erally. But then the discharge of the mine caused an explosion of her magazines and boilers."

FIERCE COSSACKS DRIVE BACK ENEMY

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—Following on the heels of the news of the disaster to the Japanese fleet, the general staff received official advices of the defeat of the Japanese force which was marching north from Feng-Wang-Cheng for the purpose of executing a flank movement on Mukden. Details of the dispatch will not be made public until it has been passed by the war commission, but it has been left to the Associated Press to make it clear that in order to save themselves from destruction the Japanese were compelled to retreat. Since General Kuroki sent a column northward to gain the road leading directly west from Mukden, General Kuropatkin has kept it under the closest surveillance awaiting the moment when it should be so distant from the main Japanese army as to prevent its easy reinforcement. In observing this plan the Russians withdrew and the Japanese, not finding a strong force of the enemy before them, continued to advance. When the time for action came General Kuropatkin let General Rennenkampff lose from leash. General Rennenkampff had under his command only a few regiments, but they were the flower of the Cossack cavalry. On May 18 he fell on the enemy, whose number has not yet been revealed, with such vigor as to compel the Japanese retirement twelve miles toward the base, near enough, it is presumed, to have received reinforcements from General Kuroki, who must immediately have been advised of the awkward predicament.

The operation is described by the general staff as just such a move as it was expected General Kuropatkin would make and for which General Rennekampff was fitted and chosen. The latter's appearance on the stage was somewhat late. It had been intended that he should raid Korea at the beginning of the war, but he arrived at the front too late. The general staff believes General Rennenkampff's attack must have been in the nature of a thunderbolt. He is a man to attack quick and hir men, veterans of the Chinese campaign, and been selected especially because they knew what it was to be under fire. The casualties sustained by the opposing forces have not yet been announced.

WITTSOEFT REPORTS ON JAPANESE DISASTER

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—High Admiral Grand Duke Alexis has received the following dispatch, bearing to-day's date, from Viceroy Alexieff, who received it by mail from Rear Admiral Wittsoeft, in command of the naval forces at Port Arthur, on the night of May 19-20:

"Three of the enemy's battleships and three cruisers appeared to the east on the morning of May 15. Their movements were watched from Liao-Ti-Shan and Golden hill. After crossing the meridian of Port Arthur this squadron turned eastward and appeared to be getting into battle formation. Then an explosion was observed under the third battleship, which was of the Fuji type. The ironclad stopped, keeled over to starboard and began to sink by the bow, sending up a quantity of steam. Two cruisers immediately approached, and it was observed from Golden hill that they lowered boats, after which the battleship gradually righted herself and appeared to recover from her injury.

"At that minute another three-funneled battleship, of the Shikishima type, approached the scene of the accident, and a mine exploded under her midship section, causing a similar explosion to that which occurred in the case of the battleship Petropavlovsk. In the course of one minute she sank. The third ironclad put out to sea, the cruisers remaining on the scene of the disaster.

"I sent sixteen torpedo boats to harass the enemy and, should a favorable opportunity present itself, to attack the ships separately. The cruiser Novik went out to the passage in order, if necessary, to support the torpedo boats, but the cruisers set up steam at this juncture and drew in toward the shore. The Japanese cruisers opened fire with all their heavy guns on our torpedo boats, but the latter returned to Port Arthur without loss. The damaged ironclad then disappeared below the horizon with her attendant cruisers, escaping from the pursuit of our flotilla. In the meantime night had fallen, the wind had freshened, and there was a rough sea."

JAPANESE WILL STORM PORT ARTHUR SOON

CHICAGO, May 20.—A special to the Daily News from Tokio says:

"Port Arthur is to be taken by storm the moment proper preparations have been completed. Siege guns have yet to be placed in position and the land forces appointed for the assault have to be strengthened. The unexpected loss of two fine vessels has emphasized the insecurity of sea power, and the authorities feel that no chances must be taken that would encourage Russia to send out the Baltic fleet, counting on finding a harbor of refuge in Port Arthur.

"It is realized that the storming of the fortress will inevitably cost many lives, but it is said that the waters where the Japanese ships are forced to maneuver are becoming so dangerous because of floating mines that heroic measures are imperative. Under these circumstances it is thought that 'life will be economized by storming the stronghold and eliminating it and the adjacent waters from the area of actual conflict.'"

A special to the Daily News from Che-Foo says:

"At 1:30 o'clock this morning a tremendous explosion was heard in the direction of Port Arthur. It was impossible to ascertain the cause."

