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RETIRED ON LIAO YANG.

Russians Withdraw From Fortified Position at Anshanshan. At the assembly grounds at Chautauqua many trees were uprooted and a portion of the fence around the grounds was demolished.

Christening of Russian Heir—Deaths From Tornado at Picnic—Collision on Rochester and Eastern—Munroe Quickly Knocked Out—Mr. Hill to Retire From Politics.

The Russian forces under Gen. Kurapatkin have been disappointed by another unexpected withdrawal. The whole eastern division and the troops in the Anshanshan position have been ordered to fall back to positions near Liao Yang just as the soldiers were expecting another advance.

The emperor has received the following telegram from Lieutenant General Sakharoff, dated Aug. 27: "Yesterday the Russians retired slowly on Anshanshan. The Japanese bombarded the Russian fortified positions and the Russians replied with such effect that the Japanese were compelled to move their bivouac from Tamae to Baecal.

"The hottest fighting occurred on the Russian left flank, where the Russian losses were 200. The Japanese had five divisions. "In the southeast the Russians repulsed all the Japanese attacks, while our troops on the right flank assumed the offensive and drove the Japanese towards Tonemann and Tasinpu.

"Six guns were abandoned. Our losses amounted to 1,500. "On Aug. 27 the Japanese did not take the offensive to any great extent. The Russians retired on their new positions, while the Japanese advanced to Taempin by way of Yudukan.

Port Arthur Hard Pressed. Information which to a very great extent confirms previous reports of the conditions at Port Arthur was received at Chefoo by junks which left there on Aug. 24 and Aug. 25. The most important statement confirms the reports that the Russians have been driven from the fort immediately east of the railroad.

CLOSE CONGRESS FIGHT.

Chairman Babcock Interviewed on the Situation. Democrats Have Fused With Populists on Congressional and Legislative Tickets—Campaign Literature Sent Out—Dozen Leading Republicans of the House on the Stump.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Chairman Joseph W. Babcock of the Republican congressional committee expressed the opinion that the present is the closest campaign he has experienced since 1898.

"What are the conditions which make the congressional campaign closer this year than it has been since 1898?" Mr. Babcock was asked. "They differ in localities," he responded. "In some the conditions result from the character of the national campaign. In others the conditions are almost entirely local.

Oldfield's Auto Kills Two Men. Blinded by the dust thrown by the machine of A. C. Webb of Toledo, Barney Oldfield of Cleveland lost control of his machine in a false start at the fifth event of the world's fair automobile speed contest Sunday and crashing through the outer fence of the course instantly killed John Scott, a watchman employed at the park, and inflicted injuries upon Nathan Montgomery, a negro, from which he died a few hours later.

Better Feeling in Trade Circles. Rather better Western export reports and the advance of the fall season have brought an increased number of buyers in nearly all Western and Eastern markets. This has resulted in an enlargement of fall distribution, which, however, has proceeded along conservative lines, with staple products notably in most demand.

Munroe Knocked Out in Two Rounds. Like the veteran amateur in the prize ring, Jack Munroe of Butte, Mont., went down and out before Champion James Jeffries Friday night in the second round at San Francisco. The two giants had not been in the ring two minutes when it was foreseen that the aspirations of Munroe would be quickly disposed of. The miner was scathed and awkward and Jeffries in the first round had him twice on the canvas taking the count.

Mr. Hill to Retire From Politics. Monday was the birthday of Hon. David B. Hill, he being 61 years old, having been born on Aug. 29, 1843. In conversation with some political friends he announced that no matter what the result of the present campaign might be, either in the state or nation, he should retire from political activity and leadership on the first day of January next, and would not accept any position under the national or state Democratic administrations or again become a candidate for election to any office whatever.

To Help Fruit Growers. The annual meeting of the New York State Fruit Growers' association was held at Sedus Point last Thursday. Legislation affecting fruit growers was discussed and it was decided to keep a close watch on legislation at Albany next winter.

FORTS CHANGE HANDS OFTEN.

Japanese Unable to Retain Positions From Which Russians Have Been Driven. Chefoo, Aug. 30.—Severe fighting was resumed at Port Arthur on Aug. 27. Between Aug. 22 and 26 there was some fighting but it was less severe than that on the 27th.

