

YALE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES YESTERDAY

CLASS DAY OF 1905 HELD ON CAMPUS WITH PERFECT WEATHER

The Law and Medical Schools Have Their Anniversaries—Judge Taft Speaks—The Townsend Prize Speaking and Awards—1905's Class Day Exercises—Payson Merrill of New York Elected to Corporation—The University Announcements of Fellowships and Scholarships—Honor Appointments Announced—Awards in the Sheffield School—The Glee Club Concert—The Senior Promenade—Class Suppers.

With June beaming down one of the rarest of its rare days, with the most genial rays of summer sunshine brightening all the outdoor world and with everything in nature as perfect as heart could wish yesterday, the great social day of Yale's commencement, passed off in merriment and glory.

All day were the streets of New Haven gay with the fair guests of the students in their handsomest summer costumes, the seniors in their distinctive caps and gowns and the alumni in their fantastic class uniforms. Not oppressively hot the streets of the city, but the groups of light-hearted graduates marched about town under the midday sun attracting many admiring glances and comments. Probably the greatest amount of public attention was attracted by the men of 1902, "ye right merry Scotland laddies, in their kilts of white with their blue sashes and their Japanese umbrellas of blue. They were here in large numbers and were much in evidence. The class of '99 appeared resplendent in their blue coats striped with white, '95 appeared in a neat uniform of white duck trousers and white duck coat with trimmings of blue.

With the transfer of the scientific school class day from Saturday to Monday, the latter is rounded out as "department day," and the only noteworthy change was the shifting of the "Shift" exercises yesterday morning to the Vanderbilt campus.

The law school had its meeting of alumni at Hendle hall with lunch and alumni addresses. Late in the afternoon the Townsend prize speaking took place, and the address of Secretary of War Taft was delivered. His subject was "The Administration of Criminal Law."

The presentation exercises of the academic class, with the oration and poem, class histories, songs, and try planting also took place in the afternoon.

Dr. Abraham Jacobi of New York delivered at the medical school exercises in College street hall an address on "The Era of Therapy," and the prizes were announced.

Last evening the scientific school reception, the Glee club concert and the senior promenade were held.

Class Day of 1905. As the hour of 2 o'clock approached the ways leading unto the campus began to assume a lively appearance, as the invited guests and the students gathered for the class day exercises. Under the flickering shadows of the campus elms arose the amphitheater erected for the event. In the enclosure on their benches sat the gowned seniors smoking their long clay pipes like the Iroquois in council. On the rising tiers of seats were assembled hundreds of guests, the fair sex being in the preponderance.

Outside capered the frisky graduates with the class of '02 playing baseball on the senior diamond. As the guests were assembling Yale songs and cheers filled the air, 1902 vying with 1905 in enthusiasm. Shortly after 2 o'clock the exercises were opened with the singing of "Here's to Good Old Yale." When the echoes of song had died away amongst the farthest elms James Grafton Rogers of Denver delivered the class poem. The poem is entitled "The Pilotage." The closing verses of the poem follow:

Enough! For the lowlands are passed, And ahead The peaks shoulder aloft! Ere this has the highway been smooth to our tread, And its shadows were soft, But the highway must dwindle the trails must divide, And we cannot retrace, We must brace the defiles with a slender stride, We must bend to the pace! Yet where? Do ye journey afar to the peak, For a grip on a throne? If those are the desolate summits we seek, Each must journey alone; And the chill of a spring or a gien cannot bribe, Your gaze from the trail Nor a cherry, red gleam from the forest-land tribe, If you tarry, you fall! The crest on the pass, the last rocky spur, Even the peak you may win, Just to forfeit it all—for the clouds are astir, Death is closing you in! Or—choose—shall we loitar and linger awhile, In the chill of the glade, Then leave the world puzzled to frown or to smile, At the nothing we've made? No, better to turn and to harvest the fields, That may come to your ken, To value the bread that the harvesting yields, And to elbow with men; When the harvest is done, when the race to the wall, When the autumn is spent, We may smile in the haze, turn our face to the wall, And slumber, content!

