

## RASTOROPNY IS BLOWN UP

Russian Destroyer Runs  
Blockade With Dis-  
patches.

### THEN SENT TO BOTTOM

Officers Declare Port Arthur is  
Prepared to Easily Hold  
Out a Year.

Chefoo, Nov. 6.—The Russians have  
blown up the torpedo boat destroyer  
Rastoropny.

The Rastoropny was blown up by her  
commander in the harbor of Chefoo af-  
ter having eluded the blockade of Port  
Arthur and succeeded in filing dis-  
patches from Gen. Stoessel to St. Pe-  
tersburg. It is presumed she was de-  
stroyed in order to prevent the Japane-  
se from cutting her out as they did  
the Ryeshitini.

DISPATCHES WERE IMPORTANT.  
A dispatch from St. Petersburg says  
the dispatches filed by the vessel's  
commander at Chefoo have reached  
there, but their character has not been  
divulged. It is surmised from the fact  
that a serviceable vessel was removed  
from Port Arthur and exposed to a  
large risk of destruction or capture,  
that dispatches she bore are of great  
importance.

#### LAST MAN LIT FUSE.

The Russians, with the exception of  
one man, left the destroyer during the  
afternoon. This last man lit fuses and  
blew the vessel up. There were three  
dull explosions. Almost simultaneously  
the Rastoropny sunk and settled on  
the bottom.

It is impossible at present to secure  
an explanation of the action of the  
Russians, but it is believed they were  
determined not to allow a repetition of  
the Ryeshitini incident.

Chefoo, Nov. 16.—The Associated  
press released authoritatively tonight  
that the Rastoropny carried sealed  
orders providing that, unless there  
came a highly favorable opportunity to  
escape, the vessel would be blown up.

Sufficient powder for this purpose  
was secreted before the destroyer left  
Port Arthur.

#### Vessel Was Wanted.

The Japanese consul says the Rus-  
sians wanted their vessel, as the Ry-  
eshitini incident would not have been  
repeated. Two Japanese torpedo boat  
destroyers were seen at the mouth of  
the harbor tonight their presence un-  
doubtedly hastened the action of the  
Russians in blowing up the Rastoro-  
pny.

The Japanese consul says nine of  
the Russian crew came ashore with  
their rifles, against which action he  
has protested to the authorities.

#### Notified Would Disarm.

Chefoo, Nov. 16.—The captain of the  
Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ras-  
toropny which put into the harbor ear-  
ly today has notified the Chinese au-  
thorities he will disarm. It is believed  
this decision was arrived at after com-  
municating with St. Petersburg.

#### Stoessel Asks Instructions?

It is rumored that Rastoropny  
brought a dispatch from Gen. Stoessel  
asking St. Petersburg for instructions  
as to whether he should continue to  
hold out, awaiting relief, or make im-  
mediate arrangements to be compelled to dis-  
arm, upon the most ad-  
vantageous terms possible. The rumor  
cannot be confirmed.

#### Saw Japanese Ships.

The commander of the Rastoropny  
in an interview said: "I left Port  
Arthur at midnight in a blinding snow  
storm. The boat navigated through all  
the dangers of floating mines without a  
 mishap. On reaching the open sea we  
saw a Japanese cruiser and some  
torpedo boats in the distance, but we  
steamed rapidly through the storm  
with lights extinguished and passed  
them unnoticed. We reached Chefoo  
without a mishap of any kind."

#### Confidence at Port Arthur.

The commander was optimistic with  
reference to Port Arthur. He declared  
all forts remained in Russian hands  
and the garrison was confident and  
in high spirits.

#### Merely Carries Dispatches.

Commander Pelem added the de-  
stroyer's object was simply to carry  
dispatches. The other Russian ships  
remained at Port Arthur.

The Rastoropny, being one of the  
fastest Russian vessels, soon out-  
distanced her pursuers and entered Che-  
foo with music box playing a sprightly  
air and the savory odor of break-  
fast steak apparently testifying to the  
fact that Port Arthur still enjoys

## ORDER PACIFIC FLEET TO KEEP PEACE AT PANAMA

United States Will Watch Ambitious Revolutionists  
and Prevent Them From Doing  
Damage.

Washington, Nov. 16.—In fear of im-  
minent riot and revolution in the re-  
public of Panama, this government has  
ordered the whole Pacific squadron to  
halt at Panama, and has cabled per-  
emptory orders to Capt. Merriam, com-  
manding the "Dixie" at Colon, to uti-  
lize all of his forces, "including marines,"  
to aid the present government in  
crushing the outbreak. Capt. Mer-  
riam is also directed to communicate  
the orders to the four hundred marines  
on the isthmus.

