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GENERAL KUROKI AGAIN HAMMERS THE RUSSIANS

Same Old Story Comes by Way of Tokio

JAPS DRIVE CZAR'S FORCES FOUR MILES

Field Guns and Ammunition are Captured

LITTLE YELLOW MEN KEEP THE BALL ROLLING FROM EARLY DAWN TILL MIDNIGHT HOUR

Tokio, Aug. 2.—Noon.—General Kuroki has administered a severe defeat to the Russian forces which defended the Russian right flank at Liao Yang, winning separate actions at Yushuliki, and Yangse Pass. These two places are 26 miles apart, but the two actions were fought at the same time. The thermometer registered over 110 degrees Fahrenheit, and the soldiers suffered from heat exhaustion.

At dawn on Monday the Japanese resumed the attack and by noon they had dislodged the enemy and driving them four miles to Laoholling. At Yangse Pass, also the Japanese were successful, their artillery opened on the enemy and the infantry moved forward from Makumezu. The attack on this place was made at 1 o'clock on Sunday and by night fall the Japanese were in possession of a majority of the Russian positions, although the enemy had resisted with determination. The Japanese forces passed the night in the battle formation and another assault was made on Monday dawn. By 9 o'clock Monday morning Yangse Pass and surrounding heights had been captured.

General Kuroki explains the slowness of these actions by saying that the difficult topography of the battlefields made it impossible to secure good artillery positions, and that the great heat fatigued his troops.

The Russian force at Yangse Pass was estimated at two and one-half divisions and four batteries of artillery. The enemy retreated toward Tanghowy.

General Kuroki reports the capture of some field guns, but the number is not given. The Japanese casualties are being investigated.

OBSTINATE FIGHTING AT SAIMATZ-LIAO

Russian Vanguard Does a Little Stunt With Japanese and Retires as Usual.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—General Sakharoff, under date of August 1, reports obstinate fighting in the direction of the Saimatz-Liao road, July 30, and July 31, the Russian vanguard retaining its positions until August 1, when it retired to Yangse Pass.

During a reconnaissance in the direction of Peng Wang Cheng, July 30, General Sakharoff reports that two officers and 34 men were wounded and on July 31, during a reconnaissance in the direction of Laokhantsi two officers were killed and one officer and 20 men were wounded. The same day when the Japanese occupied the pass between Yunshukuan and Houtsiatse (25 miles from Liao Yang) five officers and 40 men were wounded.

General Sakharoff also says: "The enemy is acting undecidedly on our south front."

WAS NOT CAUGHT "IN THE ACT"

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—In a lengthy telegram to the emperor, Vice-Admiral Skrydloff relates the doings of the Vladivostok squadron. Admiral Jensen left Vladivostok July 29. After sinking a small Japanese vessel the cruisers held up the British steamer Camara, but as she had no cargo "and was not caught in the act of carrying coal, we were compelled to let her go," says the dispatch.

A Japanese coasting steamer was next met, "but as most of her fifty passengers were women we determined to release her."

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNITED MINE WORKERS ISSUES STATEMENT CONCERNING POSITION

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 2.—When the meeting of the united mine workers' executive board of district No. 1 adjourned today, District President Nichols gave out the following statement: "The executive board of District No. 1, decided to approve of the position taken by the miners representatives on the board of conciliation. The instructions of the Pittston convention will be complied with. The

LEGAL MACHINERY GETS CHANGE

Negro Assailant of White Girl Will Hang

BODY OF SOLDIERS SURROUNDED COURT HOUSE

But Thirteen Men Were Arrested for Attempt

TO BREAK DOWN DOORS OF BUILDING—REPORTED THAT JAIL WILL BE ATTACKED

Winchester, Va., Aug. 2.—George W. Williams, the negro who recently was arrested for assaulting Miss Laura Knode, a white school teacher near Harpers Ferry, was tried at Charlestown this afternoon and found guilty. He was sentenced to be hanged next month. The trial was held with soldiers surrounding the court house and during the proceedings thirteen men were arrested for breaking down the doors. No shots were fired but the military was kept in active service to prevent an uprising.

The negro is now under strong guard as reports are in circulation to the effect that the Charlestown jail will be attacked.

