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NAVAL FIGHT IN PROGRESS

St. Petersburg Gets News of An Engagement.

PROBABLY THE VLADIVOSTOK FLEET

The Battle is Supposed to Be Raging
in the Korean Strait—Details
Lacking.

PARIS, June 17.—According to a St. Petersburg dispatch a naval battle is in progress near Tsu islands, straits of Korea.

Cannonading is Heard.
TOKIO, June 17.—A report from Saito near Sasebo says cannonading is heard off the coast. The Japanese fleet may have met the Russian fleet. One report has it that the Russian fleet

was sighted off Oki Island yesterday. However, it is probable that fog again saved the Russian squadron, though it is not believed here that it has returned to Vladivostok. Another report this evening says that Admiral Kamuri caught up with and sank one of the Russian vessels off Shimaneken in northern Japan.

Story of Survivors.
TOKIO, June 17.—The survivors of the Japanese transport Hitachi Maru, sunk by Russian warships in the straits of Korea Wednesday, have arrived at Tokio. They say the Russians were sighted at 7 a. m. The Japanese attempted to escape but at 10 the Russians opened a terrific fire and in a few minutes the decks of the transports were covered with corpses. Shells struck the engine room, killing 200. At 6 in the evening the Hitachi Maru sank. Captain Campbell, the English commander, is missing, having jumped overboard. The chief engineer was killed on the bridge. Colonel Esuski, commander of the troops ordered the flag burned when he saw all was lost and he, the second mate and other officers, committed suicide.

American Correspondent Under Arrest
WASHINGTON, June 17.—United States Minister Griscom at Tokio cables the state department that Hector Fuller an Indianapolis News correspondent, is under arrest at Port

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THERY WINS AUTO RACE

Frenchman Kissed and Embraced by Ladies.

KAISER MASTER OF CEREMONIES

German Contestant Was Second in the Race—American Chauffeurs Not In It.

HAMBURG, June 17.—Emperor William gave the flag signal for the first start precisely at 7 this morning and with the mighty cheers of thousands the great Bennett automobile race was on. In the imperial pavilion with the kaiser were the empress, the king of Wurtemberg, the German crown prince, Grand Duke Ernst Louis of Hesse, Grand Duke Frederic Francis and numerous princes, who with their suits make a striking group in which gorgeous military uniforms were a conspicuous feature. Near the starting line on opposite sides of the course were two grand stands, each seating 5000, both packed with eager spectators, while 20,000 more sightseers assembled in the grand enclosure of six miles circumference.

In drawing lots for the order of starting, Jenatzky, a German, secured the first chance. He led off on the kaiser's signal. His car leaped forward and in two seconds was lost to view in the crowded lines. At intervals of seven minutes the cars started, each encouraged by rounds of applause. Following Jenatzky came Edge (England), Werner (Austria), Land Blanca (Italy), Thery (France), Hautvast (Belgian), Baron Von Caters (German), Girling (English), Braun (Austrian), Cagno (Italy), Dalleron (French), Augleries (Belgian), Opel (German), Jarrott (English), Warden (Austrian), Storere (Italian), Rougier (French), Baron De Crawneze (Belgian), Dufaux (Swiss).

Opel was soon out of the race with broken axles.

It is reported that Jenatzky killed a man along the route.

Thery (French), driving a Richard Brasier car, won the race.

Thery beat Jenatzky by but a few minutes. He was given a rousing ovation and several French ladies embraced and kissed the victor. The kaiser summoned Thery to the imperial box and congratulated him.

Thery's time was five hours fifty minutes and three seconds. Jenatzky's time was six hours one minute and 21 seconds. Jenatzky arrived first, but his actual running time was more than the Frenchman's.

INFORMAL RECEPTION.

Bankers and Ladies Were Entertained Last Evening.

One of the nicest and most pleasant social events of the year was the reception given the wives of the visiting bankers at the home of Professor and Mrs. Louis F. Anderson on Boyer avenue yesterday afternoon. Nearly all the visiting bankers and their wives were present as well as the husbands of the receiving ladies. The dining room was very effectively and strikingly decorated with cherries and the receiving room with pink roses. The affair was heartily enjoyed by the many guests present. Following is a list of those who assisted Mrs. Anderson in receiving:

Mrs. Levi Ankeny, Mrs. A. R. Burford, Mrs. D. S. Baker, Mrs. H. H. Turner, Miss Bessie Anderson, Miss Mildred Baker, Mrs. S. B. L. Penrose, Mrs. J. E. Boyer, Miss Josephine Payne, Miss Mabelle Brents, Miss Louise Baker, Miss Lenore McGrath, Mrs. J. E. Bingham, Mrs. R. D. Walsh, Mrs. A. M. Miller, Mrs. Joseph McCabe, Mrs. Paul Compton, Mrs. E. S. Isaacs, Mrs. A. H. Reynolds, Mrs. A. J. Gillis, Mrs. R. R. Rees, Mrs. W. M. Van Patten, Mrs. T. C. Elliott, Mrs. A. Reynolds, Miss Dorothy Elliott.

