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# STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

President Donnelly Offici - zeolares Con-test Against Packer End. test Against Packer

BUTCHERS WILL RETURN 1 = FRK TODAY

Be Taken minister of justice. An opinion by Prof. de Employers Say as Hany Martens, professor of international law at Back as Are Nee favorable, was presented. No decision was reached, but the emperor plainly mani-

WILL NOT DISC'-ARGE NONUNIONISTS

Competent Men Employed During the Strike Will Retain Their Places.

FIGHT COST FIVE MILLIONS IN WAGES

Loss to Packers in Business and Extra Expenses Estimated at 87,500,000-Fifty-Three Thousand Men Idle.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.-The strike of the butcher workmen which has demoralized the meat packing industry throughout the country for the last two months was officially declared off tonight by President Michael J. Donnelly of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America. This morning Mr. Donnelly telegraphed the members of the national executive committee asking their consent to the announcement of the end of the strike and tonight, having received favorable answers from all, he declared that the strike of the members of his organization would end at midnight.

The strike of the members of the affiliated unions at the stock yards who quit work in sympathy with the butchers will officially be called off tomorrow morning at a meeting of the conference board of the allied trades.

Sympathy Strikes End Today. This was decided upon at a meeting of the central body of the allied trades, held tonight. The central body was at first in favor of continuing the strike, but Mr. Donnelly, who was present, announced that the men were defeated and that in order to save his union from being entirely disrupted he would order his men to return to work in the morning, no matter what course might be taken by other unions. As the other unions had no grievance, but had gone on strike to ald the butchers, there was nothing left for them but to follow the lead of Mr. Donnelly, and they too, decided to call off the strike as far

the packers were notified tonight that it had been decided to end the strike they announced that they would give places as far as possible to the skilled men, but it was stated at the same time that many of these would be unable to secure their old places, as in many cases the work was being performed in a satisfactory manner by men who had been secured since the ement of the strike. It is expected that the majority of unskilled men will be mable to secure their old It was a question of wage scale for this class of men that brought about the strike, the packers refusing to sign an agreement with any class other than skilled work

Loss Five Millions in Wages. During the strike approximately 53,000 persons have been involved in the struggle which is estimated to have cost the men about \$5,000,000 in wages, as against an estimated loss of \$7,500,000 to the packers in loss of business and in increased expenses The greatest number of men idle in Chicago during the strike was 28,600 and the total in the country, outside of this city, is estimated to be about the same.

The original cause of the strike was a demand by the butchers' union that the he had arrested as suspicious characters packers pay to the unskilled workmen 181/2 and his condition is critical. cents an hour. The packers refused to sign an agreement, but offered to arbitrate the question. This was accepted, the strik- street to jail. At the corner of Fourth and decision of the arbitrators. The men, however, were dissatisfied with the manner in which they were being put to work and declared that they would not return unless all of the men were given their old places | the other south. He then fired his gun to in one day's time. The packers declared bring help and two men who happened to that this was physically impossible, and the men went on strike for the second time The men now return to work under the

conditions that existed before the strike. STRIKERS DISARMED BY SHERIFF

Officer Takes Guns from Sixty Miners at Tabasco, Colo. TRINIDAD, Colo., Sept. & Sheriff Clark with fifteen deputies went to Tabasco this afternoon in response to a telephone message that striking coal miners numbering 100 were marching to Tabasco and Berwind to force nonunion miners out of the mines. On the arrival of the sheriff the strikers informed him that they had assembled to hold a meeting. Sixty of the strikers carried guns and the sheriff disarmed them. Fifteen miners, who were considered dangerous to peace, were ar

rested and placed in jail here. At Starkville last night six Italian strikers assaulted coal company guards, who shot Christofo Shoro, one of the strikers. through the groin, fatally wounding him Three of the strikers were arrested and placed in jall, but the others escaped,

# COTTON COMPANY IN TROUBLE

Receivers Are Appointed for New York Concern Controlling Many Plants.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.-Char'es E. Kimball of Summit, N. J., and C. Dovering, Taunton, Mass., today were appointed receivers for the American Cotton company for the New York district. The New Jersey courts several months ago appointed the same men receivers with bonds of \$200,000. The difficulties of the American Cotton com pany, with a capitalization of \$7,000,000 are attributed in the papers of the petioning creditor and stockholder, Frederick R Robertson, to a lack of sufficient capital. The company owns or controls nearly 200 cotton and ginning plants. Nearly \$2,000,-600 of Habilities will accrue next month and the papers filed say the company is without funds to meet them.

