

THE WEATHER TODAY:
For North Carolina:
Fair.
For Raleigh:
Showers.

THE MORNING POST.

TEMPERATURE:
Temperature for the day
84 hours:
Maximum, 75.
Minimum, 55.

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PORT ARTHUR CUT OFF FRONT AND REAR

A Japanese Army Landed on the Peninsula, Cutting off Communication by Railroad--The Harbor Blocked to Ships of War. A Long Siege Expected

Washington, May 6.—The Japanese began this afternoon made public the following cablegram from the Tokio government, under today's date:

"Admiral Hosoya reports the seventh detached fleet and the twentieth torpedo fleet, with transports Hong Kong Maru and Nippon Maru, arrived at Laotung May 5, at 5:30 a. m. Some of the enemy's sentinels, seen on top of a hill adjoining the coast, were driven away by our fire.

"The naval brigade, under Captain Noto, was then ordered to land. Efforts were made to prevent the boats' approach to the shore. They were driven deep 1,000 meters and gained the shore at 7:22 a. m. Immediately marching, they reached the heights and hoisted our flag.

"Meanwhile, the gunboats Akagi, Chikuma and Chokai approached the shore to flank the landing place in order to divert the enemy. The Akagi found 100 of the enemy and dispersed them.

"Transports arrived at 8:05 a. m. with the first echelon of the second army, which were a Japanese flag on top of the hill, immediately commenced landing, which was effected splendidly, despite deep water. They are now building positions."

The location has also received the following official dispatch from the foreign office at Tokio:

"General Kuroki, commandant of the first Japanese army corps, reports that on May 1 our mounted scouts, after a severe hand to hand fight near Feng Wang Cheng, drove back the Russian forces and gained the heights. The Russian infantry, posted on a hill near Feng Wang Cheng, fired upon the scouts and killed 70 and wounded 100. The rest of the body fled in disorder, abandoning their commissary carts.

"Russian officers captured by us say the only bodies which retreated in order on May 1 were five or six infantry battalions and two artillery companies. Two hundred more Russian killed and wounded were found left on the field, and more of them are forthcoming."

Official confirmation of the report that the Japanese have landed on the Laotung peninsula, back of Port Arthur was received by the state department this morning. The dispatch says that the place of landing was on Kinshu Bay, about forty-five miles north-east of Port Arthur.

CHICAGO FEARS A PIE FAMINE

Striking Bakers Surround a Bakery and Assault Delivery Wagons

Chicago, May 6.—The striking bakers reached the riot stage in their fight for higher wages today. Scores of strike sympathizers surrounded the H. Piper Company's bakery, Wells street and North avenue, early in the day, and attempted to destroy the delivery wagons. Twenty-five wagons were in the barn. A dash was made, but the mob stopped the progress of the drivers by a fierce onslaught. Bricks and stones, clubs and sticks rained upon the wagons. Hiding behind the covers of the wagons, the drivers, who are union men, made desperate efforts to escape from the mob. The police were hastily summoned and they charged the mob, which soon dispersed.

A pie famine is threatened, as all the bakers are devoting their attention to the more profitable work of baking bread. In spite of the statements that the strike has not been effective the strikers seem to have done considerable damage. Bread is scarce in all parts of the city. Many of the strikers are employed in union shops, but there they can not turn out so many loaves as they did in the big bake shops.

MRS. POWELL'S CRIME

Lawyer's Argue the Sensational Delaware Murder

Dover, Del., May 6.—Within a few hours the fate of Mrs. Powell will be in the hands of the jury. Before concluding the testimony today Mrs. Besie Kenny swore that last Christmas week she was at the Powell house and Estelle Albin told her that she had put poison in Mrs. Powell's coffee and would kill her if she had to poison the whole family.

Deputy Attorney General Richards asked: "But was not your brother, Charles E. Wooters, eating at the same table?"

"When did you first tell this story?"

"A short time ago."

"What did you tell Detective Ratledge when he came to see you about this?"

"I did not tell him anything about it."

Attorney Richards, in the first address to the jury, pictured Mrs. Powell as the perpetrator of the most fiendish crime of recent years. During his arraignment of the prisoner Mrs. Clara Williams, a sister of the murdered girl, who was in the witness room, became hysterical and cried and moaned in her distress.

