

COLLISION OF STEAMSHIPS IN THICK FOG

Oriental Liner Tremont and Ramona Crashed Together in Entrance to Port Townsend Bay.

Liner Was Swinging Into Port to Get a Party of Fifty Chinese Men for Deportation.

BOTH STEAMERS DAMAGED

The Ramona's Nose and Upper Works Were Smashed—Tremont Will Probably Go Into Drydock.

Port Townsend, Aug. 15.—During the dense fog a collision occurred this morning off the entrance to Port Townsend bay. The crafts involved were the oriental liner Tremont and the steamer Ramona, operating between Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle. The Tremont was bound for sea, while the Ramona was returning to Seattle. When the accident occurred the Tremont was swinging into this port to take aboard a party of fifty Chinese under order for deportation.

While the owners of the steamship, Tremont refused to admit that the vessel had sustained serious damage, the fact remains that after careful investigation of her condition she returned up the sound this afternoon, presumably heading for the Quartermaster Harbor drydock. The nose and forward upper works of the Ramona were crushed and it is said that two plates were torn off and the frame was bent on the Tremont.

LABOR DAY IN GREAT FALLS.

Governor Toole to Be Asked to Attend and Speak.

Great Falls, Aug. 12.—Preparations for the observance of Labor day, September 5, at this place by the labor unions of the city are nearing completion, and it is expected that the celebration will be one of the most elaborate ever held in the city. Governor Toole will be asked to attend and deliver an address, and it is hoped that he will be able to be present.

A committee of five members representing the various labor organizations has been appointed to arrange for the celebration. This committee includes C. M. Pleger, Otto Bjornstad, A. J. Emmerton, R. Jorgenson and M. G. Cary, and with these five as members of the committee has been appointed one member of each labor union of the city. A number of sub-committees have been appointed, and a meeting will be held in a few days at which the general plans for the day's program will be adopted.

The celebration will open in the forenoon with a parade, which will be participated in by all of the unions, and all of the merchants of the city will be invited to provide floats. The parade will be in charge of a sub-committee composed of C. M. Pleger and Otto Bjornstad.

In the afternoon a program of sports will be carried out, probably in Black Eagle park, in which many prizes will be awarded.

During the afternoon a dance will be conducted at the park and another in the evening in Luther's hall, both under the auspices of the Labor day committee.—Butte, Montana, Inter Mountain.

NEW R. R. LINES OPENED.

Rock Island System's St. Louis-Kansas City Branch.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 15.—The first passenger train over the Rock Island's new lines from St. Louis to Kansas City arrived here this morning.

The first train out of here to go over the new rails all the way will leave at 7:50 o'clock tonight. At present the St. Louis-Kansas City trains go from here over the Frisco to Clinton, Mo., and from there they switch to the tracks of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas. From Windsor on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas they use the new

lines of their own rails into St. Louis. The new road is known as the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado. It is 297 miles in length.

A FOOLHARDY ATTEMPT.

Boys of Aberdeen, Wash., Tempt Death in a Little Sloop.

Aberdeen, Wash.—Six young fellows of this city will leave tomorrow morning for a 1000-mile cruise in a thirty-six foot sloop on the stormy waters of the Pacific ocean. The names of the boys are: Radner Pratch, captain and owner of the vessel in which the cruise is to be made; Oswald Bell, George Brown, Carl Wilson and Frank Welder. The boat in which they are to make their adventurous cruise is the Restless, a thirty-six-foot, two masted sloop, and in this tiny craft the young fellows will attempt to sail over the 1000 miles intervening between Aberdeen and the harbor of San Francisco. Enough supplies have been shipped to last the party a month, and everything possible has been done to guard against mishaps.

OREGON LANDS OPEN.

Interior Department Restores 337,000 Acres for Entry.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The secretary of the interior today ordered the restoration for entry of 339,096 acres of land in eastern Oregon, embraced in the Blue Mountain forest reserve withdrawal, and 17,000 acres of the Walla Walla withdrawal.

Lands made subject to entry and settlement are made up of scattered tracts along the boundary of the proposed reserve, and lie in Umatilla, Union, Grant, Baker, Crook, Malheur and Walla counties.

COMMERCE THREATENED.

California Commercial Bodies Stirred Up on the Subject.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—Representatives of the commercial bodies of San Francisco met today to take some action in relation to the threatened injuries to Pacific coast commerce with the orient on account of the Russo-Japanese war. The opinion was expressed by a number of speakers that the danger to American vessels is by no means over because of the recent defeat of the Russian fleet, but would continue so long as the war lasted. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions to be forwarded to Secretary Hay and also to confer with officers of the Pacific Mail.

