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MUCH UNEASINESS IS FELT

Reports From Russia Indicate a Considerable Feeling of Apprehension

PORT ARTHUR MUST BE HELD AT ANY COST

The Government's Prestige With the Lower Classes Staked Upon the Holding of Port Arthur—Preparing to Cope With a Chinese Invasion of Manchuria.

London, By Cable.—That the curtain is drawn again over the progress of the war problem indicates that important events are impending or afoot. The disclosures heard at Port Arthur suggest that the Russians have renewed their attempts to remove obstructions in the mouth of the harbor. All kinds of rumors are current, few of which appear to have any reliable basis.

Various special correspondents in St. Petersburg report increasing depression in Russia over the prospect of the fall of Port Arthur and say that wild reports are in circulation of dissensions over questions of policy and strategy.

The Daily Mail gives great prominence to a statement "from a Russian correspondent" declaring that Russia will stand or fall by Port Arthur as far as the government's prestige, with the lower classes is concerned.

"Internal troubles are inevitable," the correspondent says, "should the fortress fall. Count Lamsdorf displays a strong personality, but his position is precarious, and he is likely to be sacrificed as a scapegoat to popular indignation at the way the war has been conducted. Although it is said that General Kuropatkin has lost favor at court, no change in the command of the army is contemplated."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of Reuters' Telegraph Agency says that increasing anxiety is felt over the restlessness of Chinese troops on the Manchurian frontier. The Morning Post's correspondent in St. Petersburg goes so far as to say that Russia is preparing to cope with a serious Chinese invasion.

A dispatch to the Standard from St. Petersburg asserts that no preparations whatsoever have been made to organize a transport service down the great waterways of the Sungari and Amur rivers. Great indignation is felt over the discovery that several wealthy Russian firms "secretly assisted in the recent Japanese loan."

A dispatch to the Morning Post from Shanghai says that some of the warships at Port Arthur have been beached and their guns removed to the land works. The Shanghai correspondent also says that Field Marshal Yamagata has been appointed viceroy of the territories Japan has occupied since the war began. This is the only reference this morning to the statement of the Daily Express Saturday morning that Field Marshal Yamagata had been appointed commander-in-chief of the Japanese army of invasion.

The Standard's Tien Tsin correspondent reports that the Russian forces are being withdrawn gradually northward, the Russians being aware that a strong force of Japanese is gathering in the passes northeast of Mukden.

Two Encounters Reported. Tokyo, By Cable.—The Japanese and Russian forces located north of Pulantze, which were in a series of brushes during the early part of last week, had

SOUTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

Warm Weather Last Week Favored Cultivation and Growth.

Columbia, S. C.—The week ending 8 a. m., June 6th, had a mean temperature of 78 degrees which is practically normal. The extremes were a maximum of 98 at Clarks Hill and Little Mountain on the 4th, and a minimum of 59 at Greenville on the 3rd. The relative humidity was about normal, and much higher than last week. The winds were generally light to fresh southerly. The sunshine was slightly below normal.

Although farmwork was interrupted by the heavy rains that rendered cultivation impracticable, it is generally up with the needs of field crops, but with numerous reports of grass and weeds springing up rapidly since the rains, especially in cotton fields. Such reports originate in localities where the rainfall was heaviest and where the crop could not be worked. Generally all field crops are clean.

There was a general improvement noted in the growth and color of corn. Bottom lands and stubble fields have been planted, and the late plantings are coming up to very good stands. Early corn has received its third cultivation and some has been laid by.

Stands of cotton have improved, since the rains on red and clay lands, with late plantings and re-plantings all up to good stands. There is a general improvement in color and looks of cotton, extending to the sea-island variety that was suffering seriously from lack of moisture. The week's growth was rapid, due to the more favorable moisture and temperature conditions. The whole crop is now quite promising. Squares have been noted in Colleton and Hampton counties; five in Greenville county.

The rains benefited both wheat and oats; harvesting made slow progress. Rice is growing nicely, and June sowing has begun. Tobacco is doing well, but is small, and it continues too dry in places. A large number of sweet potato slips were transplanted. Truck shipments are increasing; the quality of peaches is normal. Sugar cane has poor stands. Melons are late, but have improved, as have pastures and gardens. All minor crops are flourishing.

J. W. BAUER, Section Director.

Hurt in Runaway.