In argument for the defense Frank H. Davis described the fatal quarrel as a fight between two jealous women.

BUTLER STRIKES OIL AND MAKES A FORTUNE

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SURE OF PORT ARTHUR

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The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Post confirms the reports of the closing of the harbor of Port Arthur. He adds that the Russians found the entrance practically blocked after Monday's fight. Admiral Alexiéf and his staff took a train for Mukden before the Japanese seized the railway. The second Japanese corps of the army is now occupying the Laotung Peninsula without opposition, principally from below New Chwang. Grand Duke Boris left Port Arthur after Monday's blockade before the railway was seized.

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MILLS A BRIGADIER

President Decides to Make a Recess Appointment

Washington, May 6.—President Roosevelt has decided to make a recess appointment of Col. Albert L. Mills, superintendent of the West Point Academy, with the rank of brigadier general.

The nomination of Colonel Mills for this promotion, while favorably reported to the Senate by the military committee, failed of confirmation. After talking the matter over with Secretary Taft, the president has reached the conclusion that he can not ignore the favorable action of the Senate military committee, and therefore makes the promotion subject to the approval or disapproval of the Senate at its next session.

Colonel Mills has been superintendent of the academy since August 22, 1898, soon after his return from Cuba at the close of the war with Spain.

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Proof of Crime Found on Italian Murderers

Buffalo, N. Y., May 6.—Four Italian suspects were lodged in the jail at half past eight o'clock tonight, and District Attorney Church, Sheriff Bellamy and two detectives employed in the hunt are absolutely certain they are the murderers of John Van Gorder and Miss Anna Parmham, who were beaten and stabbed to death at their home near Angelica Tuesday night. The four men were arrested in Buffalo yesterday by the Buffalo police in response to descriptions telegraphed by the officers working on the case. On their persons were found a Van Gorder's watch, overcoat, knife and a bloody long-bladed knife, and some incriminating things. There were blood spots on their clothing and the store they told was not a straight one.

Only one of the four men gave the name of his correct name. He was Antonio Gioria, aged 30, known in the neighborhood as the man with the mole on his nose. The correct names of the others are Giuseppe Versace, aged 23, Sabatino Pizzano, aged 26, and Pagnolo, aged

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TEXAS HEROES

Two Marbled Figures for the Hall of Statuary

Washington, May 6.—Arrangements are being made at the capitol for placing in position in Statuary Hall the two marble figures which are en route to this city as the contribution of the state of Texas to the galaxy of eminent Americans. The figures from the Lone Star state are Gen. Sam Houston and Gen. Stephen F. Austin, the favorite sons of the great southwestern commonwealth. The marbles arrived in New York day before yesterday in the steamer Princess Irene from Genoa, Italy, where they were created by Miss Elizabeth Ney. Miss Ney is a well known sculptor and the niece of Marshal Ney, the celebrated French military hero.

HEARST VICTORY IN OHIO

Canton, Ohio, May 6.—The Hearst forces swept the plat clean at the convention of the Democrats of the 18th congressional district at Alliance today. A bitter contest was waged by the conservative element in behalf of Judge Parker. The resolutions adopted affirmed the principles of the national platforms of 1896 and 1900. W. J. Foley was nominated by acclamation for Congress. James Rice, former mayor of Canton, and an aggressive Bryan man, was named for presidential elector.

Rhodes I. Gregory of Canton, an outspoken Hearst man, and Thomas J. McNamara of Youngstown were chosen delegates to the national convention,

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FISHING AND HUNTING PARTY

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Wire service is still badly crippled as a result of the storms and reports are incomplete. The lives lost in isolated places will swell the total to twenty. News tonight reports that part of the Diller ranch, near Albany, was wrecked and a ranch employe badly hurt. The home of a Mr. Harden, near Throckmorton, was wrecked and the family was badly hurt. Mr. Harden was rendered unconscious. At Ruby, John Mullen's house was wrecked. Mr. and Mrs. Mullen were carried nearly one hundred yards by the wind. Mrs. Mullen is believed to be fatally hurt. Wesley Hurlock, fourteen years old, was killed at Sunset, in Wise county. Nearly twenty buildings were wrecked.