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QUIET ON LAND AND SEA

No Confirmation of Battle on the Yalu.

Important Pension Ruling—General Wood Confirmed—Cotton King Sully Failed—Conditions at Port Arthur. British Submarine Boat Sunk. Governor Will Be Chairman.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says there has been no change in the war situation and that all is quiet on both land and sea.

Between the Russian line from Ping Yang to the Yalu river and the Japanese line to Gensan there have been slight skirmishes between scouts, but no battle has taken place as the distance between the opposing armies is great. The bulk of the Russian forces, the dispatch adds, has not yet passed the Yalu river.

Practically a Service Pension. Commissioner of Pensions Ware, with the approval of Secretary Hitchcock, has promulgated a most important pension ruling which provides:

"In the adjudication of pension claims under the act of June 27, 1890, it shall be taken and considered as an evidential fact, if the contrary does not appear, and if all other legal requirements are properly met, that when a claimant has passed the age of 62 years he is disabled one-half in ability to perform manual labor and is entitled to be rated at \$6 per month; after 65 years at \$8 per month; after 68 years at \$10 per month, and after 70 years \$12 per month.

"Allowance at higher rate, not exceeding \$12 per month, will continue to be made as heretofore, where disabilities other than age show a condition of inability to perform manual labor.

"This order shall take effect April 13, 1904."

General Wood Confirmed. By vote of the senate on Friday General Leonard Wood became a major general, taking the rank from Aug. 8, 1903, the day President Roosevelt made the promotion. The contest against his confirmation has been a notable one, beginning Nov. 13, 1903. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 45 to 16.

Dependent upon the confirmation of General Wood were 167 promotions for other army officers, which have been held up since their nominations were made by the president. They will now be confirmed. These nominations include 20 colonels promoted to be brigadier generals on the retired list and one brigadier general on the active list, and officers ranking from colonels down to second lieutenants.

Cotton King Has Failed. D. L. Sully, the cotton operator who for a year was the biggest figure in the cotton markets of the world, and who has "billed" cotton from 7 cents a pound to over 17, announced his inability to make good his engagements on the New York Cotton exchange. Within a few moments cotton fell nearly \$13 a bale from the highest figure of the day.

It was estimated that something like three-quarters of a million bales of cotton were traded in during the 29 months of the panic and that of this upwards of half a million bales represented "forced liquidation."

As the market slumped 250 points during this period the loss falling on this element amounted to something over a million dollars.

Governor Will Be Chairman. At a conference Sunday between Senator Thomas C. Platt, Governor Odell, Colonel Dunn, chairman of the Republican state committee, and many other prominent Republicans, after a full exchange of views and statements by Senator Platt and Governor Odell, it was unanimously agreed that Senator Platt should remain, as he has been in the past, the active leader of the party.

It was further agreed that Governor Odell should be selected as chairman of the state committee to be chosen at the state convention in April.

It was also agreed that in local contests for leadership in the party there shall be no interference in favor of or against any one, either by Senator Platt or Governor Odell.

Hearst's Anti-Trust Resolution. Representative Hearst of New York has introduced a resolution providing for an investigation of the trust question by a committee of five members of the house.

The committee is directed to inform the house fully on the trust situation to the end that more effective laws may be prepared.

The resolutions were referred to the committee on rules.

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The Liberal leader thought nothing but averting a positive catastrophe could justify the Chinese labor ordinance. At the time of the war the government declared it was waged in the interests of white labor, but the British workman was now being snuffed out by the Chinaman. It was the biggest scheme for human dumping since the "middle passage" was abolished.

COOLIES IN TRANSVAAL.

Thought in Russia That It Depends Largely on Result of First Big Battle.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—In government circles there exists a strong belief that the question as to whether China will observe her neutrality on derakings will depend largely on the result of the first heavy land fighting. A big victory by the Russian army, it is believed, will insure the quiescence of the Celestial empire but there are grave fears as to what might happen in the event of a signal Japanese success in the early stages of the land operations.

For the time being the situation appears to be satisfactory and it certainly is much better than it was three weeks ago. The Pekin government has reiterated its professions regarding neutrality to Paul Leszar, the Russian minister, and has given him full assurances in answer to his representative regarding the number of Chinese troops north of the Great Wall.

The natives manifest a friendly disposition than they did in the beginning of the war, but the Russians know the Oriental character as no other Europeans do. They understand how deep-seated is the hatred of foreigners in China and the only prestige of the Russians is their strong arm.

The recent naval success of the Japanese has not greatly impressed the Chinese, but if the Russians should sustain a really disastrous defeat on land the Chinese might suddenly be aroused, whether by the connivance or even with the consent of the Japanese, against Russia and perhaps against all foreigners.

Russia's present plans are based on the appreciation of the supreme importance of the first land battle, and no fighting on a large scale will take place, if it possibly can be avoided until the Russians feel morally certain that they can deal the enemy a crushing blow.

