

JAPANESE TRAP RUSSIAN FORCE

EIGHT HUNDRED OF CZAR'S MEN
KILLED IN BATTLE NEAR
PULANTEN.

LATTER ARE DUPED
BY CLEVER FEINT

Bombardment of Port Arthur Already
Lasting Seven Days Reported—
Rumor of Naval Battle in Which
Six Ships Have Been Sunk.

Newchwang, June 14.—Information has been received here through heretofore reliable channels that part of the Japanese force left at Pulanten to checkmate the Russians' southward movement to relieve Port Arthur was attacked southeast of Shungmao Saturday. After slight fighting the Japanese made a false retreat. The Russians hotly following them, when the Japanese made a flank movement, catching the Russians in a trap. The Russian losses are placed at 800 men. They then fell back on Kaichou and began to retreat along the Balmatgu-Tsailchou road.

About 2,000 Russian infantry from Kaichou passed through Newchwang Sunday morning accompanied by a large supply and hospital train. Several carts contained bandaged men. The troops appeared to be fatigued out and showed every indication of a long, forced march. The officers refused to furnish any information, but a non-commissioned officer said that all the troops were retreating from Tsailchou. Before he could say anything further he was reprimanded by a captain.

Port Arthur Bombarded.

London, June 14.—According to the Rome Tribune's Chefoo correspondent, Port Arthur has been bombarded incessantly for the last seven days. All the western portions of the town, it is stated, have been destroyed. Several Russian warships have been damaged, the Japanese squadron backing up the land assaults, but keeping out of range of the fort guns.

Dispatches from St. Petersburg by way of Paris announce that, despite the semi-official assurances that nothing of exceptional gravity has occurred at Port Arthur in the last few days, the wildest rumors continue to circulate at the Russian capital. According to these rumors, the Japanese already have occupied the advance defense works. The Russians are reported to have blown up the battleships Retvizan, Czarevitch and Palada to prevent their capture.

Great Naval Battle Reported.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—Rumors are in circulation here to the effect that a great naval battle has taken place off Port Arthur in which two Russian and four Japanese battleships were sunk.

The Russian consul at Chefoo reports the persistence of rumors there of a sea fight near Port Arthur. His report is on a line with previous reports to the effect that two Russian and four Japanese ships have been lost. The ultimate result of the fight is not stated. As there is no confirmation of the report from any other source the authorities express doubt as to its accuracy.

Mysterious Jap Movements.

The Japanese advance of columns north and south of Fengwangcheng is causing considerable mystification. The preponderance of military opinion still inclines to the belief that the movements in both directions are feints, although the opinion that Gen. Kuropkin has begun a serious advance by both flanks against Liaoyang does not lack supporters. Renewed skirmishing is reported in the neighborhood of Siyuen, but there is no confirmation officially of the engagement reported at Haicheng Sunday night, as having occurred 30 miles southeast of Haicheng, in the direction of the Fengwangcheng road, which was reported to have resulted in the loss of two Japanese battalions. Should this report turn out to be true it would show that the Japanese are advancing toward Haicheng by two roads, as the column reported engaged must have been different from the one which drove out the Russians from Siyuen on the road further south.

Absolute confirmation is not obtainable of the report that Gen. Kuropkin is dispatching troops from Mukden against the enemy's right. Extreme reticence is manifested at the war office regarding the military situation, which is generally interpreted as foreshadowing important developments in the immediate future. While the imminence of a decisive battle between the two main armies is distinctly discouraged, news of fighting of a rather heavy character is anticipated. The lack of official dispatches from Kuropkin during the last 48 hours is regarded as significant.

Russians Retire.

Seoul, Korea, June 14.—According to Korean official reports received here the Russian forces which were at Ninyong have retired to Changlin.

Silver Anniversary Celebrated.

Northfield, Mass., June 14.—Exercises in celebration of the silver anniversary of the founding of Northfield seminary were held here Monday. They were also a feature of the opening of the summer season of conferences. Addresses were delivered by W. B. Moody and P. H. Moody, sons of the late Dwight L. Moody, who founded the Northfield summer schools. There was a large attendance of visitors.

