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Showers.
For Raleigh:
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THE MORNING POST.

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PORT ARTHUR FLEET ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE

An All-day Battle Ensues, but With What Result Does Not Appear--A Destroyer Reaches Chefoo--The Sortie Indicates Early Fall of the Fortress

London, Aug. 11.—Today's dispatches from the Far East have raised feeling to a point of painful tension. The universal opinion is that the Japanese hold the citadel in their grasp, and that the Russian fleet is in a position to turn the harbor and city into a trap for ships and troops. The only chance of saving even a portion of the squadron obviously lay in a dash for the sea. The dash has been made, but whether it was totally successful remains a mystery. Nor is it certain whether Admiral Togo intercepted the Russians in their attempt to escape or whether the Russian squadron sought an engagement. A whole-day's engagement ensued, and with the light the Japanese sent in a torpedo flotilla. Some decisive result might be expected from such prolonged fighting, but neither the Japanese nor the Russian destroyer at Chefoo indicates the course or result of the battle. They have not claimed that they sunk any of the enemy's vessels, and they do not give the customary assurance that their own vessels escaped without serious damage. It is alleged that Admiral Togo was unwilling to risk even one or two of his most valuable vessels, which are absolutely unreplaceable so he maintained a long distance fight.

No confidence is placed in the various reports of the present whereabouts of the Russian ships. It is reported that some of them are off Chefoo, while others are said to be off the Tushima bank. This is doubted on account of the distance being greater than the distance could be expected to have covered since the engagement. It is generally assumed that they are making for Vladivostok or different neutral ports.

Battle From Morning Till Night

Tokio, Aug. 11.—Evidently driven to sea by the fire of the Japanese land batteries, the Russian fleet emerged from Port Arthur yesterday morning. Admiral Togo immediately stood in and opened a severe engagement which lasted all night long. A series of attacks by the Japanese destroyers and torpedo boats followed. The Japanese fleet withdrew during the night, leaving a guardship.

Admiral Togo does not report the final result of the battle or the damage. It is thought here that the Russians attempted to escape to the sea from a base no longer tenable, but refused to again attempt to force Togo's line.

The Russian torpedo boat which arrived at Chefoo this morning is named the *Reyshitelni*. Her commander's name is Rostachakowski. He says that his engines broke down half way from Port Arthur and that he could make only twelve knots for the rest of the way. He did not see any Japanese warships. The Russian fleet expected to join the Vladivostok squadron, saving the torpedo boats and other smaller craft behind.

The recently heard firing came from Port Arthur where the Japanese continue to make energetic attacks. Their bow extends from the north shore of Lousan Bay to east of Tache Bay, which is about seven miles east of Port Arthur. The passengers who came on the *Reyshitelni* say that the Japanese are wasting lives by their senseless courage. Positions are frequently lost and retaken and lost and retaken. The passengers add that for the last five days shells from Wolf Hill have been dropping into the town. Several civilians have been hit. One shell destroyed an oil storehouse under Golden Hill.

The hospital ship *Mongolia*, carrying women and children, accompanied the Russian fleet when it came out of Port Arthur.

Attempt to Join the Vladivostok Squadron

Chefoo, Aug. 11.—The captain of the *Reyshitelni* does not deny that the Russian warships have gone to join the Vladivostok squadron. He simply refuses to answer questions on the subject, claiming it would be improper for him to do so.

Other sources affirm that absolutely all the big ships, except the *Bayan*, which is injured, left Port Arthur yesterday, exchanging shots with the Japanese fleet at long range, and it seems probable that the long-expected junction of the two Russian squadrons will now be effected.

After the arrival of the *Reyshitelni* here the Chinese admiral, Sah, sent an officer on board and demanded that the destroyer either leave the port or disarm. It had been ascertained previously that her engines were disabled.