#### EQUALIZING CATTLE RATES

Traffic Officials of Western Roads Discuss Omeha-Kansas

City Rates. CHICAGO, Sept. 8.-Traffic officials of the western roads were in session here today to place Omaha on a parity with Kaness City in regard to through cattle

#### MAY GET A DECISION SOON VAIL GETS WORD TO STOP BROWNS ON Caar Said to Look Kindly Upon Ameriean Contention Regarding

Contraband.

and was warmly seconded by M. Muravieff,

fested his sympathy with Count Lams-

utterances the Foreign office is greatly en-

Police to Be Investigated.

Recently, however, a man giving the name

of John Smith was arrested on the same

charge and confessed that he was the

man that was convicted in 1877 on the same

charge. When Beck was convicted in 1895

it was stated by the police that Beck was

the man Smith who was convicted in 1877.

Cunard Line Delays Answer.

HAMBURG, Sept. 8 .- The Hamburg-

and of a resumption of the rate war was

American in Finals.

LONDON, Sept. 8.-Marcus L. Hurley, the

American amateur champion bicycle rider,

won his heat in the semi-final kilometer

championship at the Crystal Palace today.

He will compete in the finals Saturday

against the holder, Reed, and J. S. Beyon,

New Delegate and Assistant.

Father Ambrose Agius, the new delegate

companied to the Philippines by Dr. Lopez,

Spanish Benedictine, but by an Italian

Policeman Connof in Critical Condi-

tion as Result of an

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and he started to handcuff them together.

when one struck him in the left side with

and the men ran away, one going north and

He was able to give a good description of

the people and in a short time gangs of

thought the chances of getting the men are

good. A number of tramps have been ar-

Connof has five severe wounds in the left

side and just below the heart and is very

was resting quietly and the physicians say

he has a good chance of recovering unless

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the men who

large and it is believed have succeeded in

and Fremont. Connor is resting easily and

The assault upon Policeman Connor has

revived the excitement over the Olson as-

sault and the feeling against all the par-

DR. REMSEN GETS A MEDAL

President of Johns Hopkins Univer

sity Honored by Chemists

at New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 .- At the meeting of

the Society of Chemical Industry, which

today began a three days' session here.

the society's medal, founded in 1896, and

awarded by the council once in every two

years for conspicuous services rendered to

applied chemistry by research, discovery,

was awarded to fra Remsen, president of

Sir William Ramsay, K. C. M. B., called

William Nicholas of New York was

Movements of Ocean Vessels Sept. S.

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At Brisbane-Salled: Aorangi for Van-

At New York—Sailed: Steamer La Savole rom Havre: Bremen from Bremen. Ar-ived: Numidian from Glasgow. At Liverpool—Arrived: Teutonic from

York Hamburg—Arrived: Pretoria from York; Deutschland from New York. Plymouth—Arrived: Friedrich der se from New York. Queenstown—Salled: Friedland for

elected president for the ensuing year.

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the Johns Hopkins university.

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will soon be reached.

Donnelly Wires Him that Strike Has Been Officially Called Off. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 8 .- 5 p. m .- The

SOUTH OMAHA BUSINESS MEN WAKE UP question of contraband of war as contained in the American and British notes was presented to the emperor yesterday by the Name Committee to Devise Plan to

commission, which has been considering Get Union Men Reinstated and the subject. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, who throughout has been favorable to the End the Trouble that Has American and British contentions, made a Stagnated Trade. strong argument in support of his position

Stephen J. Vail, second vice president of the Butchers' and Packing House Employes' the University of St. Petersburg, also National union, received a telegram from President Donnelly last night about 11 o'clock telling him that the executive comnilttee of the union had determined to acdorff's view and at the conclusion of the audience urged the advisability of a prompt strike off. Mr. Vall says he does not know decision. In consequence of the emperor's what the terms are, nor has any further information as to the ending of the strike. ouraged and it is believed that a decision He expects further instructions from Chicago this morning.

