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The Armies Face to Face

Huge Force Under Kurapatkin Confronts Legions of Oku and Kuroki.

Three Times as Many Men as Took Part in Previous Battles of War.

Tension Most Acute at Approach of the Great Struggle of Campaign.

Liaoning, June 23.—The armies of General Oku and Kuroki, aggregating at least six divisions, are confronted by the huge force under Kurapatkin. The tension here is most acute. The approach of the most important battle of the war at which three times the number of troops engaged at Kiangchen, says the military attaché, season makes the battle unavoidable.

FALLS TO HIS DEATH

Norfolk, Va., June 24.—Commander A. G. Bell, U. S. N., fell from a stepladder at the entrance to the main hall in Portsmouth last night. He was killed by the fall. He had been in bad health for some time. It is thought that Commander Bell died during an attack of vertigo loss his balance was impaired. The military attaché says he was sitting on the window at which he was sitting.

MIDSUMMER SNOWSTORM

Batte, Mont., June 24.—An intermittent snow storm raged in the mountains here today. The snow fell in heavy showers. The snow is melting almost as fast as it falls. The temperature ranges during the night between 30 and 40 degrees below zero. While the storm appears to be general throughout the state, it is not so heavy in all sections. The snow will enter although some damage may result to the crops and early fruit.

Railway Merger Is Not Surprising

Not Doubted That Grand Trunk Has Absorbed Canadian Northern.

Rumor That Killmeat Has Been Selected as Pacific Coast Terminus.

There is not much reason to doubt the accuracy of the news contained in today's issue of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company has acquired the Canadian Northern railway, says the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

HISTORICAL COMMEMORATION

Calais, Maine, June 25.—Exercises were held today at Doshel's island by the veterans of the battle of the Chateaux of St. Croix valley at the unveiling of a memorial tablet commemorating the original settlement made by the French. The oration was by Hon. Joseph L. Chamberlain, major-general in the army and American ambassador in London.

MUTUAL ADMIRATION

Seoul, June 25.—(Bywire)—The members of the Japanese diplomatic corps here today were entertained at a dinner by the Japanese attaché. The dinner was given in honor of the Japanese attaché's arrival in Seoul.

AN IMPROVEMENT AT ROSSLAND

Le Roi's Crew Increased and Considerable New Development Work in Sight.

Rossland, June 25.—Matters have improved here since the Japanese diplomatic corps arrived in Seoul. The Japanese attaché is now in Seoul and the Japanese diplomatic corps are in Seoul.

THREATEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mukden, June 25.—Last night 100 Chinese bandits, excellently armed and equipped, and led by Japanese officers, attempted to blow up with dynamite the bridge over the Kollin river, three miles south of Kollin, and near the northeast of Korea. The attack was repulsed by the Japanese forces.

AT THE VATICAN

Rome, June 25.—The Pope today received in private audience, Mr. Lagrange, the coadjutor of Tokio and had a long talk with him regarding the situation in Japan and the events of the war. His Holiness expressed admiration for the valor and heroic efforts of the Japanese and satisfaction with the complete victory that Catholics enjoy in Japan.

DISCOVERS NEW STARS

Berkeley, Cal., June 24.—Professor W. J. Hussey, of the University of California astronomical department of Lick Observatory, has just discovered a new star of one hundred new double stars.

AUSTRIAN CRUISER MISSING

San Francisco, June 24.—The Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Elisabeth, which was expected to arrive in this port from Yokohama, has not yet arrived. The Austrian government has been notified of the missing of the ship.

FLOODS IN KANSAS

Coucordia, Kansas, June 24.—A destructive flood has been experienced here this morning. The water rose to four and a half inches of rain. The principal streams are rivers and the cellars in the business portion are flooded. One building collapsed today but no lives were injured. The railroad yards are flooded and much stock was drowned.

KING EDWARD FOR KIEL

London, June 24.—King Edward left for Kiel, sailing from Port Victoria on the royal yacht, Victoria and Albert, escorted by the battleship, the armored cruiser, the torpedo boat destroyers, King Edward is accompanied by Prince Louis of Battenberg, the Earl of Selborne, first lord of the admiralty; Viscount Churchill of Wyndwood; Lord in waiting to His Majesty, and a number of equestrians.

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Japanese Account of Takushan Fight

In Two Fights Russians Are Surprised and Forced to Retire.

Tokio, June 23.—A portion of the Japanese troops at Takushan were in two engagements on Thursday and Friday, and routed a squadron of 1,000 men of the Russian army. The Japanese troops were surprised and routed a squadron of 1,000 men of the Russian army.

News Confirmed

Japanese legislation and the state department have received official confirmation of the news that the press report said a Russian battleship was sunk and other Japanese vessels were damaged by the Japanese fleet of Port Arthur on the 23rd inst.

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Dominion News Notes

Indian Capitalists Invest in Light and Power Companies in Brazil.

By Making Profits Said to Causing Difficulties With Motherland.

Serious Irregularities Claimed of By the Hebrew Voters in Montreal.

Real, June 23—David Cohn, a Jew, is dead as the result of a bomb, a leaf from a tree. Roy was in it, and he got into it by his window, and he was the only one to reach him before the assistance came.

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New York, June 23—Capt. Edward Van Vorst, president of the Stocum relief committee, has received from the Stocum relief committee, New York, \$40,000. This is the first of the \$100,000 which the committee has raised for the relief of the Stocum sufferers.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Smelter Closed.—In order to clean the boilers and make a few necessary repairs, the Tree smelter closed yesterday for a few weeks. A large amount of work has been coming in for the last few weeks, and when operations are resumed it is thought the next run will be a protracted one.