Darlington, Special.—Friday afternoon a party of young people drove out in a buggy and wagon about two miles to Black creek to enjoy an evening's picnic. On their return trip about 9 o'clock there was a fearful runaway. Chief of Police A. E. Dargan's horse ran away. The horse was hitched to a spring wagon and accompanying Mr. Dargan were three young ladies. Chief Dargan was thrown out and one of his legs broken in two places. One of the young ladies was also thrown out but was not seriously injured. Two of the young ladies jumped out from the rear of the wagon and were unhurt. The horse with the wagon rushed on, striking and upsetting the buggy of Mr. T. Fraser James. Both Mr. and Mrs. James were thrown out and the latter was painfully but it is hoped not seriously injured as no bones were broken. The accident occurred just beyond Swift creek, out of the town limits. The horse ran into town via Cashna street at a frightful rate, passing through the square, around by the postoffice, down Orange street, crossing to Pearl, onward back to the square and to police headquarters, where he stopped. The wagon was not damaged. Those injured have been carefully attended and their speedy recovery is hoped for.

Erecting Postoffice Building.

Bishopville, Special.—Mr. J. S. Corbett is erecting offices to be used for a postoffice building. He is connecting the building in which the postoffice now is with the side of his large department store. When these new offices are completed Capt. H. D. Corbett, the efficient postmaster, will be prepared to give better postal service than has ever been given in this town. The office will be separated into departments, with a large lobby in front.

No Attempt to Run Cars.

Houston, Texas, Special.—The utmost quiet prevailed Sunday. No attempt was made to run street cars, and no crowds collected on the streets. It is reported that the company has increased its force of strikebreakers by 80 men. The Central Labor Union met and adopted a resolution calling on the mayor to appoint citizens of Houston as guards.

400,000 Fire at Danville.

Danville, Va., Special.—The costliest fire in the history of Danville occurred Sunday. The loss will probably reach within the neighborhood of \$400,000. Of the burned buildings, Lee's warehouse was owned by J. G. Penn and O. W. Dudley, the factory adjoining the warehouse on the east by B. Newgrass & Co., and the factory of the Williams estate, of Richmond, the American Tobacco Company was the lessee of all the buildings, and used them as storage warehouses for leaf tobacco. Nearly 4,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco stored in hogsheds were burned.

Wife of Mark Twain Dead.

Florence, Italy, By Cable.—Mrs. Samuel Clemens, the wife of "Mark Twain," the American author and lecturer, died of syncope here yesterday evening. Half an hour before her death she had conversed cheerfully with her husband. Mrs. Clemens died peacefully. The body has been embalmed, and will be sent to the United States. Mrs. Clemens kneels continually by the coffin. He speaks to no one.

Palmetto Cleanings.

The trustees of the Newberry city schools have selected the following of the corps of teachers: W. H. Stucky, superintendent; and Misses Agnes Sumner, Mary Barton, Amanda Wells, Alice Jones, Gertrude Simpson and Mrs. W. J. Fair. The following new teachers were elected: Misses Ruby Holloway, Laura Bowman, Genriev Bonner, Orlene Williamson and Mrs. J. I. Kennedy.

AWFUL EXPLOSION

Deadly Infernal Machine Set Off By Cowardly Assassins

12 MINERS KILLED IN COLORADO

All Except Two Outsiders were Non-Union Men—Fragments of Bodies Strawn Within a Radius of 500 Feet—Others Will Die.

Cripple Creek, Col., Special.—Twelve men were killed and several severely wounded Monday by the explosion of an infernal machine at the railroad station in Independence. Eleven were killed outright, being blown to pieces, and one died later from his wounds. All the killed and injured, with the exception of two men from the Deadwood mine, were non-union miners employed on the night shift of the Findlay. The infernal machine with which the murder was committed consisted of a quantity of dynamite, probably 300 pounds; a loaded revolver, and a long, fine steel wire attached to the trigger. The revolver was fastened so that the pulling of the trigger would not draw it away. The wire ran from under the station platform to the cribbing of the Delmonico property, about 400 feet away, where its end was fastened to a ring of a chair. The dynamite was placed close to the muzzle of the revolver, which was discharged by pulling the wire. The ball from the revolver, and the resultant concussion, exploded the dynamite.

A man was seen running down the hill from the Delmonico property after the explosion. The victim, who was ordered out by Mayor French, was so stationed as to keep people from passing over the track taken by this man, and bloodhounds were sent from Canon City and Trinidad to trail the assassin.

