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WAR OFFICE IS TAKING IT EASY

RUSSIAN GENERAL STAFF THINKS SKIRMISHING IS OF LITTLE MOMENT.

JAPS WISH TO KEEP IN TOUCH

Opinion That Enemy Will Not be Able to Force Kuropatkin to Fight at Mukden, Unless He Wishes to.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—There has been an entire absence of official news from the front today. The war office is displaying no special concern as yet over the continued skirmishing on the flanks of the Russian army regarding it as the natural desire of the Japanese to keep in touch with the Russian forces rather than a premonitory symptom of a forward movement by Commander-in-Chief Oyama's army which the authorities are inclined to believe cannot occur within a fortnight unless large reinforcements have been received and the work of getting up supplies has been done more quickly than was supposed to be possible.

The Japanese have not been able to follow up their victory at Liao Yang when the time was ripe for the war office seems to reason for feverish haste on their part to come in touch with Kuropatkin now that he has had time to recuperated his forces.

The question whether a big battle will be fought in the vicinity of Mukden is considered here to depend chiefly on Gen. Kuropatkin as it is not believed the Japanese will be able to force him to fight at Mukden unless he so elects. The general idea is that when the advance really comes, the Japanese will simply outflank Mukden and go direct against The Pass.

The movements of the Japanese land force and the appearance of a large flotilla in the Liao river are believed to support this view.

As far as the public is concerned, interest seems to be again gravitating toward Port Arthur where the gallant fight of Gen. Stossel's garrison is being watched with intense interest. The report that the garrison has been forced to fall back to the use of home made powder which is proving defective, is considered a discouraging factor. It would be a national grief if the defense of the fortress fell through lack of ammunition. More importance, however, is attached in military circles to the report that the Japanese have abandoned the idea of a direct assault and are tunneling the fortifications and it is believed possible that the end may come as at Sebastopol with a dreadful carnage at Malakoff tower.

War Office Skeptical.
St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—The war office does not believe the Japanese can be ready for another advance unless they have received heavy reinforcements.

WIRED THE CZAR.

Kuropatkin Tells How It Happened at Liao Yang.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—Under date of September 16 General Kuropatkin telegraphed to the czar as follows:

"The entire Manchurian army rejects impressively at your majesty's appreciation of its labors and military deeds. We are all animated by the one desire to beat the enemy and justify the confidence reposed in us by the supreme chief of the Russian army, who may feel perfectly assured of the army's future self-denial and devotion."

"Our departure from Liao Yang was unavoidable, and was accomplished under conditions fraught with great difficulty. Even our adversaries upon this occasion were very modest, their report not mentioning the capture of prisoners, guns or other trophies."

"General Kuroki's official report confirms the statement that on the morning of September 1 his entire force, which is the strongest of the three Japanese armies, was on the right bank of the Taihe river, and if conditions had been favorable, would have cut off the troops occupying Liao Yang from the Russian troops operating on the right bank of the Taihe river."

Close Relations.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—Important developments regarding China's attitude toward the belligerents is anticipated here on well informed authority. There are rumors of closer relations between China and Japan, of the possibility of the Japanese turning over Port Arthur when captured, to China, of their restoring Manchuria to the Chinese.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

Diplomats Wrangle Over What Is to be Immune.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17. C. G. P. M. —Foreign Minister Lamsdorff's reply to the British ambassador, Sir Charles Hardinge yesterday on the subject of

Great Britain's representations in regard to the absolute contraband of war admitted the conditional character of all parts mentioned in section 19 of article 6 of the Russian regulations except horses and other beasts of burden, which Russia has placed in the category of absolute contraband.

In reply to the representations of Ambassador McCormick on behalf of the United States, cotton will not be classed as contraband but as stated yesterday, railroad material and all classes of machinery and boilers to be used on warships continue to be absolute contraband.

CREW OF LENA.

Negotiations as to Their Deportation Now Going On.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—The negotiations between the United States and Russia relative to the disposition of the crew of the Russian auxiliary cruiser Lena at San Francisco have not yet been completed. The request of the United States that the crew be entertained at Mare Island yard until the end of the war has been transmitted through the Russian embassy at Washington and is being considered by the admiralty, where it is desired that the crew be allowed to return home under an agreement that the officers and men are not to fight again during the war. The same situation exists in regard to the protected cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grosvenor at Shanghai. The admiralty has no confirmation of the reports that the Lena had been engaged in a fight in the Pacific.

KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH MANAGERS

JUDGE PARKER WILL VISIT NEW YORK AS OFTEN AS NEEDED.

