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A DECISIVE BATTLE

Gen. Sakharoff's Dispatch to St. Petersburg Confirms Belief That it is Imminent.

THE OUTPOSTS ARE IN TOUCH.

The Three Armies of the Belligerents Probably Will Aggregate Over a Quarter Million Men.

The Advance at All Points Along the Feng Wang Cheng-Liao Road is Attended By Constant Skirmishing.

St. Petersburg, June 28.—Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff's dispatch, received Monday night, confirms the belief that the great decisive battle of the campaign between Gen. Kuropatkin's main army and the armies of Gens. Kuroki and Oku is imminent. The three armies probably aggregate 300,000 men and their outposts are to-day in touch all along the line. The Japanese evidently tried to draw Kuropatkin as far south as possible, holding out as one incentive a check to the advance of Oku's main army. Meantime Oku swung sharply to the eastward to join Kuroki toward the Chapin Pass, Kuroki at the same time moving a strong force by the right flank towards Nanchang.

The main Japanese advance continues along the main Feng Wang Cheng-Liao Yang road, avoiding the Mao Tien Pass by a detour to the northward. The advance in all points is being attended by constant skirmishing.

Nothing is known here of the exact point at which Kuropatkin's main force is concentrated, though it is believed that a large part of the Liao Yang force has been moved to a point between Kin Chau and Ta Tche Kiao.

According to a press dispatch from Ta Tche Kiao Monday, a large force has pushed southward from Ta Tche Kiao against Oku. While Kuropatkin is thus extending himself the Japanese with great mobility seem to be trying to concentrate for the purpose of attacking the Russians in flank and rear.

Viceroy Alexieff's message Monday night with the brief dispatch from Rr. Adm. Withoff (naval commander at Port Arthur), throws little additional light on the sea fight off Port Arthur. The admiralty and the emperor are awaiting further details with the same eagerness as the general public. The latter Monday for the first time received information through the medium of foreign telegrams that a fight had occurred.

The loss of three vessels of the Port Arthur fleet is admitted to be a severe blow, especially if not purchased by greater loss to the Japanese than reported by Vice Adm. Togo.

The meagerness of the reports is greatly mystifying the authorities, who continue to believe that there has been a later fight which has not yet been reported.

ALLEGED LOTTERY SCHEME.

John H. Dalton and L. A. Gourdain, Chicago, Arrested.

Chicago, June 28.—An alleged lottery scheme which is said to have netted its operators hundreds of thousands of dollars annually was disclosed Monday when the Manhattan Exchange "bank," located at 150 LaSalle street, was raided and John H. Dalton, a prominent local politician, and L. A. Gourdain were placed under arrest by United States deputy marshals. The arrests were made on warrants sworn in the United States district court by the post office authorities, charging that lottery tickets were being sent out of the state by the Manhattan Exchange "bank" in violation of the interstate commerce laws.

GAMBLING HOUSE ROBBED.

Thieves Worked a Successful Scheme at Houston, Tex.

Houston, Tex., June 28.—Thieves Monday night worked a successful scheme for the robbery of a gambling house. About 9 o'clock a piece of dynamite was exploded under a poker table and the crowd of 100 immediately made a rush for the exit.

During the excitement some one grabbed the bank roll at the faro table, getting between \$1,200 and \$1,500 out of the drawer.

Severe Fight in Tibet.

Gyang Tse, Tibet, June 28.—Gen. MacDonald, with re-enforcements, entered Gyang Tse June 26 after a somewhat severe fight with the Tibetans at the Naini Monastery, six miles distant. The monastery was strongly held by the Tibetans.

Wilmington, Del., June 28.—Judge George Gray expressed his hope that former President Grover Cleveland would be nominated for the presidency.

DOUBLE MURDER.

Mathley's Second Victim Died Tuesday Morning.

Owensboro, Ky., June 28.—Robert Mathley now has two charges of murder staring him in the face. James Gregson, whom he wounded after killing his sweetheart, Emma Watkins, Sunday night, died at the city hospital at 12:45 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mathley was arraigned before Judge Stirman Monday morning and his examining trial was set for Saturday morning.

Mr. Gatnoway Watkins, the father of the murdered girl, arrived in the city from his home in Grayson county Monday night. He took the remains of his daughter back with him Tuesday morning. The father was grief-stricken over the fate of his daughter. Mathley was seen at the jail Monday night and reiterated that he did not remember killing the young girl. Insanity will be the plea when he is arraigned for trial. There is considerable feeling against the accused. It is believed that if Gregson had died earlier in the evening it would have been necessary to have removed Mathley from the local jail to the Henderson county jail.