JAPANESE DID NOT CARE TO RISK BATTLE

NIEU-CHWANG, May 20, 7 a. m.—The reports of the Japanese retreat to Feng-Wang-Cheng are officially confirmed. The Japanese, numbering 20,000 men, came up with 32,000 Russians in a strong position on Monday sixty miles west of Feng-Wang-Cheng. It being unwise to risk a battle, the Japanese retreated in good order and with great rapidity.

An unofficial Russian authority says a pitched battle was not fought, but rumor says there was considerable loss on both sides during the clashes with the Cossacks, harassing the flanks of the Japanese. This division presumably was executing a reconnoissance. The pursuit was checked when the main body of the Japanese was rejoined.

This news apparently accounts for the withdrawal to an unknown destination of warships and transports from Tower hill, ten miles north of Kai-Chou, Liao-Tung peninsula, and on account of renewed defensive activity at Nieu-Chwang.

No news has been received here from Port Arthur.

JAPANESE LAND AN ARMY AT TAKU-SHAN

TOKIO, May 20.—The following official statement has just been issued here: "A section of infantry of the Liao-Tung forces went in the direction of Shan-Chusan to reconnoiter and met two sections of Russian infantry. The Russians were repulsed in thirty minutes. Our casualties were one officer and four men killed and one officer and eight men wounded. The Russian casualties were one officer and forty to fifty men killed. The landing of Japanese troops at Taku-Shan began yesterday."

Admiral Hosoyo, commanding the third squadron, reports that with the third squadron, consisting of the Fuso, Heiyen, Tsukushi, Sai-Ten and other vessels, he protected the landing of troops at Taku-Shan yesterday, bombarded the coast and landed a party of blue jackets, who occupied a point of land and raised the Japanese flag at 8 o'clock in the morning. The landing of troops immediately commenced and was accomplished very quickly.

KUROPATKIN REPORTS RETREAT BY JAPANESE

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—The following dispatch from General Kuropatkin to the Emperor, dated at Liao-Yang, May 19, has been received here: "A detachment of Cossacks engaged a detachment of the Japanese advance guard on May 18, north of Feng-Wang-Chang in a mountainous district. The fight began in the morning and lasted until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The Japanese were successively dislodged from four positions, extending more than fifteen miles. The pursuit of the Japanese was stopped at Dattantsy, thirteen miles north of Feng-Wang-Cheng. Our casualties were six Cossacks wounded, two horses killed and eight horses injured. There is no trace of the enemy in the valley of Tsan-Hoka as far as the road leading to the Tchan-Goulin pass, eighteen miles north of Feng-Wang-Cheng."

VLADIVOSTOK QUIET; NO CRUISER WRECKED

VLADIVOSTOK, May 20.—All is quiet here. Japanese warships appear from time to time in Peter the Great bay, but do not approach Vladivostok.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20, 4:36 p. m.—The Admiralty states that there is not the slightest foundation for the report that the cruiser Bogatyr has been destroyed. The squadron, the Admiralty asserts, is intact at Vladivostok.

[A dispatch to the Echo de Paris from St. Petersburg last night reported that the Bogatyr had grounded during a fog on the rocks near the entrance to Vladivostok.]

RUSSIAN CASUALTIES OVER THREE HUNDRED

LONDON, May 20.—The Japanese legation here gave out this morning the following dispatch received from Tokio: "The enemy's force participating in the fight near Kin-Chou, Liao-Tung peninsula, May 16 consisted of the Fifth, Fourteenth and Sixteenth Sharpshooters, with eight quick-firing guns. They left on the field thirty dead officers and men. According to the prisoners, the enemy's casualties were over 300."

THREE SOUTH CHICAGO FURNACES ARE IDLE

CHICAGO, May 20.—Seven hundred men were thrown out of employment at the works of the Illinois Steel Company, at South Chicago, by the closing of three furnaces. Officials of the company refuse to say for how long a time the men will be idle, asserting that the furnaces are closed in order that repairs may be made.

CLOUDBURST SWELLS A MOUNTAIN STREAM AND SWEEPS AWAY TOWNS

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cases of dead animals are being carried by Fort Collins by the flood.