Comptroller Issues a Call.

Washington, June 14.—The comptroller of the currency Monday issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business June 9.

SHORT SPECIALS

The funeral of Levi Z. Leiter was held with simple services at Bar Harbor, Me. Four thousand Christian Scientists assembled in Boston, for the annual meeting.

Officers of Johnstown, Pa., saved \$8,000 in cash after a running fight with robbers.

Marconi says all transatlantic steamships will be equipped with powerful wireless plants.

Lumber receipts in Chicago during the first four months of the year showed 28 per cent. decrease.

Two men who had robbed a Chicago saloon of \$10,602 were arrested an hour later with the booty.

Both the Lake Carriers' association and the masters and pilots are confident of winning the strike.

The Chicago Federation of Labor calls on President Roosevelt to send the regular troops into Colorado.

Seal poachers are reaping harvest along Russian islands while the coasts are unguarded by gunboats.

Franz Vecsey, the boy violinist, scored a triumph at Buckingham palace and was kissed by the queen of England.

A government report says plant diseases cost the farming interests of the country many millions of dollars in 1903.

Thirteen New York firemen were temporarily overcome with smoke and fumes from a restaurant subcellar in which were stored cigars and liquor.

Perdicaris, the American held for ransom by Raisuli, the Morocco bandit, declares in a letter to a London friend that his captor is a kindly hearted gentleman.

Returns from 37 states and territories show that the uninstructed delegates will be in a position to control the democratic national convention at St. Louis next month.

President Roosevelt, in accepting from the American Medical association a Washington statue of Dr. Benjamin Rush, drew lessons of patriotism from the life of the physician-statesman.

Mrs. Hannah Elias, accused of blackmailing aged John R. Platt, of New York, tells how she refused a gift of \$18,000, the money subsequently being thrown on the floor and then swept up by a house servant.

A Louisville court has ordered the administrator of the Craik estate to sell the historic book case presented by George Washington to Dr. James Craik, his family physician. The Mount Vernon society has offered \$1,600 for it.

Women's Congress Meets.

Berlin, June 14.—The international women's congress, called by the League of German Women's Societies, in connection with the international council of women, opened Monday morning in Philharmonic hall. There was a large attendance of women from all the continental countries, the United States and Australia. Frau Marie Stritt, of Dresden, president of the German league, opened the congress with an eloquent address, to which the countess of Aberdeen, president of the international council, responded.

THE MARKETS.

Grain, Provisions, Etc.

Chicago, June 13.
FLOUR—Steady. Spring wheat, special patent, \$5.60; Minneapolis, hard patents, \$4.60; 47.70; Minneapolis, hard spring, straight, export bags, \$4.30; 44.50; clear, export bags, \$3.40; 33.50.

WHEAT—Higher. Cash, No. 2 hard, 90¢; July, 90¢; 87¢; September, 87¢; 83¢.

CORN—Steady. Cash, No. 2, 48¢; 49¢; July, 48¢; 49¢; September, 48¢; 49¢; December, 48¢; 49¢; May, 48¢; 49¢.

OATS—Stronger and higher. Cash, No. 2, 39¢; 40¢; July, 39¢; 40¢; September, 39¢; 40¢.

RYE—Dull and quiet, still values were lower. No. 2, in store, 75¢ nominal; sample lots, 75¢; 76¢.

BARLEY—Market easy; offerings were small. Screenings, 77¢; 42¢; feed or mixing barley, 33¢; 42¢; low-grade malting, 43¢; 44¢; fair to good, 45¢; 48¢; choice, 50¢; 56¢; fancy, 58¢; 59¢.

BUTTER—Barely steady; good demand. Creameries, per lb., 12¢; 17¢; dairies, 11¢; 16¢.

EGGS—Market ruling easy; prices lower. Fresh eggs, at mark, new cases returned, 13¢; 14¢; per dozen; prime firsts, 15¢.

