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SOLDIER OF FORTUNE DIES BY JAPANESE SHELL

Lieut-Gen. Keller of Russian Army Meets Death

WAS ONCE SOLDIER IN SERVICE OF ENGLAND

Fought in Many Battles all Over the World

HEAVY FIGHTING IS NOW GOING ON NEAR HAI CHENG—RUSSIAN FORCE IS IN PERIL.

Mukden, Aug. 1.—It is reported that Lieutenant General Keller has been killed east of Liao Yang. A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg confirms the reported death of General Keller, saying he was killed by a fragment of a Japanese shell at the time he was opposing the Japanese advance along the railway near Hai Cheng.

Lieutenant-General Count Keller, at the opening of the war, was in command of the Second Siberian army division. He was 54 years old and resigned the governorship of Ekaterinburg, in order to go to the front. General Keller took part in the three campaigns of the Russo-Turkish war. In 1887 he commanded the imperial rifle corps of imperial pages, by which Keller came in contact with members of the imperial family, with whom he was in great favor. General Keller was considered to be the possessor of cool judgment and to be a fine strategist. Though a strict disciplinarian, Keller was a kind and careful officer and popular with his men. He wore a grey beard, had keen, blue eyes and dressed in khaki. His only decoration was the cross of the military order of St. George, which he wore on the tunic. He sustained two reverses at the hands of the Japanese recently, July 4, and July 17, being repulsed in attacks on the Motien pass.

General Keller was one of the great army of "Soldiers of Fortune" which has branches in nearly every quarter of the globe. He was at one time a member of the Royal Horse Guards of the British service. When things assumed a peaceful hue in the British Empire, he cast his fortune with the French eagles, exhibiting signal bravery in many engagements. Later he entered the service of the czar and rose rapidly in the imperial favor. He died as he had lived—a true soldier of fortune.

RUSSIANS YIELD TO SUPERIOR NUMBERS

St. Petersburg, Aug. 1.—The emperor today received the following dispatch dated July 31, from General Kuropatkin:

"Three Japanese armies have renewed offensive operations on our southern front. Our rear guard made an obstinate defense until the appearance of considerably superior forces of the enemy and then gradually retired in the direction of Hai Cheng. A detachment near Simoucheng, fifteen miles southwest of Hai Cheng, successfully withstood the enemy until 3 in the afternoon.

"The attack was directed against our right flank, which from its position at Hanua Pass inflicted great loss on the Japanese."

JAPS CAPTURE SIEN ON CHENG

London, Aug. 2.—The correspondent of the London Times, with General Kuropatkin in the field, in a dispatch dated July 31, says:

"This army began a general attack at daylight today which lasted until sunset. The Japanese centre took the town of Sienocheng capturing the enemy's northeastern positions.

"The left advanced and occupied a position jeopardizing the Russian right. The Japanese right carried the position against superior numbers.

"There was tremendous artillery firing throughout the day and the infantry finished with a brilliant march under the enemy's shrapnel. I believe that the Russian position will be untenable tomorrow."

SCORE INJURED IN TROLLEY CAR WRECK NEAR WESTBORO, MASS.

Westboro, Mass., Aug. 1.—A score of persons were injured, two of them fatally, in a head-on collision between two trolley cars on the Boston & Worcester street railway, three miles from Westboro.

BOURKE COCKRAN SOUNDS KEYNOTE

"Adherence to Democratic Platform" the Slogan

NECESSITY EXISTS FOR CURBING THE SENATE

Imperialism is Not the Issue at Present

DEMOCRACY DOES NOT EXIST TO GIVE DIRECTORS OF SYDNI-CATES CHANCE TO GROW FAT.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 1.—Despite the intense heat and humidity, more than 2,000 persons crowded into Faneuil hall tonight to hear W. Bourke Cockran, of New York; Governor L. Garvin, of Rhode Island, and Charles Francis Adams, of this city, address a meeting called by the New England Anti-Imperialist League.

"Adherence to the Democratic Platform" was the slogan of the speakers. Governor Garvin said: "Half a century ago we came into contact with another Asiatic people. We found them cut off from the west and consequently away behind in civilization. We cultivated their friendship and led them by our example, advice and assistance to undertake the task of advancing their own fortunes."

