

THE WEATHER TODAY:
For North Carolina:
Unsettled Weather.
For Raleigh:
Probably showers.

THE MORNING POST.

TEMPERATURE:
Temperature for the
past 24 hours:
Maximum, 82.
Minimum, 69.

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JAPANESE ARTILLERY POUND POSITIONS INTO SUBJECTION

The Fighting at Talienwan Pass Described by Russian Correspondents--Japanese Brought up Guns in the Night and Then Carried All Before Them

St. Petersburg, June 29.—A Russian correspondent, telegraphing from Haicheng yesterday, says: "The Japanese have passed Delin Hill and are twenty miles south of our position. A heavy engagement is expected tomorrow near Simuncheng. The Japanese have given us time to unite and strengthen our base and flank, while Kuroki is not as secure as formerly from a flank attack. The eighty wounded from the Delin fight arrived yesterday by train. They were sent through with 200 others, to Liao Yang. The fighting was continuous Sunday and Monday, the Japanese successively driving the Russians from their positions. Afterward the Japanese occupied the positions with artillery. The Japanese again demonstrated their reliance upon artillery, pounding each coveted position into subjection. The Japanese were greatly superior in men and guns, although their practice was not as accurate as usual. The Russians silenced two batteries Monday, but the Japanese brought up a train of big guns, forcing the lighter Russian artillery to retire. As the Japanese threatened to surround the Russians a general retreat was rendered necessary, the Russians carrying off all their guns."

A correspondent of the Russ describes the capture of Talienwan pass by the Japanese. He sends his report from Haicheng under date of yesterday. He says that the Russian force he accompanied was stationed ten miles beyond the pass. Several Japanese columns advanced Sunday upon the position, which was held by three battalions. The Russians declined to withdraw until nearly surrounded, when they rejoined the troops holding the Talienwan pass.

There was severe fighting throughout Saturday afternoon and Sunday, the Russians pouring in a heavy fire into the dense masses of Japanese cavalry. When the firing ceased at dusk the Japanese did not stop working. They continued to bring up guns, placing them in readiness for the next day's fighting. One Japanese battery was established exactly where two Russian guns had been Saturday. The battle was resumed Monday at dawn. The Japanese, under cover of their artillery, resumed their outflanking operations. The Russian left flank, yielding to pressure, fell back, the artillerymen in the center firing as long as they had any shells remaining. The gunners tried to carry off their guns before retiring. The Japanese had siege guns in position. The Russian losses were very heavy.

From the foregoing report it would seem that Talienwan pass captured is not the one on the extreme left of General Kuroki's line, but the one near Haicheng.

Port Arthur Forts Reported Taken
Tokio, June 29.—It is unofficially reported that the Chikwanshan, Chitanshan and Sochosan forts, southeast of and part of the Port Arthur defenses, were captured Sunday, after an all day fight beginning with an artillery duel. Sochosan, it is added, was first captured, and the other forts fell soon afterwards. The Russians retreated west, leaving forty dead. The number of wounded has not been ascertained. The Japanese force consisted of all branches of the service. The Japanese lost three officers and a hundred men killed or wounded, and captured two guns and a quantity of ammunition. The officials here do not confirm the report.

Continuous Fighting on Land and Sea
Chefoo, June 29.—Chinese arrivals

General Miles to Be the Water Wagon Candidate

Indianapolis, Ind., June 29.—The efforts of the opponents of General Miles to head off his nomination by giving out a letter in which he says he did not desire the honor reacted upon them today, and under the lead of John G. Woolley of Chicago the general's stock has gradually appreciated until his nomination is now a certainty. It is admitted tonight that only an authoritative statement from him declining the honor will prevent his selection on the first ballot tomorrow. An enthusiastic meeting was held on the steps of the state capitol this afternoon under a call for a mass meeting for all of the general's friends. Fully 2,000 people were present and a half dozen speeches were made by prominent prohibitionists, all of whom spoke in favor of Miles. The most conservative es-

timates give the general two-thirds of the votes of the convention on the first ballot.

At the first session of the convention, held this morning, the reports of the various committees were submitted. There were no contests and the only debate came over the report of the committee on rules and order of business. The report was finally adopted. R. P. Tracey of Chicago was elected chairman of the platform committee. It was the unanimous opinion of the committee that the platform should come out decisively for prohibition. It was expected that the platform would be submitted at a session of the convention this evening, but the committee did not complete its labors and the convention adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Another Russian Defeat
Tiensin, June 29.—It is reported that the Russians were defeated about sixteen miles east of Haicheng yesterday, and it is added that owing to the rapid advance of the Japanese the Russians at Tachekiao are hurriedly retreating north, fearing to be cut off.