Later advices say the towns of Livermore, Belleview, Laporte, Wellington and a portion of Fort Collins are under from three to four feet of water and in some cases the water reaches to the eaves of the houses. Five iron wagon bridges and two railroad bridges in the vicinity of Fort Collins have been swept away and two miles of the Colorado & Southern tracks washed out. Several thousand acres of vegetables have been destroyed and hundreds of heads of live stock drowned. The water system of the city of Fort Collins has been seriously damaged and all of the irrigation canals and ditches badly washed. Twelve big reservoirs along the Cache la Poudre are threatened with destruction. A foot of water covers the floor of the sugar factory. The Russian colony at Fort Collins consists if 600 people. About half of them succeeded in getting out of their houses before the flood was on them. The remainder to-night are in a perilous position. Their houses can be plainly seen floating about among the trees and shouts and other signals of distress seen and heard. A few of the houses have entered the current of the river and been swept down stream, and, perhaps shattered or sunk and their occupants drowned. It is definitely known that two lives have been lost, one a man at Laporte and a Russian child at Fort Collins. Fears are entertained for the safety of Chris Mason, his wife and five children, who live in the bottoms half a mile above Fort Collins. Their place must be surrounded by water and is probably submerged. Rescue parties are in readiness to leave for Fort Collins with the first break of day. The flood in the Cache la Poudre and other streams is due to heavy rains to-day.

A telephone message to the Associated Press from its correspondent at Cheyenne, Wyo., at 11:30 o'clock to-night says that the Crow river, which runs through Cheyenne, is running bank full as a result of heavy rains to-day. From eight to twelve miles of the main line of the Union Pacific Railroad and several miles of the roadbed of the Colorado & Southern road have been washed out. Several lives are reported to have been lost among the ranchers living along the Crow. The river in Cheyenne has spread out over the lower sections, flooding the dwellings and business houses. Telegraph wires between Denver and Cheyenne are disabled.

FAIR FOR INDIANA TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday:

Indiana and Illinois—Fair on Saturday and Sunday; light variable winds.

Ohio—Fair on Saturday and warmer in east portion. Sunday fair; fresh west winds.

Kentucky—Fair on Saturday and Sunday.

Lower Michigan—Fair on Saturday and warmer in the southeast portion. Sunday fair; light north winds.

Local Observations on Friday.

	Bar.	Th.	R.H.	Wind.	Weather.	Pre.
7 a. m.	30.00	58	72	N'west.	Clear.	T
7 p. m.	30.06	70	47	N'west.	Clear.	0.00

Maximum temperature, 74; minimum temperature, 54.

Comparative statement of mean temperature and total precipitation on May 20:

	Temp.	Pre.
Normal	66	0.13
Mean	64	0.07
Departure for day	−2	−0.13
Departure for month	−50	−0.72
Departure since Jan. 1	−506	*8.36

*Plus.

W. T. BLYTHE, Section Director.

Yesterday's Temperatures.

Stations.	7 a. m.	Max.	7 p. m.
Abilene, Tex.	66	82	78
Amarillo, Tex.	58	78	68
Atlanta, Ga.	56	78	74
Bismarck, N. D.	50	78	64
Buffalo, N. Y.	46	50	46
Cairo, Ill.	56	78	74
Calgary, Alberta	38	76	74
Chattanooga, Tenn.	52	78	74
Cheyenne, Wyo.	48	60	40
Chicago, Ill.	56	68	68
Cincinnati, O.	56	74	70
Cleveland, O.	48	54	52
Columbus, O.	50	66	62
Concordia, Kan.	56	70	68
Davenport, Ia.	52	82	80
Denver, Col.	50	76	64
Dodge City, Kan.	56	72	68
Dubuque, Ia.	52	80	78
Duluth, Minn.	54	78	74
El Paso, Tex.	56	86	84
Galveston, Tex.	70	76	74
Grand Junction, Col.	58	78	74
Grand Rapids, Mich.	56	76	70
Havre, Mont.	50	80	80
Huron, S. D.	48	76	74
Helena, Mont.	52	72	70
Jacksonville, Fla.	60	80	72
Kansas City, Mo.	56	78	76
Little Rock, Ark.	58	82	80
Louisville, Ky.	60	78	74
Marquette, Mich.	48	74	72
Memphis, Tenn.	60	78	76
Modena, Utah	40	52	50
Montgomery, Ala.	56	82	78
Nashville, Tenn.	54	78	74
New Orleans, La.	64	84	80
New York, N. Y.	54	70	66
Norfolk, Va.	56	74	68
North Platte, Neb.	54	74	70
Oklahoma, O. T.	62	82	74
Omaha, Neb.	54	78	76
Palestine, Tex.	62	84	80
Parkersburg, W. Va.	54	62	58
Philadelphia, Pa.	54	70	66
Pittsburg Pa.	50	60	58
Pueblo, Col.	54	72	64
Qu Appelle, N. W. T.	56	72	72
Rapid City, S. D.	52	60	58
St. Louis, Mo.	56	78	76
St. Paul, Minn.	54	84	82
Salt Lake City, Utah	46	64	64
San Antonio, Tex.	62	82	78
Santa Fe, N. M.	52	72	68
Shreveport, La.	62	86	80
Springfield, Ill.	54	80	76
Springfield, Mo.	52	76	74
Valentine, Neb.	62	72	70
Washington, D. C.	50	70	64
Wichita, Kan.	58	72	68

Throngs of Women Wait for His Imperial Highness Prince Pu Lun to Finish Royal Nap

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who were guests of the Local Council. A general invitation to the reception was extended to all the members of the different societies affiliated with the Local Council.

