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OYAMA CRUSHES RUSSIAN FLANKS

MIGHTY FORCES BEAR IN ON KUROPATKIN

JAPANESE SUFFER HEAVILY

Battle Rages Unceasingly in Vicinity of Mukden, Where Port Arthur Veterans Fight With Fanatical Bravery

By Associated Press.

TOKIO, March 5. — Field Marshal Oyama is continuing his great drive around both flanks of the Russian army. Oyama's front now resembles a huge bow with its base on the Shakhe river. His right arm reaches a point east of Fushan. His left arm extends to a point west of Mukden. He is steadily tightening his great cord of men of steel, while Gen. Kuropatkin is striving desperately to check the Japanese advance, contesting their flank encroachments and hammering their center.

The Japanese are making heavy gains west of the railway and have captured great quantities of stores. Already there has been bloody fighting and the heavy losses will be vastly increased when the masses of infantry meet.

Oyama reporting yesterday says:

Captures Railway Terminus

"A few days ago our force in the direction of Sengching pressed the enemy into his position at Tita, which is fifteen miles southeast of Fushan, and at Manchuntun, fifteen miles south of Fushan.

"An engagement continues in the direction of the Shakhe river.

"On the night of March 3 the enemy made four determined attacks against our positions at Housuntupaotzu and Tangshiatun. All of his attacks were entirely repulsed.

"In the district east of the railway the enemy's frequent small attacks were all repulsed.

"In the district west of the railway our force, continuing its fierce attacks, has occupied the districts of Wuchenying, five miles west of Shakhe village; Mishenpao, three miles northwest of Wuchenying, and Shuhopano, the terminus of the new railway which has been constructed by the Russians.

Russians Driven Back

"Our force on the right bank of the Hun river, after dislodging the enemy from his position northeast of the Siaopei stream, which is between the Hun river and the Liao river, has advanced to the north. This force carried the defense line of the enemy between Changtan and Sufangtai and then fiercely pursued the enemy.

"The line is now between Wochiapo, fifteen miles southwest of Mukden; Tatzupao, thirteen miles west of Mukden, and Lamuho, which is four miles north of Tatzupao.

"During the previous engagement the casualties of the enemy were heavy. We captured a great quantity of spoils but we have not as yet had time to investigate them. We also captured large quantities of provisions at Wanchangpao and a considerable quantity of clothing at the depot of Tahantai."

BATTLE STILL RAGES

Japanese Veterans From Port Arthur Show Fanatical Bravery

By Associated Press.

MUKDEN, March 5, noon.—The rumble of carts in the streets of Mukden is drowned by the roar of battle which is raging a few miles away between Gen. Nogi's Port Arthur veterans and the hastily assembled army interposed by Gen. Kuropatkin to defend the city and railroad. The stroke came like lightning out of a clear sky.

It is stated that the situation has improved somewhat but it is still extremely critical. It is reported that the Japanese have been thrown back in the district of Lunfanshan and are retiring along the Sinmintin road, but heavy fighting is continuing there.

The Japanese vanguard posts are about six miles west of Mukden, where the bursting of shrapnel is plainly visible. A fight also is raging at Suchudziapu and Lanshanpu, which on Saturday were captured by the Japanese after a terrific combat, the villages several times changing hands.

Make Desperate Night Attack

The Japanese on Friday advanced on the Russian position at Shakhe village, but were beaten off. Twice they attacked Putiloff, but both attacks were repulsed.

At Oubenspusa a Japanese guard of over twenty battalions made thirteen attacks on the night of March 3 and the morning of March 4, storming the redoubts furiously. All these attacks were repulsed with heavy loss. The ground in front of the redoubts was strewn with heaps of Japanese corpses.

The Japanese and Russian artillery are engaged in the heaviest duel of the war. Russian mortars are fired at the Shakhe bridge and Japanese 11-inch guns are in full play, but the Russian fortifications, on which the Russians had been working all winter offer fairly secure protection.

There is little news of Gen. Kuropatkin's operations on the extreme east of the line. The Russians are holding

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ACCUSED SLAYER ENDS HIS LIFE

MARTIN F. THOMAS IS FOUND SHOT THROUGH HEAD

BELIEVED TO BE SUICIDE

San Bernardino Officers Had Been Seeking Him to Arrest Him for the Murder of John N. Doyle

Special to The Herald.

