

ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF THE CZAR JAPANESE START THE BALL ROLLING

Secret Enemies Seek His Destruction---Japs Pressing On Toward Liao Yang.

London, June 11.—The Mail asserts: "Two infernal machines were found on the night of June 7 concealed in tobacco boxes in the Tsarkoye Selo Palace, where the Russian Emperor is now residing. One of the machines was in the dining room, the other in the audience chamber. The mechanism in each was working when they were discovered. The strictest secrecy is observed, and this statement, though true in every detail, is sure to be categorically denied."

Fusan, Korea, June 11.—Gen. Kuroki with the co-operation of a detachment from the army, landed at Takushan, has captured Siu Yen, driving out the Russians, and is now sweeping on toward Liao Yang by three roads. Two divisions are moving on Pai Cheng by the Takushan and Feng Wang Cheng roads, and it is believed after giving battle at Pai Cheng will move north to co-operate with a third column which is now due north from Feng Wang.

For a week four columns of troops have been reconnoitering the roads between Liao Yang, Pai Cheng, Siu Yen and Siamatza, and have occupied towns along those roads, including the Russians, numbering several hundred, from each position after desperate fighting. The Japanese casualties are reported as 45 men killed and wounded. Wednesday morning a Japanese infantry brigade, two mountain batteries and five squadrons of cavalry marched against Siu Yen. At about 11 o'clock in the morning the Japanese appeared before the town on the south, but were checked by the fire from the Russian batteries. Japanese infantry advancing by the Feng Wang Cheng road came in contact with the Cossacks holding the pass. After two hours' fighting the Cossacks were driven back. Two Japanese batteries tried to take a position south of the town, but were compelled to hold off for a time. Two battalions of Japanese made a flanking movement by the Feng Wang Cheng road and threatened to cut off the Russian retreat. A simultaneous attack from the two roads drove the Russians back. The Cossacks gradually withdrew from Siu Yen in the direction of Pai Cheng, keeping up a heavy battery fire on a dense column of the enemy at a range of 600 yards. The fire slackened about five o'clock in the evening. Among the Russian losses were Oberonoff, Chief of Cossacks; Cornet Komovski and Lieut. Col. Pissokhoff. The Japanese losses were five killed and twenty-eight wounded.

TRIED PARIS GREEN.

After Six Hours Weevils Were Apparently Unharmd.

Round Rock, Texas: Your correspondent was out in the cotton field looking after the boll weevils, and found plenty of them; in fact, more than we had at this time of the season last year. The plant is not as well advanced as last season. Having seen so much in the papers about paris green killing the weevils, your correspondent gave it a trial, and got unsatisfactory results. He brought one-half dozen weevils home with him, having found some green stalks of cotton growing in the gin yard. He sprinkled it with a solution of paris green, then put the weevils in a glass jar and turned it over the cotton. The weevils were left on the cotton for about six hours, when they were found all apparently unharmd by the paris green. Several witnessed the results.

Mr. J. A. Nelson of this place has got up an attachment to the cultivator which hangs just in front of the plow, and is a garibal success. It has two large oblong tin trays, which have keroline in them to catch the weevils as they are knocked off by two revolving forks, or paddles, station just above the trays. Cotton is two small yet to give it a thorough test. The one excellent feature about the attachment is, the farmer can plow and catch weevils at the same time.

Corn prospects in this vicinity are fine. Oats are being harvested, but the yield will be light.

American Fert Taken.

Laredo, Texas: There was an interesting and exciting sham battle at Fort McIntosh this morning when the old earth fort, defended by one of the three companies, was stormed and captured by the other two companies after a realistic battle.

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Russian Vessels Take Part in Repelling an Attack Upon the Beleagured Port Arthur.

Indianapolis, Ind.: A special cable received by the Indianapolis News from its staff war correspondent at Chee Foo says:

"Chee Foo, June 9.—The long contemplated attack by the Japanese on Port Arthur began early this morning.

"The Russian forces around the beleaguered city were reinforced by the troops which had garrisoned Dainy and Kin Chou.

"The Russian vessels in the harbor with their great guns aided the land forces in repelling the attack. The fighting still goes on."

Sea Was Crimson.

Tokio: Wounded officers who have returned to Japan from the Liao Tung peninsula give interesting details of the battle of Nan Shan hill. After the first ineffectual attack on the hill, the Japanese scouts discovered that there were mines at some spot at the foot of the hill. It was determined that they could only definitely locate

them by the sacrifice of some men. Hundreds volunteered to go to what appeared to be certain death. They led the second advance and found that the heavy rains had washed away the covering of the earth and exposed the mines. Engineers cut the connecting wires, rendering the mines useless, and sustained no loss. The volunteers were nearly all killed in the subsequent ineffectual battle on the hill.

