

KUROPATKIN SAID TO BE MAKING RAPID RETREAT

REPORT FROM ST. PETERSBURG SAYS RUSSIAN GENERAL MEETS REVERSE.

FIRING AT PORT ARTHUR

Cannonading Heard In Direction of the Fortress and Battle May Be In Progress There—Kuropatkin Reports Japanese Building Fortifications.

Cheo Foo, June 24.—Heavy firing was heard in the direction of Port Arthur last night and this morning.

Tokio, June 24.—Four thousand Russians attacked Aiyangpenn, fifty miles northeast of Feng Wang Cheng, on Tuesday. The Russians were repulsed and retreated toward Shinkaleng. The Russians lost five killed and twenty wounded. The Japanese loss is not given.

New Battleship In Commission. Cronstadt, June 24.—The Russian battleship Sissoi Veliky, of the Baltic fleet, has been commissioned.

Paris, June 24.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says it is stated there that General Kuropatkin is being compelled to retreat rapidly.

Kuropatkin Reports Movements. St. Petersburg, June 24.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following dispatch from General Kuropatkin under date of June 21:

A Japanese army from Kai Chou is gradually advancing northwest. General Kuropatkin's advance from Siu Yen has been suspended, evidently to effect an alignment of the two armies. The strength of the enemy's vanguard is approximately a division and several squadrons of cavalry, and the Siu Yen force of nine squadrons, supported by a strong column of infantry toward the south.

Japanese Lose Several Men. A movement of strong Japanese mounted patrols with infantry supports was noted June 20 from 5:00 in the afternoon onward. We had no losses in the firing which ensued, while the Japanese had several killed and wounded.

An increase in the Japanese forces has been noticed south of Vanflapudiz and near the villages of Manzeapudiz, Takzapudiz and Khakabel. Reinforcements are also reaching the Japanese at the furthest part of the road between Siu Yen and Tanchi, via Palahonou and Siakhotan.

Japs Erect Fortifications. The Japanese are erecting field fortifications on the road from Siu Yen to Kai Chou.

The enemy's outposts have occupied the pass between Pangrabel and Pai Chang, on the northern road, nine and a half miles east of Siakhotan, and the Chapau pass, seven and a half miles south of Siakhotan.

On June 19 two Cossacks were wounded by Chinese ruffians. The Japanese have fortified Kuan Dian Shan, mounting eighteen guns with a strong screen.

The enemy has occupied the village of Sapenhai, twenty-five miles northeast of Salmatsze, and is firmly entrenched.

Kuroki Reports Victory. Gen. Kuroki's Headquarters in the Field, via Fusan, Korea, June 23.—Russians from Saimak attacked the Japanese outposts in force yesterday, apparently for the purpose of testing their strength. The Russian force consisted of two regiments of cavalry, one of infantry and one battery of artillery.

The Russians were routed and retreated toward Shintalling; they are supposed to have sustained considerable loss. On the Japanese side, Major Kubota was killed and nine men were wounded.

TO ENLARGE THE MARINE

COMMISSION HAS PLAN FOR INCREASING NUMBER OF AMERICAN MERCHANT SHIPS.

Chicago, June 24.—The United States merchant marine commission, created under the provisions of the Gardner bill, passed at the last session of congress, are conferring with Chicago manufacturers, shippers, exporters and bankers today with a view to forming a plan of increasing the number of ships carrying the American flag on the high seas. A plan will be submitted to congress for consideration at the next session. The commissioners will remain two days.

No Game at Oskaloosa. Oskaloosa, June 24.—(Special)—The ball game scheduled for today here between the Oskaloosa and Boone teams was postponed because of wet grounds.

DELEGATES AT THE FAIR

A THOUSAND PEOPLE FROM REPUBLICAN CONVENTION ARRIVE AT ST. LOUIS.

SWEDISH DAY OBSERVED

Prominent Swedish Americans Make Addresses at Special Celebration Today—Fire at Fair Grounds Threatens Many Exposition Buildings.