After the singing of that beautiful ode of Horace "Integer Vitae," and the song "My Comrades, When I'm No More Drinking," Arthur Packer Mc-

NEW HAVEN MAIN AGENCY.

Report as to Equitable Agency Closing in Hartford.

New York, June 26.—James H. Hyde, former vice-president of the Equitable Assurance society, presided as chairman of the executive committee at a meeting of that committee to-day. George E. Tatchell, second vice-president of the society, said to-day that there was no truth in the stories that agents of the Equitable throughout the country are organizing a secure sock of the society, that they may be represented on the board of directors. Concerning the report from Hartford, Conn., that the Equitable agency there has been discontinued because the agents had gone over to other companies, he said:

"We had only a sub-agency in Hartford. Our main agency is in New Haven. We are taking on more agents now than ever before."

HOODOO FOLLOWS WISCONSIN.

Von Meter Down With Tossolis—May Disrupt Four-Our Crew.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 26.—The hard luck which was reported from Madison before the University of Wisconsin crew came east seems to have followed the men, for to-day Van Meter, No. 3 in the varsity eight, reported sick with tonsillitis. He was unable to row this evening, but if it should be found necessary to put another man in his place, the four-oared crew will have to be disrupted, because there are no substitutes in the squad, and Coach O'Day has in mind whom he deems qualified to row in two races, as two of Courtney's men did last year.

YACHTS IN BAD COLLISION

TARANTULA CRASHES INTO F. H. TILFORD'S NORMAN IN SOUND.

Former Craft a Turbine, One of the Fastest Vessels Afloat and Owned by W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr.—Steering Gear Goes Wrong While She is Trying to Run into Port Ahead of the Norman.

New York, June 26.—The turbine yacht Tarantula, owned by William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., one of the swiftest vessels afloat, and the steam yacht Norman, belonging to Frank H. Tilford, were in collision to-day off Stepping Stone Light, Long Island sound. Both vessels were badly damaged and had to get into dry dock for repairs.

The Tarantula left the New York Yacht club's anchorage off East 28th street about 2 o'clock with Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt and party of friends on board bound for Great Neck, L. I., the port of Roslyn, where the Vanderbilts have their summer home. On board were Mr. and Mrs. Tilford and a party of friends who were starting for a trip on the sound.

Off Stepping Stone Light the two boats drew together. The Tarantula put on an extra head of steam and tried to run in ahead of the Norman, but at that moment something went wrong with her steering gear and she swung over to port. Her bow hit the Norman just below the decking amidships ripping a long hole in the side, tearing away decking and rails and smashing a launch.

The force of the collision threw the Norman around to starboard, just as the Tarantula had backed out of the wreckage and forged ahead again, and she hit the port bow of the turbine yacht tearing an ugly hole, but a few inches above the water line, carrying away a small boat and tearing off a long piece of the rail. After a quick exchange of explanations from the two boats it was found that both could manage to get a landing place safely.

The Tarantula made with all speed for Jacobs' ship yards at City Island and put into dry dock. The Norman went down the river to the New York Yacht club's landing, where Mr. Tilford took off his guests. The yacht was then sent over to Hoboken to be repaired. The damage to the Tarantula is estimated at about \$5,000 and to the Norman about \$2,000.

BOSTON ACCEPTS GIFT.

\$400,000 From Carnegie to be Added to Franklin Fund.

Boston, June 26.—The Boston board of aldermen to-day by a vote of 11 to 1 accepted a gift of \$400,000 offered by Andrew Carnegie to be added to the fund left by Benjamin Franklin for the erection of a trade school here. Alderman Frank J. Linehan, who voted in the negative, in a spirited address declared that the money offered by Mr. Carnegie was "blood money" secured from the boys and men employed in the steel industries of the country.

Car and Freight Collide.

Baltimore, Md., June 26.—In a collision to-night between a trolley car and a freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad, one colored woman was killed and Mrs. Sarah Cromwell, white, was so seriously injured that her death is momentarily expected, and a dozen or more were injured.

Divorce for Lady Gray-Egerton.