The Osaka men from the right wing while advancing through the water along the shore, encountered a body of Russians in the water. A fierce fight ensued, both sides being waist deep in the sea. When the Russians finally returned the water was literally crimson. Both sides lost heavily.

During the day the Russians used several war balloons well out of range after they had been captured were found many articles of clothing belonging to women and children, making it evident that the Russians intended their defenses to be permanent.

TERRITORY FLOOD.

Kiamiti Valley the Scene of Ruin and Desolation by Water.

Talhin, I. T.: A cloudburst broke over the Kiamiti Valley June 4, and farms were damaged. All fences were washed down, but a quarter of the crop was saved. No communication has been had with the outside world for the past five days.

Miles of railway are off dump and all bridges gone north and south. No trains can run for four or five days yet.

Tony Jones lost five children drowned, but saved himself, wife and one child by climbing trees and remaining over night.

Nothing like such water has been experienced in the past fifty years.

Deputy Marshal Ben Lock narrowly escaped death in rescuing a family of ten, guiding them to a grove, where they stayed for five hours. Hundreds of live stock were drowned.

No material damage resulted to the town of Talhin.

One child was drowned at Bengul.

Hanged For Murder.

Paragould, Ark.: Mari Vowell, an aged white man, was hanged here this afternoon a few minutes before 6 o'clock for the murder of W. F. Lovejoy. During the entire afternoon many friends of Vowell besieged Governor Davis' office at Little Rock, beseeching him to intervene, and it was only when the hour of 6 o'clock, the final time limit, was so close as to preclude all hope or reprieve that the sheriff sprung the trap.

The city was filled with people from adjoining towns and counties.

Vowell was a Confederate veteran, 61 years of age, and was formerly a Mason and an Odd Fellow. It is said that 842 messages were received yesterday and the night before from Confederate camps requesting the governor to commute the sentence.

Knox Succeeds Quay.

Philadelphia, Pa.: Attorney General Philander C. Knox has been selected by the republican leaders of Pennsylvania to succeed the late Matthew S. Quay as United States Senator. He will be appointed by Gov. Penypacker to fill the term which ends on March 4 next and will accept. The plan is to have Mr. Knox elected by the Legislature, which meets in January, for the next full term.

To Have Electric Cars.

St. Petersburg: The city council has accepted estimates for a system of electric street railroads in and around St. Petersburg, 180 miles in length. The cost will be \$21,000,000 exclusive of the right of way. It is feared that the plan cannot be executed because of financial difficulties until the war is ended. The plan is now dependent solely on horse cars.

Bloodhounds Sent to Yorktown.

Conroe, Texas: Sheriff Johnston received word yesterday for bloodhounds to be sent to the scene of the tragedy at Yorktown, where Mr. Earl the night operator, was so foully murdered. Mr. Johnston left at once to assist in the capture of the assassin.

Russ-British War.

Odessa: Notwithstanding events in the Far East, the war party in St. Petersburg, according to private letters received in military quarters at this place, has succeeded in inducing the government to make a military demonstration against England's advance in Tibet. It is declared that the army of Tashkend is nearly mobilized, and that all reservists were called out by the middle of May. Persons in touch with the staff at Tashkend affirm that the troops are ready to take the field at any moment. Owing to the bitterness of the conservative press towards England, these reports are taken very seriously by educated opinion. It is thought that the Novos Vronya, the most influential newspaper in Russia, is concourant with the policy the government intends to pursue in Central Asia when it warns the British authorities that Col. Younghusband's mission must be withdrawn if Great Britain has any desire not to strain Anglo-Russian relations to the snapping point.

State Farmers' Union.

Fort Worth, Texas: The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America will hold its first meeting here on August 2.

An acceptance of the city's invitation has been made by Alfred M. Calwick, State secretary of the executive committee.

It is expected that different counties in the State will be represented at the meeting, and it is stated that the attendance will reach fully 1000. The State organization was created for the benefit of the farmers' unions, which have recently been formed in different counties.

Americans Attacked.

Hong Kong: American engineers who are engaged in the construction of the Canton Railway were attacked by a Chinese mob this morning. The Americans defended themselves effectively, and a Chinese boy was shot dead. Mr. McWade, the American Consul General at Canton, is investigating the matter, with the intention of making the affair a subject of complaint to the Viceroy.

Bank Cashier Arrested.