PARKER CLUB FORMED.

Composed of Prominent Members of the New York Bar.

New York, Aug. 15.—The Parker Constitution Club, composed of members of the bar of New York city, has been formed here with the following officers: President, James C. Carter; vice-presidents, Wheeler H. Pickham, John E. Parsons, Joseph E. Larofque and John G. Carlisle; secretary, William H. Church Osborn; treasurer, William E. Curtis.

The following are given as the objects of the club: To advance the cause of constitutional government, civic freedom and adherence to law, through the election of Alton B. Parker to the presidency of the United States. The statement also criticizes President Roosevelt.

NEGRO MURDERERS.

Organized Band for Killing and Robbing Whites.

Statesboro, Ga., Aug. 15.—Will Cato, arrested as a principal in the murder of the Hodges family at Statesboro, has confessed to the existence of an organized negro band whose object is the killing and robbing of white people. The military was ordered on duty at the jail at midnight, a crowd of men having threatened to lynch Cato and a man named Reed, held for the murders.

Chief of Cossack Forces.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15, 7:14 a. m.—An official bulletin issued from the Peterhof palace says the empress and the heir to the throne are progressing favorably. The czarovitch has been gassed as the ataman (or chief) of all the Cossack forces.

Today's Weather.

Portland, Aug. 15.—Western Oregon and western Washington, Tuesday, fair. Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho, fair and continued warm.

AFTER FIVE LONG HOURS SUNDAY'S NAVAL BATTLE SUNK RUSSIAN CRUISER

Admiral Kamimura Reports Victory and Describes His Exciting Chase of the Three Russian Vessels.

Disabled in the Fight the Rurik Fell Behind and Sank, Leaving Her Crew of 600 Struggling in the Sea—The Other Gunboats Fled for Safety Hotly Pursued by the Whole Japanese Fleet.

Tokio, Aug. 15.—Admiral Kamimura, in his report of last Sunday's victory over the Vladivostok squadron, says:

While we were engaged in search off Ulsan, Korea, we discovered three of the Vladivostok squadron steaming southward. Seeing us, the enemy endeavored to flee northward. We immediately closed their retreat. The Rurik, being the slowest of the enemy's vessels, was constantly left behind, and she formed a target for incessant fire. The Rossia and Gromobol gallantly attempted several times to protect the Rurik. They frequently returned to the Rurik, and when united the three advanced together.

The enemy's ships were seen to be on fire several times, showing thereby that they were heavily damaged. The Rurik was finally disabled and her fire weakened. She began lowering in the water and listing to port. The Rossia and Gromobol finally abandoned the Rurik. Our squadron pursued the Rossia and Gromobol. Severe fighting continued for five hours. The Rossia and Gromobol escaped to the northward at full speed. Our squadron returned in search of the Rurik, which in the meantime had sunk. Our ships steamed over the locality and succeeded in saving 600 members of the Rurik's crew. Our damage was not serious.

SORTIE MADE AT CHEFOO.

Japanese Ships Pursue Russians and Severe Engagement Expected.

Chefoo, Aug. 15.—The Russian ships at Port Arthur made a sortie early today. They are now being pursued by the Japanese. A severe engagement is expected.

PORT ARTHUR WILL FALL.

Beleaguered Post Expected to Yield Now at Any Moment.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The expectation here is that Port Arthur will fall any moment. Especial significance is ascribed to the fact that General Stoessel's wife and children went to Chefoo on board the destroyer Ryschiteln.

THE GREAT WAR MYSTERY.

What Has Become of the Port Arthur Battleships?

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The exact whereabouts of the Port Arthur battleships is still a mystery on which hinges the Russian naval fortunes in the far east. Telegrams reporting them back at Port Arthur have not been confirmed up to this hour.

It is apparent that Admiral Togo either cannot or will not say where they have gone. The admiralty officials declare they do not know, but they refuse to believe that out of five battleships not a single one managed to break through to Vladivostok.

It is more than probable that Witheoff before going out fixed a rendezvous to which the vessels would proceed if separated, the most likely point being between Shanghai and Kiustu (the most southerly of the three principal islands of Japan), which is on a circular route to Vladivostok. The Czarovitch was evidently heading for this point when she was compelled by damages sustained to turn aside and enter Singtau. Positive reports that the Russian vessels were coaling from colliers in these waters confirm the hypothesis that they had agreed to rendezvous at this point.

