. H. Harroun Makes Offer of Settlement to His Creditors.

St. Joseph, Mo.: W. H. Harroun informed his creditors Tuesday that he is prepared to settle claims of about \$1,000,000 upon a cash payment of 30 cents on a dollar. He would give his notes, due five years hence, for the balance.

Tuesday night the creditors were disposed to accept this proposition, and Harroun was given until Friday to present evidence showing that he can make good his promises. The creditors will meet him Friday and announce their final decision.

Forged bills of lading were not the only instruments used to secure loans. It has developed that forged warehouse receipts were also utilized. Through Harroun's efforts the board of trade was organized in January, 1902. Although he was not an officer, Harroun has been a director since the board's organization, and his influence was sufficient to direct the policy of the organization.

About six months ago Harroun is said to have suggested that the big elevator at Elwood be made "regular." Banks will loan money on warehouse receipts from a "regular" elevator. There was some little opposition, but Harroun carried his point.

Harroun had no trouble in securing the co-operation of the board of trade. He did more to make St. Joseph a grain market, it is said, than any other half dozen ever did. During the last two years he has paid Kansas City prices for grain, and his firm was a ready purchaser of corn and wheat at all times. Often he took the grain when he did not really wish to buy it, his object being to encourage shipments to this local market. His action compelled other local dealers to meet the prices paid by the Harroun elevator company.

Harroun is an enigma to his creditors. They say they have met with many men in somewhat similar transactions, but with none who compared to him. He does not make denials, and does not ask any mercy, but quietly plays a trump card by coolly informing his creditors that if given a few days' time he will pay from 30 to 40 per cent of his indebtedness, and if left alone he will eventually pay all of it.

HEAVY FROST REPORTED IN THE NORTHWEST

Corn Reported Badly Damaged in Some Sections.

Des Moines, Iowa: Northern Iowa cornfields are badly damaged by a heavy frost, which extended throughout the extreme northern portion of the state.

Maquoketa, Iowa Falls and Forest City, substations in the Des Moines Bureau, report a temperature of thirty degrees and a killing frost. Much of the late corn is badly damaged. In some instances entire cornfields were caught in the ripening stage.

A light frost visited the central and southern parts of the State, doing little or no damage.

Frost in Minnesota.

Minneapolis: This section was Wednesday night visited by the first frost of the season. As far as known it did no damage to crops. Dispatches from North Dakota report a heavy frost. At Bismarck and Williston the temperature dropped to 20 and 25 degrees, respectively. In Canada also the weather was cold and heavy frosts are reported.

Damage 15 Per Cent.

Mason City, Iowa: Frost Wednesday night damaged the corn crop about 15 per cent.

Fair Makes Another Payment.

St. Louis: The seventh semi-monthly payment of the United States government's loan of \$1,500,000 to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company was made Tuesday. Including Tuesday's warrant, the Exposition company has now repaid \$2,908,149.19 of the original loan, leaving a balance of \$1,691,850.81 due the government. Figuring on the basis of a payment of \$500,000 on October 1, October 15 and November 1, respectively, the Exposition company will be able to wipe out its indebtedness to the government with a payment of \$191,850.81 on November 15.

Japanese Casualties.

Tokio: An approximation of the Japanese casualties in the battle of Liao Yang, based upon reports of the chiefs of the medical corps of the three Japanese armies, was concluded Sunday. It covers the fighting from August 20, and shows that the Japanese killed and wounded amount to 17,539 men. These casualties include 136 officers killed and 461 officers wounded. The fact that the army under Gen. Oka sustained the heaviest losses is accounted for by its assaults upon the Russian defenses to the south of Liao Yang.

Coal Dealers' Association Meets.

Pittsburg, Kas.: Thursday the Mid-state coal dealers' association, comprising the retail and wholesale coal dealers of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma Territory, Indian Territory and Texas met here.

The Lena Will Disarm.

Washington: The Lena incident at San Francisco is closed. The Russian cruiser will disarm and remain there until the end of the war. Her officers and crew will remain under parole there for the present.

EIGHT MEN LOSE THEIR LIVES IN A GALE

Much Damage to Shipping and Other Property Is Reported.