Thursday afternoon a meeting of busi-INNOCENT MAN CONVICTED TWICE ness men of South Omaha was held at the Live Stock exchange for the purpose of Charge of Conspiracy Against London considering what could be done toward bringing about a settlement of the strike forty-eight hours. LONDON, Sept. 8.-Home Secretary Ackers-Douglas has appointed a commisin South Omaha. They voted to do all in ion to inquire into the circumstances of their power for peace. When the report the conviction of Adolph Beck, who was was received at the exchange that Presiconvicted in 1896, served out the sentence dent Donnelly had resigned it was decided to the defense line with the object of by the commission men doing business at of seven years and who was again arrested and convicted, but was granted a the yards to make an effort to have Second "free pardon" when it developed that both Vice President Vall declare the strike off as far as South Omaha was concerned. nis convictions were founded on mistaken identity. The case has caused a great Early in the afternoon members of the exsensation, especially in view of the rechange called upon business men and rearoused interest in the Maybrick case, and quested them to attend a meeting to be held the part of the brown troops, as many the charge against the police of conspiracy at the exchange at 3 o'clock. A committee in order to secure the conviction of an of live stock dealers was also appointed to innocent man is freely and openly made. confer with Mr. Vail.

The government has offered Beck as compensation the sum of \$10,000, which he refused on the ground that it was not, sufmen, among them being many prominent and in the farm houses along the road. ficient. He demanded a full inquiry, which members of the Live Stock exchange. Withis backed up by the public and press. The out any unnecessary preliminaries J. B. case is expected to develop a further sen-Watkins was chosen chairman and J. M. sation reflecting seriously on the police Guild secretary of the meeting. In calling George M. Moulton of Illinois Chosen conduct of the case. In both instances the meeting to order Mr. Watkins stated Beck was charged with obtaining money the object was to request Vice President and jewelry from women under false pre-Vail to take independent action and allow tense, and his convictions were secured on the union men under him to return to the evidence of women who identified him.

W. B. Cheek said word had been received at the exchange that President Donnelly had resigned and the butchers at New York, Fort Worth and Sloux City had taken a vote and had returned to work. He declared the union men here had, by vote, expressed their desire to return to work and the business men of South Omaha should proceed to show Mr. Vail the best American line says the Cunard line has not thing for him to do would be to declare yet replied to the proposition of the allied South Omaha independent and permit the mpanies relative to the passenger busi- union men to go back to work. He asked of the Knights Templar in July, 1907. ness, and, consequently the reports of a that a committee be appointed to hold a complete rupture of the peace negotiations | conference with Mr. Vall.

Concessions from Packers. L. F. Etter said the movement was one

head officers of the association.

take the unemployed union men back as treasurer, H. Wales I have of Connecticut rapidly as possible, key within ten days." (re-elected). ROME, Sept. 8.-It developed today that wages. When the packers agreed to this to the Philippine islands, will not be ache said it would be of some use to go to Mr. Vail with a proposition and not before. He asserted that some concessions

secular priest, who has not yet been from the packers would be necessary. Jay Laverty said the business men and the livestock dealers wanted the men to FREMONT OFFICER STABBED return to work, but at no less wages than before the strike was ordered. He wanted a committee of five appointed to wait on the packers and ascertain what concessions the packers were willing to make and what their intentions were regarding the wages to be paid in case the men re-

FREMONT, Neb., Sept. 8 .- (Special Telegram.)-Policeman J. F. Connof was turned. D. S. Parkhurst said he had secured in stabbed this morning by a couple of tramps formation which would lead him to believe the packers would take back from 50 to 75 per cent of the old men. Connof gathered in his men near the rail-

"But," said Captain Parkhurst, "we must have some definite proposition from the ers agreeing to return to work pending the D streets the men objected to going further packers before we can consistently ask for conference with Mr. Vail."

At this juncture W. B. Cheek arose and a knife. The officer fell to the aldewalk said the packers would not make any consend committees to the packers here.

the men. The fire bell was rung to call out armed men were scouring the city. The here? search was continued today and it is

Jay Laverty said Mr. Vail would have to be given some assurance that 50 or 75 per within a certain time.