The infernal machine used was similar to the one exploded in the Vindicator mine, on November 21, 1903, killing two men. The men quit work at 2 o'clock and were waiting to board a suburban train in the Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad, to return to their homes in Cripple Creek and Victor.

Just after the engineer of the approaching train blew whistle as a signal to the miners, according to custom, a terrific explosion occurred underneath the station platform, on and near which twenty-six men were gathered. The platform was blown into splinters, the station was wrecked, and a hole twenty feet in circumference and twenty feet deep was torn in the ground. Fragments of bodies were hurled several hundred feet.

Several bodies dropped into the pit made by the explosion, but heads, hands, ears, legs, arms and trunks were strewn about on all sides. Pieces of flesh were found on buildings 500 feet away, white splashes of blood were found on everything within a radius of fifty feet.

The force of the explosion was felt throughout the camp, and the crash awakened everybody. The approaching train was stopped, and the trainmen rushed ahead to the scene of the disaster. They were joined in a few minutes by hundreds of persons, and relief work was begun at once. A special train was sent from Cripple Creek, carrying physicians, nurses, officers and many others, but when it reached Independence, the injured had already been placed on board a suburban train and removed to a hospital, in Victor. The mangled bodies of the dead, pieced together, as well as possible, were removed to the coroner's office. The dead: Gus Augustine, aged 15; Arthur Mahleise, relatives in Germany; Henry Lang, Alexander Melane, Charles E. Barber, Herbert McCoy, H. J. Hartnell, William Shanklin, E. Kelso, W. W. Delaney, Edward Ross and E. H. Johnson. The injured: Phil Chandler, J. A. Brooker, Edward Holland, John Pollock, Tom Sinclair, Dan Gailey and Clarence Allen.

Amputations have been performed on a few of the wounded, and it is almost certain several of them will die.

Thomas Jenkins Found.

Spartanburg, Special.—Thomas Jenkins, the white farmer who so mysteriously disappeared Monday evening at Union, was found in an old, unused house, about a mile from that town. When discovered, he was crazed from the effects of morphine or liquor. It is thought that it must have been the former, as some of it was found on the floor near his head. He had never used the drug before, as he does not remember when or how he got to such an out-of-the-way place. Jenkins became somewhat more rational several hours after he was found. He was taken by his friends to his home, on Enoree river, and the doctors think he will recover entirely within the next few days, when possibly the circumstances surrounding his disappearance will be cleared up.

Accidentally Shot.

Anderson, Special.—By the accidental discharge of a parlor rifle in the hands of his younger brother last week, little Ralph Edwards, six years of age, was shot through the head and fatally wounded. It is not thought that he will live through the night. The child is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Edwards, of Monterey, Mexico. Mrs. Edwards and family are spending the summer here with Mrs. Edward's mother, Mrs. Mary Brown, but Mr. Edwards is in Mexico. The family is one of the oldest in the city and the news of the accident shocked everybody.

First Lion Occupied.

London, By Cable.—The Rome correspondent of The Daily News telegraphs: "A Tokyo dispatch to The Journals d'Italia says that the Japanese occupied the first lion of the outer fortifications of Port Arthur after overtopping a feeble resistance." The correspondent at Tokyo of a news agency says that four divisions of Japanese troops have occupied Kwangtung heights on which they employed heavy artillery dominating Port Arthur.

DEATH OF MAJ. LONDON

Well-Known and Popular Citizen of Rock Hill Passes to the Great Beyond.

Rock Hill, Special.—Major John R. London, one of Rock Hill's oldest and best beloved citizens, died at his home on Chatham avenue on Wednesday evening shortly after 11 o'clock, after an illness extending over a period of several months. Some time ago Maj. London became afflicted with enlargement of the liver, but though suffering acutely continued in more or less active life. About three weeks ago he went to Baltimore to seek relief but was informed that nothing could be done. Returning home, his decline was rapid until the end.

John R. London was 71 years of age and a native of North Carolina. Going north in early manhood, he was in Boston when the Civil war broke out. Coming home, he offered his services to the south and was assigned to engineering work. The railroad between Greensboro and Danville was built by him. He left the service at the end of the war with the rank of major. Settling in this neighborhood in February, 1861, he was from that time on closely identified with every movement having for its object the upbuilding and uplifting of the community. He was one of the first of Rock Hill's mayors. When the Standard, now the Highland Park, cotton mills were erected about 15 years ago Major London was elected president of the company and continued to hold that office until the mills changed when the Globe became the Victoria mills, erected about the same time, he was also president, the two operations being run under one management. Later when the Globe became the Victoria he was again made president, an office he held until the time of his death.

