

BATTLE RAGED ALL DAY IN FRONT OF LIAO YANG

Inhabitants of the City Watch the Fighting from Housetops

SHOWER OF SCHRAPNEL

Fighting Began at 6 O'clock in the Morning and the Japanese Searched the Entire Russian Front With an Incessant Fire of Shrapnel—The Main Japanese Attack was Directed Against the Russian Right and Centre and There the Losses Were Heaviest—After Four Hours, the Artillery Fire Slackened, But the Infantry Pushed Steadily Forward—The Russian Troops Made a Stubborn Resistance and Their Losses are Comparatively Light—The Japanese Advance was so Vigorous that Hand-to-Hand Battles Resulted—Firing Ceased at 8 O'clock in the Evening, but the List of Casualties was not Obtainable.

Liao Yang, August 30.—2 a. m. Today is the anniversary of the birth of the Japanese emperor and the Russian army expects a general advance upon its positions around Liao Yang. Everybody is keyed up for the long awaited moment and the soldiers face today's probable events with confidence.

From early morning until noon yesterday in Liao Yang could be heard the dull rumble of distant guns. Then a lull of four hours ensued when, suddenly, firing reopened to the southwest heavier and nearer than before, and continued with but little intermission until darkness fell.

Every man is tonight sleeping at his post and dawn may bring a day memorable in history.

BATTLE OF LIAO YANG IN PROGRESS.

Liao Yang, August 30.—A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press supplies the following:

"The historical moment has arrived and the battle of Liao Yang is in progress. It was not 5 o'clock this morning when the first gun was fired, but soon afterwards hundreds of cannon were thundering along our southern and eastern fronts.

"The centre of our position is located near the famous tower of Liao Yang about seven miles to the southeast. The fighting there was of a most desperate character, but is now going on much nearer at the flanks.

"The hissing of the shells is distinctly audible and from the city it is easy to see the shells bursting.

"Heavy guns were brought into action by both sides today and their dull roar was discernible above the sharper detonation of field and mountain guns. The Russians are using ordnance which is in position in the inner ring of the Liao Yang forts.

"The noisy Chinese population has suddenly become quiet. The main street of Liao Yang, always the scene of the busiest traffic and usually resounding with thousands of shrill voices from sunrise to sunset, is now as silent as if it were night.

"The inhabitants are watching the distant battle from the house tops and watch towers or are wandering gloomily in the streets.

"We are asking ourselves if the tide of battle is going to swamp the city what is to become of the houses and other property."

INCESSANT SHOWER OF SHRAPNEL.

Liao Yang, August 30.—10 a. m. From 5 o'clock this morning up to 9 o'clock there has been an incessant shower of shrapnel. The heaviest cannonading is coming from the southeast where the Japanese evidently have numerous guns. Deadly shells are bursting everywhere, their white smoke being distinctly traceable. The Japanese are searching the up country side with their fire, selecting certain squares of territory on which for a few moments they mass a hail of shot and shell from all their guns. They then pass to another square thus working the whole field, with mathematical precision, from right to left. In this way the entire Russian front has been systematically searched in the first four hours of the cannonading. Then commenced the general Japanese advance along the whole line.

"At this hour, 10 a. m., the Japanese artillery fire has somewhat slackened, but their infantry is steadily pushing forward.

"The Russians have been holding their ground gallantly and their losses are small, considering the terrible nature of the Japanese fire.

JAPANESE CLOSE TO RUSSIAN ADVANCE GUARD.

St. Petersburg, August 30.—A dispatch

from General Sakharoff dated from Liao Yang at 10 a. m. today says:

"The main Japanese attack is being directed against the Russian centre and right, where the Russian losses have been the heaviest. The Japanese posted numerous artillery within range of all the Russian positions during the night. A hot fire was opened at 5 a. m., and by 9 o'clock the Japanese were close to the Russian positions.

"The Japanese shrapnel fire inflicted considerable losses on our corps at several points. Lieutenant Pokatiloff, commanding a battery of the Sixth Siberian brigade was killed.

"The Japanese are delivering an obstinate attack on our corps and at 9 o'clock this morning they were in close proximity to our advance guard."

HAND TO HAND BATTLES.

