

JAPS STILL PRESS ON

Fort No. 14, Port Arthur Defense, Captured on July 7—Gen. Oku's Army Continues Its Advance to the North.

Chefoo, July 12.—A Frenchman who arrived here on a junk from Port Arthur this morning reports that on July 7 the Japanese captured Fort No. 14.

Tokio, July 12.—The Japanese Takushan army is moving northwest from Suiyuan. It fought a series of small battles with the Russians on July 9 and 10. The army is divided into two columns, which advanced against the Russians. When the first column approached Chikwanching the Russians retreated southwest through the valley, but at 5 o'clock in the evening they took up a position on the heights west of Chouchichang. The Russians were dislodged at dusk, when the second Japanese column advanced along the road toward Tongchi, repulsing small bodies of the enemy on route.

They attacked the advance line of the Russians near Sintangaku. The

kyja Vietomoff believes Gen. Kourapatkin has decided to accept a general withdrawal, east of Liaoyang, where he is not offering strong resistance to the advance of the Japanese from Penwangcheng, desiring to draw them on to his own selected ground.

Eight Hundred Russian Dead in Battle Before Port Arthur

Chefoo, July 11.—Chinese junkmen who arrived here to-day from Port Arthur say that on Tuesday, July 5, a Chinese carrier brought into the town over 800 Russian dead, two of whom were high officials. They state that a part of the Japanese force advanced to within six miles of the besieged town taking another fort.

In the fighting which occurred on July 4 over the possession of one of

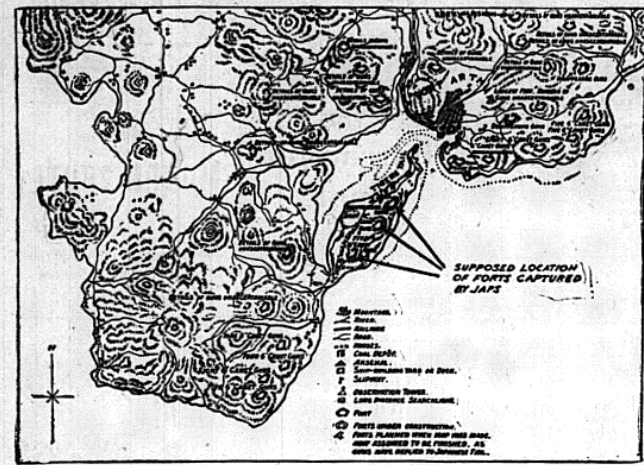
strength on the Suiyuan roads seem to be forcing a Russian concentration between Hatching and Liaoyang, but preparations seem to be making to direct the former as long as possible.

Russians Believe Kaiser Will Yet Be Their Active Ally

St. Petersburg, July 11.—The growing belief that Germany will yet come to the aid of Russia in the war against Japan is strengthened by the publication in the Ruskij Invalid, the army organ, of a telegram from Emperor William to the colonel of the Wilburg (Finland) regiment of which the emperor is honorary colonel in chief.

The kaiser congratulates the regiment on the prospect of meeting the Japanese, and adds that he is proud his Wilburg regiment will have the honor of fighting for its emperor, the

PORT ARTHUR FORTS, SHOWING LOCATION OF THOSE CAPTURED BY JAPS.



A German map printed six weeks ago, from which additions have been made to this Japanese war department chart, places the Chickwan hill forts, captured by the Japanese, on the peninsula from which the Tiger's Tail promontory runs. This is southeast of Port Arthur and agrees with the location of the captured forts given in the Tokio dispatches. There would, therefore, be little doubt of the accuracy of the position given there, but the forts in the above map, Chickwan hill is 554 feet at the summit. The forts on the sea side are built 350 feet above the sea.

Russians were repulsed and compelled the Japanese to withdraw.

At dawn on July 10 both columns attacked and dislodged the Russians from the heights west of Sincichaku. The Japanese pursued them and again attacked a strong position held by the Russians at Suteihoku. After a desperate fight the Japanese occupied the position.

After occupying Kalcou Gen. Oku's army on Sunday moved northward. The Russians have strong defenses at Tsingphan, Ninsouhan, Nangmatan, Chingshaban, and camps near Kuoehiapao. Gen. Oku will probably attack these positions as soon as his troops are rested.

