

CALLS LITTLETON INGRATE.

M'LAUGHLIN, BACK FROM SOUTH, TALKS BITTERLY.

Says McCarren Is a Political Tramp and Should Be Taken to the Rear and Shot. That Murphy Deceived Him and Is Hiding Behind Grover Cleveland.

The Hon. Hugh McLaughlin, formerly chief of the Kings county Democracy, whose political supremacy came to a sudden close in the recent campaign through his refusal to support Groat and Fornes, returned to Brooklyn, last evening, after nine weeks in Florida. He was accompanied by Mrs. McLaughlin, his daughter, his little grandson and the other members of his family, who were with him in Florida. The aged political warrior, on his arrival at Jersey City, was welcomed by half a dozen or more of his old friends, all of whom congratulated him on his healthy appearance. He certainly seemed to be in fine physical condition and fit, as he jokingly remarked to a member of the old guard who stood by him during all his political fortunes, "to make the fight of his life."

He said he had enjoyed every moment of his vacation and had not experienced a day's sickness. After a few hours of rest in his home in Remsen street, Mr. McLaughlin bravely upped weather to make a few calls and renew his acquaintance with the volunteer firemen at their headquarters in the basement of the Borough Hall, where he had always been able to divert his attention from political cares in his favorite game of dominoes. He made no attempt to shake the ropes, but by the contrary greeted them all pleasantly and spoke to them in his usual unreserved manner.

It was evident that he has followed closely the course of recent political history, national, State and local. It was equally evident that he has not questioned or modified his views on the changes which had such a momentous bearing on the result of the municipal election as well as on his own political fortunes. "Recent occurrences," he said, "have fully justified the stand I took last fall. What I predicted has taken place, is taking place and will take place. Murphy deceived me in both of the interviews he had with me before the election. All along he had determined on the nomination of Mr. Cullen, although he spoke as if a high judicial officer would be the candidate. When I told him that I was too old to engage in the active turmoil of politics and to carry on his negotiations with Sheelin, McCarren and Shea, he said he would have nothing to do with them, finally even going so far as to dare me to put up a separate ticket. Mr. McLaughlin then forcibly recalled his effort for the election of Martin W. Littleton to the Borough Presidency, culminating in the demonstration at the Academy of Music in defence of Brooklyn political autonomy and independence.

"After the election," continued Mr. McLaughlin, "I proposed to Mr. Littleton, Mr. McCarren and Mr. Shea, the appointment of a reputable and most capable citizen to a position on his staff, offering to put up \$100,000, if necessary, as security that he would discharge his duties in a faithful and efficient manner. Mr. Littleton to my great surprise, declined to accede to the proposition, and I turned my back on him and went uptown, while he left the house. I have not seen him since."

Mr. McLaughlin wound up his reflections on Littleton by some strong remarks on personal and political ingratitude. He also singled out several other Democrats who have been in close alliance with Senator McCarren as in the same category as the Borough President. Mr. McLaughlin exhibited strong indignation at the very suggestion of a reconciliation between him and McCarren, to whom he referred as a political "tramp." He also repeated much of the hard things he had said about McCarren during the campaign.

When he was asked for his views on the candidacy of Judge Parker for the Presidency and whether he would back up an instructed or uninstructed delegation from New York State, he said:

"Judge Parker is of no more importance in the game of Murphy and McCarren than that individual (pointing to a chance politician). The boss of New York is hiding under the skirts of Cleveland, and the chief of Brooklyn is hiding under the skirts of Hill, but his legs are so long you can't mistake them."

He characterized the election of McCarren in deposing seventy-two elected inspectors in the Seventh Assembly district on the eve of the recent primary as a "malicious," "malevolent" and "malicious" piece of work.

"There is one man, however, who still holds a foremost place in the esteem of the Hon. Hugh McLaughlin. This is ex-Senator David B. Hill. "Tammany," he said, "for many years has hated and fought David B. Hill, and he is still the object of its hatred and attacks, as he was until recently that of the present czar of Brooklyn, David B. Hill. He is still the greatest statesman in this country."

