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NEW HAVEN, Coun., June 27 .- Ideal weather greeted the opening of the second day of Yale's commencement week. Both the Sheffield Scientific school seniors and men of the academic graduating class had class day exercises.

The anniversaries of the law school and the medical school were also on the program. Elihu Root, ex-secretary of war, delivered an address before the law school seniors, while Prof. William S. Halsted, surgeon-in-chief of the Johns Hopkins hospital, was the principal speaker before the

medical school The class day exercises of the Sheffield seniors were the first of the day. Nearly 2,000 friends of the graduating class attended. According to custom, each memher of the class smoked the long class pipe, ing the remainder of the exercises the long for days. stemmed clay pipes were smoked by almost

overy man. The five historians included Louis Henry Egan of Bayannah, Ga., and Bradford Brinton of LaSalle, Ill. The academical department's class day was held on the campus, where about 3,000 spectators assembled in a large amphitheatre. Instead of individual histories there was a general class history, read by Lawrence Mason of Chicago. The program was interspersed with songs by the class and the regulation pipe rites. Following these features the iting of the class ivy at the library ook place. At the dinner of the alumni association brief remarks were made by President Hadley, Dean Henry Wade Rogers and a few of the distinguished

graduates present. alumni fund of Yale university was made public today. The announcement is made that the class of 1884 will make a special gift to the university to be known at the commencement exercises. The contributions received during the year were \$35,599, exceeding those of last year and making the total to date \$308,238. The class of 1879, in recognition of its twenty-fifth anniversary,

on a special gift of \$10,410. Sourciary Root Responds.

sts were responded to by Secretary of War Taft, former Secretary of War Root and United States Circuit Judge William K. Townsend, among others. The alumni ghose Leroy Munsen president and George Beers secretary and treasurer.

The Townsend prize speaking followed the dinner, the auditorium of Hendrie hall being crowded to the doors. The three speakers, all members of the graduating class, were John Haroid Sears of St. Louis, Mo.; Horace Jewell Fenton of Willamantic, Conn., and William Jeffer-Wynn of Eatonton, Ga. Former Secretary of War Root delivered the address to the graduating class on "Some Duties of American Lawyers to American Law. Mr. Root in opening spoke of the emoluments and honors that attended a successful lawyer and declared that more important than these was the adaptation for public office, not merely upon the bench, but in all branches of government, legislative and executive, which results from the variety of a lawyer's experience and

'In all the field of the law regulating the relations of citizens to each other," the speaker continued, "the proper function of the lawyer is to promote rational progress; to maintain the stability against all fads and crude innovations and at the same time to keep the development of the law moving with equal step abreast of the progress of the age, satisfying the moral sense of the time and meeting the changing conditions of human life and activity. One Bad Characteristic.

"There is one general characteristic of our system of government which is essential and which is the special duty of lawyers to guord with care—that is, the ob ervance of limitations of official power. There is a constant tendency to ignore such limitations and condone the transgression of them by public officers, provided the thing done is done with good notives from a desire to serve the public. Such a process, if general, is most injurious. If continued long enough, it results in an attitude of personal superiority on the part of great officers, which is inconsistent with our institutions, a destruction of responsibility and independent judgment on the part of lower officers, and a neglect of the habit of asserting legal rights on the part of the people.

"The more frequently men who hold great power in office are permitted to override the limitations imposed by law upon their powers, the more difficult it becomes to question anything they do, and the people, sach one weak in himself and unable to cope with powerful officers who regard any questioning of their acts as an affront gradually lose the habit of holding such ers accountable, and ultimately practically surrender the right to hold them accountable. Constant accountability of public officers for strict observance of the aits imposed by law and customery and indoubting assertion of the private right of the citizen to have no power exercised over him except in strict accordance with the letter and the spirit of the law-these are the essential features of free govern-

ment and personal independence. "The exercise of power not conferred by law may in a particular case destroy no man's property nor restrain his liberty, but It weakens the title to every man's propcety and injures every man's liberty, be cause it is one step in a process which if continued would be destructive of our free institutions.

Cry Against Imperialism.

ndant evidence that our people have become indifferent to the necessity of ot become industrial by the frequency with which political opponents impute dis regard of them to public officers. The charge is often unfounded and often made

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investigation Shows Brother of Secre tary Was Last Seen Before Reaching Plymouth.