A Chinaman from Rihlungshan says he saw the Russians occupying this fort from which previous reports stated that they had been driven. Probably both reports were correct as many positions about the fortress change hands repeatedly.

The fighting which began on the 27th soon became general. While the Chinese were at sea Aug. 28 the heavy firing was resumed. Two junks containing contraband of war were sunk by a Japanese torpedo boat.

Information received here confirms the belief that the great Japanese assault upon Port Arthur, which began Aug. 22, was by no means as successful as anticipated. Although the Japanese succeeded in pushing their lines forward they were unable to occupy positions from which they drove the Russians. They succeeded only in weakening the Russian lines.

Widow of Congressman Walker Inherits an Estate of \$50,000. Philadelphia, Aug. 30.—The will of William Weightman, head of the firm of Powers & Weightman, manufacturing chemists, who died a few days ago at the age of 91 years, was probated here, his entire estate of over \$50,000, 600 being left to his daughter, Mrs. Anne M. Walker, widow of the late Congressman Robert J. C. Walker of Williamsport, Pa.

Reverses Plehve's Policy. St. Petersburg, Aug. 30.—The Imperial decree convening the Finnish diet not only convokes it this year but makes provision for its meeting three years hence, thus foreshadowing regular meetings of the diet at intervals of not less than five years, in accordance with the letter of the Finnish constitution, for the first time since the grand duchy came under Russian sovereignty.

Senator Hoar's Birthday. Worcester, Mass., Aug. 30.—The following bulletin was issued from the home of Senator G. F. Hoar: "Senator Hoar has had a comfortable day. He has taken his nourishment regularly and has spent the day sleeping quietly or talking with the members of his family. Beginning early in the morning with a splendid vase of sunflowers sent in by a neighbor, the senator has had messages and flowers from a very large number of friends. These remembrances upon his birthday have been to him a source of great comfort. His condition remains unchanged; there is no gain in his strength."

Women Carry an Election. New Haven, Aug. 30.—The Rev. Dr. Joseph Anderson of Waterbury, member of the Yale corporation, was elected warden of Woodmont-by-the-Sea, a summer resort about 12 miles from here, by the votes of the women. There were two tickets in the field, the citizens' ticket, headed by Dr. Anderson, and the Woodmont association ticket. It was voted at a borough meeting recently to allow women property owners and residents to vote, and to a woman they favored the minister. The men voted the other ticket, electing all but the warden.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Summary of the Week's News of the World. Cream of the News Culled From Long Dispatches and Put In Proper Shape For the Hurried Reader Who is Too Busy to Read the Longer Reports and Desires to Keep Posted.

Thursday. Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Maybrick landed from the Vaterland and will go to the Catskill for rest and recuperation. Four masked men held up Paymaster White of the O'Rourke Construction company on the Ridge road near Paterson, N. J., and robbed him of \$5,000.

Friday. Timothy L. Woodruff became the leading candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. Russian advices received at Chefoo say that the Japanese assaults on Port Arthur Aug. 21 and 22 were repulsed with tremendous losses.

Saturday. Great Britain and Russia reach an agreement to put an end to the searching of neutral ships on the seas. Capiases are issued at Cripple Creek for the arrest of men charged with conspiracy in the deportation of miners from the district. Two Brooklyn young women and a man of East Orange, N. J., were drowned in Oquaga Lake, near Deposit, Delaware County, N. Y.

Sunday. A St. Petersburg dispatch says the Czar has received a message warning him that Port Arthur is in sore straits and may be forced to surrender soon. Largest individual taxpayer in the United States is said to be Marshall Field, whose Cook county, Ill., assessment this year reaches a total of \$40,000,000.

Monday. Official warning was issued by the civil service commission against the soliciting or receiving of campaign funds by federal employes. Dr. Randall Davidson, archbishop of Canterbury, comes to America to spend his vacation and attend the convention of the Episcopal church. Japanese have forced an entrance into Port Arthur, and are pressing their attack within the Russian lines, according to an unconfirmed report published in London.