London, June 26.—The divorce court to-day granted Lady Gray-Egerton (formerly Miss May Cuyler, daughter of Major Wayne Cuyler, U. S. A.), a divorce on the ground of the desertion of her husband, Sir Philip Gray-Egerton. The suit is the sequel of a previous case, when the wife sued for a restitution of her conjugal rights and obtained a divorce, which, however, Sir Philip refused to obey.

LEGAL STEP TO RECOVER EQUITABLE LIFE MONEY

SPECIAL COUNSEL RETAINED BY CHAIRMAN MORTON.

Instructed to Institute Such Proceedings as They Consider Fit for the Recovery of Money and Property to Which the Society is Found Entitled.—To Work in Conjunction With Special Accountants—Certain Perquisites of Directors Cut Off.

New York, June 26.—As chairman of the Equitable Life Assurance society's board of directors, Paul Morton has begun legal proceedings to recover money alleged wrongfully to have been taken from the society and he also has cut off certain perquisites in the society. Mr. Morton to-night made the following statement:

"I have retained Messrs. Austen G. Fox and Wallace MacFarlane as special counsel for the Equitable society in connection with the investigation of the past financial transactions of the society by Price, Waterhouse & Co., and Haskins & Sells chartered accountants, which is now in progress, and to institute such legal proceedings as they may consider to be appropriate for the recovery of any money and property to which the Equitable is found to be entitled as the result of their examination. Messrs. Fox and MacFarlane have been instructed to put themselves in communication with the attorney general and the insurance department and to act in harmony with them."

"It has been the rule heretofore to allow directors \$35 for attending executive committee meetings of the Equitable society and these allowances were made whether the directors were present or absent."

"This has been changed. No director will in future get fees unless he is present at the meeting and no officer, or employee who happens to be a director will hereafter receive any fee for attending board meetings of any kind."

Albany, N. Y., June 26.—Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks to-day withdrew the statement in his preliminary report on the Equitable Life Assurance society that Alvin W. Kreech participated in the "syndicate" operations while a director of the society.

COLONEL COMSTOCK ARRESTED.

Man Who Lost \$120,000 in Securities Accused of Larceny.

Boston, June 26.—Colonel Henry W. Comstock, who on June 12 reported to the police here that he had been robbed of \$120,000 worth of securities while a passenger from New York on board the Fall River line boat "Puritan," was arrested to-night by Boston police inspectors on a charge of larceny.

The charge was preferred by Mrs. Cora A. Frothingham of Atlantic, Mass., who alleges that she gave Comstock two \$1,000 bonds of the New York Central railroad on March 23 last to be held as collateral for the purchase of 100 shares of Chesapeake and Ohio railroad shares. She claims that she has not received any stock and that the bonds have not been returned. The case bears no relation to the alleged robbery of June 12. Comstock was placed in the Tombs for the night and will be arraigned to-morrow.

Comstock is well known in New York and Colorado. He was formerly a mining promoter in the western states. He is seventy-three years of age and a crippled veteran of the civil war.

TEAMSTERS DYING HARD.

Refuse to Accept Terms Recently Offered by Employers.

Chicago, June 26.—By an almost unanimous vote the striking teamsters to-night refused to accept the terms recently offered by the employers, and the latest peace prospect in the strike has vanished. The terms offered by the employers were those which have been published from time to time with the addition that the question of wearing the union button should be left for only two unions, the department store drivers and the express drivers, voted on the question, the other unions agreeing in advance to accept the decision of those two unions.

SIX HUNDRED STRIKE.

Trouble at Shipbuilding Yards in Brooklyn.

New York, June 26.—About 600 boiler-makers and their apprentices went on strike to-day from the yards of the John Robins Shipbuilding company and the Robert White Shipbuilding and Repair company in Erie Basin, Brooklyn. The boiler-makers' apprentices demanded an increase from \$2.35 to \$2.50 a day, and the ship fitters helpers asked for an increase from \$1.70 to \$2.50 a day. Both demands were refused, whereupon the apprentices went on strike and the journeymen joined them from sympathy.

Petition for Receiver.

Chicago, June 26.—Creditors of the grain commission house of Knight, Donnelly & Co. this afternoon petitioned for a receiver for the company. Edwin W. Potter was appointed receiver in bonds of \$100,000. The claims of the petitioning creditors aggregate \$16,000, but it is said the liabilities will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Assets are not given. Preferential payments to one creditor while the company was alleged to be insolvent was the basis for the action.

