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## THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST

### Both Parties are Rushing Forces to the Front

### BOMBARDING FORT ARTHUR

#### Several Attacks the Past Week but Little Damage Done—Russia Preparing a Large Armada—No Important Engagements

During the past week little news of any importance was received in regard to the Russian-Japan war. Both belligerents are massing immense armies, and erecting fortifications for serious work later. The Japanese fleet has bombarded Port Arthur several times, but with little effect, never venturing near enough for a decisive battle. The numerous reports that Port Arthur had fallen have all proven incorrect. In the past week neither side has gained any decided victory or advantage.

Feverish activity prevails in naval circles at St. Petersburg. The Russian squadron will remain in the Mediterranean until August, when they will send an extraordinary strong squadron to destroy or capture the enemy's fleet.

It will be stronger than the existing Japanese squadron, for it will include the three first class battleships now nearly completed.

Russia fears China will make some sort of hostile move after the first land fight, besides accusing Japan of violating the laws of nations in shelling the Dalny quarantine station.

Japanese torpedo boats appeared off Fort Arthur at midnight of the night of March 21-22, and the shore batteries and guardships shelled them for twenty minutes. "The Japanese retreated but reappeared four hours later, when they met with the same reception, when they retired again.

"At 9 a. m. a Japanese squadron of two divisions, composed of four and eleven ships, accompanied by eight ships accompanied by eight torpedo boats, appeared and the Russian squadron sailed out from the outer roadstead to meet them. "No further details regarding the action are available. "At 9 a. m. the Japanese battleships having fired several shots at Liaotshin and sheltered behind the promontory, commenced a bombardment of Port Arthur.

The correspondent of the Times at Tokio, under Wednesday's date, cables that its rumored the Japanese have succeeded in blocking the entrance to Port Arthur. According to the Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent, the Russian government has privately informed the senators that since the outbreak of the war exactly one hundred thousand troops have been forwarded to the far east by the Siberian railway.

## CLARA BARTON ACCUSED.

The American Red Cross Society is rent in twain. Definite charges of mismanagement were filed against Clara Barton and her coterie of friends by a large majority of the directors—an eminent and honorable body of citizens. They found that not less than \$715,000 have been collected and that no part of it was ever received or disbursed by the Treasurer, and the accounts, if accounts were kept, have never been audited. There have been no public reports of receipts or expenditures. Money paid in has been used for anything that the President wished to use it for, without consultation with the directors. It is charged that the charter of the society has been grossly and repeatedly violated. Miss Barton has now to show why reorganization should not take place in the public interest.

## Miles-Eberts.

Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock John B. Miles and Miss Blanch M. Eberts, of Martha, were married at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. Decker. The bride was attended by Miss Mary Woodring while the groom had for his best man, Earnest Spotts. An excellent wedding breakfast was served and many beautiful presents were received by the bride. The groom is a son of ex county Treasurer John Q. Miles, and a steady young man who won a most estimable young lady.

## Notice to Subscribers.

Subscribers who change their residence this spring are requested to notify the office. By doing this promptly it will avoid delay in the delivery of the paper. Those desiring their postoffice address changed will give their present address as well as the new one.

A constable at Lock Haven has resigned his dangerous office because the county commissioners have offered but \$250 reward for the arrest of a brother officer's assailant.

## Sixty-day Fast.

V. R. Wilcox of West Fairview, Cumberland county, who has abstained from all solid food since January 17, in the hope of curing himself of stomach trouble, Thursday broke what is probably the longest fast on record. Mr. Wilcox's first change of diet was from boiled water to nourishing broth, which will be his diet until his stomach is strong enough to retain solid food.

Until 10 days ago Wilcox attended to work in his poultry house, but since Sunday he has been confined to bed on account of extreme weakness. He says he is afraid it will be some time before he is strong enough to walk.

Wilcox started on milk and lived for one month on farinaceous water from boiled oatmeal, and during the remainder of the fast he subsisted on pump water. Although greatly weakened and emaciated by his long fast, he is hopeful that he will ultimately recover from stomach complaint.

Wilcox was not under medical surveillance during his fast, preferring to be his own doctor. After spending thousands of dollars upon physicians' advice without deriving benefit he says he still has faith in the doctors, and if he finds it necessary he will summon one.

## ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSES.

On Tuesday, at a session of argument court, Judge Love passed on a number of liquor license applications that had been held over from the first hearing. The following were granted, all being old applicants:

Phillipsburg—  
Thomas Barnes, 2nd ward.  
Dorsey Myers, 2nd ward.  
Joseph Peters, Jr., 2nd ward.  
Enoch Hugg, 2nd ward.  
James Black, 2nd ward.  
Grin Yall, 2nd ward.  
Two applications were withdrawn:  
Wier Bloom, Rush twp.  
R. F. Emerick, Walker twp.  
These were continued, all being new applicants:  
Thos. F. Street, 2nd ward, Phillipsburg.  
Rush township.  
Andrew Somerville, Rush twp.  
West & Bridenhofer, 2nd ward, Phillipsburg.  
D. W. Schaar.  
Garfield Bolea.  
Lawrence Nugent.  
Fred Eisenbauer.

## Penning in a Cave With a Catamount.

A dispatch from Williamsport says: While exploring a cave in a wood, James Skinner, of Muncy valley, ran across a full-grown catamount, which snarled at him but which did not dare approach because he carried pine torches. Hurrying back to the mouth of the cave, Skinner found to his astonishment, that a dead tree, under which he had crawled to get into the cave, had slid a few feet down the side of the mountain and effectually blocked the entrance. His utmost strength failed to move it, and he became thoroughly frightened. For three hours he kept his torches burning and thus prevented an attack from the catamount. Finally, when his available firewood had almost gone, it happily occurred to him to build a fire under the tree. He acted at once, and the blaze had been going less than half an hour when the tree broke and Skinner was able to crawl from his prison nearly choked by the smoke.

## Large Trout in Engine Tank.

An unusual find in the shape of an eight inch brook trout was found in the tank of engine No. 2198, of the New York Central road in the shops at Oak Grove. Thomas Mulhern, an employe, entered the tank to make repairs. A little water remained in the bottom and with the aid of the rays from his lamp Mr. Mulhern saw the fish swimming about in the water. He caught it in his hands and coming to the light saw that it was a fine large trout. It is supposed the fish was drawn from a tank while the engine was taking water. It was returned to a nearby trout stream in compliance with the state law.

## Big Fire at Tyrone.

About 5:30 o'clock Monday morning fire was discovered in Uhl's cigar and billiard establishment at Tyrone and before the flames could be controlled Sprinkle Bros.' meat market, Vancove's cigar store, Study & Bouse's millinery and the grocery department of Templeton & Co's. department store was destroyed. More or less damage was also done to the main store of Templeton & Co.

It is expected that contracts will be let by April 1 for building the Binghampton and Southern railroad which is to be extended from Binghampton, N. Y., to Williamsport, a distance of 116 miles. All but fourteen and one half miles of the line are in Pennsylvania and the short portion in New York state will be built under the name of the Broome county railroad. Surveys have been completed.

It takes something more than giving to clean dirty hands.

## VACCINATION A SUCCESS

### Some Good Advice To People Who Oppose It.

### THE ONLY SURE PREVENTION

#### Result of Vaccination Clearly Proven by Records Kept in Philadelphia Hospitals—Only Method to Check the Disease.

Since smallpox has invaded various sections of our county and spread into many families, too much care can not be exercised in keeping it from becoming a general epidemic. The following article appeared in a recent issue of the North American, and should be carefully read by Centre county people:

#### SUICIDE BY SMALLPOX.

After the vehement opponents of vaccination have said all they have to say; after they have pictured the horrors of accidental infection from the operation and upheld the liberty of the citizen against legal compulsion, there still remain the facts. The records of deaths and of persons exposed, yet immune, dissipate the most eloquent theories. Dr. J. F. Schamberger, in his lecture at the Central High school last week, presented facts which ought to obliterate opposition to the Jennerian method.

Of more than 3000 smallpox patients treated at the Municipal Hospital during the last three years not one had been recently successfully vaccinated.

Of 120 trained nurses employed—successful vaccination being a prerequisite—not one contracted the disease.

None of the medical attendants was attacked.

Of 100 workmen employed near the patients four refused to be vaccinated. These were stricken with smallpox, while those who submitted to the operation were unscathed.

Of 700 medical students who have worked in the smallpox wards only one caught the infection, and he had never been successfully vaccinated.

There is no question that evidence like this might be multiplied indefinitely from the records of hospitals for contagious diseases. Scientific authority and practical experience sustain Dr. Schamberger's conclusions:

"There is no excuse at the present day for any one to perish of smallpox. The man who refuses to have his children vaccinated is guilty of criminal negligence; more so, indeed, than he who stores in his house dangerous explosives."