When asked if he intended to reenter the active political arena and try again for control of the Kings county Democracy, Mr. McLaughlin said:

"As is well known, I virtually retired from political management eight years ago. Two years ago, however, I felt called upon to assert myself. Heading the delegation to the State convention, I told Sheelin, McCarren and the others to stand aside and let me do the work. I then brought about the nomination of Coker. If I had twenty years younger than I am I would make a fight, for I am far from satisfied with the present condition of local politics. Why, this local czar, if he were under army regulations, would be marched to the rear and shot as a traitor."

This morning Mr. McLaughlin will be at his old stand in the Willoughby street Democratic office, where he will be in the midst of the election of Judge Allen B. Parker for President of the United States. I am no more sure of his nomination than I am of his election. Senator McCarren declined to comment on Mr. McLaughlin's reflections.

TIBETANS FOUGHT BRAVELY.

More Than 300 Killed and 200 Wounded Resisting the British.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 1.—The report of Col. Younghusband on yesterday's engagement with the Tibetans, the details of which were called to THE SUN, confirms the account published here this morning. Col. Younghusband, who is the political commissioner accompanying the British expedition, lays the blame for the fighting on the Tibetans. He says that the Lhasa General was informed that his men would be allowed to retire if they surrendered their arms. The result was wholly caused by the complete inability of the Tibetans, even when the troops absolutely surrounded them, to realize the seriousness of the situation.

The report of Brig-Gen. Macdonald, the commander of the expedition, shows that there were many Tibetan casualties from the guns, Maxims and rifles as the natives fled. Mounted troops pursued them and found two Guru villages evacuated. A third village resisted, and was shelled and taken.

None of the expedition was killed. Major Dunlop and seven Sepoys were wounded, but not seriously. Mr. Chandler, correspondent of the London Daily Mail, was the only one severely wounded, he having been shot in the hands and the head. About 20 were wounded and 200 were taken prisoners. Their camp, baggage and arms were captured.

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SERBIA DRIVES OUT ASSASSINS.

Hopes Now to Resume Relations With the Civilized World.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BELGRADE, April 1.—All the military officers who took part in the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga have now been retired from the army. A court decree to-day removed the notorious Col. Popovics and Col. Solarevics, of the King's suite.

It is expected that the representatives of foreign countries who retired from Belgrade because of the retention of the assassins, will soon return to their posts.

ROBBERS STOLE ALL HE HAD.

Two Men Who Kidnapped Smith's Family and Took His Property Are Caught.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 1.—Henry Smith, formerly of Union county, Ark., complained to the authorities at Alexandria, La., to-day of one of the strangest robberies on record. He had moved from Arkansas to Louisiana, taking with him all his property. When in Winn parish, about two weeks ago, he was held up by two men armed with rifles.

Not only was Smith robbed of the money he possessed, two horses, two mules, two wagons, a cow and calf and a lot of household goods, but the robbers even carried off his wife and child. A posse of deputy sheriffs was sent in pursuit of the robbers and they were captured at the Avondale plantation. Smith regained his family and property, and the two robbers, Le Roy Taylor and Phosne Smith, were locked up.

MAY TESTIFY AGAINST HUSBAND.

But a Wife Cannot Be Compelled To.

BOSTON, April 1.—A wife is a competent witness against her husband in criminal proceedings, notwithstanding his objections, according to a decision of the Massachusetts Supreme Court in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Edward Barker. The court holds that in a criminal proceeding either husband or wife may testify against the other without the latter's consent.

SERIOUS FLOODS IN INDIANA.

Break in Levee Causes Townships to Flee—Many Farmers Cut Off.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 1.—Many of the southern Indiana counties are flooded to-night owing to a heavy rainfall yesterday and last night, and the damage bids fair to exceed that occasioned by floods in central and northern Indiana last week. In many of the counties bordering on the White and Ohio rivers, thousands of people live under water, houses have been washed away and hundreds of people are homeless. Much live stock has perished.