Japanese Occupy Kaiping
St. Petersburg, June 29.—A correspondent of the Videmosty, with the Russian armies in Manchuria, telegraphs that the Japanese occupied Kaiping, twenty miles south of Tachekiao and 25 miles southeast of New Chwang, yesterday.

Kuropatkin Avoiding a General Action
Rome, June 29.—A dispatch from Tokio states that General Kuropatkin is retreating upon Liao Yang and avoiding a general action.

Russian Ship on the Rocks
Chefoo, June 29.—Chinese who arrived here today by junk confirm the report that a large vessel is ashore near Port Arthur. They say she is lying ten miles southeast of Liaotshian.

HOUSES UNDER WATER

A cloudburst causes loss of life and property
Pittsburg, Pa., June 29.—Over five hundred homes, business houses and school houses, a short distance from Pittsburg on the Pan Handle railroad, were inundated in from two to ten feet of water in Robinson Run Hollow and Charters Valley by the cloudburst there last night. Many buildings and bridges were washed away, horses and cattle were drowned and at least one life was lost. There were many narrow escapes. The only fatality reported so far was the drowning of an unknown Italian, whose body was found floating in Robinson Run early today. The damage will reach \$100,000.

NAVAL SENSATION

Court-martial Sentence Confined to a Reprimand
Washington, June 29.—President Roosevelt has set aside the court-martial sentence reducing Paymaster Harry N. Biscoe of the navy fifteen numbers in his grade, and has directed that the officer's punishment be confined to a mere reprimand. This action of the president virtually sustains the appeal of Paymaster Biscoe that the sentence be wiped out upon the ground that it was excessive. Paymaster Biscoe also contended that the court which convicted him was influenced by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, who appointed it, but it is not known whether the president upheld this view or not, as the papers in the case have not been made public and will

not be until Secretary Moody returns to Washington tomorrow. When the action of the president becomes known it is bound to cause something of a sensation in navy circles, where the Biscoe case has attracted great attention on account of the charges against Admiral Evans, made by Mr. Biscoe, and the effect it might have upon Admiral Evans' candidacy for the office of chief of the bureau of navigation. This office is the most important and powerful under the secretary of the navy.

AFRAID TO FLY

Col. Kingsbury on the Slashing of Dumont's Airship
St. Louis, Mo., June 29.—Col. Kingsbury, chief of the Jefferson Guard, submitted his report to President Francis on the slashing of Santos Dumont's balloon Monday night. In this he says: "It is my opinion that Santos Dumont had the balloon cut himself." The report is withheld. It contains about 3,000 words. Asked his reason for believing this, Col. Kingsbury said: "All the circumstances point to this theory. I do not believe Santos Dumont ever intended to fly at St. Louis. I think he intended to exhibit his airship here and to charge admission to see it. I think he had a rule so he could have a moral, if not a legal, hold upon the exposition company and compel the company to grant him a concession to exhibit his ship." In the report to President Francis the colonel lays stress upon the fact that Santos Dumont and his men were unduly careless in guarding the airship. Col. Kingsbury thinks that Santos Dumont is afraid to fly at the fair. Santos Dumont was highly indignant when informed of Col Kingsbury's theory. He declared it was ridiculous to discuss. The Brazilian's friends are also indignant over the accusation.

Composer of Dixie Dead

Columbus, O., June 29.—A telephone message from Mount Vernon, O., announces the sudden death in that city yesterday of "Dan" Emmett, the old-time minstrel, and famous as the composer of "Dixie." Emmett was about 86 years old. His last public appearance was made four years ago, when he toured with a minstrel company.

Retribution by Force

Berlin, June 29.—The German cruiser Panther, at Newport News, Va., has been ordered to proceed to Port-Au-Prince, there to co-operate with a French cruiser to exact retribution for the recent attack on the German and French minister by members of the Haytian palace guard.

CLEVELAND'S WIRE

He Will Keep in Touch With the St. Louis Convention
Sandwich, N. H., June 29.—Former President Grover Cleveland is having a private telegraph line erected from Madison to his summer home in Sandwich, a distance of fifteen miles. Mr. Cleveland is expected to arrive here

News About Taking of Forts Is Vague

If True It Is of Great Importance as It Foreshadows the Fall of the Russian Stronghold

London, June 30.—There is no official confirmation of the reports of the capture by the Japanese of forts at Port Arthur. The Morning Post's Tokio correspondent describes the captured forts as being on the heights in the vicinity of Talienwan Bay. The Chronicle places the Chikwanshan fort in the center of the Tiger Tail Peninsula, southwest of Port Arthur. Its Tokio correspondent says the Japanese are advancing toward Port Arthur on both sides of the Kwangtung Peninsula. The Telegraph's Tokio correspondent quotes the Asahi as saying that the Japanese, advancing from the eastward of Latun Bashi Hill, took the Huhanshan and Hshteishan forts. The Chefoo correspondent of the Express reports that the Japanese advance began early Sunday from the northwest. They first occupied Sungshoo Hill, four miles from Kutun. They afterwards seized Kalyangchiao and Lungtungchiao, on the coast, using the island of Siaupingtao as a naval base. A body of cavalry and infantry, advancing from Sungshoo Hill, occupied Chikwanshan and Hautashan.

