



Rev. Mr. Parsons of Danville, Ill., was elected president of Parsons college at Fairfield, Ill.

John D. Hart, a wealthy farmer and ex-county commissioner, cut his throat while dependent and died at Greencastle, Ind.

The body of S. A. Rizz, editor of the Girard Anchor of Girard, Ill., was found floating in Lily lake, in St. Louis.

Peter Johnson, bartender in the saloon of M. Bone at Merrill, Wis., was shot and killed by one of two tramps who had been in the town.

Orders have been sent from the navy department to Rear Admiral Stirling, commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet, directing that the San Francisco be sent home to be overhauled.

The body of a young man with skull crushed and throat cut was found in a well in a farm near Strasburg, Mo.

An explosion in the oilhouse of the Huber Brothers, in the rear of the Main street drug store at Fond du Lac, Wis., wrecked that building and seriously burned one of the clerks.

Rear Admiral Endicot, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, will award to Boies De Leon at Atlanta, Ga., the contract for building at a cost of \$116,000 the bureau of equipment building at the navy yard at Pensacola, Fla.

The Akron Telephone Company and the Bell Telephone Company of Buffalo have merged.

In a short time the navy department again will send out recruiting parties.

John Stansbury of Elkhardt, Ind., lies at the point of death, suffering with hiccough which attacked him ten days ago.

The second annual convention of the Universal Craftsmen's Council of Engineers, master masons, opened in Rochester, N. Y.

Fire destroyed the main building of the Colonial distillery and the large drug house at Trebleina, near Xenia, O., loss \$240,000.

Mortley, Miller of Grantburg, Ill., was instantly killed and Leonard Beaman had his left leg cut off by an Illinois Central train.

A stock car owned by Ringling Brothers' circus was destroyed by fire at Rawlins, Wyo. Fifteen horses perished, including Otto Ringling's \$11,000 animal.

The governor of Louisiana has selected Miss Juanita Lallande of New Orleans to christen the battleship Louisiana at Newport News, Va., Aug. 27.

"M. Leap," whose right name was W. H. Green, who was injured by the breaking of a wire upon which he did the "midnight ride" at the world's fair, died of his injuries.

The statement that Vice Commodore Morton F. Plant of the Larchmont Yacht club is ill owing its origin to the fact that he is suffering from an old wound in his leg.

The damage to the new German battleship Schwaben, which ran aground during her speed trials some weeks ago consists of a rent seventy feet long in her hull.

Admiral Sigsbee at San Juan has been directed to dispatch a war vessel to Monte Cristi, San Domingo, where it is believed trouble is impending.

Charles M. Schwab arrived in New York on the White Star line Baltic. Mr. Schwab went abroad to have business consultation with a representative of the Knapp syndicate.

Montezuma Falcone, the papal legate, arrived in Washington after a visit to Rome. He was accompanied by Dr. Marchetti, chief of the papal mission in Washington.

Representative Cooper of Wisconsin, chairman of the house committee on insular affairs, has accepted an invitation extended to him by Secretary Taft to be present at the exposition in St. Louis Aug. 13, Manila day.

Mrs. Roosevelt left Washington for New York, where she will go to her home. Theodore Jr. and Kermit and their friends, who have been visiting the St. Louis exposition, together they will proceed to Crystal Bay.

Rear Admiral Glass and the officers of the United States squadron, which has been cruising in South American waters, have presented to President James A. Roosevelt of the Central and South American Telegraph company a \$99,850 as a mark of their appreciation for courtesies extended.

An unknown man committed suicide near the Aldine station of the Chicago & Erie railroad by standing on the track and permitting a freight train to strike him. The body was cut to pieces.

DEATH OF GEORGE VEST SENATOR FROM MISSOURI

Noted Statesman Succumbs After Long Illness, His End Being Peaceful

REALIZED DECLINE WAS SEAR In Refusing Re-election He Informs His Friends That His Days of Work Wholly Were Over; His Life's Work Accomplished.

Sweet Springs, Mo., Aug. 16.—After lingering for weeks between life and death George G. Vest passed peacefully away Tuesday.

Gov. Dockery has issued a proclamation in which he recounts the life and public services of the late senator, and recommends that business generally be suspended on Thursday, the day of the funeral.

The burial will be in Bellefontaine cemetery. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock and public offices will be closed and flags on public buildings will be half-masted.

"My days of usefulness are over; my life work is accomplished," said the senator when he was 70 years of age.

These were the words of George Graham Vest to a friend when he announced three or four years ago that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the United States senate before the legislature of Missouri.

His Greatest Effort. And yet it was after this declaration that Mr. Vest delivered on the floor of the senate one of the greatest oratorical efforts of his life in making a plea for free coal during the great strike in the anthracite regions some two years ago.

But Senator Vest had made no mistake. He was one of the few who recognize in himself the symptoms of coming power, and although he was unable to arise to a great occasion, he knew that the fires were burning low and that it was better for his fame and name to retire before an inevitable collapse.