A break in the levee near Mount Carmel on the lower Wabash caused a mad rush of water into the town and the panic-stricken people left in a body and are being cared for at Princeton and other points in the northwestern part of the State.

COLUMBUS GROVE, Ohio, April 1.—A. McAclvey and Frank Wernicke, prominent business men of this section were drowned to-day in the overflowing dyke. Great damage to property has resulted from the flood.

PRCA, Ohio, April 1.—The flood conditions here to-night are the worst in twenty-five years. Most of the big manufacturing plants have been obliged to shut down on account of the encroaching water. More than 200 residences in one section of the town are surrounded by water.

See Carries Away Big Railroad Bridge. ST. ALBANS, Vt., April 1.—The Central Vermont bridge over the Richelieu River at Richelieu, Que., was carried away at 6 o'clock this morning by an ice jam. The entire bridge, 710 feet in length, with all piers, was wrecked, nothing being left but the stone abutments at the ends. It was the longest bridge on the Central Vermont system.

KILLED BY 325 FOOT LEAP.

SIDNEY J. HAYDON JUMPS FROM 21ST FLOOR OF BUILDING.

Found His Way to an Empty Office on the New Street Side of the Building at 42 Broadway—Closed the Window Behind Him—Little Knows of Him.

Sidney Johnson Haydon, who had lived lately at the Holy Hotel, 36 Washington Square, killed himself yesterday afternoon by jumping from the twenty-first floor of the new office building which runs through from 42 Broadway to 45 New street. He landed in the middle of the asphalt paving of New street, 325 feet below.

The police say that the leap must have been intentional, as the man opened the window, stepped out on the 45-inch wide cornice which hides the street from view, and closed the window behind him. His umbrella was found lying on the ledge.

Haydon jumped from a window in the south wing of the building on the New street side. To get to it he had to pass through a big empty office room which measures ninety by thirty feet. Supt. McKay of the building said that he might easily have got into the room, as a crowd of at least 500 persons had passed through the building yesterday to inspect it and to look for offices. Many of the unoccupied rooms had been left unlocked.

Haydon's body whirled over and over in the plunge, and struck feet downward in the middle of the street. Then it slid across to the opposite sidewalk.

Policeman Edward F. Gray of the Old Slip station was the first to reach the body. The face and head were unharmed, and showed no signs of injury except a slight stream of blood from the nose.

Haydon was a man weighing 200 pounds and six feet or more in height. He had dark gray hair, and wore a mustache and Van Dyke beard. The police fixed his age at 55, but he looked much younger.

Dr. Gould of the Hudson Street Hospital was summoned, and he went through the formality of saying that the man was dead. The body was removed to the Old Slip station.

A few calling cards with the man's name and some letters addressed to him at 24 Washington square were found in his pocket. He wore a dark gray mixed sack suit, a striped shirt, a turn down collar, and a black tie with red dots. His clothes appeared to be comparatively new.

There were few spectators of the man's death, but the police took a name of Frank McLaughlin of 71 West Ninety-fifth street and Joseph Altemio of 302 East 104th street.

The Washington Square address is the Holy Hotel, but little was known about Haydon there. It was said that he came to the hotel about two years ago, and that he had been extremely reserved about his affairs. The only men with whom he had been at all intimate refused to say anything about him. One story told of him at the hotel was that he was single and that he had a mother in Louisville, Ky. Another rumor had it that he comes from New Haven, Conn.

Haydon, it was said at the hotel, had been in the railroad business. One of the letters found in his pocket was signed by Erastus Young, general auditor of the Union Pacific Railroad. It read as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5, 1904. Your letter of the 27th addressed to me at Omaha is forwarded to me here, and received. I am very glad to have it, and will certainly keep you in mind for anything in your line that may come under my notice. I fear I cannot offer you much of an advancement for a position in our service, as there are usually more men qualified for promotion than we can find places for. I will, however, take great pleasure in seeing you here in my power, and trust that if you desire to renege in railroad work you will not have to wait a great while before finding a suitable opening.