Liao Yang, August 30.—6:45 p. m. The battle is growing in intensity. The Japanese fire is chiefly directed on the Russian southern end. The advance was pressed with such vigor that it developed into a hand to hand fighting. The twenty third regiment repelling an attack at the point of the bayonet. One Japanese battery was dismantled. Wounded men have been pouring into Liao Yang since 8 o'clock this morning, mostly hurt by shrapnel shells and some by rifle bullets. The heights of Mastung, near the railroad, have been showered with projectiles.

FIGHTING LASTED ALL DAY.

London, August 30.—A dispatch from Liao Yang, to a news agency dated August 30 says:

"The Japanese fire only ceased at 8 o'clock this evening. The casualties have not yet been ascertained.

"The third Russian corps repulsed a hot Japanese assault, the Japanese being hurled back by bayonet charges, firstly by the twenty third and then by the twenty fourth regiments, which received and repulsed the enemy, no less than six times.

"Two Japanese companies which succeeded in occupying a Russian position were mistaken for Russians and annihilated by Japanese artillery fire.

"At four o'clock in the afternoon, the Japanese concentrated their fire on a Russian position, and also tried to outflank the detachment from the right under the protection of the batteries.

"There had been an immense expenditure of ammunition throughout the day, especially on the southern front against the Russian third corps.

"It is believed the Russian losses so far have not been very heavy, except to the regiment which sustained bayonet charges. All the men serving on Russian guns except one, were killed by shrapnel. The survivor who was badly wounded, heroically brought his gun to headquarters and even then refused to quit his place until the general peremptorily ordered him into the hospital. A more energetic attack is expected tomorrow.

"It seems that General Kuroki's force did not participate in today's engagement.

"The morale of the Russian troops is excellent."

RETREAT OF THE RUSSIANS.

Liao Yang, August 29.—(Delayed)—Throughout August 27th and 28th the Russian eastern divisions continued to fall back in good order on Liao Yang, but the movement was slow on account of bad roads and the difficulties of transportation and the Japanese pressing several times with light batteries, dragging guns to the hills and shelling the troops whose retreat was covered by Russian guns. Consequently there were frequent artillery duels.

General Marson was wounded and there were other losses of about 250 men.

The Japanese scouts are extremely active today (Monday). Rain is falling, but the rumble of artillery can be still heard on the eastward. The Russian retreat from Anshanshan was ordered for strategic reasons, practically no resistance being offered. A light screen of batteries facing the Japanese guns beautifully disposed on a chain of hills masked the withdrawal of the main force. When night fell the batteries also took up the retreat, their rear guard lighting bivouac fires to conceal the movement. But the Japanese soon discovered this ruse and pressed forward, coming up with the Russian rear guards Sunday morning. For an hour the light batteries were hotly engaged.

To the lot of the Omsk, Tobolsk and Krasnovarsk regiments fell the duty of covering the retreat of General Zoubaleff's fourth Siberian army corps. The task was difficult, as the enemy continued to advance, deploying light mountain guns against the Russian rear and left flank, and it was imperative that the enemy should be held back to permit the removal of the baggage and artillery trains. The roads were washed out and heavy with mud, produced by the deluge of rain preceding Friday. Many guns were mired and the horses exhausted. Cossacks and infantrymen were harnessed to the guns and managed to haul them along. It was slow work, but was successfully accomplished. The greatest difficulty of the retreat on the east front was experienced before Vambant pass, where it was necessary to hold the Japanese in check until the artillery transport passed through and also to keep in touch with the tenth army corps, commanded by General Hershelmann.

GENERAL ADVANCE OF THE JAPANESE.

St. Petersburg, August 30.—General Sakharoff reports that a large Japanese force is advancing northward along the Tsitsi river valley, west of the railroad. The report from General Sakharoff also announces an engagement between a Russian force and 150 Chinese bandits, of whom about fifty were killed.

In a brief telegram received today,

COMMITTED MANY MURDERS

FOUR DEATHS CAN BE TRACED TO ONE MAN.

And an Attempt to Poison Another Goes to Make up the List of Cold Blooded Crimes Perpetrated by Gershan Marx.

