

VAGUE RUMORS FROM WAR SCENE

Again Reported That Russian Army Is Moving North.

GREAT LOSS BEFORE FORTRESS Japanese Officer Says 15,000 Besiegers of Port Arthur Have Fallen Within Last Few Days.

Reports are still current that the Russian army is effecting a retrograde movement from Mukden, though St. Petersburg officials say they are unable to confirm this. Only brief dispatches have been received today from the seat of war and they leave the situation rather vague. No fighting has occurred beyond occasional contacts of outposts, a condition probably due largely to the heavy rains which dispatches say now prevail, preventing any extended movements of either army.

No official figures on the losses of the battle of Liao Yang have been given out, but estimates still place the casualties on both sides at not far from 50,000 to 60,000. The news silence continues unbroken from Tokio, no advices bearing directly on the operations having been received from that source for several days.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 10.—10 p.m.—There was no specific news from the front this morning, but it continues to be reported that the Russian army is moving northward from Mukden. Gen. Kurapatkin is said to be at the Pass. The evacuation of Mukden, however, is not officially admitted.

Everything Quiet St. Petersburg, Sept. 10.—The Emperor has received the following dispatch from Gen. Kurapatkin dated yesterday: "No fighting has taken place in the sphere of operations and the enemy showed no perceptible activity Sept. 8 or 9. Heavy rains continue, which does not permit of the roads drying or of their being repaired."

Heavy Jap Losses. Tsingtau, Sept. 6.—A Japanese officer passed through Tsingtau today on his way to Kailashan. He says the Japanese losses at Port Arthur during the last few days were very heavy, exceeding 15,000, and that the Japanese killed or wounded at the battle of Liao Yang exceeded 20,000.

A Jap Ship Sunk. Chefoo, Sept. 10.—The Novikoff of Port Arthur (official organ of Viceroy Alexeff) in its issue of Sept. 3, a copy of which is received here today, says the Japanese have erected a hoisting platform at Liao Yang, and apparently confirms previous reports to the effect that a Japanese vessel was sunk while laying mines off Port Arthur Aug. 21. The Japanese squadron on the horizon Sept. 1 consisted of the protected cruisers Matsushima, Itsukushima, Hashidate and Akashi and the armored cruiser Adama and twelve torpedo-boat destroyers.

The Askold Tied Up. Shanghai, Sept. 10.—The Russian protected cruiser Askold was taken from her dock today and moved alongside the Russian gunboat Mandur and the torpedo boat destroyer Grezovoff. It has been decided that the crews of these Russian ships will remain on board under the supervision of the local customs authorities and a Chinese gunboat.

The Next Assault. Chefoo, Sept. 10.—Noon.—Japanese who left Dalny yesterday said that the grand assault on Port Arthur, which it was rumored was planned by the Japanese for today, has been postponed until Tuesday next, Sept. 13, and that a still further postponement is possible, as the Japanese intend to make every possible preparation before again hurling themselves upon the worn-out (Continued on page 4.)

EXECUTED THE WHOLE POPULATION

Russians Wipe Out Chinese Village for Spying.

SAILORS CUT OFF BY JAPANESE Tars From Port Arthur Make Gallant Stand for Two Days Against Large Force.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 10.—Workmen attached to the St. Petersburg torpedo factory have returned from Port Arthur, where they were detailed some time ago. They left the besieged fortress Aug. 2, and give long, interesting accounts of the conditions. The defenses, they assert, were largely augmented by the discovery of a Chinese store of artillery thirteen miles from the fortress. It consisted of 300 Krupp guns of large caliber, with from 300 to 3,000 rounds of ammunition for each. The guns and ammunition were in perfect condition. A large store of rifles found were not so good.

The Japanese, it is related, made arrangements with residents of the suburban Chinese village to furnish information from the fortress by means of a pigeon post. The plan was divulged by a Chinaman and the whole population, forty villagers, were executed.

Conspicuous gallantry was displayed by two companies of sailors who were cut off in the hills by the Japanese and were isolated two days. Their ammunition soon ran out. Stones and boulders were hurled at the heads of the attackers. Finally several old cannon were dismounted and rolled down the hills upon the heads of the attacking column. Ultimately forty sailors out of three hundred and twenty escaped.