SAN BERNARDINO, March 5.—Lying a few hundred yards back of the Doyle cabin, with a bullet hole through his head, with the rifle lying across his body, the remains of Martin F. Thomas, the supposed murderer of John N. Doyle, were found today.

This sensational climax to the mystery which has baffled the officers of the county for the past three weeks came as a great surprise to the community at large. Judge C. L. Thomas of this city, a brother of the dead man, last night made the startling statement that he believed his brother to be dead. This prediction was verified quicker than the brother realized it would be. This morning Hugh Thomas and Frank Thomas, sons of the dead man, and Constable Will Allen, a son-in-law, started out on a search of the vicinity of the cabin. After several hours' search they came upon their father's body in a small canyon. The body was sitting in a half upright position, a bullet hole had been blown through the head and a rifle lay across the dead man's legs. In the man's hand was a stick, with which, it is believed, he pulled the trigger, sending the fatal bullet through his brain.

Believes It Is Suicide

Sheriff Ralph states there is no doubt that it is a case of suicide, though the relatives of Thomas maintain that another murder has been committed.

The belief is that Thomas has been dead since a week ago last Friday, when the Doyle place was visited by Sheriff Ralphs and Under Sheriff McNabb in search of evidence. Some one was heard chopping wood in the house, but when the officers entered no one was to be found, though the hatchet had been dropped in the middle of the floor where it had been used. No trace of a human being could be found. The theory of Sheriff Ralphs is that when Thomas saw them approaching he believed they were coming to arrest him for the Doyle murder and, fearing exposure, made his escape to a canyon in the rear and sent a bullet crashing through his own brain rather than be convicted of the crime.

This ending of the case is considered as conclusive evidence by many that Thomas killed Doyle, though the officers will not make a direct statement to that effect.

It is believed that when Thomas left the cabin he went to the rear to a point where he could command a view of the road leading from the cabin to San Bernardino. He undoubtedly saw the sheriff leave the cabin, go to neighbors and interview them, return and make a second search. This convinced him the sheriff was after him and he took his life.

Motive a Mystery

The motive for the murder of Doyle has never been discovered. There has been much question about his will and it has been the general belief that Doyle and Thomas had quarreled about property matters, but it will never be known, as both are dead. Doyle was killed about three weeks ago. For several days no clue was unearthed, but finally the officers were convinced that Thomas knew something about it and resolved to place him under arrest, when he disappeared.

A warrant was issued, charging him with the murder, but no trace of him could be found. Thomas was formerly a city marshal of San Bernardino.

MEYER GIVEN FAREWELL BANQUET IN ROME

Diplomats Express Sorrow at Departure of the American Ambassador

By Associated Press.

ROME, March 5. — At the farewell banquet to Ambassador Meyer, Foreign Minister Tittoni, in a speech expressed his sorrow at the departure of Mr. Meyer and praised his diplomatic ability. Similar expressions came from other Italian officials and foreign diplomats. Mr. Meyer, responding, said he was deeply moved at the honor shown him as the representative of the United States and hoped the feeling of friendship between the two nations would continue to increase. Mr. Meyer announced that the American academy, through the generosity of Henry Walters, J. P. Morgan, W. K. Vanderbilt and others, had just acquired the villa Mirafiori as a permanent home. He closed by saying that the kindness and hospitality shown him in Italy would be most cherished in his recollections.

The villa Mirafiori is well known as the home of the morganatic wife of the great Victor Emanuel.

BALLOON MAKES GREAT FLIGHT

ASCENDS 9000 FEET UNDER PERFECT CONTROL

CURRENTS ARE MEASURED

Roy Knabenshue Clearly Demonstrates That He Is Past Master In the Art of Aerial Navigation

Like a freed eagle, the little hydrogen gas balloon Baby, with Roy Knabenshue in the basket, shot skyward yesterday afternoon when the mooring lines were let go. So sudden was the leap that it fairly took the breath away of the thousands of spectators, for the pretty sphere of varnished cotton literally jumped a thousand feet into the air.

At this altitude the speed slackened somewhat and the Baby began to slowly drift with the southwest breeze. Knabenshue threw out a bag of sand ballast and again the balloon's speed in the direction of the stars increased.

From time to time more ballast was cast off and the aeronaut and balloon went out of sight of the spectators somewhere in the southwest.

When an altitude of 9000 feet had been reached Knabenshue concluded that the ocean looked dangerously close and so the gas valve was opened and a rapid descent made, a landing being effected near Watt station, which is about half way between Los Angeles and Long Beach. E. M. Clinton followed the balloon in an automobile and brought it, with its captain, back to the city.