WHY TAGGART LEFT THE CITY

No Significance in His Trip to Indiana at a Time When Judge Parker Was on a Trip to New York City.

New York, Sept. 17.—It was said at Democratic national headquarters today that Judge Parker will make another visit to New York within a week, or before the publication of his letter of acceptance, and that the conference between the nominee and his managers will be repeated as often as necessary.

Just why Chairman Taggart of the National committee found it necessary to leave the city on the eve of Judge Parker's visit was explained today by Mr. Fanning, Mr. Taggart's chief assistant at Democratic headquarters. Mr. Fanning is vice chairman of the Indiana state Democratic committee. Some weeks ago, he said, he visited the state and found that a consultation between state leaders and the national chairman was very desirable, and that it was impracticable for the leaders to visit New York. He promised them to induce Mr. Taggart to go to Indiana if possible, and on his return to New York placed the matter before the chairman in such a manner that the visit was arranged. Appointments were made at Indianapolis and French Lick Springs, and the day fixed. It was not until noon on the day on which Mr. Taggart was to leave for the west that he was informed by Judge Parker over the long distance telephone that the judge intended to come to New York. Mr. Taggart explained the situation to Mr. Parker and suggested that it would be impracticable for him to cancel the arrangements in Indiana and Illinois. Judge Parker assented to this, but saw no reason to cancel his own visit to New York. On his next visit, it is said Mr. Taggart will be in New York.

Timothy E. Ryan of Wisconsin, member of the Democratic national legislative committee, arrived at headquarters today.

NO APATHY IN INDIANA.

Chairman Taggart Says Conditions in That State Are Satisfactory.
Indianapolis, Sept. 17.—After a two days' conference with the Democratic leaders in Indiana, Thomas Taggart, chairman of the national Democratic committee, said today: "The condition of the organization in Indiana is most encouraging. I had heard a great deal about apathy, but after a conference with the workers I am convinced that there is very little of it as far as we are concerned. The Democrats in Indiana are in a fighting mood. Mr. Taggart will go to French Lick Springs, where he will remain until Monday, when he will leave for Chicago. He expects to leave Chicago for New York next Wednesday."

New York Democracy.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Arrangements for the Democratic state convention are practically complete and leaders from different parts of the state are arriving.

William H. Hoar of New York City will be temporary chairman. Mr. Hoar's probable will be made Wednesday. The full state ticket is to be nominated.

CHIVALRY OF JUDGE PARKER

INSISTS THAT TEXT BOOK SHALL NOT ARRAIGN MR. ROOSEVELT.

MUST NOT REFLECT ON HIS HONOR

The Democratic Nominee For President Will Have None of the Mud Gun in His Campaign.
—Writes Letter

New York, Sept. 17.—The following letter, concerning the Democratic campaign book was made public by the chief of the Democratic literary department today.

Rosemount, Esopus, N. Y., August 17, 1904. My Dear Sir:—The Times of this morning says the party text book is about prepared and that it will go to the printer in a few days. Therefore, I hasten to beg you to see to it that there is no word in it that will reflect upon the honor and integrity of President Roosevelt. An evening Post editorial indicates that but little care was taken in that direction toward myself by the compiler of the Republican text book, but let there be no rejoinder in kind or otherwise. I feel confident that you need no reminder, still my anxiety impels me to send this caution. Very truly yours, "Alton B. Parker."

Judge Parker a Pall Bearer.

Esopus, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Judge Parker was one of the pall bearers at the funeral of Dr. Jacob Chambers which took place at Kingston today. Representative Burton Harrison of New York chairman of the bureau of organization for the up-state campaign will confer with Judge Parker tomorrow.

Pops Open Campaign.

Pacific, Ky., Sept. 17.—The popular campaign in Kentucky was opened today, Hon. Thomas E. Watson, candidate for president, delivering the principal address.

Fusionists Opened Up.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 17.—The campaign of the Democrats and Populists of Nebraska, who have fused on state issues, was opened here today with an ox roast and picnic at one of the parks. G. W. Borge, fusion candidate for governor, made his first speech of the campaign.

Bryan is All Right.

Denver, Sept. 17.—William J. Bryan today accompanied the members of the inter-parliamentary peace party on an excursion to Mammoth, the present terminus of the new Moffatt road in the mountains, and by invitation delivered a public address.

Mr. Bryan, who was in high spirits, denied the report published in the east that the effect that his health is impaired.

Shaw's Opening Gun.