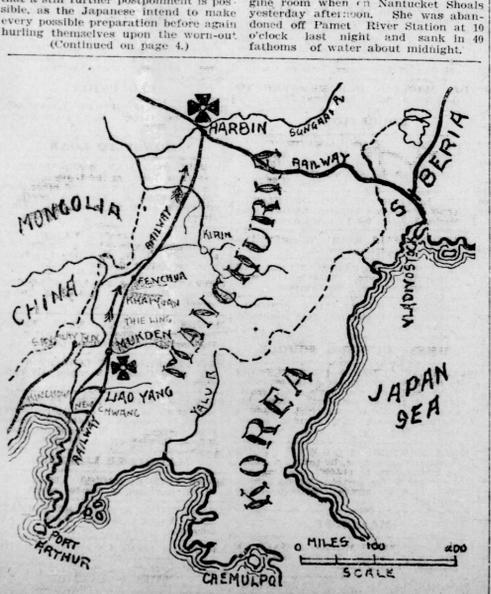
The returned workmen say that rations in cabs was almost prohibitive luxury, the smallest drosky fare being \$2. There are three hundred cabs in Port Arthur. The commandant forces them to remain back of the firing line during actions and transport the wounded free of charge.

Brave Sisters of Mercy Did Magnificent Work on the Retreat From Liao Yang.

Mukden, Thursday, Sept. 8.—Delayed in transmission.—The Russian retreat here has been accomplished without losses and with the precision of a review at Krasnoye Selo. The accumulation of wounded between Liao Yang and Mukden tested to the utmost the resources of the Red Cross. Most of the transport was carried in the roughest kind of two-wheeled carts, but the arrangements for providing the troops with food along the line of retreat worked magnificently. During the five days from Aug. 30 to Sept. 4, 12,300 wounded were treated in Red Cross ambulances, the sisters of mercy vying with the doctor in physical courage and resistance to fatigue. Much of the Japanese success is attributed to the millet fields, in which the Russians were not accustomed to maneuver.

Dynamite Ship Sinks Crew Land Safely After a Terrible Struggle With Waves.

Highland Light, Mass., Sept. 10.—The steamer Longfellow, loaded with dynamite, bound from Wilmington, Del., to Lake Superior, was holed during the night and the entire crew of sixteen men, after several hours in open boats, riding a boisterous sea, were safely landed through the assistance of three life saving crews. Capt. Ribey, of the Longfellow, reports that his vessel sprang a leak under the engine room when a Nantucket Shoals yesterday afternoon. She was abandoned off Panot River station at 10 o'clock last night and sank in 40 fathoms of water about midnight.



THE DASH FOR HARBIN. Map showing the relative location of Harbin, which point the Russians are retreating. If the Japanese capture Harbin they will, it will be seen, cut off Vladivostok.



THE RUSSIAN MILITARY HOSPITAL AT MUKDEN. MEDICAL STAFF, NURSES AND PATIENTS.

Panama Turns on U. S.; May Go Back to Colombia

Says United States Is Treating Her As if She Were an American Colony.

New York, Sept. 10.—A special to the Times from Atlanta, Ga., quotes a correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution in Panama as having called the situation in Panama "a crisis in the history of the republic." The most important question affecting the future of the republic will be settled during the next two weeks. Public feeling has been aroused to fever pitch. For a time so excited were the people of Panama that there was open threats of another revolution and of a return to the jurisdiction of Colombia.

The issue under discussion is the harbors at the two ends of the canal. Panama claims that according to article 2 of the treaty they are hers and must be under her jurisdiction and sovereignty in order to protect her revenues and foreign trade.

The commission insists that article 2 has no such meaning and that it will be impossible for the United States to construct and control the canal unless it has absolute authority over the two entrances.

The distrust and bitterness toward the United States grew out of the autocratic methods of the commission. Don Tomas Arias, the head of President Amador's cabinet, is known to have said that Admiral Walker, U. S. X., and General Davis, U. S. A., although meaning well, seemed to regard him as the governor of some American colony.

The situation is still critical but the American minister has won his point and the conference of the Panama Government and people while at the same time paving the way for final negotiations which will begin in a few days and ending in the bud a revolution.

