

HANG THREE BANDITS

Car Barn Murderers Pay the Penalty of Their Crimes on the Scaffold.

NEIDERMEIER THE FIRST ONE TO DIE

Attempted Suicide Weak from Loss of Blood and Has to Be Carried.

MURDERERS GO TO GALLOWES SEPARATELY

Original Plan Was to Dispose of Youthful Thugs at Same Time.

NEIDERMEIER SULLEN TO THE LAST

Marx and Van Dine Walk to Their Doom Repeating a Litany.

After Passing a Sleepless Night.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Peter Niedermeier, Gustav Marx and Harvey Van Dine, the notorious car barn bandits, and confessed murderers of eight men, were hanged here today.

Niedermeier was the first to die and his manner of death was unusual. He was so weak as the result of his attempt at suicide that the jail guards were forced to carry him to the scaffold.

He was placed in a chair and the drop sprung at 10:35. His body moved convulsively as he hung and it was thought he slowly strangled to death.

Although it was first believed by the physicians that he was strangling, it developed that his neck had been broken.

Twenty minutes after the drop fell he was pronounced dead and the body was cut down.

With execution so near as to be awaited by minutes, Peter Niedermeier, Gustav Marx and Harvey Van Dine, the car barn bandits, today after a practically sleepless night, prepared for the gallows.

The intention of Sheriff Barrett to hang the trio simultaneously on one scaffold, as the anarchists were executed some years ago. The plan, however, was abandoned mainly on account of Niedermeier's attempt at suicide which had left him in a weakened condition and made it advisable that he should be hanged alone.

A large crowd assembled at the jail preceding the hour of execution and sought admission, but were turned away. Only a limited number, provided by law, were allowed in the jail to witness the execution of the bandits, whose careers with Emil Roedl, imprisoned for life but a few days before—were closed at practically the same time.

Last Visitors to Condemned.

Niedermeier continued to repeat all spiritual advice and it seemed that he would carry out his idea of dying at first. Jailer Whitman said Niedermeier would be able to walk to the gallows without assistance.

Marx and Van Dine, who had joined the Catholic faith recently, spent their last hours in reading, writing and praying several times and priests being with them constantly. Marx asserted he was feeling fine. His sweetheart was the last of his friends to visit him. It was announced that the men would be hanged separately, and in the following order: Niedermeier first, then Marx, and Van Dine last.

Attorneys for Van Dine were trying to see the governor to obtain a stay of execution or the same being granted that what was why consent was given to hang Van Dine last. It was regarded as unlikely, however, that the governor would interfere, as he has already refused clemency.

Dr. McNamara, the jail physician, visited all three of the bandits and said their condition under the circumstances was all that could be expected. The death warrant was read to Niedermeier, and shortly afterward to each of the men to the scaffold began.

Niedermeier Dies Sulen.

Previous to the execution Niedermeier made the same subtle denials that has characterized him since he became a prisoner. While the death warrant was being read he snatched the document from the sheriff and stuck it in his pocket, making a sarcastic reference to his execution. He was carried to the gallows on a jail truck, then carried down a flight of stairs to the scaffold.

Marx, accompanied by two priests, was led to the scaffold repeating a litany after the clergy. He made no statement. He appeared weak, but met death bravely. Shortly after 11 o'clock Marx was led to the scaffold. Neatly dressed and with a white rose on a boutonniere, which had been given him by his small sister the night before. He was pale, but his courage never left him while he stood on the scaffold. He made no statements. Two priests of the Roman Catholic church, of which Marx had become a member, accompanied him to the gallows. He repeated a litany with them, missed a crucifix, after which the jailer adjusted the noose and sprung the trap at 11:17. He was pronounced dead at 11:34, his neck having been broken.

Harvey Van Dine was hanged a short interval after his companion Marx, a few days before a bitter enemy of Van Dine, but the best of friends in their last hours of life.

Incidents in Van Dine's execution were similar to those that characterized the execution of Marx. Like Marx, Van Dine was composed preceding his execution. With the Catholic priests who accompanied him Van Dine walked unflinchingly to the scaffold, attired neatly in black, his hair and wearing a white waistcoat and a white rose. Van Dine seemed to be even more calm than his companion Marx, who went to death shortly before. Van Dine made no statement of any kind while on the scaffold, but the priest who repeated with his spiritual advisers was quite audible. With Van Dine's lips still moving in prayer the trap was sprung at 11:35. His neck was broken.