All the heights were extensively fortified and mined. The Russians fiercely resisted, but the Japanese force was overwhelming, and by evening they had secured all the coveted points and the Russians retired on the inner defenses of Port Arthur. Nothing further can be learned of the capture by the Japanese of Motien

FIREMEN FAINTED

Hard Fight With a Blaze in a Basement
New York, June 29.—A fire at 403 and 405 Broadway today gave the firemen a stubborn fight. It started in a sub-cellar. Nine firemen were knocked out by smoke and gas, and twenty-nine others were dragged fainting to the street at odd times during the fight with the flames. Captain Edward J. Levy, of engine No. 29, was the most seriously affected. He was overcome by smoke in the sub-cellar and was nearly drowned by rapidly rising water. He was unconscious when taken to St. Vincent hospital and became delirious. It was said to-night, however, that Levy was improving. The building where the fire occurred is occupied by Well, Haskin & Company, dealers in shirts, laces and handkerchiefs, Rice & Hochster, dealers in tortoise shell goods and celluloid stuff, and William Meyers & Company, who deal in lace and embroideries. The fire caused a panic among the fifty girls employed in the building, but all got out in safety. The firemen succeeded in confining the fire to the cellar and sub-cellar. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

MOB IN MICHIGAN

Citizens Wanted to Lynch a Man of Prominence

South Haven, Mich., June 29.—An attempt has been made to lynch Charles L. Allison, a well known citizen, who was arrested yesterday on the charge of criminally assaulting four-year-old Edith Secor. When arrested Allison was taken to the city hall, where he was placed under a guard of six men heavily armed. A crowd surrounded the building and several demonstrations were made, but the doors of the building were locked and they could not get in. The demonstration continued during the evening, and early today fifty citizens went to the door, demanding admittance. They shouted that they were prepared to break down the door and lynch the prisoner. The officers on guard telephoned for help. A posse which the sheriff had sworn in arrived soon after and a fierce fight ensued in front of the city hall. The men were driven away. Many were severely injured, but it is not thought there were any fatalities. The prisoner was spirited away through a basement door and taken to Paw Paw.

A DEMOCRATIC JUDGE FOR THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE

Booker Washington Recommended Kyle and That Settled It--The Split in Wisconsin a Serious Matter for the Republicans--Roosevelt and the Race Issue in the Campaign

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, June 29.—Special.—The president has appointed Judge Osceola Kyle of Decatur, Ala., one of the three judges for the Panama canal zone. The appointment was made upon the recommendation of Booker T. Washington. Some time ago Kyle's name was suggested to the president, who immediately asked how Booker T. Washington stood on the matter. When told that Washington had endorsed the qualifications of Kyle the president did not inquire about any other names on his petition, but at once indicated that he would appoint him. The place pays \$7,500 per annum. Judge Kyle is a Democrat. The seriousness of the Wisconsin split is now admitted by the Republican managers, and a leading Republican politician said today that the chances favored the defeat of their electoral ticket next November. A dispatch to a Republican newspaper today says: "It may as well be stated now as later that if the electoral ticket gets between the upper and nether millstone it will suffer. Both sides to the contest go out of their way to profess loyalty to Roosevelt and to the national ticket. I am convinced that they entertain perfect loyalty; that is, up to a certain point, and that point is reached when the stalwart and half breed interests are at stake. Governor LaFollette would not consider the national ticket twenty seconds if he saw his own game going to the bad. For the stalwarts there is too much at stake here at home for them to take into consideration the question whether Wisconsin shall go Democratic or Republican in the next presidential election. The Democrats expect to put up a sound ticket, headed by former Governor Peck. If the LaFollette crowd should be seated by the supreme court Mr. Peck will get thousands of Republican votes. It would be one way to smash LaFollette, and I am safe in saying that the Democratic ticket would be mighty popular. Republicans make no bones of saying that as between LaFollette and a Democrat give them a Democrat." Representative Fitzpatrick, of the fourth Tennessee district, said today: "I believe that the St. Louis convention will be wise, conservative and rational in its platform and nominations. The south is thoroughly aroused and will give loyal support to the nominees. I am of the opinion that Rooseveltism and the race question, as brought about by the recent pronouncement of the Chicago convention, greatly increases Democratic chances, and, in fact, will be leading issues in the campaign. Therefore we ought to nominate a candidate whose views upon these important issues, as well as upon trusts, corporate influence and our foreign relations are known. I think that with a clean-cut, conservative Democratic platform and a candidate who believes in its declarations, we have an excellent chance to win in November." Mr. Fitzpatrick will go from here to the St. Louis convention. Acting Secretary Oliver, of the war department, has made the usual annual allotment of the \$1,000,000 appropriated by congress to provide arms and equipments for the organized militia of the United States of America. The money apportioned to North Carolina is \$23,937.54. Dr. Harry P. MacKnight, who was

