

THREE OUTER FORTS NEAR PORT ARTHUR ARE TAKEN

UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT GREAT JAPANESE VICTORY REACHES TOKIO TODAY.

RUSSIAN SHIPS ON ROCKS

Chinese Say a Big Vessel is Disabled Near Port Arthur—Twenty of the Czar's Sailors Drowned—Russian Warship Said to Be Ramméd.

Tokio, June 29.—It is unofficially reported that Chikwanshan, Chitanshan and Sochoshan forts, southeast of and part of the Port Arthur defenses, were captured Sunday after an all day fight, beginning with an artillery duel.

The Japanese lost three officers and 100 men killed or wounded. They captured two guns and a quantity of ammunition. The officials here do not yet confirm the report.

Chee Foo, June 29.—Chinese from Port Arthur report that a large vessel, presumably Russian, is on the rocks ten miles southeast of Liao The Chan promontory. The Chinese state that fighting is continuous on land and sea.

Twenty Sailors Drowned. St. Petersburg, June 29.—The substitute submarine boat Delfin sank at its moorings in the Neva, off the Baltic shipbuilding yard at 11 o'clock this morning with the loss of one officer, Lieutenant Cherkasoff, and twenty men.

Man Tries to Escape. The accident was due partly to the excessive number of the crew, who are mostly inexperienced men, but chiefly to the unfortunate attempt of a man to escape while his comrades were screwing down the manhole.

A Hurried Retreat. Then Tain, June 29.—It is reported that the Russians were defeated about sixteen miles east of Hai Cheng yesterday and owing to the rapid advance of the Japanese the Russians at Tacheniao are hurriedly retreating north, fearing that they will be cut off.

Russian Ship Ramméd. St. Petersburg, June 29.—The report has just reached the Associated Press that the Russian ironclad Menia ramméd the Russian battleship Navarin at Cronstadt this afternoon. The details have not been ascertained.

Will Not Sail Today. There is no truth in the report that a portion of the second Pacific squadron will sail from Cronstadt today for the far east.

Emperor Inspects Ships. The emperor today inspected the condition of the ships destined for the far east.

Oyama to Go to Front. Tokio, June 29.—Marquis Oyama, commander in chief of the Japanese troops at Manchuria and Lieutenant General Kodama, his chief of staff, start for the front July 6. Their exact destination is withheld.

Russians Not Worrying. Hai Cheng, June 29.—The war picture has quickly changed thanks to General Kuroki's movement.

A heavy engagement is expected soon near the village of Si Mou Cheng fifteen miles southeast of Hai Cheng and an equal distance due east of the railway.

The Japanese have now passed Dalin hill and are twenty miles south of the Russian position.

The Associated Press correspondent returned from Ta Tche Kiao at dawn today. A terrific rain rendered the roads almost impassable.

The Russian regiments are camped on high ground. Signal fires from the hill tops are constantly flaring, lighting up the bivouacs and the horse lines of the cavalry regiments.

In Good Condition. The Russian troops are in excellent condition. General Kuropatkin and his staff are apparently quite easy in their minds.

Oku Marching South. Hai Cheng, June 29.—The Japanese are continuing to advance from Shuyen, and Feng Wang Seng. General Oku is also moving south from Senuch.

LOOKS LIKE MURDER.

Body of Woman With Tie Knotted Under Neck Found at St. Paul. St. Paul, Minn., June 29.—The body of a stylishly dressed woman, about 30 years of age was found floating in the Mississippi river here with a silk tie knotted tightly around the neck. The indications are that the woman was murdered.

COMMENCEMENT DAY AT YALE AND HARVARD

New Haven, Conn., June 29.—The formal commencement exercises and the annual alumni dinner were the two chief features of today's program at Yale. Among the recipients of the honorary degrees bestowed was Chas. Richard Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin.

Bad Weather at Cambridge. Cambridge, Mass., June 29.—The weather for Harvard's commencement today was most unfavorable, but nevertheless the attendance was larger than in many years.

WOMAN FRIGHTFULLY BURNED.

