

WRECK VICTIMS

Latest Estimate of Number of Persons Killed by a Rio Grand Wreck.

The latest estimate of the loss of life by the wreck of the Denver & Rio Grande train going through a bridge is placed at more than one hundred out of 125 persons on the train.

MANY JAPANESE ARE SLAIN

RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENT OCCURS FIERCE FIGHTING SIGHTED NEAR HOUTSIATZE.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—A dispatch to the Bourse Gazette from Liaoyang says that another great battle has been fought in the neighborhood of Houtsiatze, on the railroad about fourteen miles west of Liaoyang.

GENERAL KELLER RECKLESS.

Warned Against Exposure Which Led to His Death.

Liaoyang, Aug. 8.—Prince Shrensky, an eyewitness of Lieutenant General Keller's death, says it was due to a reckless inspection of the batteries made on foot.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—The Liaoyang dispatch to the Bourse Gazette is believed to refer to the fighting of July 30, 31 and Aug. 1.

REPORT DISCREDITED. Nagasaki Hears of the Fall of Port Arthur.

Nagasaki, Aug. 8.—It is reported here that Port Arthur has been captured by the Japanese.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—The report of the fall of Port Arthur received from Nagasaki does not obtain greater credence at the admiralty and war offices here than previous telegrams on the same subject.

New York, Aug. 8.—It is not probable that the only point to learn of the fall of Port Arthur. There are no addresses from Tokyo or the Japanese legations at Washington and London to confirm the Nagasaki report.

PLEASES THE RUSSIANS.

Forbearance of United States Regarding Seizure of Contraband.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—The satisfaction of the Russian authorities at the forbearance of the United States government in connection with the neutral commerce situation is echoed in an editorial in the Novoe Vremya, which says the United States is naturally much interested in the declaration that foodstuffs are contraband and points out that rice was made contraband during the Franco-Chinese war.

NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

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St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—The army organ publishes the names of the officers killed or wounded July 31 and Aug. 1, showing that 7 were killed and 40 wounded, including General Delkin, commanding the Thirty-first artillery brigades.

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SEIZURE ADJUDGED LAWFUL.

Decision of Prize Court in Knight Commander Case.

Vladivostok, Aug. 8.—The prize court has adjudged the sunken steamer Knight Commander and its cargo a lawful prize. The trial of the case and an investigation of the steamer's papers, etc., established the fact that the cargo, consisting principally of iron sunstroke, was consigned through a Japanese port to Chemulpo, leading fairly to the inference that it was designed for use on the military railway under construction from Seoul to the Yalu.

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This opinion was expressed by an educated Russian who has just arrived here from Port Arthur by junk. He occupied an important semi-official position at Port Arthur and his views are regarded as valuable.

According to this Russian General Stoessel is in daily communication with General Kurapatkin. The three days' fighting of last week was done chiefly by artillery.

FIGHTING WAS HEAVY.

Port Arthur Newspaper Describes Recent Three Days' Battle.

Chefoo, Aug. 8.—A newspaper published at Port Arthur gives preliminary details of the recent heavy fighting there. The Japanese artillery opened a desultory fire on the afternoon of July 25.

Their heaviest fire was directed against the batteries, which included the 12-inch naval guns commanded by Prince Tschelidze and Captain Skryloff. A perfect shower of shells bit the earthworks or went screeching into the valley behind, doing considerable damage to the artillerymen.

In the meanwhile the Russian infantry, passive witnesses of the artillery duel, lay in their trenches awaiting an attack. They were well protected and but a few shells fell among them.

At 9 o'clock volley firing gave warning that the Japanese assault would follow swiftly. As the Japanese infantry advanced the Japanese artillery fire slackened somewhat, but the Russian batteries replied with increased vigor, while the Russian riflemen volleyed rapidly and with great animation.

For an hour the Japanese advanced intrepidly in the face of a fire which is described as a thousand volcanoes in simultaneous eruption. The Japanese advance against the Russian right wing ceased and the Russians cheered, but at this moment news arrived from General Stoessel, the commander-in-chief at Port Arthur, announcing that the terrific pounding was nothing more than a mask to cover the concentration of Japanese troops preparatory to an attack upon the Russian left wing, of which Wolfs mountain was the key.

At noon the Japanese, who had been attacking, suddenly ceased firing and presently observers, with the aid of field glasses, could see the enemy quietly eating rice. After this the right wing was occasionally reminded of the presence of the Japanese by the descent of a huge shell, but the worst was over. In the meanwhile the masked attack which ensued in the capture of Wolfs mountain, had been developed.

CONDITIONS STILL IRREGULAR.

Disappointing Reports on Wheat Offset Good Advances on Corn.

New York, Aug. 8.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade says business and industrial conditions are still irregular and render generalization as to the future difficult. Continued good reports from the cotton crop and absolutely brilliant conditions in cotton tend to offset undeniably disappointing reports in the premier cereal, wheat.

Dispatches to Bradstreet's indicate an appreciable enlargement in the distribution of merchandise at Western points, collections show a slight gain and Southern advices are optimistic. The iron trade, too, is showing improvement, and even bituminous coal is looking up. Other basic industries are not so favorably situated. Anthracite coal production is curtailed and demand is slack, except where stocks need replenishing. Demand for boots and shoes is less than a year ago, but leather is active and higher, owing partly to the effect of the meat strike upon the hide market. A few large stocks are responsi-

EIGHT WADE OUT TO DEATH.