Last Moments of the Men.

Before Niedermeier was taken to the gallows he was asked if, like his companions, he wished to accept of the sacrament. He answered that he cared nothing for spiritual advice and no priest would follow him to the gallows.

When the drop fell the shroud about Niedermeier's body fell apart and to the on-lookers was revealed for twenty minutes the horrifying struggles of the desperate Niedermeier.

The death of Marx and Van Dine was unaccompanied by any similar spectacle. A dramatic incident, however, preceded the execution of Marx and Van Dine. When the jailer entered Marx's room to give notice to prepare for the gallows, he said: "I want to see Harvey."

Van Dine was brought from his room a

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FRANK ROSE SHOT TO DEATH

Legal Execution with Guns Takes Place at the Salt Lake Penitentiary.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 22.—Frank Rose, the wife murderer, was shot to death in the yard of the state penitentiary here at 10:30 this morning. Death was instantaneous, four bullets lodging in or very close to his heart.

Rose was strapped to the same little wooden chair in which Peter Mortenson met his fate a few months ago. Five prison guards, concealed behind a heavy blue curtain in the doorway of the black-smith shop, across the area, formed the executing squad. One of the rifles held a blank cartridge. Rose went to his death chair with the same coolness that had marked his conduct since he surrendered to the police.

The Herald says: Frank P. Rose, sentenced to be shot today for the murder of his wife last Christmas day, has confessed to other murders, said to number not less than ten. Rose declared he had spent the last fifteen years in committing successive crimes, varying from robbery to murder. Robbery was his first crime, according to his statement. After he had launched into murders of every description, and related instances where he had killed men for a little money. Rose declared he had committed a murder in San Francisco, where he quarreled with a competitor while working with him on the Santa Fe terminals, across the bay from the city. The man's body was found in the bay and Rose says he murdered him.

In St. Louis, according to Rose's confession, he was the murderer of a number of crimes, including murder. There is some doubt at the penitentiary about the truth of Rose's confession, but he has furnished names and other details to such a degree that his story has gained general credence with the prison officials.

Rose said that in 1882 he was a member of the Dalton gang in Oklahoma for a time and took part in the robbery and murder of a number of men. After leaving the Daltons he continued his operations as a member of the Starr gang. Rose said he served two years in the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo., for larceny and embezzlement.

UNION LABOR WINS VICTORY

House of Commons Passes Second Reading of Bill Permitting Picketing.

LONDON, April 22.—The House of Commons tonight passed the second reading by 238 to 196 votes, of the trades union bill, legalizing peaceful picketing and amending the law of conspiracy in connection with trade disputes, and protecting trades union funds against legal process for damage caused by the action of members of such unions. The bill is the outcome of the recent judgment of the court in the Taff Vale railway case, in which the railway company had sued the union for heavy damages for picketing and interfering with nonunionists.

Shipping Trade Not Good

LIVERPOOL, April 22.—Frederick Leyland & Co., limited, the first British line to be formed, reported to the board today for the thirteen months ending with December. The directors say that even after drawing \$1,347,500 from the reserve it is only possible to pay the preferred dividend of 5 percent. The report also reduces the reserve to \$135,000. The directors attribute this result to the epidemic of foot and mouth disease in New England last year, stopping shipments of live stock therefrom, and to the inadequacy of Atlantic freights.

Australian Cabinet Resigns

MELBOURNE, April 22.—The federal ministry has resigned. The resignation of the federal government was due to its defeat in the House of Representatives yesterday on a labor party amendment, making the bill providing for the arbitration of labor disputes applicable to state employees.

Hungarian Strikers Are Firm

BUDAPEST, Hungary, April 22.—The railroad strikers are not showing little disposition to return to work unless their demands for increased pay are conceded. Premier Tizsa announced in the Diet today that as a result of the conference there appeared little prospect of a settlement.

DEEDS OF TRUST FOR BLAIR

Valued at \$80,000 Each, but Parties Named in Instrument Deny Knowledge of Them.