Colchester, Conn., August 30.—That Gershan B. Marx, now held in the Norwich county jail, is the perpetrator of a series of cold blooded murders probably without precedent in the history of Connecticut is the belief of the state officials who, today, began a systematic search for bodies on the Marx farm.

Four murders and an attempt to poison another man can, it is believed by these officials, be traced to Marx.

The bodies of two of Marx's victims, Joe Pavol and Joe Palma, have been found. Marx is awaiting trial charged with the murder of Pavol, his wife being held as a witness. The two bodies for which the search was begun today are those of an eighteen year old boy and a Hebrew peddler. The boy who was known as Harry, arrived in New York from Russia about three years ago and he came here soon after to work for Marx. He worked on the farm for about six months and then suddenly disappeared. Marx was asked to explain the lad's absence and said he had gone to Hartford to find employment. The Hebrew peddler went to the Marx home one evening two years ago and he has not been seen since, so far as known. These two men, in the opinion of States Attorney Lucas and Sheriff Jackson, met their death in the same manner, as the two farm hands and to obtain positive proof supporting their opinion, efforts are being made to unearth the bodies.

A Polisher, known as "Joe," today made a statement to Sheriff Jackson in which he accused Marx of attempting to end his life with poisoned whiskey. Joe took the whiskey, but was afraid to drink it and he put it away.

The two whose bodies have been found were six months behind in their wages, and the young boy Harry, of whose no trace has yet been found. The manner in which these men met their death appears to be plain.

It is said that he drugged his victims when they pressed him to hand for their wages, and then crushed their heads with an axe or some blunt instrument, after which the bodies were dismembered and buried.

ENEMIES FOR THIRTY YEARS.

Fatal Results of a Disastrous Battle Between the Whitakers and Altizers.

Richmond, August 30.—A Tazewell, Va., special says:

Information reaches town of a most disastrous battle last night between the Whitakers and Altizers at their home on Indian Creek, about fifteen miles north of Tazewell.

As a result of the fight Noah Altizer is dead, Lee Whitaker seriously injured, Bill Whitaker also shot through and through, with the chances of his recovery very meagre, and John Stanson, a sympathizer of the Altizers, seriously injured.

The trouble occurred at a meeting of the Hardship Baptist and Seventh-Day Adventists, with whom the Whitakers and Altizers affiliated. The services were in progress when some one fired a shot and a general fusillade began, with the result named. The Whitakers and Altizers have been enemies for thirty years.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARIES.

State Officers Nominated Without Opposition.

Charleston, S. C., August 30.—Democratic primary elections were held throughout South Carolina today for state and county officers and members of Congress. Success in this primary ensures success in the general election in November as the Republicans make no nominations, except possibly in some districts for Congress. The state officers nominated without opposition today were:

For Governor, D. C. Heyward; Lieutenant Governor, John T. Sloan; Secretary of State, J. T. Gantt; Attorney General, U. X. Gunter, Jr.; State Treasurer, R. H. Jennings; Comptroller General, A. W. Jones; Superintendent of Education, O. B. Martin; Adjutant General, J. D. Frost.

A 24 MILE FOOT RACE.

Third Contest of the Kind Ever Held Won by a Cambridge Boy.

St. Louis, Mo., August 30.—The Olympic Mearan, the third foot race contest of the kind ever held and the first ever held on American soil, participated in by thirty one men, classed among the fleetest runners of the world was won today by Thomas J. Hicks, of Cambridge, Mass., who is the first American to win this event in the revival of Olympic games. Albert J. Corey, of Chicago, a native born Frenchman, crossed the goal line second, and Chas. Newland crossed third. The distance of the race was forty kilometers, equal to twenty four miles and 1,500 yards. This distance was run by Hicks in the officially announced time of three hours, twenty eight minutes and fifty three seconds. Corey three hours, thirty four minutes and sixteen seconds; Newland, three hours, forty seven minutes and thirty three seconds.

The winner of the distance race received a cup presented by President Francis of the Exposition and an Olympic championship gold medal.

Homicide at Red Hill Near Bennettsville.