Major London was married in 1865 to Miss Rhodes of Greensboro, N. C., who survives him. Besides his widow, he leaves three brothers, Frank London of Atlanta, H. A. and W. L. London of Pittsboro, N. C., and three sisters, Mrs. Horton of Pittsboro, N. C., Mrs. Mary C. Jones of Williston, S. C., and Mrs. Snowden of Jacksonville, Fla.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the Episcopal church, in the building of which he was largely instrumental and in which for 40 years he served with faithfulness and earnest zeal.

Thirty-One Graduates.

Spartanburg, Special.—The closing exercises of the Spartanburg Graded Schools were held in the Converse street school building last week, at which time diplomas were given to 31 graduates, and an address, brief and suitable to the occasion, was spoken by the Rev. W. A. Rogers, D. D. Dr. Rogers chose as his subject "High Ideals," and in a concise, practical manner he told the pupils of the value of ideals and the importance of a thorough preparation and equipment for life. Diplomas were delivered by Secretary H. E. Ravenel, of the board of trustees of the schools, to the following:

Olga Hammond, Helen Greenwald, Viola Lashaw, Nell Burnett, Dora Ezzell, May Bateman, Rosa Spott, Mary Anderson, May Gentry, Mattie Harney, Lois Nutt, Eva Fike, Bessie Woodward, Charlie Brown, Alexander Copeland, Geneva Hart, Francis Tarbox, Lowell Lynch, May Foster, Bertha Rudisill, Lucius Jennings, Pretto Halyard, Annie Callahan, John Lee Hydrick, Yates Smith, Margaret Cunningham, Gertrude Blowers, Texie Nance, Ernestine Clark, Sybil Smith, May Hodges.

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Foreign Affairs.

Sir Henry Irving announced that he would retire from the stage in 1906.

Miscellaneous Doings.

Hundreds of Italian immigrants are in danger of starving at Montreal. Democratic State conventions were held in Nebraska, Georgia, Michigan and Oklahoma.

Orders were given at the Vatican that all persons admitted to audience with the Pope must kneel.

Secretary Hay's action in asking France's help in securing the release of Ion Perdicaris and Cromwell Varley is significant as the best recognition of France's position in Morocco under the Anglo-French treaty.

NEWS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Paragraphs of Minor Importance Gathered From Many Sources.

Through the South.

A hurricane caused \$100,000 damage, mainly to oil derricks, at Fairmont, W. Va.

Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, says he thinks Senator Gorman is the strongest man the Democrats can nominate.

One negro was lynched and two were shot as the result of the murder of John Simms, a prominent planter, and William Cato, his overseer, by negroes near Greenville, Miss.

Washington Happenings.

The War Department announced a list of cadets designated to enter West Point Military Academy.

It is thought there will be a deficit at the close of the fiscal year on June 30, the expenditures of the national government having been increased by the purchase of the Panama canal.

The second annual conference of the State health and quarantine authorities with the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service was held in Washington.

To prevent such an accident as that which occurred on the battleship Missouri on April 13 from a "flare-back" in the turret, the Navy Department has issued stringent regulations in regard to target practice.

In the North.

The Republican State Convention was continued in Illinois.

The ninety-eighth General Synod of the Reformed Church met at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Governor Herrick, of Ohio, ordered troops to Hanging Rock to stop strike riots against negroes there.

It is expected that the Republican congressional candidates in Oregon were elected by safe majorities.

Judge George Gray made a notable address at the opening of the Peace Conference at Lake Mohonk, N. Y.

Mr. Joseph W. Folk declined to allow the use of his name in connection with the chairmanship of the National Democratic Convention.

As well as could be estimated, twenty-two persons are dead, and a score injured as a result of the lawless conditions in Colorado.

A Washash train crossed the great Monongahela river bridge and entered Pittsburg, and regular trains to St. Louis are promised by July 26.

At Victor, Col., Sheriff Bell swore in more than 300 deputies last night and made more than 100 arrests. At a late hour a rumor became current that he had been killed.

The 5,000 men employed by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company in the Painter Creek Valley may go on strike because of alleged discrimination against union men.