600 RUSSIAN SURVIVORS.

Crew of the Cruiser Rurik Brought to Nagasaki.

Nagasaki, Aug. 15.—Six hundred survivors of the crew of the Russian

cruiser Rurik, sunk by Admiral Kamimura Sunday morning, have arrived at Sasebo. The Japanese hospital ship Saikio also arrived at Sasebo with 77 Japanese wounded.

SHIPS MAY BE DISMANTLED.

Russians Repairing Their War Craft at Tsing Chau.

Tsing Chau, Aug. 15.—The Russian battleship Carevitch and three torpedo boat destroyers are now in the hands of the local German government for repairs, but it is improbable that these vessels will fight again in this war.

It is thought that if the Russians persist in repairing their ships, they will eventually have to dismantle them, because of the vastly superior Japanese force which is waiting for them outside the harbor. According to regulations which govern situations such as the one existing here, the destroyers will not be permitted to leave in a body, but go out at intervals of six hours. It is believed here that the Russian cruisers Pallada and Diana have reached Vladivostok.

Gardner-Jeffords Fight.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 15.—George Gardner knocked out Jim Jeffords in the third round tonight.

Pallada Reported Sunk.

Tokio, Aug. 15.—Admiral Togo reports that a vessel of the type of the cruiser Pallada was torpedoed and sunk in the engagement of August 10.

Admiral Bezobrazoff Ill.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—Admiral Bezobrazoff is seriously ill at Vladivostok, to which port Alexieff is now en route.

THREATENED TO SHELL CITY.

Japanese Would Have Used Lyddite Shells if They Lost Boats.

Chefoo, Aug. 15.—Junks which arrived here today, having left Port Arthur August 12, brought reports that the Japanese occupied new positions on that day. Firing at Port Arthur was heavy but intermittent, and indicated that assaults were being continued. The Russians at Port Arthur are reported to be downhearted. The men who came on the junks declare that the commander of the Japanese fleet before Port Arthur informed the Russians that if the warships which returned to Port Arthur after the sortie, August 10, were sunk by the Russians, the Japanese would shell the town with lyddite.

A Chinese officer who has arrived here from Liao Yang declares the casualties in the recent fighting in that vicinity have been enormous on both sides.

RUSSIAN CRUISER DOCKED.

Sentries Posted Around the Dock to Guard Against Surprise.

Shanghai, Aug. 15.—The Russian cruiser Askold was docked this morning and repairs are now proceeding. Sentries have been posted all around the dock. The torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi joined the Russian gunboat Mandjur, which was dismantled here the latter part of March.

MAY SETTLE STRIKE TODAY.

Mayor Harrison Will Attempt to Arbitrate Stockyards Trouble.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Mayor Harrison will attempt tomorrow to settle the strike at the stockyards. He will meet tomorrow morning, at 10 o'clock, the representatives of the strikers and hear their side of the controversy. Later in the day he will have a meeting with representatives of the packers and his-

ten to their statement. He will then undertake the task of reconciliation of the differences.

BODY 12 MILES DISTANT.

One of the Victims of the Eden Disaster Far Down the River.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 15.—Two more bodies of victims of the Eden wreck have been recovered, one being the remains of Ray W. Obannon of Washington, D. C. The body has been found 12 miles down the river, but has not yet been identified. The finding of Obannon's body brings the list of identified dead to 84.

BASEBALL.

American.

At St. Louis—New York, 3; St. Louis, 1.

At Cleveland—Washington, 0; Cleveland, 1.

At Chicago—Boston, 2; Chicago, 3.

At Detroit—Philadelphia, 2; Detroit, 0.

National.

At New York—Cincinnati, 1; New York, 4.

At New York—Brooklyn, 3; St. Louis, 2.

At Boston—Pittsburg, 2; Boston, 1.

At Philadelphia—Chicago, 2; Philadelphia, 3.

88 BODIES RECOVERED.

Eden Wreck Victims Found Thus Far All Identified.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 15.—Four bodies of victims of the Eden wreck were recovered today. Among the four are three children. All of the 88 bodies recovered to date have been identified.

OYSTERS IN YAQUINA BAY.

Attempts Are Being Made to Propagate the Toke Point Oyster.