JUDGE HARGIS HURT.

He Was Thrown From a Horse and Probably Fatally Injured.

Lexington, Ky., June 28.—County Judge James Hargis, of Breathitt county, while riding to see his mother, two miles from Jackson, Monday morning, was thrown from his horse and received injuries which may prove fatal. He sustained a broken shoulder, and the physicians believe that he received internal injuries. He was considerably bruised about the head. He was carried to the home of his mother, where he is now confined to his bed. He was alone at the time of the accident, and lay on the ground for some time before being found. The horse he had been riding arrived at the Hargis home without a rider, and his brother, Elbert Hargis, made a search for him.

JIM SALTER ACQUITTED.

He Was Charged With the Murder of Mack White.

Jackson, Ky., June 28.—Jim Salter was given his examining trial for the murder of Mack White Monday and dismissed. White was assassinated last week and bloodhounds traced the scent to Salter's house.

Suspicion had already been directed against him because White had at one time been charged with the murder of his father.

The examining trial, held before Justice Edwards, was to have been held before Judge Hargis, but Hargis was thrown from his horse Monday morning and has a broken shoulder blade and was badly injured. He may die. Salter had been arrested by a sheriff's posse late Sunday night.

RIOTING WORKMEN.

They Threaten to Take Their Money From the Cement Company's Office.

Louisville, Ky., June 28.—Discharged workmen at the Meadow Lawn Cement works, below Louisville, started a riot Monday afternoon because they were refused their wages until pay day. Police assistance was asked of Louisville, but none could be given. The rioting workmen are mostly Negroes who refused to work with 75 Italians brought in last Saturday. When the Negroes grew ugly Monday afternoon and threatened to take their money some of the more loyal employees were lined up to protect the company's office. Further trouble is expected.

Miss Laura Brice's Will.

Lexington, Ky., June 28.—The will of Miss Laura Brice, which will be filed for probate this week, it is said, will bequeath a large portion of her estate to the Good Samaritan hospital and the Woman's Equal Rights Association of Kentucky.

For George G. Gilbert.

Lawrenceburg, Ky., June 28.—At a meeting of the county convention here the Anderson county delegation was selected and will go to the Shelbyville convention in the interest of George G. Gilbert for congress in the Eighth district.

Removed By Gov. Beckham.

Frankfort, Ky., June 28.—Gov. Beckham Monday removed Dr. C. O. Owens, of Maysville, as first assistant physician at Central asylum and promoted Second Assistant Dr. M. H. Yeaman to the place. No reason is given.

Woman Drowned in a Bowl.

Rockport, Ky., June 28.—When the family of Mrs. Mary Atherson returned home from church Sunday night they found her dead with her face in a wash bowl full of water. It is supposed she had fainted.

PROHIBITIONISTS.

Party Leaders Held a Preliminary Meeting as an Introduction to Convention.

MILES' CANDIDACY DISCUSSED.

Metcalfe Said New England Would Demand a Man Who Would Make a Statement of His Position.

James A. Tate, Considered One of the Leading Candidates For the Presidency, Made a Statement Attacking the Miles Boom.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 28.—National Chairman Stewart, H. B. Metcalfe, of Rhode Island, the prohibitionists' vice presidential nominee four years ago; Charles R. Jones, state chairman of Pennsylvania; C. E. Newlin, state chairman, and E. W. Clark, secretary of Indiana, and other leaders of the prohibition party held a preliminary meeting Monday afternoon. Mr. Metcalfe said that when a party of ten prohibitionists, of which he was one, called on Gen. Miles in April the general was evasive and wished the convention postponed until after the democratic convention. This, it is stated, has been his policy since that time. Metcalfe said that in his opinion the New England states would demand a man who would make a positive statement of his position, and unless Gen. Miles should make one they would vote against him.

National Chairman Stewart said: "Gen. Miles is a very able man; he has been a consistent friend of the anti-liquor movement and in a broad sense a prohibitionist, but even those who are pressing forward his name for the nomination by our party this year do not say how he stands on the methods of the prohibition party. There are probably 2,000,000 voters in the United States who believe in prohibition, but the most votes we have ever polled on a national ticket is a little less than 300,000. We not only want a man who believes in prohibition but we want a man who believes in the policy and the methods of the political party. Neither Mr. Miles nor his friends have said that he is a prohibitionist in that sense and there are many prohibitionists who believe it wise to nominate a man who has been a prohibitionist in the party sense of the word in the past."

