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FIGHTING NEAR WIJU

OFFICIAL REPORT TO ST. PETERSBURG SAYS SKIRMISHERS EXCHANGE SHOTS.

RUSSIANS SUSTAIN NO CASUALTIES

JAPANESE LOST FIVE KILLED IN FIRST ENGAGEMENT AND SIX IN SECOND.

St. Petersburg, April 7.—"All is quiet on the Yalu," is the report from General Kachalinsky, telegraphed April 5 to General Kuropatkin, who forwarded the message to the emperor.

The report added that an exchange of shots occurred between Russian cavalry and Japanese skirmishers near Wiju. The Russians sustained no losses. Five Japanese were killed. The number wounded is not known.

The stores of a Russian village near Yonsampo (south of Wiju on the Yalu river, Korea) have been wrecked and burned by a detachment of Japanese infantry numbering 300 men.

General Kachalinsky also reported that opposite Turmitchen, on the island of Matuzoe, in the Yalu river, some Russian volunteers had a skirmish with a Japanese outpost from Wiju. There were no casualties on the Russian side. Six Japanese were killed.

CONFERENCE BEFORE THRONE.

Meeting of High Officials of Japanese Government.

Tokio, April 7.—A conference was held at the imperial headquarters before the throne during the day at which Lieutenant General Toranichi, minister of war, Vice Admiral Yamamoto, minister of the navy, commanding officers in the army and navy, Major General Ishimoto, vice minister of war, Rear Admiral Saito, vice minister of the navy, and a number of the elder statesmen were present.

It is understood that the recent naval campaign was discussed and detailed reports of Vice Admiral Togo's operations were read by Lieutenant Saito, who was a participant in the first attempt to block Port Arthur, who recounted in detail this particular operation, giving his personal experiences and views. If any conclusions regarding future operations were reached at the conference they were not made public.

PREPARED TO RESIST JAPS

GENERAL KUROPATKIN REVIEWS THE RUSSIAN FORCES AT NEWCHWANG.

Newchwang, April 7.—General Kuropatkin, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in the Far East, arrived here during the day and reviewed about 4,000 troops on the parade ground outside of the fort here. One battery of horse artillery, several batteries of field artillery, parts of four regiments of Siberian rifles and detachments of Cossacks and regular cavalry participated in the review.

Russian secret service agents reported that the Japanese intended to attack Newchwang Tuesday.

On account of the mining of the river and also in expectation of practice firing from the forts merchant ships are not using the lower reach of the river.

General Kondratovich, the Russian commander here, who has been praised on account of the order and cleanliness prevailing at Newchwang, says he is now prepared for a Japanese attack, which it is evident the other authorities also expect.

The command of General Kondratovich embraces the scout patrols west of Liao river and also the troops in the districts south, including Kalchow and north, including the railroad and Haichong.

The troops now here are of a better class than when war opened.

General Kondratovich is opening a new hospital at Newchwang. The relations of the Russian authorities with the foreign residents here are improving, and the administrator proposes to consult and co-operate with the foreigners for the protection of neutral lives and interests.

RUSSIANS ENGAGE BANDITS.

Ten of the Latter Are Killed in the Skirmish.

Mukden, April 7.—In a skirmish between frontier guards and Chinese bandits, April 2, at a point on the southern section of the railroad, three guards were wounded and ten bandits were killed and twenty were wounded.

A force has been dispatched in pursuit of the bandits.

HELENA AT SHANGHAI.

American Gunboat Leaves Newchwang Unannounced.

Washington, April 7.—The navy department has received a cablegram

FIVE PERSONS ARE DEAD

FIRE AT MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., DESTROYS THREE-STORY STRUCTURE.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., April 7.—Five persons are dead and another is dying as the result of a fire that occurred in the Columbia Hall building, a metal-sheathed three-story structure located in Wilson place. The dead are: Nathan Frey, sixty-six years old; Isador Frey, twelve years; Helen Frey, nine years; Henry Frey, three years; Gustav Dehring, ten years. Mrs. Rebecca Frey is dying in the Mount Vernon hospital.