## Young Fish for State Streams.

The state department of fisheries will send 5,800,000 young fish to all parts of Pennsylvania in the spring for stocking public streams. More than 200,000 will be retained at the hatcheries for breeding purposes.

The department has granted 4,237 applications for trout to stock streams. These applications have been received from all counties of the state, except Beaver, Bucks, Greene and Mercer, which counties have virtually no trout streams within their borders.

Only one can, each of which will contain 1300 young fish, will be sent to fill each application. The applications granted are those for public streams only and all applications from persons desiring to stock private streams were refused.

## Skipped Out.

Phillipsburg was treated to a surprise Monday morning, when it was discovered that the Mueller Brothers, who have been in the produce business at Phillipsburg for nearly a year, had "folded their tents like the Arabs and silently stole away" between two days. The Muellers came from Baltimore, nearly a year ago, did a wholesale business. The latter part of last week they sold their depleted stock out as close as could be and on Monday morning, between three and four o'clock, slipped quietly from their lodgings, loaded their personal effects into their delivery wagon and drove to Tyrone, taking the train from there, presumably for Baltimore. The remnant of stock left behind would not amount to \$50.—Phillipsburg Ledger.

## M. E. Conference.

Bishop C. C. McCabe, popularly known as Chaplain McCabe will preside over the sessions of the Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference, which convened in the Fifth street church, at Harrisburg, yesterday afternoon. This will be the thirty-sixth annual session of the conference. One of the most interesting features of the conference will be the election of lay and ministerial delegates to the general conference in May. Laymen can vote only for members of their own body, which rule also applies to ministers.

The Pennsylvania Commissioners have finished their labor at the Vicksburg Military Park and have selected a site for the Pennsylvania monument at some point within the park. Colonel Austin Curtis, of the commission, was surprised with the presentation of a gold-headed cane Saturday on the occasion of his sixty-sixth birthday.

## HE WAS CHOICY.

Out of a list of 3,500 fair suiters for his hand, his heart and his little store in Highland township, Adams county, "Squire" Samuel W. Hammers has chosen a wife.

The remaining 3499 the thrifty "squire" has turned into money by selling their letters in reply to his now famous advertisement for a wife, to a matrimonial agency. He cleared \$50 by the sale.

Hammers' bride is a western girl, whom he found among his list of correspondents.

Several years ago Hammers advertised for a wife with \$5,000, and since that time he has received from 25 to 50 answers daily. He exchanged pictures with those who wrote to him and the walls of his store room in Highland township are literally papered with the photographs of widows and maidens who wished to be his better half.

During the long winter evenings Hammers would amuse the loiterers in his store by reading to them choice extracts from his love letters, and they would agree with him that those written by widows were much more interesting and to the point than those written by the girls.

## Jamison Seen Near His Home.

Sheriff Shearer has received a number of letters from persons in the section of where Sherman Jamison lives, who state to him that Jamison has been seen in the territory of his home and adjoining county since the sheriff and his posse were there. The opinion is prevalent that Jamison is able to move about in fair disguise and it is to be hoped that some one will identify him and keep tab on his whereabouts so that the officers will be able to round him up and capture him. It is all important that this outlaw should be brought to justice for the assault upon the officers which resulted in Constable Deeghan's death was entirely uncalled for and none but a villain would have attempted it.—Democrat.

## Doesn't Want to Play Goat.

The editor of the Ridgeway Advocate gets this view of things religious from a back seat. "The modern method of dividing sheep from the goats at religious meetings may be useful and have a good effect in some respects, but there is no doubt that it will make some people avoid the meetings thereafter—and if men are driven away from the meeting there is a little chance of saving them through the meetings. There is one good thing however, about having the professing christians stand up and leaving the old sinners in their seats—looking like thirty cents, he informs the observer that there are men really on the Lord's side who were never suspected of it before."

## Fell From Train and Seriously Injured.

John Gallagher, of Howard, was quite seriously injured Thursday night of last week about ten o'clock while attempting to board a train at Milesburg. It was a freight train and going at a rapid rate when Gallagher attempted to jump it. He missed his footing and was thrown to the ground, dislocating his hip and inflicting serious scalp wounds. He was taken to the Bellefonte Hospital where he is receiving every attention possible. His wounds while severe are not necessarily fatal. He is 23 years of age and a son of Mrs. McCummins, of this place.