St. Louis, June 24.—Nearly 1,000 delegates to the republican national convention in Chicago arrived in St. Louis on three special trains today to visit the World's fair as guests of the exposition management.

The feature of the Swedish day celebration in Festival hall today was a chorus of fifty-four students from the university at Lund, Sweden. At the exercises, which were preceded by parades, addresses were made by Gustav Andreen, president of Augustana college at Rock Island, Ill.; C. J. A. Ericson, of Boone, Iowa, and others. The day was somewhat disagreeable because of a drizzling rain.

Fire at Fair Grounds. A fire which threatened for a time to destroy many buildings at the World's fair today consumed the house of Hoffmann, with all contents, causing a loss of \$50,000. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective electric light wire.

GIRL IMPRESSES WILSON. Secretary of Agriculture Pleased by Essay on "Robert Burns."

Mt. Vernon, Iowa, June 24.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson was so well pleased and impressed with the graduating oration of Miss Edna Mae Fox, on "Robert Burns," that at the close of the program he sought an introduction to Miss Fox. He requested a copy of the oration for the Burns club of Washington, of which the secretary is a member. He promised her a number of volumes on Burns in return.

THIRTY ARE KILLED. Wreck on Railroad in Spain Results Disastrously.

Madrid, June 24.—Thirty persons were killed in a train wreck in the province of Teruel, one of the most mountainous in Spain, abounding in torrents. The train was derailed on a bridge over the Jiloca river and the coaches were burned.

IOWA BOY PRE-EMINENT. Arthur D. Frick of Davenport on Harvard Class Day Program.

Cambridge, Mass., June 24.—Arthur D. Frick, of Davenport, Iowa, read the ode at the Harvard class day exercises here today.

FLOOD IN KANSAS

CONCORDIA'S STREETS ARE LIKE RIVERS—ONE BUILDING COLLAPSES.

Concordia, Kans., June 24.—Destructive floods are being experienced here as the result of a fall last night of four and one-half inches of rain. The principal streets are rivers and the cellars in the business portion of the city are flooded. One building collapsed today but no one was injured. The railroad yards are flooded and much stock has been drowned. The railroads report numerous washouts and no trains were run out of Concordia today.

TRUSTED LETTER CARRIER ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF MAIL

Des Moines, June 24.—Charles Cissel, a letter carrier, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Marshal Howard Hendrick, of this city, and Postoffice Inspector John Mahlin, of Muscatine, caught in the act of opening mail entrusted to him and rifling it of valuable contents.

Cissel has been suspected of stealing from mail in his charge for a year past, but no conclusive proof could be secured against him. Inspector Mahlin has watched the man's actions closely for some time, but without result, and yesterday secured his arrest through a stratagem. A letter was addressed to the Spirit of the West, from Fort Madison, containing \$1.25 in marked money. It was timed to arrive in the Des Moines postoffice at such a point as would allow it to get into Cissel's hands yesterday morning. The scheme worked perfectly and as the letter carrier was in the ground floor of the observatory preparing to ascend the steps he was placed under arrest by Marshal Hendrick at a sign from Inspector Mahlin, and a search made which resulted in the discovery of the opened letter in Cissel's pocket and the marked money in another pocket. The man made no attempt to shield himself, but confessed his attempt to rob the mails. He was taken to the office of Commissioner W. C. McArthur, where he gave bonds for his appearance at the November term of court. His previous record has been good. He has been a resident of Des Moines nearly all his life and is now a man over fifty years of age and has a family of two girls. He came to Des Moines from New York, a waif to be cared for, and he reared in the west. He has been a letter carrier in the employ of the Des Moines postoffice for the past sixteen years, during which time he has attained the highest grade in the letter carrier service.

EXTRA SERIOUSLY INJURED

CHANGES IN THE CABINET

PAUL MORTON AND VICTOR H. METCALF TAKE PORTFOLIOS—MOODY MAKES CHANGES.

