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Heavy Firing Was Heard in the Direction of Kai-Chau—The Isolation of Port Arthur Is Now Complete.

Shan Hai Kwan, May 9.—It is reported here that there has been severe fighting at Feng Wang Cheng, in which the Japanese were victorious. They took many prisoners.

The Russians are retreating toward Hai Cheng (32 miles east by north of New Chwang), and are evacuating the western side of the Liao Tung peninsula. On Thursday and Saturday of last week the Japanese landed 10,000 men at Kinchau bay, 10,000 at Foo Chau bay and 7,000 at Pitsewo. They occupied the towns of Wa-Fung-Tien and Pu-Lan-Tien and destroyed several miles of the railroad.

Heavy firing has been heard in the direction of Kai-Chau, where Japanese troops have been seen recently.

The isolation of Port Arthur is complete. Sixteen Japanese warships protected the landing of troops at Kin Chau bay, directing a sweeping fire over the narrow isthmus before the soldiers disembarked. Seventy-five Russians who were wounded in this fighting were brought on the last train to arrive there. Food is scarce at Mukden; the troops are eating bean cakes.

The Russians are preparing to evacuate New Chwang and that city is in a turmoil of hurried flight.

The Foo, May 9.—A private telegram has been received here confirming the report that the Japanese have occupied Feng Wang Cheng. The date of the occupation is given as May 6. Everything was quiet here Sunday.

Tokio, May 9.—A detachment of the Japanese army operating on the Liao Tung peninsula, dispersed small bands of Russian troops on Friday and captured Pu-Lan-Tien, a railroad station. The Japanese destroyed the railway and telegraph, thus severing the Russian communication with Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, May 9.—Two official dispatches calculated to increase the depression existing among all circles in Russia were given out Sunday night. From the point of view of the progress of the campaign the most important is that regarding the capture by the Japanese without opposition of Feng Wang Cheng, on May 6. The second gives details concerning the killed, wounded and missing among the troops under the command of Lieut. Gen. Sassalitch as the result of the fighting on the Yalu, the number of which totals 2,397 officers and men.

A SIX HOURS' FIGHT.

Nearly 200 Tibetans Were Killed By the British Force.

British Camp, Karo Pass, Tibet, Friday, May 6.—A stiff fight to-day to drive the Tibetans from their positions two miles below the pass lasted for six hours. The Tibetans, numbering 1,500, held the positions with great tenacity and lost nearly 200 before they were expelled. The British losses were Capt. Bethune and three men killed and 21 men wounded.

DURING A DEMONSTRATION.

Twenty-One People Killed and 40 Injured in Tokio, Japan.

Tokio, May 9.—During a popular demonstration Sunday night in honor of victories achieved by the Japanese forces, 21 people were killed and 40 injured. The killed and injured were mostly boys who were caught against a closed gate at an angle in the old palace walls by the throng and crushed or drowned in an old moat.

Dalny Captured By the Japs.

London, May 9.—The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent reports that Dalny was captured Friday, while the Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, cabling under date of Sunday, says: "Dalny was invested yesterday."

Consisted of Three Divisions.

St. Petersburg, May 9.—The correspondent of the Novosti at Liao Yang telegraphing May 8 says that the first Japanese army which occupied Feng Wang Cheng consisted of three divisions which marched in two columns.

Noted Publisher Dead.

Chicago, May 9.—A dispatch from Los Angeles announces the death at Pasadena, Cal., of Andrew McNally,

JAPANESE PEOPLE.

Surprising Economy is Observed in Every Place.

Richmond, Ind., May 9.—Guernsey Binford, a Friends missionary in Japan, writing to relatives here, says about the war situation in Japan:

A remarkable thing is the surprising economy which is observed in every place. People are not spending more money than is absolutely necessary. Related families who have occupied two houses are closing one and two families enter one house. No one is putting out money for repairs, etc. To such an extent is economy practiced that it seems to threaten productive industry and bring trouble upon laboring classes. I tell them that it is foolish to do so, for while the general claim is made that this is done for economy to save money for the war, in reality it is extravagance, because by the stopping of the regular channels of industry the necessary funds and provisions can not be produced. It is said that at present the emperor is eating only one dish, a rice bowl, and that his food is the same as that given to the soldiers. He is doing this, they say, to set an example of economy and show sympathy with the people.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

Mrs. Senator Foraker and Her Niece Were the Victims.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 9.—A thief skulking on the porches of Hotel Lillie, after a set of diamonds worn by Senator Foraker's niece, Miss Ethel Marie Foraker, of Cincinnati, fell into the hands of a plucky hotel man with a gun.

