

JAP FLEET WINS

ADMIRAL KAMIMURA REPORTS SEVERE ENGAGEMENT.

THE CRUISER RURIK IS SUNK

Two of the Russian War Vessels Escaped to the Northward—Ships Believed to Be Badly Crippled—Reports That the Naval Battle is Still Raging.

TOKIO.—Vice Admiral Kamimura encountered the Russian Vladivostok squadron at dawn today north of Tsu Island in the strait of Corea and attacked the enemy at once. The battle lasted for five hours and resulted in a complete Japanese victory. The Russian cruiser Rurik was sunk and the cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi fled to the northward, after having sustained serious damage.

Vice Admiral Kamimura cables the navy department that the injuries inflicted upon his vessels were slight.

The fate of the crew of the Rurik is not known. It is presumed that many of them were killed or drowned.

The strength of the fleet under Vice Admiral Kamimura is not known, but it is presumed that he had the Adsuma, the Idsumo, the Iwate, the Takashiko and other light cruisers.

Tokio is joyous over the news, as it gives Japan mastery of the sea and restores commerce.

Japanese guns dominate the dockyards at Port Arthur, and in view of this fact it would seem to be impossible again to make seaworthy or fightable the Russian battleships which have returned to Port Arthur. It is probable that the Russian battleship Czarevitch will disarm at Tsing Chou.

The best possible naval force that Russia can now concentrate at Vladivostok is four cruisers.

The imperial prince, Hiroyasu Kwacho, was slightly wounded aboard the battleship Mikasa in last Wednesday's engagement. The Russian armored cruiser Rurik was sunk in the engagement in the Strait of Corea. The armored cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi escaped to the northward heavily damaged.

WASHINGTON.—The Japanese legation has received a cablegram from Tokio saying that Admiral Kamimura reports that his squadron, after five hours' severe fighting with the three ships of the Vladivostok squadron on the morning of the 14th, in the mouth of Tsushima island, sank the Rurik. The other two ships, which appeared to have suffered heavily, fled northward. "Our damages," says the report, "are slight."

NEBRASKANS FIRST TO FILE.

Prize Winners at Rosebud Begin Locating Claims.

BONESTEEL, S. D.—The Rosebud reservation was thrown open to civilization at 9 o'clock Monday morning, when William McCormick, No. 1, filed on a quarter section of land lying lengthwise along the side of the town of Roosevelt. Three other towns have sprung up, Burke, Gregory and St. Elmo.

Talus Ruge, who drew No. 2, filed on a quarter section adjoining Mcshed prior to the opening, as hundreds of squatters had gone on lots in the townsites and were defying newcomers to dislodge them at guns' points.

Governor Herried arrived to investigate the situation with regard to sending troops. Probably troops will not be sent.

The county seat fight has already begun among new towns. Locating agents claim knowledge of towns to which the Northwestern railroad will build, though officials refuse to give any information. Among the first hundred several did not or could not file. The land office is protected by armed guards while filing money remains inside.

DIE IN A WRECK.

Lives on One Hundred Passengers Snuffed Out.

PUEBLO, Colo.—The wreck of the World's Fair flyer on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad near Eden, seven miles north of Pueblo, Sunday evening proves to have been one of the greatest railroad disasters in the history of the country. Two crowded passenger cars and a baggage car were engulfed in the torrent that tore out a trestle spanning Steele's Hollow, otherwise known as Dry Creek, and, so far as is known only three of the occupants of these cars escaped death. Fortunately, two sleeping cars and a diner, completing the train remained on the track at the edge of the abyss and none of those on board were killed or injured.

How many perished probably will never be definitely known, for the treacherous sands are drifting over the bodies. Searching for the dead was begun about midnight on an extensive scale and is still in progress tonight. All bodies found were brought to Pueblo and placed in four morgues here.

At 8 o'clock Monday evening seventy-six bodies had been recovered and of these fifty had been identified. During the day bodies were recovered all the day along Fountain river from the scene of the wreck to this city.

At 1 o'clock Monday afternoon two bodies were taken from the stream at First street, Pueblo, more than eight miles from the point where the disaster occurred and it is probable that some may be recovered even further down stream. None of the bodies are badly mutilated and all are in such condition as to be recognizable. Many identifications have been made by articles found on the bodies, no persons who viewed them recognizing the features.

Two carloads of human freight plunged into the raging torrent that destroyed the trestle over the usually dry arroyo known as Steele's Hollow, near Eden, about 8 o'clock Monday. Two sleeping cars and the diner stopped at the brink of the hungry chasm filled with a boiling current that quickly snuffed out probably 100 lives. So quietly had the catastrophe been enacted that the occupants of the three cars remaining on the track did not realize that an accident had occurred until they alighted from the train. Then they were utterly powerless to render assistance to the victims who had disappeared in the rushing waters.

GRAND ARMY RATE WAR.

Railroads Striving for the Transportation Business.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The rate war over the Grand Army business has broken out afresh. Monday the Grand Trunk made the announcement that its rate from Chicago to Boston would be \$15.40 for the round trip and that under no circumstances would it relinquish the differential which it claims is justly due to the so-called differential lines—the Grand Trunk, Erie, Wabash, Baltimore & Ohio and Nickel Plate.

The immediate cause for the announcement of a new cut in the rate is said to be an advertisement of the Michigan Central that the lowest rate announced over any line would apply over the Michigan Central. This was taken by the Grand Trunk to mean that the Michigan Central would not recognize a differential rate to the Grand Trunk and other lines, but would quote a rate of \$17.95.

Brilliant Meteoric Shower.

WASHINGTON.—The naval observatory reports its observation of a meteoric shower, brilliant and in many respects unusual. In eight-minute fifteen meteors were counted, one of which lasted five seconds, which, according to the scientists, is an exceptionally long time.

