



THE WEATHER.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, May 21:
San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Saturday; continued warm weather; light north wind, changing to fresh westerly.
A. G. McADIE,
District Forecaster.

THE



CALL

THE THEATERS.

Alcazar—"Collette."
California—"Our New Minister."
Central—"Down by the Sea."
Chautau—"Vaudeville."
Columbia—"Tuan the Terrible."
Matinee—"Beau Brummel."
Grand—"Empress Theodora."
Orpheum—"Vaudeville."
Tivoli—"A Runaway Girl."
Matinees at All Theaters To-Day.



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SAN FRANCISCO, SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1904.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

REPULSE OF THE ARMY OF GENERAL KUROKI AND GREAT LOSSES REPORTED TO CZAR'S CAPITAL

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—A report has been received here saying that General Kuroki has been repulsed with great loss. The report cannot be confirmed.

TORRENT SWEEPS TOWNS

Cloudburst Ruins
Homes in Colo-
rado.

Many Lives Probably
Lost in the
Flood.

Wreckage of Dwellings Is
Carried for Miles on
Raging Waters.

DENVER, May 20.—A cloudburst at the head of the Cache la Poudre River caused that stream to overflow its banks, and meager reports received here indicate that great damage has been caused by the flood.

The rush of the flood caused the dam which holds the water of Livingston Lake, 65 miles above Fort Collins, to break and this added volume of water swept down the Cache la Poudre, practically wiping out the towns of Livermore and La Porte, respectively fourteen and three miles above Fort Collins. It is reported that one person was drowned at the former place.

At Fort Collins the river, which normally is about the width of the average mountain river, is now over a mile wide and the Russian settlement, consisting of about 400 families, is inundated. Already a number of the frame dwellings of these people have been swept from their foundations and sent swirling along with the flood. In several instances the occupants were unable to make their escape and were carried along.

WRECKAGE IN FLOOD.

It has not been learned whether there was any loss of life at Fort Collins, but it seems safe to predict that there has been. Wreckage of houses, household goods and carcasses of dead animals are being carried past Fort Collins by the flood.

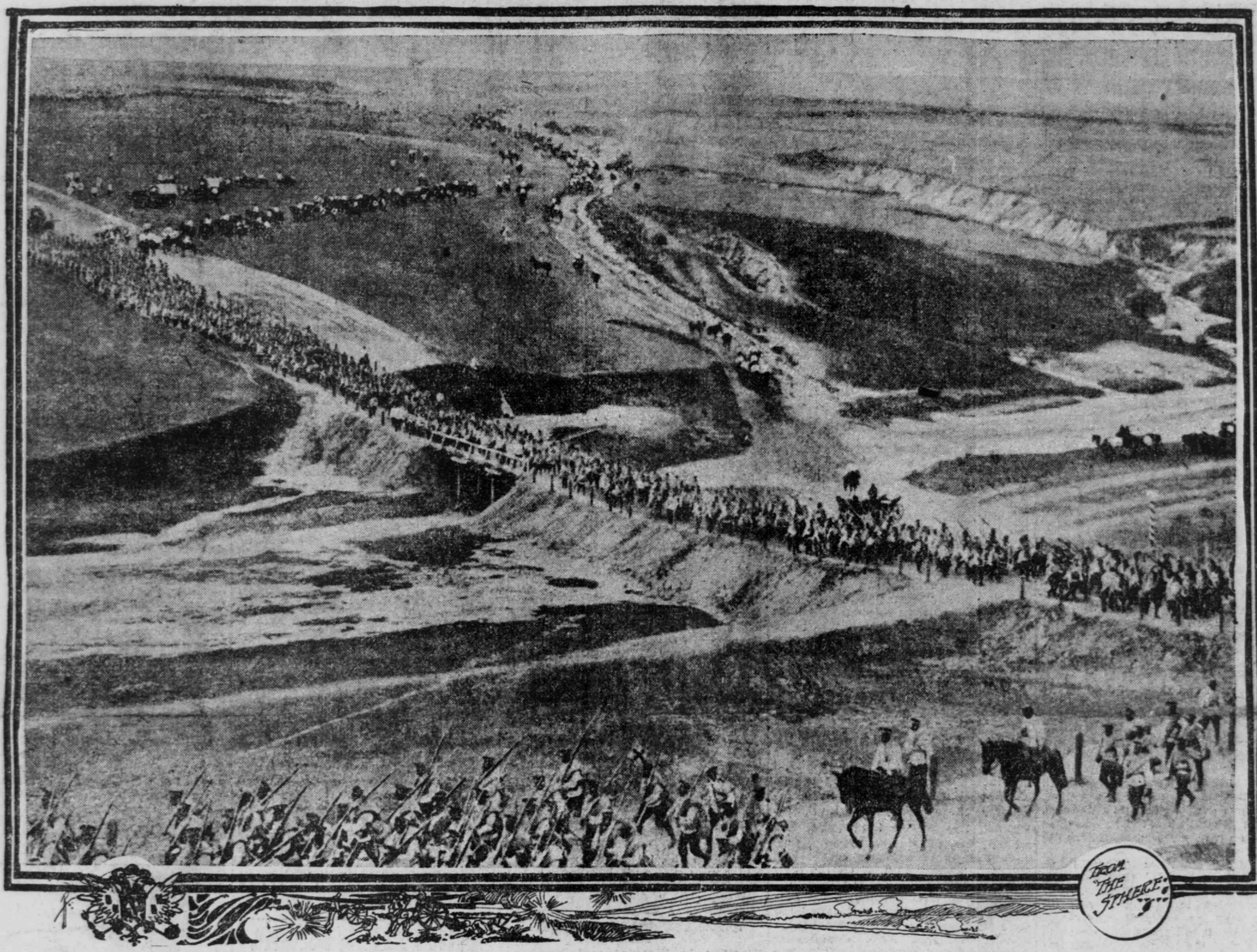
From Greeley, about twenty-five miles east of Fort Collins, comes the information that a number of wagon bridges between there and Fort Collins have been washed away, and the Colorado and Southern Railroad bridge at Timnath, about midway between the two towns, wrecked. No trains will be sent out on that line to-night. The Colorado and Southern from Fort Collins to Greeley is a branch line. Although the crest of the flood has not yet reached Greeley, and is not expected until midnight, ranchmen and other dwellers along the bottoms are moving to the high ground.