An unfortunate delay in the arrival of the guest of honor and his suite threatened the success of the reception. The members of the clubs who had been invited to meet the prince between the hours of 4 and 6 were compelled to wait until almost 6 o'clock before they were admitted to the reception room. The explanation given, that the prince was exceedingly fatigued and was taking a nap, from which no member of his suite would venture to disturb him, was graciously received.

At the arrival of Prince Pu Lun with Mrs. May Wright Sewall he was conducted to the dais, where Mrs. John W. Kern, acting president of the Local Council of Women stood. After his presentation to Mrs. Kern he and Mrs. Sewall took their places beside her, and the presentation of the committees to the prince took place. The prince adapted the American custom of handshaking, and, though it was not intended that he should shake the hands of the assemblage of guests who were presented after the committees, he adhered to the custom, and there are few of the women who were guests of the Local Council yesterday who have not the proud memory of a handshake with the Chinese prince. Mrs. Carl Schneider presented the guests to Mrs. Sewall, who presented them to Mr. Wong Kai Kah, who was also on the dais with his Highness, and Mr. Wong in turn made the presentation to the prince. On a second dais was Mrs. Wong with several members of her family and Mrs. Alfred Potts, who presented the guests to Mrs. Wong. Miss Wong Ah Mae, of Shanghai, was also among the guests of honor and many of the women in the room were presented to her.

The greatest interest was felt, both in the personality and the appearance of the guests of honor, and Mrs. Wong, who has been but little seen since her arrival in the city, was second in interest only to the prince. Her robes, covered with rich and elaborate embroidery, her exquisitely-done hair and her handsome jewels held almost as much interest for the women who greeted her as did the grave bows and the flattering intentness of courtesy of the prince.

After all of the guests had been presented to Prince Pu Lun the doors of the assembly hall were closed and Mrs. Sewall delivered an address of welcome to his Highness, preceded by an expression of praise for Mrs. Kern and the women of the Local Council for their co-operation in making the reception of the prince a brilliant success. In addressing the prince Mrs. Sewall expressed her gratification at the assurance that a Chinese woman would be a member of the International Council meeting which she herself goes abroad shortly to attend. She then made the presentation to the prince of a handsome volume containing the year books of all the clubs affiliated with the Local Council, and a set of eight volumes containing reports of the meeting of the national and international councils of women. The large volume had on its fly-leaf the peace flag, which the International Council hopes to establish as the flag of the world, and Mrs. Sewall called the prince's attention to it, saying that the yellow symbolized the illumination, the purple the power and the white the purity, for which all races are striving. The seal of the Local Council, with its motto, "Lead, Kindly Light," was on the fly-leaf of every volume, and Mrs. Sewall referred to the motto, saying that the light came not only from Bethlehem, but from the wisdom of the Chinese sages as well.

Prince Pu Lun responded briefly to Mrs. Sewall's address, and his remarks were interpreted by Mr. Wong. He addressed the Council as the local branch of the Federation of Women, but the members of the Council accepted the title graciously. The prince expressed his gratification at his reception by American women and declared that America and American women led the world; that his regret was that the women of China were not so advanced as were the Americans. At the close of his interpretation of the prince's remarks, which were received with enthusiasm, Mr. Wong was called upon to speak for himself, and he added a further tribute to the American women, saying that America was a wonderful country, because American women ruled their husbands; that because they were good wives they made good husbands; that because they were admirable mothers they brought up good children, and that these made the strength of the country.

At the close of the presentation speeches the prince and his suite were conducted by Mrs. Sewall to the parlors below, where tea was poured, where they remained for a short time.

The arrangements for the reception were exceedingly handsome and appropriate and the function was among the most brilliant semi-public affairs ever arranged in the city. The entire building was used and was decorated handsomely. The assembly hall was trimmed with branches of dogwood blossoms and syringas and the mantel and walls were hung with rich rugs and handsome Oriental draperies. The dais where the prince received had as a background rich embroideries of Oriental patterns. American and Chinese flags were used about the wall and in addition there were banners embroidered with the names of all the countries where the International Council of Women is represented. The parlors down stairs, which were used for the refreshment rooms, were attractive with masses of snowballs and the tea tables were charmingly arranged with clusters of snowballs and ferns and dainty silver and china.