Hotel Lillie fronts on Central park and many wealthy people spend the season there, rich picking for thieves. Among the guests are Mrs. James Foraker and Miss Foraker. As the two ladies were dressing for dinner they were alarmed to see a strange man skulking about the upper veranda in front of their room and trying to peer in. They were terribly frightened and snatching up their jewels rushed to the room.

In the hall they met Guy K. Woodward, the proprietor. Woodward used to be a deputy sheriff, and is a man of personal daring. Taking a gun Woodward ran upstairs and caught the man trying to escape from the porch through the hall.

THE TWO CONVENTIONS.

Demand For Press Seats Far Exceeds the Capacity.

Washington, May 9.—The demand for press seats at the two national convention far exceeds the capacity of the space set apart for the newspapers of the country. At the Chicago convention there will be 260 seats in the press reservation, and already there have been received 1,300 applications. The demand for seats at the St. Louis convention also is far in excess of the capacity of the space reserved for the press. At the recent meeting here of the sub-committee having charge of the seating at Chicago, it was decided that notice should be given that applications not received prior to May 20 shall be given no consideration.

MISSING MILLIONAIRE.

The Body of E. L. Wentz Was Discovered Near Kelly View.

Richmond, Va., May 9.—A special Sunday night from Big Stone Gap, Wise county, Va., says: The body of E. L. Wentz, who so mysteriously disappeared October 14, 1903, was found Sunday afternoon near Kelly View, within a mile of the place where he was last seen alive. The body, which was lying on the ground in plain view, was in a state of preservation sufficient for identification.

Young Wentz was the son of a Philadelphia millionaire, and was in charge of his father's mines in Wise county. Since his disappearance more than \$50,000 has been offered for any news of him.

DEATH OF GEN. GROESBECK.

He Served in the Philippines, Spanish-American and Civil Wars.

St. Louis, May 9.—Brig. Gen. Stephen W. Groesbeck, U. S. A., retired, died Sunday of pneumonia at the home of his brother-in-law here. The origin of an illness of several months was traced to exposure in Cuba during the Spanish-American war. Gen. Groesbeck served with distinction as a union volunteer in the civil war and was prominent as a regular army officer in Cuba and in the Philippine islands during the Spanish-American war.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 9.—Two Negro roommates fought at their boarding-house Sunday over a woman and as the result Louis Solomon received severe pistol wounds from which it is not expected he will recover.

DISASTERS AT SEA.

Two Sailing Schooners Have Been Given Up as Lost With All on Board.

FORTY-TWO BELIEVED DROWNED.

Portions of the Wrecked Vessels Were Picked Up South of the Columbia River by Another Ship.

The American Schooner Arthur McArdle Was Wrecked on Egg Island, Bahamas—Captain and Seven Men Escaped.

Vancouver, B. C., May 9.—The sealing schooners Triumph and Umbrina, of this port, have been given up as lost at sea with all hands. Capt. Hann, of the sealing schooner Jessie, which has just arrived from a cruise along the coast from California to Queen Charlotte islands, picked up south of the Columbia river broken sealing boats and canoes, part of a schooner's rail, davit and other tackle belonging to the schooner Umbrina. When last spoken the sealer was headed for the west coast of Vancouver island to land her men, who was very ill. Since then she has not been heard of and is long over due. The Umbrina was owned by Capt. Peppet, now in Eastern Canada. She carried a half white, half Indian crew, 23 all told, and was one of the largest of the fleet in Queen Charlotte sound. Capt. Mann found a schooner's boom with sail attached and from indications known to him he believes it belonged to the Triumph, also long overdue, and not amongst the fleet now bound for the Siberian coast. The Triumph carried a white crew of 19 and was the oldest and largest of the Victoria sealers. The owners have abandoned hope.

New York, May 9.—The Ward line steamer Santiago, which arrived Sunday from Tampico, Havana and Nassau, brought Capt. Sheppard and seven seamen of the American schooner Arthur McArdle, which was wrecked on Egg Island, Bahamas, on April 23, and became a total loss. The crew stripped the wreck of all the available property possible and took to their boats, went to a village on a nearby island, whence they obtained passage on a small sailing craft for Nassau. The McArdle was bound from Philadelphia for Havana, with a cargo of petroleum.

Other passengers on board the Santiago were Sir Gilbert Carter, governor of the Bahamas; Lady Carter and daughter. They are in transit to London.

