

THE WEATHER.
Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, June 27:
San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Monday; fresh northwest wind. G. E. WILLSON, Local Forecaster.

THE CALL

THE THEATERS.
Alcazar—"Soldiers of Fortune."
Central—"Power of the Cross."
Clutes—Vandeville.
Fischer—"The Mormons."
Grand—"Du Barry."
Orpheum—Vandeville.
Tivoli—"Robin Hood."

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CONTENDING FLEETS LOSE HEAVILY IN NAVAL BATTLE FOUGHT OFF PORT ARTHUR HARBOR

CHEFU, June 27, 10:30 a. m.—A Chinese who has arrived here from the vicinity of Port Arthur in a junk reports that at daylight last Friday morning he saw two large Japanese warships and three torpedo-boats withdraw from the fleet off Port Arthur. All of the vessels were damaged, indicating that desperate fighting had occurred. Thursday's battle was begun by the Russians, who sought to engage Admiral Togo while a portion of his ships were absent.

CHILD AIDS LYNCHERS OF NEGRO

Young Girl Takes the Role of Executioner.
Leads Horse From Under Culprit, Leaving Him Dangling in Air.

Spectacular Hanging on a Public Square Follows Attacks Upon Daughters of White Men.

EUROPA, Miss., June 26.—Stirling Dunham, a negro, wanted for an attack upon the 14-year-old daughter of John Wilson, a white man, near Bellefontaine two weeks ago and who subsequently attacked three young ladies named Dunn near this city, all during the course of the same day, was hanged in the public square here to-day by a mob.

The noose was placed about the negro's neck by the little Wilson girl, who positively identified him as her assailant. The negro was then placed on the back of a black horse and at a signal from the leader of the mob the little girl led the horse from under him.

More than 3000 persons, white and black, witnessed the hanging.

The lynching was as orderly as a legal execution. On being assured that the negro was dead the mob cut down the body and turned it over to relatives for burial.

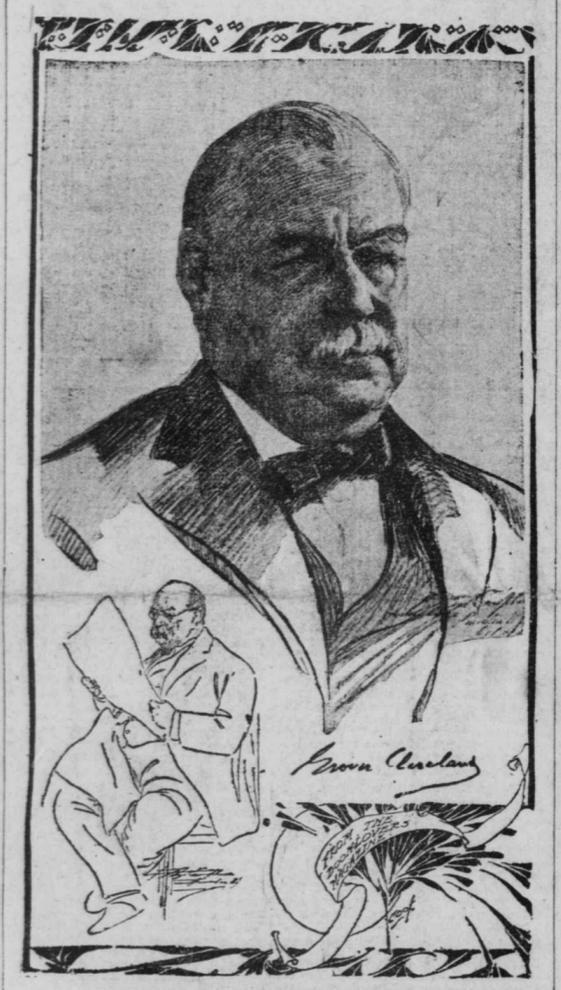
Dunham was captured on Friday near Vienna, Ala., after a running chase, during which he was twice wounded. He was brought here last night by the Sheriff of this (Wilson) county. A large mob was again met by a mob of determined men, who said their intention was to burn Dunham. The officers in charge of the negro succeeded in prevailing upon the mob to give up this intention, but only after promising to deliver up the negro this morning for execution. There was a strong sentiment for burning, but this was overcome and the lynching took the form of a hanging.

Dunham stoutly maintained his innocence to the last and denied that he had ever seen the Wilson girl. He admitted having visited Dunn's place, but denied any bad motive. His last remarks were made to 200 negroes who were assembled about the place of execution. Dunham telling them never to go about a white man's house when women were at home alone.

The three Dunn sisters, the eldest of whom is less than 15 years of age, witnessed the lynching from a distance.