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Discuss Trade With Australia

Manuka Officers Entertain Business Men Aboard the Ship. Speeches Optimistic As to Great Possibilities of Trade Development.

Between fifty and sixty representatives of the commerce and trade of British Columbia, together with officials of the C. F. R., were entertained at luncheon by the directors of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand on board the company's steamer Manuka at Vancouver on Tuesday.

Captain Phillips, the commander of the vessel, presided at the representative luncheon, the luncheon was given in the handsome saloon of the vessel, and to those who knew the manner in which the company carries out its service it is not surprising to say that its hospitality was distinguished by the excellence of the commensurate with the reputation which the company enjoys wherever its flag is seen.

After full justice had been done to the repast, Captain Phillips proposed the toast of "The King and Queen and the rest of the Royal Family," which was joyfully followed by the company's guests.

Mr. Carter-Cotton proposed "the health of the directors of the Union Steamship Company and success to the Canadian-Australian Steamship line and its railway connections." With the names of Mr. Marpole and Mr. R. W. Greer.

Mr. Marpole in responding to the toast, referred to the interest which the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has taken in the possibility of the service which the Canadian-Australian Steamship line made available. He referred to the statement by the manager of the line, who passed through Vancouver recently, that the company desired to improve the service wherever its business made it possible to do so. Mr. Marpole referred to the fact that the line already had been built up. Of course it is not a business proposition to be changed in Australia. But he believed that there was a bright future before the line and that the company could be sure that the railway company would do everything in its power to bring it about.

Mr. Greer said it was a pleasure for him to act as agent here of the Union Steamship Company which shows such energy and enterprise as the Union Steamship Company had displayed in this service. Much had already been done, but the company would not let things stand as they were but would strive to make this route superior to that by the Suez canal. They had three things in their favor—the shorter and easier route, and those who had chosen the Canadian route had all expressed themselves as remaining its admirers. While the voyage from Sydney to London via the Suez canal averaged forty-two days it could be accomplished on the Canadian route in ten days.

Mr. Greer then turned to some interesting details and points about the service and hoped that the commercial community which co-operates with them in making it still more successful. He said that the company was interested in the commercial part of the subject as well as in the passenger part. While he had no authority to present for his company, he thought that the manner in which the company had carried out its service was ample proof of its enterprise and courage. In order to provide facilities for the service, the company had taken the Manuka from a profitable Colonial route to a profitable one. They had brought 420 passengers to the company was ready to provide for any extension in the service and would not vessels on to carry even larger numbers. At this time the company was building a large vessel for the Manuka in Scotland, and its reputation regard to what was to be done on the trade already built up, he thought was correct. He said that the trade had increased about 33 per cent. He believed that a good trade could be done on the coast, both of the British Columbia and the Pacific coast.

Land is a great cheap, observed Mr. Greer. The producer of the land in the Eastern man goes to the West in a much more pleasant for a young man making a start in life. If the land is to be made very profitable, the West is the country. It is a country where the young man can find a place for himself in Seattle, for instance, to note the number of young men who hold prominent positions in commercial, professional and public life, and there is no doubt that the community of young men is bound to be alive and progressive. Of course, the young man who has a smile, "the older man," is full too. He has a steady effect. Mr. Greer in the promotion of Western trade. The character of the same city, and who is secretary of the big fair to be held in the city next year. This fair is to be a big concern, and will attract a large number of people from all over the world. It will be a fair to be held in the city next year.

THE PORTLAND FAIR NEXT YEAR WILL ATTRACT MANY EASTERN PEOPLE. The great future of the Pacific coast, both of the British Columbia and the Pacific coast, is a favorite topic with the speaker. He said that the trade in the Pacific coast has been increasing steadily for several years. He said that the trade in the Pacific coast has been increasing steadily for several years. He said that the trade in the Pacific coast has been increasing steadily for several years.

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VERMONT DEMOCRATS.

Burlington, Vt., June 22.—The Democrats of Vermont, convention here today, nominated E. L. Porter for governor. After McMahon for lieutenant governor. The convention was held in the city of Burlington.

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OF GREAT INTEREST TO FRUIT GROWERS. British Columbia Product and the Big Prairie Market. The following from the Winnipeg Free Press will be of interest to fruit growers of this province, to whom it directly refers.

A RECORD CROP OF STRAWBERRIES. The local market plentifully supplied—Outlet sought in Northwest. The production of strawberries in the Okanagan and adjacent districts has become this year an important factor in the fruit trade.

THIRTY IN SPAIN. Derailed on Bridge and Many Are Lost in Rushing Torrent. Madrid, June 23.—Thirty persons were killed last night in a train wreck in the province of Teruel, in Spain, according to reports from the city.

RUSSIAN ROBBERY AND OUTRAGE. The Tsim-Tschang correspondent of the London Times writes that the grand council of the Russian nobles has decided to protest to the Emperor against the outrages committed by the Chinese in Manchuria.

AGAIN BOMBARD PORT ARTHUR FORTS. Japanese Flotilla Cruises Along Coast and Exchanges Fire With Batteries. Cleveland, O., June 23.—The steamer 'Hunt,' bound for Chicago, struck a mine in the harbor today, and a large hole was stove in the bottom of the vessel.

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