DR. HILPRECHT EXONERATED.

U. of P. Trustees, by Unanimous Vote, Acquit Him of Charges.

Philadelphia, June 26.—By a unanimous vote of the board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dr. Hermann Volmar Hilprecht, research professor of Assyriology and professor of Semitic philology and archaeology of the University of Pennsylvania, was to-day acquitted of the charges recently brought against him concerning his integrity in the matter of his explorations in Babylonia. The charges were brought against Dr. Hilprecht by several professors of archaeology, and were investigated by a committee of six appointed from among the trustees of the university. The accusers of Dr. Hilprecht appeared before the committee, as did also the accused professor.

HIT MUNROE AT WILL.

Johnson Has All the Better of Go With Montana Man.

Philadelphia, June 26.—Jack Johnson of California had much the better of the six round bout with Jack Munroe of Montana to-night at the National club.

The fight was hard and fast. The Californian did his best work in the fifth and sixth rounds, when he hit Munroe almost at will. In the last round Johnson caught Munroe hard on the face several times, but was unable to deliver a knockout blow.

SECRETARY HAY'S ILLNESS

HIS CONDITION REGARDED FAVORABLE LAST NIGHT.

After a Few Days Rest it is Expected He Will be Able to Leave His Room Suffering from Attack of Uremia.

Family Considers There is No Need of Further Anxiety.

Newbury, N. H., June 26.—The condition of Secretary of State John Hay, who is confined to his bed at his summer home near Lake Sunapee, by an attack of uremia, was regarded as favorable to-night by his physicians. After a few days of rest it is expected the secretary will be able to leave his room. Dr. Charles L. Scudder, of the Massachusetts general hospital, Boston, who came here with Dr. Fred T. Murphy of Boston, Sunday night, on a special train in response to a message from the family, remained in the village to-night, but Dr. Murphy returned about 8:30 o'clock this evening.

Dr. J. L. Cain of Newport, N. H., who was called to the Hay home before the arrival of the Boston physicians, is with Dr. Scudder. Both doctors are of the opinion that Mr. Hay will have no difficulty in overcoming the effects of the present attack. An operation was considered at one time by Dr. Cain, but the three physicians, after a careful examination and a consultation decided that it would not be necessary. The attack was due to a chill caught on the journey from Washington, and is similar to one Mr. Hay had four years ago.

The secretary passed a comfortable afternoon and evening and his family considers that there is no need of further anxiety.

Secretary Hay arrived at his summer home Saturday night.

Washington, June 26.—A personal telegram has been received at the state department from Mrs. Hay saying that Secretary Hay last night suffered a slight attack similar to one he had several years ago, which was brought on by a cold. This telegram, coming direct from Mrs. Hay, has greatly assured officials here.

BRITISHERS ENCOURAGED.

Holcomb Ward Defeated by the Welsh Tennis Champion.

London, June 26.—The defeat of Holcomb Ward, the American national lawn tennis champion and the winner last week of the championship of the city of London, in the first round of the All-England tournament at Wimbledon to-day brought much joy to the British camp. The contest, in which S. H. Smith, the Welsh champion, was victorious, was probably the fastest ever seen in England. Ward was not quite up to his last week's form, attributable perhaps to the stiff work of the last two days; but it is conceded that Smith never played a better game. He appeared to be able to stand the extreme pace better than Ward, whose serves several times failed to break effectively.

W. A. Larned, B. C. Wright and W. J. Clothier (American) all won in the second round, Larned especially showing good form, but in no case did their opponents call for particular extension. Smith's game against Smith was, of course, the attraction of the day. The Welshman took the first set rather easily and five straight games in the second, and Ward tending. In the third set, however, Ward made a superb rally, and the score reached "games all." When Ward was serving deuce was called nine times. Ward was winning, but he seemed fagged and lost the next three games and the match.

In the first round of the doubles Ward and Wright will play Evans and Navrogradski, and Larned and Clothier will play Hillerup and Larsen.

Meriden Superintendent of Schools Out.