Charlotte, N. C., August 30.—A special from Bennettsville, S. C., tells of a homicide at Red Hill, near there today. Calvin Hyatt, shooting and killing Malcolm Brewer. The trouble was over the arrest of Brewer's son by Hyatt, who is a constable. Brewer is said to have assaulted Hyatt when the officer shot him. Both parties are white.

GIVEN A WARM RECEPTION

FAYETTEVILLE'S TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JAS. D. McNEILL

The People Showed in Hearty Manner Their Appreciation of the Honor of His Selection as President of the National Firemen's Association.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, August 30.—A wonderful demonstration took place in the city this afternoon on the arrival of the train from Greensboro, in the public reception tendered Captain J. D. McNeill recently elected president of the National Association of Firemen at St. Louis. As the train rolled in the suburbs it was saluted by the firing of cannon and at the station Captain McNeill was met by a great assemblage of his fellow citizens.

The procession from the station down Hay street, around the market and thence to the speakers stand in front of the armory was beautiful and spectacular. It was led by the Holt-Morgan cornet band with F. H. Cotton as chief marshal, a brilliant staff of aides and about one hundred mounted horsemen. Then followed the fire department in showy uniforms, with their fire engine, steamer, hose reel teams and wagons, all profusely decorated. A charming feature of the parade was a chariot drawn by four iron gray horses and driven by Mr. S. H. Strange, embellished with flowers and bunting and containing a group of lovely young girls. With the moving of the procession the bells of the city rang and the steam whistles blew.

At the stand at the armory, after music by the band, acting Mayor D. A. McMillan gracefully introduced Rev. I. W. Hughes, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, and chaplain of the Fayetteville Steam Fire company, who offered a fervent prayer. Mr. J. H. Myrover then in behalf of the people of Fayetteville made a brief address of welcome to Captain McNeill who responded in very happy terms with an eloquent speech, the descriptive of the magnitude of the St. Louis exposition. This public reception to Captain McNeill was a most gratifying success reflecting great credit on the management and especially on Mr. John Underhill, chairman of the committee of arrangements. The people generally are delighted over it and it is estimated that between 4,000 and 5,000 were in attendance. A squad of mounted police rode at the head of the procession.

THE MATTER OF LEASE.

Amount of the Bids as Now Before the Governor—Mrs. McDonald Sues For Divorce.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 30.—It has been very difficult to ascertain precisely the exact amount of the bids for the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad but it may now be positively stated that the Howland and Kennedy bids average 4 3-5 per cent, and the bid of the Atlantic Railway Company something over 5 per cent.

The Philadelphia syndicate has not perfected its bid up, and it appears that it may be dropped out of the question. The governor notified the syndicate that a deposit, as a guaranty was a prime necessity but no attention has yet been paid to this notice.

Mrs. Stella M. McDonald brought suit today for limited divorce against Paul McDonald, sending another chapter in a notable case. Two years ago McDonald, after residing in Harnett county, N. C., came to Fayetteville and was called on and took the deepest interest in the case, offering a large reward which the county supplemented and after a lengthy search McDonald was found in South Carolina. The governor said there must be a marriage, or a large sum paid the girl. McDonald declared he was willing to marry, in fact he always intended to do so. The marriage followed but on the second day afterwards he fled and has not been seen or heard of since. Mrs. McDonald prays the court for the custody of their child.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING AFFAIR

Traveling Salesman Shot in His House—His Wife Held Pending an Investigation.

Memphis, Tenn., August 30.—Milton J. Sternberger, a travelling salesman, was the victim of a mysterious shooting affair here tonight and he is in a dying condition at a local hospital. His wife is being held by the police, pending an investigation.

The Sternbergers live on Dunlap street. At an early hour tonight Sternberger who travels for a local soap manufactory was packing a grip and, it is alleged, asked his wife for a pistol which he had given her. The woman claims that in a scuffle for possession of the weapon it was accidentally discharged, inflicting what is supposed to be a fatal wound in the back of the man's head. Investigation showed that Sternberger had been wounded three times and three shots were fired from the revolver. Mrs. Sternberger was taken in charge by the police. Sternberger came here from Charleston, S. C., about five years ago. It is said he married there shortly before coming to Memphis.

Former Sultan of Turkey Dies, After Long Illness.