A dispatch from Albany, Ore., to the Oregonian says: "Will the famous Toke Point oysters propagate in Yaquina bay? This question has been bothering some of the people interested in the development of the little Oregon harbor for some time, and recently some oysters were planted where it is thought they may propagate.

The first of these famous oysters were planted in the Yaquina harbor by a party of Portland men, headed by John D. Wilcox. These men, several years ago, secured a lease of the tide-flats across the bay from Yaquina City, and planted there a large number of the embryo Toke Point oysters. The rapidity with which these young oysters grew was something remarkable. It was but a short time until the oysters had become large enough to be plainly visible to passengers on passing boats, and now, when the tide is low, on the mud flats opposite Yaquina may be seen myriads of the famous oysters. They grew with a rapidity that surpassed all expectations, but they do not propagate.

"This question of propagation of the oyster on the Oregon coast is now being looked into. There is great money in the oysters, even when it is necessary to get the young mussels from another clime, and raise them in the sea-coast mud of Yaquina. But if they can be made to propagate here, there is a fortune in the Yaquina mud flats.

The Portland people who leased all the tideflats of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad Company at Yaquina bay did not get quite all the available land for oyster culture. Farther up the bay is a protected lagoon which occupies a small, obscure part of the bay, but which offers an excellent stretch of well-protected tide flats. Here a company composed of some of the leading citizens of Albany have planted some of the Toke Point variety of oysters. These have grown rapidly, and the men at the head of the movement are confident that the mussel will propagate in the protected lagoon in which they are located. The place is warmer than most of the tide flats, and is excellently located for oyster propagation."

ANOTHER FOREST FIRE.

Timber Burning in Snohomish County, Washington.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 15.—Reports received by the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company in Tacoma today tell of a heavy forest fire near Index, on the line of the Great Northern in Snohomish county. A man was sent from Tacoma to look after the interests of the company.

\$10,000,000 MAY BE LOST EACH MONTH

Skilled Workmen in Greater New York Wage a Costly War Against the Open Shop.

All Building Operations May Be Paralyzed if Strike Becomes General as Threatened.

SAW IT'S FIGHT TO A FINISH

30,000 Men Are Out of Work Now and 120,000 May Be Idle if the Employers do Not Yield at Once.

New York, Aug. 15.—Today began the third and possibly decisive week in the controversy which threatens to put a stop to building operations in this city for months to come. It is declared by the leaders of both sides that everything points to a fight to a finish between the labor unions and the building trades employers association over the question of the open shop.

There are now about 30,000 men out of work, including skilled mechanics and laborers as the result of the present difficulty.

There are about 60,000 skilled workmen in the building trades in this city who would be affected by a general strike or lockout. In addition to these it is estimated that 45,000 helpers and laborers and 15,000 employees of material men would be thrown out of work, making a total of 120,000. Their loss in wages would amount in round figures to \$10,000,000 a month in addition to which the capital of the 1000 members of the Building Trades Employers' Association and the millions of dollars invested in property undergoing improvement would be tied up.

The employers declare they are determined that the arbitration agreement adopted a year ago shall be respected, with the open shop policy as the alternative.

In connection with work on the Rapid Transit subway where the original dispute arose, there is possibility of steps toward a settlement, arrangements having been made for a conference between the unions and Contractor McDonald.

Thirteen organizations of workmen will be represented. Counsel for the Building Trades Alliance have announced their determination to push the suit in which it is sought to have the employers' association declared an illegal combination. It is the lawyers' intention to apply for a court order allowing inspection of the association's books and papers.

BIG PORTLAND MERGER.

Largest Street Car Companies Unite in One \$4,000,000 Corporation.

Portland, Aug. 15.—The unanimous agreement of the stockholders representing the capital stock of the City & Suburban Street Railway Company that it will be best to consolidate with the Portland Railway Company, practically completes the merger of the two largest street car companies of this city. The detailed plan of consolidation will be worked out by committees of stockholders of the two companies. The new company will be known as the Portland & Suburban Street Railway Company, and will be capitalized at \$4,000,000.

HYDE-DIMOND LAND CASE.

Defendants in Alleged Frauds Object to Trial at Washington.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—Arguments on the motion of attorneys for Frederick A. Hyde and Henry P. Dimond, charged with defrauding the United States government in connection with land transactions, to dismiss the charges were made today before United States District Judge DeHaven. The proposal to remove the accused to Washington was combatted on the ground that no conspiracy has been proved, and practically all the alleged offenses were committed in California and Oregon.