Melvin Fallizer, of New York, issued a call for a Democratic convention in Cooper Union Hall, June 18th, to protest against the recent endorsement of Parker at Albany.

A suit for \$50,000,000 for royalties alleged to be due for using an oil-rendering process was filed in New York by Mrs. Elizabeth Greenough against the Pratt estate.

Charles S. Deneen was nominated for Governor of Illinois by the Republican State convention, thus ending the most famous deadlock in Illinois politics since John A. Logan was named for United States Senator years ago.

Wage Cut Postponed.

Fall River, Mass., Special.—At a meeting of local cotton goods manufacturers it was voted to postpone indefinitely the proposed cut of 10 per cent in wages of employees. The cut was to have been made June 11, provided such action was agreed upon by operators of 2,000,000 spindles. It was stated that manufacturers representing only 1,500,000 spindles had agreed to a wage curtailment.

Cyclone Does Damage.

Omaha, Neb., Special.—Reports from Tekamah, which was struck Thursday night by a tornado, indicate that about twenty persons were injured, some of them seriously. There were no fatalities. The storm wrecked most of the buildings in its path, which was a block in width and several blocks long. The opera-house, two general stores and several residences were destroyed. A high school commencement rehearsal was in progress in the opera house when the storm struck the building, carrying away the roof and partially wrecking the walls. A number of pupils were injured. The property loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Lynching in Idaho.

Grangerville, Idaho, Special.—A. M. Myers, who killed George Brown and wounded Wallace Bennett, near Creek, Corral three weeks ago, has been taken from a party of about a dozen men and lynched. The lynching was masked and unannounced. Myers had to use the same old saw as the Grangerville mob. The lynching was not held in the county and the party overtook

TROOPS SENT DAILY

Many Armed Men Being Sent to the Scene of Hostilities

RUSSIANS BECOMING STRONGER

No Definite Information, However, Showing That the Russians Are Ready to Meet the Japanese.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The best informed circles attach no importance to the reports that Gen. Kuropatkin has detached a large force from his army at Liao Yang and dispatched it southward to relieve Port Arthur, and it is distinctly denied that Emperor Nicholas personally ordered such a movement. It can be authoritatively stated that the Emperor's confidence in Kuropatkin is unshaken and his majesty is not attempting to interfere with his plan of campaign. While no such army has been dispatched southward, it is natural that Kuropatkin will do all possible to harass General Oku's rear. The railroads have been kept open as far as Vafangou, 25 miles above Kin Chou, and it is not unlikely, since the Japanese have failed to push through a line across the head of the Liao Tung peninsula, that several thousand Russian troops may be sent down the railroad to impede the Japanese operations and inflict as much damage as possible, as these could be easily withdrawn by railroad if the enemy threatened to cut the line of communication above. Even the loss of a few regiments would be considered cheap if the Japanese operations against Port Arthur were thereby retarded for an appreciable time. However, it is realized that with the Japanese occupation of Port Dainy and Talien-Wan as bases for landing siege guns, the small force above Kin Chou could accomplish but little, and it is now more likely to be withdrawn, destroying the railroad as it retreats northward. For strategic purposes Kuropatkin may be trying to make the Japanese believe that a movement southward is contemplated, in order to divert Kuropatkin's attention in that direction. The impression is being thrown out in certain quarters here that Kuropatkin is about to take the offensive and that an engagement with Kuroki is imminent. But, so far as can be ascertained, there is no solid foundation for this. It is unquestionable, however, that the railroad is pouring troops into Manchuria at the rate of almost 2,500 a day and it will not be long at the present rate before the Russian commander-in-chief will be at least on equal terms with any force the enemy can bring against him.

The general staff is keeping very dark about the whereabouts and purposes of the Cossacks reported to be working around Kuroki's rear, and the number of raiders operating in Korea.

Japs Occupy Dainy.

Washington, Special.—The Japanese legation gave out the following dispatch from the home government at Tokio, embodying a report from Gen. Oku as follows: "Gen. Oku, commanding the army operating against Port Arthur, reports that our troops occupied Dainy on May 30. Over 100 warehouses and barracks, besides telegraph offices and railway station were found uninjured. Over 200 railway cars are usable, but all small railway bridges in the neighborhood are destroyed. All dock piers, except the great pier, which was sunk, remain uninjured. Some steam launches were also found sunk at the mouth of the dock."

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