HALF A VILLAGE WIPED OUT.

Seventeen Business Places and Ten Dwellings Burned.

Utica, Mich., May 9.—Seventeen business places and ten dwellings were destroyed in a fire which wiped out half of this village Sunday. Practically nothing could be done in the way of fighting the fire until the arrival of an engine and company of firemen from Detroit. This village has scarcely any fire fighting apparatus. The fire started in the barn of the Exchange hotel. William Upton, a capitalist, who is one of the heaviest losers by the destruction of property, fell from the roof of a building and at a late hour Sunday night had not recovered consciousness. He suffered severe and possibly fatal injuries about the head. The property loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Fugitive Accidentally Shot.

Pittsburg, Mo., May 9.—During a raid on a "speak easy," on the Allegheny wharf, Lee Covert, a young man, attempted to escape. Officer Labelle fired a shot into the air, and in his endeavor to catch Covert, fell, accidentally discharging his revolver. Covert was hit by the latter bullet and is dying at the hospital Sunday night.

Theater Guttered By Fire.

Denver, Col., May 9.—The interior of the Curtis theater, which had just been newly equipped, was destroyed by fire that started on the stage. All the traveling equipment, costumes and scenery of the May Howard Extravaganza Co. were burned.

Died From Hydrophobia.

Chicago, May 9.—Charles Carruth, who was hurried to Chicago from Cleveland, O., suffering from hydrophobia, as the result of a dog bite he sustained three weeks ago, died here Sunday at the Presbyterian hospital.

Glass Works Destroyed.

Coudersport, Pa., May 9.—Fire raged in the Barrow glass works Sunday night and the plant was practically destroyed. The loss will be from \$50,000 to \$75,000. One hundred hands are thrown out of employment.

SUMMER CAMPAIGN.

University Students Will Go Into the Mountains as Missionaries.

Lexington, Ky., May 9.—Fifteen students of Kentucky university will go into the mountains of Kentucky this summer as missionaries under the auspices of the American Board of Christian Missions. This new department of the board, existing only in Kentucky, was begun last summer. Several mountain churches have been organized. Plans are carefully prepared for the summer campaign. The expenses and small salary will be paid the students, most of whom have had experience in preaching. None will go to Breathitt county.

A SHORT COURSHIP.

Five Minutes Sufficed For a Boarding School Girl.

Bowling Green, Ky., May 9.—The marriage of William Royster, of Alvin, Tex., and Miss Fannie Bohannon, of Beech Grove, Ky., was solemnized at Evansville, Ind., Magistrate Schrader officiating. Miss Bohannon was attending boarding school in Bowling Green, Ky., and while seated in a city park talking to some girl companions met Royster, who is a traveling man. Within five minutes after meeting they were engaged and went to Evansville to be married. The father of the bride is a wealthy farmer near Beech Grove.

SIX HUNDRED FEET.

From a Cliff a Nineteen-Year-Old Kentucky Boy Fell.

Frenchburg, Ky., May 9.—Sam Y. Metzger, aged 19, of Salyersville, fell from Donathon Rock Sunday evening and was fatally injured. Donathon Rock is an isolated cliff rising to an altitude of 600 feet above the town. Young Metzger and some other boys were ascending the cliff when Metzger lost his footing and fell 65 feet to a ledge. Not a bone was broken nor was there an abrasion of the skin. The injury was internal.

Say He Has No Authority.

Louisville, Ky., May 9.—The statement of Chairman Allie W. Young that under no circumstances will he recognize the Louisville delegation to the democratic state convention, should the delegates be friends of the present city administration, has led Louisville democrats to look up the party law. No rule can be found directing the chairman of either the state central or the state executive committee to call the convention to order.

Serious Trouble is Expected.

Madisonville, Ky., May 9.—A report from Wheatcroft says that serious trouble is expected at any time between the union and the non-union coal miners. As a result of the operators of the Wheatcroft Mining Co. endeavoring to displace the former and install the latter, serious developments are expected, as both sides are very determined.

Special Judges Appointed.

Frankfort, Ky., May 9.—Gov. Beckham appointed J. J. Osborn, of Cynthiana, special judge to try the contested election cases of Speed Guffy against Nat Howard, in Butler county. The contest is for the commonwealth attorney's office. He also appointed F. R. Feland, of Lawrenceburg, special judge to try cases in Henry county.

In the Oil Fields.