Intermediary Committee. weak from loss of blood. This morning he Bruce McCulloch and John Flynn favored the appointment of a committee to see both the packers and Mr. Vail. J. A. Hake some new complication develops. He has made the statement that the packers would only been on the force about a year, but not make any concessions. The main dewas considered one of the bravest and sire seemed to be to have the unions here break away from the union in Chicago and return to work, at the same time maintain-

stabbed Policeman Connor were still at ing their union here. After some discussion this committee was placing several miles between themselves finally named: D. S. Parkhurst, John Russell, J. B. Watkins, E. L. Culver and J.

> It was then deemed the sense of the meeting that this committee call upon Mr. Vail at once and invite him to the exchange. Upon being met by the commitcorted into the exchange hall. He was one, dated from October 27, 1856. She was greeted with a hearty round of cheers. When called upon to speak Mr. Vall said: that presented "Our American Cousin," the "As you gentlemen know, I have been waited upon by a committee to ascertain if there is any way to settle the present packing house strike. I will say the strike was called by a referendum vote, each union in the country belonging to our association voting on the proposition. Only a few days ago we took another vote to call off the strike and the proposition was defeated by a large majority. While the home was in Oakland, Cal., but messages men at South Omaha, Sloux City and St. sent to relatives there failed to reach them. Louis voted to return to work the majority was against the proposition and the strike is still on. I am in receipt of a telegram other proposition is soon to be submitted to the packers. What this proposition is I do not know. I am powerless to do anything toward a settlement outside of what is being done in Chicago. I will go further

and say that I could not end the strike here if I wanted to." No Independent Action. Bruce McCulloch asked Mr. Vall If there was any hope for a settlement independent of Chleago. He spoke of butchers in other cities returning to work and he asked why South Omaha was discriminated against, when at other packing centers where the men had returned business was again al-

(Continued on Second Page.)

### General Bell Will Try to Fore His Way Past General

GAINESVILLE, Va., Sept. 8 .- General Grant, commanding the blue army, has FIGHT LASTS FROM DAWN TILL DARK taken up a strong position behind Bull Run. This fact has not yet been ascer-tained by General Bell, commanding the

brown army. General Grant selected the position be hind Bull Run in which to defend Washington in order that it might be as easy as possible for his reinforcements, which are o nthe way, to join him. His position is not what General Bell evidently had calculated on in ordering his turning movement so that the situation to be developed tomorrow is one of exceeding interest. The two armies are again the the field. This time the brown army is the aggressor. cept the terms of the packers and call the It is to strike the bive army soon, as a preliminary operation against the capital at Washington

General Grant has taken up a defensive position in the Bull Run valley. His instructions are to hold this position until reinforcements (imaginary) can reach him from Annandale. These reinforcements, according to the conditions imposed, cannot reach him in much less time than General Bell is assumed to have rein

forcements at Salem, distant about twelve He is moving his force forward holding Grant, if possible, in his present position until his reinforcements can reach him, and then overwhelm him before the blue reinforcements arrive. The delay of the march to position until

9 o'clock today is a matter of complaint on as 100 prostrations from the heat having been reported among the brown troops, who were compelled to move in the middle When the hour of meeting arrived the of the day. These men have been cared for exchange hall held about sixty business in the hospitals in the camps Nos. 2 and 3

## TEMPLARS ELECT OFFICERS

Grand Master-Next Conclave at Saratoga, N. Y.

BAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.-With the exception of the members of the grand encampment, who held two business sessions, visiting Knights Templar devoted to day to pleasure. Excursions to nearby points of interest, receptions at the various commanderies, a concert in the Greek amphitheater at the University of California, a banquet to the victorious Loufeville drill corps and a Press club jinks to visiting journalists were the main features.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., was today chosen as the meeting place of the next conclave The following officers were elected: Grand master, George M. Moulton of Illinois: deputy grand master, Henry W. Rugg of Rhode Island; grand generalissimo, Wilin the right direction, but he had his liam F. Melish of Ohio; grand captain-gendoubts about the union men here going back eral, Frank H. Thomas of Washington; to work until authorized to do so by the grand senior warden, Arthur McArthur of New York; grand junior warden, W. Frank Pierce of California; grand recorder, John

Grand warden, Edward W. Wellington to take the men back at the old scale of grand standard bearer, W. H. Norris; grand sword bearer, G. W. Orr.

The earl of Euston and his companion representing the grand priory of England nd Wales, attended today's session of the grand encampment in full uniform. The night program was made up of receptions at a number of commanderies

Leo De Mar, member of Boston com mandery No. 322, has been beaten, drugged and robbed of \$650 in cash and a \$25 watch and chain by unidentified men, who es caped.