#### Arrived Yesterday.

The Pacific squadron arrived at Pan-  
ama yesterday and the orders were  
sent to its commanding officer, Admi-  
ral Goodrich, to stay there till further  
orders.

Most of the dispatches were sent in  
cipher. These orders were the result  
of a request from the state department.

### DATE OF CLOSING FAIR IS POSTPONED

Plans Made to Keep Exposition Open  
During Good Weather at  
Reduced Rates.

St. Louis, Nov. 16.—The world's fair  
will not close Nov. 30, the date fixed  
by congress, and the officials hope it  
will be allowed to run as long as the  
weather will permit. This became evi-  
dent, when it was announced that the  
time of the air ship contests had been  
extended to Dec. 5, and when Secre-  
tary Stevens said it was hoped the  
government would not object to open  
gates as long as possible. The ad-  
mission for the added period probably  
will be 25 cents.

### TURNS ON FAMILY WITH GUN IN COURT

Chicago Man Arraigned for Peace Dis-  
turbance Ends Case With  
Tragedy.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—While being ar-  
raigned in court today on a charge of  
family disturbance Charles Shyck, a  
saloonkeeper, fired a revolver several  
times at his wife and child and then  
committed suicide. The child was  
slightly wounded. Mrs. Shyck fainted  
but was unhurt.

fresh meat. The destroyer sped in  
like an arrow at 6:30 a. m., and an-  
chored a few hundred yards abaft the  
United States cruiser New Orleans.

#### Chinese Officer Aboard.

The Chinese cruiser Hai Yung raised  
steam within 30 minutes and came  
close to the Rastoropny. Capt. Ching  
boarded her and held a brief confer-  
ence with Commander Pelem.

Ensign Wainwright, Rear Admiral  
Folger's aid, boarded the Rastoropny  
immediately but he and Capt. Ching  
were not invited to enter the Rastoro-  
pny's cabin although the blizzard was  
cutting their faces.

#### Can Stay Twenty-Four Hours.

Ching notified Pelem that 24 hours  
was the limit of time he could remain  
around at Chefoo after which the Rus-  
toropny would be compelled to dis-  
arm, upon the most ad-  
vantageous terms possible. The rumor  
cannot be confirmed.

#### Dispatches Taken Ashore.

Following the conference with Ching  
the Rastoropny was moved farther in,  
to the old anchorage of the torpedo  
boat destroyed Ryeshitini, where the  
Russian consul boarded the Rastoro-  
pny and brought her dispatches ashore.

The Russian officers are all reticent,  
but they say the condition of Port  
Arthur is as good as it was two months  
ago. They also deny the report that  
the Russian cruiser Bayan has been  
sunk, though they admit a shell dam-  
aged her engines, which are being re-  
paired.

#### Story Had Been Rehearsed.

Russian cruisers came out of Port  
Arthur daily, the battleships remaining  
in the harbor. The overdrawn opti-  
mism of the officers, it was asserted  
ashore, made it obvious their story was  
rehearsed before it was given to the  
public.

When correspondents were allowed  
on board the Rastoropny a quarter of  
beef was carefully placed where it was  
impossible to miss seeing it. This, it  
was claimed, was meant to convey the

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the news also having been communi-  
cated to the white house. Secretary  
Morton sent the cables personally.

This was done late yesterday af-  
ternoon, and afterwards a statement was  
given out at the state department that  
there had been an incipient revolution  
against President Amador by persons  
who wanted to get hold of the balance  
of the \$10,000,000 paid by this govern-  
ment to Panama, but that the revolu-  
tion had been squelched summarily.

#### Aspect Changed.

The important orders cabled yester-  
day afternoon indicate that the state  
department later received important  
dispatches which changed the aspect  
of the situation.

The Pacific squadron is composed  
of the New York, Boston, Marblehead  
and Bennington.

Secretary of War Taft has been  
scheduled to go to Panama on the Col-  
umbia, accompanied by the Dol-  
phin.

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#### MEXICO HAS AN EARTHQUAKE

Volcano Slumbers and Slight Shocks  
May Grow Severe.

Mexico City, Nov. 16.—Earthquake  
shocks are reported from several  
points in the state of Jalisco. At the  
town of Autlan the walls of several  
buildings were cracked. At Manzanil-  
lo the shock lasted ten seconds, but  
no damage was done. The volcano  
of Colima is inactive, and severe  
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an investigation of the national chair-  
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#### WILL HELP COLORADO MINERS

Question Brought Up at Meeting of  
A. F. of L. at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 16.—The  
most important business of the early  
session of the American Federation of  
Labor yesterday was the report of the  
executive council. It was a lengthy  
document, reporting in detail the var-  
ious actions taken by the committee.  
The report stated that it had been de-  
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#### Smallpox Scare at Capital.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Following the  
discovery of a case of smallpox among  
the clerks in the department of com-  
merce and labor all the employees of  
that department have been vaccinated.