The other letter was from a woman friend. In it she expresses her sympathy for Haydon and says that she is sure the efforts made by Mr. Young to find him work are entirely sincere.

An envelope, addressed to the dead man but containing no letter, bore the letter head of Eugene Talbot, a commission merchant at 108-110 Franklin street.

William J. Knott, who runs the hotel for his father, James Knott, went down to the Old Slip station, and identified the body, and Coroner Scholer granted permission to have it removed to Charles A. Benedict's undertaking establishment, at 60 Carmine street.

FOUND \$68 WORTH OF LID UP.

Jacob Ploplar's Introduction to a Game of Stuss in a Cigar Store.

Jacob Ploplar, a waiter, of 326 Houston street, had \$68 when he started for his home at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. He landed in the middle of the asphalt paving of New street, a man who stood in the doorway asked him if he was looking for stuss.

"Stuss? Who's Stuss? I don't know him," the waiter answered. The man explained that stuss was one of the popular games of the East Side, in which one could win a lot of money if he bet on the right card.

"I bet a dollar and lost," Ploplar said to Magistrate Ommen in the Yorkville police court later. "Then I bet \$2 to get back the dollar I lost and that went, too. I got interested and bet \$5, so as to have a little more than I lost. The \$5 went the way of the other bet. I kept on betting and inside of ten minutes all my money was gone and I hadn't won a bet."

The waiter went to the Fifth street station and said to the sergeant at the desk: "Say, is the lid down in this precinct?" "Surest thing," answered the sergeant, "as went on writing in the blotter."

"Come with me and I'll show you where there's gambling," said the waiter, and two detectives accompanied him back to the cigar store and arrested two men found there. The waiter said they were the dealer and the banker in the stuss game. The prisoners described themselves as Henry Fischer of 545 East Twelfth street and Joseph Zicker of 165 Suffolk street. Each was held in \$1,000 bail for the Grand Jury.

NAVAL OFFICER A SUICIDE.

Lieutenant-Commander Warburton Shoots Himself on Board the Battleship Maine.

PENSACOLA, Fla., April 1.—Lieutenant-Commander Edgar Townsend Warburton, one of the most widely known naval officers in the service, committed suicide on board the battleship Maine to-day by shooting himself. He had been chief engineer of the ship when the accident occurred.

The suicide occurred early in the forenoon, although the fact was not known in the city until to-night. The executive officer of the ship was passing the door of Commander Warburton's cabin when he was startled by the report of a revolver coming from within.

The bullet passed through the door and struck the rail of the ship near the executive officer. He called other officers and the door was forced open. Warburton was found lying on the floor in a pool of blood. The revolver grasped in his right hand, and gone through the brain, passing out over the left ear. The ship surgeon and fleet surgeon were summoned, but the officer passed away within forty minutes.

Lieutenant-Commander Warburton was in the best of spirits and health and many of the officers are of the opinion that the discharge of the revolver was accidental. He leaves a widow in Philadelphia and the remains will be shipped there to-morrow.

BETTER CARE FOR IMMIGRANTS.

Abuses by the Railroads Cause the Government to Lay Down Rules.

CHICAGO, April 1.—Human treatment of immigrants by railroad companies has aroused the wrath of the Government authorities and they have laid down rules which the railroads must obey hereafter. To know whether any railroad ignores or violates these rules the Government has ordered that inspectors shall accompany trains carrying immigrants.

One of the worst cases of neglect occurred recently on one of the principal lines from New York to Chicago. Three coaches filled with immigrants were attached to local freight trains. This caused a delay of four hours at the Government station, with the result that the foreigners did not reach Chicago until four days after they left New York.

During that time no water was furnished by the railroad employees nor did the travellers have any opportunity to replenish their stock of food, which was exhausted after the first day. The inspectors reported that the foreigners finally reached Chicago half of them weak sick. None had eaten for over twenty-four hours, while others had been two and three days without food.