St. Louis, Sept. 17.—Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw addressed a mass meeting at Federal Hall on the World's Fair grounds, to night, his speech being the opening gun of the Republican campaign in western Missouri. Speeches were also made by C. P. Walbridge, gubernatorial nominee.

CUBAN HOUSE ASKS WHY.

Legislature Queries Palma as to Removal of Mayor of Havana.

Havana, Sept. 17.—The house of representatives today resolved to request President Palma for the reasons of the removal by Governor General Wood of Miguel Gomez from the mayoralty of Havana, and the appointment of Senator Gharri, the present incumbent. This is considered as the first case on the part of the moderators, who now have small majorities in the congress, to take the control of Havana from the nationalists, by reinstating former Governor.

In January, 1902, pending an investigation by Senator Novez, the civil governor of Havana, Governor Wood appointed Mayor Gomez, twenty-three of twenty-eight councilmen of Havana having petitioned General Wood for the mayor's removal.

It was stated at the time that the mayor's suspension was the result of an investigation into his conduct in relation to political affairs in Cuba in general, and with the presidential election in particular.

Fairbanks in West Virginia.

Parisburg, W. Va., Sept. 17.—Senator Fairbanks, the Republican nominee for vice president, opened the West Virginia campaign here today in the presence of several thousand people from all over the western portion of the state. The entire West Virginia delegation is in congress and all the state officers and candidates for state offices were present.

Cannon in Indiana.

Petersburg, Ind., Sept. 17.—Hon. Joseph Cannon spoke in Petersburg this afternoon, and in this city tonight. The audience at both places were large.

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TWELVE INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

ACCIDENT ON LAKE SHORE ROAD CAUSES LONG LIST OF CASUALTIES.

TRAIN RUNNING AT HIGH SPEED

Engineer and Fireman Stuck to Their Posts and Were Pulled Out of the Debris Unconscious.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—A through passenger train on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad from Toledo to Chicago was wrecked this afternoon at Root street.

Some claim that the train ran into an open switch and others say that the locomotive jumped the track. Twelve persons were injured. Some of them may die.

Following is a list of the casualties: John Shalter, E. J. Hart, Indiana, engineer, fracture of left leg, serious; J. P. Lane, Kalamazoo, Mich., fireman, head cut and internally injured, serious; George LeFort, Clayton, Mich., two ribs, left leg and collarbone broken; Mrs. Susan Berndt, Chicago, spine injured, both arms paralyzed, serious; E. P. Lucas, Chicago, hand mangled; C. Folks, Chicago, leg broken; A. Truro, Chicago, leg broken; Miss Esther Martin, Pasadena, Cal., badly bruised; Dr. L. H. Goodrich, Springfield, Mass., badly bruised; W. G. Weiss, New York, severely cut.

The train was a little behind time on entering the city and was going at a high rate of speed. The tracks are elevated and the accident happened just before the train reached the viaduct crossing over Root street. The engine left the track and the fore part of the tender struck the end of the viaduct railing and was torn to pieces. The engine plunged to the far side of the viaduct where a rail torn from its fastenings rose on end, transfixing the rear of the baggage car, and the forepart of the baggage car. The four cars next behind the baggage car were piled up in a heap at the north end of the viaduct and all of them were badly smashed. An overturned stove in the rear coach set fire to the wreckage but it was extinguished before it had gained much headway.

The engineer and fireman remained at their posts until the last and both men were pulled out of the debris unconscious.

Murd' Halstead as Orator.

New York, Sept. 17.—Murd' Halstead, the veteran newspaper editor and author, and Colonel Lafayette Young, editor of the Des Moines, Iowa, Daily Capital, were the chief speakers at a meeting of the Roosevelt and Fairbanks Commercial Travelers' League today. Mr. Halstead received an ovation when he arose to speak. He urged the city ordinance which prevented him from speaking for nearly five minutes. He directed his remarks to the protection of American industries.

Campaign Opened.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—The Republicans of Chicago formally opened the political campaign tonight with an immense rally at the auditorium. Senator Foraker of Ohio was the principal speaker of the evening. His address provoked great enthusiasm.

Horace Manies Affair.

Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 17.—Sila Worley, A. Waggoner and Joseph H. Mitchell, a pastor, were indicted in here early today for alleged connection with the lynching of Horace Manies last week. Worley is charged with arson and Mitchell with murder. There is a rumor that additional troops have been ordered here to guard the jail but Capt. H. Brown, in charge of the military, authorized a positive denial of all such rumors.

Would Divide Church and State.