## CABINET WILL PROBABLY BE REORGANIZED

Paris, Nov. 16.—The stability of the  
entire cabinet is considered to be se-  
riously threatened by the resignation  
yesterday of War Minister Andre. The  
private view of some of the best in-  
formed persons within ministerial cir-  
cles is a new cabinet will be formed  
in the court of the next three weeks.  
It is considered certain Foreign Min-  
ister Delcasse will remain in the re-  
organized cabinet.

### AND NOW PAT CROWE IS HEARD FROM ONCE MORE

Scott County Criminal Said to Have  
Reformed and Gone to  
Chicago.

Sioux City, Nov. 16.—D. W. Connole,  
president of the Anthon, Iowa, state  
bank was in St. Louis last week vis-  
iting Clarke Brennan, traveling sales-  
man for Armour and company.

While there, Pat Crowe, the alleged  
kidnap of the son of E. A. Cudahy,  
of Omaha, came to Brennan's house,  
Brennan and Crowe were boys togeth-  
er on neighboring farms in Scott coun-  
ty, Iowa, 20 years ago.

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## RUSSIAN OFFICERS WERE DRUNK AND INCOMPETENT

Letter From Lieutenant on North Sea Fleet Gains  
Publicity and Explains Why Historic  
Blunder Was Made.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 16.—Horri-  
ble in detail and appalling in its dis-  
closure of incompetency, stupidity and  
drunkenness in the Russian navy is the  
account of the recent sinking of the  
English fishing boats by the Baltic  
fleet, received indirectly from an inside  
source by A. R. T. Dent, of the Minne-  
apolis chamber of commerce.

#### Letter Translated.

When the Russian fleet reached  
Cherbourg, a young lieutenant wrote a  
letter to his father, a wealthy St. Pe-  
tersburg merchant, describing the af-  
fair. This was shown to the Russian  
correspondent of the Manchester (Eng-  
land) Guardian, who sent a literal  
translation to his paper. The Guardian  
printed it, but first eliminated such  
details as might be most offensive to  
Russia. A friend of Mr. Dent saw the  
original translation and sent the gist  
of it to him in a letter received yester-  
day. From the letter there can be lit-  
tle doubt that the men of the Baltic  
fleet were drunk and scarcely knew

what they were about. The letter  
reads as follows:

"We knew we were out of our course  
and were afraid we would run aground  
somewhere. Of the crews—officers and  
men—many, I regret to say, were in-  
toxicated. An alarm was given that  
the admiral's flagship had grounded,  
and in the confusion that followed this  
report, three vessels of the rear squad-  
ron collided. While all was confusion  
we came across what looked like a  
flood of torpedo boats, and we opened  
fire."

#### Was Russian Ammunition.

Later in the night there was an ex-  
change of shots between our vessel  
and another, and it was only when we  
recognized from a small shell that  
came aboard but did not explode, that  
the ammunition was Russian, that we  
discovered that we had been firing up-  
on one another. We had several men  
wounded. At Cherbourg they told us  
we had sunk English fishing boats and  
killed many. It is a horrible business,  
a most unfortunate affair."

### NOTHING DOING IN PHILIPPINES

Gen. Wade Reports Troops Are  
Occupied Only With Garri-  
son Routine.

#### ARRIVES HOME ON THOMAS

Military Government Abolished in  
All Except the Moro Dis-  
trict.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—The army  
transport Thomas just arrived from  
Manila had on board Maj. Gen. James  
F. Wade, former military commander  
of the Philippines, who lately exchang-  
ed commands with Gen. Corbin.

#### Merely on Garrison Duty.

Wade says the troops now in the  
Philippines are merely on garrison  
duty and that the military government  
has been abolished except in the Moro  
district where there is a commission  
on military and civil government.

### LEAVES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR PROTESTANT

The Marquise Des Monstiers Merin-  
ville, Formerly Mary Caldwell,  
Changes Faith.

New York, Nov. 16.—In a letter from  
the Rome correspondent to the Associ-  
ated Press it is announced that the  
Marquise Des Monstiers Merinville has  
renounced the Roman Catholic creed.  
The Marquise was formerly Miss Mary  
Gwendolin Caldwell, who founded the  
divinity college at the Roman Catholic  
university at Washington some years  
ago. In an interview the marquise  
said:

"Yes, it is true, I have left the Ro-  
man Catholic church. Since I have  
been living in Europe my eyes have  
been opened to what the church really  
is, and to its anything but sanctity.  
For years I have been trying to rid my-  
self of the subtle yet overwhelming  
influence of the church, which pretends  
not only to the privilege of being the  
only true church, but of being alone  
able to get to heaven the sorrowful,  
sinful world. At last my honest Pro-  
testant blood has asserted itself and I  
now forever repudiate and cast off the  
'yoke of Rome.'"