The senate chamber at Washington has held many a pathetic figure, but George G. Vest will not be remembered as such. He was a giant in his day, and he got out from under the glare of the limelight before it cast the gentle shadows of a robust past.

He was born at Frankfort, Ky., on Dec. 6, 1839, and in his boyhood played with an Associate Justice Marshall and an American president, S. C. Schuchman.

As a boy he was homesy, precocious, and popular, and when 18 years old he was graduated from Central college at Danville.

He was elected to the law in the court of James Harlan. James Harlan had been in congress and was a whip of the old Hamiltonian federalism.

He took an interest in his students and encouraged them to study the federalist and vote against the Democratic party. Young Vest's father encouraged his preceptor, for the elder Vest was a confederate, who sat at the feet of Henry Clay.

Was Confederate Senator. But the more young Vest fastened on the mental picture of his father, the more he got for what he considered the political strabismus of his father and his preceptor.

He was graduated from the law department of the university of Lexington, a democrat to his finger tips, and to the hour of his death never wavered in his faith. This same year (1858) he was elected to the Missouri legislature and was a member of the famous Clark Jefferson legislature of 1861, which refused south and elected him to the confederate senate.

It was one of two surviving members of the confederate senate.

COOK FACTORY GAINS POINT IN LEGAL FIGHT Supreme Court Restrains Secretary of State From Placing La Follette Nominee in Republican Column.

Madison, Wis., Aug. 10.—The supreme court Tuesday morning granted S. A. Cook, Republican, defendant, a writ of habeas corpus to prevent the secretary of state from placing La Follette's name on the Republican column.

The granting of the writ to begin action does not necessarily decide the question, but probably will be the final step in the La Follette case.

Father Kills His Son. Waupesa, Wis., dispatch: Edward Brown killed his 15-year-old son, Fred, with a small knife by stabbing him in the neck. The young man was taken to the hospital. The trouble was a family dispute.

Galena, Ill., special: Bernard Fleege, prominent stock raiser residing at Monroeville, was severely injured by a vicious bull, which attacked him on his farm.

RUSSIANS LOSE 11,000 MEN!

Japanese Make Fierce Attack on Outer Works of Port Arthur—Czar Pins Faith to Baltic Fleet.

London, Aug. 10.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent reports that a great land and sea fight occurred at Port Arthur on Aug. 8, and that the Japanese were repeatedly repulsed. More than a thousand Russians were killed.

The Japanese attacked the main line of fortifications, extending over the Russian left flank. Both the fleets were engaged, and there was fierce fighting on land and sea until early in the morning.

The Japanese stormed the Russian positions repeatedly, but each time were repulsed with heavy loss. Their casualties are said to be greater than they were at Wolf hill and Green hill.

The Russians lost 1,000 men. The fight is described as the fiercest of the war. The Russians have been reinforced by all the civilians remaining in Port Arthur. The damage to the fleet is unknown.

The Tokyo correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph adds that the Russian fleet is expected to reach the Baltic coast within six days. He points out that the auxiliary cruiser Don has already sailed with a six weeks' supply of coal for the whole squadron, besides 500 cattle and other provisions, and that two other vessels are expected to follow.

to take this course and avoid the meaningless sacrifice of human lives. If the Russians continue to resist, the Japanese in the end will raise the forts and contents to the ground. It is for the interest of the Russians, not the Japanese, to surrender without further bloodshed.

Refugee From Port Arthur. Says Situation There is Bad. Chao, Aug. 9.—T. E. Irving, manager of the East Asiatic company, arrived here today with bags of mail and tons of luggage. He left Port Arthur last Friday. He says the condition of the Baltic fleet which consists of six vessels, including eight battleships and nine cruisers, will leave in the immediate future, probably on Aug. 15.

Arrival of Baltic Fleet. Will Change the Situation. Berlin, Aug. 10.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger says the Baltic fleet which consists of six vessels, including eight battleships and nine cruisers, will leave in the immediate future, probably on Aug. 15.

It is expected that the arrival of the Baltic fleet in the far east will turn the scales rapidly and end the war, should Port Arthur still remain unoccupied.

May Bag Port Arthur and Kourapatkin on Same Day. Berlin, Aug. 6.—The National Zeitung writes a private telegram from Tokio which says Tokio is expecting the fall of Port Arthur and the capitulation of Gen. Kourapatkin on the same day.

It is stated that there are five Japanese divisions before Port Arthur, and that within three and a half miles of the fortifications there are also twenty-two divisions in Manchuria.

Defenses of Port Arthur Taken by the Japanese. London, Aug. 8.—The Times correspondent at Tokio under date of Aug. 7, says that there are about 100,000 Japanese troops before Port Arthur and that the Japanese have captured commanding positions north and northeast of Port Arthur at a distance of 2,750 yards from the main line of Russian defenses.

Expect Fall of Port Arthur. Within a Month, at Most. Timonin, Aug. 8.—A heavy and constant firing has been heard steadily at Port Arthur from the direction of Port Arthur.