BREMEN, June 27 .- All evidence availyle here shows that Kent J. Loomis, other of Assistant Secretary of State mis, was last seen on board the Kaiser elm II about midnight June 19, when ent on deck after the usual captain's had been given on the eve of the arrival. Shortly afterwards Wil-

Ellis, Loomis' companion, searched coomis, but he was unable to find him. The captain and the head steward. both of whom knew Loomis well, were standing at the gangway as the passengers landed at Plymouth and they both declare positively that Loomis did not land.

Government Councilor Mueller of Berlin who was a passenger on the Kaiser Wilhelm II, drew up a report of the affair, according to which Ellis deposed that Loomis often sat in a reckless fashion close to the rail, despite repeated warnings. Ellis also said Loomis drank a good deal the last few days preceding his disappearance. None of the other witnesses,

lowever, remarked this. LONDON. June 27 .- A dispatch to the Central News from Hamburg says it is reported there that the body of Hent J. Loomis, who disappeared from the Kaiser Wilhelm II shortly before it arrived at Plymouth June 20, has been washed ashore near Cherbourg, France. There is no con-

irmation of the rumor. MARIETTA, O., June 27 .- In a telephone nterview Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of state, this afternoon says that adices today from the officials of England were to the effect that they now felt postive that Kent Loomis got off at Plymouth that they were now working on that theory and expected to produce results on. Those who know Mr. Loomis here intimately believe that if he has been on a period of abstraction he would hide from which was passed from man to man. Dur- the public and might remain in obscurity

WASHINGTON, June 27 .- Mr. Loomis. the assistant secretary of state, has had nothing whatsoever to confirm or contradict the rumor that the body of his brother, Kent J. Loomis, had been washed ashore on the French coast, and in spite of the energetic efforts of the combined foreign and consular service of the State department not the slightest clue has yet been obtained with reference to the mysterious

ilsappearance. The fact that nothing has been heard of the lost man is tending to confirm the fears of his family that he was either drowned or has met foul play. The assistant secretary this afterneon took occasion to deny very emphatically a number of reports emanating from Parkersburg, W. Va., the home of his brother, which stated that the family of Kent Loomis had received word The annual report of the directors of the from him soms days ago that he was having trouble with Mr. Eills, with whom he was traveling.

> The State department has had advices of the sailing of Mr. Eilis from France for

FORT WORTH, Tex., June 27 .- A special to the Record from Dallas. Tex., says: that the satisfactory lining up of those ber efforts to assist Smyths, of Smyths's W. H. Ellis, the negre who accompanied who are even now congregating in the vite missing agent of the State department, cinity of the land office will be more the school yard and assaulted. She gave Kent J. Loomis, to Europe en route to strenuous. Abyssinia, is a native of Texas and up to 1897 took a conspicuous part in republican politics in this state. Ellis last figured in republican politics in Texas in the turbulent state convention at Austin during the exciting campaign of 1896. The enemies of the late Wright C. Cuney, a noted negro leader, sought to destroy Cuney's power, but Ellis and others of the ablest negroes of Texas stood by him to a winning finish When Cuney died a year or so later this black contingent lost its power and Ellis went to New York.

FIRST WOMAN CROSSES ABYSSINIA

Traveler Reaches London After Trip Through Friendly Country. LONDON, June 27 .- Mrs. W. N. Mac Millan of St. Louis reached London today after traversing Abyssinia at the head of her own caravan. This American is the first white woman to cross Emperor Menelik's country from west to east. She acompanied the expedition organised by her husband in 1908, as far as Pokum, at the hase of the Abvesian bills. Thence Mr. MacMillan started for Lake Rudolf and his wife went to Adis Abeba, the capital

udlence with Emperor Menelik. Mrs. MacMillan's caraven took four weeks to journey from Pokum to the canttal. The American met with every courteey from the Abyssinian chiefs while on her way, and, although she traversed a country supposed to be inhabited by hostile tribes, she saw no sign of unfriendliness. On the contrary, hundreds of supposed hostiles gathered and formed a guard of honor for the caravan for miles along the river banks. Mrs. MacMillan sails for New York July 8.

of Abyssiania, where she had a special

ARE CAUGHT LIKE BATS IN A TRAP Thirty-Three Laborers Meet Death in Water Conduit.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, June 21 .- Thirtyhree persons were killed by an accident which took place near Spanish Town, ten miles west of Kingston, this morning in the main conduit of the West India Electric ompany, which operates the street cars from Kingston and the shareholders of which are principally Canadians.

Nearly 100 laborers had been detailed to emove sand from the enormous pipe, which a a mile long and which conveys water from the intake on the Rio Cobre to the turbines of the power house. had practically been completed when orders were given to allow a small quantity of water to enter the conduit. Through misapprehension, accident or carelessness the force of water was turned on and a mad struggle to escape by means of the manholes ensued, with the result that thirty-three persons were killed.