Talks to Crowd

When all was ready the balloon was allowed to float some distance from the ground and Knabenshue explained from the basket to the assembled crowd the object which he had in building the Baby and of the trips he intends to make in her. He said:

"The new airship, City of Los Angeles, which is more than twice as large as the Arrow, is practically complete and will be ready to fly as soon as the new four-cylinder motor arrives from New York. As this motor was designed especially for Capt. Baldwin and is different from anything which has been built so far, its delivery by the makers has been delayed.

"We have already arranged for two trips in the big ship—one to the top of Mt. Wilson and the other in the form of a race from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara against E. M. Clinton, who will drive his Winton touring car. There will be a substantial side bet on the result.

"This will be the longest flight ever attempted by an airship, but we feel certain of success. However, there are many problems of navigation to face in the handling of the large ship that do not have to be met with the Arrow, and it is our purpose to make several ascensions to heights of from two to three miles for the purpose of obtaining data on the higher air currents.

New Ship High Flyer

"The new ship will generally fly much higher than the Arrow, and in the case of the Mt. Wilson trip it must be sailed at an altitude of considerably over a mile. A little ship has several layers of air, as it were, to contend with, but the larger the ship the more layers it has to be navigated through. We are making these experiments solely in the interest of science, and the data which we get will be carefully preserved for the benefit of other aeronauts."

This said, the binding ropes were let go and again Knabenshue was waving to the crowd, a thousand feet in the air.

The balloon first drifted northeast, but soon struck another current which drove it south, then passing through this layer the Baby took a westerly course. This seemed to be the general trend of the upper air, for the balloon was over a mile above the earth and nearly out of sight before another current was reached, and then it was carried slowly in a southeasterly direction. Altogether it passed through eight air currents.

Ocean Looked Too Close

Ballast was cast out from time to time and the balloon rose steadily. When an altitude of 9000 feet had been reached Knabenshue still had three bags of ballast and the Baby was still rising, but the ocean looked too close, and he was being carried toward it, so the aeronaut decided to come down. The valve was opened and the balloon brought earthward rapidly. When fifty feet from the ground the anchor was thrown out and it finally caught in a fence.

The farmer on whose property Knabenshue had landed seemed rather frightened at the sudden appearance of the balloon and appeared to resent the visit, but Knabenshue finally brought his sky wagon to earth and made peace with the irate tiller of the soil.

On this ascension instruments were carried to take observations at the various heights. At 9000 feet the barometer registered a little less than twenty-two inches, indicating the great difference in the pressure of the air at the surface of the earth and at that altitude.

ROOSEVELT TO APPOINT NEGRO AS COLLECTOR

President Considers Plan to Make Change in Internal Revenue Service at New York

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Although no official statement can be obtained on the subject, it is known that President Roosevelt has under consideration the appointment of Charles W. Anderson, a negro lawyer of New York, to succeed Charles H. Treat as collector of internal revenue for the district of New York.

If this appointment is made, Mr. Treat in all probability will be appointed to succeed Ellis H. Roberts as treasurer of the United States at Washington.

It is understood, however, that no change will be made until Mr. Roberts has completed eight years of service, which will occur next June.

ASKS UNDERTAKER TO WAIT FOR BABY TO DIE

Father Says Child Will Soon Be Ready for Embalmer's Services

Special to The Herald.

CHICAGO, March 5.—Undertaker C. H. Stewart of Hammond called to prepare the body of baby Julia Shylock of East Chicago for burial, saved its life.

When the undertaker was met at the door by Joseph Shylock, the father, he was led to the cradle where lay the child. Drawing back the shroud from its face, he was astonished to see its eyes open, and when he called the attention to the father to the fact the latter denied that his babe was alive and asked the undertaker to wait a few minutes, saying the child would be dead if it was not then. The angry undertaker ordered Shylock to run for a doctor and was told that it would be no use. Stewart himself went for a physician, who succeeded in resuscitating the child, which is now expected to recover.

J. D. ROCKEFELLER PUTS $35 IN THE PLATE

LAKEWOOD, N. J., March 5.—In addition to contributing $35 to the offering at the Baptist church today, John D. Rockefeller told the Rev. W. G. Wedemeyer, pastor of the church, at the service, that he would pay the expenses of repairing a leaky spot in the church roof and would also pay for any other necessary repairs.