The first members of the Local Council to be presented to Prince Pu Lun were the committee of the Local Council—Mrs. May Wright Sewall, chairman; Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Mrs. J. H. Byers, Mrs. J. Cumming Smith, Mrs. J. W. Kern, Mrs. George E. Hume and Dr. Marie Haslep, and Mrs. C. M. Walker, chairman of the refreshment committee. Other committees presented were: The finance committee, led by Mrs. Charles E. Coffin, with Mrs. W. H. Coleman, Mrs. F. H. Blackledge, Mrs. H. T. Bennett, Mrs. John Oxenford, Mrs. G. F. Adams, Mrs. E. C. Atkins, Miss Lydia Blaich, Mrs. W. H. Cook, Mrs. E. G. Cornelius, Mrs. J. N. Carey, Mrs. Rebecca Rogers George, Mrs. W. E. Hayward, Mrs. Edward F. Hodges, Mrs. C. A. Kenyon, Dr. Amelia Keller, Mrs. J. K. Lilly, Mrs. Franklin Landers, Mrs. Hugh McGowan, Mrs. Mary L. Moody, Mrs. H. C. Newcomb, Mrs. E. M. Ogle, Mrs. L. F. Page, Mrs. William Scott, Mrs. Augusta Severin, Mrs. T. V. Smith, Mrs. Henrietta Stevens, Mrs. R. P. Van Camp and Mrs. Allan A. Wilkinson. The invitation committee—Miss N. Cropsey, Mrs. John E. Cleland, Miss Harriet Noble, Mrs. J. E. Dunn, Miss Mary Dean, Miss E. B. Ridenour, Mrs. C. S. Eaglesfield, Mrs. I. D. Finley, Mrs. W. W. Criley, Mrs. J. L. Benedict and Mrs. W. T. S. Mitchell. The decoration committee, led by Mrs. W. A. Royse, with Mrs. C. C. Foster, Mrs. John B. Elam, Mrs. Henry L. Van Hoff, Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Mrs. S. D. Farrabee, Mrs. A. B. Leck, Mrs. H. J. Drummond, Miss Anna Knubbe, Miss Julia Harrison Moore and Mrs. Hugh Hanna, jr. The refreshment committee, led by Mrs. Charles M. Walker, with Mrs. Karl Schneider, Mrs. Frederick Baggs, Mrs. J. W. Beck, Mrs. Julius Karrmann, Mrs. A. N. Dwyer, Mrs. W. L. Elder, Miss Emily Fletcher, Mrs. B. F. Hitz, Mrs. R. O. Hawkins, Mrs. Ernest Knefler, Mrs. J. L. Mothershead, Mrs. F. P. Rush, Mrs. I. N. Richle, Miss Emily Rhoades, Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. T. A. Wagner, Mrs. Chapman Williams, Misses Anna Louise Beck, Helen Bennett, Alice Ballard, Beatrice Byers, Gertrude Baker, Martha and Eleanor Carey, Ethel Cleland, Mary Chomel, Gertrude Deary, Helen Davis, Anna and Belle Dean, Dietrich, Elizabeth Defrees, Margaret Eaglesfield, Helen Ernestinoff, Bertha Fahnley, Martha Foster, Alta Henry, Gertrude Havens, Ethel Havens, Eunice and Augusta Jameson, Florence Jones, Anne Jillson, Rose Knefler, Mary and Lila Kurtz, Julia Kern, Agnes and Flora Ketcham, Elsie Langdon, Julia Landers, Julia Mothershead, Bess McCrea, Anna Reaume, Elizabeth Miller, Deborah Moore, Corinne Mansfield, Margaret McCulloch, Harriet McCoy, Elizabeth Peck, Anna McKenzie, Margaret Rockwood, Muriel Hitt, Lillie Reese, Charlotte Scott, Anna Sickels, Margaret Taylor, Gladys Wright, Mrs. C. J. Buchanan, Mrs. C. A. Pfaffilin, Mrs. S. E. Perkins, jr., Misses Laura A. Smith, Anna and Louise Spann, Mona and Gertrude Taggart, Eleanor Tucker, Emma Wassom, Mary Sullivan, Bertha Walker, Mrs. W. J. Shafer, Mrs. Wilbur W. Dark and Mrs. Frank Woolsey. In the refreshment rooms the tables were presided over by Mrs. C. M. Walker, Mrs. Chapman Williams and Mrs. Richard Smith, each assisted by a bevy of young women of the refreshment committee. With Mrs. Walker were Mrs. Ernest Knefler, Miss Alta Henry, Miss Marie Kenny and Mrs. Julius Karrmann; with Mrs. Williams were Miss Elizabeth Miller, Miss Beatrice Byers, Miss Bertha Walker and Miss Corinne Mansfield, and with Mrs. Smith were Miss Flora Ketcham, Miss Gertrude Taggart, Miss Mary Sullivan and Mrs. James Floyd.