SIX HUNDRED RECOVERED

More Victims of Slocum Being Brought In.

MOST OF THE BODIES IDENTIFIED

Estimates of Loss of Life Now Range From Eight Hundred to One Thousand.

NEW YORK, June 17.—At 8 this morning the bodies of 529 persons who lost their lives in the Slocum disaster had been identified. The unidentified number 75. Six hundred are reported missing. At the morgue are 107 bodies this morning, 32 of which have been identified.

Six Hundred Bodies Found.

Another step toward the grave was taken in the Slocum tragedy today. Five hundred dead lie in their late homes shrouded and encased for burial. A few funerals will take place today, but the great bulk of the dead will go to their last resting places tomorrow or Sunday. The stricken district is swathed in black, white and purple crepe on the doors of hundreds of houses. Great crowds through the district, many of whom stop at the houses of the dead and pay their last respects. At the morgue this morning the coroner's list showed 599 bodies had been received. The majority of the dead recovered have been identified and nearly 500 bodies reclaimed have been removed by friends and relatives. Less than 100 bodies remained on the East Twenty-sixth street pier at 10 this morning. But scores of persons are again on hand looking for lost ones. It is still extremely difficult to estimate the number missing. Some city officials stick to yesterday's figures that over 1000 perished, which would show a missing list of 400. It is believed however, that this is an exaggeration and that when the story is all told the dead will be found to number about 800. Men to whom was assigned the gruesome task of recovering bodies from the wreck and the waters of the sound were at work early this morning. They were finding corpses more slowly, but will stick to the task for some days to come. The wreck will be thoroughly searched today. The wreckers believe that many bodies will be found entangled in the port paddle box. Bodies are now being recovered in East river, miles from the scene of the accident.

Making Investigations.

Four separate investigations are under way looking into the causes of the disaster and determine the blame.

Secretary Cortelyou is here with Supervising Inspector Uhler; District Attorney Jerome is making a rigid investigation; Fire Marshal Seery is making an inquiry, while the coroner's inquest begins Monday. Diver Rice at noon reported many bodies in the submerged paddle box.

First Funerals.

The first of the funerals was held this afternoon. Nearly 100 ministers of all denominations met this morning at St. Mark's Lutheran church to make arrangements to officiate at the funerals and devise means of raising funds for the needy. The injured in the hospitals are recovering.

At 3 this afternoon the morgue figures remain unchanged, all but 51 of 599 bodies having been identified. More bodies are coming up the river and will be placed in the morgue. At noon over \$8000 had been subscribed for the relief fund.

EXCURSION TO PENDLETON.

Two Good Ball Games Will Be Played Next Sunday.

The lovers of good baseball will have an opportunity next Sunday of witnessing two good games at Pendleton, when O'Connor's Mergers of this city meet the O. R. & N. team of Pendleton, and the De La Salle nine goes up against the celebrated Pendleton

Wonders. All arrangements have been made for the double header and much interest is being taken among the fans of Walla Walla and Pendleton. An excursion train will be run from Walla Walla to Pendleton by the O. R. & N., which will leave this city at 10 o'clock in the morning and will leave Pendleton at 7 o'clock in the evening. The round trip has been placed at \$1. A large crowd is expected to avail themselves of the excursion and the railroad company will provide a sufficient number of cars to carry all that want to go. The line up of the two Walla Walla teams will be as follows: O'Connor's Mergers—Marion, ss; Crocker, right; Gray, 3d; McAllister, 2d; Hanemann, center; J. Scally, left; Groseclose, c; Clements, 1st; Magson, p.
De La Salle—Miller, 1st; Boever, 3d; Parkes, right; T. Casey, ss; J. Casey, center; Lankard, c; McAllister, 2d; Collins, left; Aubin, p; Julian and Quinn, subs.

PURSUING TRAIN ROBBERS

ONE HUNDRED MEN WITH BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL OF THE BANDITS.

Scores of Cowboys and Ranchers Join in the Chase After the Thieves.

BUTTE, Mont., June 17.—Bloodhounds from the state penitentiary at 3 o'clock this morning took up the trail of the bandits who last night held up and robbed the east bound Northern Pacific, North Coast Limited train, near Bearmouth. The trails showed the men were on foot and had proceeded south one mile, where their horses had been tied. Apparently there were three robbers. A large posse following bloodhounds had tracked the men nine miles at 10 o'clock and expected to soon overtake them.