Mrs. Eulis Youse of Green Mountain, Falls Upon Hot Stove. Marshalltown, June 29.—Mrs. Eulis Youse, aged 25, wife of a farmer living three and one-half miles northeast of Green Mountain fell on the cook stove near which she was at work and was burned so badly as to be practically unrecognizable.

REPORT NOT BELIEVED.

Story That George McCoombs and Albia Woman are Found Reaches Albia. Albia, June 29.—(Special)—A story to the effect that George McCoombs and Mrs. Sperry, who disappeared from Albia simultaneously a few weeks ago, had been arrested in California was circulated on the streets of Albia last night.

LEHIGH ROAD PAYS.

First Dividend in Eleven Years is Declared by Directors. Philadelphia, June 29.—The board of directors of the Lehigh Valley railroad today declared an annual dividend of ten per cent on preferred stock, and a semi-annual dividend of one per cent on common. This is the first dividend in eleven years.

GUNBOAT GETS ORDERS.

German Vessel is Sent to Port au Prince From Newport News. Berlin, June 29.—The German gunboat Panther, now at Newport News, Va., today received orders to sail for Port au Prince immediately.

HOMES ARE FLOODED

CLOUDBURST NEAR PITTSBURG RESULTS IN ONE DEATH AND HEAVY DAMAGE.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 29.—Over 500 homes, business houses and school houses within a short distance from Pittsburg on the Pan Handle railroad were inundated in from two to ten feet of water in Robinson's Run hollow and Chartier's valley by a cloudburst last night.

One Life Lost. Many buildings and bridges were washed away, horses and cattle were drowned and at least one life was lost. There were many narrow escapes from death. The monetary damage will reach \$100,000.

en. General Samsnoff is contesting his progress, but is not offering serious resistance.

Disposition of Japanese. The Japanese force which is advancing from Motien Pass is composed of three regiments and ten batteries of artillery. A force of equal strength is advancing from Fen Shui pass on the high road to Liao Yang.

WISCONSIN DAY AT FAIR

BADGER STATE'S NOTABLE CITIZENS GATHER AT ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

PARADE AND PROGRAM

Captain Percy Atkins in Charge of the British Educational Exhibit at the Fair Makes an Address Before the Teachers' Association.

St. Louis, June 29.—Wisconsin day was celebrated at the Louisiana Purchase exposition today. Governor LaFollette and his staff were met at the depot and escorted to the administration building, where the party was joined by President Francis and a military escort.

There was a parade to the Wisconsin state building, where a program of music and addresses was carried out. The building was presented to the exposition by Ex-Governor W. E. Hoard, president of the Wisconsin state board of managers, who made an address as did also President Francis, Governor LaFollette, Congressman Adams and Hon. Kirby Thomas.

At today's session of the National Education association the first speaker was Captain Percy Atkins, in charge of the British educational exhibit at the exposition. He discussed the topic, "Popular Education in England."

Illinois Man Makes Address. O. J. Kern, superintendent of schools of Winnebago county (Rockford), Illinois, was the next speaker. He discussed at length "Educational Possibilities for the Country Child in the United States."

MacLean Presides.

"University Rally Day" was observed at the Missouri state building yesterday. Alumni, students and members of the university faculties from all over the country were present. Addresses were made by President J. B. Angell of the Michigan state university; Hon. John Sharpe Williams of Mississippi, who is an alumnus of the University of Virginia and spoke upon "Thomas Jefferson's Educational Ideas and the University of Virginia." President George Fellows of the University of Maine and Chancellor Robert Fulton of the University of Mississippi. President George E. MacLean of the University of Iowa presided.

OBJECT TO NEW BILLS

MANUFACTURERS AND SHIPPERS WEST OF CHICAGO MAKE A PROTEST.

