### SENSATIONS FOLLOW FAST IN THE SCHAFER MURDER ARGUMENTS AT BEDFORD

Judge Palmer Arraigns the State for Insincerity, and Declares It Is Shielding a Criminal.

PROSECUTOR DENIES IT

He Denounces McDonald as the Murderer, and Demands Infliction of Death Penalty.

NEW EVIDENCE SECURED

Woman Declares She Heard One Dave Fisher Say He Saw a Woman Burn Murderer's Coat.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

bring a verdict of guilty and inflict the death penalty, said Mr. Palmer, in his opening statement, endeavored to undermine his case by advancing the theory that it was another man and not James McDonald who was guilty; that he had locked in his breast the identity of the murderer of Sarah C. Schafer, yet he was not permitted to divulge it because so prevented by a statute covering this class of cases. "Gentlemen of the jury, no such law exists," declared the prosecutor. "He also spoke of something being rotten in this case. I agree with Mr. Palmer; there was something rotten, and I will speak of it later.' Then he turned direct to Mr. Palmer. "It was not the law of the State of Indiana that prevented you from showing this man was not guilty," he said. "It was the cornerstone and the basis on which Mr. Palmer rested his case," he declared, adding: "I do not know why he told you this and then refused to introduce certain evidence that his client did not commit the crime. I reiterate the statement that Sarah C. Schafer was cruelly murdered on Jan. 21 and James McDonald is the murderer.' When Mr. Miller concluded there were both applause and expressions of disapproval, which brought a reprimand from

Judge Wilson. Frank M. Vance this morning made the opening argument for the defense, occupying the greater part of the forenoon in an argument that was strong from his side of

PALMER ASSAILS STATE.

R. N. Palmer followed with the closing argument for the defense. Mr. Palmer's argument was sensational in the extreme "Give me a good grand jury, good bailiffs and three weeks," he declared, "and I will produce evidence that will show who murdered Sarah Schafer. I have testimony locked in my breast that would pale that given against James McDonald. The State of Indiana in this case is not in earnest. It has had opportunity to let the light in on this mystery, but every time it has blocked the way by objections to the introduction of the testimony. It does not want to know who killed this girl."

There was applause about the courtroom that had to be silenced by Judge Wilson, pressing its feelings in a court of justice. The challenge created a sensation in Bedford and was the one topic of conver-sation at noon. If McDonald is acquitted there is little doubt that Palmer's chalenge will be accepted. There is a general demand, however, to know why he did not give this evidence before the grand jury

that indicted McDonald. Palmer's speech was impassioned from first to last, but very able. He was particuarly scathing in his reference to E. S. had McDonald removed from the State Re- in line with the arguments of the other atformatory, "where the Governor in justice torneys representing the defendants, and refused to let him hound his man into the | branded as false every statement made by cell, to the jail at Bloomington so that he witnesses for the state. He earnestly incould devil and browbeat him and break sisted on the innocence of his clients. He

8. B. Lowe began the closing speech for the state, but will not finish until nearly

Considerable new evidence has been discovered that will have an important bearing if the case comes to trial again. Mrs. Freeland, last evening, a conversation N. Spaan, whom he characterized as "the said to have occurred in Grigsby's store a few days following the murder of Miss Schafer. According to Mrs. Lemond, Dave Fisher, a brother-in-law of McDonald, while in the Grigsby store, said in the presence of I. E. Grigsby, Mrs. Grigsby and Mrs. the coat worn by the murderer." Mrs. Lemond reiterated the statement to a re-porter who called on her. When asked as been selected by the government to a most to the time Dave Fisher made the state-ment credited to him, she said it was a ence to Dewey's victory at Manila bay and week or ten days following the murder. | said: "It is men with knowledge such as is Mrs. Lemond said "Dave Fisher said to Mr. Grigsby, 'I was standing behind him, and that he either knew the woman or actness the possibilities of execution of knew of the woman that burned the long arms and ordnance. He has declared his coat worn by the murderer."