Washington, D. C., June 24.—President Roosevelt today made the following announcement regarding changes in the cabinet: William H. Moody, of Massachusetts, to be attorney general.

Victor H. Metcalf, of California, to be secretary of commerce and labor. The resignations of Secretary G. B. Courtelyou and Attorney General G. B. C. Knox have been received and accepted and will take effect July 1.

WARSHIP MEN DROWN. Disaster at Kiel Regatta During Races Between Boats.

Kiel, June 24.—In the regatta here today the sailing matches between boats from the German warships were accompanied by disaster. A gale was blowing which raised a strong sea, and a score of 130 competitors capsized. Six of the crew were drowned and the others were rescued with difficulty.

GRAND JURY SUMMONED. Investigation of General Slocum Disaster to be Made at Once.

New York, June 24.—A special grand jury has been summoned to meet next Thursday with a view to securing indictments of the persons criminally responsible for the disaster to the steamer General Slocum.

MINERS TO MAKE TEST

BUTTE UNION WILL GIVE \$25,000 TO AID COLORADO MEN.

Butte, Mont., June 24.—It has been decided by the Butte miners' union to donate \$25,000 to the Colorado miners to assist them in pressing a legal test to be made of the Colorado supreme court decision upholding the military government in suspending the habeas corpus and allowing President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, to remain in jail without a charge against him. The right of the governor to deport miners without trial will also be tested.

NO FISH IN RIVER. James Swirls and Party Captured Them All—A True Story.

There is no use for the Ottumwa fishermen to go fishing in the Des Moines river till a crop of fish has had an opportunity to hatch and grow. James Swirls, Mrs. Swirls and son James, Jr., and daughter, Mrs. R. M. Himes, Miss Henrietta Huffman, Miss Stella Huffman and Edward Peach formed a party which spent the day at Garrison Rock yesterday and caught on poles and lines 187 fish.

Mr. Swirls declares this to be a fact and the other members of the party also swear to it. The liquid refreshment strictly of cold tea and lemonade and there are other reasons for believing the story. Fifty of the fish were brought home, eighty-two were given away to various parties, about twenty spoiled and were thrown away and the balance were so small they were of little use and were thrown back into the water that they might grow till the party has another picnic next year.

IOWA GIRLS GRADUATE. Three Young Ladies Given Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

New York, June 24.—Mary Brown Hunter, Annabona, Clara Isabella Hunter, Des Moines, and Edith Shepard, Mason City, were graduated from Mt. Holyoke seminary at South Hadley, Mass., yesterday, each receiving a degree of bachelor of arts.

CELEBRATION AT OYSTER BAY. President's Nomination Made Occasion for Celebration.

Oyster Bay, L. I., June 24.—When the news of the nomination of President Roosevelt reached this village yesterday afternoon a salute of twenty-one guns was fired and last night there was a display of fireworks and many of the residences in the village were illuminated.

THE WEATHER. Iowa—Showers and thunderstorms tonight and Saturday. Cooler.

The Local Weather. 9 o'clock last night . . . . . 68 7 o'clock this morning . . . . . 75 2 o'clock this afternoon . . . . . 68

SUFFERS FOR BROTHER

EARL HOXSEY PROBABLY FATALLY BURNED BY LIVE ELECTRIC WIRE.

Ray Hoxsey Sustains Severe Burns—Older Brother Fell Across Live Wire—Small Hopes Entertained for Recovery.

From Friday's Daily. Hovering between life and death and unconscious, Earl Hoxsey, aged nineteen years, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hoxsey, of 495 Center avenue, lies at the city hospital, under the care of four physicians, as a result of probably fatal electric burns and shocks received at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon. Ray Hoxsey, a brother of Earl, was dangerously burned and shocked at the same time and Jesse Smith, a younger boy, was seriously hurt and shocked, but is in no danger of his life.

The accident happened at the corner of Norris street and Center avenue. Ray and Earl Hoxsey and Jesse Smith were playing at the corner. Ray came in contact with a brace wire running from an electric light pole which in some manner was in direct contact with a live electric light wire. He could not get away and Jesse Smith ran up to him and attempted to pull him away. The moment his hands touched Ray he was severely burned and knocked several feet into the street.