Sonstantinople, August 30.—Former Sultan Murad V. died yesterday of diabetes from which he had long suffered. Murad V. was born in 1840 and ascended the throne after the murder of the Sultan Abdul Aziz, May, 1876. In July of that year, Murad was placed under the regency of his brother, the present Sultan, Abdul Hamid I and on August 31, he was dethroned. Outwardly this act was performed legally by the council of ministers, on the ground that he was insane.

COURT OF INQUIRY

CONDUCT OF THE MILITARY BEING INVESTIGATED.

The Sessions of the Court Resumed at Statesboro—Judge Daley, the Deputies and Others Examined—Names of Three Men Who Were in the Mob.

Savannah, Ga., August 30.—The Governor's military court of inquiry to investigate the conduct of the military in connection with the Statesboro lynching, resumed its session today in the court house at Statesboro.

Judge Daley who presided at the trial, conviction and sentencing of Reed and Cato, the negroes who were burned was the first witness. Judge Daley said that when Captain Hitch arrived he placed him in entire control, giving him plenary power. He considered the military force of hand at all times adequate. He instructed the sheriff to arrest the leaders of the mob on Tuesday, when sentence was pronounced. He endeavored to address the mob, but said he was obliged to speak by installments. He told Captain Hitch on Monday that a plan was on foot to take the guns from the soldiers, but on Tuesday morning told him he thought the danger was over.

Sheriff J. Z. Kendrick, the second witness, denied that he pointed out the prisoners. He said he was attempting to take them from the prisoners room to the solicitors office. "When the mob started up the stairway," said Sheriff Kendrick, "I hurried to the prisoners rooms and tried to get them out and hide them in the next room. I expected to get them through a scuttle hole. I stated to Sergeant Fulton that Captain Hitch had been overpowered and told him to stand aside and let me have the prisoners, before I could do anything at all, the mob grabbed me. One man said I had been shooting off my lip too much, and that he would shoot my head off. I could offer no resistance, in fact I did not want to commit suicide."

The witness did not know how the door opened.

At the afternoon session, Deputy Monney testified that he did not know a man in the mob. He had resided in Statesboro for years. He got out of the way when the mob entered the court room, because he was afraid they would shoot.

Deputy Sheriff Albert Kendrick said he knew no one in the mob.

Rev. Wily Langston, pastor of the Methodist church, testified that he recognized several men in the mob and gave their names to the court. Three of the names that have been given are or well known business men. W. B. Moore, L. George and T. J. Denmark.

AT THE CAMP

Cavalry and Infantry on the Manoeuver Grounds.

A FINAL REVIEW

Will be Held at Wellington on September 10th and Will be a Spectacular Feature—General Corbin Makes Inspection Tour—Troops Under Command of Generals Corbin and Bell Participated in the Dedication of a Monument to the Memory of the Confederate Dead, at Groveton—Governor Montague, Delivered the Principal Address—General Corbin Spoke Briefly

Headquarters, Camp, Gainesville, Va., Aug. 30.—Gen. Corbin today fixed September 10 as the date for holding the final review of the twenty-five thousand troops to participate in the annual manoeuvres of the army, and at Wellington, Va., as the place for holding the review. This decision was reached after the broad, sloping acres adjoining the railroad track at Wellington had been inspected by the general, accompanied by Colonel Knight, a member of his staff. The inspection trip was made in an automobile and headquarters of General Grant at Manassas was visited before the return was made to headquarters camp.

The review is to be a spectacular feature of the manoeuvres and great preparations are making by the Southern Railway to transport large crowds from Washington and the east.

The inspection trip to Division Camp Number 1, was entirely satisfactory. General Corbin is laying special emphasis on the lesson to be learned by the militiamen regarding proper camp sanitation, the arrangement of troops and the proper laying out of the tented field. The trackage facilities provided at the camp furnish an excellent opportunity for transportation facilities, and the object lesson is not to be overlooked as a part of the benefit of the manoeuvres.

Today troops of cavalry and companies of infantry were everywhere present in the manoeuvres grounds. The practice marches are being made part of the daily progress of the two camps. In the meantime, the staff and brigade officers of both Generals Grant and Bell are familiarizing themselves with the roads and lay of the country for strategic purposes.