Charles Francis Adams spoke in part as follows: "Important as the question of imperialism is, I frankly acknowledge that I am not one of those who regard it as of paramount importance in the present crisis. There are in my judgment other issues involved more momentous and quite as pressing. I maintain there is no issue before the American people so important or so difficult to meet as the issue of curbing the senate."

Cockran Gets Applause

Congressman Burke Cockran was greeted with enthusiastic and prolonged applause. "We have not assembled to suggest any new experiment in government," Mr. Cockran said. "We simply ask that the policy of freedom, justice and liberty established in Cuba which has proved both creditable and profitable to us; which the Cuban people have found a source of progress, a beacon of freedom and a bulwark of order, which the whole world applauds as a most valuable contribution to civilization, shall be substituted for the imperialistic policy which has proved wasteful and discreditable to this country in the Philippine Islands."

"The decision of this question at the polls will affect profoundly the people of the Philippine Islands, but it will affect vitally the American people and indeed the whole progress of civilization. The violation of every moral obligation in the Philippine Islands has been followed by the violation of constitutional limitations in the United States."

NARDAMAN'S NAME WON'T BE PERPETUATED

Washington, Aug. 1.—Postmaster General Payne said today that an application to give the name "Vardaman" to a postoffice in Mississippi, in honor of the governor of that state, had been received through the fourth assistant postmaster general and that the application had been refused.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR HAI CHENG

London, Aug. 1.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail from New Chung, in a dispatch dated July 31, says that there has been heavy fighting for two days in the marshes south of Hai Cheng, during the gradual retreat from Ta Teh Kiao of 5,000 Russians forming the rear guard, and that the peril of this force increases daily.

PETITION OF PARDON FROM YANCY COUNTY

Governor is Asked to Release Hiram Wilson, Convicted of Violating Watts Law.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 1.—J. P. Ray, of Yancey county, who today laid before the governor a petition for a pardon for Hiram Wilson, of that county, was informed that it would be considered before the governor could act. The petitioner asks for a pardon on the grounds that Wilson, who was convicted of violating the Watts liquor regulation and sentenced to four years' imprisonment, was led to violate the law by people who advised that the law was unconstitutional and would not be enforced.



LION—See as 'ou you've tread on me tail.

COST OF LIVING MUCH HIGHER

Interesting Report Issued by Carroll D. Wright

STATEMENT COVERS PERIOD OF SIX YEARS

Necessaries of Life Have Soared "Way Up"

FACTS AND FIGURES WHICH WILL AFFORD REFLECTIVE READING DURING DULL LEISURE HOURS.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Mr. Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of the labor bureau in the eighteenth annual report of the bureau, made public today, gives the results of a comprehensive inquiry into the cost of living since 1896, and the average wage rate during those periods. Concerning wages which had been made public heretofore, an investigation of 519 occupations, representing 67 industries in 3,229 separate establishments, having shown an average increase in wages during this period of 16.6 per cent. The inquiry into the cost of living shows that living for working men's families having under \$1,200 income per year has increased during this period 15.5 per cent.

In order to ascertain this average increase the labor bureau secured the income and expenditures in detail of 2,567 families in 37 states, retail prices being taken. The statement showed that the 2,567 families consisted of an average of 5.31 persons and that the average income for the year 1901 was \$287, the average annual expenditure for all purposes \$268, and the average expenditure for food \$226 per family.

OLNEY GOES TO SEE MR. PARKER

Oracle of Esopus Extends Cordial Invitation

GROVER CLEVELAND MAY CALL AT ROSEMOUNT

Cold and Silver Democrats Send Encouraging Letters

MANY REPUBLICANS, TOO, DECLARE THAT THEY WILL VOTE FOR THE NEW YORK JURIST.

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Judge Parker's invitation to Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, to visit Rosemount has been accepted and Mr. Olney is expected within a fortnight. Thursday has been fixed for the visit of Edward C. Wall, of Worcester, and Mrs. Wall. They are enroute to Europe.

It is understood here that former President Grover Cleveland has been invited to spend a day at Rosemount on his way from New England, where he is spending the summer. The large number of letters received at Rosemount from gold and silver Democrats are very gratifying to Judge Parker. He has also received many letters from Republicans who declare they will support him. Judge Parker says that he has had so little experience in receiving political letters that he cannot say whether the mail he now holds any great political significance, but he thinks not. A great proportion of the mail of this character comes from the south, though the letters from Indiana are numerous.