GRIGSBY IS EVASIVE. "I couldn't say how long after the murder this was, either one or two weeks, it was right when so much talk was going on about the murder. The conversation occurred right in Grigsby's store, but I can't then court adjourned until 7, when he besay whether it was in the morning or afternoon. I first told my son Fred yesterday about the matter and he said 'Ma, you and to so large a crowd. In the most ought to have told that long ago."

The reporter carled at the Grigsby residence. "Mr. Grigsby, were you in the store on an occasion when Dave Fisher, in the theory of the prosecution that James presence of Mrs. Rosetta Lemond and your Gillespie is the murderer of his wife, said he knew the woman who burned the coat worn by the murderer?" he asked. "I refuse to say," replied Mr. Grigsby. "I have nothing to say to you, because there has been too much said already about

"Will you but either affirm or deny Mrs. Lemond's story?" 'No, sir, I will neither affirm nor deny the statement, and it will be useless for you to press me further.'

Dr. Freeland said to the reporter that he had known Mrs. Lemond for years, and said she was as fine a woman as there is in Bedford. "She told the truth," said Dr. Freeland, "and it is substantially the same story she told me." Dave Fisher is married and lives with his mother, Hannah Fisher. He has never

before figured in the Schafer case, and the story, which leaked out yesterday, came too late for the state to take advantage of, as the case had been closed and argument was in progress. Much excitement was created among officials when it became

There has always been a feeling among those in close touch with the investigation that there was more than one man implicated in that tragedy, but the authorities have been unable to find any evidence bearing on this proposition. Prosecutor Miller will investigate the story of Mrs. Lemond immediately tollowing the close of the Mc-



# JURY WILL RECEIVE THE GILLESPIE CASE TO-DAY

for the Defense, Setting Forth the Evidence of Dr. Heil.

to Vituperative Characterization of Brother Lawyers.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. RISING SUN, Ind., May 26.-The argufate of the defendants will be under consideration by the twelve men charged with

The opening of the day's proceedings was marked by a stern warning by Judge Downey to the spectators. The court said that it had come to his ears that there was a possibility of a demonstration in the courtroom at the end of arguments, and he warned those present that if there was the slightest disorder the sheriff has been in-

structed to make arrests. Attorney Thomas Shay, of Cincinnati made the closing speech for the defense, speaking from 8 till 12 o'clock. He spoke made beautiful and touching allusious to the military record of Dr. Gillesple, sr., now dead, and made a special plea for the acquittal of Myron and Carrie Barbour. Several times he alluded in language more forcible than elegant to the attorneys for the state, and especially warned the jury Rosetta Lemond, a widow, related to Dr. J. | against the eloquence and skill of Henry

man who came here with the hangman's Mr. Shay's strongest point of argument on evidence was that which he made in discussion of the testimony of Dr. A. B. Heil, of Cincinnati, the former army surgeon, "I know the woman who burned | and a firearm expert. He asked the jury to weigh well the testimony of this witness, possessed by Dr. Heil who make such vic-tories possible. The men who know to exbelief, from the conditions as he found them, that a sixteen-gauge shotgun was not the weapon of Elizabeth Gillespie's death. The crowds which have been present at the trial heretofore were as nothing compared to that present this afternoon and evening to hear Mr. Spaan. His address was begun at 1 o'clock, continued to 5, and gan speaking again, and concluded after 16 o'clock. Never before in the history of the county has such a speech been made dramatic and forceful manner Mr. Spaan dissected the alibi attempted by the defense and established, by thirty-two reasons, the twin sister Elizabeth. He charged Myron Barbour with guilty knowledge of the murder and the concealment of evidence of the crime; that Carrie Barbour and Belle Seward were equally guilty of this case. It has been tried and is now knowledge. He characterized Attorney Shay as a police court lawyer, of Cincinnati, who, if he lived a million years, would never reach the dignity of a lawyer on the plane on which stood Harry R. Mc-Mullen and the speaker, whom Shay had called the "bloodthirsty prosecutors." said Congressman Griffith had acted the part of a gentleman throughout the case, and he had no fight with him. He alluded to Captain Coles as "the Nestor of the bar southeastern Indiana," and compliment-Marcus Sulzer as a lawyer of ability.