ST. LOUIS, April 22.—Three deeds of trust, executed ten years ago by the Shrewsbury Park Land & Improvement company to James L. Blair and William Taunton, trustee, were filed for record today at Clayton. In accordance with the law the documents will be retained a year by the recorder and held open to the inspection of the public. The deeds are for \$80,000 each. Judge Sedon was named as the party of the second part. Judge Sedon and Mr. Taunton say they received no word of the deeds. They were given to secure purchase money for twenty lots.

KOUROPATKIN APPOINTS STAFF

Mud so Deep at Review Men Hastened to Sea.

LIAO YANG, April 22.—General Kouropatkin has appointed as members of his staff Lieutenant General Sakharov, commander of the First Siberian army corps, to be chief of staff; General Seablietti, chief of communications, and General Orlov, chief of commissary. General Hopshevinoff has been placed in command of the rear guard. During a review of the troops by General Kouropatkin the mud was so thick that it was necessary to haul the men out of it with ropes, many of the soldiers losing their shoes and parts of their clothing in the mire.

The fight at Chengtu on March 28 was over the possession of the height commanding the town. The Japanese infantry and General Mishchenko's Cossacks raced for the Kusse mountains, at which the Russians were first to arrive. The Russians swept the town, which was occupied by the Japanese, with bullets, but the Japanese, in addition to a force of cavalry, sent four regiments of infantry and a mountain battery to surround Mishchenko, who retreated in good order.

Russia Would Borrow Money

PARIS, April 22.—The European economist says, under reserve, that Russia is negotiating with the principal French banks for a loan of \$50,000,000 on a four-year treasury bonds, to be placed at 8. The statement is not verified and appears based on yesterday's St. Petersburg reports, indicating that the Russian government might resort to short term loans.

CONFER ON KINKAID'S BILL

House and Senate Not of Same Mind on Its Provision.

Author Thinks Power is Given to Other States, Proposed, Decried.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Kinkaid, when his bill permitting the taking of 660 acres of land as a homestead in certain sections of Nebraska was reported to the house today, with several amendments, moved to discuss and asked for a conference, Representatives Lacey, Mondell and Lind being appointed.

Judge Kinkaid, in explaining his reasons for nonconcurring in the senate amendments, said that greater power on the secretary of the interior had been contemplated by his bill; that words had been added in the senate amendments which would defeat the purposes of the measure if they were taken advantage of by the secretary, particularly insofar as certain lands might be held indefinitely for irrigation enterprises. He said he was content to have the national irrigation law apply to these lands, but he did not want them subject to the "private enterprise" feature introduced by the senate. Judge Kinkaid is in the majority of the two houses, particularly in regard to irrigable lands, and also in regard to the rights of an entryman who has settled upon a quarter section of land but who has not commenced actual occupation. These, according to the amendment of the senate, would be wholly wiped out and only those actually on the land and developing same would be entitled to an additional three-quarters.

Kinkaid holds that not only occupants of land, but those who have filed on quarter sections should be treated the same by acquiring additional lands under his bill. It is expected the senate conferees will be appointed tomorrow, Senator Dietrich in all probability being one of the number.

Roosevelt Bill to Be Signed

Representative Burke and others of the South Dakota delegation have received assurances from President Roosevelt that he will sign the bill for the establishment of the South Dakota delegation will be present to witness the president affixing his signature to the bill which they have labored so earnestly to put on the statute books.

After the bill is signed the South Dakota delegation will have a conference with the commission of the general land office to discuss the details regarding the opening of the new territory. Commissioner Richards will formulate a proclamation opening these lands and make rules and regulations governing the same.

No Land Law Repeal

There will be no repeal of the stone and timber culture law, as provided by the Quarles bill which passed the house last week. A subcommittee on public lands this morning decided by a vote of eight to five to postpone further consideration of the measure until the next session of congress.

Minor Matters at Capital

Representative McCarty today recommended George A. Blackburn for postmaster at Craig, Burt county, vice J. A. Clark, resigned. He also recommended the reappointment of David Matthews as postmaster at Crofton, Knox county.

Dr. W. E. Stewart, E. M. Stewart and A. H. Thomas were today appointed members of the new Board of Examining Surgeons for the pension bureau at Stratton, Neb.

Captain Charles F. Bates, Twenty-fifth Infantry, is relieved from duty at Fort Des Moines and will join his company at Fort Reno, Okl.