The first floor was occupied by the Columbia Piano company, on the second floor was Columbia hall and on the third floor were apartments. The fire was caused by a gas stove in the kitchen. The flames spread throughout the top floor with great rapidity. The inmates were aroused by the smoke and heat and all endeavored to make their escape, but the members of the Frey family were overcome before any of them could reach a window. Mr. and Mrs. Barry and Mr. and Mrs. Lavigne managed to reach windows on the third floor and were brought down ladders by the firemen. Mrs. Barry is suffering from burns about the head and face, but she is not dangerously hurt.

Spalding Favors Arbitration.

Washington, April 7.—Bishop Spalding of Peoria, a member of the anthracite coal strike committee, urged the plan of arbitration contained in the Foss bill before the house committee on labor. The bill provides for a permanent board of arbitration to which shall be referred disputes between labor and capital.

Senator Burton, a member of the committee, at Shanghai, announcing the arrival there of the gunboat Helena from Newchwang. This is the first information the department has had that the Helena had left Newchwang.

Wounded Taken to Vladivostok.

Vladivostok, April 7.—Many wounded men from Port Arthur have been brought here. They are receiving the greatest attention from the numerous volunteer Sisters of Mercy.

HOMES FOR THOUSANDS.

Lands in Northern Minnesota to Be Opened Shortly.

Washington, April 7.—A big opening of agricultural lands on Minnesota Indian reservations will occur within sixty days. Land Commissioner Richards has decided not to wait for the settlement of all Indian allotments before opening the agricultural lands to settlement.

Accordingly, all lands classed as agricultural on the Leech Lake, White Oak Point and Winnibigoshish reservations will be thrown open to settlement in one proclamation, which is now being prepared.

This opening will be under provisions of the Morris act of 1902. The lands must be homesteaded, and are not subject to scrip entry, timber and stone, or anything save straight homestead entry. The area is large, and thousands of settlers will be able to secure homes.

MAY END LONG TIEUP.

New York Building Trade Troubles to Be Arbitrated.

New York, April 7.—A protracted conference of the general arbitration boards of the building trades, representing the employers and the association of skilled workers, has resulted in the adoption of resolutions likely to end the tieup which has existed several weeks in the building trades here. Representatives of the bricklayers, whose strike precipitated the trouble, concurred in the resolutions recommending that the strikers return to work without overtime pending a settlement of the entire matter by arbitration.

Agreements of similar character previously entered into by representatives of the bricklayers have been repudiated by the unions, but it is now believed they will favor favorable action. More than 10,000 men are idle.

EASTERN PEOPLE HIT HARD.

Heavy Holders of Stock in Majestic Mining Company.

Boston, April 7.—In investment circles here it is stated that the appointment of a receiver for the Majestic Mining company of Boston, which filed a petition into bankruptcy, just announced, fell quite heavily upon New England people. In this section a large portion of the \$600,000 of stock, par \$10, was placed at from \$3 to \$5 a share. The stock is now selling at a few cents. The New England stockholders will attempt to have the properties bonded and extricate the concern from its difficulties.

The company is said to owe \$250,000, after having expended about \$1,000,000 in opening its copper mines and building a smelter.

AT MADISON MAY 18.

Wisconsin Republicans Will Hold Double Convention.

Madison, Wis., April 7.—The Republican state central committee decided this afternoon to decide to hold the double state convention for choosing a state ticket and electing delegates at large to the national convention on May 18. The convention will be held in the university gymnasium, Madison. The delegates will be selected the same as two years ago, on a representation of one delegate for every 250 votes, and will number 1,063.

Fatal Quarrel Over a Girl.

Chicago, April 7.—A quarrel over a girl, their companion at school, has culminated in the killing of one sixteen-year-old boy by another. The victim was Paul Jelick and the slayer was Henry Schatz. He was arrested and has confessed the killing, declaring he shot in self-defense.

IN NEW JERSEY COURT

STOCKHOLDER OF NORTHERN SECURITIES COMPANY SEEKS AN INJUNCTION.