Meriden, June 26.—The board of education this evening accepted the resignation of Superintendent of Schools A. H. Mather, who has held the position since 1899. A complete reorganization of the Meriden school system is contemplated.

BOY KILLS COMPANION THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

SHOCKING TRAGEDY ON BANK OF STAMFORD RIVER.

Lads Out Shooting Birds—Edward Rush Wanted to Handle Revolver and It Accidentally Goes Off in Hands of Herbert Birdsall Who is Showing How it Worked—Birdsall Runs Off Into the Woods on Seeing Companion Dead and Shoots Himself.

Stamford, June 26.—Herbert Birdsall, aged eighteen years, accidentally shot and killed a companion, Edward Rush, son of Edward Rush, of Pelham Manor, N. Y., this afternoon, and in his fright he ran into the woods and was later found dead. He had killed himself with the same weapon.

The boys had been on the bank of Mill river, in the northern part of the town, and Birdsall had been using the revolver, which was of .22-calibre, in shooting at birds. Rush wanted to handle the weapon, and while Birdsall was showing him how the cartridges were discharged Rush stopped down and looked into the gun and the bullet went through his head, killing him instantly.

Birdsall told another companion not to say anything, and then he ran into the woods. The companion gave the alarm and after the body had been removed to an undertaker's several men went in search of Birdsall. They found him sitting quietly apparently at the foot of a tree. When the men touched him they found he had shot and killed himself, the bullet having gone through his head.

Rush had been an inmate of the Spencer sanitarium here. Birdsall, it is said, had shown signs of mental weakness.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., June 26.—Mrs. Edward F. Rush, of Pelham Heights, whose son was shot and killed at Stamford, Conn., to-day, is prostrated by the shock. Mr. Rush, on hearing of the shooting, came up from New York, intending to go on to Stamford, but his wife is in such a condition that he could not leave her and will not start until morning.

BRUSH WITH FRESHMEN.

Yale Varsity on Thames Last Night—Harvard Prays for Smooth Water.

Yale Quarters, Gales Ferry, June 26.—Yale's varsity crew took to the water about 7:30 o'clock to-night and enjoyed a brush with the freshmen. The two crews paddled up-stream about a mile and a half from the boathouse and after a short rest faced about and raced down to their quarters. For some unaccountable reason the freshmen got out of their course and finished several lengths behind the first eight. No time was taken. The water was rough, yet the blade work of the men was good as a whole. Former Captain Philip Kunzig was among the visitors at the quarters to-day.

Harvard Coach Pleas.

Harvard Quarters, Gales Ferry, June 26.—The wind that swept up the Thames river this afternoon reached the proportions of a small gale and made rowing impossible. Whitecaps covered the river and the float was awash nearly all the afternoon, these conditions causing the oarsmen to have an afternoon of rest. Coach Wray said to-night that he was pleased with the work of the crew this morning, despite the fact that the men could not do their best on account of the choppy water. He said that the eight rowed well in smooth water, and that they were all praying for this condition on Thursday. The Harvard coach said this afternoon that Coach Kennedy, of the Yale crew, hardly expected that his freshman crew would win against Harvard's, but the oarsmen themselves felt differently and are betting even that they win.

GOVERNOR FOLK DETERMINED

Will Call Out Troops if Necessary to Stop Race Betting.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 26.—Governor Folk, in an interview to-day, declared that either the Missouri National Guard or the St. Louis police department would be directed within the next twenty-four hours to raid the alleged bookmakers at Delmar race track. The governor has discovered that section 14 of the St. Louis charter gives the city of St. Louis the same powers in the county as in the city.

Governor Folk and President Stewart, of the St. Louis police board, held a long conversation over the long distance telephone to-day. President Stewart assured the governor that the section of the charter referred to was still in force, and that a detail of policemen under command of Chief Kieley would be at once dispatched to St. Louis county to arrest the alleged race-track gamblers.

St. Louis, June 26.—Sheriff Herpel placed Charles Cella under arrest at Delmar race track to-day, during the first race, on the charge of having violated the anti-betting law. At once all operations in the betting ring ceased, and no bets on the second race were made.