National Chairman Targert is keeping in constant communication with Judge Parker but it was stated tonight that if he is decided upon the personal of the committee and future committee of the national committee has not advised Judge Parker of his selection. Further for the notification concerning Judge Parker will receive very few visitors.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS

Trieste—July 31—Arrived: Ufonia, New York.
Hamburg—July 31—Arrived: Hamburg, New York.
St. Petersburg—Mosha, New York for London.
Glasgow—Arrived: Columbia, New York.
Cherbourg—July 31—Arrived: Barbadoes, New York.
Plymouth—Prinz Wilhelm, New York.

IS KUROPATKIN IN THE TOILS?

Intense Anxiety Prevails at St. Petersburg

GREAT BATTLE THOUGHT TO BE PROGRESSING

Looks as If "Kuropat" will Have to Get Out

OTHERWISE HE WILL BE COMPELLED TO GET HIS FIRST TASTE OF REAL WAR.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—4:30 p. m.—The greatest anxiety prevails here for news of the general advance against the southern and eastern positions of General Kuropatkin's army. The public believes that the decisive battle of the campaign is being fought, but this has not yet been established. Indeed the Associated Press hears from the latest military attaches in St. Petersburg that for several days the main body of the Russian army has been moving north towards Mukden and that when the present line to the southeast is forced the Japanese will find that they have crushed only the shell. Should this prove to be so, General Kuropatkin will doubtless be obliged to destroy the immense quantities of stores accumulated at Liao Yang.

Sharp military critics, however, do not believe that General Kuropatkin can escape a general engagement. His army forms a wedge, with General Oku hammering away at the point and General Nodan and Kuropatkin operating with driving movements of great force against the sides. If one of the latter should break through the southern force would be doomed.

The general staff seems amazed at the immense strength of the co-operating Japanese armies. The Japanese certainly have succeeded in concentrating the real number of their men and guns which the general staff now believes must be in excess of three hundred thousand men with between 200 and 400 guns.

HENRY G. DAVIS WILL BE TOLD ABOUT IT

New York, Aug. 1.—Secretary Woodson of the Democratic National committee today sent telegrams to Chairman John Sharp Williams, and other members of the committee, to notify Henry G. Davis of his nomination as vice-president, to meet at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., August 17. The arrangements for the notification are in charge of John T. McGraw, member of the national committee for the state.

EMPLOYERS SEEM NOW TO HAVE MASTER HAND

TELEGRAPHERS OUT ON STRIKE

"KATY" SYSTEM HAS TROUBLES OF ITS OWN

Men Who Work the Ticker Put Themselves in the Packer Class—Cause Unknown.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 1.—The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Order of Railway Telegraphers, in Dallas, quit work today at 4 o'clock and walked out, obeying the order for a strike of all the telegraphers employed on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas system. The number of men engaged in the strike could not be ascertained, but locally less than half a dozen are affected. At the K. M. & T. general offices but two men are employed during the summer, one of whom it is said belongs to the O. R. T. and walked out. Several union men employed at the office of the train dispatcher are also reported to have quit work.

At the office of Superintendent McDowell of the "Katy" it was stated that trains were running all right and that no interruption was anticipated. It is stated that the places vacated by the strikers are being filled. The order for the strike seems to have been unexpected by the local O. R. T. men, but it is stated that it is the culmination of a disagreement which began about six months ago. The wage schedule is said to be one subject of disagreement and pay for overtime and shorter hours are other matters which require adjustment. The promotion, according to seniority of telegraphers to station agents is also demanded by the strikers.

The local members of the O. R. T. claim to have no definite information regarding the grievances which cause the strike nor did they know that a strike was imminent until shortly before the order was sent out from St. Louis. There seems to have been no dissatisfaction locally and the men in Dallas only went out in obedience to the order.

OFF FOR ST. LOUIS IN AUTOMOBILES

Erie, Pa., Aug. 1.—The first car to reach Erie in the run of the American Automobile association from New York and Boston to St. Louis is owned by J. M. Waters, of New York, and reached here at 9 o'clock this forenoon, having covered the distance from Buffalo in three hours and fifty minutes. The second car was the Hayes-Apperson from Kokomo, Ind. Twenty-four cars have arrived.