ARGUMENTS WILL BE HEARD MONDAY

COURT ASKED TO COMPEL RETURN OF STOCK TO ORIGINAL HOLDERS.

New York, April 7.—Vice Chancellor Jernan signed an order in Jersey City during the day to show cause why an injunction should not issue to restrain the Northern Securities company from holding a stockholders' meeting on April 21; from distributing any stock of the Northern Pacific Railway company and the Great Northern Railway company and from taking any action in regard to the reduction of its capital stock.

The bill for the injunction was asked for by the Continental Securities company, which asked the court of chancery to compel the Northern Securities company to return to the original stockholders of the Northern Pacific railway and of the Great Northern railway company the stocks formerly held by them upon the same terms under which the stock of the two companies was acquired by the Northern Securities company.

The complainant company held stock in the Northern Securities company. Arguments will be heard next Monday in Jersey City.

AT AMERICAN EMBASSY.

Transfer of Canal Property Will Take Place April 25.

Paris, April 7.—After a conference between Ambassador Porter, W. A. Day and Charles W. Russell, the representative of the company, came from Washington to assist in the transfer of the Panama canal property, it has been arranged that the signing of the contract whereby the United States will acquire the ownership of the Panama canal shall take place at the United States embassy, which is nominally American soil. The date of the signing is not fixed, but probably it will be about April 25, following the ratification of the agreement by the stockholders of the company. Some of the officials of the company thought that an informal handing of the properties of the company to the representatives of the United States would suffice, but the American officials pressed the execution of a formal contract, completely covering the transfer and safeguarding all American interests. This contract is being drawn up in conformity with all the requirements of both the French and American laws.

GIFT FROM ROCKEFELLER.

Donation of \$500,000 to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Baltimore, April 7.—John D. Rockefeller has given to the Johns Hopkins hospital the sum of \$500,000 and the amount has been accepted by the board of trustees of that institution. The income of the hospital was seriously affected by the destruction of many houses belonging to it in the recent fire, upon which there was inadequate insurance. The expressed purpose of Mr. Rockefeller's gift is to restore that income in its original proportions, which will enable the hospital to keep up the great volume of charitable treatment, which it has maintained in the past.

AT CHICAGO CONVENTION.

Root Will Be Temporary and Cannon Permanent Chairman.

Washington, April 7.—Former Secretary Root will be temporary chairman and Speaker Cannon permanent chairman of the Republican national convention at Chicago.

This is in accordance with the conclusions of leading Republican politicians in Washington and it is understood the arrangement meets with the approval of those in other parts of the country who have been consulted.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

Thomas McGovern, Nationalist member of parliament for the West division of Cavan, Ireland, is dead.

Colonel C. L. Ellsworth, a prominent pioneer and wealthy citizen of Denver, is dead of paralysis, aged seventy-two years.

J. Pierpont Morgan sailed for Liverpool Wednesday on the steamship Oceanic, this being Mr. Morgan's annual vacation trip abroad.

Former Queen Isabella of Spain, who resides in Paris, is suffering from a severe attack of influenza, which caused anxiety on account of her advanced age.

William J. Sharwood, an instructor in chemistry in the University of California, is lying in a serious condition at Berkeley, Cal., the result of an attack by footpads.

An unusual number of suicides, at least half of them due to despondency because of inability to secure employment, were reported to the police of Greater New York Tuesday.

James M. Wanzel and W. H. Chadwick, composing the firm of Wanzel & Co., Chicago grain dealers, have filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities are scheduled at \$180,000.

Clark Ridley of New Bedford, Mass., having reached the age of eighty-five, has decided that it is a disgrace to die rich and has announced that he will at once give all his property to deserving persons of his own selection.

The reduction of the regular Russian credits by \$67,000,000, which will go to swell the war fund, falls the heaviest on the railroad department, which loses altogether \$36,000,000, including \$25,000,000 for new roads.

WORKMEN IN DIRE PERIL

FIRE IN NEW YORK SUBWAY CUTS OFF THEIR USUAL MEANS OF EGRESS.