New York: Not in years has this city been visited by such a deluge as that of Wednesday night, reaching its climax at 3 o'clock Thursday morning and ending about 6:30 o'clock. It was accompanied by a gale that at times reached a velocity of sixty miles an hour. All through the night the streets ran like swollen rivers, street signs were battered down, cellars were flooded, plate glass windows were blown in, and roofs torn off; lights in some sections were extinguished, trees blown down and sparrows by the thousand were killed in the park. On the river and bay the full force of the storm was felt.

From Wilmington, Del., it is reported that eight men were drowned on Thursday by the sinking of the tug Israel W. Durham, in the Delaware river, the tug being swamped during the heavy storm. Her captain and crew of five men, and four employees of the American dredging company, were aboard when the tug sank. Only two were saved.

From all along the Jersey coast and from the Staten Island shores came reports of vessels being driven ashore. A large schooner foundered off the Sootland lightship. A large barge was seen adrift off Galilee, N. J., early Thursday morning. Her crew was taken ashore. Two barges went ashore at Sandy Hook. Great damage was reported as done to yachts in Gravesend bay and on the sound. Four big schooner yachts were sent ashore at Gravesend and Seagate.

Damage to Rice Crops.

Charleston, S. C.: Reports from the surrounding country show that the recent storm wrought considerable damage to the rice crops. There was no loss of life except from the fishing fleet off Charleston.

Gale Sweeps Chesapeake Bay.

Baltimore, Md.: Reports from points down the Chesapeake bay indicate that Wednesday night's storm was unprecedented in its fury and long continuance. For nearly ten hours Wednesday night and Thursday morning the bay was swept by a rain and wind storm that for a time raged more fiercely than any other storm in the memory of the oldest Chesapeake mariners.

In this city one man, William Norton, was instantly killed by coming in contact with a live wire.

Dispatches from western Maryland report a serious damage to large growing crops and fruits.

WORK PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Digging of Panama Canal Goes On Twice as Fast as Formerly.

Washington: Rear Admiral Walker, chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, was at his desk in the commission headquarters Thursday. He stated that the reports of friction between the commission and the Panama Government arose from the hot nature of the new Republic.

"The report that the commission was at odds with the Panama Government arose from a political faction," he said. "As a matter of fact, I do not think there is anyone whose relations with the Panama Government are more cordial than mine."

"The establishment of two ports for the canal commission, one on each side of the isthmus, does not mean that the Panama Government will have to patrol the coast. Goods brought into the canal zone must pay duty before entering Panama territory. A satisfactory agreement will be reached."

Rear Admiral Walker said that the work of excavation was now in progressing twice as fast with less men and at half the cost it did under the French regime. Health conditions are excellent, and he says that the work is becoming admirably systematized.

TOWN OF STANFORD, ILL., WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Many of the Business Buildings and Residences Destroyed.

Bloomington, Ill.: A conflagration was in progress at the village of Stanford, ten miles southwest of here, early Wednesday morning, and the Bloomington fire department was summoned.

At 1 a. m. the following buildings, with their contents, were destroyed: Post office, Ranaburg's grocery, C. Roth, hardware; Leroy Stewart, implements, and C. W. Wright, groceries and dry goods. In addition numerous barns, residences and small contiguous buildings located near the business district were burned.

At 1:30 a. m. the fire was practically under control, the whole population turning out to prevent the flames from extending further into the residence portion.

Rain Helps Illinois Corn.

Parina, Ill.: A two-hours' rain fell here in this section about 1 o'clock Tuesday evening with nearly 2 inches precipitation. This is the first rain for thirty days and insures an enormous corn crop.

Smelters Close Down.

Rich Hill, Mo.: The Rich Hill zinc smelters have closed down indefinitely throwing 10 men out of employment. The management gives as the reason the high price of zinc ore and the shortage of men.

ANOTHER MOVE FOR PEACE; JAPANESE ADVANCE ON MUKDEN

London: The Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent quotes an unnamed personage, "whose name," he says, "were I at liberty to reveal it, would cause the words to circulate with lightning-like rapidity around the world," as saying: "It is possible that the war may end sooner than most people imagine. Mediation will not achieve it, but solely the conviction that the campaign must end as the battle of Liao Yang ended, in costly sacrifices on both sides and a decisive advantage to neither. Russia, single-handed, can worst and annihilate Japan if she puts forth all her strength and draws upon all her resources, but the effort would exhaust the nation without benefitting it, and Russia's consequent temporary weakness would operate as a temptation to enterprising states to make their voices heard."