Most of the women wore handsome reception gowns, and the younger women were in light summer frocks. The contrast of the light garments of the receiving women with the dark, rich robes of the Chinese prince and his suite was an effective one.

Eight members of Company D, under Lieutenant Dawson, were detailed to keep the stairways and hall clear for the prince and to direct the moving procession during the receiving hours, and the uniformed guards added to the picturesque decoration of the building.

One of the prettiest parts of the reception, which was witnessed only by the committees, was the presentation of Mrs. Moy Kee to the prince. Mrs. Moy was accompanied by her husband, who, though he had not received an invitation to the reception, announced his intention of accompanying her, because Chinese women are not accustomed to go out unattended, and Mrs. Moy would be at a loss what to do if left alone. Mrs. Moy brought an immense bouquet of flowers to present to Prince Pu Lun, and the entrance of the quaintly attired Chinese man and woman, carrying the cluster of bright blossoms, was very effective and created much interest. At the entrance of the prince and his suite Mrs. Moy unfurled her gorgeous fan, keeping her face entirely hidden behind its folds. She walked around the room, guided by her husband, to the dais where the prince stood, and so soon as she reached it she began an elaborate series of bows and kow-tows, to which the prince replied with other bows and kow-tows, just a shade more elaborate. Finally little Mrs. Moy went down upon her knees, presented her bouquet to the prince and began to pour out a little speech to him, to which he listened with the gravest attention and courtesy. That ended, she arose to her feet again and a second series of bows and kow-tows took place, after which Mrs. Moy, beaming and smiling, the fan furled, was escorted to the paltform by her husband, where she held a reception of her own.

The Chinese are not allowed to look upon the face of royalty, which explains Mrs. Moy's keeping her fan before her eyes up to the moment of her presentation.

The volume containing the year books of the fifty-one societies affiliated with the Local Council, which was presented to the prince, was compiled by Mrs. William E. English. It was handsomely bound in white kid, the title was in gold, and the book was tied with purple ribbons, the yellow, white and purple carrying out the colors of the council. On the first page was engraved a dedication, written by Mrs. Ovid Butler Jameson, which ran as follows: "To his Imperial Highness, Prince Pu Lun: The Indianapolis Local Council of Women offer this record of their work, a message from the West to the East. The message from the East to the West of wisdom, art, science, was the fruit of the tree of life; the golden fruit that grew in the Garden of the Hesperides. The Local Council of Women believe that all who seek the truth, working for the betterment of the world, are of one heart, one thought, as the multitudinous stars are of one universe. Although the women of China are on the other side of the world, divided from us by seas, by language, by customs, their hearts must respond to the same call of humanity, the call of the races to be lifted into a higher spiritual existence, to make the world a fit place for the children of man, who are also the children of God. To the men and women of China the Women's Council sends greetings, for there is neither East nor West when the hearts of the world beat together seeking peace, purity, holiness and wisdom."

PRINCE PU LUN HEARS GERMAN PRIMA DONNA

Member of Royal Chinese Family Evinces No Surprise at American Entertainment.

A Chinese prince at a song recital by a German prima donna in an American mid-Western city—this was the novelty which Indianapolis had to offer last night. The very incongruity of the occasion lent attraction to it. It is doubtful if any of Prince Pu Lun's experiences, during his present tour in a land far away from his flowery kingdom, will prove more extraordinary to him than the affair of last evening at English's Opera House. In China a woman performer in a public amusement place is unheard of; the feminine roles in the Chinese plays are taken by men or boys, and the theater-goers of the Celestial empire would hold up their hands in horror at the very thought of women giving a performance on their own account. And so last night's event, in which two women—Mme. Schumann-Heink and her pianist, Miss Hartmann—acted as the sole entertainers, must have impressed the royal little Mongolian as a most astonishing thing, though one is bound to admit (and, secretly, somewhat to one's disappointment), that never an expression of surprise was allowed to flit for even the flash of a second over the calm, serene features of his Royal Highness.

