

THE INVESTMENT OF PORT ARTHUR.

Japanese Forces Heavily Reinforced and Expected Soon to Assault the Fortress.

THE RUSSIAN SQUADRON.

Persistent Rumor That It Has Succeeded in Making a Sortie Lacks Official Confirmation—Russian Reinforcements—Gen. Kuroki.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIAO YANG, Russian headquarters, June 11.—Reports from Chinese sources are to the effect that the Japanese forces near Port Arthur have been heavily reinforced. It is believed that an attempt to take the fortress by assault will be made as soon as the Japanese are strong enough to invest it on the land side and at the same time protect themselves from possible attack in the rear in case the Russians send a force from the north.

There are persistent rumors again that the Port Arthur squadron has succeeded in making a sortie, but no official confirmation of the report is available. The Russian reinforcements on their way here will soon materially change the situation and enable General Kuroki to move freely.

General Kuroki's main army is still at Feng Wang Cheng. Russian outposts cover his right flank above Salmatza and extend to the sea. They are in constant touch with the enemy and are almost daily skirmishes of more or less importance. Developments are anticipated in this direction.

REPORTS FROM CHINESE SOURCES.

YAPANGOU, LIAO TUNG PENINSULA, June 9 (delayed in transmission).—The railroad will be repaired to Vafandian tomorrow.

The Japanese have lost a prominent commander in the fight and according to reports from Chinese sources they are displaying signs of despair, shaming their flags in the direction of the coast.

The bombardment of the coast northward was a mere demonstration. The Russians did not reply.

There is no sickness among the Russian troops and they are in excellent spirits.

Japanese Movements. LIAO YANG, June 10.—The Japanese are constructing a railway from Feng Wang Cheng to Shkadeda, thirty miles to the east, near the mouth of the Yalu river.

The movement of the Japanese along the sea is being closely watched. They are proceeding from Takuhan to the southwest, following the coast, evidently reckoning upon the co-operation of their fleet.

TOKYO, June 11.—The town of Siu Yen, now occupied by the Japanese army, is of great strategic importance, being situated about 40 miles east by south of Kaping and 45 miles southeast of Hai Cheng. It commands perfectly the roads to both places.

Salmatza is also an important point as it controls the roads to Liao Yang and Mukden. By following this route the Japanese can reach the fortified and almost impregnable stronghold, will be avoided on the advance of the Japanese army northward.

Rumors from St. Petersburg. ST. PETERSBURG, June 11.—The correspondent of the Associated Press hears that General Kuroki is reversing General Kuroki's flanking movement north of Salmatza by sending troops to Mukden to turn Kuroki's right wing.

A rumor is current at the Admiralty that the Japanese battleship Yamashiro is on the rocks near Port Arthur. The source of the report is not exactly traceable.

Inquiries regarding the statement by the "Daily Mail" of London to-day that two infernal machines were found at the Hotel Selo palace June 7th, elicited a positive denial of its truth.

Battle Reported. CHE FOO, June 11.—Chinese arriving from Port Arthur state that a battle was fought June 9th within seven miles of the interior of Port Arthur. The Japanese fleet supported the Japanese army from the east coast of Liao Tung peninsula. Conditions at Port Arthur are said to be unchanged.

MOST DESTRUCTIVE STAGE. Of the Flood in the Arkansas River. Levee Gives Way. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., June 11.—A special to the "Gazette" from Pine Bluff, says: "The flood in the Arkansas river to-day reached by far its most destructive stage in the entire country, when part of the Frenchtown levee about three miles below the city broke and turned the river through a rich section of the country into a vast growing crop of cotton and corn. Since the water began to rise the planters in that section have been working day and night to save their crops, which protected the rich bottom lands for miles below.

MARINE FIREMEN. Strike Ordered on the Savannah Line Steamships at New York. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Strikes of the marine firemen were ordered to-day on the Savannah and City of Augusta lines of the Savannah and City of Augusta. The company started at once to secure firemen in place of the strikers on the City of Savannah; a full crew of non-union men was secured and the vessel sailed for the city late to-day.