Two Battleships Return

Chefoo, Aug. 11.—The Russian squadron left Port Arthur in response to imperative orders from Vice Admiral Skrydloff. A semi-official telegram reports that the Russian battleships *Pobeda* and *Retvizan* have returned today to Port Arthur. Three Japanese torpedo boat destroyers are now outside this harbor watching the Russian torpedo boat destroyer *Reyshitelni*, which is still flying the Russian flag.

PREMATURE PROTEST

Russian Comment on Knight Commander Incident

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—The Novoe Vremya says: "Events have proved that Britain's protest against the sinking of the Knight Commander was premature. Britain expected to obtain the support of America in accordance with her old habit of expecting others to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for her. In view of the decision of the court Britain will have to bow to accomplished facts and await a more favorable opportunity to make a sortie against Russia. Calm consideration has shown the Americans that they would have acted the same as Russia in similar circumstances. The so-called Russian pirates come stainless out of the incident."

SUMMER JUNKET

Alleged Tour of Inspection of Navy Yards

Washington, Aug. 11.—Secretary of the Navy Morton and party of his guests left the navy yard here today on board the United States dispatch boat *Dolphin* for what is called a tour of inspection of navy yards, but which is really a summer junketing trip. Those in the party were Mrs. Morton, Miss Morton, daughter of the secretary, and Miss Jean Morton, his niece, Attorney General Moody, Representative Foss of Illinois, chairman of the naval committee of the House, and Mr. Nordhouse, private secretary to Mr. Morton. The first stop will be at Newport, where Speaker Cannon and his daughter, Miss Helen Cannon, will join the party, and where Attorney General Moody will deliver an address before the naval war college.

DECLINED TO GO

George Sheidt Emphasized His Objection to Deportation

Cripple Creek, Col., Aug. 11.—A committee of five men went to the home of George Sheidt last night for the purpose of deporting him. After the men had gained entrance to the house Sheidt began shouting. The fire was returned by one of the members of the party and a dozen shots were exchanged, but no one was wounded. The would-be deporters finally retired. The police made an unsuccessful search for the five men. Sheidt was taken to the city jail, where he will be held for protection.

Rev. T. S. Leland, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Victor, who has been taking an active interest in the troubles in the district, has been ordered out of the camp. He has notified his friends and officers of the law who have rallied to his support. His house is being guarded by a number of armed men on the inside and deputy sheriffs on the outside.

NEGRO GIRL DEPUTY

An Indiana Postmaster Gets into Hot Water

Indianapolis, Aug. 11.—The town of Ferdinand, Dubois county, is in a state of great excitement tonight over the appointment of a colored girl as deputy in the post office. Dr. A. G. Walleman is postmaster, but his professional duties take him from the office frequently. Several white girls, it is said, wanted the deputyship in the post office, but Dr. Walleman appointed the daughter of the only negro family in the place.

Much indignation was expressed over the appointment, and a petition, signed by four-fifths of the patron of the office, was presented to the doctor demanding that the girl be discharged. He refused and the demand was made that he resign the office. This also he refused. The feeling is growing that strong measures may be used on the doctor.

LIBERTY OR DEATH

Pursued Desperado Committed Suicide

Helena, Mont., Aug. 11.—Antonio Simonek, deputy jailer at the county jail, was shot three times and probably fatally wounded this afternoon by Isaac Gravelle, a Northern Pacific Railroad dynamiter, who had just been returned to that institution by the district court, where he was on trial on a charge of having robbed a powder house. No sooner had he entered the corridor of the jail and been turned over to the jailer than Gravelle drew a gun and compelled the jailer and his assistant to throw up their hands. He then compelled Simonek to open the door. No sooner had he done so than Gravelle opened fire on him, three shots entering his body. Pursued by a crowd of court house officials, Gravelle started down the street, bullets flying thick around him. Seeing that escape was impossible, Gravelle jumped in the basement of Governor Toole's residence, two blocks from the jail, and committed suicide.