Tuesday. The Russian army retiring on Liao Yang was obliged to fight August 27th and 28th with Generals Kuraki and Oku and will probably be unable to avoid a general engagement. A dispatch from Chefoo says that the Japanese, having penetrated between Port Arthur and the forts will try to take the latter from the inside. Archbishop of Canterbury is welcomed to Quebec and preaches the sermon on the occasion of the centenary of the consecration of the cathedral. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Pierce of New York ran their automobile into a tree to avoid running down a carriage at Atlantic Highlands and narrowly escaped the fate of the Fairs in France.

REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

Indications of a Large Gathering at Indianapolis. Philadelphia, Aug. 29.—Advices to the National Republican league headquarters in this city indicate that the Indianapolis convention of the league will be one of the largest ever held by that organization. President Moore has called a conference of the general officers to meet in Indianapolis on Sept. 12 to complete the necessary arrangements.

The Southwest will be looked after by Sid B. Redding of Arkansas, treasurer of the league; the Northwest by the secretary, E. W. Weeks of Iowa, and the Middle West by Vice President Sheridan of Chicago. State Chairman Stone of California, former president of the league, and Ferd K. Rule of Los Angeles, president of the California State league, have been asked to look after some of the extreme Western states.

FERRYMAN SAVES FOUR LIVES. Two Men and Two Women Thrown Into the Water by the Upsetting of a Boat. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 29.—J. J. Lewis, a ferryman at Sayre, saved four lives on Thursday. A sailboat bearing E. S. Worthington, chief clerk to the master mechanic of the Lehigh Valley railroad; his brother, J. Norman Worthington; Miss Miriam Otto of Sayre, and Miss Anna Flistler of Allentown, caught in the swift current and the mast, on which there was no sail, struck the ferry guide wire, and the boat upset.

Suit Against the Wabash. Fairmont, W. Va., Aug. 29.—Rinehard & Dennis, contractors, have brought suit against George J. Gould, the New York millionaire, and the principal owners of the Wabash railroad, Joseph Ramsey, Jr., president of the road; William T. Guy and Myron T. Herick, stockholders in the Wabash; the St. Louis Union Trust company, trustees of the Little Kanawha syndicate, and others. The papers were received here and the case will be heard in the circuit court in November. The attachment papers are in the hands of the local sheriff. The suit is to recover \$492,000, of which \$12,000 is claimed to be due the contractors and \$480,000 is asked for damage to 60,000 acres of coal lands in this and Montongalia counties.

Petrified Leg Found in Coal Vein. Scranton, Pa., Aug. 29.—Andrew Flaherty, a miner, and Charles Perlugin, his laborer, found a petrified leg in the coal in their chamber at Starr's shaft, 800 feet beneath the surface. The leg was brought to view by a blast. It is perfect from the knee joint to the top. Flaherty and Perlugin brought it to the surface and placed it on exhibition at Medelovskis's hotel, Main street, Dickson City. Some persons suppose it to be a portion of the body of a woman who lived in the earliest period of the earth's history, when the coal deposits were formed.

Paterson Silk Firm Restores Wages. Paterson, N. J., Aug. 29.—Johnson, Cowdin & Co., one of the largest silk manufacturing firms in this city, posted notices throughout their mills that, beginning Sept. 1, a 5 per cent increase in the wages of the weavers would go into effect. Two years ago on account of the dullness in the silk trade, the firm reduced wages 10 per cent. One month ago a 5 per cent increase went into effect.

John Mitchell Returned. New York, Aug. 29.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and William Dods, secretary of the Pittsburg district, who went abroad to attend the international miners' conference in Paris, returned on the steamship St. Paul. Mr. Mitchell refused to discuss conditions here, as he said that he had been away from the scene for some weeks.

Settlement of Bar Iron Scale. Youngstown, O., Aug. 29.—The settlement of the bar iron scale for the Republic Iron and Steel company with the Amalgamated association will be made by the board of conciliation. The conference on the subject finally disagreed at Chicago and referred the subject to the board. Hobson at Findley Lake. Corry, Pa., Aug. 29.—Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson addressed the largest assemblage of the season in the amphitheater at the lakeside assembly at Findley lake Saturday afternoon. His subject was "Our Navy."