New York, April 7.—For half an hour traffic on Lower Broadway, near St. Paul's chapel, was blocked by a small fire in the new subway, the volume of smoke that poured through the new openings to the street driving pedestrians away and making difficult the work of the firemen who were called out in large force because of the location of the fire. Telephone and telegraph service were badly crippled as a result.

The fire was started by the flaring up of a small "banjo" lamp used by the laborers in their underground work, the burlap that covered some of the pipes along the sides of the subway catching fire, the blaze spreading to the temporary timbering of the tunnel. This was damp and a dense smoke resulted, soon filling all the nearby workings of the subway and pouring out into the streets above.

The fire broke out near the corner of Fulton street and Broadway, where beside St. Paul's chapel, is the principal entrance to this section of the subway, workmen entering the tunnel at this point so that the smoke shut off their usual means of egress.

For a time fifty or more laborers were penned in and in dire peril. However, one block farther down the street, at the corner of Day street, it had been found necessary to open the street and build a massive wooden platform in place of the usual paving. A few minutes hard work with the axes made an opening here and the laborers were helped to safety.

Through the regular opening into the subway beside St. Paul's chapel and through openings made from the cellars of buildings adjoining the subway a flood of water was poured down on the smoldering fire and within half an hour the blaze was extinguished and traffic on the street was soon afterwards resumed.

Telegraph and telephone cables under the street were exposed to the fierce heat of the fire and the insulation was quickly burned off, seriously crippling all wire communications during the morning. Six thousand telephone wires in the Cortland Telephone exchange were put out of business and both telegraph companies suffered, communication between the downtown and uptown offices being entirely cut off and out of town service badly crippled.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORY

RESULT OF JUDICIAL CONTEST IN WISCONSIN SOMEWHAT IN DOUBT.

MADISON, WIS., APRIL 7.—

Opinions here differ widely as to the result of the judicial contest. Philip L. Spooner, who receives returns for the Lincoln county, says that he feels certain that the majority for his candidate will be somewhere between 8,000 and 10,000. The governor's office is the headquarters for the Kerwin men and they are equally confident. The estimates they give out from returns received and what they expect are that their candidate will get at least 7,500 plurality.

Specials to Milwaukee papers from big counties show that the candidates run nearly on even terms. It is the country districts that are expected to tell the story definitely and Kerwin men are confident that the late returns will favor their candidate. It may be a day or two before the final result is known.

DEFENSES NOT COMPLETED.

Russians Entrenching on the Yalu and Tumen Rivers.

Shanghai, April 7.—The Russians are constructing entrenchments at several points on the Yalu and Tumen rivers. These entrenchments, however, are not yet completed and if the Japanese succeed in forcing their way past one line of defense it would give them a distinct advantage and make it more difficult for the Russians to concentrate and oppose them.

The ice on the Yalu is melting rapidly and the muddy roads make promptness in military operations most difficult.

MINERS SEEK CONFERENCE.

Iowa Strike Likely to End at Meeting on Monday.

Des Moines, April 7.—John P. White, president of the Iowa Mine Workers, and Charles H. Morris, president of the Iowa Operators' association, have called a second conference for next Monday. The conference was asked for by the miners and it is taken as meaning that the strikers will give in and the strike will be settled Monday.

Both Sides Anxious to End It.

New York, April 7.—Conferees are being held here between the officers of the striking lithographers and representatives of the Employing Lithographers' association with a view to ending the strike and lockout. The deadlock has proved so complete that both sides are said to be anxious to end it.

Many Towns Vote High License.

Omaha, April 7.—An increased number of towns in the state voted for high license, the exceptions being York, Alliance, Broken Bow, Elm Creek, Tecumseh, Ansley, David City, Eassett, Benkelman and Ravenna.

Princeton Booms Cleveland.

Princeton, N. J., April 6.—At the primary election of the Democratic voters here resolutions urging the nomination of Grover Cleveland for the presidency were unanimously adopted.

WINS BY LARGE MAJORITY

PROPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF CHICAGO TRACTION LINES.