MURDER STARTS A REVOLUTION

New York, Aug. 11.—A rumor was current today among the Venezuelan residents in this city that General Ferrer, civil governor of the state of Falcon in west Venezuela, has been killed by General Celestino Peraza, commanding the armed forces in that department, who, following the shooting, fled to the mountains with 1,000 men to start a revolution against President Castro.

At the Venezuelan consulate in Wall street it was admitted that the report of General Ferrer's murder was gaining credence, but it was stated that no official intelligence has been received from Caracas.

General Ferrer was the minister of war when the ports of Venezuela were blockaded by the European powers several years ago, and was afterwards named for minister of foreign relations, which post he held until the revision of the Venezuelan constitution in April last by President Castro, when he was named by the president for governor for the rich state of Falcon as a reward for his state achievements.

RECEPTION FOR CLEVELAND

Sandwich, N. H., Aug. 11.—The citizens of the town of Sandwich have perfected arrangements for a reception for ex-President Grover Cleveland and Governor Nahum J. Bachelord at Mr. Cleveland's summer residence at Center Sandwich, Saturday afternoon. It was decided that a dinner should be held at the Sandwich House after the reception. About twenty guests of prominence are expected to be present, including former Governors Rollins and Jordan of New Hampshire and Governor Bates of Massachusetts.

TEXAS POPULIST TICKET

Dallas, Aug. 11.—The Populist state convention today nominated the following ticket: For governor, Dr. Patrick B. Clark of Red River county; lieutenant governor, Clarence Nugent of Bath county; controller, E. P. Asbury of Harris county; treasurer, Sam Evans of Tarrant county; land commissioner, H. P. Jones of Jack county; attorney general, George T. Todd of Marion county.

A full electoral ticket for Watson and Tibbles was also nominated.

FEELING THE PINCH

Fall River Strikers Begin to Be in Want

Fall River, Mass., Aug. 11.—When the strike relief stations are opened for business tomorrow morning, there will be a larger number of applicants for aid than heretofore. The pinch is apparently beginning to be felt in many quarters. The secretaries of different textile unions have listened to many appeals for assistance and some of them have been very pressing.

The largest local failure in consequence of the strike occurred yesterday afternoon, the Fournier Sons Company, provisions dealers and bakers, being attached by Swift & Co. and by Allan Stude & Co. The company was one of the three largest retail grocery and meat firms in the city. The company hopes to be able to pay in full, but the largest creditor says the settlement will be 25 cents on the dollar.

WILLIAMS' BREAKDOWN

Report Published in New York Is Not Credited

Washington, Aug. 11.—A report that Representative John Sharp Williams of Mississippi had broken down in health, which was printed in New York this afternoon, caused surprise in Washington tonight. No intimation that Mr. Williams was ill had been received here. Representative Cowherd of Missouri, chairman of the congressional campaign committee, said that he had received a letter from Mr. Williams about a week ago and there was nothing in it to indicate that Mr. Williams was not in good health.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 11.—John Sharp Williams' former secretary, who is now secretary to Governor Vardaman, and the most intimate friend of Williams in Jackson, has heard nothing of Mr. Williams' reported mental breakdown, but says he has never fully recovered from the effects of the strain at St. Louis. He is at Yazoo City, resting until such time as the national committee shall call on him, when he will enter on the campaign in Indiana and other middle west states for the Democratic nominees.

MINE FLOODED AND MEN DROWNED

A Pond Breaks into the Barringer Mine and Eight Men Lose Their Lives

Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 11.—Special Information is received here tonight that the Barringer Gold mine, located near Gold Hill, Rowan county, was flooded by water late this afternoon, causing the death of eight men employed in the mine. The dead are Will Canup, Will Stirewalt, Joseph Mangrum, Bob Deberry, Sam Price and three others whose names are unobtainable.

Nine men were in the main shaft when a large pond located near the entrance to the mine suddenly broke loose, the breaking being caused by excessive rains. The waters rushed in terrific force to a depth of about one hundred feet upon the men, who were powerless to save themselves. Mr. Thomas Moyle, manager of the plant, was the only one to escape death. The mine is filled with water tonight. None of the bodies has been rescued.