Postmasters appointed: Iowa—Halo, Webster county, T. O. Apland, vice T. B. Apland, resigned; Pickering, Marshall county, S. H. Hagen, vice F. Olson, resigned; Rathbun, Appanoose county, Alexander Middleton, vice J. M. Adler, resigned.

Additional rural route ordered established: May 16; Keokuk county, Ia.; route embraces an area of twenty-five square miles containing a population of 810.

Rural carriers appointed: Nebraska—Columbus, regular, G. M. Hall; substitute, Amelia A. Hall; Gretna, regular, S. E. Shaffer; substitute, Harvey Arlington; Lebanon, regular, W. DeVoe; substitute, M. C. Stevens; West Point, regular, Alfred Greig; substitute, Edith Greig; Iowa—Algona, regular, Albert Reed; substitute, Mrs. A. Reed, Belmont, regular, Charles Peterson; substitute, George Peterson; Blairburg, regular, Clarence E. Stouffer; substitute, Elmer Stouffer; Buffalo center, regular, James A. Putnam; substitute, Edward E. Young; Clutter, regular, Herman F. Blocker; substitute, Louis A. Blocker; Hillsdale, regular, Owen E. Miller; substitute, Clarence Loveland; Knoxville, regular, O. A. Beckley; substitute, B. M. Neal; St. Olaf, regular, Frank M. Perry; substitute, Edmundo Perry; South Line, regular, Leo A. Blaylock; substitute, J. H. Wenger; Toledo, regular, Mazy M. Davis; substitute, Annie M. Davis; Walnut, regular, John H. Dreyer, Iowa, N. Kite; substitute, John Gibbons, Nettie E. Kite; Woodbury, regular, Harry L. Lowman; substitute, Thomas F. Lowman; Big Stone, regular, Henry R. Aldrich; substitute, W. Yonescheu.

THINK JAPS ARE ON THE BALTO

Strange Craft Seen and Russia Feared for Northern Fleet.

CHICAGO, April 22.—A special cable to the Daily News from Stockholm says that it is reported in responsible quarters that certain strange craft, said to be Japanese submarines, are hovering on the east coast of Sweden. They were last seen off the fortified harbor of Frolund in the island of Gotland in the center of the Baltic sea. It is reported that the St. Petersburg authorities have been advised of the matter and are alarmed for the safety of the Baltic fleet.

FLOATING MINES THREATEN SHIPS

Several Seen in Route Pursued by Merchant Vessels.

TIENTSIN, April 22.—Floating mines have been seen off the Shan Tung province in the much-used fairway followed by vessels bound to and from Bangkok and Chee Foo and Tien Tsin and other northern ports. This is extremely dangerous to shipping and probably will cause an increase in marine insurance.

Ships Have Been Seized

PARIS, April 22.—A dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg says the fleet of the purchase of three Argentine warships of the type of the Garibaldi, constructed at Genoa, appear to be settled.

PROPOSED RAILROAD CHANGES

Burlington to Branch Out for Gulf and Santa Fe to Tap Redwood Forests.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—E. H. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific, and his staff arrive in this city today from southern California. From there it is expected the party will make trips over the local portions of the system and return east by way of the Lucha cutoff. President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe system is also in the city, having come from Santa Barbara to consult with his engineer regarding the proposed new road to Eureka, which will tap the Redwood forests.

The Burlington railway system is to be extended from Kansas City to the Gulf of Mexico if plans now under consideration by its owners and chief officers are carried out. It is proposed to run the new line south from Kansas City through Oklahoma City to Houston and thence to tidewater at Galveston.

The Burlington is seeking a gulf outlet so as to be in better shape to handle the immense grain shipments which originate on its lines in the northwest. A part of the plan is to construct a branch to the Gulf of Mexico to salt water, but having failed in this, it is now said to have arrived at a decision to build its own line from Kansas City south.

For several years the Burlington has been negotiating with the gulf lines to lease a trunk line connecting Kansas City to salt water, but having failed in this, it is now said to have arrived at a decision to build its own line from Kansas City south.

DENIES KANSAS CITY STORY

Kansas City Official Says Dutch Security Holders Do Not Control Company.