#### Ready for Unveiling.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Lieut. Gen.  
Von Lowenfeld and Maj. Von Schmet-  
tow personal representatives of Emper-  
or William at the unveiling of the sta-  
tue of Frederick the Great next Satur-  
day arrived in Washington last night.

### OPENS OFFICE

Judge Parker Goes to New  
York to Practice Law  
Alone.

New York, Nov. 16.—Ex-Judge Alton  
B. Parker opened a law office in the  
building at 32 Liberty street, this city,  
today. At the same time he announc-  
ed he had become a resident of this  
city, that Mrs. Parker would join him  
here today, and that they would at  
once secure a home in the city. He  
said he had not entered into partner-  
ship with anyone and would practice  
law alone.

## SOMETHING IS FOUND WRONG

Roosevelt's Ax Falls on  
Federal Judges in  
Alaska.

### INVESTIGATED THEM

Frank H. Richards, United  
States Marshal for Nome,  
Also Ousted.

Washington, Nov. 16.—President  
Roosevelt has removed from office  
Frank H. Richards, United States mar-  
shal for Nome district, Alaska, and has  
requested the resignation of Judges  
Alfred S. Moore, of the Nome district,  
and Melville C. Brown, of Juneau dis-  
trict.

#### Have Been Investigated.

This action is the result of an in-  
vestigation of the Alaska judiciary  
made recently by the assistant attor-  
ney general day.

### POSTAL CLERK INSOLENT: IS LOOKING FOR A JOB

John B. Brownlow Became Saucy  
When Asked to Make a  
Detailed Statement.

Washington, Nov. 16.—John Brown-  
low who was dismissed from the pos-  
tal service yesterday by order of the  
president, denied he refused to fur-  
nish the department with a detailed  
statement of his receipts and disburse-  
ments while acting as disbursing offi-  
cer of the department at the St. Louis  
exposition.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—John  
B. Brownlow, of Tennessee, a clerk in  
the postoffice department who acted as  
disbursing officer of the department at  
the St. Louis exposition, was dismissed  
from the service yesterday by order of  
the president.

While Postmaster General Payne  
was still alive he wrote Brownlow di-  
recting that he send to the depart-  
ment a statement of his receipts and  
disbursements. In response, Brown-  
low forwarded the aggregate sums of  
his receipts and disbursements. The  
postmaster general then ordered him  
to submit to the department an item-  
ized statement. This Brownlow de-  
clined to do accompanying his refusal  
with statements to the postmaster gen-  
eral which were considered offensive.  
Postmaster General Payne presented  
the matter to the president who order-  
ed that Brownlow be dismissed from  
the service.

### CATASTROPHE IS PREVENTED

Prompt Work of Firemen Saves 300  
Employees of New York Factories.

New York, Nov. 16.—Three hun-  
dred men and girls employed in sev-  
eral manufacturing concerns in a five-  
story building on the Bowery were  
thrown into a panic by a fire today  
but by prompt work on the part of  
firemen and volunteer rescuers all  
were taken out in safety. The building  
was partially destroyed.

### PRESIDENT OF LEHIGH DEAD

Dr. Brown Expires at Bethlehem, Pa.—  
James Cooney, of Missouri.

Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 16.—Dr.  
Thomas M. Brown, president of Le-  
high university, died today at his home  
here.

Marshall, Mo., Nov. 16.—James Co-  
oney, excongressman from the Seventh  
Missouri district died at his home here  
today of pneumonia.

### BOOTH-TUCKER IN FAREWELL

For Eight and a Half Years He Has  
Led the Salvation Army.

New York, Nov. 16.—Commander  
Booth-Tucker, who for eight and a half  
years has led the Salvation Army in  
the United States, bade farewell to  
New York at a public meeting held in  
Grand Central Palace last night. To-  
day he sailed on the Oceanic for Lon-  
don. Miss Eva Booth, who succeeds  
Commander Booth-Tucker, in charge of  
the American work, is expected to ar-  
rive in New York at the end of the  
month.

### COL. BRECKINRIDGE SUDDENLY STRICKEN

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 16.—Col. W. C.  
P. Breckinridge, former congressman  
from this district, was stricken today  
with apoplexy. His condition is con-  
sidered serious. This is the second at-  
tack during the past few weeks.