An unusual downpour of rain is reported in the vicinity of the mine this afternoon, much damage being done to property. The flooded mine is the property of The Whitney Reduction Company of Salisbury and Pittsburg, Pa., and has been operated by them for a number of years.

FOOD NOT CONTRABAND

Joint Action With the United States Suggested

London, Aug. 11.—In the House of Commons today Mr. James Bryce denied that foodstuffs had ever been regarded as contraband of war. He suggested that the government take joint action with the United States in dealing with the Russian claims in this respect.

Sir Charles Dilke thought that the important right of search and seizure should be preserved. He doubted whether the Russians were actuated by a desire to interfere with British commerce.

Premier Balfour said that the government felt it their duty to protest in the strongest manner against the idea that food not intended for the use of a belligerent force should be treated as contraband, and the government might if necessary make representations as to other articles besides food. He was

POLITICAL ACTIVITY IS GRAVITATING TO GOTHAM

Sheehan Wants the Democratic Congressional Headquarters Established in New York. Parker's Speech Praised by Press and People

Washington, Aug. 11.—Special.—There is a strong probability that Democratic congressional headquarters will be moved to New York. At least that is the wish of William F. Sheehan, Judge Parker's closest political friend. Chairman Cowherd is now considering the advisability of moving to the metropolis. He will go to New York in a few days and discuss the matter with Chairman Taggart, Mr. Sheehan and members of the executive committee; and if it is their wisdom that the congressional campaign should be conducted from New York, then Chairman Cowherd will make the move. In any event the literary bureau will remain in Washington, for the speeches can be printed here at less cost and the franked envelopes of congressmen, which the committee is using, are more accessible.

All talk in political circles at the national capital today related to Judge Parker's speech of acceptance and its reception by press and public. The big dailies in the east, with the exception of The Sun, are delighted with the speech and praise it as a document of great ability. The more the speech is read the more it is appreciated. It is in no sense a Rooseveltian bid for votes, but a dignified, modest and straightforward statement of the candidate's position. It will prove a splendid campaign paper, though one can easily see from reading it that it has not the tone of such a document. One of the strongest features of the speech is Judge Parker's declaration that he will not be a candidate for re-election. This is in sharp contrast with President Roosevelt's every act since he landed in the White House that it is bound to have its effect upon the people of this country. Mr. Roosevelt has not permitted his ambition to bother his conscience or his official acts, even if it was to go to the extent of tying up with Clarkston, Payne, Addicks and others whom he has so bitterly denounced in his amateur political days. A scheme has been projected by Washington negroes for raising a fund to prevent lynchings. It is proposed to raise a fund of \$40,000 between now and next March to be invested as a reserve fund for a "law and order" building and loan association. The plan is to protect by this means "law-abiding citizens of America," and to this end to offer rewards of from \$250 to \$500 for "the arrest and conviction of the leader of any mob which destroys the life of any American citizen." Indemnities in the same amount are to be paid to the relatives of victims of lynchings and to the relatives of officers who may be killed in trying to enforce the law.

John C. Daney, register of deeds of the district, has returned from Kansas City, where he addressed an audience of 12,000 people, opening the campaign for the Republican national committee.

"Judge Parker's speech of acceptance," said Senator Carmack of Tennessee today, "is a forcible, clear, straightforward statement. It is patriotic and statesmanlike and will strengthen the growing opinion that the party has nominated a strong, brave, safe and able man. Without any conscious effort to do so Judge Parker has made more vivid than ever the contrast between himself and his opponent."

President Roosevelt's callers came away from the White House today endeavoring to make people believe that the Terrible Teddy was greatly pleased with Judge Parker's speech. This outward effort to make it appear that the president was in high feather came from old mossy back Republicans who went to the White House during the day. Instead of being pleased Mr. Roosevelt is a terribly scared man. The constantly growing belief, which is indicated in the papers he reads every day, that he will never be elected president of this country is giving him much concern.