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TWO LIVES LOST, SIX ARE INJURED

EXPRESS TRAIN STRIKES A FREIGHT IN MONTANA

Engineer Misunderstands His Orders and the Two Trains Crash Together Head On While Rounding Curve

By Associated Press.

MISSOULA, Mont., March 5.—Two persons are dead and six injured as the result of a collision of a freight train and the westbound Twin Cities express on the Northern Pacific at Bearmouth, this afternoon. The express was thirty minutes behind time and the freight had orders to wait at Bearmouth siding.

Engineer Sheehan misunderstood his orders and proceeded east. As the freight rounded the curve east of Bearmouth, it crashed head-on into the express. A high bank shut off the view of both engineers and no attempt had been made to slacken speed. Both engines were thrown from the track and the mail and express cars were telescoped, but the passenger coaches came to a dead stop and remained on the track.

The dead:

W. F. WILCOX of Helena, division chief clerk of the railway mail service, on tour of inspection; instantly killed.

J. L. BILLHAN of Helena, fireman of the express, crushed and mangled, died when removed from wreck.

The injured:

A. W. Smith of Missoula, fireman of freight, scalded and burned; injuries in chest; may die.

Joe L. James of Missoula, engineer, leg broken, left arm bruised, head cut; serious.

Thomas L. Sheehan of Missoula, engineer of freight, back injured; may be serious.

Robert L. Stewart of Helena, mail clerk, back and head injured.

Mrs. T. H. Ferrier, Ellensburg, Wash., tourist passenger, neck twisted and body bruised.

Marie Taylor of the "Virginians," nose broken.

The dead and injured were brought to this city on a relief train. The injured are being cared for in the hospital. Traffic has been resumed.

Schooners in Collision

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5. — The schooners Eva and San Buena Ventura collided off the coast Friday night and each came into port today placing the blame upon the other. The San Buena Ventura's bobstay and martingale and headgear were carried away. The Eva lost considerable of her rigging. The San Buena Ventura was bound for Tillamook and the Eva was on the way here from Eureka with a cargo of lumber.

Ambassador Clayton Convalescent

By Associated Press.

MEXICO CITY, March 5.—Ambassador Clayton, who has been suffering from a severe attack of laryngitis, is convalescent. American Consul Parsons, who contracted a severe case of typhoid while in the hot country investigating the conditions for rubber culture, is without much change. He is still in the American hospital.

Schooner Captain Kills Himself

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Capt. A. W. Holstrom of the schooner Fortuna, which is lying in the stream, committed suicide in his cabin today by shooting himself through the heart. Holstrom had been despondent for some time. He was 42 years old.

COWBOYS ENJOY LIFE AT CAPITAL

WHISKY BREAKFAST WITH A SENATOR

Ride in Automobile Pleases Frontiersmen and They Are Planning a Trip to See New York's Pleasures

THIS IS WHAT THEY HAD

Manhattan Cocktails, extra large.
Breakfast Food. Fried Oysters.
Straight Whisky.
Planked Shad, Potomac Style.
Three-star Brandy.
Fried Chicken a la Maryland.
Highballs (in series).
Cigars. Whisky. Brandy.
Chocolate Eclaires. Cheese.
Whisky.

Special to The Herald.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The South Dakota cowboys who came to take part in the ceremonies at the special request of the president are having the time of their lives. They had breakfast this morning with Senator Kittridge. They started with cocktails and the menu given above. It was a most orderly and enjoyable repast and attracted a crowd of curious sightseers to the hotel.

In the afternoon the boys had a gay time. They chartered several automobiles and went for a trip around town and out in the country. Few of them had ever tried an auto, but most of them liked it. The prevailing comment was that it was all right so long as it kept a steady gait, but if the machines should happen to start to do bucking they would much prefer a broncho.

Tomorrow the boys are going to try to sell their ponies at auction. They are anxious to raise enough money to take them to New York. They deny that they have any intention of "shooting up the town."

New Cunard Liner Arrives

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 5. — The new Cunard liner Caronia arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown on her maiden voyage, after a passage of seven days and nine hours from the latter port, made at an average speed of 16.33 knots. The Caronia brought 155 saloon, 258 second cabin and 1286 steerage passengers, making, with her crew of 440, a total of 2138 passengers on board. One death occurred on the passage on March 3. The steamer was not urged on the passage, owing to the engines being new.