ABANDON NAVAL REVIEW AT KIEL Members of the Royal Party Attend

a Banquet. KIEL, June 27,-It is announced that the elaborate naval review which it was planned to hold here today and tomorrow has been abandoned at the request of King

Late this afternoon King Edward attended a reception given by the empress on board the Hohenzollern. His majesty chatted affably with many of the empress guests, who numbered over 200. This evening King Edward, Emperor William and the members of the royal party attended a hanquet given by the Royal Yacht club in honor of King Edward, who is an honorary member of the club.

Deherty is Tennis Champton. LONDON, June 27 .- H. L. Doherty again won the tennis championship at Wimbletoday, defeating Frank L. Riseley by don today, defea

Kinkaid Homestead 640-Acre Bill Becomes Effective Today.

Numerous Cases Where Different Per-

CROWDS GATHER AT THE LAND OFFICES

sons Want the Same Lands and Some Lively Times Are Anticipated.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, June 27 .- (Special Telegram.)-The Kinkaid 640-acre homestead

aw goes into operation tomorrow. Secretary Hitchcock, acting under advices from the geological survey, has approved the withdrawal from all forms of entry of 1,300,400 acres of the land in the North Platte, Alliance and Sidney land districts on account of the proposed North Platte irrigation project. Other lands embill will be subject to the 640-acre homestead provision

Rush for Lands. BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 27.-(Special seekers. At noon today all the sleeping oms of the hotels and boarding houses vere taken and the eastbound train, which brought in another large crowd. Benides, parties have been arriving all day with teams, covered wagons and tenting outfits. It is estimated that by 9 o'clock at least 600 more will arrive. Everything is quiet, but as there are a number of instances where several want to file on the same land, an interesting time is anticipated tomorrow. A number express their determination to line up in the street in front of the office for the night in order to be among the first to file their entry when the land office opens tomorrow morning.

Big Crowd at Sidney. SIDNEY, Neb., June 27 .- (Special Telegram.)-The city is crowded with people tonight awaiting the opening of the United States land office tomorrow morning, when the Kinkald law goes into effect giving each settler 640 acres of government land. At 6 o'clock crowds are lined up in front ment. of the land office and Rose street to the Union Pacific and to the Burlington depot is one mass of humanity.

The hotels are overflowing, the saloons are wide open and Italian venders and street singers are entertaining the crowds. There are several thousand strangers in the city. The old Black Hills days is not a marker to the excitement which prevails here tonight.

Women in the Crowd. ALLIANCE, Neb., June 27 .- (Special Telegram.)-Every available nook of the city is utilized to its fullest capacity tonight by the hundreds who have come here to take advantage of the increased land allowance given homesteaders by the Kin-Abyssinia's capital with the commercial kaid law, which goes into effect tomortreaty which he is to deliver to King row. Special officers have been sworn in to preserve order, and, while their task is an easy one tonight, it is anticipated

> A great number of women ar among the visitors, and, while they will be shown no favors in the line-up their sworn in, officers of the National Guard appearance would indicate that they need none for they seem fully able to cope with husklest "vet" homesteader. The filing will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning and will continue until the first mail. which will arrive about 1 p. m., when attention will be given to filings made through outside county officials. This fact has put everybody on their mettle in their anxiety to be first served and as a consequence there is a prospect of a lively

Landseekers at North Platte. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., June 27 .- (Special Telegram.)-The rush to make filings under the provisions of the Kinkaid bill is larger even than the friends of the measure had anticipated. A large number of seekers after land have come in on the train, and in addition there is a large contingent here in wagons from the surrounding country, composed of ranchmen and farmers who desire to increase their holdings under the terms of the measure. The struggle to be first in the land office when it opens for business in the morning is going to be strenuous. Early this evening the crowd commenced to line up, and many will wait all night order to be first in with their filings. O'Netll Gets Its Share.

O'NEILL, Neb., June 27 .- (Special Telegram.)-There are a large number of people in the city tonight ready to make filings in the morning under the provisions of the Kinkaid homestead bill, which be comes effective then. There are several counties in this district which contain considerable land subject to entry under the provisions of this bill, and the indications are that most, if not all of it, will be taken within a short time. The land office officials are prepared for a big rush tomorrow, commencing as soon as the office is open for business and the indications are they will have all they can attend to.