Chicago, April 7.—In the municipal election here the Republicans elected eighteen aldermen and the Democrats sixteen. The chief interest in the election centered on the vote the proposed municipal ownership of the street railways. On this proposition the vote stood 162-144 for the proposition and 30,104 against.

Kansas City, April 7.—Late returns show that J. H. Neff (Rep.), for mayor, was elected by a plurality of nearly 2,500. All the Republican ticket, with the exception of William Buckholz for police judge, was elected and the Republicans will have a majority in the council.

Milwaukee, April 7.—Mayor David S. Ross (Dem.) carried the city in the municipal election, having a plurality of 5,912 over Gay D. Goff (Dem.). The Democrats control the common council, electing twenty-four members.

Lincoln, Neb., April 7.—Republicans elected their entire city ticket by a plurality ranging from 500 to 1,100. The proposition to vote bonds for a municipal lighting plant carried.

INSTRUCTED FOR ROOSEVELT.

Pennsylvania Republicans Select Delegates to Chicago.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 7.—Former Attorney General John P. Elkin of Indiana county was nominated unanimously for supreme court justice by the Republican state convention. Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, James Elverson of Philadelphia, O. D. Bickley of Franklin and Francis L. Robbins of Pittsburgh, were elected delegates at large to the national convention and instructed to vote for the nomination of President Roosevelt.

The selection of Mr. Elkin, whose name was the only one presented to the convention, is one of the most remarkable incidents in the history of Pennsylvania politics. He came to Harrisburg on Monday as a candidate without opposition, for delegate at large and was confident of the nomination. He had been a member of the Pennsylvania bar for twenty years and he for years has been one of the Republican leaders of the state.

FIVE PERSONS DROWNED.

Only Two Members of Pleasure Party Escape.

Tampa, Fla., April 7.—Five persons, all members of a pleasure party from the Florida Methodist college at Seville, have been drowned near Anclote light-house. The deceased are: Mrs. Walker, wife of the president of the college; Miss O'Connor of Atlanta; Miss Slaughter of Sutherland; Miss McCray of Sutherland; Mr. Boulard of Sutherland.

President Walker and Miss Newton reached the beach alive.

The two survivors told a terrible story of suffering some of the victims struggling twenty hours before losing their lives.

THREE MEN ASPHYXIATED.

Escaping Illuminating Gas the Cause of Death.

Philadelphia, April 7.—Edward and Jacob Hammond, brothers, had Oscar Sigerson, were asphyxiated by illuminating gas as they slept in the Hammond home here. Sigerson boarded with the Hammonds and occupied a room adjoining that in which the brothers slept. Returning from the theater Sigerson turned on the gas, which was connected with a gas stove, and retired, leaving the gas escaping from the stove. The three bodies were found in the morning by members of the Hammond family.

MAY CRUISE AT DISCRETION.

Restriction on American Asiatic Squadron Withdrawn.

Washington, April 7.—The following bulletin was posted at the navy department during the day:

"This restriction of the battleship squadron of the Philippines has been withdrawn and the commander-in-chief authorized to permit his squadron to cruise at discretion, not going north of Fuchau, on the Asiatic coast."

Building Operations Vies Up.

Richmond, Va., April 5.—The hotel carriers of this city, known as the building laborers, struck during the day for 5 cents per day increase in wages. This ties up all building operations in the city. About 300 men are affected.

Killed by Boiler Explosion.

Albert Lea, Minn., April 5.—Chris Reed, the engineer of the Erickson flouring mill of this city, was instantly killed by a boiler explosion here during the afternoon. No one else was injured, although some property was damaged.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

As a result of playing with powder and matches three Salt Lake City boys will die and a fourth will be crippled for life.

Hundreds of children of all colors and conditions participated in the Easter Monday egg rolling festival on the White House grounds.

Scores of indignation meetings have been held on the East Side of New York city to protest against a general increase of tenement rentals.

The nail department of the American Steel and Wire company's plant at Rankin, Pa., was burned down Monday, causing a loss of from \$175,000 to \$200,000.

BURTON IS SENTENCED

KANSAS SENATOR GOES TO JAIL FOR SIX MONTHS AND PAYS FINE OF \$2,500.