Party of Bathers at Alton, Ill., Perish Hand-in-Hand.

Alton, Ill., Aug. 8.—While bathing in the Mississippi river Michael Riley, his daughter and six of the latter's little girl friends were drowned. One child who was in the party was rescued.

JUDGE GRAY MAY ARBITRATE.

Coal Operators Propose to Submit Controversy to Him.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 8.—At the meeting of the anthracite board of conciliation held at the request of the miners the operators presented a plan for the settlement of the check weighmen and check docking boss questions, which have caused so much trouble in the upper coal fields. The operators ask that the entire controversy be submitted to Judge George Gray, chairman of the anthracite coal strike commission, his decision to be final and binding. The miners asked until Aug. 12 to consider the proposal.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

The alien labor bill, introduced by Sir William Mulock, has passed the Canadian house of commons.

Gustavus W. Nagle, a noted bridge builder, is dead at Elmira, N. Y. He was born in Germany. During the Civil war he organized and superintended the bridge corps of the United States military railroads department.

Rev. Walter J. Shanley of Hartford, Conn., president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, announces that he has called the thirty-fourth annual convention of the organization to be held in St. Louis Aug. 10, 11 and 12.

Union men laid off by the Pullman company last week when the working force was decreased have protested to the Chicago Federation of Labor that they will not be re-employed unless they make application for work through the employment bureau of the Chicago Employers' association.

FORTY THOUSAND AFFECTED.

Building Trades Lockout in Force in New York City.

New York, Aug. 8.—The building trades lockout declared Friday is in effect. When all the orders have been carried out it is estimated that nearly 40,000 union men will have been forced out of employment.

The Felt and Waterproofing Workers' union has been added to the long list of unions affected by the lockout. The Association of Journeymen Stonecutters of New York and vicinity have special grievance with the lockout orders, as they emphatically state they lived up to all agreements with the Building Trades Employers' association.

INSECT KILLS MAN.

Fatal Blood Poisoning Follows Bite Thought Harmless.

Oscuela, Wis., Aug. 8.—Frank Arndt, twenty-one years old, died during the day of blood poisoning. Monday night he was bitten by some poisonous insect, but thought nothing of it. Later the wound grew worse and he came to town to see a physician, but it was too far advanced to save him.

SCARE FOR THE SULTAN

Washington Officials Order the European Squadron to Turkish Waters.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The European squadron has been ordered to Turkish waters. The orders were cabled to Rear Admiral Jewell, commander of the squadron, at Nice. His ships are the Olympia, Baltimore and Cleveland. The destination of the fleet is Smyrna. This place was selected because it afforded direct cable communication with Washington and is only about 300 miles distant from Constantinople. The trip probably will be made in three days and when he arrives there Admiral Jewell will put himself in communication with Minister Leishman and also report to Washington.

Fleet is Now at Nice and the Journey Will Occupy Only Three Days.

The children struggled and screamed, fighting desperately to reach the sandbar, where the water was only a foot or so in depth. Riley, who is said to have been a good swimmer, is thought to have been made helpless by the girls clinging to him and hampering his efforts to save them.

The only one in the party to regain the sandbar was Mary Timiny, eight years old.

ONE DEAD, TEN INJURED.

Trolley Car Struck by a Train at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Aug. 8.—Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe passenger train No. 1 from Chicago crashed into a trolley car at Fifteenth street, at the Bell line crossing in the eastern end of the city. One person was killed and ten injured, one seriously. The accident was caused by the bars being up. Harry Black, the flagman, who was hurt slightly, says that he was sick and unable to bring the bars into position. There were fourteen persons on the car. The engine struck it square in the center and pushed it eighty feet off the roadbed, turning the car over and partially demolishing it.

J. L. Morris of Pleasant Hill, Mo., who was standing beside the track, was caught in the debris and was so badly hurt that he died in twenty minutes. Mrs. Minnie Stanberry of Kansas City was perhaps the most seriously hurt. She suffered serious injury to her back and probably was hurt internally. She may recover. The injuries sustained by the others consisted in cuts and bruises.

TAGGART VISITS GORMAN.

Democratic Chairman Selecting National Headquarters.

New York, Aug. 8.—Chairman Taggart of the Democratic national committee called on Senator Gorman early in the day and then visited the different buildings which are under consideration for headquarters in this city. Arrangements are about completed for the assembling of the Parker notification committee in this city Tuesday and the trip to Esopus Wednesday morning.

RUSSIAN REPORTS EXAGGERATED.

But Few Sections in the Northwest Are Affected.

Minneapolis, Aug. 8.—Reports from the wheat fields of the Northwest show that the widespread talk of rust is unfounded to a large extent. While in some sections the farmers will lose practically all of their crops there is little damage outside the immediate localities where the rust is the worst. A conservative estimate of the loss from this source places the shortage in Minnesota at about 10 per cent, in South Dakota at from 15 to 20 per cent and in North Dakota about 5 per cent. There has been no widening of the affected area and unless the rust does spread there will undoubtedly be an average crop.

ADVANCED IN UNITED STATES.

One Hundred Young Filipinos to Take Four-Year Course.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The 100 young Filipinos, whose arrival at St. Louis has been reported to the bureau of consular affairs at the war department, will be placed in educational institutions throughout the United States with the opening of the school system this fall and then will go through a four-year course of study. They will spend six weeks at the St. Louis fair.

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