In the fights of July 8 and 9 the Japanese lost about 150 men.

The Russian losses are believed to have been heavier than the Japanese.

the hills northeast of Port Arthur the Russians lost, according to Chinese reports, 100 men killed and fifty men wounded. Fifty Chinese carriers were sent out to bring in the Russian dead and wounded.

A fair wind brought a fleet of junks from Port Arthur to-day, carrying both Chinese and Europeans. Reports which bring of conditions at Port Arthur are contradictory, but they all say that a Japanese division from the northward is intrenching seven miles from the marine camp, while another division from the eastward is fighting continuously, and with the aid of the fleet is endeavoring to gain a position commanding the town and naval basin.

fatherland and the fame of the Russian army. In concluding the emperor says: "My sincere wishes accompany the regiment. God bless its standards."

This telegram was only published this morning, but by evening its contents had become widely known and formed the general topic of conversation. A considerable section of the public even deduced from the message that Germany intends before long to abandon her position as a mere on-looker with regard to events in the far east.

St. Petersburg Alarmed

At Port Arthur's Plight

St. Petersburg, July 12.—The chief interest in the war centers at Port Arthur. During the day from many sources reports came that fast and furious fighting was in progress on land and sea, the Japanese keeping up an unceasing bombardment, with the effect that Port Arthur is now in a hard straits and does not know where to place the wounded.

The cruiser Novik with the gunboats is making matters awkward for the Japanese batteries, which have been erected near the forts.

Important Defense of Besieged City in Hands of Japanese

Tokio, July 11.—The Japanese army now confronting Port Arthur advanced July 2, and after severe fighting on the 4th inst., at 3 o'clock in the morning captured Miaotou fortress, with eight guns.

This is the first strong inclosed work south of Dalny. By this capture Port Arthur can now be bombarded direct from that side.

The fleet gave splendid assistance to the land attack, silencing the Russian guns and sixty prisoners near Kalping. Hard fighting is going on daily at all points of contact. The Russians are making a stubborn defense. The Japanese are making a co-operating advance with the army and is bombarding the forts.

Sakharoff Reports General Advance of Japanese Armies

St. Petersburg, July 9.—Gen. Sakharoff, commander of the eastern army, in a long dispatch to the general staff, dated yesterday, reports outstrikes over a wide territory throughout July and July 6, which indicate a general advance of the Japanese, who are driving back the Russian advance posts.

Sakharoff says the Russian losses during the fighting July 6 have not been definitely ascertained, but it is known that two officers and fifteen men were killed or wounded. He says: "In general, we observed July 6 that the enemy was taking the offensive simultaneously along his whole front, extending from the sea shore as far as the valley of the Chichan river. On the morning of July 7 a vast camp of the enemy was discovered in the neighborhood of Siochektza. At 8 a. m. July 7 the enemy occupied the heights near Baostichka.

"No rains have fallen recently."

The war office confirms the reports of the Japanese advance toward Kalcou, as reported yesterday, but is inclined to regard the movement as a demonstration south while changing the disposition of troops to make an attack elsewhere.

Danger is considered more likely from the direction of Ta or Fenshi passes, although there is no sign of a move in force there. Yet the advance upon Kalcou extends over a front of fifteen miles and includes about 30,000 men.

The Japanese center is at Taisalsan, on the Chou river, eight miles southeast of Kalcou. Constant skirmishing with Gen. Samsonoff and Chirkoff is occurring. The Japanese move forward along the railroad and from the Suiyuan mountains.

The military expert of the Rus-

Japanese Legation Notified of Movements of Armies

Washington, July 11.—The following dispatches have been received at the Japanese legation from Tokio:

"Gen. Oku reports that our second army commenced operations July 6 for occupying Kalcou. After successive victories dislodging the Russians from their positions we finally occupied Kalping and the neighboring heights July 9."

"Gen. Kuroki reports that July 6 our detachment, after expelling 300 Russian cavalry, occupied Halsehanch, thirty miles northeast of Salmachi. There were no casualties on our side. July 5 we repulsed a Russian cavalry regiment under Col. Chichnisky, which came to attack us near North Fenshull. Our casualties were four killed and three wounded."

