

STATE WEATHER
 Forecast made by San Francisco...
 San Francisco and vicinity—
 Cloudy Wednesday; light southerly winds, veering to brisk westerly. A. G. McADIE,
 District Forecaster.

THE CALL

THE THEATERS.
 Alcazar—“Sheridan.”
 California—“A Millionaire Tramp.”
 Central—“A Bunch of Keys.”
 Columbia—“Joseph Bonaparte.”
 Grand—“A Parisian Romance.”
 Orpheum—“Vaudeville.”
 To-Day.
 Tivoli—“The Toreador.”

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JAPAN'S GREAT SIEGE GUNS ARE HAMMERING THE FORTS THAT DEFEND PORT ARTHUR

GIRLS HOLD UP STAGE AS A JOKE

Give Tourists in the Yellowstone a Fright.

Don Cowboy Garb and Borrow Army Carbines From Soldiers.

Their Identity Revealed After “Tenderfoot” Are Forced to Give Up Their Valuables.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 9.—Two girls, one from Helena and the other from New York, two days ago held up a Copcord stage of the Yellowstone Park Transportation Company, in a spirit of fun, compelling several men and women passengers to alight, and, at the point of rifles, hand over all their valuables. Not until one of the “bandits” snickered and a false pair of whiskers slipped down off a smiling, rosy countenance, did the tourists suspect they were being made the victims of practical jokes.

The two young ladies, with a party of friends, are touring the Yellowstone Park. To create a little diversion they arranged with the driver of the stage that they would hold him up on the Golden Gate road at a lonely spot in the thick timber. The girls attired themselves in chaps, strapped on two six-shooters, the barrels of which had been sealed by the military authorities of the Park, borrowed two carbines from the troopers, and, with their friends and the soldiers concealed in the nearby timber to watch the fun, the “tenderfoot” were compelled to alight and keep their hands in the air.

After the girls had secured everything they could lay their hands on, they revealed their identity and returned the valuables to the startled passengers, giving them the laugh.

DALGETY IS SELECTED AS THE FEDERAL CAPITAL

Town in Bombala District Is Chosen by Australian House of Representatives.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Aug. 9.—The location of the Federal capital, so long in dispute, is believed to have been mainly settled by a vote to-day in the House of Representatives approving Dalgety, in the Bombala district. Dalgety had previously been selected by the Senate.

Dalgety is situated 295 miles south of Sydney, New South Wales, and is thirty-two miles from the nearest railroad station. The population is under 300. It has a courthouse, two hotels, two stores and two churches.

CITY MUST PAY WAGES.

Supreme Court Declares the Eight-Hour Law Unconstitutional.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Justice White of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, today declared the eight-hour labor law unconstitutional and granted writs of mandamus to compel the city to pay \$12,000 to the Brooklyn Alcatraz Company and \$10,000 to the Uvalde Asphalt Company, payment of which had been withheld on the ground that both companies had, in the performance of contracts for city work, required their employees to work more than eight hours a day.

FORT TOTTEN BESIEGED BY THE HOMESTEADERS

Registration Continues in Orderly Manner and Without Any Disturbance or Excitement.

DEVILS LAKE, N. D., Aug. 9.—The registration for Government lands in the Fort Totten reservation continued steadily to-day without any disturbance or excitement. The town is free from the lawless element which characterized the Rosebud opening at Grand Forks.

TWO RUSSIAN OFFICIALS MEET VON PLEHWE'S FATE

Head of Police Department and Chief of Force Are Murdered in Nakhchivan.

BERLIN, Aug. 9.—The *Vossische Zeitung says that Tregrubenko, head of the Forest Department, and chief of Police Kuznetsov have been murdered in the streets of Nakhchivan, Russia.

Well Known Surgeon Dies.
 LONDON, Aug. 9.—Sir William Banks, the well known surgeon, is dead, aged 82 years.