RESERVOIRS IN PERIL.

The Cache la Poudre River runs through one of the most thickly settled and richest agricultural districts of Colorado. A large portion of the northern part of the State is irrigated from this stream and a number of immense reservoirs have been constructed for the purpose of storing the water. Should the force of the water's rush weaken these sufficiently to cause a break and release the stored waters the result could be nothing but disastrous. Wire communication with the flooded section is futile, and all the towns along the upper Cache la Poudre have been entirely cut off.

The towns of Livermore, Bellevue, Laporte, Wellington and a portion of Fort Collins are under from three to five feet of water, and in some cases the water reaches to the eaves of the houses. Five iron wagon bridges and two railroad bridges in the vicinity of Fort Collins have been swept away and two miles of the Colorado and Southern tracks washed out. Several thousand acres of beets and vegetables have been destroyed and hundreds of head of live stock drowned.

The water system of the city of Fort Collins has been seriously damaged, and all of the irrigation canals and ditches badly washed out. Twelve big reservoirs along the Cache la Poudre



COLUMN OF RUSSIAN TROOPS WITH THEIR AMBULANCE AND ARMY SERVICE WAGONS CROSSING A STREAM IN THE SOUTHEAST OF MANCHURIA.

FALLS FIVE STORIES TO HER DEATH

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Ill from nervous trouble that had recently caused her to enter a sanitarium, Miss Katherine Greene, one of the wealthiest women of Boston, met death to-day by a plunge from a fifth-story window at Hotel Endicott, Columbus avenue and Eighty-first street.

Miss Greene was 40 years old and had inherited a fortune estimated at \$1,000,000, largely from her father, a merchant well known in New Bedford, Mass., years ago. He was very eccentric and this eccentricity, it is said, was inherited in a measure by his daughter.

After the death of a sister a year ago her peculiarities became more marked. With a sister she lived at 345 Beacon street in an old family mansion. A month ago Francis P. Greene, an uncle, persuaded Miss Katherine to go to a sanitarium. She consented, but had been in the place only a few days when she left without the knowledge of the attendants, reappearing at her home in Boston. Since last Thursday she has been under constant surveillance at the Endicott Hotel here.

Mr. and Mrs. Babcock had risen and ordered breakfast this morning and were waiting, when Miss Greene went to a window overlooking the court and sat on the sill. Mrs. Babcock came in the room, and she says Miss Greene leaned out to look below, lost her balance and fell. Her body struck the cornice of the third floor and dropped to the roof of an extension at the second floor. A bellboy passing through the hall on the floor saw Miss Greene fall and immediately summoned assistance. She was semi-conscious and suffering intense pain. Her right thigh was broken and she sustained internal injuries which caused her death at Roosevelt Hospital an hour later.

The body will be taken to Boston for burial.

Mikado's Soldiers Dislodged From Their Position in the Mountains by the Desperate Onslaught of the Forces of the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 20.—The following dispatch from General Kuropatkin to the Czar dated at Liaoyang May 19 has been received:

"A detachment of Cossacks engaged a detachment of the Japanese advance guard on May 18, north of Fengwangcheng in a mountainous region. The fight began in the morning and lasted until 2:30 in the afternoon. The Japanese were successively dislodged from four positions extending over fifteen miles. The pursuit of the Japanese was stopped at Datiansy, thirteen miles north of Fengwangcheng. Our casualties were six Cossacks wounded, two horses killed and eight horses wounded.