Chicago, June 29.—At a meeting here today the manufacturers and shippers in the territory between Chicago and the Pacific coast started a campaign against the proposed new bill of lading which the various railroads intend to put into operation October 1 and by which it is claimed the freight rates will be increased 20 per cent.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

Nebraska Authorities Have Men Thought to Be Iowa Murderers. Lincoln, Neb., June 29.—The marshal of Waverly, a village twelve miles east of Lincoln, made two arrests last evening of suspects who are held on the theory that they were the murderers of George Gallup, near West Liberty, Iowa, last week.

ASLEEP BETWEEN RAILS.

Unknown Man Run Over and Killed By Milwaukee Train. Dubuque, June 29.—(Special)—An unknown man, supposedly insane, was run over by a Milwaukee passenger train fifteen miles north of here and badly mangled. The man was sleeping between the rails and was seen too late by the engineer to allow him to stop.

CRISIS IN LUMBER TRADE.

Des Moines Merchants Say Prices Will Advance Fifteen Per Cent. Des Moines, June 29.—(Special)—Des Moines lumber merchants predict a crisis in the lumber business covering the entire country. The prices will advance fifteen per cent within the next month, they say.

STEPANEK SUSPECTED

NET TIGHTENED AROUND IOWA CITY MAN BY CORONER'S WITNESSES.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE

Story of Fight Between Frank Casteck, the Dead Man, and Stepanek, Is Told by Witness at Inquest—Rivals the Famous Gallagher Case.

Iowa City, June 29.—The coroner's jury which is investigating the death of Frank Casteck, adjourned last evening without reaching a verdict but testimony of the most sensational nature was introduced, and indications are that the case will rival the famous Gallagher murder trial which it resembles in many ways.

Doctor to Testify. Harry Schleuter was the first witness. He testified that he went to the Casteck house at 4:30 o'clock Monday morning as they were to drive to Iowa City.

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Inspector Lundberg pleaded not guilty and was released on \$1,000 bail. Ball was fixed at \$5,000 each for President Barnaby and Secretary Atkinson and bonds were furnished at once.

LAST DAY IN CABINET.

Cortelyou and Knox Take Leave of Fellow Members. Washington, D. C., June 29.—Attorney General Knox and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Cortelyou took leave of their cabinet associates at yesterday's meeting.

Fortunado Pigneri, Suspected of Killing Des Moines Man, is Released. Des Moines, June 29.—(Special)—Fortunado Pigneri, the Italian who has been held on suspicion of the murder of Thomas Callahan, was released on a habeas corpus writ today.

MURDER MYSTERY DEEPENS.

That the president, Frank A. Barnaby, the secretary, James K. Atkinson, and the board of directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, namely, Frank A. Barnaby, Chas. E. Hill, James K. Atkinson, C. DeLacey Evans, Robert K. Story, Floyd S. Corbin and Frank G. Dexter, were guilty of criminal negligence in the failure to see to the proper equipment of the General Slocum in the matter of the fire fighting and life saving appliances on board said boat.

URAGUAYAN REBELS WIN LONG FIGHT

BATTLE AT TUPANAOE RESULTS IN DEFEAT FOR GOVERNMENT FORCES.

Buenos Ayres, June 29.—Dispatches from Bage, a Brazilian town near the Uruguayan frontier, say a courier has arrived there with a report of a battle at Tupanaoe, Uruguay. The fighting began on Wednesday of last week and continued through the following day. The government had 600 men killed and 800 wounded and the revolutionists 100 killed and 600 wounded.

THE WEATHER

Iowa—Generally fair tonight and Thursday. The Local Weather. 9 p. m. Tuesday 63 7 a. m. today 62 12 p. m. today 74

JURY FIXES THE BLAME

OFFICIALS OF KNICKERBOCKER STEAMBOAT CO. AND SLOCUM'S OFFICERS HELD.

SEVERAL ARRESTS MADE

The Coroner's Jury in Its Finding, Condemns the Steamboat Company and the Officers of the Ship for Their Neglect—Boat's Mate Called Coward.

New York, June 29.—The inquiry conducted by Coroner Berry and a jury into the General Slocum disaster was concluded yesterday afternoon and after nearly four hours' deliberation, a verdict was rendered in which the directors of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company the captain of the Slocum, Captain Pease the commodore of the company's fleet, and others, were held criminally responsible.