#### SPECIAL GRAND JURY CALLED Alabama Judge Orders an Investigation of the Lynching of a Negro.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Sept. 8 .- Judge Speake today ordered a special grand jury to convene at once to investigate the lynch ing of the negro Maples last night. There is no truth in the report that sex

cessions and that it would be of no use to eral militiamen were shot during the exciting events which culminated in the "The men here," said Mr. Cheek, "never lynching of the negro. Captain Hay, in had a wage grievance. They struck out of charge of the militia, denies that his men sympathy for the Chicago packing house gave way before the mob. He says the employes. The men are breaking away in negro sprang out of a window and ran other cities and why should not some ar- right into the hands of the mob. There rangement be made for the men to return was then no use in guarding the jail fur-

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 8 .- Acting Governor Cunningham has called on Sher cent of the men would be taken back iff Rogers for a full report of the lynching at Huntsville and written Captain R. L. Hay, in charge of the militia, asking him to explain why the mob was not deterred from its purpose and from whom Captain Hay got his orders and to what extent he exercised the authority vested in him.

#### MRS. SARAH STEVENS IS DEAD Actress Who Played Before Lincoln Night He Was Assassinated Dies at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 8 .- Mrs. Sarah Stevens, a member of the "Way Down East" company, playing at a local theater here, died suddenly at the city hospital today of uraemia.

Mrs. Stevens was about 70 years old tee Mr. Vail consented and was soon es- and her stage career, which was a notable a member of the Laura Keene company comedy Lincoln was witnessing when assassinated at Ford's theater in Washington. Besides Miss Keene that cast included Joseph Jefferson and the elder Sothern.

Mrs. Stevens was the widow of John C Heenan, the noted English pugilist. After her marriage she retired for fourteen years. On the death of her husband she returned quired during the past six months are in to the American stage. Mrs. Stevens' President Woodward's hands.

#### BURGLARS INJURE A WOMAN from President Donnelly, stating that an- Housebreakers Throw Carbolic Acid in the Face of One Who Finds Them.

CHICAGO, Sept. &-Miss Mabel Me Pherson, 1218 Sheridan road, discovered two burglars in her room early today They threw the contents of a bottle containing carbolic acid upon her, burning her face and neck.

Miss McPherson is a sister-in-law of Benjamin F. Crawford, president of the National Biscuit company, and is visiting at his home on Sheridan road. Miss Mc-Pherson will recover, but she will be at the carnival and upon returning home scarred for life. The burglars secured a discovered their home on fire. The loss will quantity of sliverware and jeweiry and es- aggregate \$1.200, with but little insurance.

## THE OFFENSIVE BATTLE BEFORE LIAO YANG

Graphic Description of the Great Artillery Duel by an Eye-Witness.

Over Three Hundred Guns Engaged or Each Side and Their Fire is Uncensing and Rapid,

GENERAL KUROKI'S HEADQUAR-TERS IN THE FIELD, Aug. 30, (via Fuean, Corea), Sept. 8.-The artillery battle which thundered before Liao Yang today from early morning until darkness hid for from foe was certainly one of the most stupendous and spectacular of history. The combined armies of Japan, with the exception of a part of the force under General Kuroki, concentrated their batteries against the Russian lines under General Kouropatkin, and several hundred guns, probably not less than 300 upon each side, were worked incessantly for twelve hours. Even after nightfall, and in the driving storm of wind and rain that swept over the field of battle, the conflict did not cease entirely, for Russian shells are tonight bursting over the hills before the Japanese positions. Not alone the number of guns in action, but their uncessing and rapid fire, made the conflict of today remarkable. For several hours the cannonading averaged sixty shots a minute, and the rate seldom fell below twenty shots a minute.

From a high mountain almost over the nearest Russian batteries the foreign attaches and newspaper correspondents with General Kuroki's army had a view of fighting which probably never will be surpassed. Liao Yang, a small Chinese walled city, with a gray pagoda towering from its center, stands on the southern bank of the Taitse river. The observers noted the yellow roofs of military storehouses on the outskirts of the city. From the city the river sweeps in a broad course to the southeast road and then takes a turn to there extends a great plain, while to the east and south range upon range are the mountains through which the Japanese armies advanced to the theater of one of the decisive battles of this struggle.