The personage quoted declared that two years is the utmost limit to which such a campaign can be protracted without leaving baneful and lasting traces on the state organism, and added: "The question which it behooves us to now carefully study is what advantages are to be gained by refusing to make terms much earlier. The alternatives may be formulated thus: Either the ruin of Japan, purchased by ruinous sacrifices, or a treaty of cordial friendship, to be followed in the fulness of time by that offensive and defensive alliance, which, for years, has constituted the ideal of the Japanese government."

Asked whether there was any public man in Japan likely to entertain a similar view, the informant replied that there was, mentioning among others, Gen. Kuroki.

Mukden: It is reported that the Japanese are advancing on Mukden from the east. Their vanguard is already opposite the Russian left. A strong force is prepared to oppose the advance. It is understood the Japanese are holding Liao Yang with a small force only, their main body covering a ten-mile front between Yen Tai station and the mines. They are adapting the railroad to their own gauge north of Liao Yang. It is rumored that they are completing a fourth army, consisting of three divisions, which will advance with Gen. Kuroki from the east and try to envelop the Russian left. Big events are believed to be developing.

Early Friday morning twenty-six wounded men belonging to Maj. Gen. Mistaenko's Cossack division, were brought into Mukden. It is not clear whether they were wounded in a simple outpost affair or whether it is the beginning of the real Japanese advance on Mukden.

Port Arthur's Surrender Imminent.

London: Advice received here point to an early surrender of Port Arthur. The condition of Gen. Stoessel's forces, which have been critical for some time, owing to the terrific onslaughts of the Japanese, has reached a climax. Owing to the shortage of ammunition in the fortress, Stoessel not only has full power to surrender when he finds the situation warrants it, but he has instructions from St. Petersburg to do so.

EIGHT ARE HURT IN LABOR RIOT

Nonunion Workmen at Chicago Victims of Two Savage Attacks.

Chicago: Two savage attacks were made upon nonunion men at the stock yards Monday night, and in the fights that followed eight people were injured, four of them so severely that it was necessary to take them to hospitals.

The first disturbance occurred at the intersection of Halstead and Root streets.

Two young women, Annie Cook and Mamie Jasper, were on an eastbound Root street car, and when it reached Halstead street several men and boys, with the aid of two or three women, boarded the car and dragged the two young women to the street.

Both were badly beaten before the police arrived. They were taken to the hospital. Mamie Jasper was struck with a brick and her face and forehead badly cut. The mob remained at a short distance from the car track and continued to throw stones.

A westbound car which happened to pass during the trouble was struck by several of the missiles and two of the passengers, Fremont Sloan and Annie Crodone, were injured. Anton Azhura, a driver for a brewery, tried to drive through the crowd and was hit in the back of the head with a brick and knocked from his wagon. His scalp was badly cut.

Glover Issues Challenge for Duel.

Cripple Creek, Colo.: Attorney John M. Glover, formerly a Missouri Congressman, has written a letter to James M. Stewart, prospective Democratic candidate for Sheriff of Teller county, in which he challenges Mr. Stewart to fight a duel. The letter is the outcome of a fight which occurred between Glover and Stewart at the Democratic caucus a week ago, in which Stewart knocked Glover down. As a result of the encounter Glover carried a black eye for several days. Trouble between the two dates back to Stewart's term as sheriff, when he and Glover engaged in several altercations.

Alleged Counterfeiters Arrested.

Mobile, Ala.: Three alleged counterfeiters, who are charged with passing a \$5 gold certificate here, are under arrest. One of them has been identified. The men are Italians. The police believe that they are agents of a gang of counterfeiters who are operating in New York. A fourth party, who is believed to have the bulk of the bad money, has not been apprehended. Government officials say that they will convict all three of the men. The bill is a good imitation, and bears the number 115 and the issue of the United States national bank of Morristown, N. J.

Falls Overboard from Missouri.

Wood's Hole, Mass.: Seaman Cecil Clay Young of the battleship Missouri was drowned last Wednesday night as the war vessel was putting to sea to avoid a gale. Young was assisting at securing the anchor on the bow when he was carried overboard by a great wave.