SMOOT IN CONTROL.

He Will Name Utah's National Delegates, but Will Not Be One of Them.

SALT LAKE, April 1.—Reed Smoot will control the State convention that is to choose the delegates to the Republican national convention. Smoot is his chief lieutenant. Ex-congressman George Sutherland captured the primaries in Salt Lake and throughout the State yesterday and to-day.

Contrary to expectation, there was practically no fight. Senator Kearns and his forces, while bitterly opposed to Smoot, concluded to allow the apostle and his friends to name the delegates to the national convention.

This was that Kearns might save his fighting forces for the struggle that will come when the State convention to nominate a legislative ticket convenes. Smoot will not go to the convention, contenting himself with naming the six delegates from Utah.

NO SUBWAY TRAINS TILL PALL

MAYBE TILL CHRISTMAS—JUNE OPENING GIVEN UP.

Power Won't Be Ready Till Mid-August at Earliest, and There's a Likelihood of a Strike Meanwhile—McDonald May Have to Ask More Time.

The new subway, according to the men in charge of the work, will not be ready for operation in June after all. A few weeks ago at a meeting of the Rapid Transit Commission John B. McDonald president would be run early in June. It was learned on authority yesterday that there is no possibility of such an early opening.

The constructive work of the subway itself and of laying tracks could probably be completed by June, but the power house is away behind. It will take at least until the end of August to put in place the generators for supplying motive power. Provision has been made in this power house, which is at Fifty-ninth street and Eleventh avenue, for seven huge generators of power for subway operation. At least five generators will be required for a beginning and as yet only two have been put in place. It takes six weeks to put together each set of the generating machinery and at this rate it will be mid-August at earliest before the machinery necessary to give power to run any trains in the subway will be ready.

Apart from this delay the heads of the Interborough company will not be surprised at any time if the electricians and plumbers now at work in the subway should strike. The agreement made with the men of these two unions expires on May 1, and new demands have already been made on Mr. McDonald by the unions.

It is understood that these demands will not be accepted, so there is a strong possibility that the two unions will make all the trouble they can.

Under the terms of Mr. McDonald's contract the subway should be in operation on Sept. 24. When Mr. McDonald started on the work he predicted that he would have it done within three years, or a year less than the time given to him by the contract. The present outlook shows that he may have to appeal to the Rapid Transit Commission for an extension of time.

It is extremely doubtful, so the officials of the Rapid Transit Commission think, that the subway will be thrown open to traffic until late in the year. When Mr. McDonald promised that the road would have trains running in June, he qualified it by saying that the trains would run only as far north as 104th street. Since he made that statement he and his colleagues have reached the conclusion that it would hardly be policy to compel passengers to leave the subway train at that point. They think it would lead upon the road general antagonism, and they have decided, therefore, that it will be to the interest not to begin carrying passengers until it is possible to operate trains from the City Hall right through to its northern end.

EXPRESS MESSENGER SHOT DOWN

Masked Men Hold Up Train—Bungle Safe Blowing and Get Nothing.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Three masked men held up the Southern Pacific Oregon Express at Opeley last night, blew open the express car, killed Messenger William J. O'Neill and escaped.

The robbers secured nothing by their crime, as in their hurry they placed too much dynamite on the safe and blew the bills and coin through the roof of the express car, scattering them over the surrounding country.

The men ordered the engineer to throw up his hands as the train stopped at Opeley. He obeyed, and one of the robbers stood guard over him and the fireman while the others cut off the express car from the remainder of the train and ordered the engineer to run down the road.

About a mile from Opeley the train was stopped. Two of the robbers got out, but the third was a little man, who bossed the job. He herded all the train hands in a row and took them back to the express car. There he ordered the engineer to knock on the door. Messenger O'Neill, evidently thinking there was a row with the tramps, opened it and was shot dead before he could get up into the train.

One of the robbers sprang dynamite on top of the safe and put the way safe over the explosive. The lender told two of the trainmen to take out the dead messenger, as he did not want to mangle the corpse. A fuss was then lit and the crowd waited at some distance for the explosion.