NEGRO BILL PASSES

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 2.—A bill introduced by Representative Rogers of McIntosh, the only negro in the Georgia legislature, appropriating \$5,000 for the State Industrial college for negroes at Savannah, Ga., was passed today by the house of representatives by an unanimous vote.

TELEGRAPH MEN STILL ON STRIKE

OPERATORS ON M. K. & T. RAILROAD OBDURATE.

Train Service, However, is Not Seriously Interfered With—Company Hopeful of Victory.

Smithville, Texas, Aug. 2.—T. N. Tanquary, in charge of the telegraph operators' strike on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas south of Hillsboro, states that all of the men are out. A report from Denison is that the men sent to that point were prevailed upon not to go to work. The railroad had succeeded in getting only a few men to work today and these in the cities. The agents on strike at the smaller stations are still handling the express and mail matter, but refuse to touch the telegraph keys. R. L. Glover, vice-president of the O. R. T., is at Denison, in charge of that end of the strike.

Trains are running approximately by the time card and the officials state that they will fill the places of the strikers in a very short time as they anticipated at the start.

MURPHY SEES THE PRESIDENT

Washington, Aug. 2.—Among the callers on the president today was Dominick Murphy, secretary of the Panama canal commission. The president desired to confer with him regarding matters of a general nature. Some information which he will incorporate in his letter of acceptance will be supplied by the officials of the canal commission.

W. S. Stone, of Cleveland, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, also called. The call was purely social.

TRAIN ROBBERS ARE SENTENCED

Men Who Robbed Wells-Fargo Express Will Serve for Twenty Long Years.

Mexico City, Aug. 2.—The Americans who robbed a Wells Fargo Express car on the passenger train on the Mexican Central railroad, near Permejillo, in the state of Durango two years ago, of over \$50,000, have at last received their unappealable sentence, being that of 20 years imprisonment to be passed in the public jail of Durango.



UNCLE SAM—It may benefit you, Mr. Theodore, but that's a game I don't care to monkey with.

TAGGART GIVEN GREAT OVATION

"Smiling Tom" is Welcomed Home at Indianapolis

MET AT DEPOT BY TWO THOUSAND MEN

Four Thousand More Cheered Him in Public Hall

NEW NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN SAYS HE WILL USE ALL HONORABLE MEANS TO WIN

Indianapolis, Aug. 2.—Thomas Taggart, chairman of the National Democratic committee, arrived home this evening and was given public welcome in Tomlinson hall by the Democrats of the city and county. The speakers were Mayor John W. Holtzman, Mr. Taggart and ex-Senator Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota.

Mr. Taggart was met at the depot by 2,000 men in line, composing the Democratic clubs of the city. The escort also included many prominent Democrats of the state gathered here for the state convention tomorrow. Gathered at the hall were 4,000 people, who gave the national chairman, who had served three terms as mayor of the city, a rousing reception. State Chairman O'Brien introduced Mayor Holtzman, who formally welcomed Mr. Taggart home and congratulated him and the party upon his selection to head the national committee. Responding Mr. Taggart said:

"In accepting the position of chairman I fully realize the responsibility that comes with it and I shall use every honorable means within my power to conduct the campaign in such a manner that no friend of mine will have cause to regret my selection."

At the close of the meeting Mr. Taggart said he probably would announce the members of the national executive committee tomorrow. He declined to discuss the location of the western headquarters.

GEN. OKU



General Oku, who has been entrusted by Field Marshal Yamagata with the difficult task of seizing Port Arthur is a member of the new regime in Japan, and comes from a genuine Samurai family from Middle Japan. It was General Oku who won the stubborn fight at Nanchang Hill, and he is now according to the latest dispatches, pushing in the Russian lines toward Port Arthur with a slow but sure pressure from artillery, mixed with infantry charges which have never been exceeded in the history of war for dash and courage. If Oku grasps Port Arthur, with its fleet of Russian warships in the harbor, he will rank at once with the fabled heroes of Napoleon's time.