## A Mistake.

C. E. Yeatick, living three miles east of Jacksonville, Marion twp., will have public sale to morrow, Friday, March 25th. He has a fine line of well bred live stock, and implements. We want to call special attention to the time of his sale as an error was made in last issue in our sale register. It read "Friday, March 24th." Friday is the right day but the date is the 25th, instead of 24th. By referring to his bills you will find a complete list of stock; a list also appears in the Sale Register, page 3.

## Co. B. Will be There Too.

The Philadelphia Inquirer says: The committee having in charge the building of the memorial to Brigadier General Alexander Leroy Hawkins, the famous Colonel of the "Fighting Tenth" Infantry, has decided that the unveiling of the monument will be held in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, on June 15. Capt. Taylor's Co. B boys will be there too, and, as usual, take the plum.

## For Sale.

A new 5-horsepower, horizontal, Fairbanks, gas or gasoline engine. Can be seen any time at this office. Engine is too large for our purpose, and have ordered a 2-horsepower engine, same make to take its place in our new office. No better on the market; very few are as good. See cut and description on page 2. Also a good 12 inch water motor. Inquire personally at this office, before April 1st.

## OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

### Important Events in Centre County During 1835-1836.

### A JOURNEY TO PITTSBURG

#### Made Over the Famous Incline Planes at Hollidaysburg—Crossing the Alleghenies—Letting of the Canal Along B. E. Valley.

(Events in Centre county, in 1835 '36 letting of the lower division of the Bald Eagle and Spring Creek Navigation Company Canal, and political, are of interest to the reader; also a description of travel to Pittsburgh over the once famous inclined planes at Hollidaysburg, by a writer in the Phillipsburg Journal.)

September 10th, a great crowd gathered in Bellefonte on the letting of the lower division of the Bald Eagle and Spring Creek Navigation Company Canal. The Howards dam was allotted to Joseph Harris, the Marsh Creek dam to Iddings, Moore & Malone, and the Beech Creek dam to Herring & Morehead; locks 21 and 27 to George S. Armstrong; section 22 to Saul & Hugh McCormick; section 24 to Irving, Herring & Tomb, etc.

In 1835 occurred the division of the Democratic party between the adherents of Governor Wolf and Henry A. Muhlenberg, which resulted in the election of Joseph Ritner. The regular Democratic ticket in Centre was headed by George Wolf for Governor; William P. Packer, of Lycoming, for senator; John Hasson, of Centre, and David Ferguson, of Clearfield, for Assembly; Philip B. Musser for commissioner; Joseph D. Shugert for auditor.

The ticket at the mast-head of the Bellefonte Patriot and Farmers' Journal, then printed and published by J. T. McCracken, was for Governor, Joseph Ritner; for Senator, Alexander Irvin, of Clearfield; for Assembly, George Buchanan, of Gregg; for Commissioner, David Dale, of Harris; Auditor, Gen. James Irvin, of Boggs. A reform meeting was held in Miles township at Philip Ritzell's—Philip Wolfart, chairman; Samuel Hockenbury, secretary,—which passed resolutions favorable to Joseph Ritner's election.

The Fourth of July was celebrated this year by the Bellefonte Grays by a dinner at Robert Parey's hotel. The Grays were Democratic, as appears by their toasts. Judge Burnside presided, with W. W. Potter and John Rankin, Esq., as vice presidents; H. N. McAllister read the Declaration; Judge Burnside was toasted by Capt. C. B. Callahan, "for his untiring efforts for the Bald Eagle and Spring Creek Canal;" John B. Wagner, however, toasted William H. Harrison as worthy the highest office within the people's gift; C. Reese gave for Martin Van Buren, "May every true Democrat go to the polls without fear or doubt;" S. T. Shugert's toast was, "The beauties of anti-Masonry—a British bank chartered and a British poll tax enacted, the rights of the people sold, the Constitution violated, and one thousand six hundred and forty-eight citizens of Centre county disfranchised."

The Democratic (Masonic ticket) had this fall for its candidates, W. W. Potter for Congress; John Hasson for Assembly; Commissioner, Col. Andrew Gregg; Auditor John T. Hoover; Coroner, Samuel McKee; Senatorial Delegate to the Constitutional Convention, John G. Lowrey.

August 31st, James Parker, of Howard township, aged twenty-five years, was caught in the machinery of Howard Furnace and crushed to death. He passed around pressed between it and the head block, through a space of about eight inches.