The prince and his suite, accompanied by the members of the executive committee having his entertainment in Indianapolis in charge, arrived at English's Opera House at about 10 o'clock. The first half of the recital had just been concluded and a hum of expectancy filled the theater as the semi-circles of electric globes on the ceiling of the theater suddenly blazed forth brilliantly as if to herald the coming of the guests of honor. A moment or two later Prince Pu Lun, attired in his handsome gown of blue and wearing his little black skull cap, stepped out of a carriage that had just arrived in Monument place, and surrounded by his Chinese attendants and the American hosts, made his way to the box on the left side of the theater, that had been prepared to receive him. He took a seat in the corner of the box close to the stage and surveyed his surroundings, after bowing in a dignified manner to the audience, which had burst forth in a vociferous round of applause. Mayor Holtzman, William Fortune and Wong Kai Kah, the interpreter, occupied seats in the same box with him, and the other members of the party took possession of the two boxes adjoining. In the three boxes on the opposite side of the auditorium were Captain and Mrs. English and their guests, Mrs. May Wright Sewall and a party of beautifully gowned young women, who carried immense floral bouquets, and Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Mayer and their guests.

The "royal boxes" were handsomely decorated with the Chinese and American flags and on the stage beside the prince was an Oriental vase containing cherry blossoms. The stage was tastefully arranged, the setting being a woodland scene with many ferns, palms and orange trees to enhance the beauty of the picture. The audience was interested in observing the prince as Mme. Schumann-Heink came forth from the wings to begin the second half of the programme. He gave his earnest attention to the singer, and at the conclusion of her first number applauded gently with his small, well-shaped hands, while a smile, ever so slight, hovered about the corners of his mouth. And as for the prima donna, she gave one of those delicious German chuckles of hers, swept the prince a courtesy that was at once respectful and companionable—and then went on with her programme. A review of the recital is given in another column of the Journal.

FAIR GRADUATES GET DIPLOMAS FROM PRINCE

His Imperial Highness Attends Commencement of School of Which He Becomes Patron.

There is now enrolled as a member of Mrs. May Wright Sewall's Girls' Classical School one from a royal family, the daughter of Prince Pu Lun, born to his princess since he left the Orient on his imperial visit to America. The infant girl was yesterday made an honorary member of this school of culture, while the prince assumed a more direct relation to the school as one of its patrons. The honor was reciprocated by his Highness by asking its principal, Mrs. Sewall, to be the christener of the daughter which his Highness has not yet seen. The honor was accepted by Mrs. Sewall, and she last night announced her intention of fulfilling the request made upon her during her proposed trip abroad, upon which she will soon start.

These exchanges of honors were announced last night at the annual commencement of the Girls' Classical School, which was held at the Propylaeum amid unusual pomp and ceremony in the presence of Prince Pu Lun and his retinue and an audience that filled the assembly room. The prince took active part in the exercises, and from his hands were presented the prizes annually awarded and the certificates and diplomas given to the graduates.

The prizes which were presented by his Highness were with one exception volumes relative to the history of the Chinese empire. The Founder's prizes, which is considered the most valuable of all, and awarded for all around excellency in school work, were awarded to Miss Gertrude Free and Miss Madeleine Maus Fauvre. In this connection honorable mention was awarded to Miss Agnes Leander Monks. The prize for the one being the most punctual in attendance to her recitations was given to Miss Winona Allen Harpold. Residence prizes were given to Margaret Marie Garritson, Julia Marie Bourland, Lucile May Frank and Winona Allen Harpold. One of the five medals placed at the disposition of the Indianapolis branch of the Alliance Francaise has been given by it to the Girls' Classical School and this prize was last night awarded to Miss Agnes Leander Monks. The prize for the girl that had shown the greatest improvement since she had been a member of the school went to Miss Ruth Maxam, and Miss Gertrude Free received the prize for the best English student.

The music for the commencement was furnished by the girls from the school and the address made to the graduating class was by Mrs. Sewall upon the subject, "Expansion."

The graduates with diplomas last night were: Madeleine Maus Fauvre, Gertrude Free, Ruth Maxam, Alice El Paso Nickey, Ethel Marian Tyrrell, Margaret Marie Garritson, Agnes Leander Monks, Alice Lea Monks and Ruth Augusta Pratt; graduates with certificates, Alberta May Applewhite, Julia Maria Bourland, Lucile May Franke, Nellie Free, Rose Morris Haas, Winona Allen Harpold, Rose Foster Knefler and Estelle Downs Rockey.

HIS HIGHNESS WILL VISIT THE PONY SHOW

Prince Pu Lun Will Witness Performance in Gentry's Tents This Afternoon.