Reported Landing at Kin Chow Denial. St. Petersburg, March 22.—The following dispatch from Mukden was received from General Zhilinski:

"The troops are in good spirits and there is no sickness. According to reports received from the frontier guards on the Eastern Chinese rail way everything is in order there. A Uduy station Captain Utkinoff with 70 cavalrymen has driven off a band of 100 Chunchoes (Chinese bandits)."

"The occupation of the towns of Anju and Ping Yang by the enemy's infantry and artillery is confirmed. An increased movement of the troops and transports on the road between Ping Yang and Anju is noticeable."

"Thirteen of the enemy's transports recently unloaded at Chinampo."

"According to reports there have been no preparations for landing on the coast of Caojiao or opposite Kin Chow."

"All reports appearing in foreign newspapers of the landing of Japanese at different points on the coast are inventions."

Patriotic Subscriptions. Moscow, March 22.—Altogether about \$2,700,000 has been subscribed here for patriotic purposes. The British colony is sending to the seat of war a field hospital with 50 beds.

GRAIN RATE WAR. Pennsylvania Railroads Announce Another Cut For Next Saturday.

Philadelphia, March 22.—The New York railroads having met the latest cut in the ex-lake grain freight rates from Buffalo, the railroads entering this city announced a further cut of 4 mills to go into effect next Saturday. This applies only to wheat, flaxseed and barley. A cut of 4 mills on corn and oats would have placed these grains on the free list.

The new rates are as follows: Wheat and flaxseed 2 mills; corn and rye 3 1/2 mills; barley 1 mill, and oats 4 mills.

Negotiations looking to a temporary agreement in the differential by arbitrating are still in progress. A traffic official of the Pennsylvania railroad said he expected an agreement would be reached in a few days.

Seneca County Centennial. Rochester, March 22.—Exercise commemorative of the 100th anniversary of the formation of Seneca county began in Seneca Falls last night with a paper on the history of the formation of the county by Hon. Dietrich Wilens, an address by Dr. Maey, superintendent of Willard asylum at Ovid and a paper on the Cayuga Indians by Fred Teller. The celebration continues today. Seneca county was a part of Montgomery county and was separated by an act of the legislature which was signed by Governor Clinton, March 24, 1804.

Hearst Starts a Boston Daily. Boston, March 22.—The first editor of a daily newspaper established by William R. Hearst appeared in this city, under the name of "Hearst's Boston American and New York Journal." It comprised 24 pages of advertisements and reading matter presented in a style similar to that of Mr. Hearst's New York paper.

On Trial For "Ringing." Detroit, March 22.—The trial of E. E. Farley on the charge of "ringing" the mare Annius at Sarah Black at the Grrosse Point race meeting Jan. 16 last was begun in the Wayne circuit court. It is said that the victory of Sarah Black on June 16 east the posthumous of the country in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

Short Items From Various Parts of the World.

Record of Many Happenings Condensed and Put in Small Space and Arranged With Special Regard for the Convenience of the Reader Who Has Little Time to Spare.

Wednesday. Hostile Moros attacked an American reconnoitering force east of Cotabato, but were defeated and their strong defenses captured.

Various dispatches repeat the rumor that Port Arthur has been evacuated and also deny it, the majority inclining to the latter view.

It is reported that the Russian fleet abandoned Port Arthur after its fourth attack on the town, and is endeavoring to reach Vladivostok.

One of the greatest financiers connected with the creation of the United States Shipbuilding company will have to face a charge of grand larceny.

News has been received of the first accident to a war correspondent in the Far East. Mr. McKenzie, representative of the London Mail in Korea had both his legs broken by a fall from a pony.

Thursday. Three persons are killed and eight injured in an explosion in the factory of the Chicago Toy Novelty company.

It is announced that the New York Central has gained control of the Binghamton, Pittsburg and Eastern railroad.

Captain Ilkov of the Manchurian commissariat has been court-martialed and shot for acting as a spy in the pay of the Japanese.

Tokio believes that Vice Admiral Makaroff has taken his squadron out of Port Arthur and will seek to unite with the Vladivostok cruisers and engage the Japanese battleship fleet.

Irish members of the house of commons by a clever coup defeat the government by 11 votes with the aid of the Liberals. Premier Balfour declares he will not resign, despite the blow.

Friday. Two earthquake shocks were felt in Seattle Wednesday night, the first of five seconds and the second of 15 seconds' duration.

Bryan men in Nebraska admit their bad defeat in the Democratic State Committee, and there will be a hot fight for leadership in the State Convention.

While entering Port Arthur the 16th Inst. the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Skorri struck upon an unplaced mine and was blown up. Four of the crew were saved.

As a result of the inquiry into the charges against Senator Dietrich of Nebraska, Williamson S. Summers, United States district attorney of Nebraska, will be removed from office.

Saturday. Inez J. Bonnell, a music teacher, was suffocated in her apartments during a fire in the Smith block at Geneva, N. Y.

The suspension is announced of the firm of Daniel J. Sully & Co. of New York, the great bull operators in the cotton market.