GERMAN HONORS FOR AMERICAN CONSUL

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 1.—E. Holzborn, German consul here, today received a communication from Baron von Sternburg, German ambassador at Washington, informing him that the German emperor had conferred upon him the order of the Royal Crown, and upon Major E. C. Zudek, president of the Mobile Gas and Electric Company, the medal of merit. The decoration and the medal are in recognition of the hospitality extended to the officers and men of the crew of the German cruiser Falke on the occasion of her visit to this port last January.

SAILS FOR MANILA

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The United States army transport Logan sailed for Manila for Honolulu and Guam. She carried 124,000 pounds of the new Philippine currency, 40,000 tons of freight, chiefly hay, grain, lumber and machinery for the Philippines. Besides a number of cabin passengers the Logan had on board a detachment of 127 cavalry, 66 field artillery and 150 infantry unassigned recruits now at Angel Island.

ANOTHER PHASE IN THE CELEBRATED ATLANTIC AND NORTH CAROLINA CASE

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 1.—In the noted suit by which J. P. Cuyler, of New York, and others seek to place the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad in the hands of the Democratic National committee, today sent telegrams to Chairman John Sharp Williams, and other members of the committee, to notify Henry G. Davis of his nomination as vice-president, to meet at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., August 17. The arrangements for the notification are in charge of John T. McGraw, member of the national committee for the state.

Situation in Meat Strike is Gloomy for Workers

78,000 HEAD OF CATTLE RECEIVED YESTERDAY

As Result Prices Immediately Took a Tumble

NEARLY ALL DEPARTMENTS ARE NOW RUNNING THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED—SETTLEMENT LOOKED FOR

Chicago, Aug. 1.—This was a busy day with the packers. With increased forces of skilled workmen and their operating departments more thoroughly equipped than at any time since the beginning of the strike the employers took a firm grasp on the machinery of their affair and as a result the stock yards took on the old hum of activity to a great extent. More than 78,000 head of live stock was received today. This is an increase of 58,000 head over the receipts on the corresponding day last week. Such an enormous amount of live stock would under normal conditions have had a depressing effect on the market and today when the train loads of animals began to pour into the yards, stock men and traders feared a panic, but it did not occur. Prices were lowered sharply, but the fact that the market held so well as it did seemed to prove that the packers are prepared to increase their output.

The big packers bought 8,000 cattle, 13,000 hogs and 10,000 sheep during the day. Before midnight, 8 per cent of these purchases had been slaughtered. Further proof of the assertions of the packers that the difficulties of this strike are being overcome was furnished by the shipment of 500 carloads of fresh meats from the stock yards. Of this number 400 cars were loaded and shipped by the firms affected by the strike. These shipments were consigned to all parts of the world, eight carloads being billed to Boston for export. These shipments followed 389 carloads of meat sent out by the packers on Saturday and represent only a part of the business that is going on in spite of the strike. As near as could be estimated 350 union men of the various trades on strike returned to work this morning. Of this number was abandoned the fight, many were skilled workers. The packers say today's desertions make the total number of strikers who have returned to work 2,000.

Chief of Police O'Neil tonight declared his belief that peace in the strike is in sight and that by Thursday great changes will be seen tending toward a peaceful end.

"From what I learned, many of the men who went out in a sympathetic strike are returning to their positions in the packing plants," he said.

APPEAL REFUSED

Bellefonte, Ill., Aug. 1.—Judge Holder of the circuit court, today refused to grant the appeal of the striking packing house employes to dissolve the injunction granted on behalf of the East St. Louis packers restraining the strikers from interfering with the operation of the plants and men employed therein. The injunction stands as originally granted, until further action of the court.

MUSHY REPORT COMES FROM MUSH

Constantinople, Aug. 1.—Official telegrams report that a band of Armenian revolutionists ambushed a party of soldiers in the neighborhood of Murch. On the arrival of reinforcements the Armenians fled, setting fire to three villages on their way. Another band of Armenians numbering sixty attacked the village of Mochburn, in the vilayet of Erzerum, but was repulsed by the garrison, and attempted to escape to the Russian frontier. The escape of the band, however, was prevented by the frontier guards, only four of the Armenians getting away.