LITTLE ITALY HAS WAR CLOUD

Sillets Flash Furlously in Gotham's Sunny Colony

THREE DYING FROM STAB WOUNDS IN FREE FIGHT

Two Escape With Serious Slashes Over Bodies

STREET BRAWL THAT ALMOST REACHED RIOT ALARMS NEW YORKERS, WHO DON'T KNOW CAUSE OF IT

New York, Aug. 2.—Three men are in the hospital dying from stab wounds, and the police are searching for two other men who were severely cut about the face and body as the result of a street fight amounting to almost a riot, which took place in the Italian colony near Hamilton ferry in Brooklyn, tonight, during a Saints' day festival. The fatally wounded men in the hospital are Pasquale Curuso, Antonio Curuso and Peter Scurrelli. The names of the other two men are unknown and the police have been unable to learn the cause of the trouble.

JUDGE PARKER GETS A REST

Rain and Absence of Visitors Give Him Chance

TO WORK UP THAT SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE

Peabody, of Brooklyn, May be Made Treasurer

PARKER DOES NOT SAY SO, BUT THIS IS GENERAL OPINION IN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 2.—A rainy day and a practically complete cessation in the procession of visitors gave Judge Parker an unbroken morning in which to work on his speech of acceptance to be delivered upon the occasion of his formal notification on Wednesday of next week.

The rumor that George Foster Peabody, of Brooklyn, would be treasurer of the national committee, was the only political item attracting much attention here today. Judge Parker refused to comment in any way upon the report, but it is believed to be well founded and unless some important condition in the situation is made necessary by later developments the selection of Mr. Peabody as treasurer, will be announced within 24 hours.

It is said that the notification ceremony will take place about 2 p. m. Wednesday of next week. The notification committee will probably come to Esopus on a chartered steamer—either the Erie or the Hudson, though arrangements to that end are not yet complete. It is not yet settled how large a company will be present at the ceremonies or who will be invited.

TEXAS DEMOCRATS IN CONVENTION

"White Man's Union" Seats Its Delegates, Thereby Giving Nomination to John M. Pinckney

Houston, Texas, Aug. 2.—Little was accomplished by the Democratic state convention aside from perfecting temporary organization and the consideration of contests by the committee on credentials. The white man's union delegates from Grimes county, were seated, which gives the congressional nomination in the eighth district to John M. Pinckney, without further contest.

MEAT PACKERS CLAIM TO HAVE BEST END OF STRIKE

MANTLE MAY FALL ON MURAVIEFF

Present Russian Minister of Justice Is Mentioned

AS PROBABLE SUCCESSOR TO LATE VON PLEHEVE

This Is Report Emanating From St. Petersburg

MURAVIEFF HAS LONG RECORD AND HAS FIGURED CONSPICUOUSLY IN HIGH RUSSIAN CIRCLES

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—It is reported in well informed circles that M. Muravieff, the minister of justice, will succeed M. Von Plehve, late minister of the interior.

His Career. N. V. Muravieff, the minister of justice, is a brother of the late Count Muravieff, who, when minister for foreign affairs, died suddenly June 21, 1900. He was born in 1850 and with his brother, was greatly instrumental in the transformation of the Russian penal system and in utilizing the vast resources of Siberia. The two brothers descended from one of the oldest families in Russia. Since the year 1888 when the Muravieffs came into the landed estates in the Province of Novgorod which they have held ever since, they have figured on nearly every page of Russian history. The brothers were largely instrumental in building the trans-Siberian railroad. N. V. Muravieff was formerly a secretary of state in St. Petersburg and in 1892 was appointed president of the criminal section of the senate, which is the highest court in Russia.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—The meat packers whose union employees are on strike, claim to be in a better position tonight than at any time since the strike began. When asked for the packers' side of the situation tonight, Arthur Meeker, general manager for Armour & Co., said:

"The strike may be said to be near an end. At the rate we are securing new employes it will be only a matter of a short time now until everything will be in normal condition with us once more. When the butcher workmen repudiated their agreement and renewed the strike after signing an agreement to submit all grievances to arbitration we made a special effort to win the fight and we have been a great deal more successful in our efforts than the most sanguine of the employers had hoped for."