Though it is said that Gen. Miles has signified that he will accept the nomination if it be given him, when the letters are produced they show that this is only an inference, and that the general, up to this time, has not committed himself. D. L. Colvin, president of the National Prohibition association, expressed his opposition to Gen. Miles as follows: "He has never made a commitment that he favored our party's methods of dealing with the liquor traffic." James A. Tate, who is considered one of the leading candidates for the presidential nomination, made the following statement, attacking the Miles boom: "Gen. Miles is not a prohibitionist as I understand the term. He has never voted the prohibition ticket or expressed sympathy with the party. It would be absolutely ridiculous to put such a man at the head of the party ticket."

S. P. Osman, of Oil City, Pa., who arrived in advance of the Pennsylvania delegation, declared that a majority of the delegates from his state would support Gen. Miles.

Chairman Stewart and other leaders conceded that Gen. Miles would have a strong following in the convention. "But all of them will be open to conviction," said Mr. Stewart.

AN ENORMOUS RUSH.

The Opening of Homestead Settlements in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., June 28.—The opening to homestead settlement of 9,000,000 acres of land in Nebraska under the provisions of the Kinkaid law, by which homesteaders may file on 640 acres of land, went into effect Tuesday morning and the rush to secure choice sections was enormous. Reports from the six land offices in Nebraska tell of thousands of people who were in line waiting for the land office to open.

MacCorkle Will Accept.

Charleston, W. Va., June 28.—Ex-Gov. William A. MacCorkle, one of the most prominent democrats of West Virginia, prominently mentioned in eastern democratic newspapers as a strong man for second place on the national ticket, says he will accept.

Louisville, Ky., June 28.—Walker D. Hines, first vice president of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, resigned his position to take effect July 15.

THIRTY-THREE PERSONS KILLED.

Bad Accident in a Water Tunnel in Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 28.—Thirty-three persons were killed by an accident which took place near Spanish town, 10 miles west of Kingston, Monday morning, in the main conduit of the West India Electric Co., which operates the street cars from Kingston and the shareholders of which are principally Canadians. Nearly 100 laborers had been detailed to remove sand from the enormous pipe which is a mile long and which conveys water from the in-take on the Rio Cobre to the turbines of the power house. The work had practically been completed when orders were given to allow a small quantity of water to enter the conduit. Through misapprehension, accident or carelessness the full force of water was turned on.

FIRE WORKS EXPLOSION.

Three Persons Were Killed and Half a Dozen Others Injured.

Philadelphia, June 28.—Three persons lost their lives and a half dozen others were injured late Monday as the result of the explosion of a small bundle of fire works in the storeroom of the Diamond Fire Works Co. at No. 826 Arch street.

The fireworks concern occupied the first floor of the building. The second floor was vacant and the third story was occupied by the French Hat and Bonnet Frame Co. Jancovitch was the proprietor of the hat and bonnet concern and O. Berman and Miss Lena Sempron were his employees. These three were the only persons above the first floor. About a dozen persons were employed by the fireworks company. The cause of the fireworks explosion is not known.

FIGHT IN A BARBER SHOP.

A Minister and a Chief of Police Were the Belligerents.

Albany Ga., June 28.—Rev. Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta, one of the best known Baptist ministers in the south, and Chief of Police R. W. Westbrook engaged in a fight in a barber shop here Monday. In a sermon on Sunday in the Chautauqua auditorium, Dr. Broughton charged Chief Westbrook with being a drunkard and a frequenter of dives. The chief of police entered the barber shop while Dr. Broughton was in a chair being shaved and as soon as he saw the minister he went for him with a cowhide. Friends interfered, but it is predicted that more trouble will result from Dr. Broughton's charges.

FOURTH OF JULY WARNING.

The Secretary of the Philadelphia Board of Health Sends One Out.

Philadelphia, June 28.—Dr. Benjamin Lee, secretary of the board of health, has sent to the authorities of every town in the state a statistical warning against the use of the toy pistol July 4. He finds that on the last Fourth of July were sacrificed "on the altar of a lawless and spurious patriotism" nearly as many victims as have been slain in the battles in the far east, or were drowned or burned in the recent tragedy in the harbor of New York.

E. J. PENNINGTON ARRESTED.

He Is Charged With Conspiracy and Fraud.

St. Louis, June 28.—E. J. Pennington, of Mount Vernon, Ill., who is a contestant for the prize in the airship contest to be held at the fair, was arrested at the Southern hotel Monday by Detective Cordell on a telegram from the sheriff at Pittsburg stating that Pennington is wanted on a warrant charging conspiracy and fraud. Pennington denies he has had any trouble in Pittsburg and claims to be at a loss to understand the arrest.