Brown Men Begin General Assault and Cannonade Continues Throughout Night.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The Daily Telegraph's Chefu correspondent reports that a great land and sea fight occurred at Port Arthur on August 8, and that the Japanese were repeatedly repulsed. More than a thousand Russians were killed, says the correspondent.

CHEFU, Aug. 9.—Port Arthur was heavily bombarded last night. The cannonading lasted until 4 o'clock this morning. It increased in intensity at midnight, and between 2 and 4 o'clock Japanese guns were fired at brief, regular intervals.

It is impossible to ascertain the result of the operations. Steamships that arrived here to-day, having passed close to the fortress, are unable to give any definite news. Local Japanese correspondents say that another general assault upon the city began on Monday. Russian refugees reluctantly reiterate the stories of a shortage of ammunition in the fortress.

The cannonading was first heard here at 11:30 o'clock last night. Japanese siege guns were apparently pounding the fortress, the batteries firing at intervals of one minute. The Russian guns replied at longer intervals.

Many refugees from the fortress reached here last night. They merely confirm former reports. There seems little doubt that the Russian ships in the harbor and bay are shelling the Japanese positions and seriously hindering the work of planting siege guns in their new positions. According to the refugees, two battalions of Japanese were blown up by mines during the attack on Wolf Hills. They also state that Wolf Hills, the only important position the Japanese yet hold, are not of vital importance, being on the outer line of defenses.

Dalny has been completely awakened by the Japanese. It now has three Japanese theaters and other amusements.

CHEFU, Aug. 9.—The officers of the German cruiser Furst Bismarck lying at the outer edge of this harbor, express the opinion that the firing heard last night was an encounter between detachments of the belligerent warships, apparently twenty miles northwest of Chefu. From the cruiser's advantageous position the flashes preceding the detonations could be seen.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 9.—A dispatch received from Lieutenant General Stoessel, commander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, confirms previous reports that the Japanese before Port Arthur are in possession of Wolf Hill. The general says that on July 29 the Russians withdrew from their positions on Wolf Hill before the numerical superiority of the Japanese. General Stoessel estimates the number of Japanese attacking Port Arthur at 70,000.

ONLY SIX MILES FROM CITY.

General Stoessel locates Yupilaza Mountain as situated ten miles north-east of Port Arthur, and says that the Japanese attack on that position was only a demonstration, the real assault of the Japanese being made on Russian positions on Wolf Hill, which, he points out, is only six miles northward and near the railroad station. General Stoessel's report follows:

"At 5 in the morning of July 27 the enemy having advanced a strong force, their artillery opened fire along their whole front, followed by a series of attacks, one of which, directed against Yupilaza Mountain, was especially vigorous.

"At about 8 o'clock in the evening the enemy were everywhere repulsed with enormous losses. I remained in the advanced position we have held for two days against an army very much stronger than ours.

"At 4 o'clock in the morning of July 30 about five divisions of Japanese took the offensive against our position on Wolf Hill. In view of the enormous superiority of the enemy's forces and the weakness of the position our troops were ordered to retire to the next positions without fighting. The movement was effected in complete order, under the protection of artillery, which, by accurate fire at short range, completely stopped the Japanese advance.

"Our losses have not yet been ascertained, but they were not great. The losses of the Japanese were very considerable. In the engagements of July 26 and 27 the Japanese had about 70,000 men and a considerable number of siege guns.

"The morale of the Russian troops is excellent and their health good."

SLAV POPULACE PLEASED.

All the newspapers to-day express great relief over the reports from Port Arthur. The army organ says that, although General Stoessel's report gives no details, it is evident that the Japanese have suffered a severe reverse. The paper also pays a tribute to the navy's share in the defense of the besieged fortress. Reviewing General Kuropatkin's movements, it continues:

"Retreat is in accordance with a plan laid down for the first period of the campaign, which is to weaken the forces of the enemy by continuing strongly the defensive portions, thus impeding the Japanese progress and compelling the enemy to waste large numbers of men and much war material on the advances. The result has been that, in three and one-half months, the Japanese have covered only a few scores of versts."