arrested yesterday on a charge of attempted false pretense in connection with the effort to solicit contributions in connection with the work of erecting the proposed W. C. T. U. hospital at Southern Pines, N. C., was in the police court this morning. He was not given a hearing, but will have an opportunity tomorrow of telling the court of his unlawful conduct. Captain Boardman is endeavoring to ascertain something of his identity. Dr. MacKnight denies that he has ever served in the Ohio penitentiary or any other prison. A man who gave a name similar to that of the doctor did serve time there, and his picture will reach here before the close of the week.

Lightship No. 72, Captain John Hansen, has sailed from Baltimore bound for the lightship station on the Diamond Shoal, off Cape Hatteras, to relieve lightship No. 71, which is just completing a four months' term of duty. Commander Henry McCrea, light-house inspector gives notice that on July 1 light vessel No. 72 will be placed on the station about five and three-eighths miles southwesterly from the easterly point of the outer Diamond Shoal, off the southeast of North Carolina, and about fourteen and one-eighth miles southwest, and one-quarter mile south from Cape Hatteras light house.

We Want Battleships

Amherst, Mass., June 29.—Wm. H. Moody, secretary of the navy, spoke today at the Amherst College alumni dinner. He said the sort of naval defense this country needed is not that offered by torpedo boats and submarines, but that of the great battleships that can go out on the sea and defend their country. "We want a naval power," he continued, "that can make the seas untenable for an enemy and safe for a friend. Japan, by her navy, made her territory safe, forty eight hours after the war had begun."

Turkey Shows Alarm

Washington, June 29.—The Turkish government, alarmed over the reports that two American squadrons now in European waters will make a demonstration at some Turkish port unless American claims against Turkey are adjusted promptly, has made inquiries of the state department through Chekib Bey, the port's minister here. What he learned will probably induce Turkey to show a disposition to grant the desires of the United States. Mr. Leishman, the American minister to Turkey, who is in France, will return to Constantinople instead of coming here.

Girl Drowned in a Brook

Norfolk, Va., June 29.—Pauline Davis, 16 years old, left her home in Pittsylvania county last evening to drive the cows in from the pasture. Before she was missed a negro farm hand reported to her parents that the girl's body had been found in a brook, head down. The girl, after a desperate struggle, had been assaulted, and then drowned in a few inches of water, her head evidently being held under the water until life was extinct. In the girl's hands were clinched shreds from a man's coat.

A Submarine Boat Sunk in the Neva

Bad Judgment and a Panic Resulted in the Drowning of Twenty-one Sailors, Including an Officer

St. Petersburg, June 29.—The submarine boat Delin sank at her moorings in the Neva off the Baltic ship building yard, at 11 o'clock this morning, with the loss of an officer, Lieutenant Cherkasoff, and twenty men. The accident was due partly to the excessive number of the crew, mostly inexperienced men, and chiefly to the unfortunate attempt of a man to escape while his comrades were screwing down the man-hole. The officers and men detailed for sub-

marine boat instruction had assembled at the Baltic yard, and three officers decided to go down in the Delin although the captain was not present, relying on the experience of her skilled crew. A score of novices were anxious to go with the three officers. The Delin's nominal capacity is ten men, instead of which thirty-two entered the boat, bringing her man-hole in dangerous proximity to the river level. Just then a tug passed, sending a heavy wash against the boat. As soon as the water splashed into the sub-marine boat's interior it created a panic among the novices, and one of them tried to get out of the man-hole, which the older hands were screwing down preparatory to the descent, the submerging compartment having already been opened. The water rushed in, and, as the submerged vessel sank like a stone, the officers and some of the men were saved by being blown up through the man-hole by the rush of escaping air. The Delin shortly afterwards was raised.

Advancing on Liao Yang

London, June 30.—A dispatch from Liao Yang says that the Japanese army in three divisions is advancing rapidly on Liao Yang from the east. Tuesday it was at Land Iansan, only thirteen miles away. General Keller has withdrawn his forces to positions immediately in front of Liao Yang and is waiting to give battle. There have been many skirmishes between the advanced guards of the Russians and Japanese.

Wireless Message From Port Arthur

St. Petersburg, June 29.—General Stoessel, the military commander at Port Arthur, sent a wireless dispatch to Chefoo June 24, saying that all at Port Arthur were well, and adding that the troops sent greetings to Russia.