WORLD'S FAIR RECEIPTS.

The Monthly Financial Statement Forwarded to Washington.

St. Louis, June 28.—National commission for the World's fair Monday forwarded to President Roosevelt and the secretary of the treasury the monthly financial statement of the exposition company for April. It shows that the balance on hand March 31 was \$1,847,627, and on April 30 the amount on hand was \$1,451,277. The total receipts to April 30 were \$15,178,326, and the total disbursements were \$13,727,049.

Will Be Imprisoned in Atlanta.

St. Louis, June 28.—Marcus Graham, the Providence, R. I., engineer who was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in the circuit court here for making and passing counterfeit \$100 bills, departed Monday night for Atlanta, Ga.

MISSING LOOMIS.

The Assistant Secretary of State Has Received No Tidings From His Brother.

MAY HAVE MET WITH FOUL PLAY.

The Report That His Body Had Been Washed Ashore on the French Coast Not Confirmed.

W. H. Ellis, Kent J. Loomis' Companion, Is a Native of Texas, and at One Time Took a Conspicuous Part in Politics There.

Washington, June 28.—Mr. Loomis, the assistant secretary of state, has had nothing whatsoever to confirm or contradict the rumor that the body of his brother, Kent J. Loomis, had been washed ashore on the French coast and in spite of the energetic efforts of the combined foreign consular service of the state department not the slightest clew has yet been obtained with reference to the mysterious disappearance. The fact that nothing has been heard of the lost man is tending to confirm the fears of his family that he was either drowned or has met with foul play.

The assistant secretary Monday afternoon took occasion to deny very emphatically a number of reports emanating from Parkersburg, W. Va., the home of his family, which stated that the family of Mr. Kent Loomis had received word from him some days ago that he was having trouble with Mr. Ellis, with whom he was traveling. The state department has had advices of the sailing of Mr. Ellis from France for Djibouti, where he commences his overland journey to Abyssinia's capital with the commercial treaty which he is to deliver to King Menelik. This treaty was in the luggage of Mr. Kent Loomis which was sent to Paris. Word was received that Mr. Ellis had offered to remain on the scene one or two weeks to assist in the search for Mr. Loomis and had offered to have one of his party return to Plymouth to aid the authorities, but it was thought that no such assistance would avail in the search.

London, June 28.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Kent J. Loomis continues to attract much attention from the London newspapers and all the papers Tuesday morning feature the case.

The police of Plymouth now say that Mr. Loomis was drowned and that he must have fallen overboard before the vessel reached her anchorage. After a most exhaustive search and the investigation of every clew they are confident that he did not land at Plymouth.

There is no confirmation of the report sent to the Central News from Hamburg that the body of Mr. Loomis had been washed ashore near Cherbourg, France. A dispatch from Hamburg says that nothing is known there of anything which could give rise to such a report. Nowhere, neither in London nor Plymouth, has anything developed throwing the slightest light on the situation and where it was at first believed that a few days would solve the question of the whereabouts of the missing man, the gloomiest view is now taken.

Fort Worth, Tex., June 28.—A special from Dallas, Tex., says: W. H. Ellis, the Negro who accompanied the missing agent of the state department, Kent J. Loomis, to Europe en route to Abyssinia, is a native of Texas, and up to 1897 took a conspicuous part in republican politics in this state. Ellis last figured in republican politics of Texas in the turbulent state convention at Austin during the exciting campaign of 1896. The enemies of the late Wright Cuney, a noted Negro leader, sought to destroy Cuney's power, but Ellis and others of the ablest of the Negroes of Texas stood by him to a winning finish. When Cuney died a year or so later this black contingent lost its power and Ellis went to New York.

The Battleship Wisconsin.

Washington, June 28.—The battleship Wisconsin arrived at Shanghai from Cavite. The Wisconsin is the flagship of Rr. Adm. Cooper, commanding the Asiatic station, who went to Shanghai to transfer that command to Rr. Adm. Stirling.

Boiler Explosion on a Cruiser.

San Francisco, June 28.—The steamer Mariposa, which came from Tahiti, brought a story of a boiler explosion on the French cruiser Durance, causing the death of 15 men. The Durance for a number of years has been stationed at Pepee.

Mt. Olivet, Ky., June 28.—Judge O. S. Denning, of Mt. Olivet, has been selected to deliver the address in behalf of Kentucky at the Grand Army of the Republic day at St. Louis World's fair July 15.