JACKSON, Miss., June 26.—Governor Vardaman was not notified of the capture of Stirling Dunham and his return to Europa until this afternoon. He immediately telegraphed to the Sheriff of Wilson County asking if troops were needed to protect the prisoner. The lynching had occurred, however, before he was apprised that Dunham had been brought back to Mississippi.

CLEVELAND SAYS THE NOMINATION IS NOT FOR HIM



FORMER PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND, WHO DECLARES THAT HE IS NO LONGER A FACTOR IN POLITICS AND THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE NOMINATION AT ST. LOUIS.

Sage of Princeton Expects No Further Political Honors.

PRINCETON, N. J., June 26.—Former President Cleveland discussed to-day some of the questions relating to the coming campaign and election.

"If the Democratic National Convention again nominates you for the Presidency would you accept?" he was asked.

"His first answer was a pantomime. He vigorously shook his head and lifted his hand deprecatingly. Then he exclaimed with rapid utterance: "That will not happen, that will not happen, so there is no use of talking about it."

"I am out of political affairs," he continued. "I have said it often, so that it ought to be well understood."

Asked what he thought of the suggestion that the Democrats would do wisely to take their candidate for Vice President from the Southern States, the former President dictated the following:

"I must decline to enter into any discussion of political questions at this time. It cannot be possible that my opinion on any question that is about to be involved in the national canvass can be misunderstood. I do not expect to be concerned actively in the plans that are now occupying the thought and effort of the Democratic managers, and it is quite proper that I should be out of that account, inasmuch as I consider myself as absolutely retired from political activities."

PLATT VERSUS ODELL.
Senator to Make Final Stand in New York State Convention.

NEW YORK, June 26.—Senator Platt is preparing to make a final stand in the Republican State Convention to establish his political authority in New York State. The struggle between his friends and the supporters of Governor Odell for the important privilege of naming the next candidate for Governor promises to be more bitter than that which preceded the passing of control in the State committee from the Senator to the Governor.

Senator Platt and his friends are planning to bring about the nomination of a candidate whom the Governor can-

BATTLESHIP HIT BY TWO TORPEDOES

Details Confirm News of Loss to Russians.

Big War Vessel Sunk by "Mosquito" Craft of Togo's Fleet.

Two Others, Badly Disabled, Are Towed Into the Harbor of Port Arthur.

LONDON, June 26.—The Central News has received the following dispatch from its Tokio correspondent, dated June 26, evening:

"A detailed account of the naval battle at Port Arthur has just been published here. The Russian battleships Peresviet, Poltava and Sevastopol and the cruisers Bayan, Askold and Mosk attempted to emerge from the harbor at dawn on June 23, led by steamships used for clearing the mines. At 11 o'clock the battleships Cesarevitch, Retvizan and Pobeda joined the others.

"All the ships then advanced, endeavoring to dispose of the mines laid by the Japanese, but they were hindered by two Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers, which had been guarding the mouth of the harbor.

"At 3 p. m. the Japanese torpedo-boats exchanged shots with seven Russian destroyers, which were covering the clearing operations. One of the Russian destroyers was set on fire and retired inside the harbor.

"Subsequently the Japanese decoyed the Russians out to sea and awaited an opportunity to begin a general action, but between 8 and 9 p. m. the Russian ships made for the harbor. The Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers and torpedo-boats chased the Russians and at 9:30 delivered the first attack, in consequence of which the enemy was thrown into disorder.

"During the night eight separate attacks were delivered, lasting until dawn on Friday. In one of these assaults the Chiratake twice torpedoed a battleship of the Peresviet type and sank her. A battleship of the Sevastopol type and a cruiser of the Diana type were disabled and towed away. The Russian vessels re-entered the harbor during Friday.

"The newspapers publish eulogistic articles upon Vice Admiral Togo's prompt action."

RUSSIANS ADMIT LOSS.

Inform Naval Attache, but Keep Populace in Suspense.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 26.—Up to tonight the Japanese report of the loss of three Russian ships at Port Arthur has not been published here, although the authorities have allowed to be printed a statement that the squadron had made a sortie and also the news of the loss of the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers.

An official explanation of the suppression of the Japanese report is that the Admiralty is unwilling to unnecessarily alarm the public by the circulation of such statements entirely on the authority of the enemy and in the absence of definite advice from the commander at Port Arthur. It is also suggested as possible that there has been a fight and that the Japanese have minimized their own losses and magnified those of the Russians with a view of effecting the new loan which it is understood, Japan is negotiating.

On the other hand, according to a foreign naval attache, the Admiralty today admitted that Rear Admiral Witthoft, the naval commander at Port Arthur, lost one battleship and two cruisers, but in the absence of details there was an inclination to believe that the ships struck some mines the Admiralty not believing, in the face of the lessons taught by the injuries to the Retvizan and the Cesarevitch, that Admiral Witthoft would have remained in the outer roads at night, thus inviting the dash by the Japanese destroyers.