One of the novel features for Prince Pu Lun's visit in Indianapolis—that is, novel for his Highness—will be a visit this afternoon to the Gentry dog and pony show. This feature has been crowded into the prince's programme, and it is said that he is looking forward to this event with unusual interest. The programme in full for the day follows:

Waverley automobile works and Indiana rubber works, T. B. Laycock & Co., luncheon to be served at works; Indiana Hospital for Insane, chemical laboratory of Eli Lilly & Co., baseball game between the high school pupils of Indianapolis and Louisville, arranged for the special entertainment of his Imperial Highness; 8 p. m., reception at the Commercial Club, where business men will have special opportunity for meeting his Imperial Highness; the presentation of resolutions adopted by commercial organizations throughout the country by H. H. Hanna, chairman of committee on extension of trade relations; presentation of printed matter from manufacturing and mercantile companies in response to invitation of his Imperial Highness by John W. Kern, president of the Commercial Club; address by Hilton U. Brown.

PRINCE PU LUN VISITS SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS

The warm rays of yesterday's sun did not fail to raise and enliven the spirits of the royal guest, Prince Pu Lun, who has been treated to such undesirable weather since his arrival in the city. The prince was the happiest man in the city yesterday and during a short automobile ride over some of the principal streets expressed the greatest admiration for the general cleanliness and beauty everywhere manifest.

Rising about 10 o'clock, the prince held an informal reception for Mr. and Mrs. Wong and any chance callers who dropped in to inquire after his health.

The first visit on the day's programme was to Knickerbacker Hall, at 12:30 p. m. The physical exercises of the girls under the direction of Mrs. P. L. Wolfe, including a game of basket-ball, running on the track, tennis and archery especially appealed to the visitor. Bishop and Mrs. J. M. Francis, Miss Yerkes, principal of the school, and members of the faculty extended to the prince a cordial greeting. A reception followed.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall had carefully studied the features of a reception at the Girls' Classical School which would be best appreciated by the prince, and from 2 o'clock until 3 the interest which the prince took in the work of the students, the way they studied and the way they cooked, was sufficient testimony to the success of Mrs. Sewall's arrangements. When the prince entered the assembly room the pupils arose and sang a song written for the occasion by Edmund Russel.

In the earlier part of the afternoon the prince paid a short visit to Tudor Hall, the school for girls at Sixteenth and Meridian streets, where short exercises were conducted for his entertainment.

MRS. HOLTZMAN'S GOWN CONFUSES THE PRINCE

Women who stood near the dais in the Propylaeum assembly hall, where Prince Pu Lun received yesterday afternoon, were treated to a little exhibition of Oriental quickness that proves that whether his imperial Highness talks in Greek or in Chinese, he can think in good American with true American wit. Mrs. Holtzman, wife of Mayor Holtzman, who had met the prince previously, had approached the dais to greet his Highness, and though she was received with the utmost courtesy and graciousness, there was nothing in the prince's manner to indicate that they had ever met before.

Mrs. Holtzman knew, however, that they had met before, and she thought the prince should remember it too. She looked at him with a smile, in which there was a shade of reproach. "And you promised to remember me next time we met," she said.

That was all she said, but the remark had to be interpreted to Prince Pu Lun. Even before it was interpreted a look of recognition began to dawn in his eyes, and his lips curled with a good American smile of appreciation. His answer came immediately, and was translated by Mr. Wong with a burst of laughter, in which the prince and Mrs. Holtzman also joined.

"But it's no fair—I did promise to remember you and I should have remembered you—but you have changed your gown."

PLACE OF TO-NIGHT'S RECEPTION CHANGED

The reception which was to have been held to-night at the Commercial Club to Prince Pu Lun will be given at the German House instead, at 8 o'clock, because of the more adequate accommodations the German House will afford. Hilton U. Brown will present the prince with a gold medal from the people of Indianapolis. H. H. Hanna will present resolutions adopted by the various commercial bodies of the city, and John W. Kern will present the prince with catalogues and other printed matter from the manufacturers of Indiana.

DETROIT AUTHORITIES ABUSE EXCLUSION ACT

Through an apparent abuse of the Chinese exclusion act by the United States authorities, Miss Wong, now in this city, the young Chinese woman of Toronto who will figure in the local festivities in honor of Prince Pu Lun, was not allowed to enter this country by way of Detroit, but was forced to return to Montreal and to come thence to the United States by way of Malone, N. Y. She had been endeavoring to enter this country since Tuesday.

Park Report for Pu Lun.

The Board of Park Commissioners has inscribed a leather-bound copy of the annual report for 1903, which is to be presented to the prince.

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AMERICAN ATTITUDE IN CHINA IS APPROVED

Right to Send Warships Wherever Americans Live Is a Generally Accepted Principle.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Announcement that the Washington government would insist on the right to dispatch warships, not only to Chinese ports declared open by treaty, but to any port where Americans are permitted to reside, has met frank approval among European diplomats at Washington.

"The principle laid down by Admiral Evans and approved by Secretary