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PROHIBITIONISTS SAY THE NATION NEEDS THEM

MUST PUNISH GUILTY ONES. The Satisfaction Which Germany and France Will Demand of Hayti.

THIRTY-NINE MORE MINERS ARE DEPORTED

Denver, June 29.—Thirty-nine men were deported from Cripple Creek last night under a military escort and arrived in this city today, joining the colony of 200 exiles already established here.

"SATAN" ANDREWS CAUGHT.

Alleged Rapist Wanted at Des Moines is Captured in Arkansas. Des Moines, June 29.—"Satan" Andrews has been captured at last.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE "DRYS" OPENS WITH FLOURISH AT INDIANAPOLIS.

OLD PARTIES SCORED

Temporary Chairman Castle of Pittsburgh in His Address, Has Nothing But Criticism for Republicans and Democrats.

Indianapolis, June 29.—The tenth national prohibition convention was called to order today in Tomson hall by National Chairman Oliver W. Stewart. Four thousand delegates, alternates and visitors were present.

After the opening prayer by Rev. George H. Pecke, of Sandusky, Ohio, the chairman introduced W. S. Doan, who welcomed the delegates on behalf of the prohibitionists of the state.

When he mentioned the name of General Miles there was a burst of applause and as he concluded three cheers were given for Doan. Chairman Stewart made a brief reply and introduced Homer L. Castle, of Pittsburgh, Pa., as temporary chairman.

Castle Scores Old Parties. In his address Mr. Castle, after touching upon the questions of polygamy, the marriage and divorce laws, the trusts, and the acquisition of the Philippines and other outlying islands all of which he said had not been dealt with from the standpoint of the statesman, but always as the politician, continued:

"Tribute to Republicans. "Where is a political aggregation that can be trusted to cope with these evils? Will it be that the crowd of insane, becalmed men who gathered last week in Chicago to do the bidding of the hero of bloodless San Juan and placed a democratic secretary in charge of their national committee and coerced some one of even semi-national reputation to agree to run with this despoiler of every trust except the whiskey trust? By no manner of means.

The Smoot Case. "The men who as senators have not the courage to send back to Utah its much married Smoot can never be trusted to cope with the evil whose talons are sunk deep in every municipality in this broad land.

Shall we trust that crowd of uncaged hyenas who will convene next week in St. Louis and whose chief occupation seems to be to dig in some graveyard, uncovering the bones of some bygone dead issue and falling to find substance upon these, they turn to read each other, apparently caring nothing for the peace and the dignity and the preservation of the nation in their desire to gnaw at each other's throats? By no manner of means. Nor shall we wait to see what they will do for the democratic convention can always be trusted to do the wrong thing at the right time."

Prohibs Are Right. Mr. Castle concluded by saying that there never was a clearer call for a party who could stand before the American people sure of need of the land, positive of its position on public questions and fearless in its espousal of the cause of right. After the announcement of committees was read a recess was taken until 2 o'clock.

Invited to St. Louis. President Francis of the St. Louis exposition, extended an invitation to the convention to attend the fair.

The Permanent Officers. The committee on permanent organization has selected A. G. Wolfenberger, of Lincoln, Neb., for the permanent chairman, and W. G. Colderwood, of Minneapolis, for permanent secretary.

WANT SYNOD

CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS TO ESTABLISH CENTRAL CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Louisville, Ky., June 29.—The committee on the synod to the conference of the American Rabbis today reported establishing a synod for the central government of the church. This is the most important step since the foundation of the reformed Judaism, the congregations having hitherto been practically independent.

Negro Beats Wife. Davenport, June 29.—William Durley, colored, yesterday threw his wife to the floor so hard, in administering a little home discipline, that her backbone was fractured and she was removed to a hospital completely paralyzed. Durley was arrested. His wife is not expected to live.

Secretary Moody Honored. Amherst, Mass., June 29.—Secretary of the Navy Moody was given the honorary degree of doctor of laws at the Amherst college commencement exercises, held here today.