LIVE POULTRY—Market dull and feeling weak; quotations lower. Turkeys, per lb., 9¢; 10¢; chickens, fowls, 10¢; 10¢; ducks, 9¢.

POTATOES—(New). Feeling steady. Arkansas Triumphs, per bu., \$1.45; 1.50; Texas red, good to choice, \$1.40; 1.45.

New York, June 13.

FLOUR—Quiet but steady. Minnesota patents, \$5.00; 5.35.

WHEAT—Opened lower, but shortly recovered. July, 91¢; 91¢; September, 87¢; 87¢; December, 83¢; 84¢.

RYE—Nominal. No. 2 western, 75¢ nominal.

CORN—Dull and featureless.

OATS—Nominal.

Live Stock.

Chicago, June 13.
CATTLE—Choice to prime steers, \$4.50; 6.50; good to choice heavy steers, \$3.50; 6.30; fair to good export and shipping steers, \$3.50; 6.50; medium beef steers, \$3.00; 5.50; inferior and plain steers, \$3.00; 5.50; good to fancy cows and heifers, \$4.00; 5.50; good to choice feeders, \$2.75; 4.80; poor to fair stockers and feeders, \$2.00; 3.70; fair to good cows and heifers, \$2.50; 4.15; inferior to fair mixed, \$1.50; 3.50; good to choice, \$4.00; 5.00; poor to choice pigs, \$1.00; 4.75.

OMAHA, Neb., June 13.
CATTLE—Market active, steady to strong. Native steers, \$4.00; 6.10; cows and heifers, \$3.00; 5.00; canners, \$2.00; 3.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.00; 4.10; calves, \$2.50; 3.50; bulls and stags, \$2.50; 3.50; inferior to fair mixed, \$1.50; 3.50; good to choice, \$4.00; 5.00; poor to choice pigs, \$1.00; 4.75.

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MINNESOTA NEWS.

Farmers' Institutes.

A new schedule of farmers' institutes has been prepared for the next two months by Supt. Hovstad of the state experimental station. It will call for institutes to be held in Pelan June 7; Badger, June 8-9; Roseau, June 10; Hallock, June 21; Stephen, June 22; Argyle, June 23; Warren, June 24; Ada, June 25; Halstad, June 28; Fisher, July 1; Bemidji, July 2. There will be a number of prominent Minnesota agriculturists at the institutes to assist in the work, and great benefit is expected to be derived from them. Among those who will take part in conducting them are Prof. Kaufman of Fargo agricultural college; James A. Wilson of the pure food commission at St. Paul and Col. R. A. Wilkinson of St. Paul. Mr. Hovstad has been fortunate in securing the consent of these men to act as assistants, and he hopes to secure one or two others before the institutes are closed.

Burned to Death.

Devotion to her children cost the life of Mrs. A. L. Hauser, Minneapolis. Mrs. Hauser was heating a can of varnish on her cook stove preparatory to applying it to the floor. The fire from the stove ignited the varnish and it began to blaze.

Mrs. Hauser, having a mother's thought for her two children who were asleep upstairs, attempted to throw the burning can outdoors, but in doing so her clothing took fire and soon she was a living torch.

Her cries brought the neighbors, but before they could smother the fire the woman was burned so badly that nothing could be done to save her.

Killed in Elevator.

Nick Reinart, was buried in a bin of screenings at Elevator K, Twenty-ninth street and Garfield avenue, Minneapolis, and his body was not recovered for three hours.

It was thought that when he was recovered that the spark of life had not been entirely smothered, but after working over him for some minutes it was discovered that he was dead.

The accident was due to the fact that the chute leading from the bin was clogged up, and when Reinart entered the bin to ascertain the cause the screenings started and sucked Reinart to the bottom of the bin. He leaves a wife.

Farmer's Wife Held Up.