Mr. Spaan's denunciation of the defendants, their conduct on the night of the murder, their failure to visit the murdered girl and her grief-stricken mother, their failure to make any effort to find out the murderer. the employment of counsel for James Gillespic before he was even indicted; all this and more, he declared, should be proof to the jury, beyond a doubt, that the defendants were guilty of the horrible crime. During the scathing arraignment of the Gillespies it was observed that by the court's direction a bailiff took a seat very near to James Gillespie and his brother, Dr. Will Gillespie, but neither showed any

sign of perturbation. The speech of Attorney Spaan is regarded (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3, COL. 1.)

## MYSTERY IN THE DEATH OF PRUMINENT AMERICAN IN A PARIS SANATORIUM

Forceful Speech of Thomas Shay Ivon Evans dies of Bullet Wound Received While Alone with a Woman.

Is a Famous Dentist in the French Metropolis.

PARIS, May 26.-Ivon Evans, known as Viscount d'Oyley, and a son of the Amerments in the Gillespie case are finished and ican dentist, Dr. John Evans, died to-day Weeks, charged with the murder of her in the morning Judge George E. Downey at a private sanatorium as the result of a will charge the jury. By 10 o'clock the bullet wound received under mysterious last September, was to-night found not

The family is prominent here, Dr. John Evans being a nephew of the famous Dr. Eugenie in her flight from Paris after the who came from Baltimore, received the title of the Marquis d'Oyley from the Pope, his older son assuming the title of Count d'Oyley and the younger that of Viscount

D'Oyley, by which titles they were general-Cannes for some time. Dr. Evans energet- shooting. ically protested against his son's course, and finally cut off his income. This brought

At 5 o'clock on Monday evening last a hotel reached the chamber he found the viscount. Mme. Pflucker, who was in the ingered until this morning, when he died. commit suicide owing to family difficulties. will now be dismissed.

## JACKSON COUNTY JURY FINDS MRS. WEEKS IS NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

Verdict Returned in Trial Woman Accused of Killing

SPAAN FLAYS OPPOSITION LOVED PRETTY PERUVIAN ACQUITTAL A SURPRISE

Indianapolis Attorney Runs Much And Was Cut Off by Father, Who Former Trial Resulted in Jury Disagreement—Husband May Not Be Tried.

> Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BROWNTOWN, Ind., May 26 .- Mrs. Cora. guilty after the jury had considered her case three hours. The verdict was a surprise. Evidence in the case was ended at Thomas Evans, who assisted Empress noon to-day without Mrs. Weeks being placed on the witness stand by the defense Franco-Prussian war. Dr. John Evans, much to the disappointment of the attorneys for the prosecution, who expected to greatly strengthen their case by cross-examining the accused woman. Joseph Weeks, M. C. Beck, daughter of Orland Kimmel, the husband of Cora Weeks, was the principal witness to-day, the remainder of the years of age, recently became enamored of persons who testified being character witnesses. Weeks entered a general denial of journing at Vichy. Despite the protests of his family the viscount and the Peruvian all the allegations in the indictment, claimvisited the Riviera together, remaining at ing Mrs. Ireland committed suicide by

> the couple back to Paris, where they ar- ment for the state when court convened rived a week ago, going to the Hotel De this afternoon. He was followed by A. W. Harris, of Bedford, and A. N. Munden, of Seymour, for the defense. In his closing shot was heard from the chamber of the argument for the state Prosecutor John M. viscount, and when the proprietor of the Lewis, of Seymour, made a speech that apparently made a strong impression on the jury. He declared that the state had made room, said the viscount had shot himself, a clear case of murder, although the eviand, although weak from loss of blood, the | dence was circumstantial. The case was wounded man seemed to confirm this state- given to the jury at 6 o'clock and a verdict ment, saying that the shooting took place | was reached three hours later. It was the hile he was handling a weapon. He was general opinion that the jury would vote to taken to a private sanatorium, where he convict Mrs. Weeks. In the first trial at Bedford last December, when Mr. and Mrs. Mme. Pflucker, who was interrogated by | Weeks were tried jointly, the jury disagreed the police, showed two letters which Vis- and the case was brought to this county count d'Oyley had addressed to the authori- on a change of venue. It is likely the case ties stating that it was his intention to pending against Weeks in Lawrence county | Searchers were successful only in finding