The robbed train arrived at Butte at 6 this morning. The passengers say there were three explosions, which broke the windows and the lamps in all coaches. The robbers are said to have secured about \$60,000 from the express safe. They blew the express car to bits. Before the explosion one robber said to an express messenger: "We are human you know," and untied a valuable setter dog owned by a passenger and led the animal from the express car so it would not be killed by the explosion. The passengers on the train were not molested. Most of them were going to the St. Louis fair and carried large sums of money, which with their valuables were hurriedly hidden when the first explosion occurred. During two hours and a half the robbers were blowing up the express car and leisurely gathering up the scattered coin the passengers were afraid to leave the cars. The robbers fired several hundred shots into the air to keep the passengers inside. The robbers also fired shots after the brakeman who escaped from the train and hurried to the nearest station to wire an alarm to the officials. A hundred men heavily armed are in pursuit and the escape of the robbers is believed to be impossible.

One of the robbers is thought to be "Kid" Curry for whom \$10,000 reward is offered dead or alive. Scores of cowboys and ranchers have joined in the chase.

Steamship Ohio Burns at Seattle.

SEATTLE, June 17.—The iron steamship Ohio took fire at Moran's dock at midnight. The berth deck aft was destroyed, causing a loss of \$45,000. The fire was due to spontaneous combustion in the linen room. The Ohio was formerly an Atlantic greyhound of 3400 tons.

Chicago Wheat and Corn.

CHICAGO, June 17.—July wheat 85 1/4 @ 87 1/4; new 84 1/4 @ 84 1/4; July corn 48 1/4 @ 48 1/4.

Nan Patterson's Case.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Judge Newberger today denied the application of Mrs. Nan Patterson's counsel to inspect the minutes of the grand jury in connection with her indictment for Caesar Young's alleged murder. The court set Tuesday next as the day for pleading. Mrs. Patterson was not in court.

SPOONER VS. LA FOLLETTE

Wisconsin Dispute Before National Committee.

ROOSEVELT HOPES FOR HARMONY

Pictures of Hanna Are Conspicuous at
Republican Headquarters—Presi-
dent's Photo Missing.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Behind closed doors the Wisconsin dispute was taken up this morning by the republican national committee. Chairman Payne surrendered the chair to Scott, so no charges of unfairness could be made. Both the LaFollette and the Spooner factions are well represented. That Roosevelt's chances in Wisconsin may not be jeopardized a strong effort is to be made to harmonize the factions. Each side was granted two hours to present its case. No Roosevelt picture is in evidence at republican headquarters, while in marked contrast Hanna photographs and lithographs are everywhere in profusion. The president's friends are indignant over this apparent slight.

Two classes of people are here. Fairbanks and a lot of exasperated politicians. With everything depending on some statement from him, the senator talks about the weather. Fairbanks seems to enjoy his peculiar situation, but even his friends do not. They are expected to know something but are compelled to admit that they are not in his confidence. As a result the situation gradually becomes more irritating. Elkins' name as a candidate for vice president is being circulated a little more freely. Hitt's boom appears to be strictly local. Cullom, who is behind Hitt, said to Fairbanks this morning:

"What are you going to do? Have you made up your mind?"

"I have nothing to say," answered Fairbanks.

"Then I'm for Hitt," said the Illinois senator.

"A good man, a very good man," remarked the Indianian.

Cullom afterwards said:

"I think Fairbanks wants the nomination but he wants to be coaxed."

Congressman Hemenway, of Indiana, this afternoon made the following statement believed to be semi-official: "Fairbanks will accept the nomination provided it is tendered him. He will not do anything calculated to indicate that he is seeking it."

In this connection it is said by friends of the administration that the program is to allow the matter to rest until Sunday, awaiting the arrival of other persons, when a delegation of representatives of the administration will call on Fairbanks and offer their support for the nomination and Fairbanks will accept gracefully. Despite the general Fairbanks feeling there is undecurrent talk of stampeding the convention for Cannon.

Forbes vs. Neil.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 17.—Chicagoans who take an interest in things pugilistic are on the qui vive today in anticipation of witnessing the first championship battle that has been fought in this city in a number of years. The bout is to take place tonight at the Waverly Athletic club. The contestants will be Frankie Neil, the present champion and Harry Forbes, from whom Neil won his championship title. Both men have trained faithfully and appear to be in the pink of condition for the go. Under the articles of agreement they will weigh in at the ring-side at 129 pounds.

Change in Lighthouse Board.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—Rear Admiral J. J. Read, chairman of the lighthouse board was placed on the retired list today, having reached the age limit for active service. He is succeeded as chairman of the lighthouse board by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, recently relieved of the command of the Asiatic station.

Greatest Annual Housekeepers Sale

Begins promptly Wednesday morning, June 15th and continues four days, ending Saturday night, June 18th.

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