WESTERN POLITICS Mr. R. D. Foley Repudiates Interview of Conservative Paper.

Winnipeg, Sept. 10.—Considerable interest was excited here yesterday by the publication in the Tribune of an interview with R. D. Foley, home-stead inspector, in which he bitterly attacked Hon. Clifford Sifton for interfering in Saskatchewan politics, with a view to preventing his nomination at the Liberal convention, to be held next week. Mr. Foley was reported as declaring that he could carry the convention if it was not manipulated. If this was done he was reported as saying he would resign his position as short-lived, however, Mr. Foley called at the Free Press of this week. He had given an interview to the Tribune, he said, but had a private conversation with Mr. R. L. Richardson, editor of the Tribune, which had been grossly perverted. He expressly denied having used the language attributed to him directed against Mr. Sifton and Mr. Thomas Metcalf, who is a possible candidate.

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USE THE CONSULS Britain's Agent at Chicago Wants to Help Along Business.

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—The Canadian department of trade and commerce has porters to British by twenty-first and is in receipt today of a letter from Consul Finn at Chicago, in which the gentleman says: "I take this opportunity to point out to you that this consulate is always ready to do anything in its power to assist the commerce of any part of the world, and in particular from Canada, and Canadian never ask any information from us, while we are flooded with inquiries from American firms willing to send goods into Canada. I would suggest that you regard this consulate as one of your agencies and make all possible use of my staff and of our knowledge of the trade and capabilities of this consular district, and recommend Canadian merchants, manufacturers, and others to call upon us when visiting Chicago, so that we may be kept in touch."

A DETROIT TRAGEDY Rejected Lover Kills His Sweetheart and Succeeds.

Detroit, Sept. 10.—Shortly after 9 o'clock last evening Amos Prommel, of Mount Clemens, Mich., shot and fatally wounded his sweetheart, Miss Annie Skonieczky, and then, turning the weapon toward his own breast, fired a bullet which sent him into eternity. The girl died fifteen minutes later.

Inspected by Maj. Laybourn. Windsor, Ont., Sept. 10.—Major Laybourn, of the London Military School, inspected the Twenty-first Essex Regiment in the armories last evening. Lieut.-Col. Bartlett was in command of the regiment. Major Laybourn was agreeably surprised at the manner in which the men marched, and handled their rifles, and he complimented Lieut.-Col. Bartlett on the soldierly appearance of the men.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH TIBET

Col. Younghusband Tells Them No Territory Will Be Annexed.

Lhasa, Tibet, Thursday, Sept. 8.—Via Gyantse, Sept. 10.—In a speech after signing the treaty with Tibet, on Sept. 7, Col. Younghusband pointed out that the British therein avoided interfering in the smallest degree with the international affairs of the country. They had not annexed territory, and had fully recognized the continued suzerainty of China. They had merely sought to insure the observance of the treaty of 1890, that trade relations between India and Tibet should be established, and that Tibet should depart from her traditional policy in regard to other countries.

CHEERED THE KAISER Russian Regiment He Commands Makes Splendid Showing.

Berlin, Sept. 10.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Mukden says: "The Viborg Regiment, of which Emperor William is commander, before advancing to storm the village of Siki-wantun, Sept. 2, was drawn up in front of the tent of Major von Runckel, the German military attaché, and cheered for the German Emperor. The regiment, in carrying Siki-wantun lost two officers and fifty men killed, and one hundred and fifty men killed, and one wounded, including the colonel of the regiment. It afterwards retired in good order."

KILLED BY TOMBSTONE Foundations Loosened, It Falls Upon a Praying Girl.

New York, Sept. 10.—Yetta Berkowitz, 18 years old, of No. 86 Chrystie street, this borough, was killed yesterday afternoon while praying over the grave of a relative in the Washington Cemetery, Brooklyn. The Washington Cemetery is the Jewish burying-ground and is situated at Gravesend and Twelfth-second avenues.

The girl was kneeling at the newly-made grave, her face in her hands, when there was a sudden sinking of the earth and the tombstone at the head of the grave fell with a crash. It struck the girl on the forehead, fracturing her skull and killing her instantly.