Earl Hoxsey then ran to his brother's assistance. He grabbed him and succeeded in pulling Ray loose, but he himself fell over the brace wire and lay unconscious. The cries of the boys brought neighbors to the scene, who pulled Earl from the wire and lifted Ray out of the ditch where he had fallen.

Drs. D. C. Brockman, A. O. Williams, E. A. Sheafe and L. J. Baker and the police station were at once notified. Earl was found to be terribly burned on both arms and across the breast and he is still lying unconscious, despite the efforts of physicians. Ray remained in an unconscious state till nearly 4 o'clock. He is slowly recovering and his life is not despaired of. Jesse Smith was found to have escaped aside from the shock and a few burns on his hands.

No Hope for Life. The physicians at the hospital state that there is practically no hope that Earl will survive, and his death is momentarily expected.

CAPTIVES RELEASED

ION PERDICARIS AND CROMWELL VARLEY ARE ON THEIR WAY TO TANGIER.

Washington, D. C., June 24.—Consul Gummere cables the state department from Tangier today that a communication has just been received from Perdicaris and Varley which states that they are leaving for Laszcu. Gummere expects them to arrive at Tangier tonight.

BISHOP M'LAREN IS VERY ILL. Head of Protestant Episcopal Diocese Has Heart Disease.

New York, June 24.—Bishop McLaren of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Chicago, is critically ill at his summer home in Mt. Pleasant, N. J., with heart disease.

LACEY MEMBER NEW COMPANY. Congressman One of Incorporators of Mahaska Construction Company.

Des Moines, June 23.—The name of Congressman John F. Lacey, of the sixth district, appears with those of several other parties who have incorporated the Mahaska Construction company, of Oskaloosa. The company has a capital of \$10,000. Besides Congressman Lacey the incorporators include Sam Balduff, A. E. Stocker, H. L. Spencer, George Kalbach, C. S. Lofland and others of Oskaloosa, and Harry E. O'Neill of Omaha.

CORTELYOU WILL BE CHAIRMAN IN FACT AS WELL AS IN NAME

Chicago, June 24.—George B. Cortelyou was chosen chairman of the republican national committee at a meeting held yesterday just after the adjournment of the convention. In thanking the committee for the honor he told the members that while he would be glad to have the benefit of their advice and counsel, he intended to be chairman in fact and would accept no dictation from any one, high or low.

He told them the friends of the late chairman, Mr. Hanna, were his friends and he asked for the same measure of confidence and support that had been given to the last chairman. In conclusion he sought the advice of both old and new members. Cortelyou made no formal statement to the convention. He resigned as secretary of commerce and labor as soon as he was elected chairman, the resignation to take effect as soon as his successor qualifies, which will be about July 1.

DESPERATE MAN SHOOTS WOMAN AND SUICIDES

GIANTS WILL BE THERE. Sioux City Y. M. C. A. Basketball Team Will Compete at St. Louis.

From Friday's Daily. The Sioux City Y. M. C. A. basketball team, which was defeated by the local association's team last winter, will go to the World's Fair in August and compete in the basketball carnival to be held there. The Ottumwa team has disbanded and will not go to St. Louis.

DEPORTED MINER SUICIDES. Despondent Because Wife and Children Were Destitute.

Denver, June 24.—Emil L. Johnson a miner who was deported from Cripple Creek by the military command suicide here yesterday. He was despondent because his wife and two small children were left destitute in Cripple Creek.

ASSAULTED DURING LAWSUIT. Judson Curtis Charged With Assault and Battery.