In high court and army and naval circles, where the report of the Port Arthur affair has been freely circulated, the Japanese version is received with considerable reserve. The officials do not attempt to disguise the seriousness of and the far-reaching consequences which might result from the loss of three of the Port Arthur warships, but they profess to be more inclined to believe that the vessels were lost in open fight rather than as the result of a torpedo attack. Should this be the case, they say the Japanese could not have

RILEY'S SLAYER IS FOUND AND POLICE THINK HE SHOT IN ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY



Shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday morning Andrew Riley, a hodcarrier, was found in a dying condition near the corner of Sheridan and Ninth streets. He died a few hours later. A bullet had crashed into his brain. The Southern police later located Harry Radcliffe, a porter, who admitted shooting Riley. Radcliffe said the man had insulted his wife. Mrs. Radcliffe contradicted her husband's story and the police believe that Radcliffe held Riley up and murdered him when he offered resistance.

BUFFALOES FIGHT DUEL TO DEATH

"The King" Killed at Zoo by Old Enemy.

NEW YORK, June 26.—After a battle that was marked by ferocity and cunning, the King, a fine specimen of the buffalo, the recognized leader of the William C. Whitney herd in the New York Zoological Park, and hitherto the undisputed champion of all buffaloes, went down to defeat and death today in a duel with Black Beauty, an old enemy. For twenty minutes the big brutes waged bitter fight, resisting the efforts of the keepers to separate them. No such conflict had ever been witnessed in the park, although Black Beauty had been worsted several times by the King in minor encounters. Beauty resorted to tricks in order to avenge the humiliations the King had heaped upon him. While the ruler of the herd was lying on the grass enjoying a stesta his enemy attacked him, embedding his sharp horns in the side of the King. Then followed a fight for mastery that will go down in the history of the park as the most ferocious ever witnessed.

Staggering to his feet after the first attack, the King, with a bellow of fury, closed with his enemy. Swaying their shaggy heads from side to side, charging and wheeling, the huge animals gored each other with an abandon that struck terror to the hearts of their comrades, who withdrew to view the conflict from a safe distance. The bison struggled for supremacy, their loud bellowing being distinctly heard a quarter of a mile away. The keepers were attracted by the tumult. At the risk of their lives they attempted to separate the infuriated animals with pitchforks and pikes.

The King, although badly crippled by the injury he received at the first attack, for a time proved a match for his enemy. But it was his last battle, for with a rush that was not to be denied Beauty "hooked" the King through the lungs and the champion fell to the ground. In vain he tried to stagger to his feet. But he had received his death blow and gradually he sank to the ground. Black Beauty became the ruler of the combined herds.

The King was the finest buffalo in captivity in the United States.

NINE WIVES FOR A MAN OF EIGHTY

Octogenarian Must Face Trial for Bigamy.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., June 26.—David Seeley, 80 years old, is under arrest, charged with bigamy. It is alleged he has nine wives living.

The present charge is preferred by Mrs. Julia A. Blanchard of this city. Seeley married her last April, when, it is alleged, he had eight other wives. His first wife lives in Otsego, near here, and will testify against him. He has wives living in Chicago, Cincinnati and Indianapolis, the officers claim.

Six years ago he married Lucy Killian of this city and a short time later was sent to the Michigan penitentiary at Jackson for four years on a bigamy charge. In the two years he has been free he married five times.

Attendance at Fair Increasing.

ST. LOUIS, June 26.—The total attendance at the World's Fair for the week ending last night, June 25, as officially announced to-night, was 540,485, an increase of more than 65,000 over the previous week, and more than 402,777 over the total attendance for the first week.

FRANCE MAY NOT ACCEPT THE APOLOGY OF HAYTI

Inclined to Hold That Stomping of Minister is Treated Too Lightly by Small Government.

PARIS, June 26.—Hayti's apology for the insult to the French Minister at Port au Prince, M. Deprez, who was stoned by the palace guards recently, has been received by the Foreign Office, but does not give satisfaction. It appears to seek to make light of the incident. The officials here are not disposed to assume a belligerent attitude toward a small power, but they expect Hayti to adequately realize and redress the offenses. Orders have been issued to the commander of the French squadron at Fort de France, island of Martinique, to detach a warship for Port au Prince.

POPE IS PLEASED WITH RECEPTION OF SATOLLI

His Holiness Praises the Loyalty of American Catholics to the Church.

ROME, June 26.—The Pope has expressed himself as highly pleased with the very cordial reception given in the United States to Cardinal Satolli. Speaking to Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal Secretary of State, his Holiness said:

"The American Catholics surpass all my expectations in loyalty to the Church."