READY FOR ROSEBUD OPENING Department Officials Express Belief That Everything Will Be Orderly.

(From a Staff Correspondent,-WASHINGTON, June 27 .- (Special Telegram.)-Practically all preliminary arrangements have been made by the general land office officials looking to an orderly conduct of the opening of the ceded Sioux Indian lands in Rosebud county. The Department of Justice has authorized the United States marshal for South Dakota to employ such number of deputy marshals as in his judgment may be required to preserve order.

will be on hand in person to supervise all matters relating to the opening. Inspector Jenkins has made a report on the condition of the Indian school at Winnebago, but swing to the absence today of Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner

Commissioner Richards of the land office

Jones, their subordinates would not disclose its contents. The subordinates, however, say there is nothing out of the ordinary in the report.

CRAHAN FOR PENITENTIARY

Providence Engraver of One Hundred Dollar Bills is Taken to Georgia Prison.

ST. LOUIS, June \$7 .- Marcus Crahan, the Providence, R. I., engraver, who was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment in the United States district court here for making and passing counterfeit \$100 bills, departed tonight for Atlanta, Ga., in charge of a United States marshal to begin his sentence in the Georgia penitentiary,

KENT LOOMIS MAY BE DROWNED RUSH FOR NEBRASKA LANDS THREE KILLED BY FIREWORKS TOGO REPORTS NAVAL FIGHT NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Large Number of Persons Escape from Explosion in Philadelphia in Pyrotechnical Factory.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 27 .- Three persons lost their lives and a half dozen others were injured late today as the re sult of the explosion of a small bundle of fireworks in the storeroom of the Diamond Fire Works company at No. 838 Arch stree. The dead are:

JACOH JANCOVITCH, aged 28 years. O. BERMAN, 27 years. LENA SEMPSON, 21 years.

The fireworks concern occupied the first floor of the building. The second floor was vacant and the third story was occupied by the French Hat and Bonnet Frame company. Jancovitch was the proprietor of the hat and bonnet concern and Berman and Miss Sempson were his employes. These three were the only persons above the first floor. About a dozen persons were employed by the fireworks company.

The cause of the fireworks explosion is not known. Thomas Conway, one of the braced in the territory mentioned in the firm of the fireworks company, was wrapping up a small bundle of fireworks for a customer, when it exploded. Almost instantly the entire room, full of fireworks, back to an anchorage outside the harbor, became ignited from flying rockets and where during the night the Japanese de-Felegram.)—The town is crowded with land fire crackers. All the employes on the stroyers and torpedo boats made eight desfirst floor escaped without serious in-

jury. The front of the first floor was blown came in this evening seven hours late, out by the explosion of powder and soon his report Admiral Togo says: the entire building was in flames. Every effort was made to rescue those on the but died in a hospital. Berman was During the rescue three firemen were in-

jured and three other persons were also cut and burned, but their injuries are not ensidered serious. The flames spread to the building occupled by H. S. Kilner & Co., publishers of Catholic books, and that occupied by J. L. Gibney & Bros., dealers in automobile

entire loss on all three buildings, including stock, is estimated at \$30,000. There was no insurance on the fireworks establish-

STORY OF CRIME IS DOUBTED

Indiana Man Alleges Negro Committed Assault, but Later Tells Different Tale.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., June 27 .- Harry Smythe, an express messenger, living at 1055 Governor street, ran into the police station early today and announced that a negro had assaulted Clara Weinbach, aged 20, with whom he was walking a few minutes before, and that he had been driven away at the point of a revolver and with threats of death. He said the assault had occurred in the yard of the Chandler Avenue school house. Officers were hastily detailed and on reaching the school house grounds found Miss Weinlach coming out. She repeated the story of the attack, of a description of the negro she accuses There was intense excitement. A sheriff's posse was organized, extra police were were notified to be ready to protect the prisoner, and Baptist Town, the scene of the race riots of July last, was searched. Several suspected negroes were quietly held.

Captain Brennecke of the police department, while the searching was being continued, called at the home of Miss Wein bach and found her apparently in no serious condition. She talked calmly of the experience of the night, and leaving her Captain Brennecke said he doubted the story. He intimated that under closer questioning Miss Weinbach had implicated a white who was a rival of Smythe for her affections. He intimated that a white man would be arrested during the day. This announcement by the police authorities quieted the excitement. A large crowd had gathered at the police station and the race feeling, always present here, was becoming more and more intense, with momentary additions to the crowd. The earch for the supposed negro has ceased and there is little fear of a violent out-

BURNESS DIES IN THE CHAIR New York Murderer Faces Execution Cheerfully After Opposing Appeal of Case.

break.