## shouts of "Hurrah for Miss Roosevelt!" "There she is!" until the carriage was reached at the entrance of the station. of enter. As soon as she was seated the car-

Her Mother.

AN ERRAND OF MERCY mother, Mrs. Susanna Ireland, at Bedford Fort Wayne Surgeon Makes a Quick Automobile Run, Probably Saving Two Lives Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FORT WAYNE, Ind., May 26 .- The automobile was used here last night to carry a

tant, resulting in saving the life of Mrs. who seemingly was dying of hemorrhage. The surgeon left here at 10:35 in a car driven by Clyde Richards and reached the nouse of the patient soon after midnight, having lost twenty minutes by a bursted tire, which had to be replaced with the substitute carried for emergencies. The surshooting.

W. H. Endebrock made the opening stateWhile he was in the house the surgeon's aid was solicited for Mrs. Beck's brother, Thaddeus Kimmel, who is very ill with appendicitis. An operation was speedily performed, and the chances in favor of his re-

MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT

JOSTLED BY A CROWD OF

Daughter of the President Almost

Forced Against the Wheels of

Her Carriage.

THRONG AT THE STATION

Mad Rush on Arrival of Train

from Washington-Cheers

for the Visitor.

ST. LOUIS, May 26 .- A crowd of 5,000

persons, more than three-fourths of whom

were women, jostled each other for a

glimpse of Miss Alice Roosevelt, eldest

daughter of the President of the United

States, at Union Station this afternoon

Four hundred women broke through the

gates to the Midway when the train arrived

bringing Miss Roosevelt, Miss Alice Ward-

er, of Washington, and several maids. The

women crowded about Miss Roosevelt at

the train steps, delayed her advance in

spite of the protection furnished by two

policemen, who led the party. Miss Irene

Catlin, whose guest Miss Roosevelt is, and

her brother, T. E. Catlin, had great diffi

When the Midway was passed Miss

Roosevelt and her escorts broke into a

So great was the rush at the carriage that the President's daughter was almost

forced against the wheels before she could

riage was driven rapidly away.

The enthusiasm attending the reception

was entirely unexpected by the police or the Union Station officials. Only a few

officers were on hand to control the throng.

the St. Louis world's fair to-night. Accom-

panied by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Catlin and a

delighted with its attractions. To-morrow morning she will begin the "study of the fair in earnest, visiting each of the exhibit

FORTY-MILE TRIP ON

number of young people, she visited the Pike from one end to the other and was

Miss Roosevelt had her first glimpse of

culty in keeping near the party.

when she arrived for a week's visit.

**CURIOUS ST. LOUIS WOMEN** 

MAYOR LOST IN DENSE MICHIGAN FOREST

MARQUETTE, Mich., May 26 .- Since Wednesday morning Dr. J. H. Hudson, mayor of Negaunee, Mich., has been lost in the dense woods near the Escanaba river, where he had gone on a fishing expedition

### KNOX SENT TO PRISON FAVORABLE REPORT ON ON A FORGERY CHARGE

the Jay County Prosecutor, Because of His Confession.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. PORTLAND, Ind., May 26 .- The Knox Gordon forgery case came to an end in the Circuit Court to-day, with the conviction of Robert J. Knox and the release of John Schoonover, alias H. B. Gordon, Knox will ago. serve an indeterminate term of two to fourteen years at Michigan City. Schoonover will return to his family and home in New

decide that Knox was guilty of the forgeries charged, and it was for turning state's evidence and making a full confession that Schoonover was freed by Judge Vaughn this morning on motion of Prosecuting Attorney Wheat. After Schoonover had been released his daughter, a comely young woman, who had been with him throughout the trial, fell in a swoon on the floor at the hotel where they were staying, overcome with joy at his discharge. She had induced him to make a confession, all propositions to release her father being made by the American Bankers' Association through her onever admitted on the witness stand that the Bankers' Association had promised

It took the jury but a few minutes to

to dismiss prosecution. Buried Alive.