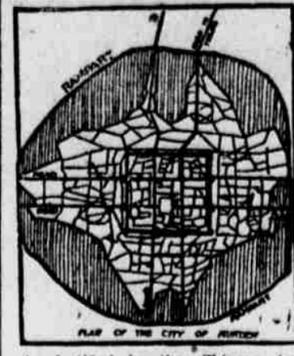
Armour Sells Produce House.

Evansville, Ind.: The local branch house of Armour & Co. was Friday sold to the C. F. Jean company. Armour has abandoned the Kentucky, southern Indiana and southern Illinois fields, so far as produce is concerned.

Dividend of Two Per Cent.

Philadelphia, Pa.: The directors of the Philadelphia and Reading railway have declared a semiannual dividend of 2 per cent on the second preferred stock of the company.

THE CITY OF MUKDEN.



As fortified by the Chinese two walls surround the town of Mukden. The outer is composed of mud and is fifteen to twenty-five feet in height. The inner wall is constructed of stone, freely embrasured for the use of cannon. Little is known as to the additional fortifications the Russians have built since it became evident to them last spring that they might be compelled to fight for possession of the city. It has one defense, however, that is highly important. This is the Hun river, which skirts the town about three miles south of the outer walls. From Mukden to Tieling is thirty-five miles, and from Mukden to Harbin 500 miles. Mukden is the capital of Manchuria and the birthplace of the Manchu dynasty. It contains the tombs of many Chinese emperors, which are held in the highest veneration.

KUROKI REPORTED CUT OFF BY LINIEVITCH

Sassalitch's Army of 3,000 to 5,000 Believed to Have Been Captured.

The sanguinary side of the Russo-Japanese conflict is not now in evidence, and with the practical suspension of news from the front the interest for the time being centers in rumors that Gen. Alexieff has resigned; that Gen. Kuroki is to be replaced by Lieut. Gen. Linievitch, now in command of the forces at Vladivostok, and other statements which can not be traced to authentic sources, but all of which, if true, would have a most important bearing on the situation.

RURAL CARRIERS ELECT OFFICERS.

St. Louis: The National rural letter carriers' association concluded its annual session Friday and adjourned to meet at Indianapolis, Ind., next year. The officers chosen were: President, F. H. Cunningham, South Omaha, Neb.; secretary, W. P. Turner, Lockport, N. Y.; treasurer, W. E. Fetters, Bluffton, Ind. Executive board—H. E. Nivan, Berthoud, Colo.; H. A. Aldrich, Concord, N. H.; John Whitehead, Medina, Ohio. Further discussion ensued Friday on the matter of supporting Senator Fairbanks' bill, which provides for paying the rural carriers \$850 per annum and granting additional privileges.

To Preserve Post's Archives.

Eureka, Ill.: A district soldiers' union was formed by the G. A. R. posts of the townships of this vicinity Friday. The object is to preserve the archives of all the posts and to form a union, having headquarters at Eureka. The officers are as follows: President, G. W. Horner, El Paso; vice president, G. Tobias, Washington; secretary and treasurer, W. H. H. Moberry, Eureka.

Arrest Alleged Express Robbers.

Fort Worth, Tex.: S. P. Gerken, a telegraph operator, is in jail at Galveston, Tex., charged with having robbed the Wells-Fargo company's express office at Marfa, Tex., about a year ago, and afterwards burning the station. Gerken is said to have gotten away with \$2,500. John Allen and John Vandergraff are in jail at El Paso charged with being accessories after the fact.

Bullfighters Released by Jury.

Clayton, Mo.: Monday was a strenuous day for the bullfighters, some of the officials of St. Louis county, and the humane society members. It ended with an acquittal of three capeadores by a jury in the circuit court. The jury was out a little over an hour.

Sheep Butchers Stay Out.

Chicago: Because of the alleged discrimination against sheep butchers employed at Union stock yards, the sheep butcher workmen have decided to remain on strike.

Postal Official Found Dead.

Washington: David P. Leibhardt, superintendent of the dead-letter office of the post office department, was found dead Sunday night by one of the watchmen. Evidently it was a case of suicide.

Chinese Troops Sent to Manchuria.