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL IS DENIED

JUDGE ADAMS DECLARES JURY'S VERDICT WARRANTED BY THE EVIDENCE.

St. Louis, April 7.—United States Senator J. H. Burton of Kansas has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the iron county jail and fined \$2,500 for having been convicted of using his influence before the post-office department in behalf of the Rialto Grain and Securities company of St. Louis and having received payment from the company for his services.

The case will now be appealed to the United States district court of appeals, the highest tribunal in the matter.

Senator Burton, accompanied by his leading attorney, Judge Chester H. Krum, came into the United States district court at 12:30 o'clock. A case was being tried and Judge Adams granted a recess in that case to take up the Burton case. Judge Adams summoned Burton to stand up and then spoke of the motions that had been filed for a new trial and for arrest of judgment.

The court, after briefly reviewing the motions, overruled them both. The court then said to the defendant:

"After a fair and impartial trial, by a jury of exceptional intelligence, you have been found guilty of the offenses charged in the indictment against you. A motion for a new trial in your behalf has afforded me an opportunity to carefully review and consider the evidence. As a result of this I am satisfied that the jury reached the just and true result. The evidence abundantly warranted their verdict and I find no reason, either in the law governing the case or in the proceedings attending the trial for disturbing it."

"Your conviction necessarily results in your punishment. Its importance, in my opinion, is not confined to its effect upon you."

Law Equal to Any Emergency.

"Your exalted station in life and the character of your offense give unusual significance to your conviction. It demonstrates that the law is equal to any emergency and that it can be administered regardless of the personality and station of the accused. It also demonstrates to all the people that public office cannot be prostituted to self-serving purposes and that public office is used to a sure and safe passport to private thrift."

"The humiliation attending your conviction and the statutory disqualifications resulting therefrom, which forever incapacitate you from holding any office of honor, trust or profit under the government of the United States, are in themselves heavy punishment for your offenses and leave but little in the way of severity which could be added."

"It is neither my pleasure nor my purpose to impose any unnecessary punishment."

"I think the majesty of the law will be sufficiently vindicated and the public welfare sufficiently safeguarded by imposing a single sentence, warranted as it is on any one of the six counts of the indictment under which you were convicted."

"This sentence will be that you be confined in the iron county jail for a period of six months and that you pay a fine of \$2,500."

At the conclusion of the sentence Senator Burton, who had not taken his eyes from the court and who had scarcely moved as he supported himself by the chair back, turned and sat down, and, with his head bowed and his eyes on the floor.

Attorney Krum immediately filed a bill of exceptions in the case and offered a bond of \$10,000, which was accepted. Senator Burton and Judge Krum then hurriedly departed from the courtroom.

In the corridor Senator Burton stopped long enough to light a cigar and then walked to his hotel. He declined to discuss the sentence.

MORE TROUBLE AT BUTTE.

Boston and Montana Officials Charged With Contempt.

Butte, Mont., April 7.—C. W. Goodall, assistant manager of the Boston and Montana, and Boston, and Butte properties, Wallace Corbett, foreman of West Colusa mine; J. P. Adams, superintendent of the Leonard mine, and Thomas Mitchell, a shift boss, are under arrest on a warrant sworn out by Al Frank of the Johnsen company, charging them with violation of the federal injunction issued by Judge Harney.

Frank alleges that the defendants, working the Leonard mine, wantonly injured the Minnie Healy mine shaft. The defendants assert that the arrest is spite work.

The arrests are a development in the controversy between F. Augustus Heinze and the Amalgamated Copper company.

MILLION DOLLAR DEAL.

Syndicate Buys Big Tract of Alaskan Coal Lands.

San Diego, Cal., April 7.—A million dollar deal in Alaskan coal lands has been consummated between the Pacific Steel company of this city and a syndicate owning the property. The lands comprise 20,000 acres and are situated eighty miles west of Mount St. Elias and fifteen miles inland from the coast of Controller bay. The purpose is to employ the coal for making coke to be used in a steel plant to be erected by the company here. The price to be paid for the coal lands is \$1,000,000.

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