NEW YORK, June 27 .- Frank Henry Burness, one of the most remarkable prisoners that ever occupied the death house at Sing Sing prison, went to his death in the electric chair today. With a smile on his face he walked from his cell, seating himself in the chair, assisted the men in adjusting the straps with which to bind him. Four electric shocks were given before he was pronounced dead.

The crime for which Burness was executed was the killing of Captain George B. Townsend of the schooner Charles Buckley, last November, but he also has confessed to having murdered no less than five persons. Townsend was killed in a disputs over wages amounting to about \$30 which Burness claimed was due him. When convicted of the latest crime he announced that he was willing to waive the six weeks that the law requires to clapse between the time of sentence and the execution. Despite the objections the case was carried to the court of appeals and after a long delay the sentence was affirmed.

When informed that the end was to come at last Burness expressed himself as pleased that there would be no more delay. "I deserve to die," Burness told the prison officials, "and the sooner they put an end to my troubles the better. I've got an uncontrollable temper and if released would only commit more violent crimes. I'd kill a man for 5 cents as quick as for anything

Burness was born in Butler, Pa., fortyfour years ago, and had followed the sea nearly all his life. He had refused religious consolation and there was no clergyman with him at the end.

DOWIE'S NEW ZION Visits Fort Montgomery with West Shore Railroad Officials to

Purchase Land. land near Fort Montgomery for the estabmen. After viewing the property the party ernment has asked them to furnish full cuturned to New York.

Japanese Commander Gives Details of Engagement Off Port Arthur Harbor.

RUSSIANS OFFERED BATTLE AND RAY Entire Strength of Squadron Was Sen Out, but Refused to Engage Japanese When They Appeared.

TOKIO, June 26 .- (Delayed in Transmission.)-Admiral Togo's detailed report of his effective attack on Port Arthur last Thursday night reached Tokle today. The report confirms the reported destruction of a Russian battleship of the Peresviet type. the disabling of a battleship of the Sevastopol class and a protected cruiser resembling the Diana and the injuring of a torpedo destroyer, but throws no light on the Rus-

stan plan. The entire Russian fleet steamed out to sea in line of battle. Suddenly when within 14,000 meters of the Japanese fleet the Russian fleet refused battle and steamed perate attacks upon it. The Russian vessels re-entered the harbor on Friday, since which time it has falled to reappear. In

"The exit of the Russian feet from Por-Arthur harbor began early Thursday. The third floor. Firemen climbed ladders in battleships Peresviet, Poltava, Sevastopol, the midst of the pyrotechnics and finally the armored cruisers Royan, the protected reached those on the third floor. Miss cruisers, Pallada, Diana, Askold and Novik, Sempson and Jancovitch were found alive, came first, a steamer leading them clearing mines. A warning flashed by wireless teldead when he was taken from the build- ography by the Japanese patrol brought up Admiral Togo's fleet at full speed to a series of pre-arranged stations.

"Three of the flotillas of Japan's destroy ers and torpedo boats steamed close to the harbor entrance and watched the Russian vessels. At 11 o'clock the Russian battle ships Czarevitch, Retvizan and Pobedia joined the other Russian ships outside the harbor. Several steamers and boats were supplies, but did no serious damage. The engaged in clearing and exploding mines order to make a passage seaward.

Torpedo Flotilla Attacks. Captain Asai, commanding the Japanese orpedo flotilia, attacked the vessels engaged in clearing out the mines and ham pered the work. At 3 o'clock seven Russian iestroyers appeared and the Japanese vigorously attacked them. One of the Russian destroyers, which was hit and set on fire, retreated to the harbor, burning. The Novik attacked the Japanese, who scurried away. The vessels engaged in clearing the harbor finally made a passage and the Novik led the Russian fleet seaward.

In the meantime Admiral Togo concealed the poritions of his ships and at 4 o'clock sent the third squadron out into the vision of the Russians with the object of drawing them seaward. The Russian fleet stood southeastward and then southward.

During this time Admiral Togo had concealed his first squadron south of Gugan rock. As the Russians approached Adniral Togo assembled his fleet and prepared to attack. At 6:15 p. m. the Russians were in plain sight eight miles northwest of Gugan rock. The Gaze effect led and the nine others followed in a single line, Novik and seven destroyers were placed waited, with battle flags flying from all the tops. The Japanese fleet formation represented the first letter of the Japanese alphabet inverted.