Despite the declarations of the packers' representative, the pens at the stock yards are filled with cattle and hogs that buyers make no bid for in the market. According to conservative men and officials of the Union Stock market and transit companies, one of the livestock received yesterday and today over 19,000 sheep and 10,000 hogs were re-shipped and unshipped stock is rapidly accumulating in the pens. In the face of all this shippers are constantly forwarding stock to Chicago, and the indications tonight are that there will be a decided slump in prices of livestock.

It is on this statement and what further information their own men have been able to secure that the strike leaders base their claims that the packers are still badly crippled, notwithstanding statements to the contrary. A considerable number of strike breakers who arrived in Chicago today were dissuaded from going to work by pickets.

RELATIONS OF THE CHURCH AND STATE

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES IN CONVENTION AT DETROIT, MICH.

"The Church Cannot Sanction Unjust or Bad Laws; It Cannot Sanction Divorce."

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 2.—Three hundred delegates were present today in the Light Guard Armory at the convention of the Catholic Societies. The sessions are secret and the only open meetings will be those in the evening at which addresses will be made by prominent clergy and laymen. After pontifical high mass had been concluded, Rev. Patrick O'Brien, of Toledo, preached the sermon. He discussed the authority of the church and that of the state, saying:

"The church cannot sanction unjust or bad laws; it cannot sanction the law of divorce because it is against the law of God. The state has no right to enact the law of divorce. I say it as a citizen loyal to the government. The church cannot sanction the present public school system of the country because it eliminates religion from the teachings; I know that it is an unpopular stand, but we must make it because we are right and the state is wrong. Our non-Catholic brethren, know us not. They look upon us with prejudiced eyes and imagine there is something in the teachings of the church that weakens our loyalty to the government. I defy any man to impugn the loyalty of Catholics."

"Though the number of Catholics in the country is 12,000,000, we have less influence than some of the weaker sects. It is because of cowardice in expressing our opinions. You will never get anything by keeping silent; you must advance your ideas; you must fight—but not think God, with deadly weapons. The object of your convention is a high and noble one. You must lay down a fighting program for the future, and carry it out."

LOOKS BLUE FOR THE STRIKERS

Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 2.—The packers say that today many strikers applied for their old positions, but none of them were employed because the companies had all the men they wished. Both plants here are working full hand, and full time according to the packers. No demonstrations of any sort were made today about the plants and the new employes come and go without being accosted. All pickets have been withdrawn.

The strikers continue to say that they are satisfied with conditions.

VEST NO BETTER

Sweet Springs, Mo., Aug. 2.—There was no perceptible change today in the condition of ex-Senator George G. Vest. He took light nourishment.

ARMOUR AND CO'S MANAGER SAYS STRIKE'S "BUSTED"

NEW EMPLOYERS FOUND WITHOUT MUCH TROUBLE

Strike Leaders, However, are Sanguine of Victory

NON-UNIONISTS ARE DISSUADED FROM GOING TO WORK BY PICKETS OF UNION WORKERS

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INSPECTOR CARROLL MAKES INSPECTION

It is Said That He Did So By Express Orders of President Roosevelt.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Inspector Carroll, the special representative of the United States department of commerce and labor, who obtained the evidence for the government on which an injunction was issued about two years ago by Judge Peter S. Grosscup, of the Federal district court, enjoying the larger packing companies from combining in making the prices either as buyers of live stock or sellers of meat, was at the stock yards today investigating conditions. The inspector's presence is by direction of the department of commerce and labor, actuated, it is said, by direct orders from President Roosevelt, who is anxious to obtain exact conditions.

SIXTEEN YEAR OLD BOY KILLS CHARLOTTE POLICEMAN WITH BLOW OF HIS FIST

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 2.—J. W. Brown, a member of the Charlotte police force, was killed by Paul Biggers, a 16-year-old white boy today. Biggers had been arrested and after the hearing the boy passed the officer and laughed or sneered at him. Brown gave chase and laid hold of Biggers, who struck him in the stomach with his fist. The officer thereupon knocked the boy senseless with his club. A large crowd gathered and threats against the officer were made but the crowd was kept back and the boy taken to the police station. Brown was taken ill shortly afterwards. It is supposed as a result of the blow struck by Biggers, and died a few hours later. Biggers was released on \$1,000 bond.