#### Alignment of Batteries,

Some of the Russian guns were aligned in an almost unbroken horseshoe around the plain to the south and east of Liao Yang; others were posted about five miles from the city; still other detached batteries were facing the west from a group of hills on the extreme Russian right, while ports and some guns may have been abananother range of hills behind the city facing the east bank of the river furnished positions for the Russian batteries protecting the railroad and the rear of the army. The Japanese guns in the mountains formed an irregular line twenty miles or

more in length. The above description roughly outlines the artillery position of the two armies and the statement of defense and attack.

which affected the strategic dis

tion of the contending forces. perations with so many batteries participating, it was often impossible to displaces the Russian guns appeared to be arranged in tiers, two or three batteries being placed one above the other.

The whole Russian front was bordered with the twinkling lights, this being the flashes from the guns. Much of the artillery was in skillfully covered positions and absolutely smokeless powder was used. Clusters of white smoke broke out fitfully around the Japanese position in the nountains and rolled slowly away, showing that often two or three batteries upon either side were pitted against one an-

#### other. Honors About Even.

The nearer ridges of the mountains and the edge of the plain were constantly dotted with sudden flashes of white smoke from exploding shells and the sound that came to the ears of the observers was as a continuous rumble of thunder, varied by successions of sharp peals as two or three batteries united and fired together. and at nightfall the honors appeared to be

even. The Japanese infantry, which was massed fire, especially when the Russians discerned regiments advancing from one point to another. There was some infantry fighting on the hills bordering the plain.

Bodies of Russian troops could be seen marching about Liao Yang with the appearance of great activity, and one Russian column composed of several regiments of cavalry moved out to the left of the Russian rear as though to protect the retreat of the main body. Trains could be seen steaming out of Liao

Yang to the northward every half hour during the day.

#### NEW LINE TO PACIFIC COAST Rumor that Rockefeller Interests Will Construct Another Transcontinental Railroad.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 8.-The Dispatch oday says:

"Reports received in St. Paul today, con ing from a thoroughly reliable source state that L. R. Manning of Tacoma has informed railway officials at that point that he is the personal representative of John Woodward, president of the Hanover National bank of New York, a Rockefeller institution, and that deeds to all the Scattle and Tacoma property which he has ac-

"President Woodward, Mr. Manning now states, is acting for a new transcontinental route, to be pushed through to the Pacific coast within a short time.

"Mr. Manning refuses to name the railway, but intimates that the reports that the recent heavy purchases of terminals were in the interest of the Harriman comcombine were far from the truth."

#### FIRE RECORD. Residence at Bestrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 8 -- (Special.) Fire last night at 11 o'clock destroyed the residence of Martin Ford located in Glenover, a suburb of Beatrice, with all its contents. The family was in attendance The origin of the fire to unknown,

## NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

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#### RUSSIANS MARCH IN THE MUD St. Petersburg Has Had No News from

the Front for Two Days.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 8.-1:30 p. m .-The lack of news from the front, either official or newspaper dispatches, is very trying to the public. In spite of the assurances that General Kouropatkin's army is out of danger, no word from Kouropatitin has been given out for thirty-six hours and not a single newspaper disputch later General Staff of Opinion Another Great than September 6 has been received. The emperor has received some additional details showing the tramendous difficulties encountered in accomplishing the retreat over the Mandarin road to Mukden, from which it is easy to imagine the horrible picture of the army and the baggage and transport trains floundering northward over a road converted by torrents of rain into a river of mud. An instance is given where the wheels of a gun drawn by six horses sank in the mud up to the breech. Four additional horses were harnessed to the piece, but the ten horses were unable to

The Russian rear guard is considerably above Yental, but there is no exact information in regard to the location of General Kuroki's main army, the left wing of which has been engaged in a more or less continual duel with the Russian batteries which are covering the retreat, and no particulars have been received of the extent or character of this fighting. The general the north. To the northwest of Liao Yang staff, however, is of the opinion that Kuroki's troops must be experiencing almost as great difficulties us the Russians and that they are too exhausted to create a serious menace at present.

Waile the public impression is that General Kouropatkin's army is continuing north of Mukden, no official admission to this effect is obtainable.