PORTSMOUTH, O., May 26.-Lee Culvers, aged thirty, of St. Louis, fell into a coal Fleener, under sentence of death for wite tipple at the Norfolk & Western terminals murder, committed suicide in his cell here here to-night, and was buried alive.

# BUILDING ORDINANCE

Schoonover Released on Motion of Finance Committee Will Recom- Jacob Dyer Appeals to Courts to mend Its Adoption by the City Council.

WORK OF HIS DAUGHTER CALLS SPECIAL MEETING COMMUNION SET SAVED

President J. H. Billingsley has called a night, when the finance committee will re-

been gone over thoroughly by the commit- cluding the building, for \$68.97. The comteemen in conjunction with Building In- munion service was the only article not spector Stanley. The committee will make exposed for sale and it will be preserved. a unanimous report on its adoption to the Council to-night, and it is likely that the ordinance will be passed. With the exception of a few minor alterations which do not affect the meaning of the measure the text has not been changed. | this, together with the difficulties which The ordinance was prepared by a committee at the suggestion of Building Inspector Stanley, who directed the work. The committee worked on the ordinance for several months, going over the building ordinances of Eastern cities and selecting from them some of the best adaptable provisions. However, there are many new points in the ordinance.

DOOMED MURDERER

MORGANTOWN, Ky., May 26.-Verona Fleener, under sentence of death for wife

### CHURCH SOLD AT AUCTION TO PAY PASTOR'S SALAR

Get Back Pay and Church Goes Under Hammer.

With the fall of the auctioneer's hamspecial meeting of the City Council for to- | mer yesterday afternoon the Reform Methodist Church of Yasse street ceased to be port on the new building ordinance which and its late pastor, Jacob Dyer, was assured was introduced into the Council two weeks | the payment of \$53.05, secured as a judgment for salary due. The sale was con-The ordinance has since been in the ducted by Constable Frank Glass, who dishands of the finance committee and has posed of all of the church property, in- their fancy. The ground on which the church building stood had been leased, the lease expir- HAND OF THE PRINCE ing in July. The owner was determined to have possession of his lot at that time, and have arisen, brought about a condition of peal to the courts in order to obtain his and sold at two-thirds of its appraised value, \$100. The furniture, consisting of a \$2.30. But few people attended the sale,

need a bodyguard when his late congrega-CHEATS THE GALLOWS | tion gathered at the sale.

although the pastor expected a crowd and

remarked to the constable that he might

Litiuokalani Snils. SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.-Former

## RUSSIANS LOSE 5,000 MEN AND JAPANESE 700, DECLARE RUMORS

Japanese Are Said to Have Surprised the Enemy in a Mountain Pass, Killed and Wounded Over 4,000 and Captured I,000

### KIN-CHOU IS REPORTED TAKEN

Japanese Loss Is Put at 700-Desperate Fighting-Dalny, Near Port Arthur, Is Now Being Stormed, According to Tokio Report

LONDON, May 27 .- The Shan-Hai-Kwan correspondent of the Daily Chronicle sends a report received from Nieu-Chwang that on May 23, thinking that the Japanese had retired from Feng-Wang-Cheng, 15,000 Russians from Hai-Cheng and Lino-Yang marched toward Feng-Wang-Cheng. They were surprised by 30,000 Japanese in the Tatung pass. The Russian casualties were over 4,000, and over a thousand Russians surrendered. The report does not state the Japanese losses.

Reports from Tokio say the Japanese have captured Kin-Chou, on the Liao-Tung peninsula, after desperate fighting. The casualties are said to have been heavy, one report putting the Japanese loss at 700 men. It also is stated that a battle has been fought on the neck of the peninsula, and that the Russians were defeated. St. Petersburg advices say the Cossacks have captured several Japanese guns from General Kuroki's army.