London: A dispatch to the Standard from Tien Tsin says that Chinese troops are reported to be quietly moving in to Manchuria. It is stated that they will be used to occupy the territory conquered by the Japanese.

RENEWED ATTACKS ON PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Turn Attention to Seige-Army at Liao Yang Resting.

St. Petersburg: The almost complete quiet prevailing at Liao Yang and Mukden is accepted here as the natural and inevitable consequence of the furious activity of the last three weeks.

The view taken at Mukden that there is not likely to be a resumption of fighting in that immediate locality for a month, and this is regarded here as most probably correct.

Attention is now turning toward Port Arthur, where, as General Stoessel's latest report indicates, the Japanese are gathering for another spring at the fortress.

It is taken for granted here that there will soon be news of importance from Port Arthur, since the Japanese throughout the war have seemed to alternate their attentions between the beleaguered fortress and the Russian army toward the north.

It thus appears that it is Port Arthur's turn to keep up the excitement, while Field Marshal Oyama is preparing for the fall campaign.

Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, head of the Russian Mercantile Marine, has gone to Libau to inspect the converted cruisers there before they depart for foreign waters. The Baltic fleet remains at Libau awaiting orders, and possibly may spend the winter there.

A dispatch from General Stoessel says the Japanese are actively constructing fortifications on the Samhon Mountain and at other points, and that they continue to bombard the forts and harbor. On September 2 they threw 250 shells into the town.

The Japanese, the dispatch adds, have issued a proclamation to the Russian troops, demanding their surrender.

Gen. Stoessel sees in this proclamation an indication of the enemy's consciousness of failure.

On September 3 the enemy received reinforcements on the west front of the fortress. During the bombardment of September 2 the Japanese squadron remained the whole time in view of the fortress.

MURDERER STRUBE GETS A LIFE SENTENCE

Pleads Guilty to Killing His Sweetheart with Buggy Wrench.

Pekin, Ill.: Fred Strube was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Higbee in Havana, Ill., Monday afternoon after he had withdrawn his plea of not guilty. Strube's attorneys had, it is said, been offered \$1,000 in addition to their fee if they would save the youth from the gallows. The uncertainty of a jury trial caused the attorneys for the defense to seek a compromise with the attorneys for the prosecution. After being in consultation for four hours an agreement was reached whereby Strube was to enter a plea of guilty and State's Attorney Guy R. Williams of Havana was to recommend the punishment as life imprisonment, and this plan carried.

Jealousy was the cause of Strube's revolting crime, committed November 14, 1903. Alice Henninger refused to marry him and while escorting her home he killed her with a buggy wrench and buried her body in a dense forest. With his horse and buggy he drove across Illinois and into Missouri, abandoning the rig at Edina, Mo. He traveled to Macon, where Officer Wood captured him, and he made a full confession of his crime, a harrowing account of the revolting deed.

Strube's parents, the parents of the murdered girl and citizens of Macon county accept the termination of the celebrated case with satisfaction, for they dreaded the ordeal of a long and sensational trial.

BLOODHOUNDS ON THE TRAIL OF ROBBERS

Only Bit of Evidence of Train Hold-up Is Old Rusty Revolver.

Columbus Junction, Ia.: Two possees with bloodhounds are now working upon supposed trails of the six or eight bandits who held up a Rock Island passenger train, Chicago to Kansas City, near Letts shortly after midnight Tuesday morning. The express officials declare no money was taken, though the safe was blown open and the contents taken.

The only evidence is in the hands of Town Marshal Sage of Letts. It is a black Swiss six-shooter, 44-caliber, which Sage found beside the tracks where the bandits abandoned the engine, which they had run down six miles from the scene of the hold-up. The gun had four loaded cartridges. Two shots had been fired from it, which backs up Engineer Dunham's story that the robbers fired twice in the air to frighten the trainmen and passengers.

Maddox Dies from Fall in Jail.

Hannibal, Mo.: James Maddox, a prisoner in the Ralls county jail at New London, charged with the murder of Richard Moss of Hannibal at Hupattington, last April, died at 9 o'clock Monday morning from the effects of injuries sustained in a fall in the jail last Thursday. While descending the stairway leading from the apartments of Dr. Jones Watson, accused of wife murder, Maddox slipped and fell, fracturing his skull. The trial of Maddox was to have been held next month.

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