Mexico's Bank Statement

By Associated Press.

MEXICO CITY, March 5.—The bank statement shows that thirty-two chartered banks in the republic hold $22,000,000 more specie than a year ago. The aggregate capital of the chartered banks is $109,600,000, notes in circulation $82,995,000. Total cash holdings, $87,444,000.

Drayman Commits Suicide

By Associated Press.

STOCKTON, March 5.—D. I. Abbott, a drayman, committed suicide this morning by hanging himself in a barn at the home of his son-in-law, G. O. Wilson. Abbott, who was past 60 years of age, was despondent because of illness.

Unidentified Man Killed

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—An unidentified man about 45 years old deliberately leaped in front of a Fifth street electric car today and was instantly killed. An hour's time was required to extricate the remains.

MISS BERNER A TRANCE MEDIUM

MRS. STANFORD SAID TO HAVE BEEN SPIRITUALIST

BROTHER DOUBTS POISONING

Ariel Lathrop of Albany Declares There Could Have Been No Motive for Any One to Murder Her

Special to The Herald.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 5.—In an interview here today Ariel Lathrop, brother of the late Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, said: "Ah Wing is as innocent of poisoning Mrs. Stanford as a newborn babe. No one thought more of her than that faithful Chinese servant. People are too ready to point to a Chinaman with suspicion as soon as anything goes wrong—especially in California."

Continuing Mr. Lathrop said: "I do not believe that Mrs. Stanford was poisoned. To have a murder you must first have a motive, and there could be no motive to cause her death that I can see. I know of no one that could possibly gain through her death."

Incidentally Albany friends very intimate with Mrs. Stanford say she was a confirmed spiritualist and that Miss Berner is a medium. Mrs. Lathrop, wife of Ariel Lathrop, confirms the statement that Mrs. Stanford was a spiritualist. Those who discuss the spiritualistic side of Mrs. Stanford's life say that while she was living at the Fifth Avenue hotel in New York she received frequent calls from Mabel Lor, medium, and also had many conferences with the Rev. Mr. Newman and wife. There was also a medium named Mrs. Stryker and a Miss Carroll. Stanford himself attended seances with his wife.

ANALYSES COMPLETED

High Sheriff Refuses to Give Out Results of Tests

By Associated Press.

HONOLULU, March 5.—The chemists who are engaged in making an analysis of the contents of the stomach of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford completed their tests last night and communicated their results to High Sheriff Henry. They are preparing a detailed report, which may be finished tonight and will probably be over five hundred words in length, giving the details of the tests made.

The conduct of the police in the case is inexplicable. In some quarters the suggestion is made that those interested in the estate of Mrs. tSanford are having great influence in the management of the local inquiry on account of a possible will contest raising a question of sanity.

Most rigid inquiries are being made regarding every detail of Mrs. Stanford's life while here. The police continue every effort to preserve secrecy concerning every incident connected with the case.

Judge Stanley had another long conference today with Miss Berner, Mrs. Stanford's secretary.

It is believed that unless there is very positive proof of poisoning the strongest efforts will be made to secure

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THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST

Southern California: Cloudy Monday, probably showers in the mountains; light west wind. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 64 degrees; minimum, 57 degrees.

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2—Seized with fit, drowned in plunge
3—Sky chauffeurs are competitors
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EASTERN

President spends a quiet day and avoids curiosity seekers.

Extra session of the senate will open today and nominations for cabinet will be transmitted.

Cowboys entertained with a whisky breakfast in Washington.

FOREIGN

Oyama's armies drive back Kuropatkin's right and left flanks and seriously menace Mukden.

Great squadron of Japanese warships reported sailing southward off Chinese coast.

St. Petersburg journals express great satisfaction over emperor's recent rescript.

COAST

San Francisco police ready to act as soon as they learn of result of inquest on Mrs. Stanford's remains.

Body of Martin F. Thomas, accused of murder of John N. Doyle, is found near victim's cabin.

Pasadena's horse show to be held April 6, 7 and 8.

LOCAL

Invalid drowns in swimming plunge.

Twelve-year-old boy master of bad finance.

Knabenshue ascends 9000 feet in balloon, which he at all times keeps under perfect control.

Episcopal Sunday schools hold large rally.

Deputy public administrator has weird experience while exploring old hermit's den.

Funeral of late Judge Varlei marked by impressive services.

Local militiamen to cruise on flagship Chicago for target practice.