NEW YORK BANKS. Statement of Clearing House Averages for the Past Week. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, June 11.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows: Loans \$1,042,095,800; increase \$55,528,100. Deposits \$1,109,231,300; increase \$310,439,300. Circulation, \$38,088,000; increase \$606,000. Legal tender, \$51,237,700; increase \$1,389,000. Specie, \$251,642,500; increase \$38,051,100. Reserve \$312,870,200; increase \$65,409,000. Reserve required \$477,307,800; increase \$2,068,075. Surplus \$35,652,400; increase \$3,801,525. Ex-U. S. deposits \$41,403,350; increase \$3,719,300.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT BY FOUR MASKED MEN

To Rob Paymasters of the Johnstons, Pa. Water Company—A Running Fight in Which Two Horses Were Killed.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

JOHNSTON, PA., June 11.—A desperate attempt was made this afternoon by four masked men to rob Superintendent W. H. Cramsey and his secretary, Frank Howard, of the Johnstown Water Company, of about \$8,000 in cash which they were conveying to the new Dalton Run dam, near this city, to pay off the men employed there. The two men made a plucky run for it and fortunately escaped, but not until two horses had been killed and twenty-five shots had been exchanged.

Both men were heavily armed and drawing in a buggy with the money in a satchel at their feet. Behind them, on horseback, rode Chester Miller, an employe, who has been in the habit of riding down from the dam to meet and protect the paymasters. According to Miller, the men carried a loaded Winchester rifle.

The first intimation that the party had that there was trouble ahead was a fusillade of shots from the woods and the tolling and sudden twitching of the horses which were drawing the buggy. In a moment the horse Mr. Millerberger was riding had been shot from under him.

The paying party at once drew their weapons and directed their fire toward the woods, where as yet they had been unable to see their assailants. The horse which Ramsey and Howard were driving staggered on and just as it became certain that he must go down Howard grabbed the reins, jumped from the buggy and started to run. Ramsey also left the vehicle, but he and Millerberger retreated slowly, still exchanging shots with the men in the woods. A horse named Ramsey's forehead and inflicted a slight wound. Otherwise the men escaped unharmed.

With the bandits in the woods and the two men in the road still firing at them the party traversed a considerable distance, but Howard ran ahead with the money and when the highwaymen saw that the loot was beyond their reach they abandoned the chase. No trace of the robbers has been found.

COTTON FUTURES EXCITED. An Advance of 45 Points in New York for July Option—Good Buying Orders. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, June 11.—The buying movement in cotton started on Friday was again in evidence to-day, leading to an active and excited market such as the trade grew accustomed to during the stirring sessions of last summer. The supporting orders to-day seemed to come from the same source as then, but large room operators appeared to have been cautious, being short and endeavoring to get covered up for over Sunday. Commission houses had good buying orders for the new crop and the London market ruled exceedingly nervous and sentimentally strong. The opening was steady at a decline of five points to an advance of three points. The weather was not bad and the cables were better than due, but speculative considerations proved the dominating influence and before the session was an hour closed the market was above 12 cents, reaching 12.30 near about 12.70 in New Orleans, an advance in the local market of forty-five points. The late months showed a decided upward trend, the market being very strong and almost equally exciting.

WARM WIRELETS. The Southern Golf Association championship was won by H. W. Hill, of Atlanta.

The battleship Missouri passed out of Hampton Roads on her way to Gibraltar last night. During the afternoon the battleship was seen in the distance, which was brought by a tug arriving from Washington.

Senator F. M. Cockrell, of Missouri, was run into by a boy riding a bicycle on the streets of St. Louis, Mo., yesterday. His right collar bone was broken, his left side badly bruised and he was otherwise injured.

A Memphis paper publishes an interview with one of the proprietors of a pool room there, which has been closed, in which he says he is the place will be reopened Monday and that wireless telegraphy will be used to transmit the results.

Many counties in Texas held conventions yesterday to select delegates to the State convention at San Antonio. A strong Parker sentiment existed in most of the counties and the State probably will instruct for the New York jurist.

Abner McKinley, brother of the late President McKinley, was found dead in a chair at his home, Somerset, Pa., yesterday. His death came without warning and it is believed that he died of Bright's disease, which developed shortly after the death of his distinguished brother, three years ago.

The following cablegram has been received from Rear Admiral Chacoff, dated Tangier, June 11: "The minister of foreign affairs of Morocco expects on June 13th, to lay before Kattul what has been proposed. The attitude of the Moroccan authorities appears to be satisfactory."

A judgment providing for the distribution of the Henry B. Plant estate has been entered in the New York Supreme Court on the report of the referee, who finds that the settlement should be on a basis of one-third to Mrs. Margaret A. Graves, who was the widow, but has since remarried, and two-thirds to Morton P. Plant, the son.