No authoritative confirmation of the capture of Kin-Chou has yet been received from any quarter. Circumstantial accounts of the storming and capture of Kin-Chou, identical with the reports received by the Central News from Tokio, are sent by the Shanghai correspondents of the Standard and Daily Telegraph and the Tokio correspondents of the Daily Express and Daily Mail.

The Morning Post's Tokio correspondent says that the Japanese occupied Kin-Chou Thursday afternoon and are advancing to attack the Russians occupying the heights south of the town.

The Standard's Tokio correspondent, cabling at 9:30 o'clock last night, says: "It is reported that the Japanese have occupied Kin-Chou. Official confirmation of the rumor is expected hourly." The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Express says it is reported un-

officially that the Japanese have captured Kin-Chou, and are now attack-The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail, under date of May 26,

says: "According to a reliable report the Japanese occupied Kin-Chou to-The London newspapers accept the news as true, but as some of it

originated at Shanghai it would seem advisable to regard it with reserve pending official confirmation. The battle at Tatung pass, which the Chronicle reports, is also sent by the Daily Telegraph New-Chwang correspondent, but on a smaller scale. This battle is probably nothing more than an exaggerated version of the

fight reported by General Kuroki to have occurred at Pa-Tao-Tai. CHE-FOO, May 26 .- There is a rumor current here among the Chinese that

PARIS, May 27 .- The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisenne Telegraphs that according to a private dispatch from Lino-Yang General Kuroki's army has begun an attack on the Russian position on the Liao-Yang road, and that it is believed what will prove to be a decisive battle

the Japanese are now within ten miles of Port Arthur.

CHE-FOO, May 27, 12:30 p. m .- It is learned from a reliable source that the Japanese took Kin-Chou yesterday (Thursday) and are now pursuing the enemy.

### PRINCE PU LUN GIVEN FAREWELL RECEPTION BY THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Royal Guest of Indianapolis Citizens Will Depart for Buffalo To-Night.

local surgeon to Kimmel, forty miles dis- VISIT WAS A PLEASURE

His Imperial Highness Impressed with the Treatment He Received at Indianapolis.

After having been shown every courtesy and given every attention by the citizens of Indianapolis for the last eight days his Imperial Highness, Prince Pu Lun, will leave Indianapolis for Buffalo to-night at 6:25 o'clock on the Big Four. He will be accompanied by Mr. Wong and the four secretaries. Their special car will be attached to the Knickerbocker.

At the Commercial Club last night the prince met about three hundred of the Pu, the enemy's cavairy took up a posicity's leading citizens in a farewell reception at the Commercial Club rooms. Members of the various committees on entertainment and their wives were present. The prince has won a prace in the hearts of Indianapolitans, and many were the expressions of regret at his near departure. Mayor Holtzman made a little speech in which he expressed the esteem in which the prince and his secretaries are regarded, and he paid a special tribute to Mr. Wong,

proudly proclaiming him a citizen of whom Indianapolis might be proud. His Highness, in his reply to Mr. Holtzman's speech, said that it seemed to him as if he had been here but a day and that of the Emperor's suite. he would gladly prolong his stay a year if such a thing were possible. He said that he was sincerely impressed with the treat- RUSSIAN REPORT ON ment he had received and that he would be glad at some time to meet his entertainers in his own land Mr. Wong followed the prince with a short speech, in which he thanked the peo-

ple of the city for their kindness to the prince, and hoped that the relations between himself and the citizens of Indianapolis might always be as friendly as they After Mr. Wong's speech, refreshments was served and the guests departed.

Prince Pu Lun spent yesterday, the next to his last day in India apolls, calling on friends and making preparations for his leave-taking this evening. His secretaries and members of his retinue spent much of their time visiting the different stores, buying clocks and other trinkets which struck His Highness will be the guest of Mo Kee at luncheon this afternoon, after which he will return to his apartments to prepare for his journey to Buffalo.