From Friday's Daily. A hard fought assault and battery case in which Judson Curtis is charged with assaulting Dr. M. L. Davis of Agency and breaking his jaw while a lawsuit was in progress before Justice Carmen of Pleasant township is being tried before Justice J. A. Ballard today. The assault is alleged to have occurred while the case of J. H. Curtis against O. C. Jordan a suit on contract was being tried before Justice Carmen. Constable E. M. Campbell and Attorney W. S. Coen were assisting M. L. Davis in the defense. The prosecution was conducted by M. B. Sparks of Washington township. It is alleged that while Dr. Davis was addressing the court, Judson Curtis, the father of the plaintiff struck the Agency man, breaking his jaw. The defense claims that Dr. Davis was reaching for a gun when Curtis struck him. The legal tangle is further complicated by the allegation that after the assault the defendant in the present case pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery and was fined. The case is a hard fought one and the court room today was crowded with spectators. The attorneys in the case are W. H. C. Jaques and W. S. Coen for the prosecution and M. E. Sparks and B. W. Scott for the defense.

THE PACKING HOUSE PICNIC. Rumored Around Town That the Big Yearly Event Will Be at Keokuk.

From Friday's Daily. The annual picnic of the Packing House Mutual Aid association will be held at Keokuk upon August 18, according to rumors around town today. The river city is after the event, but as yet the committee in whose hands the arrangements for the picnic is left undecided definitely. The Ft. Dodge baseball team is scheduled to play there upon that date.

MARRIED SIXTY YEARS. A. W. Lee's Parents to Celebrate Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.

From Friday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lee and daughter, Laura, left on the Milwaukee at 12:30 p. m. today for Muscatine, where they go to attend a family reunion and participate in the celebration of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. Lee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lee, which occurs on Sunday, June 26. A family dinner is to be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mahlin, Muscatine, tomorrow evening.

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DETROIT INSURANCE MAN COMES AWOL. Swayse An Insurance Man.

It is Said That a Note Has Been Found Saying That the Two Had Been Intimate and Woman Had Hounded Swayse—She May Live.

Miss Alvered rode up to the building in an automobile accompanied by a man. She went to the eleventh floor and entering the office of the insurance company asked to have a private interview with Swayse. She was shown into a small private office where Swayse joined her, shutting and locking the door.

Struggle Follows Shooting. In a few moments persons in the office heard a struggle and then screams, followed in quick succession by several pistol shots. Manager McCall broke open the door and found the woman prostrate on the floor with her hair dishevelled, her waist torn and blood pouring from pistol wounds in her neck and wrist.

Drops to Pavement. Through the open window McCall could see Swayse's hands clutching window ledge. Then Swayse let go and his body went whirling down through the air. It hit several wires and turned over twice, striking on the face and chest.

Had Shot Himself. A bullet wound in the man's nose showed that he had also shot himself before taking the plunge.

Cause of Trouble. Miss Alvered worked at the house of correction when Swayse was assistant superintendent there. A letter written by Swayse has been found which says Miss Alvered and Swayse had been intimate, that the intimacy was responsible for Swayse losing his position at the house of correction and that the woman had been hounding him.

CONTAINED MANY GERMS. Milk That Poisoned Iowa City People is Examined.

Iowa City, June 24.—The University of Iowa bacteriology department has partially completed its analysis of the milk taken from the can which contained the fluid that poisoned the entire Edwards family, near Iowa City, nearly causing the death of several. The examination revealed enough milk germs, not ordinary ptomaines to kill a small regiment. The scientists will now search for mold germs, which may have fallen from the nearby wall. Some mold germs, the Iowa bacteriologists say, are harmless, and others, deadly.

HAYTI IS VERY SORRY

OGIES FOR STONING PORT AU PRINCE.

Port Au Prince, June 24.—French Minister Depres has received a letter from the Haytian government apologizing for the action of the palace guard in stoning the minister on Wednesday. The incident is regarded here as closed.

Paris, June 24.—The government has decided to send a warship to Port Au Prince to demand reparation for the recent attack on the French minister by the palace guard.

Doesn't Excite Germany. Berlin, June 24.—The foreign office treats the stoning of the German minister at Port Au Prince calmly and is disposed to regard it as the work of the idle street population.