Troops of the United States army, General Corbin in command, and General Bell commanding the seventh cavalry, participated in the dedication of a monument to the memory of the Confederate dead of the first battle of Bull Run at Groveton today. The principal address was delivered by Governor Montague. General Corbin spoke briefly, and J. B. McCabe, of Leesburg also participated in the exercises.

Troops of cavalry converged at Groveton today from Thoroughfare, Manassas and Gainesville. Over every road leading to the place soldiers equipped for war were to be seen. The exercises at the monument were simple. They began at 11 o'clock with prayer by Chaplain Newton, of the seventh cavalry. The unveiling was done by the Bull Run auxiliary Daughters of the Confederacy, assisted by the Manassas auxiliary and the 8th chapter of the same organization, as well as the Woman's Auxiliary of R. E. Lee camp. Mrs. James E. Alander presiding. Music was furnished by the seventh cavalry band.

Governor Montague reviewed the splendid fighting qualities of the Confederate troops as displayed in the Bull Run battles. This devotion to duty and splendid courage, he said, was the only redeeming feature of the war, and this was the lesson which the cultivation of the memory of the dead of that day should teach.

General Corbin identified himself as a Virginian, congratulated the state on its dead heroes and the living gentlemen and the United States army of the privilege of learning the lessons of warfare on the historic ground, to the end that the injunction of George Washington might be carried out: "In time of peace prepare for war."

The practice march of General Bell's troops from Thoroughfare was declared to be satisfactory. Five divisions were dispatched this morning over as many roads, and all reached their destination at precisely the proposed time, 10:30 o'clock.

Seventy Persons Drowned.

London, August 30.—A dispatch to a news agency from Berlin says a telegram has been received from Lodz, Poland, announcing that a ferry boat capsized today on the river Kamien, resulting in seventy persons being drowned. Thirty of the passengers were saved. It is added that the boat was licensed to carry only thirty persons.

General Stoessel cannot hope to kill as many Jaaps as the Che Foo correspondents.—Atlanta Journal.

TOBACCO BRINGS FAIR PRICES.

The Crop in Wayne County is Very Small—Two Warehouses Open.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Goldboro, N. C., August 30.—Contrary to all expectations tobacco is bringing a very fair price this year. There was such little interest manifested in the Goldboro market at the beginning of the season as to cause only one of the three warehouses to be leased, but the season had not been very far advanced before another warehouse had been leased and put into operation.

The crop is very small in this county and it is expected that the price would be something like what it was last year. People who were so fortunate as to cultivate the crop have disposed of their cullings up to the present time for more than the best grades last season. The farmer who devoted a space on his land to the cultivation of tobacco is more fortunate so far than the man who gave his entire attention to cotton, notwithstanding the fact that cotton is also advancing in price at the present time.

McCARREN IS STILL LEADER.

He Carries 16 Out of the 21 Assembly Districts in Brooklyn

New York, August 30.—State Senator McCarran carried sixteen out of the twenty-one assembly districts in Brooklyn, N. Y., in today's contest at the Democratic primaries.

Deputy Fire Commissioner Doyle, the Tammany leader, carried the second, seventh, ninth, eleventh and twelfth districts.

In an interview tonight Senator McCarran claims that the primaries give him practically a clean sweep of Kings county. He also said that the results indicate that the primaries showed the confidence of the people in Brooklyn in his leadership. Deputy Commissioner Doyle made the statement that in his district, the seventh, the loss of plurality which is something like two thousand over last year, simply indicated the result of the defection of John S. Sutherland, who until recently was a Doyle man. He also says that his district will give Parker and Davis the biggest majority given any Democratic candidates in twenty years. Doyle won the seventh by only 256 votes.

GATHERING OF EDITORS.

Democratic Newspaper Men Will Visit Parker at Esopus.

New York, August 30.—Josephus Daniels, member of the Democratic national committee for North Carolina who has been designated as chairman of the committee on editorial conference arrived in New York today and began the work of the organization for the coming conference of Democratic editors, who will assemble September 6th.

Today Mr. Daniels was making arrangements for the banquet which will take place on Wednesday evening September 7th. The day following the editors will visit Esopus by steamer.