SLAV CRUISER OFF SPAIN.

Compels the British Steamship Manora to Hoist Her Ensign.

PLYMOUTH, England, Aug. 9.—The British steamship Manora, from Calcutta, June 29, for London, arrived here to-day and reported that when twenty miles south of Cape Finisterre, on the northwest coast of Spain, she met a large cruiser flying the Russian naval flag. There were guns mounted on the cruiser, which was evidently one of the former German liners recently purchased by Russia. The cruiser bore down upon the Manora and signaled the latter to hoist her ensign. When this was done the cruiser proceeded.

Japan's Port Arthur Losses.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 9.—The Russ estimates that the Japanese losses thus far, as a result of the siege of Port Arthur, aggregate 23,000 men.

MASSACRE AVENGED BY ARMENIANS

Turkish Garrisons Attacked and Destroyed.

Soldiers Pay With Their Lives for a Slaughter of Christians.

Revolutionists Begin the Onslaught by Hurling Bombs Into Troops' Quarters.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The Tabriz (Persia) correspondent of the Daily News, in a dispatch dated August 6, says:

"On July 13 a band of Armenian revolutionists appeared near Outchkilissa. Turkish soldiers and Kurds, finding an excuse, attacked and destroyed the villages of Outchkilissa, Koomliou-boujak, Gougan, Karabazar and Sayto, butchering men and outraging women.

"Two large Armenian bands, marching to Sassun to help the insurgent leader, Antranik, attacked the garrisons at Mossunzory and Goutchagh for revenge on July 25. At dawn bombs were thrown into these places, killing many persons, and severe fighting ensued. A majority of the soldiers were killed and the garrisons resembled graveyards. One band forced its way through the Kurdish tribes toward Arjess. The number of soldiers killed aggregated several hundred."

The Times prints a dispatch from Salonica which says that the Macedonian internal committee has issued stringent orders to its bands to refrain from the use of dynamite, the intention being to keep the insurgents inactive while Europe is engaged with the troubles in the Far East.

BRITAIN NEEDS A LARGE NAVY

So Says First Lord of the Admiralty in Answer to Criticisms of Opponents

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Replying to criticisms of the naval expenditure in the House of Lords to-day Lord Selbourne, First Lord of the Admiralty, warmly defended the outlay. He said it was more important now than ever before that British battleships especially should be of the largest and best type.

Referring to submarine boats Lord Selbourne said their value for defensive purposes had been abundantly proved. They were a great addition to the national strength. He did not believe submarine boats had reached their limit of improvement or usefulness. The lessons from the war in the Far East were the importance of the personnel, the necessity of having a margin of strength and the fact that without battleships no power could hold nor win command of the sea.

Lord Selbourne said the offer of Lord Goschen, made when he was First Lord of the Admiralty, that if other nations would agree to diminish their rate of ship building Great Britain would not be slow to join the movement had not been withdrawn, but the conditions now were more complicated. A few years ago it would have sufficed if France and Great Britain had agreed to diminish their shipbuilding, but now there were almost half a dozen great naval powers, and Great Britain and France must consider the expenditure of other powers. The two-power standard was convenient as regards battleships, but had never had its application to cruisers or torpedo-boats.

Continuing Lord Selbourne referred to the newspaper comparison of the gunnery and strength of the German vessels which recently had visited England and pointed out that the German ships carried eighteen 6-inch guns compared with twelve on the ships of the British channel squadron. But the British ships carried 10-inch, 12-inch and 13½-inch guns, while there was not a single gun on the German visiting fleet with a caliber over 9.4-inch.

FAIRBANKS GROWING UP IN MUSHROOM FASHION

Fifteen Steamers Are Hurrying Supplies to Camp Before Heavy Winter Sets In.