At 7:30 p. m., the Russians, headed for the Japanese and Admiral Togo veered slightly to the right in order to bring pressure against the head of the Russian formation. At 8 p. m. the Russians changed their course and headed north-Admiral Togo followed in a long ward. single line, ordering the destroyers and torpedo boats to prepare for an attack after sundown. At 8:22 p. m. the small flotilla swung around the rear of the Japanese fleet and headed toward the Russians at full speed. Two Flotilian Attack.

At 9:30 the fourteenth flotilia delivered the first attack on the Russian fleet, now in the rear of a point five miles outside the entrance to Port Arthur. Immediately afterward the fifth fiotilla delivered a second attack. The Russian fleet was confused and it was imposssible for it to retreat quickly into the harbor on account of the narrowness of the channel and possibly the low tide. At 10:20 the Russian fleet anchored in single line, extending from the foot of Wantsuing fort to the base of Chentaorhan.

During the night the torpedo flotilla kept up constant attacks on the Russian fleet, going in eight times. The most effective attack was that of the sixteenth fiotilla, which at 11:30 p. m. caught the Russians rounding Shenshen. Commander Wakabayashi, sent two torpedoes into a battleship of the Peresviet class. It was seen to sink in a volume of smoke and fire. Other effects of the attack were they are to stay during the week. not observed on account of the heavy firing, which cast volumes of water over the flotilla, and the heavy canonading, which rent the air. The searchlights from the ships and forts also blinded the Japanese.

entrance was made by the fourth and fifth fotilias, whose report confirmed that of the patrol ships as to the Russian loss. Admiral Togo says the moonlight prevented his fleet from inflicting greater lamage. The Japanese loss was unexpectedly small. The destroyer Shirakump was struck in the cabin and three of its crew were killed and three wounded. The first-class torpedo boat Chidori was struck in the engine room. Torpedo boats

At dawn Friday a reconnaissance of the

54. 66 and 53 were damaged. The others engaged were uninjured. In concluding his report Admiral Togo says:

"The effect of the attack and the small oss must be attributed to the illustrious virtue of his majesty." ONLY ENSIGN'S FLAG CAPTURED

Japanese Captured a Flag. ST. PETERSBURG, June Z.-The follow ng has been issued by the general staff: Ing has been issued by the general staff:

It having been stated in foreign newspapers and in telegrams from Tokio that the Japanese had taken a Russian flag in the battle of Vafangow, the ohief of the general field staff to the imperial viceroy in the far east, in reply to a question on the subject by the minister of war, stated on June 28 that no flag was taken, but only a small ensign which was instituted by the active service regulations to indicate where the commander of a regiment was to be found during a battle and during an encampment for the night.

General Staff of Russia Denies that

Owners of Collier Appeal. RELEAST. June 27,-The owners of the British steamer Alianton, captured by the HIGHLAND FALLS, N. Y., June 21.- Russian Vladivostok squadron during its John A. Dowle of Zion City, Ill., came here recent raid in the straits of Corea, ren a special train from New York today ceived a cable message from Vladivostok and, according to report, purchased some today saying the prize court there had de cided to confiscate the ship and its cargo. lishment of a new Zion City. Dowle was The owners sent a dispatch to Viadivostok empanied by some officials of the West instructing the captain of the Allanton to fibore railroad and several other gentle- appeal. In the meanwhile the British gov-

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BARREL TELLS THE STORY Fire on the Steamer General Slocum Has Been Traced to Its

Origin. NEW YORK, June 27 .- The coroner's jury investigating the General Slocum disaster was taken to the hulk of the burned steamer at Freis basin today, and after an inspection of the wreck and the examina-

police patrol boat over the route followed by the steamer on the day of the ill-fated excursion. Commander Winslow of the navy, who with General Wilson of the army, was appointed to make federal inquiry into the lisaster, was on board the Slocum when

tion of several witnesses, proceeded in a

the coroner and his party arrived. Commander Winslow was accompanied by Supervising Inspector General Unier and the district head inspector, Rodie. Commander Winslow compiled a description of the Slooum's interior as he found it. board the Slocum Coroner Berry led the way to the forward hatchway, a blackened opening in the midst of a pile of rotting life preservers, tangled iron and half-

burned barrels. Terrance McManus, counsel for the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, was asked by the coroner if he would concede that that was the spot where the fire was first discovered. Mr. McManus declined to ncede anything, and Edwin Brandow, the assistant engineer, was called as a witness and answered the question affirmatively. Former Fire Marshal Thomas F. Freel said that he had examined the hold of the vessel on the day it was raised. He found that the fire started in one of the barrels.