Judge Emery Speer, of the United States Court, has appointed Miss Nellie Walsh, of Savannah, receiver of the bankrupt firm of Kroussken & Company, Savannah. This is believed to be the first time a woman has been appointed to such a position. Judge Speer in making the appointment declared that he made it to show his confidence and pride in the women of the South.

Odd Fellows Buy Property. By deed filed for record yesterday, W. D. McMillan, Jr., and wife and the Citizens Building Loan Association transferred to Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., for \$600, property at the rear of the present Odd Fellow building, 80 feet west of Third street and 66 feet north of Princess street, 14x8 feet in size.

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HELD UP AT THE KANSAS STATE LINE

Fugitive Union Miners from Cripple Creek Dumped from a Train on Alkali Plains.

Without Food or Water.

Ninety Men Left to Shift for Themselves. A Sheriff and Armed posse forbid their crossing the Line into Kansas—All Quiet Now. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

DENVER, COLO., June 11.—A special to the "Post" from Holly, Colorado, says: "With a paring volley of rifle bullets, fired over their heads by the militia and deputies to warn them to hurry eastward as fast as their legs could carry them and never again to set foot on Colorado soil, ninety union miners from the Cripple Creek district were unloaded from a special Santa Fe train on the prairie, one half mile from the Colorado-Kansas State line, and left to shift for themselves."

"When the special train bearing the deported men was within half a mile of the Kansas line it was stopped by Sheriff Brady of Hamilton county and forty deputies, who notified Lieut. Cole that under no circumstances should they be allowed to cross the Kansas line, and further, that the deported men were not wanted in Kansas. Lieutenant Cole ordered them to get down from the train and to get out of the train as fast as they could. The order to quit the train was given in a hurry. Sheriff Brady called for the leaders of the unionists and notified them that they must not cross the Kansas line. The exiles were disembarked in haste and without ceremony."

"Hurry up there, you fellows!" cried Lieut. Cole when the train stopped in the midst of the alkali and sand dunes dot the prairie near the Kansas line. We have not got any time to waste out here.

The special train had no sooner come to a standstill when the car doors were unlocked and thrown open and the order was given by Lieut. Cole for the exiles to leave the train. "Step lively, you fellows, step lively," admonished Deputy Benton, who was in command of the civil force of the expedition, and in less time than it takes to tell it the cars were emptied of their unfortunate and unwilling passengers and had started back to LaJunta.

The men were left on the prairie without food or water, for the soldiers and deputies in their haste to get home had forgotten to unload the small stock of commissary supplies the train carried when it left Victor.

The exiles were a cheerless lot indeed. Without even a light and miles from the nearest habitation, they huddled together in the cars, some of the Santa Fe track and some of the exiles were on either side of the train. Sheriff Jack Brady and his deputies were on hand to prevent the deported men from remaining in the cars by the Kansas authorities that they would not be allowed to seek refuge in that State, the spirit of the men broke. Many of them daily walked back on the railroad track to Holly, where they were furnished food by the big Salvation Army stationed there.

Threatened Wholesale Hanging. CRIPPLE CREEK, COLO., June 11.—General Bell has made the following statement for publication: "The only questions involved are the enforcement of the eight-hour day, the right of men to organize in unions and to prevent discrimination against union men of all kinds. The responsibility for the lawlessness connected with the contest rests entirely on the shoulders of the mine operators, the Citizens' Alliance, and their allies, and it is the duty of the law-abiding men of the State to see that they are held responsible."

The events of the past week, the statement says, justify these accusations. The statement says no deaths have occurred for which the Western Federation of Miners can be held responsible.

STEEL TRUST BUYS TIN LAND.

Deal Made Saturday by Which 3,000 Acres of Land Between Bessemer City and Gaffney, S. C., changes Hands.

[Charlotte Observer.]

SPARTANBURG, S. C., June 4.—The Carolina Tin and Development Company, which owns thousands of prospective mining lands in Cherokee county, has transferred 3,000 acres of its property to the United States Steel Company at a stupendous consideration, the exact figures of which cannot be ascertained. The former company, however, retained a considerable amount of the original lands. The purchasing concern is capitalized at \$300,000,000 and will be understood, commencing development of its newly acquired lands within the next thirty days. Expert mining engineers have been notified to report at Gaffney at once, and the hidden wealth of that section will be recalled to the world soon. The residents of the section between Bessemer City, N. C., and Gaffney, S. C., have conceived a craze for tin and iron hunting that bids fair to eclipse any industrial and commercial fever that has ever struck this section of the country. Reliable mining experts have expressed the opinion that the territory lying between the places mentioned has every indication of being capable of being worked to an extent far in excess of any other section of the country.