And Judge Parker's speech is giving Republicans concern everywhere. This is admitted in private conversation by high up Republicans, and Mr. Roosevelt is no exception. No man in this country likes to face a crowd and talk better than the president; but the party leaders have put the check on him, and he is so fearful of the outcome that for once he is willing to do anything they say. It was his desire to go to Boston and whoop up the veterans at the G. A. R. encampment, but his political tutors vetoed the plan, and the president is going to hug close to Sagamore Hill and the White House until the day of election.

W. H. Thompson, treasurer of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, called on the president today to ask him to visit the fair. Mr. Roosevelt said he would like to do so, but could not without breaking his rule.

TIBBLES BOLTS FUSION PROGRAM

Nebraska Populists Not Harmonious on Agreement With Democrats

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 11.—After a session lasting all night the Democrats and Populists of Nebraska completed their state ticket here today. The division of offices gives the Populists five and the Democrats three. The completed ticket is as follows: Governor—George W. Berge, Populist, of Lincoln.

Lieutenant governor—Dr. A. Townsend, Democrat, of Franklin county.

Secretary of state—R. E. Watzke, Democrat, of Richardson county.

State treasurer—John M. Osborne, Populist, of Pawnee county.

Auditor—J. S. Canady, Populist, of Kearney county.

Attorney general—Edward Whalen, Democrat, of Holt county.

Land commissioner—A. A. Worsley, Populist, of Boyd county.

Superintendent of public instruction—Albert Softley, Populist, of Perkins county.

The completion of fusion is a victory for William J. Bryan, who was opposed to Thomas E. Watson, the Populist candidate for president.

Thomas H. Tibbles, candidate for vice president on the Populist ticket, heads the bolt against the fusion agreement entered into by the Democrats and Populists of this state, and today attended a bolters' convention, held for the purpose of repudiating the action of the two conventions on fusion.

Nearly 100 delegates, representing twenty-seven counties, were present and a committee was appointed to take steps toward organizing clubs along the line of the old grange, reviving the People's party and working against the fusion ticket in Nebraska. The old secret oath plan of the grange will be used, and as soon as the club movement is started Mr. Tibbles and others will issue a call for a straight Populist convention to nominate a state ticket.

BUTCHERS' STRIKE ON IN NEW YORK

New York, August 11.—Some of 3,500 butchers and meat handlers who went on strike here Wednesday spent today in attacking the men who had taken their places and in trying to destroy the property of the packers and wholesale meat concerns in First avenue.

There were half-hearted attempts at violence all day, but nobody was seriously hurt. There were two arrests and the business of the packers did not suffer materially.

There was no cessation to the buying of cattle in the west for immediate delivery in this market and the supply of dressed beef on hand is still ahead of the demand. Prices remained the same all day today and there is no likelihood of an increase this week.

The non-union drivers had the hardest experience. Every wagon that was sent out by the United Dressed Beef Company and by the Swartschild & Swetzberg Company was watched by union pickets.

The strikers' advisory board hopes to work up a general boycott by the end of the week and to prevent the delivery of ice to all retail meat dealers who buy from the wholesalers against whom the union had ordered the strike.

The United Dressed Beef Company and nearly all other concerns announced tonight that they were doing about 75 per cent of their normal business every day and that by the beginning of next week they would be running again at their full capacity.

GLENN AT WINTON

He Speaks at a Reunion of Confederate Veterans

Suffolk, Va., Aug. 11.—Special.—A large crowd assembled today at Winton, the capital of Hertford county, N. C., the occasion being primarily a reunion of Confederate veterans. The principal address of the day was delivered by Hon. R. B. Glenn, the Democratic nominee for governor. His speech, a lengthy one, was pregnant with patriotism and politics. His message to Democrats was enthusiastic and encouraging.