WORK OF CABINET

THE TURKISH SITUATION DISCUSSED AT LENGTH.

OUR MINISTER IS HEARD FROM

After Several Days of Silence Sends Message from Constantinople—Negotiations Understood to Have Taken a More Favorable Turn.

WASHINGTON.—Foreign affairs, to the practical exclusion of everything else, was considered at Friday's meeting of the cabinet. The Turkish situation was discussed at length and a line of action, in case Minister Leishman's efforts are unavailing, was agreed to, but its nature was not disclosed.

Secretary Hay also presented to the cabinet some important information cabled the state department by Minister Griscom at Tokio confirming the reports of a great naval engagement off Port Arthur. It is said the discussion of the Japanese-Russian war was purely academic and not in any sense relative to the attitude of America toward either of the contending powers.

After several days' silence, Minister Leishman has been heard from through a dispatch dated at Constantinople Thursday night, recounting the results of the exchanges between himself and the foreign office officials there. The state department did not see fit to make public the minister's communication, but did make the general statement that negotiations had taken a more favorable turn and there was an expectation of a speedy and satisfactory adjustment.

There is, however, a vagueness about the Turkish statements and promises that has caused the department, having in mind past experiences in the way of promises, to instruct Mr. Leishman to see to it that these propositions are reduced to such concrete form and are made in such a binding manner that there cannot be any question as to their fulfillment hereafter by the Turkish government.

It is confidently expected that the Turkish negotiators will accede to such a demand on the part of Mr. Leishman and it is predicted that the negotiations will be concluded successfully by Monday next.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—Naoum Pasha, under secretary of foreign affairs, called on Minister Leishman at Therapia, a town on the Bosphorus, nine miles northeast of Constantinople. He reiterated the assurances of the government regarding a speedy and favorable reply to the demands touching the rights of American citizens in Turkey.

Subsequently Izzet Pasha, secretary of the palace, and Minister of Mines Selim Pasha had a long interview with Minister Leishman for the purpose of determining upon the text of a reply which may prove acceptable to America.

Wanted for Murder in Nebraska.

DENVER, Colo.—George Van Haller, who is wanted by the Omaha police for murder, was arrested by Detectives Saunders and Kenny. Information as to the culprit was received at the police department yesterday morning and every effort was made to locate the alleged murderer. He was finally located at a house in the neighborhood of Seventeenth street and Pennsylvania avenue and was arrested. Van Haller will be held until some word has been received from the authorities at Omaha.

Distinguished Engineer Dies.

NEW YORK.—George Clinton Gardner, the distinguished railroad man and engineer, is dead at his home in Richmond Hill. He was born at Washington in 1834. His father, Colonel Charles J. Gardner, was formerly adjutant general of the army.

JUDGE PARKER CALLED UPON.

Committee Notifies Him of His Nomination at St. Louis.

ESOPUS, N. Y.—The worst rain of the summer marked the advent of the day on which Judge Parker was to be notified of his nomination to the presidency by the democrats.

The streets were deluged before daylight. From the tops of the hills, where Rosemont is situated, the water poured in torrent. Rain was still falling steadily at 11 o'clock.

Judge Parker was keenly disappointed, as he had hoped for a fine day.

One thousand persons were on the ground when the judge's employees began the decoration of the speakers' stand. The committeemen found places of fifty-three seats reserved for them in the front of the speakers' stand.

Judge Parker's family was escorted from the house to seats of honor by a committee composed of National Chairman Taggart and State Chairman Meyer. The same committee accompanied the nominee, who leaned on the arm of Champ Clark.

Champ Clark, chairman of the notification committee, delivered the notification speech.

Judge Parker was greeted with applause at every period in his speech. He was given most respectful attention. He read the latter part of his address. He spoke evenly, seldom raising his voice above a conversational tone. He finished the speech at 2:50.

DEMOCRATS AND POPS. FUSE.

Both Parties Will Support the Same Ticket in Nebraska.

LINCOLN.—The democrats and populists both held their state conventions here the same day. Each made nominations, the populists' convention naming five and the democrat three of the state officers, as follows:

For Governor—GEORGE W. BERGE, populist, of Lincoln.

For Lieutenant Governor—DR. A. TOWNSEND, democrat, of Franklin county.

For State Treasurer—JOHN M. OSBORN, populist, of Pawnee county.

For Secretary of State—R. E. WATZKE, democrat, of Richardson county.

For Auditor—J. S. CANADAY, populist, of Kearney county.

For Attorney General—EDWARD WHALEN, democrat, of Holt county.

For Land Commissioner—A. A. WORSLEY, populist, of Boyd county.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—ALBERT SOFTLEY, populist, of Perkins county.

Each party has a separate electoral ticket in the field and both presented platforms.

The conventions were in session many hours, and for awhile it seem as if harmonious action could not be had, but finally the two bodies got together and agreed upon candidates as above given.

T. H. Watson, populist nominee for president, was an attendant upon the populist proceedings.

SENATOR VEST PASSES AWAY.

Aged Statesman Succumbs After Prolonged Fight for Life.

SWEET SPRINGS, Mo.—After lingering for weeks between life and death former United States Senator George Graham Vest passed peacefully away Tuesday. He had been so near death for the last three days that the end came without a struggle.

He was conscious until about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, when he sank into a state of coma from which he never aroused. He lost the power of speech Saturday morning, but for several days before that he talked very imperfectly, and during the last thirty-six hours of his life his breathing was barely perceptible. The flutter of his pulse was all that showed life still remained. The remains will be taken to St. Louis for interment.

Alexieff Seeks Safe Place.

ST. PETERSBURG.—A dispatch from Harbin says that Viceroy Alexieff has passed through that place on his way to Vladivostok.