Several other mourners hurried to the grave, and with the assistance of grave-diggers, lifted the stone from the dead girl. An ambulance was summoned to the scene, and the Hospital Surgeon Hirschman said he could do nothing and the police of the Parkville cemetery were on a charge of criminal negligence and carelessness.

IN PERIL IN MID-AIR Girl Loses Seat on Balloon Trapeze Dangling by Wrists.

New Haven, Sept. 10.—Miss Mabel Kent, of Shelton, Conn., stepped out of the crowd at Orange Fair today as a professional aeronaut was preparing to sail skyward in his balloon. "I should like to go up with you," said Miss Kent. The aeronaut was willing and Miss Kent was strapped to a parachute belt and her wrists strapped to the trapeze in which she sat. As the balloon soared upward Miss Kent lost her seat on the trapeze and dangled by her wrists.

He skirts prevented her from regaining her place on the trapeze. The aeronaut bade her be calm, but saw that it would be impossible to allow her to drop in the parachute, as he had intended to do. The rope leading to the balloon valve dangled beyond the aeronaut's reach.

The balloon rose to an alarming height. The crowd watching had seen Miss Kent fall and realized her peril. The aeronaut eventually reached the valve rope and Miss Kent descended together in the balloon, the young woman landing in a tree, where she was obliged to climb to the ground. Miss Kent was not dismayed by her adventure, and says she will go again, and the next time will be dressed more suitably.

Pullman Hotel Burned. Watertown, N. Y., Sept. 10.—A special to the Standard says: The Pullman Hotel, on Pullman Island, St. Lawrence River, was totally destroyed by fire early today, entailing a loss of \$15,000, with \$10,000 insurance. The new guests and employes escaped in boats.

PRAISE FOR NEW RUSS MINISTER

Great Things Expected of Von Plehve's Successor.

APPOINTMENT PLEASES JEWS Prince Peter a Man of Wide Knowledge, Humane Motives and Progressive Ideas.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 10, 1 p.m.—The Russian press unanimously approves the appointment of Prince Peter Sviatopolk-Mirsky, as minister of the interior. All the papers speak of the critical character of the present situation and express the opinion that the selection of such a man as Prince Peter will do much to relieve the international condition. The Novoe Vremya, in an editorial, summarizes the general tone of the press as follows:

We are now passing through a historical crisis which may influence the destiny of the Russian Empire. As the military situation in the far east becomes more and more complicated, an opportunity is offered to our enemies at home, who are always quick to take advantage of any difficulties of reverse experienced by the Russian national Government. Therefore we must show hearty co-operation in the task of relieving the international elements at home. In order to accomplish the latter task we must retain all the good, especially the Zemstvo institutions, which can only develop if allowed to work independently. Decentralization must be the aim and one of the first requests, it is certain, will be the liberty of the press and freedom of speech, which are the lightning conductors of public opinion. The task of the Minister of the Interior consequently unusually difficult. Under our system the personality of the minister plays an exceedingly important part. It is an advantage to have a minister who has received actual education, and who, therefore, is not biased, and who subsequently acquired a various knowledge and experience regarding the material and spiritual requirements of our people. Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky's knowledge of provincial life and his humane attitude are the best guarantees of his success."

The Novosti, a conservative Jewish organ, says: "Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky's appointment creates the most agreeable impression throughout Russia. His past career has enabled him to become acquainted with the needs of the nation, regardless of religion or race. Let us hope that the new minister is destined to exert beneficent influence on the development of the empire."

PRINCE FUSHIMI COMING Member of Japanese Royal Family to Visit St. Louis Fair.

Tokio, Sept. 10.—Noon.—Lieut.-Gen. Prince Fushimi will sail for America on the steamship Manchuria in October. Prince Fushimi will visit the St. Louis fair, and Washington, as the special representative of the Emperor of Japan.

Prince Fushimi commanded the first division at the battle of Nanashan Hill. He has returned to Tokio to make this trip at the request of the Emperor. He will remain in America one month and he will be accompanied by a numerous suite.

It is probable that Lieut.-Gen. Hasegawa, commander-in-chief of the Imperial Guards division, will be promoted to a generalship and appointed military governor of that portion of Manchuria occupied by the Japanese.

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