NEW YORK, April 22.—The following authoritative statement has been issued concerning the recent meeting of the directors of the Kansas City Southern Railway company: Mr. George J. Gould did not retire as vice president at the request of the Dutch security holders in their capacity as directors. Mr. Gould at the directors' meeting a year ago expressed his desire to retire, and the board agreed to this. The day of the year repeated his wish to that effect, as he could not possibly give proper attention to the duties of his office, and it was solely upon his own insistence that the board accepted his resignation. The company still has the benefit of his valuable cooperation and advice as a member of the executive committee.

Mr. Max Pam has not retired as an official of the company. The president, E. H. Harriman, has not retired as an official of the company, and the department relating to the operation of the railroad in direct control with him at Kansas City is not being discontinued. The office of consulting engineers was abolished by the board of directors this morning. There is no change in his relationship to the company.

Mr. Stecken was not elected vice president of the Kansas City Southern Railway company. He is not a director, and his position of vice president was never held.

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The matter was fully investigated and a report made to the board of directors, which concludes that the directors' unanimity was maintained.

The voting list continues in force until April 1906, and the voting trustees are: Louis L. Rogers, secretary; John G. Breen, treasurer; E. H. Harriman, J. R. Wilson, J. H. Kahan, Herman Stechen and James Stillman.

ELEPHANT DELAYS TRAFFIC

Animal Jumps from Freight Car and Has to Be Lifted with Jackscrews.

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LINCOLN WIDOW GETS PRAISE

Seats Two Other Candidates to a Matrimonial Bureau Husband.

STERLING, Ill., April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Henry Argus of New Bedford advertised for a wife in a matrimonial agency and on Wednesday three women, one a widow, another a grass widow and the third, a maid of 40, appeared to claim him. Elsie King, the widow, journeyed from Lincoln, Neb., to have a home for herself and two children. The other two arrived an hour later. They immediately became indignant at Argus for preferring the first arrival. The grass widow and the maid, after vowing vengeance, left town. They refused to give their names and they dined at a cheap lunch counter so that they would not be compelled to register at the village inn.

PREACHER PRAYS IN COURT

Illinois Minister Offers Public Thanks for Acquittal of His Son.

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., April 22.—In the circuit court today, Rev. J. C. Sutton, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Troy, Ill., publicly offered prayer of thanks for the acquittal of his son, a charge of grand larceny. Then the minister embraced each member of the jury that had returned the verdict, and with streaming eyes embraced his son and led him from the court room.

The son, Frank Sutton, had been accused of stealing jewelry from a jewelry store in Troy. His defense was an absolute denial of the charge.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PRIMARIES

Republican Committee Issues Call for the Selection of Delegates.

BLACKBURN'S TACTICS CAUSE DELAY

Congressional Chairman Calls Convention at Lincoln to Select National Delegates and "to Do No Other Business."

THE BEE BULLETIN

Showers Saturday; colder in south-west portion; Sunday, fair and colder in east portion.

1 Three Car Barn Bandits Are Hung, Kinkaid Bill Conference. Douglas County Primaries Called. Latest News from Seat of War. 2 German Seas Peril if Japan Wins. Panama Canal Contract is Signed. 3 News from Over Nebraska. 4 Stiekney is Entitled to Street. 5 Army Officer Spies Among Filipinos. 6 Story, "An Unwilling Diplomat." 7 Wireless Telegraph Differences. Mormon Marriages Were Secret. 8 Insists Fiscal Policy is Sound. Nebraska Pays Tribute to Morton. 9 Battle Over Corporation Fees. Comparing Trades and Professions. 10 Editorial. 11 Nebraska Grain Rate War Settled. Booth-Tucker Talks on Sociology. 12 Sporting Events of the Day. 13 Financial and Commercial. 14 Councill Bluffs and Iowa News.

The republican county committee yesterday afternoon by a vote of almost two to one decided to elect eighty-seven delegates to the state convention by direct primaries on May 13, the same delegates to act in a similar capacity in the congressional convention. Under the rules adopted the names of candidates for congress and for district delegates to the national committee are to be submitted to the voters, the men receiving the highest number of votes in the county to be nominated by the convention.