Reported Slaughter of Japanese is Unconfirmed

London, July 12.—Neither of the beligerents confirms officially the report of a serious Japanese repulse at Port Arthur. Shanghai report says an attack was made on the western fort on July 10, and estimates the Japanese casualties from mines at 2,900.

ILLINOIS NEWS

Choose items from over the state, especially selected for our readers

FIRE VICTIM DIVIDES ESTATE

Miss Mary Welch Gives All Her Property to Charity.

Mary Welch, one of the victims of the Tremont house fire at Quincy, died one day later than her sister Elizabeth, and the estate of the latter naturally went into her possession. Before dying Mary Welch made a will disposing of the entire estate, which is estimated to range somewhere between \$10,000 and \$20,000 in value. She bequeathed \$100 to the St. Peter's Catholic church and directed that \$25 be set aside for the care of her burial lot. She then directed that all the property be converted into cash and the residue of the estate be divided equally between the Sisters of the Poor, who have charge of St. Mary's hospital, and St. Vincent's home for the aged.

JOE LEITER FIGHTS MINERS

Refuses to Pay the Union Scale and Orders Men to Leave.

The first trouble at Leiter's new mining town of Zeigler is now on. The miners have refused to pay the union mining fee for this district, and has offered the miners what they claim is 17 cents per ton less than the scale, and he is said to want them to work ten hours.

The miners have walked out. They say no union miner will work, and they intend to use all peaceable methods to keep nonunion miners from working.

Leiter has ordered all the miners to leave his town. He owns all the land, however, but business at Zeigler. He anticipates trouble, and has brought seventy-five Chicago policemen and detectives to Zeigler to protect the town around his mine and power house.

He has built a stockade with an electric wire top. The postoffice he has moved to the edge of his town on a public road, so as to prevent any one except those he desires entering his town.

He will allow no trespassing in his town. He has had telephons placed miles in each direction to notify him of approaching danger. The miners will leave the place, but it is understood will camp nearby in tents to prevent nonunion miners working.

In eighteen months Zeigler has grown from a forest to a town of 1,000 inhabitants, and has 200 houses, a postoffice, bank, department store, waterworks and electric lights.

The manager of the hotel was ordered to leave in twenty-four hours because he refused to board the seventy-five Chicago policemen.

There is every indication that serious trouble is pending. Mr. Leiter is personally on the ground directing movements. He says he will never yield.

SONS CONTEST FATHER'S WILL

Declare Their Share Was Never Divorced from First Wife.

A cablegram has been received by Probate Clerk Ansel of Belleville from Otto and Rudolph Gosch of Steinham, Hamburg, Germany, notifying him that they would contest the will of their late father, Thomas F. A. Gosch, who died in Mascoutah, St. Clair county, June 4, on the ground that his first wife, from whom he had never been divorced, was still living and a resident of Germany. Gosch, who was a prominent and well-to-do citizen of Mascoutah, made his will on Jan. 27, 1904, leaving all of his property to his wife, Elizabeth, of Mascoutah. The will was not read until after his death, and notice was sent to his sons in Germany. Mrs. Gosch of Mascoutah, when notified of the cablegram, expressed great surprise, and declared that she was not aware of such being the case.

NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR.

Robert H. Patton, who has just won a letter accepting of the prohibition nomination for the governorship of Illinois, is a prominent lawyer of Springfield. He was born in Auburn, New York, on January 15, 1850. For a time he was a member of the law firm of Orendoff & Patton. Until 1888 Mr. Patton was a Democrat, but at that time he renounced all allegiance to the party and cast

BROKEN BLADE BRINGS DEATH

Wounded Received in Fight a Year Ago Proves Fatal.

About four years ago Louis Smith, living at Crainville, one mile south of Carterville, was stabbed in the head by a man named Bennett while in a fight at Creal Springs. A piece of the blade about one inch long broke off in the skull and since that time Smith has been in a state of chronic illness, and has been unable to do any work. Thursday it was discovered and pulled out. A large abscess had formed in his head and Friday morning he died. The peculiar thing is that Smith never knew the broken blade was in his head.