There are many of the older readers of the Centre Democrat, that remember the lively days of travel over the National turnpike, and the inclined planes at Hollidaysburg; to them, as well as to the later generation, the following, by a writer in the Phillipsburg Journal, will be of interest as to the inclined planes:

In August 1849, I crossed the Allegheny mountain on the inclined planes from above Hollidaysburg to Johnstown, thence to Pittsburg on the Pennsylvania canal, thence on a palatial steamboat to New Orleans. It was an eventful trip. There were five inclined planes by which the mountain was ascended on the east side and other five by which it was descended on the west side. The cars were attached to a wire rope at the foot of a plane and drawn up to the top of it by a stationary engine placed there which propelled a large drum around which the wire cable was wound gradually drawing the cars to the summit. Where there were levels from one incline to another if the distance was short the car was drawn by horses, if long, say several miles, the locomotive of that day—and it was a crude machine indeed—drew the cars. The longest level was only fourteen miles. The descent of the mountain

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## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

### Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

A train of thought isn't always on time.

For girls a court room is the parlor of papa's house.

In some businesses nothing succeeds like a failure.

Even the milk of human kindness may be condensed.

When a girl is heiress she can afford to have freckles.

A man naturally feels cheap when he gives himself away.

It isn't always safe to trust a man who parades his honesty.

The fellow who marries a rich milliner feathers his own nest.

It is no trouble for a train of thought to run on the downward grade.

The black sheep and the fatted calf often manage to get together.

The lawyer is always looking for trouble but he wants none of his own.

A man may be suited to a T with his wife and still complain about her coffee.

The bachelor pays his money to go and hear lectures; the married man gets his at home for nothing.

A British schoolboy is held responsible for the following comment in his school examination papers upon one of our national institutions: "In the United States people are put to death by execution." Indeed, the boy spoke truer than he knew.

Two men were disputing over their respective churches. One was a Presbyterian and the other a Baptist. Finally one called a neighbor who was passing and asked his opinion as to which was the only church in which to be saved. "Well," said he, "my son and I have hauled wheat to the same mill night after night for years. Now there are two roads that lead from our place to the mill—one's the valley road; 't'other takes over the hill. And never yet, friends, has the miller asked me which road I took, but he always asks: 'Is your wheat good?'"

## ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Eighteen cases of smallpox have been located in Boswell, a Somerset county town.

There's a cake of ice, cast up on the lowlands near Bloomsburg by the recent flood, that is 25 feet wide, 11 feet thick, 52 feet long and must weigh about 400 tons.

Word has been received of the death of Samuel Bittner at Youngstown, Ohio, on Monday. Deceased was about 31 years and was the son of Jacob Bittner of Flat Rock, near Salona. The body will be brought to the home of the parents of the deceased at Flat Rock.

Lewisburg is facing a general epidemic of smallpox, says the Journal, with the outbreak of seven new cases this week in three different families, and the board of health has at last awakened to the serious state of affairs, and has established a strict quarantine in the infected districts.

A Polish girl, aged 14 years, died of hydrophobia last week near Irwona. She was bitten on the leg by a dog on January 14. The wound appeared to heal nicely until a few days before her death when the terrible symptoms appeared and she suffered great agony until the end.

Mrs. Mary E. Jacobs died at her home in Lewistown, Pa., at 2:30 on Sunday morning as a result of a fractured hip. She was 76 years of age and was a native of Lewistown, where she had resided all her life. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Thomas VanValzah, who was a prominent physician in that vicinity for fifty-eight years.

Sheriff Torrence Shearer, of Lock Haven, and the county commissioners say there is absolutely nothing new in reference to the whereabouts of Jamison, the fugitive slayer of constable Deeghan. The story that Jamison is still at large and has not been seen lately by anyone, at least Sheriff Shearer and the commissioners have heard from no one who has seen the fugitive lately.

What is known as the Knickerbocker Construction company has purchased forty-four acres of land and will erect about four hundred brick houses in a section that will be known as South Altoona. The tract was secured from the Elias Baker heirs and located along the Sixth avenue road between Fortieth and Forty-seventh street. The company will begin the erection of dwelling houses in a few weeks.

Contracts have been awarded by the Lewistown and Reedsville Trolley company for the extension of its tracks from Lewistown proper to the Penn'a railroad depot at Lewistown Junction, one mile away. This will do away with the tiresome ride by omnibus between the city and the railroad station. The company has purchased the Hoofsagle farm, near Burnham, which it will convert into a pleasure park.