The general staff, while declaring that it has no specific information on this point. does not deny the possibility that owing to the difficulties of the retreat some trans-

RUSSIANS EXPLODE LAND MINE Several Hundred Japanese Slain Near Port Arthur.

CHE FOO, Sept. 9-10:20 a. m.-A Japanes olumn, numbering approximately 700 men, in the valley between Long Hill and Division Hill, met a frightful disaster through While the landscape viewed from the ele- the explosion of an electric land mine Sep vation where the correspondents and for- tember 1. The mine was carefully laid eign attaches had taken their positions ap- by the Russians three weeks ago. It covpeared to be modeled on broad lines, in ered nearly a mile of available marching reality the country is irregular, with many space. The explosive was placed at the hills and ravines and much rolling plain, bottom. Rocks were placed next and on that the ground gave the impression of not cern the details of position or what units outposts rushed in and reported that the were opposed to each other. In some Japanese were approaching. The Russians withheld their fire for some time. Suddenly they threw a searchlight up the valley. The Japanese opened with a rifle fire. The Russians waited until apparently the whole Japanese column was in the danger zone; then the mine was exploded. The force of the explosion knocked a number of Russians down, and the sight of Japanese rifles, water bottles, legs and arms hurtling through the lighted space made by searchlight was an awful spectacle. Some rocks landed inside the Russian lines. There was one appailing moment, during which the garrison itself was stunned; then a death-like silence. The searchlight coldiv

lighted up the road and hillsides, strewn with dead. The following day the Russians burley the dead, but owing to their dismembered and mutilated condition the Russians were unable to accurately estimate the number of killed. A few Japanese escaped, however. The foregoing information is con tained in a small sheet issued September 3 Throughout the day the positions of the by the Port Arthur Novakrai, a breakage opposing forces were but little changed in the press having made it impossible to issue a full edition

A Chinese arriving here at midnight con firms the above to the extent of saying behind the hills, was often under severe that he heard a report that many Japanese had been killed by a mine, but he did not learn the details. On the rights of August 26 and 27 a similar disaster befell the Japanese near Beboul No. 2, it is reported, but no details have been ascertained

#### REORGANIZING THE RUSSIAN ARMY General Kouropatkin Will Probably Be Commander-in-Chief. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 9.-2:15 a. m.

Beside the formation of two fresh army corps as the first answer to the Japanese success at Liao Yang, the Russian army at the front will be reorganized, probably in the form of two armies, in command of General Linevitch and General Baron Kaulbars, respectively, with General Kouopatkin as commander-in-chief. General Kaulbers will go out with the two army corps now organizing in the governments of Kasan, Odessa, Vilna and Kieff, General Linevitch has been ordered by telegraph from Vladivostok to Mukden. This decision is due in part doubtless to the growing unwieldiness of the big force under General Kouropatkin's command and which will be largely increased by constant | eral Kouropatkin is continuing his march reinforcements.

General Kouropatkin heretofore handled every detail of the vast organization. The work is too much for one man and he is now almost broken down under the strain. It is known that the emperor is personally one of Kouropatkin's strong supporters and it is thought the general will in all probability retain chief command of the two armies. Kouropatkin, however, has been seriously criticized by some of the emperor's close military advisers and it is possible that he may eventually be superceeded.

There is little information from the front tonight. A dispatch from Mukden, bearing Thursday's date, repeats the story of bacroads which have hampered the transports and intimates that there is an "interesting movement toward Tieling," but the nature

of this movement is not disclosed. It is understood that the emperor's in spection of the Baltic fleet at Crosstadt today is the last he will make and that the flect when it leaves Libeau will proneed to the far east.

Canr Goes to Cronstadt. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 8.-Empero Nicholas left St. Petersburg for Cronstadt today to inspect the Baltic feet.

# Pair Friday and Warmer in Enstern Portion, Saturday Partly Cloudy; **WAKING UP**

Dawns Upon the Country at Last that They Have Been Thoroughly Whipped.

REFUSES TO SWALLOW OFFICIAL STORIES

Japanese Cannot Be Beaten by Sacrificing

CALLING LOUDLY FOR REINFORCEMENTS

Men, Guns and Positions.

No Real News of Recent Happenings at the Front Given Out.