This was so far that it tore off the whole top of the car. The robbers were much disappointed not to find any treasure in the safe, but they evidently did not know that their own carelessness had scattered it. They made the engineer take them on the engine beyond Keswick, where they struck out through the woods.

The engineer then gave the alarm, and 200 men are searching the surrounding country for the robbers. It is thought that they are miners employed at Keswick.

EMPTY DWELLING BLOWS UP.

Blasting Powder Left in It Thirty Years Ago. So The Bronx Folks Say.

A tumble-down frame dwelling at River avenue and 181st street, which has been unoccupied for years, caught fire just before midnight last night. Before an alarm could be turned in the house was partly demolished by a low explosion, which destroyed the neighborhood.

TIM CAMPBELL ILL.

The Ex-Congressman Down With Pneumonia at His Home.

Ex-Congressman Tim Campbell is down with pneumonia at his home, 14 Columbia street. He has been ill for two days. A year ago Mr. Campbell had a similar attack and it was thought then that he would not recover. He has served seven terms in the Assembly, two in the Senate and four in Congress, and is a great favorite on the East Side.

DIDNT SCARE MISS BIDDLE.

Philadelphia Society Woman Struck Negro Who Hugged Her on the Street.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—When Miss Sarah C. Biddle, a prominent society woman, was hugged by a negro last Wednesday afternoon she neither screamed nor fainted. Instead she struck her assailant and drove him away. Miss Biddle is large and athletic. It was raining, and her umbrella prevented her from hearing the negro coming up behind her.

Miss Biddle says it all happened in Thirtieth street in broad daylight. "The man gave me an awful hug," said Miss Biddle. "At first I thought it was some intimate friend who had come up behind me and was trying to give me a surprise. Then I felt a tug at my purse and the negro's face stuck up under the umbrella."

GAFFED A 225 POUND HALIBUT.

Pascoco Didn't Need a Hook and Line to Capture It and Shows the Fish as Proof.

BOSTON, April 1.—Manuel Pascoco, one of the crew of the fishing schooner Mary P. Mosquito, did not need a hook and line to capture a 225 pound halibut on the George's Banks a week ago to-day, but he had to call one of his shipmates to get the big fish aboard.

Pascoco and the others were hand fishing from over the schooner's rail, it being too rough to set trawls. Feeling a lively yank on his line, he hauled in hand over hand and brought a small haddock to the surface.

Following the smaller fish came a huge one that made desperate attempts to grab the haddock from the hook. Pascoco thought it was a big dogfish, so he made a jab at it with a gaff and sunk the sharp point in deep. Seeing he had the prize halibut of the season hooked, the fisherman yelled for help and, aided by four other men, succeeded in hauling the big fish aboard.

The halibut would have to be graded when the schooner arrived at the wharf. It brought 12½ cents a pound.

DEATH IN A GIFT OF ROSES.

Thorn Scratched Mrs. Dannbacher and Blood Poisoning Resulted.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., April 1.—A bouquet of roses presented to Mrs. Catherine Dannbacher of Maolis avenue on her seventy-first birthday, a few days ago, caused her death at 1 o'clock to-day, blood poisoning having developed as the result of a scratch on one of her fingers made by a thorn.

Little or no attention was paid to the injury at first, but a few days ago her arm and hand began to swell so that the other members of the family became alarmed and notified the family physician.

Mrs. Dannbacher's condition continued to get worse and yesterday a New York specialist was summoned. He could do nothing.

MRS. BOTKIN TAKES THE STAND.

She Contradicts Half a Dozen Witnesses and Seems to Expect Acquittal.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Mrs. Botkin took the witness stand to-day and branded all the testimony given against her as false. She denied absolutely what half a dozen witnesses had sworn to in much detail. She was excited, but delivered telling points with much dramatic effect.