There are persistent rumors here from Japanese sources that the fall of Port Arthur will occur within a week, but military experts are of the opinion that a month will elapse before the Japanese make their final assault.

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Disruptive Successes of the Russians. Berlin, Aug. 9.—A dispatch from Liaoyang dated Aug. 7 says: "The western Russian forces north of Hailong suffered a heavy attack today. Many wounded Russians have arrived here."

There is a rumor current that Gen. Kuroki threatened Mukden from the northeast. "Viceroy Alexieff and Gen. Kourapatkin were yesterday in Liaoyang."

Japanese Strongly Intrenched. Close to Believable City. Chao, Aug. 8.—The Japanese forces which captured Wolf hill is now entrenched in the valley, about two-thirds of a mile from the fortress at Port Arthur.

A Japanese cruiser is alleged to have struck a new mine and to have sunk immediately in the vicinity of Chao.

The Japanese have succeeded in landing troops with the probable intention of attacking west of the city. There has been no report of any success in this direction.

The Russian artillery is hampering the Japanese, who are attempting to advance their trenches.

rumor. It is believed that Kourapatkin has decided to face the necessity of fighting at Liaoyang, which here is looked upon as a great misfortune that may end in disaster.

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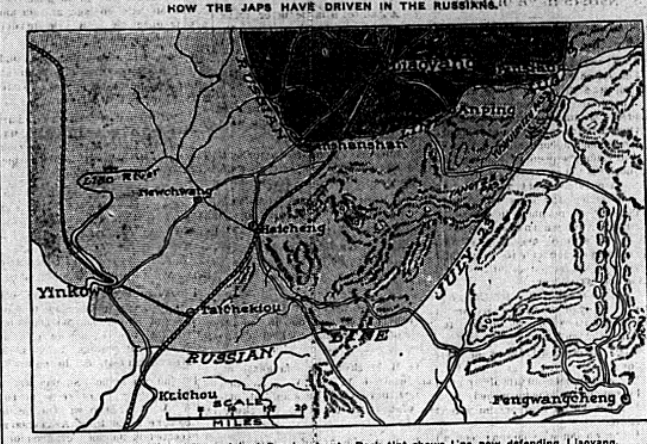
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Cutler line of lighter tint shows original Russian front. Dark tint shows line now defending Liaoyang.

Times says he learns on the best authority that there is no truth whatever in the Russian rumors of Japanese reverses, with heavy losses at Port Arthur.

Thus far in the Manchurian campaign the Japanese have taken 1,600 prisoners and buried 2,600 Russian dead. It is estimated that the total losses to the Russians number upward of 20,000, while the invalids will bring the number of troops incapacitated up to 50,000.

Fight at Simoucheng Cost Russia Two Thousand Soldiers. Tokio, Aug. 6.—It is now estimated that the Russians lost 2,000 men in the fighting at Simoucheng. The Japanese sanitary corps recovered and buried 700 bodies in the valleys through which the Russians fought and retreated. Prisoners and Chinese and wounded were removed by the Russians themselves.

The Japanese captured six guns, 570 shells, a quantity of stores and thirty-three prisoners. A detachment of the Russian medical corps, which was captured by the Japanese, was returned to the Russians.

The Japanese casualties at Simoucheng amounted to 850 men, including eight officers killed and twenty-four officers wounded.

Japs Claim Possession of All Port Arthur Outworks. Tokio, Aug. 10.—The Japan Mail prints a summary of Port Arthur rumors. It says that probably all the Russian outworks have been captured and that the Japanese Army is easily in range of the main defenses.

It is now a question of mounting siege guns. The indications are that the work was commenced on Aug. 4 or 5. The Russians apparently defended their outworks desperately and suffered heavily.

Vladivostok Squadron Again to Sail for the Korean Straits. Seoul, Aug. 10.—It is rumored that a naval engagement took place off Gensan, on the west coast of Korea yesterday. No particulars have been received, but it is presumed the Vladivostok squadron has left port on another raid of the Korean straits.

Surrender by Victorious Japs. Tokio, Aug. 10.—The Kokumin, discussing the situation at Port Arthur, says it is almost incredible that the Russians do not know that they are surrounded. For this reason it believes they should surrender without any further fighting, and in this way save tens of thousands of lives. Exact action would be decided by the honor of Gen. Stossel, the commander of the troops there. It is believed that the Russians will not surrender.

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BARGAIN IN AN EPITAPH.

Result of Family Dispute Being Carried Beyond the Grave. Here is a story which is vouched for by the man who says he saw the inscription.

"There are a lot of curious epitaphs," he said, "but I have never seen but one which exhibited all the refinements of poetry and sarcasm. That is written near New York there is a family of the name of Kent. There were two children, a son and a daughter. Both were married. There was a falling out between the three children and the husband of the daughter was most cordially hated by the others. The aged mother went upon one occasion to visit the daughter, who had married a David Hennessy, and while there she became ill and died. Shortly afterward the father was translated to other worlds. They were laid away in the little cemetery, and the son erected a tombstone on which he caused to be carved the legend:

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