The Thompson bill extending the powers of the Ontario Power company was advanced to second reading in the senate at Albany.

On March 16, 13 accomplices in the murder of the queen in 1895 and 22 highwaymen were executed by strangling in the city prison at Seoul, Korea.

Within six weeks miscreants have derailed three trains on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and have attempted to destroy a bridge with dynamite.

Monday. Iowa farmers are organizing a new strange movement for protection against the railroads and meat combine.

German force is routed in a battle with the Hereros in German Southwest Africa. Seven officers and 19 privates are killed.

Russian advices from Mukden say a battle has been fought on the Yalu river and 1,800 Japanese prisoners captured by the Russians.

A federal judge at Helena, Ark. passed a penitentiary sentence on three Whitecaps who were convicted of conspiracy to intimidate negro workmen at a sawmill.

Andrew Carnegie gives another \$5,000,000 for education purposes. It is believed the money will go to the Carnegie institute of Pittsburgh, but the object of the gift is kept secret at present.

Tuesday. At the opening of the special session of the Japanese parliament the throne urged early approval of the war budget.

E. R. Hewitt, son of the late Abram S. Hewitt, was locked up in New York for speeding his automobile in Fifth avenue.

Harry McFennery of Berwick, Pa., and Darwin Tessler of Bellefonte, Pa., were killed at the Erie crossing on 24th street, Niagara Falls.

French residents in Canada who are subject to military duty in France have received orders to return to their country for garrison service.

It is believed in St. Petersburg that a triple alliance has been formed between Japan, China and Korea as a result of Marquis Ito's mission.

Snaked \$1,200 From Office. Cleveland, O., March 21.—Four men entered the office of the W. J. Morgan Lithograph company and engaged the cashier, the only employe present, in conversation. A moment later, while the cashier was answering a telephone call made by a confederate nearby, the men secured \$1,200 from the safe and disappeared.

Mad Dog's Bite Fatal. Johnstown, Pa., March 21.—As the result of being bitten by a mad dog, Elenora Huber, 8 years old, died at Carroll township. The citizens are killing every canine encountered, as many had been bitten by the dog before it was killed with a pitchfork by John Tierney.

Dr. Albertson Becomes a Presbyterian. Philadelphia, March 21.—The Rev. Dr. Charles C. Albertson of this city Saturday withdrew from the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference, in session here. He announced that he had accepted a call to become pastor of a Presbyterian church at Rochester, N. Y.

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CHILD FIRES POWDER.

Blav's House Wrecked and Little One Fatally Burned. West Newton, Pa., March 21.—A terrific explosion of gunpowder in the house of a Slav living at Smithdale, a mining town near here, resulted in the destruction of the house and the fatal injury of a 2-year-old child.

A keg of powder was kept under the bed of an upstairs room, and in some manner the infant ignited it. The mother, who was downstairs, felt a concussion, and the front of the house fell out. Rushing up she found her baby with its clothes on fire and terribly burned. The building was burned to the ground.

Police Chief Threw Lighted Lamp. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 21.—In a raid Chief Jones and 12 officers of this city captured seven men of a gang suspected of many highway robberies and burglaries. The police in a special car went to Sugar Notch at 4 o'clock in the morning and got to the bedside of most of the men before they were fully awake. Chief Jones had a narrow escape. Patrick Mack, into whose room he rushed, raised a revolver to shoot, but Jones threw a lighted lamp in his face. The lamp exploded and the house was burning before Mack was overpowered.

Wants Brother Declared Dead. Greensburg, March 21.—Jane V. Jones of South Sharon has filed a petition asking for letters of administration in the estate of her brother, Charles Coulter. The brother in 1855 left for the gold fields of California, leaving his Bolivar property in charge of his parents. He went to Vancouver 25 years ago and has not been heard from since. The property has become valuable, and the sister wants to have her brother legally declared dead and the property distributed.

Plateworkers Accept Reduction. Pittsburg, March 21.—The demand of the manufacturers for a reduction in the sheet and tin plate wage scales has been conceded by the general executive board of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. The new scale for sheets calls for a reduction averaging about 8 per cent in addition to the 10 per cent cut that went into effect on Jan. 1. The executive board also decided to make a reduction in the tinplate scale amounting to about 20 per cent.

Twenty Years For Killing Wife. Indiana, Pa., March 21.—Judge Harry White has sentenced Giovanni Zuchelli, who killed his young wife with an iron poker at Smith station last December, to 20 years in the Western penitentiary. Zuchelli was found guilty of murder in the second degree. Philip Lantzky, the Pine township lumberman charged with maltreating a 12-year-old daughter, was sentenced to 15 years.

Explanations Are In Order. Smethport, Pa., March 21.—The county auditors have finished the work of auditing the county accounts and have surcharged a number of bills amounting to more than \$1,500 to the county commissioners. In the items are included inventory services, groceries used in the county almshouse, commissioners' and clerk's fees. The commissioners say they will take the matter to court.

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