TACOMA, Aug. 9.—Fifteen steamers are rushing food, clothing and mining machinery to Fairbanks from St. Michael and Dawson. More than four thousand people are likely to winter in the district, making it uncertain whether the food supply will be wholly sufficient, unless the freeze up comes late. Johansen, the American Commissioner at Eagle, has a saw mill at Fairbanks cutting thirty thousand feet daily and is unable to keep up with the orders. He is shipping in the second plant. Buildings are going up everywhere.

ZANGWILL FAVORS MAX NORDAU FOR LEADER OF ZIONISM



Author Names Logical Successor of Herzl.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Israel Zangwill will say in to-morrow's Review of Reviews that Max Nordau is the proper man to succeed Dr. Herzl as the leader of Zionism.

Zangwill says Nordau was a close friend of Dr. Herzl and shared the great leader's plans more than any one else and is his logical successor.

"The movement is as yet too immature to be run by a committee," says Zangwill. "There must be one man at the head. He must be of magnetic force rather than merely a good business man. Nordau possesses magnetism, eloquence, energy and international reputation, and should be paid enough to enable him to devote his whole time to the work.

"Herzl's efficiency was reduced by the fact that his own interests compelled him to stay in Vienna. The leader of Zionism should be free to visit all countries at his pleasure.

"The Zionist movement is the greatest ever undertaken by any race. Jews have been forced to do without a country for more than 2000 years and have become part of all the nations of the world. The task, though colossal, is impossible only while the Jews are not united."

Zangwill adds that he is going to do everything in his power to have a commission sent out to make preliminary arrangements for a Jewish colony in British East Africa. He hopes to be able to establish workshops there which will supply the neighboring States with goods.

POLICE ROUND UP THE CROOKS

Drastic Measures Adopted in Portland to Rid City of Desperate Characters

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 9.—Between the hours of midnight and 3 o'clock this morning the police department arrested over 200 men, all charged with being on the streets after hours. Their arrest is the result of an order issued yesterday by Chief of Police Charles H. Hunt that all persons found roaming the streets after midnight should be incarcerated. For the past few weeks, and especially since gambling was closed in this city, the number of highway robberies, burglaries and petty crimes has been such as to force the street car companies to carry armed guards after nightfall, and to cause the Chief of Police to counsel citizens to arm themselves and shoot on sight. The order directing the arrest of all idlers is the first step in the act of clearing this city of vagrants and undesirable characters of all sorts.

TREATY OF EXTRADITION WITH HAYTI IS SIGNED

Republic's Minister Denies That There Is an Anti-Foreign Feeling Among His Countrymen.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Secretary Hay and Mr. Leger, the Haytian Minister, to-day signed a treaty of extradition between the United States and Hayti.

Leger later entered a denial of the frequent newspaper reports of the wide extent of the anti-foreign feeling among the Haytian people. He said that a number of resident foreigners in Hayti were involved in the Haytian National Bank scandal, which would naturally cause some feeling among the people who suffered from the frauds, but there was nothing like a general feeling of dislike entertained toward foreigners.

YOUNG WOMAN SCALPED BY AUTOMOBILE MACHINERY

Hair of Rochester Girl Catches in Running Gear and Is Torn From Head.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Diners in the Casino restaurant in Central Park were thrown into excitement to-night by an accident which nearly proved fatal to Miss Margaret Dougherty of Rochester, N. Y. Her hair was caught in the machinery of an automobile and her scalp was almost torn off before the running gear could be stopped. Then it was found that the back part of the scalp had been torn away.

Dr. Lathrop soon arrived in an ambulance and Miss Dougherty was taken to a hospital, where it was said to-night that she was in a serious but not necessarily critical condition.

FORMER MAY QUEEN YIELDS TO CUPID'S WILES

Engagement Is Announced of Rudolph Van Norden to Miss Jackson of Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 9.—The engagement was announced this evening of Rudolph Van Norden, superintendent of the Yuba Power Company, to Miss Fay Jackson, Miss Jackson was May queen at the Floral Festival in this city two years ago.