ROBERT H. PATTON



ROBERT L. HENRY

GETS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

Robert Liewelny Henry, Jr., a University of Chicago student, has been unanimously chosen by the state committee of college presidents to be the recipient of the first Cecil Rhodes scholarship for Illinois. The winner will be graduated from the University of Chicago in 1907, when 19 years old.

Victim of Pistol Duel.

Fate Morris, a former school teacher, died as a result of a pistol duel killed at a church festival at the home of John Carmical in Pinckneyville. Thomas French, a neighbor, was shot in the chest, but was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

Orders New Election.

On account of an alleged unfairness in the election of a second lieutenant of Company B, Fifth infantry, I. N. G. of Taylorville, last Tuesday night, the adjutant-general of the Illinois militia has ordered another election for July 13.

County Assessment is Increased.

Adams county officials consider the assessment of the present year the best made in the history of the county. While there was a falling off to the amount of \$180,000 in the value of grain and live stock, there was a gain of \$264,000 as compared with last year in personal property. The total assessed valuation in the county for 1903 was \$15,459,000. For the present year it is \$15,459,000.

Democratic Convention.

The Democrats of the Twenty-second district will hold a convention in the East St. Louis city hall July 16 to nominate a candidate for congress. The counties will be entitled to the following representatives: St. Clair, 98; Madison, 68; Washington, 21; Monroe, 18; Bond, 16; total, 221. The call for the convention is signed by E. B. Gilchrist, chairman, and M. V. Joyce, secretary.

Christian County Veterans.

The Old Soldiers' association of Christian county has decided to hold its annual reunion at Palmer, August 24 and 25. The new officers of the association are: President, H. A. Best; vice-president, J. L. Boyd; secretary, J. A. Boyd; treasurer, B. H. Harley.

Burglar Robs Banker.

James Milliken, a banker and one of the wealthy men of Decatur, was visited by a burglar. He was awakened and at the point of a revolver ordered to give up his money. The banker held extended conversation with the masked burglar and the latter got only 45 cents and a gold watch.

Janitor Uses Good Judgment.

Owing to a defect in the electric light wiring in the basement of the hotel at Springfield a short circuit of the current burned a hole through the gas pipes and ignited the gas. Excitement was caused by the flames, and for a time it looked serious, but the janitor had the presence of mind to shut off the gas and a disastrous fire was averted.

Weds an Indian Prince.

Chokeree Aingeo Nathoo, aged 25, a native of India, who claims the title of prince in his own country, was married at Quincy to Mattie May Godding, aged 24 years, of Haddon, Wis.

Child Drinks Poisoned Water.

Eddie Whitley, 3 years old, was seriously poisoned at East St. Louis by drinking water from a saucer which had contained poison by paper solution.

Grain Case is Appealed.

Judge Johnson's circuit court at Decatur granted a judgment of \$7,600 in favor of Arthur S. Dumont and against H. J. Hoagland and others. The case was one of losses in grain. It was appealed.

Was Father of Sixteen.

Joseph H. McElvain, aged 88 years, the oldest citizen of Perry county, is dead. He was the father of sixteen children.

What is Damaged.

The Washington wheat crop is reported almost a failure through the prevalence of rust, and it is feared oats and corn will be included in the failure column.

Library Board Election.

The Taylorville library board has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Laura B. Evans; vice president, C. M. Parker; secretary, Miss Margaret Martin; assistant secretary, Mrs. W. E. Andrews.

Lead Deposits Near Alton.

Thomas Campbell of Alton claims to have discovered deposits of lead in the vicinity of Alton, samples of which were assayed at the lead plant in Alton and in St. Louis, showing 90 per cent of pure lead.

To Sue Standard Oil.

William A. Parrish of Decatur has asked to be appointed administrator of the estate of his daughter, who was burned to death by a lamp explosion, stating that he will bring suit for \$10,000 against the Standard Oil company.

To Build Handsome Church.

The contract for building the new church for the First Methodist congregation at Decatur has been let to Obergast & Ballard. The contract price was \$71,254.