Constitutional Government for China.

London, June 27.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Peking by way of Tokio says it is officially announced that within twelve years constitutional government will be established in China, and that the intervening period will be employed in bringing about the reforms necessary for so great a change.

CITIZENSHIP PAPER SWINDLERS

Biggest Round-Up on Record—Thirty Men Arrested.

New York, June 26.—The biggest round-up of United States citizenship paper swindlers in the history of the federal government's crusades has just been completed.

Thirty men arrested on Saturday and to-day are now in the Tombs waiting trial before Judge Thomas of the United States district court. The arrests were made at the instance of United States Assistant District Attorney Joel M. Marx and secret service officer, William Elliott, selected some time ago from the force of United States marshals to stop the practice of barter in citizenship papers. More than half of the last batch of prisoners bought their forged papers in the city of Naples and in Rome.

PRESIDENT LEAVES CAPITAL.

After Attending Harvard Commencement Will Go to Oyster Bay.

Washington, June 26.—President Roosevelt left Washington at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon by special train over the Pennsylvania railroad for Cambridge, Mass., to attend the commencement exercises at Harvard university.

The president will not return to Washington, but will go to Oyster Bay, where he will spend the heated season of his summer home at Sagamore Hill. He will be accompanied by Secretary Loeb, the White House staff, secret service men and representatives of the press associations.

CYCLONE HITS NEW YORK

ACCOMPANIED BY TERRIFIC DELUGE OF RAIN.

Widespread Havoc Caused—Apartment House in Course of Construction Near Riverside Drive Demolished and a Foreman and Two Laborers Killed—One of the Builders and the Superintendent of Construction Arrested.

New York, June 26.—A storm of cyclonic proportions, accompanied by a terrific deluge of rain, passed over Harlem and the Bronx this afternoon causing widespread havoc.

An apartment house in course of erection at 137th street, near Riverside drive, was demolished, John Lawler, foreman of bricklayers being crushed to death and two Italian laborers severely injured. The wrecked building was one of a row of new apartment houses. Lawler and the two laborers seeing the storm approaching from the New Jersey shore ran to the fifth floor and made a brave effort to shore up the western wall. Having finished their work they started for the street and had reached the first floor when the whole building collapsed, burying them under tons of sandstone, brick, mortar and iron beams.

After policemen and firemen had worked on the ruins for more than one hour Lawler was taken out alive, but survived only long enough to receive the last rites of the church. The other two men were soon afterwards extricated and were taken to the hospital. Abraham Pearlman, of the firm of Pearlman & Brown, the builders of the house, and Abraham Bordeck, the superintendent of the construction, were later arrested and held to await the action of the coroner.

The storm was very severe in the Bronx and Harlem and the wind reached a velocity of forty-three miles an hour, accompanied by blinding sheets of driving rain. Plate glass windows were shattered and trees and chimneys blown down.

BOSTON SUFFERS FROM STORM.

Also Other Places North of Connecticut—Hail Stones Break Windows.

Boston, June 26.—A severe electrical storm, accompanied by heavy rain and followed by a drop in the temperature of nearly twenty-five degrees passed over eastern New England this afternoon in a southeasterly direction, causing much damage. So far as known there was no loss of life. Trees were uprooted and several houses lost their roofs by the wind, hail broke thousands of panes of glass, the rain caused many small washouts, and flooded cellars and lowlands, while lightning struck in many places and was the cause of a number of fires.

The storm originated in central New Hampshire, and at Chichester, in that state, a dwelling house was struck by lightning and destroyed. The storm struck Manchester, leveling many trees and doing other damage. The Annis Flour and Grain Co.'s store was struck by lightning and set on fire, and the firemen were an hour in subduing the flames, the loss being \$8,000. A barn in that city was also destroyed.

At Lowell in this state many wires were prostrated, trees uprooted, the roof of the Cady Box Co.'s shop carried off and the First Presbyterian church damaged by the fall of trees. At Salem, Mass., large hailstones broke many windows and damaged fruit trees.

British Government Sustained.

London, June 26.—The house of commons to-night defeated the opposition motion in connection with the army stores scandal in the South African war by a vote of 329 to 235, after a debate occupying the afternoon and night sessions.