"There is no trace of the enemy in the valley of Tsanhoka so far as the road leading to the Tchanguouline Pass, eighteen miles north of Fengwangcheng, or in the valley of the Ai River from Samatsa to Kuandiansan on the road to Dounsianlintsa.

"A squadron of Japanese cavalry which left Kuandiansan on May 17 for Samatsa was repulsed by one of our patrols at Schaogo, twelve miles from Kuandiansan. The patrol retired without loss. Japanese infantry, 2000 strong, advanced on May 15 toward Salitszapudza, which was evacuated on May 16."

VICEROY SENDS NEWS.

Grand Duke Alexander has received the following dispatch under to-day's date from Viceroy Alexieff:

"The following report by mail from Rear Admiral Wittsoeff (in command of the naval forces at Port Arthur) was received on the night of May 19-20:

"Three of the enemy's battleships and three cruisers appeared to the east on the morning of the 15th. Their movements were watched from Liaotian and Golden Hill. After crossing the meridian of Port Arthur this squadron turned eastward and appeared to be getting into battle formation. Then an explosion was observed under the third battleship, which was of the Fuji type. The vessel stopped, heeled over to starboard and began to sink by the bow, sending up a quantity of steam.

"Two cruisers approached and it was observed from Golden Hill that they

lowered boats, after which the battleship gradually righted herself and appeared to recover from her injury.

"At that minute another three-funneled battleship of the Shikishima type approached the scene of the accident and a mine exploded under her midship section, causing a similar explosion to that occurring in the case of the battleship Petropavlovsk. In the course of one minute she sank. The third ironclad put out to sea, the cruisers remaining on the scene of the disaster.

TORPEDO-BOATS ACTIVE.

"I sent sixteen torpedo-boats to harass the enemy, and, should a favorable opportunity present itself, to attack the ships separately. The cruiser Novik went out to the passage in order, if necessary, to support the torpedo-boats, but the cruisers got up steam at this juncture and drew in toward the shore.

"The Japanese cruisers opened fire with all their heavy guns on our torpedo-boats, but the latter returned to port without loss.

"The damaged ironclad then disappeared below the horizon, with her attendant cruisers, escaping from the pursuit of our fleet.

"In the meantime night had fallen, the wind had freshened and there was a rough sea.

"On the morning of May 15 three torpedo-boats approached the scene of the disaster. I sent the Novik against them and they put to sea.

"The ship which blew up in Kerr Bay (Dainy) was evidently a cruiser, judging by her funnels and fighting tops, which are visible at low water.

"According to reports received from the coast three torpedo-boats covering an attempted landing in Kerr Bay were damaged by our light artillery."

MUSCOVITES ARE JOYFUL.

NEWCHWANG, May 20.—The Russians here are jubilant over the reported retreat of the Japanese to Fengwangcheng. They consider that the birthday of the Emperor, May 19, was "good medicine" for the enemy.

According to the latest authentic reports received here there were two divisions of the Yalu army, one moving on Haicheng and the other toward

Liaoyang, and it is believed the Russians concentrated and struck the enemy south of Liaoyang, driving them back. The reports say the losses were heavy.

It is understood that the siege guns which were removed from the Newchwang forts were taken to the forts at Haicheng, where they were mounted yesterday.

The Russians claim that they will bring 3000 men into Newchwang in a few days, but these statements are believed to result from enthusiasm following the celebration of the Emperor's birthday and the news of the Japanese retreat.

The Japanese control the railroad south of Wufangtien, and the Russian forces between there and Newchwang are small, amounting only to a few scouting parties.

Almost all the railroad wires are down. A military wire between here and Port Arthur is in operation, however, and the Japanese are tapping the Russian messengers as they pass.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S REPORT.

TOKIO, May 20 (6 a. m.).—Vice Admiral Togo's full report on the loss of the Hatsuse and the Yushino is as follows:

"It is regrettable that I have to report a third misfortune. At 5 o'clock on Sunday morning I received a wireless message from Rear Admiral Dewa, saying: 'To-day at 5 o'clock in the morning, while returning from the work of blocking Port Arthur, we encountered a dense fog north of the Shantung Promontory. The cruiser Kasuga collided with the cruiser Yushino, striking her on the port stern, and the latter sank. Boats from the Kasuga saved ninety of her crew. The dense fog still continues.'

"This was a most unfortunate day for our navy. While the fleet was watching the enemy off Port Arthur the battleship Hatsuse struck an enemy's mine and her rudder was damaged. She sent a message for a ship to come and tow her. This vessel was going in when another message brought the lamentable report that the Hatsuse had struck another mine and

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WARSHIPS MENACE MOROCCO

Kidnaping of Men
Stirs the Ire of
Nations.