Mrs. Botkin denied that she bought the candy or wrote the note in the candy box. She was caught in several statements differing from her former testimony, but she declared that the conflicting statements were due to forgetfulness, and cross-examination did not shake her testimony. It is evident that she counts on some means of escape, for she is no longer despondent, as she was several days ago.

KANSAS BEAUTIES AT THE FAIR.

Mrs. Prentiss Wants to Exhibit Six Girls Who'll Dazzle the Nation's Eyes.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 1.—Mrs. Noble L. Prentiss, hostess of the Kansas Building at St. Louis, has asked the commission to provide quarters for six Kansas girls. She says if this is done she will exhibit in the Kansas building during the world's fair a congress of beauty that will dazzle the eyes of the nation.

She will pick six pretty girls to assist her every two weeks. "I have my eye on half a dozen pretty Topeka girls now," she says. "Live stock is exhibited there, why not show the world the pretty women Kansas produces."

HITS AGAIN AT PORT ARTHUR.

ADMIRAL TOGO MAY RENEW HIS "HOTTLING UP" TACTICS.

Tokio Hears of a Bombardment on Wednesday Night—Japanese Have Landed on Halyantao Island, East of Dalny—Gen. Allen Says Russians Won't Make a Stand South of the Yalu River.

Admiral Togo is said to have renewed the bombardment of Port Arthur on Wednesday night for the purpose of covering soundings to learn to what extent the channel had been blocked by the Japanese hulks. It has been stated that the Japanese have a large number of steamers with the fleet that are to be sacrificed in renewed attempts to "hottle up" the Russian ships.

St. Petersburg announces that Japanese have landed on Halyantao Island, about eighty miles east of Dalny, in Corea, Jap., which had been used as a Russian coal depot. A steamer taking supplies there was captured.

Gen. Allen, the United States Military Attaché in Corea, has returned to Seoul from the north, and he says it is evident that the Russians do not intend to make a stand south of the Yalu. Apparently, he thinks, this is a mistake, for he says the country offers excellent opportunities for checking the Japanese advance.

AGAIN HAMMERS PORT ARTHUR.

Admiral Togo Trying to Learn Result of "Hotting Up" Tactics.

TOKIO, April 1.—It is unofficially reported that Admiral Togo made another attack on Port Arthur on the night of March 30-31. It is stated that his object was to ascertain the result of the previous attempts of the Japanese to block the entrance, and to take soundings. It is reported that it was found that the previous attempts were fairly successful.

The first batch of newspaper correspondents, consisting mostly of Americans and Britons, started for Moji to-day, whence they will be taken to the front. There was a crowd at the railway station, and the correspondents were cheered.

JAPS ON HALYANTAO ISLAND.

Have Taken Possession of Russian Coal Depot in Corea Bay.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, April 1.—As the result of an inquiry into the Russian capture near Elliot Island of a vessel manned by Chinese, flying the Japanese flag and laden with military stores and provisions, it has been ascertained that the cargo was destined for Japanese troops who recently landed on Halyantao Island, which was ceded to Russia concurrently with Port Arthur and which is used as a Russian coal depot.

A semi-official despatch from Port Arthur, dated to-day, makes no mention of another attack on Port Arthur. It says: "Our squadron left the harbor March 28, making for the Mantian Island. At 11 o'clock the cruiser Novik sighted a steamer towing a Chinese junk. She would not stop until the torpedo boat Vrimanny fired two shots."

It was the Japanese steamer Hanzen Maru, on board of which were found ten Japanese and eleven Chinamen, various papers, telegrams and maps and two Whitehead torpedoes.

"The crew was taken on board our ships, after which the vessel was taken in tow and subsequently sunk. The Novik and accompanying torpedo boats rejoined the squadron, which returned to Port Arthur."

According to Japanese advices the Russian cavalry marching to Wiju are in a distressed condition. Their horses are dying from starvation.

TOKIO, April 1.—It is unofficially stated that after ousting the Russians from Chongju, on March 28, the Japanese advanced the next day to Yongchon, where, after a brief action, they drove the Russians toward Unsan.