"How can you tell?" "The barrel tells," Mr. Freel replied, holding up one of the loosened staves. "The blackened edges show that it was burned from the bottom and from inside out. There are no marks of burning on the outside except in a small place where it burned through."

After seeing all of the hulk they de-sired the patrol boat started up river. Captain Edward Van Wart, chief pilot of the Slocum, took the helm and pointed out to the jurymen the exact course taken by the Slocum. Captain Van Wart believes that Captain Van Schalk in running his vessel to North Brother island, did the best that could be done under the circumstances. The inquest will probably be completed tomorrow.

BLOODHOUNDS AFTER FUGITIVE Man Who Shot Wisconsin Sheriff Supposed to Be Hiding in

Swamp. SUPERIOR, Wis, June 17.-Bloodhounds are now on the trail of the murderer of Sheriff Harris, who was shot and killed at Fall Creek, Wis., on June 18. The murderer is hiding in a swamp a few miles out on the Green Bay road, which runs out of

guarding his retreat. The murderer for whom search is being made is supposed to be James Smith of Oregon, whom Sheriff Harris attempted to arrest on suspicion of having killed a man in that state.

Dispatch from La Crosse, Wis., says it tachment of militia is reconnoitering near the place. It is impossible to get confirmation or denial here of the report that be inevitable. he shot a woman and boy near North Bend. It is stated that near Trempeleau he compelled a woman to give him her outer clothing and in this disguise he went through town unharmed.

TEACHERS LOOK FOR HOMES Members of National Educational Association Hunt Places to Live

in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, June 27.-There was no for mal meeting of the National Educational The first-class torpedo boat Shirataka, association convention during the day, but the time was devoted to the reception of the delegates and assigning them to the different hotels and boarding houses, where reception and registration committees were kept very busy, but the work had been so carefully planned that little difficulty was encountered in providing for the hundreds of teachers who arrived on every train. The national council, which consists of about sixty prominent educators, met today in the lecture room at the Education building and listened to three inter-

esting addresses. Howard J. Roberts, chief of the department of education for the Louisiana Purchase exposition, spoke on "The Lesson of the Exposition;" N. G. W. Lagerstedt, Swedish commissioner to the fair, spoke on "Swedish Educational Exhibit and Its Relation to the Schools of Sweden," and S. Tegima, imperial Japanese commissioner general to the fair, spoke on "Japanese Exhibit and its Relation to Education in Japan.

MAY EXTEND MARTIAL LAW

Statement from Adjutant General Intimates Deaver May Feel Governor Penbody's Hand,

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., June 27 .- General Sherman M. Hell, who is governing Teller county, under martial law, has issued another statement for publication, in which he says:

There are 10,000 lies being written about me. I am acting under orders of the governor of the state of Colorado. He stands for peace and quiet and good government and has instructed me to see to it that the Western Federation of Miners shall not-directly or indirectly—murder any more men, and they shall not. So far as placing Denver under martial law is concerned, that rests solely with the governor. Provided he should see fit to do so, I am his adjutant general commanding the military torses of the state and will see to it that vided he should see fit to do so, I am his adjutant greeral commanding the military forces of the state and will see to it that hundreds of had men are deported, and after marrial law has finally been called off, if the citizens permit, the cattle I intend to deport to return, that will be their business. No man who wants to work will be molested, but the person who lives solely and only by his mouth, provided Governor Prabody gives me the word, will have to enligrate. The time for temporising talk in Colorado has passed. What we ought to do now is to act.

General Kouropatkin Assumes Offensive Against Oku and Kuroki is Moving.

EXCITEMENT IS GREATEST SINCE WAR News of Recent Operations Have Raised

Spirits of Russians. GENERAL BELIEF FIGHT HAS OCCURRED

Suspense and Quiet Leads to Empression that Something is On.

RUMOR THAT JAP FLEET SUFFERS DEFEAT

Unconfirmed Reports Are that a Battle of Considerable Proportions Has Been Fought Near To Tobe Kino,

ST. PETERSBURG, June 27,-31:38 a. m -Dispatches received here from Ta Tehe Kiao indicate that both the Russian and Japanese armies are moving into contact for a great battle, which even now may be in progress,

General Kouropatkin yesterday assumed the offensive against General Oku, while General Murcki, from a position fourteen miles to the eastward, was moving against the Russian flank at Hai Cheng.