PEACE DELEGATES ARE ANNOUNCED BY RUSSIA

TENTATIVE SELECTION MADE OF M. NELLIDOFF AND BARON ROSEN.

Former is Ambassador to Paris and the Latter on His Way to Succeed Count Cassini at Washington—Rusian Having Taken the Initiative Japan is Now Expected to Make Plenipotentiaries Known—Will Probably be Komura and Takahira.

Washington, June 26.—Russia has given assurance of its intentions in the peace negotiations by placing the president in possession of the tentative selection of her plenipotentiaries, as follows: M. Nellidoff, the Russian ambassador at Paris, and Baron Rosen, the newly appointed Russian ambassador at Washington. Russia thus having taken the initiative, it is believed that Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, during his call at the White House to-day, informally told the president that Japan's selections, also tentative, were Baron Komura, the Japanese minister for foreign affairs, and Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister at Washington.

Official announcement of the names of the plenipotentiaries is withheld for several reasons. M. Nellidoff's health may not permit him to make the trip, and pressure of official work may necessitate the presence in Tokio of Baron Komura. Mr. Takahira and Baron Rosen are regarded as the certain ones, and the belief is that unless something unforeseen should occur both Russia and Japan will consent to the official announcement of the personnel of the Washington conference within a few days. In any event, both missions will consist of many advisers, including army, and possibly naval officers, and officials from the foreign offices in Tokio and St. Petersburg. It is expected that altogether each mission may number ten or twelve. Should six plenipotentiaries be chosen, both Russia and Japan, it is learned, have names under consideration which will enable them to announce their third plenipotentiaries without delay.

In recognition of his services during the preliminary negotiations and in view of the high official rank of the Russian plenipotentiaries, it is believed that the official announcement will be followed by his elevation to the rank of ambassador. In view of the fact that Japan intends when the war is over to divide her legations at Washington, London, Berlin, Paris, Vienna, St. Petersburg and Rome to ambassadors, it is believed Mr. Takahira's elevation would be permanent.

Interest regarding an armistice has largely diminished in the last few days, because of the receipt of information that the rainy season is beginning in Manchuria. It is believed here that this will serve the purposes of an armistice in preventing a clash before the convening of the conference in August. Moreover, the informal sounding initiated by the president at Tokio and St. Petersburg did not yield much hope for successful negotiations looking to an armistice until after the plenipotentiaries meet. If Japan is then convinced of the serious desire of Russia for peace she will readily consent to an armistice.

ACTIVITY AT FRONT.

Linevitch Reports a Number of Missions.

St. Petersburg, June 26.—Two telegrams were received to-day by Emperor Nicholas from Lieutenant General Linevitch, dated June 24 and June 25, respectively, and referring to the movements of June 21 and June 22. On the latter date a Japanese attempt to dislodge the Russian outposts in the valley of the Kao was repulsed, while the Russians in the Hallungchen district dislodged the Japanese outposts at Nanshancheng and advanced southward of that place. The Russians operating in the direction of Ufanglu retired after unmasking a considerable force of Japanese. The latter pursued the Russians and occupied Yulanztu in the Hallungchen district. The Japanese resumed the offensive in the neighborhood of Shimotsu continuing a frontal attack, and making an energetic turning movement. The latter threatened to cut off the Russians, who consequently retired.

UNREST IN POLAND.

Gloomy Days for the Government of Russia.

St. Petersburg, June 27.—3:15 a. m.—These are gloomy days for the government of Russia. Every new dispatch accentuates the seriousness of the situation in Poland and the Caucasus, where a state of almost open war exists, and reports of strikes, demonstrations and agrarian disorders are pouring in from many parts of Russia proper, as if the volleys fired at Lodz had been the signal for an outbreak of general disorders like those following the events of January 22, "Red Sunday."

Up to the present St. Petersburg and Moscow have not been affected by the mobilization is to be attempted in the two capitals, as reported, a recurrence of former tumults is apt to be precipitated.

Mrs. Roosevelt at Oyster Bay.

Oyster Bay, L. I., June 26.—Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by a maid, arrived here this evening.