The resolution embodying this plan was introduced by Victor Rosewater, who explained that it was not his work alone, but that of others as well. After a test vote had shown how the committee felt there was no trouble in adopting the plan. The dilatory congressional committee was ignored altogether and propositions to wait until a conference committee were rejected. Not until after the meeting did Chairman Blackburn of the congressional committee, who is a member also of the county committee, unfold the fact that the congressional committee had been called to meet at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Summary of the War News

Skirmishing on the Yalu, but No Confirmation of the Battle.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) NEW YORK, April 22.—(New York Herald Service—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—With the Japanese concentrated at Wiju and the Russians, after skirmishing with the advance guards, retreating from the north bank of the Yalu, the dispatches from the far east indicate that the long-expected battle near the Yalu cannot long be delayed.

Port Arthur reports declared that a Japanese column has been obliterated in an engagement on the Yalu, but there was no confirmation of the dispatch.

Commentaries on the part of the Russians' papers took of an Anglo-Russo-French alliance, which has caused a sensation in Berlin. A special cable dispatch from St. Petersburg, however, says that Russia would listen to no offer of mediation based on the retention of Korea by Japan.

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TALK OF A NEW TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Berlin Interested in Reported Combination of Russia-France-England.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) BERLIN, April 22.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Considerable interest has been aroused here by an extraordinary article in the Novoe Vremya in which reference is made to the possible conclusion of an Anglo, Russo-French alliance. If there was any truth in this it would, of course, indicate that Russia was already considering the question of peace. However, it is regarded here as merely a ballon d'essai.

A statement in the Cvet to the effect that it may develop upon the powers to enforce the neutrality of China and suggesting that Germany should take the initiative in proposing this measure meets with energetic protests here. The Voelks-Zeitung declares:

"Of all the powers, Germany has the least reason to place itself at the disposal of the czar's government, that especially as it is known that France shows the greatest disinclination to assume the role proposed for Germany."

The journal denies that the presence of foreign instructors in the Chinese army is a breach of neutrality, and no power can object if China protects its frontiers. If Germany is foolish enough to assume the role proposed, it is now laying itself open to another diplomatic defeat.

RUSSIA SCOOTS AT A SETTLEMENT

Would Never Consent to Japan Keeping Corea.

(Copyright 1904 by New York Herald Co.) ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Ideas apparently started in Paris of the possibility of an arrangement being reached after a first engagement on land, supposing Russia victorious, upon condition of Japan retaining Corea and Russia keeping Manchuria, are pure nonsense. Russia would never accept such a proposition.

King Edward is reported to be the mover of such an idea here. The king was given opinions for high, calm chauvinism and anti-Russian sentiment in England, and it is believed that he is thinking of international complications, but King Edward would never think of offering intervention, which would meet with a prompt refusal. Nor was such action arranged recently in Copenhagen. What was settled there was the assured neutrality of Denmark, which is another blow to a German project recently given in the Herald.

GERMANY SELLS TORPEDO BOAT

Takes Ingenious Tact to Avoid Breach of Neutrality.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) BERLIN, April 22.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Some sensation has been caused in Berlin by a dispatch from a German agency to the effect that Germany has ordered to Russia certain torpedo boats building in private yards, which are on the point of completion. Eight of these, which are being built by the Schichan yard, are the largest torpedo boats as yet constructed in Germany, being of 550 ton weight with an average speed of twenty-eight knots.

In order to prevent a breach of neutrality the German government has annulled its contract with the yard, leaving them to do as they please with the torpedo boats.

Japanese Officers Caught in Russia.

(Copyright 1904 by New York Herald Co.) YOKOHAMA, April 22.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Miss McGee, a physician, and eight American nurses, arrived at Yokohama today. They received a very hearty welcome and the governor of Yokohama delivered an address.

Russia Denies German Story

Says It Knows Nothing of Foreigners Arrested as Spies.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—An Associated Press correspondent called the attention of the Foreign office here to the telegram of the Harbin correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung published yesterday in the United States to the effect that four unarmed American citizens were held as

WIPE OUT JAP COLUMN

Reported Russians Have Destroyed Entire Command of Enemy on Yalu.

JAPANESE CONCENTRATED IN WAR FORCE

Russian Scouts Exchange Shots with Browns Men on Pomakun River.

JAPS PREPARING TO CROSS THE RIVER

Force at Wiju Steadily Increasing and Positions Coming Up.

ALEXIEFF DETAILS SEA BATTLE EVENTS

Describes Movements in Front of Port Arthur Which Ends in Destruction of Petropavlovsk and Death of Makaroff.