INSPECT ENCAMPMENT SITE. National Guard Committee Will Arrive from Morehead City This Morning. Some Advantages Offered.

Col. Walker Taylor and Capt. J. Van B. Metts, who went to Raleigh to appear before the Military Advisory Board with reference to the encampment of the State troops at Wrightsville, returned yesterday morning. Mr. A. B. Skelding, who accompanied Col. Taylor and Capt. Metts, went from Raleigh to Washington, D. C. The result of the meeting was told in yesterday's telegrams to this paper. The committee appointed to examine and report on the sites offered by Wrightsville and Morehead City is composed of Col. Bragaw, Col. Craig and Col. Armfield and yesterday they went over to Morehead in a special car packed at their disposal at Goldsboro by Superintendent Dill.

They investigated fully the advantages offered by Morehead and will arrive in Wilmington this morning for a trip and inspection of the sites offered by Wrightsville. They will be met by a committee of local military men composed of Col. Walker Taylor, Col. T. O. James, Maj. Wm. F. Robertson, Maj. C. E. White, Capt. J. Van B. Metts and others, and will be taken at once to the beach. It is presumed the inspection of sites will be made tomorrow. It is the idea of the Wilmington officers to have the camp proper on the sound, using the seaside park for drill and parade grounds. Wrightsville is prepared to offer electric lights for officers' tents, an electric lighted walk from the station to the grounds with water works conveniences on the grounds. The committee will report its findings to the Military Board early this week and a definite decision will probably be reached by the 15th. It is said that Col. Bragaw favors Wrightsville; that Col. Craig is inclined to Morehead and that Col. Armfield has intimated no choice. However, the decision of the committee cannot be anticipated until they have fully investigated the advantages of each resort.

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HUMOR

THE ICEMAN.

He is Given an Unexpected Surprise by One of His Customers. "It's seldom that I get a surprise," said the iceman. "But a little matter occurred the other morning to give me a regular chill. I had driven up to serve a customer when I found a bald-headed, beetle-browed man waiting for me. I knew that he was going to kick, and I held my breath. The kick came. Said he: "Look here, now, didn't you agree to give me twenty-five pounds of ice daily?" "Yes, sir."

"And why haven't you made it twenty-five?" "I thought had."

"I don't care what you thought. I want a man to stick to his word. I have been weighing your ice right along without saying anything, and during the last three months I find—" "I'll make it up to you," I said.

"During the last ninety days," he went on, "I find that you have delivered a hundred pounds extra. Here's 50 cents for the overplus, and if you come any such trick on me in future I'll change to some man who'll stick to his agreement."—Brooklyn Citizen.

Had Him There. Pa.—Excuse me for saying it, my child, but I question the pretensions of this foreigner who is seeking your hand in marriage. I believe he is a false count.

Daughter.—I don't see, pa, why you should object to him on that account. In the attainment of your political aspirations you have always been particularly partial to that sort of thing.—Richmond Dispatch.

NEW CROP COTTON. First Bales Sent to Galveston from Cameron County, Texas. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., June 11.—The first two bales of the new cotton crop were to-day consigned to a Galveston cotton firm. The cotton was raised in Cameron county, the district being known as the heart of the lower price grade.

Seashore or Mountains. In any direction you go for an outing don't forget to lay in a supply of Summer Reading Matter. We have all the latest Novels, Magazines, etc. KODAKS, HAMMOCKS, Tennis and Golf Goods. Spaulding's Sporting goods of all kinds. O. W. YATES & CO. je 13 ft

Mercer & Evans Co., CITY. DEAR SIR:—I take great pleasure in acknowledging receipt of a very pretty, bright, new five dollar gold piece, awarded me through you, by the Hub Gore Makers of Boston, Mass., for guessing rebus, in contest of April 15, 1904.

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Our silk department is showing some beautiful wash Jap silks in white and colors that are 50c values, on sale now at 25c a yard; we will sell our warranted black Taffeta silk, guaranteed not to split, and a yard wide, worth \$1.50, at the reduced price of \$1.25 for this week only. In our stock of black and fancy colored dress goods in woolsens we are showing a beautiful line at all prices. If a lady wishes to buy a nice dress, she can find what she wants if she will come to us for it.

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