Paris, Sept. 17.—The movement for the separation of church and state is sought out a proposition from a group of deputies to submit the question to a referendum vote of the country. The constitution contemplates a referendum, but it is only adopted in the case of questions of the highest importance. The proposition, though widely discussed, does not receive encouragement from Premier Combes, who says the municipal elections sufficient to show that the country approves his policy.

Racing Against Time.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 17.—At the conclusion of a program of races at the Douglas park track yesterday afternoon, L. B. Theobald of this city started on an automobile to break the twenty-four hour record. Up to 12:25 this (Sunday) morning, after running for seven hours, he had covered 362 miles. The course is one mile.

GENERAL STAFF IS SKEPTIC.

DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE JAPANESE ARE READY FOR BATTLE.

NEXT EVENT MAY BE THE PASS

Some Credence Given to Reports That the Forts at Port Arthur are Being Tunnelled and Will be Mined.

Associated Press Bulletin.

Official news from the seat of war at the Far East is still lacking but the war office at St. Petersburg appears not to anticipate a great battle in the immediate future.

The officials believe that the Japanese will not hurry on an engagement with General Kuropatkin, owing to the fact that the latter has had time since the evacuation of Liao Yang to strengthen his forces materially and in the next movement of the Japanese will be directed against The Pass.

Public interest is again apparently being centered upon Port Arthur and reports that the Japanese are unloading the fortifications there are received in the Russian capital with some credence.

Japanese Scouting.

Tokio, Sept. 17.—Field Marshal Iyama reports that Russian cavalry outposts with bases at Panchoaga, Iainpaga and Tasanchlatzu are daily cutting southward in the vicinity of Ioufulatou over a twelve mile front, up to Jimtang, three miles from Iatungshung.

Indications Point to Battle.

Mukden, Sept. 16, delayed.—The Japanese are reported to be advancing on both flanks from the east, south and southwest. The outposts are closely engaged 20 miles southwestward, there being almost constant skirmishing.

Dismantling Begun.

Valajo, Cal., Sept. 17.—The dismantling of the Russian transport Lena began today at the Mare Island navy yard. The work is being done under the supervision of Captain Drake of the ordnance department, assisted by Master Shuttleworth. The officers and crew are anxiously awaiting a final decision regarding their disposition.

When Japan Will Quit.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Shibushiro Kitato, the leading bacteriologist of Japan, was in the city today, on route to St. Louis. In discussing the Russo-Japanese war he said: "Japan is in arms to drive the Russians to their own boundaries. China will be given Manchuria, and then Japan will civilize China and teach her to resist encroachments on her lands, so that Japan has drawn her sword, we will not sheath it until victory is won. The question is whether Russia will be driven to her natural boundaries or all the Japanese be killed."

Troops Land at Dalny.

Paris, Sept. 17.—The correspondent of the Matin at Cze Fou, says he arms from an official source that the Japanese are preparing for a decisive attack upon Port Arthur, and that troops are daily being landed at Dalny, his powerful cannon.

JAPANESE CIRCULAR.

Imperial Declaration Tells All About What the War is For.

Tokio, Sept. 17.—9 p. m.—Owing to friction between the military authorities and field attachés and correspondents, Field Marshal Yamagata, chief of the general staff, today telegraphed to Field Marshal Oyama, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in the field, the following:

"The imperial declaration of war as contained in the edicts is not fully realized as being based on the broad principles of justice. It makes no distinction of race, religion or national manners or customs. The sole object of the war is to insure the safety of the empire, guarantee the peace of the world, spread the blessings of civilization and promote the general interests of all nations. It is therefore hoped that these principles will also find expression in the treatment of foreign officers and correspondents attached to our armies, and that so long as the rule of military necessity is not infringed, a frank and candid consideration be extended to them, so that the spirit of civility which animates this empire be fully demonstrated to the whole world."

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San Francisco, Sept. 17.—Just at the close of the banking hours today a man in the lobby of the First National Bank of this city, observing a cash door leading behind the counter unlocked, pushed it aside, walked in and helping himself to a bag containing \$20,000 in gold coin, made a rapid exit. He immediately slowed down his pace and walked into a side entrance of the Crookin hotel, which leads to the "Lafayette" room, closely followed by M. Macintosh, an employe of the bank who had witnessed the theft. Seeing he was pursued, the thief turned into the hotel office, where he was seized by Macintosh. When asked to turn over the money, he said it was his own. The \$20,000 was taken from him with its contents undisturbed. The daring robber, who is about 25 years old and well dressed, then called on the people in the hotel office to see if he had not told the truth by accompanying him to the bank. Then, without a word, he walked to the corner undisturbed boarded a street car which was passing, and was soon out of sight.

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