Lexington, Ky., May 9.—Operations in the oil fields of Kentucky during the past few days show a great activity. The completions for a week past approximate 18, with three dusters. Wayne county furnished nine completions, with a new production of about 450 barrels.

The Money is Raised.

Louisville, Ky., May 9.—Louisville democrats have raised enough money to pay the expenses of the democratic state convention, which will be held in this city June 8. The convention will be held either in Macauley's theater, the Horse Show building or at Phoenix hall.

Knocked Out With Shovel.

Mayking, Ky., May 9.—While William Sergeant and Wiley Jenkins were engaged in a row over the settlement of a bill in the Sergeant home, Mrs. Sergeant struck Jenkins three perhaps fatal blows across the forehead with a shovel.

Tax Suits Dismissed.

Louisville, Ky., May 9.—Judge Gregory's decision dismissing the back tax suits brought by Revenue Agent Frank Lucas against the state banks was sustained at all points by Judge Muir in an opinion rendered at joint session.

New Chwang, May 9.—It is reported here that Viceroy Alexieff was slightly wounded prior to his departure from Port Arthur. He barely escaped from there before the Japanese closed the lines of communication.

DIVORCE QUESTION

The Inter-Church Conference on Marriage and Divorce Sends Out an Appeal.

CONSISTS OF 14 DENOMINATIONS.

It is the Beginning of a National Campaign of Education on the Subject.

Action Looking Toward the Prevention of Remarriage By Ministers Has Been Taken—The Members of the Conference.

Philadelphia, May 9.—The inter-church conference on marriage and divorce, a body representing officially 14 leading denominations, has issued through its secretary, Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D., an appeal to the public, calling attention to several aspects of the divorce question.

The paper is the beginning of a national campaign of education on the subject to be followed by efforts to secure the enactment of laws in the state legislatures, and ultimately it is thought of an amendment to the constitution of the United States.

Already action has been taken by the conference looking toward the prevention of the remarriage, by ministers of other communions, of divorce and whom clergymen of their own faith have refused to marry.

This movement is the first occasion of any sort on which the representatives of great denominations have officially come together. The members of the conference include:

Protestant Episcopal church in the United States; Presbyterian church, Methodist Episcopal church, Methodist Episcopal church south, Reformed Church of America, Reformed church in the United States, United Presbyterian church, Evangelical Lutheran church, the Baptist church south, the Congregational churches, the Universalist churches, the Unitarian churches, the Reformed Presbyterian church, the Cumberland church, the Alliance of the Reformed churches holding the Presbyterian service.

FOUR MASKED ROBBERS.

They Held Up a Railway Station and Robbed the Passengers.

Baxter Springs, Kan., May 9.—Four masked men entered the Frisco railway station here Sunday and, with drawn revolvers, demanded that the passengers get in line. While three of the men covered the crowd with their revolvers the fourth man searched every passenger, taking all articles of value he found. They then stole the contents of the depot safe, robbed the conductor of a passing train and escaped on a handcar.

COLORED HIGHWAYMEN.

They Killed Ivan Kruger and Badly Wounded Two Men.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 9.—As the result of a hold-up by three Negro highwaymen, Ivan Kruger was killed and his brother Jacob and Mike Dillan were badly injured. The injured men were all employes of the Ambridge plant of the American Bridge Co. Later Chas. Jackson, Walter Ohey and Chas. Meyers, all of Allegheny, were arrested and identified by Jacob Kruger and Dillan as the men who attacked them.

WANTS HEAVY DAMAGES.

The Widow Sues the Jokers Who Killed Her Husband.

Ledora, Ia., May 9.—A sequel to the death of Jack Goodlow, the aged Negro who was made the victim of a practical joke at Hamburg, Ia., a few days ago, and who died as the perpetrator of the joke were pretending to burn him at the stake, occurred when Mrs. Goodlow, the widow filed a notice of an action for damages in the sum of \$5,000.

Result of An Old Feud.

Luling, Tex., May 9.—S. L. Nixon, a member of the state democratic executive committee, and a wealthy planter, shot and killed R. W. Malone and Col. Weasy, two prominent citizens of Luling. The shooting is said to have grown out of an old feud.

County Treasurer Killed By Constable Caldwell, Tex., May 9.—County Treasurer B. B. Hunt was shot and killed by Clint Stuart, a constable, who has surrendered. Stuart has declined to make any statement aside from setting up a claim that the killing was in self-defense.

Newport is Mentioned.

Louisville, Ky., May 9.—The Knights of Pythias board of control postponed until August the selection of a city for the proposed state home. Newport is prominently mentioned.