Excitement at War Office. Not since the war began has such an air of excitement pervaded the War office and admiralty. The news received during the next few days is expected to largely determine the fate of the present campaign on land and sea. The spirits of the Russians have appreciably risen at the prospect that after all the sortie of the squadron of Rear Admiral Witteoff, in command of the naval forces at Port Arthur, while it may have resulted in the loss of some of the Russian ships, has been successful. A dispatch from Che Foo today says that boats damaged on Friday near Port Ar-

a Chinese junk reports having seen two big Japanese warships and several torpedo thur. This strengthens the belief here that a great sea fight has cocurred and that the Japanese, who are able, through wireless telegraphy, to be in constant communication with their base, are with-holding the news. If the Viadivostok squadron is at sea with the purpose of effecting a juncture, as is generally believed, with the Port Arthur rquadron, its appearance on the scene could easily turn the scale in favor of the Russians,

Think Japanese Fleet is Defeated. Some usually well informed personages at the War office are bold enough to see in a report received this morning by the Bourse Gasette of the hasty retirement of General Oku, evidence that the Jananese fleet has suffered a reverse and that the communication of this intelligence to General Oku, with the accompanying threat that his base at Pitsewo may b atacked, compelled his withdrawal. All direct news from the land side indicates an immense and cecisive battle near Ta Tehe Kino, According to the . Press advices last night, General Kouro patkin is there, personally in command. The presence of the military attaches and newspaper correspondents is also significant. Houropatkin's purpose seems to be Merlin, Wis. Over 100 armed men are to try to prevent a juncture of General Oku's and General Kuroki's armies. The outposts are in touch all along the line. If Kuroki bas met Kouroprekin's offensive move southward against Oku by an advance on Hai Cheng, as the advices of the Associated Press from Ta Tobe Klao ST. PAUL, June 27.-A special to the say, the Russian commander-in-chief seems to be seriously endangered, unless he reis reported here that the slayer of Sheriff tires or is strong enough to present two Harris of St. Croix county escaped through faces to the enemy. Kuroki was only the picket lines in the darkness and was fourteen miles from the Russian army seen in the fields near Holman. A de- yesterday, according to a dispatch from the front, and the three armies are so close

together that a decisive battle appears to Armies Are in Touch Lieutenant General Sakharoff's dispatch, received tonight, confirms the ballef that the great decisive battle of the campaign between General Kouropatkin's army and the armies of Generals Kuroki and Oku is imminent. The three armies probably aggregate 200,000 men and their outposts are today in rouch all along the line. Japanese evidently tried to draw Kouropatkin as far south as possible, holding out as an incentive a check to the advance

of Oku's main army. Meantime Oku swung sharply to the eastward to join Kuroki toward the Chapan pass, Kuroki at the same time moving a strong force by the right flank toward Hai Chang.

The main Japanese advance continues along the main Feng Wang Cheng-Liao Yang road, avoiding the Mao Tien pass by a detour to the northward. The advance in all points is being attended by skirmishing. Nothing is known here of the exact point at which Kouropatkin's main force is concentrated, though it is believed that a large part of the Liao Yang force has been moved to a point be tween Kin Cheu and Ta Tche Klao,

According to the Associated Press dispatch from Ta Tche Kiso today, a large force has pushed southward from Ta Tche Kiao against Oku. While Kouropatkin is thus extending himself the Japanese with great mobility seem to be trying to concentrate for the purpose of striking the Russians in flank and rear.

The Associated Press has received s curious dispatch from a Russian correspondent at Vladivostok, who took pains to say that Vice Admiral Skrydloff's squadron would probably be unable to go out again for weeks, as the ships had to go into dry dock for the purpose of thoroughly overhauling their boilers and cleaning their hulls, preparatory to putting to sea to meet the Haltic squadron. The dispatch added that some of the torpeds bents have been battered by the storm during the last expedition to the Japanese coast. In conclusion, the correspondent says that nothing has been heard of Vice Kamimura's

Three Armies in Motion.

TA TCHE KIAO, (Between Kin Chou and Hai Cheng), Liao Tung Peninsula, June 27 .-2:45 a, m .- A great battle seems to be impending. A portion of the Russian army has assumed the offensive against the Japanese forces commanded by General Oku, and it is reported that General Kuroki is moving along the Russian left fiank against Hal Cheng. According to a high placed personage General Kuroki's army is strong enough to take the oftensive and he presumably is anxious for a decisive action before the rains begin. Sharp firing was heard in the hills yes terday at daybreak and severe fighting he reported to be in progress near the village of Tan Chen. An officer who galleped in yesterday evening reported that the hom-