While Peter Schaut, who lives about one and a half miles north of Delano, was attending church a masked robber entered his home and compelled Mrs. Schaut to give up what money was in the house. At first she refused, but he drew a revolver and fired a couple of shots, one of which just passed her head and frightened her so much that she gave him the money on hand, amounting to nearly \$300. The constable and sheriff were at once notified and are working on the brief description Mrs. Schaut could give of the robber, who they think was no stranger in that vicinity.

Girl Disappears.

Considerable excitement has been caused at Crookston by the disappearance of the 14-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Neal from their farm, a few miles from there. She has been absent several days and no trace of her has been found. She disappeared Saturday evening, and the following morning buggy tracks were found at one corner of a pasture fence not far from the house.

The entire neighborhood has been searched and the grandparents are distracted.

Arrested by Hackdrivers.

Through the persevering efforts of four St. Paul hackdrivers, a young man who calls himself Donald Stewart was arrested there after a long chase early Sunday morning.

Stewart is accused of having stolen \$24,000 in certificates of deposit from J. E. Hall of Duluth formerly a rail-conductor.

It was afterward found to be a mistake and Stewart was released.

Suicide.

Mrs. Frank DeBillon of Foley, age 28, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid because she had a little difference with her husband. About the last words she said to him were: "Kiss me, Frank; it will be the last time."

She formerly lived in Minneapolis. Her parents reside at New Ulm, and she was taken there for burial.

News Notes.

Gov. Van Sant files an order removing Greeley Carr, county attorney of Marshall county.

Edwin Ashland, of St. Paul, has been appointed a clerk in the department of commerce.

The Brainerd high school graduated the largest class in its history. Twenty received diplomas.

Teachers deficient in music and drawing are barred from St. Paul schools by new rule.

This present year is the banner one in the history of new companies incorporated in the state.

It is thought that seven-year-old Frances Fitzgerald, daughter of James Fitzgerald, of Minneapolis, has been kidnapped.

An 8-year-old girl of Perham was seriously wounded while playing with a revolver. She snapped the trigger, not knowing the weapon was loaded.

Percy R. Ross, living at 2110 Sixteenth avenue south, an employee of the Minneapolis postoffice for the last eight years, is in the county jail on a charge of robbing the mails.

Efforts are being made by the officers and members of the Minnesota State Poultry Association to secure the next annual meeting of the national association. The meeting will be held Jan. 10, 1905, at a place to be decided upon later.

ROUND ABOUT THE STATE.

The State Teachers' Association will meet in St. Paul.

State Supt. Olsen issues a bulletin on rural schools.

Elias Steenerson is to be the next postmaster at Crookston.

A big Independence Day celebration is to be held at Excelsior.

Nine bands were in the parade of Woodmen's picnic at Mankato.

Gov. Van Sant offers a reward for the murderers of J. C. Sullivan.

The Northern Pacific crop report shows generally favorable conditions.

Three Minnesota men pass the examinations for a Rhodes scholarship.

Highwaymen in St. Paul knocked down and rob John Peterson, of Luverne.

Tony G. Wisch, a military prisoner, is shot while trying to escape at Fort Snelling.

The work of remodeling the old buildings at Fort Snelling is nearly completed.

The state buys the \$450,000 worth of certificates issued by the capitol commission.

Dr. J. W. Bell, of Minneapolis, is elected president of the State Medical Association.

It is hoped to dedicate the Twin City building at the St. Louis fair the middle of June.

The state sends a carload of butter to St. Louis to be entered in the butter scoring contest.

June 2, fire destroyed the postoffice and contents of Kramer's hotel and Mahlum's store at Nevis.

St. Paul is to have a German consul and it is expected that the appointment will be made next fall.

President Weld, of Moorhead normal school, says Minnesota teachers are better paid than ever before.

Work has begun at the agricultural experiment station in the new stock pavilion which is to cost \$32,000.

The Crookston Journal says that the chances are in favor of a new site being selected for the public library.

Thousands of small pike and bass were received from the state hatchery and deposited in Lake Rebecca, Delano.

Frank L. Bacon, general agent of the Omaha at Superior, was yesterday appointed agent of the road at St. Paul.

Mail Carrier W. H. Allen, of St. Paul, is sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary for pilfering letters.