KOUROPATKIN'S ARMY IS HARD PRESSED

Battle May Soon Be Fought in the Vicinity of Mukden.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. &-(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Quite the most striking feature of the moment is the entire refusal of the intelligent section of the community to be persuaded any longer that the Russian army, perpetually being dislodged, constantly retiring and being pursued by the Japanese, can be in any way interpreted as being in a satisfactory condition. Lively sentiments of alarm and indignation are heard.

The Novoe Vremya echoes popular feeling when it says: "We are far from saying that there is anything normal in constant retreats to the north, and by such operations and the sacrifice of stores we are receding from Port Arthur and losing prestige with the Chinese. We carnestly hope reinforcements will be hurried, in order that our commander may become a real commander. Only under such conditions can these melancholy retreats come to an end and the object of the war be reached."

The Russ says: "What we must realize is that we have a most serious task before us. We must make extraordinary efforts. Mere strength is not sufficient. In Kuroki and his brave followers we are face to face with a new factor of strength which we have not begun to realize. The battlefield of Liao Yang, soaked with Russian while marching along at night on a road blood, is crying out to Russia. Russia will

> Mukden has been hastily evacuated. The absence of official news on the Russian side, especially of details of losses, is causing much alarm.

Big Battle Expected.

PETERSBURG, Sept. 8 .- A dispatch General Kouropatkin, timed 6:30 Looking down upon so vast a scene of having been disturbed. The indications of sclock yesterday evening, was received Japanese activity in this vicinity put the late in the day. He reported that Gen-Russians on guard. Near midnight the eral Kuroki's army was about twentyseven miles eastward of the railroad and that General Oku's army was twenty miles west of the railroad. The general staff expects that a big battle will be

fought. Two Japanese cruisers bombarded Korsakovsk, Island of Sakhalin, yesterday and fired torpedoes at the sunken Russian cruiser Novik. No attempt was made to land. Korsakovsk is defended by coast batteries.

Kouropatkin May Defend Mukden 8:25 p. m.-General Kouropatkin's official report sent from Mukden during the evening of yesterday announcing that the whole of his army had arrived at Mukden and was taking up position around the city and adding that the army had not lost a gun during the retreat, relieved the public anxiety and put an end to the many alarming reports which had been current here. From the general's report it sems evident that Kouropotkin is tentatively preparing

to meet the Japanese again should Field Marshal Oyama continue to press northward. Nothing more important than rear guard actions marked the march to Mukden. The region south of that city is now clear of Russians, It is evident that Kouropatkin is taking precautions to prevent the Japanese from creeping around his flanks as he reports that the Japanese cavalry is actively scouting wide on his flanks. The Japanese are reported to be moving up about thirty miles on either side of the railroad with the view to surrounding Mukden but whether Kouropatkin will accept an engagement or continue northward will probably depend at the decisive moment upon the temper and condition of his troops, who doubtless have been much shaken by the long fight and hardships at-

tendant upon the retreat. Among the reports telegraphed by some of the Russian warships is one to the effect that during a certain night below Liao Yang a regiment of Japanese infantry charged one of the trenches, bayoneting a number of Japanese before the mistake was discovered.

May Be Forced to Mongolia. ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 8 .- The brief Mukden despatch received today from one of the Associated Press Russian correspondents, dated September 7, is the latest word from the front. It was probably all the censor will allow to be sent and offers no solution of the question whether Gennorthward. But it seems to indicate that ich a course is contingent upon the ability of Field Marshal Oyama to try to repeat at Mukden the enveloping movement which falled at Liao Yang. The only thing certaln seems to be that for the moment everything is quiet. If the armies continue to race northward to Tie pans, forty miles north of Mukden, in the opinion of the best military critics it, will become of supreme Importance to Kouropatkin if the door of his retreat is closed there. In the event of defeat he would be forced westward into

Mongolia It is intimated that in order to protect his army against such a possible trophe the Russian troops from Harbin have taken possession of this pass

Expects News of Pight. MUKDEN, Wednesday, Sept. I -- News of a fight at some point between Shakhe (eleven miles northwest of Lind Yang) and Mukden is hourly expected. Among the reports current here is one to the effect that General Kuroki has been

killed and that two Japanese generals have been made prisoners; but no one seems to know where the reports originated and no confirmation is obtainable.

Last night it was reported that the fighting had ceased and the Russian transport

# as they were concerned.