State Department Acts Vigorously and Demands
Rescue.

British Torpedo-Boat Sails for Tangier
for Inquiry Into Disappearance
of King's Subject.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—No gentle diplomacy will figure in this Government's dealings with the Sultan of Morocco in regard to the kidnaping of Perdicaris, an American citizen, and his English stepson. Already instructions have been sent to Mr. Gummere, the American Consul at Tangier, to put the utmost vigor into his demands on the Sultan for the rescue of the captives.

Perdicaris was not only one of the wealthiest residents of Tangier, but he was before removing there of sufficient importance in Trenton, N. J., to command the friendship of both the Senators and a portion of the Congressional delegation from that State. Early this morning there came to the attention of Acting Secretary Loomis at the State Department telegrams from Representative Lanning, Senator Kean and Senator Dryden.

Lanning stated that Perdicaris was born in New Jersey and had inherited a large fortune made in gas stock speculations from his father, who was a Greek. He traveled extensively, is an author of some repute, completing and publishing several books. He is also an artist and sculptor. In the course of his globe trotting he visited Tangier and it so captivated his artistic tendencies that he decided to take up his residence there, purchasing one of the Sultan's palaces for the purpose.

CAPTIVES IN MOUNTAINS.

Consul Gummere informed the State Department to-day by cable that the bandits had carried the captives into the mountains. No terms of a ransom have yet been received by their friends or by the Moroccan authorities, who, Gummere says, are assisting in every way in attempts at rescue. Gummere states, however, that the presence of a warship will be of great assistance.

The State Department will make no changes in the orders for Rear Admiral Chadwick, commanding the South Atlantic fleet, to send one ship immediately to Tangier when he arrives at the Canary Islands and to follow with the rest of his squadron.

GIBRALTAR, May 20.—A British torpedo-boat, No. 83, sailed to-day for Tangier in connection with the kidnaping of an American citizen named Perdicaris and his stepson, Cromwell Varley, a British subject, by armed Arabs, headed by Raissouli, the notorious brigand chief.

MOORS ARE ACTIVE.

PARIS, May 20.—United States Consul General Gummere, at Tangier, Morocco, telegraphs confirming the reports that the brigand band which captured Perdicaris, an American citizen, and Cromwell Varley, a British subject, is the same that captured Mr. Harris, the London Times correspondent, last year. Besides capturing the men, members of the band assaulted the women of the Perdicaris party. The British and American representatives at Tangier are taking energetic measures to obtain the release of the captives and the Moorish authorities are assisting them.

The French Government does not intend to send a warship to Tangier or otherwise intervene in connection with the capturing of Perdicaris and Varley. The right of France to intervene would raise a direct issue with the Sultan of Morocco concerning the exercise of police powers. Moreover, the Government's advisers are that Mohammed-el-Torres, the representative of the Sultan at Tangier, will meet the brigands' demand in order to secure the prisoners' release. Unofficial advice says that Mohammed-el-Torres has already recalled the Moorish troops, as the brigands demanded.

GIRL SAYS SHE LOVES TRAMP LIFE

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BUTTE, Mont., May 20.—Pretty 16-year-old Jennie Morrison of Baker City, Ore., and Edward Grant, believed to be a fugitive from the Oregon penitentiary, were placed under arrest to-day by the Butte police as the two were endeavoring to beat their way out of the city on a Great Northern train. Miss Morrison is a dashing young woman, and her flowing tresses of golden hair and rosy-hued cheeks at once excited the suspicions of the officers.

The girl's tale is a unique one, and during the four weeks she has been on the road as a tramp she has covered over 1300 miles. The fair prisoner declares she was driven from home by the cruelty of her family, and, attired in a suit of clothing borrowed from a boy friend, she crawled through a window and escaped during the night. She says she at once fell in with a lot of tramps, among whom she found her present pal. She avows she will not return home, preferring the company of hobos, who, she says, treat her like a queen when she is with Grant.

Fearing the officers Miss Morrison says she has traveled by night and slept during the day, whenever possible. Miss Morrison refused to change her style of apparel, declaring that she preferred her present attire, which she says she will wear until she reaches St. Louis. Judge Boyle fined her \$20. Grant was fined \$200 for carrying concealed weapons. The Butte police will hold both until the Oregon authorities are heard from.

Widow Is Found Dead in Her Home.

SAN DIEGO, May 20.—Mrs. Frances T. Brann, widow of Captain John Brann, who was in the United States found service on this coast, was found dead in her residence at Olive and Indiana streets this evening. She had been riding her bicycle during the earlier part of the day, and it was then that she was last seen alive.