The State Bank of Richmond, having a capital of \$10,000, was authorized to begin business by the public examiner.

Lizzy Menard, a four-year-old child, fell from the porch of her home in Minneapolis, breaking both legs above the knee.

The State Live Stock Sanitary Board condemned and killed at South St. Paul thirty-two cattle affected with tuberculosis.

The state treasurer received \$38,000 from the Johnson-Wentworth Company of Clouet in payment of timber stumpage.

Three iron mines, the Sibley, Savoy and Zenith, on the Vermillion range at Ely, have resumed operations on a moderate scale.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Society of the Diocese of Winona was held in Winona.

Gust Osking, a shoemaker whose resident and shop is located at 206 Cedar avenue, Minneapolis, was found dead in his bed.

The village council of Perham has leased ten acres of the park to the new pickling company, which is building a factory here.

Arne Hanson, an old resident of Cyrus, was bound over for maiming and disfiguring Carl Rohde, by biting off part of his nose.

The Minnesota State Board of Investment was the bidder for \$405,000 of certificates of indebtedness issued by the capitol commission.

It is probable an effort will be made to secure the convention of Minnesota State Music Teachers' Association for Winona next year.

A south-bound freight train on the Rock Island left the track near Troy. Five cars and the caboose were damaged and a woman injured.

Two of the huge Italian marble columns of the grand stairway corridor of the new capitol have been received and are in place. The other columns are on their way.

Elk River has won the county seat removal proceeding instituted by citizens at Becker. Enough voters signed a remonstrance to defeat the holding of a special election.

N. O. Dahl, of Crookston, and his daughter Agot, eighteen years old, are believed to have been murdered the last part of April on their claim near Quiring postoffice.

Twelve cars, loaded with 173,800 boxes of strawberries, arrived in Minneapolis one day and retail dealers are not charging over 10 cents for a box, or 25 cents for three.

James A. MacLeod, of St. Paul, was awarded the contract for furnishing plans and specifications for the erection of a new court house for Lake county to cost about \$30,000.

A spark from a defective wire in George L. Gillette's bathhouse at Gideon's Bay, Lake Minnetonka, mixed in with some gasoline in the bottom of his yacht "Delethmar" and both yacht and bathhouse were totally lost in the explosion and fire which ensued.

While trying to escape the guards at the workhouse in Minneapolis, Edward Hankins, aged eighteen, jumped into the river and was drowned near the boom.

Fire in the Tivoli saloon at Crookston, operated by Brink Bros., swept through the building from cellar to garret. Brink Bros' loss is \$2,000.



THE ONE THING NEEDFUL.

"What do you think of those songs without words?" asked the fair maid as she arose from the piano.

"With a little alteration they would be divine," replied her bachelor relative.

"How could they be improved?" she asked.

"By omitting the music also," he answered.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Hand of Time.

Mother—Why, my dear, what's the matter?

Daughter (tearfully)—I—I am losing my beauty.

"Nonsense!"

"Oh, it's true. I went to Bargain & Co.'s to price goods, and the clerk who waited on me began to look tired before I'd been there an hour—hoo, hoo, hoo!"—N. Y. Weekly.

MATTER OF OPINION.

"Say, waiter, how do you pronounce C-a-m-e-m-b-e-r-t cheese?"

"It is largely a personal matter, sir. A gentleman who was in here last night pronounced it the worst he ever saw."—Chicago Tribune.

Solid Comfort.

Don't keep how de woff' go— Never want it all; If you never rise fur, Won't have fur ter fall.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Last Word.

Church—I took my wife home a photograph.

Gotham—And did it please her?

"It did at first; but she finally broke it into bits."

"You surprise me!"

"Well, you see, that was the only way she could get the last word."—Yonkers Statesman.

DIFFICULT UNDERTAKING.

Chef of bon vivant, who is about to give a dinner—The composition of the menu presents serious difficulties, sir. We couldn't get credit for anything except a basket of vegetables, eight herring, two boxes of caviar and