READ BY A PALMIST

During his calls yesterday afternoon affairs which resulted in the pastor's ap- Prince Pu Lun had his hand read by Mrs. Mier, a palmist. The reading took place at the home of Alfred Potts. The palmist told his Highness that he would have three periods of great danger few chairs, brought, with other articles, during his life, but that at the age of fifty years he would enter into a brilliant career.

Capitalized at \$30,000,000.

TRENTON, N. J., May 26.-The United States Realty and Improvement Company, capital \$30,000,000, was incorporated here to-SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—Former day to do a general construction business.

Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii and her party sailed to-day for Honolulu on the steamer J. A. Tallman, J. M. Stoddard, New York, and Charles Betts, Morristown, N. J.

She said he would live to a great age.

#### JAPANESE SAID TO HAVE CAPTURED KIN-CHOU

LONDON, May 26 .- A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says the Japanese have stormed and captured the town of Kin-Chou, about thirty-two miles north of Port Arthur.

In an earlier message the Tokio correspondent of the Central News cabled that Japanese spies had ascertained that the Russians had thirty guns at Kin-Chou and numerous mines and wire entanglements at all the ports where a Japanese attack was expected. The fighting is said to have taken place to-day. After the occupation of Kin-Chou the Russians retired in good order to the heights farther south, which were attacked by the full Japanese force and carried after a stubborn resistance. This report has not, however, been confirmed yet by the Japanese legation here. The correspondent of the Central News at Tokio also cables that the Japanese attacked Nan-Qwan-Ling, on the narrowest part of the Kwan-Tung peninsula, yester-

The attack on Kin-Chou, the dispatch adds, was begun at dawn to-day and by noon to-day Kin-Chou was in the hands of the Japanese, who occupied the castle. The fighting continued during the afternoon and was of the desperate character. It is believed the casualties were heavy. TOKIO, May 26.-General Kuroki reports that on Wednesday after the battle at Toupon attacked and routed them. Natives report that three of the enemy were killed and eighteen wounded. During the afternoop a Japanese patrol captured one offi-

day and drove back the Russians by main

cer and one private. ST. PETERSBURG, May 26.-Viceroy Alexieff telegraphs that a report is current that Port Arthur was bombarded May 24, but says he has not received any official confirmation of the rumor. It is reported that General Rennenkampff's Cossacks, who are operating on the line of General Kuroki's communications, have made an important capture of some of the enemy's guns, which were being taken forward to Feng-Wang-Cheng. No other details are given. This report comes from members

THE KIN-CHOU FIGHT

ST. PETERSBURG, May 26 .- The general staff has received the following telegram dated May 25 from General Kuropatkin: "There is no change in the general situation in the Feng-Wang-Cheng district. Our cavalry report that the Japanese are constructing fortifications around Feng-Wang-Cheng, where they have a force of 30,000 infantry and 2,000 cavalry, with thirty-six

"The Japanese field guard has advanced to twenty-two miles north of the Al river. their front being turned towards Saimatse and Kuan-Tian-Sian. The" are effecting no other movements north of the Ai river. "It is reported that a great many Japanese cavalry have become exhausted and are broken down.

"On May 23 our scouts near Pitsewo and in the Kwang-Tung peninsula ascertained that Japanese outposts occupied the heights two miles south of the station of Wafandian. Three miles in their rear were two squadrons of cavalry of the line. Two and one-half companies of the Twelfth Infantry protected both flanks by infantry screens of forty men each. Further southwards, infantry and cavalry were disposed among the villages bordering on the railway. About Polandien 3,000 troops of all arms and five guns are concentrated. In the neighborhood of Pitsewo and further south, the Japanese landing continues, the troops marching thence towards Kin-Chou, with covering detachments thrown out on the

"According to Chinese reports a battle took place at Kin-Chou May 18, in which the Japanese lost 700 men. The Russian losses were not so great. "A Japanese landing at Taku-Shan began five days ago and it is reported that 50,000 troops, principally infantry, were landed but this has not yet been verified. The