Enid, Ok.: Cashier H. H. Watkins of the wrecked Citizens' Bank was arrested today on the charge of forgery. He is charged with forging the name of Chas. Genferman to a \$1,000 note and sold it to a correspondent bank, in order to raise money for the Citizens' Bank. He was released on a bond of \$1,000.

Levi Letter Dead.

Bar Harbor, Maine: Levi Letter of Chicago died here suddenly at an early hour today. He is the father of Lady Curzon of Kedleston and Joseph W. Letter, the well known speculator and investor.

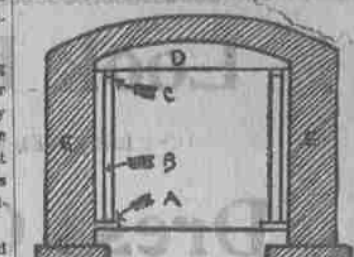
Will Oprey Killed.

Blomington, Texas: In a difficulty at Crier Creek this evening Will Oprey was shot with a pistol in the right lung and died an hour later. Pete Bunn as surrendered to the officers.

TO BUILD CONCRETE ARCH.

Strong and Lasting Structure Comparatively Inexpensive.
S. S.—Please tell me how to use concrete in building arches over streams and under main roads.

Where the span is not more than ten feet the arch can be moulded all in one. When the diameter is greater the concrete should be moulded into blocks and then laid up the same as stone. If the culvert is not more than five feet wide, the arch may be put on flat, but if wider it should have a little crown. The plan shows describes the mode of building an arch. It has a 2 by 12 inch plank on the bed of the stream; on this stand 2 by 4 inch upright, which should not be



Concrete Arch Over Stream.
A, 2 by 12 in. plank; B, 2 by 4 in. uprights; C, 2 by 4 in. uprights on uprights; D, center supporting arch; E, concrete.
more than 2 1/2 feet apart; on top of this a 2 by 4 inch scantling is laid lengthways of arch; then a center cut out of the plank, or inch boards and covered with inch lumber to hold the arch. The arch should be well rammed around the wall when filling in

Fitting Rafters on a Barn.

E. N.—I am building a barn 30 by 25 feet, and wish to put on two sets of rafters, to meet at the perline plate. What length should the rafters be and how should they be fastened?

Each set of rafters should be 12 feet long. The lower set should project one foot over the lower plate. These should be sawed so as to sit squarely on the plate, the projecting foot to be two inches deep. The upper end of the rafter rests on the perline plate, and the lower end of the upper rafter lies beside it. The top sides of the two rafters should be flush. The upper rafter fits on the perline plate with a tongue on the lower side to drop down on the inside of the plate to form a brace. The rafters are all spiked to the plates if necessary. The lower rafters should have a 9-foot rise and the upper ones seven.

Clearing Land of Willows.

Subscriber.—I have some water willows on my farm. I have cut them down, but they grow up again. I think they will have to be dug up. What is the best way to get rid of them?

Cutting willows down will not kill them. Oiler beds can be cut for a great many years for the oilers without doing the roots any harm. The only way to get rid of willows is to root out each bush. The easiest way to do this is to hitch a chain round the bush near the bottom and then drag it out by the roots with a horse, after loosening the bush by cutting some of the main roots with an ax. Many acres have been cleared in this way in Manitoba, and it is found the most convenient way of doing the work. If the bushes are not very large the land may be burnt over and then plowed with a heavy scrub plow.

Cement for Kitchen Walls.

I want to put up a concrete kitchen, 16 by 20 feet, and 14 feet high; the end will join the present building, leaving three sides to build, two sides 20 feet long, and the end wall 16 feet, with gable ends. How much gravel will be required and how much cement, the wall being six inches thick?

Your wall would require 19 barrels of natural rock cement and 15 yards of gravel, making the concrete one of cement to one of gravel; or, if Portland is used, 14 barrels would do the work, making the concrete one of cement to seven of gravel. This estimate is given on using all gravel (no stone for fillers) as the wall, being only six inches thick, very little stone can be used.

Support for a Chimney.

A. E. B.—I wish to build a brick flue 13 feet high, 30 bricks to the foot. I want it to rest on a floor having 4 by 6 inch sills, 13 feet long and 16 inches apart. If the sills rest on the 6 inch sides would they be strong enough to bear the weight?

If the chimney is built at the end of the building so that it rests on end of the joists, these will provide sufficient support, but if it is built in the center of the room supports should be provided immediately underneath. If the chimney starts from the ground floor a small abutment can be built under the joints or sills, which will hold the weight.

Every man knows how a wife should be managed, but few are able to do it.