Earthquake at Healdsburg.

HEALDSBURG, Aug. 9.—Early this morning Windsor was visited by a heavy earthquake, which caused a great deal of damage and destroyed the barber shop of T. S. Packwood.

MIDNIGHT DUEL WON BY WOMAN

Assassin Is Routed by His Intended Victim.

Mysterious Affair in Home of a Wealthy Chicago Clubman's Wife.

Friends Hint at Connection Between Divorce Proceedings and Suspected Burglar's Visit.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—In the darkness, just after midnight, Mrs. Katharine Brown, according to a story told by her maid, fought a duel with an unknown man in the dining-room of the house at 1612 Prairie avenue, which she recently won the right to occupy pending the outcome of the sensational divorce suit begun by her millionaire husband, Charles E. Brown, prominent clubman and secretary of the Central Electric Company. The police, on investigating, found what they considered mysterious circumstances.

Mrs. Brown, who is suffering with a sprained ankle, was informed by the maid that there was a man on the floor below. Mrs. Brown got out of bed, adjusted her crutches, and thumped slowly downstairs in pursuit of a possible burglar. She saw the man's form outlined against a window pane.

Up came his revolver and the muzzle flashed as a bullet sped close to her head. The undaunted woman raised her own revolver and fired back. Then the man sprang to the window and disappeared.

Some of Mrs. Brown's friends to-day declared that the man who tried to kill her was no burglar, but a would-be murderer. Others asserted the fellow probably came only to rob and, being desperate, fired at the woman when he found he was discovered.

The police disclaim any knowledge of the shooting and hint at a phantom burglar.

UNCLE SAM TO OPERATE PHONE LINE

Government May Put in a "Hello" System.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Because it is believed that the local telephone company is preparing to raise rates it was suggested at the Cabinet meeting to-day that the Government install its own telephone system in Washington.

The subject was put into the hands of Secretary Morton for investigation.

The question was suddenly brought up at the Cabinet meeting by a statement of several of the Cabinet officers that the local telephone company had within the last few days presented to the departments blank contracts for another year that fixed the charges at a figure considerably above the charges in the last contract.

The idea is to have an interdepartmental telephone system constructed, owned and operated by the Government.

TELLS ABOUT NILE BASINS

English Official in Egypt Suggests Irrigation Plan for Benefit of the Country

LONDON, Aug. 9.—An interesting and bulky blue book was issued by the Foreign Office this evening. It contains the report of Sir William Garstin, Under Secretary for Public Works in Egypt, upon the basins of the upper Nile, and a dispatch from Lord Cromer, the British Minister and Consul General in Egypt.

Lord Cromer's dispatch says the irrigation and railroad schemes suggested by Sir William Garstin represent an estimated expenditure of about \$107,000,000, of which about \$65,000,000 will be used in the Sudan and the development of Egypt.

The whole irrigation plan is based on utilizing the White Nile for the benefit of Egypt and the Blue Nile for the benefit of the Sudan.

Lord Cromer says that the carrying out of the greater portion of the plan may be postponed for the present, but about \$7,000,000 should be utilized at an early date in canals and for raising the Assoum Dam in the completion of the Suakim-Berber Railroad and in other developments of the country which will largely increase the revenue from taxes.

SAYS FUTURE VOLUNTEER SOLDIER MUST BE TRAINED

General Corbin Speaks in Praise of the Men Who Defend the Country's Flag.

LEBANON, Ohio, Aug. 9.—At the reunion here to-day of the Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, General Henry C. Corbin, a member of the regiment, who was the principal speaker, said:

"The day of the volunteer soldier, pure and simple, has passed away, but the day of the trained volunteer soldier has come to remain so long as soldiers are required by us. The day may come when the nations of the earth shall consent to lay down their arms. Until that time shall come we must be prepared to protect the lives, the liberty and the rights of all our people, whether at home or abroad."

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