

# GERMANY WINS A DIPLOMATIC WAR

## New French Premier Concedes the Points That Delcasse Wouldn't Consider.

# GERMAN NAVY IS ACTIVE

## Suspicion at Berlin That France Would Like to See Great Britain Wipe Out the German Navy, Though Whipped on Land.

Paris, June 21.—Official quarters here today show a feeling of optimism and confidence concerning the early adjustment of the Franco-German controversy, which is in marked contrast to the agitation and depression of a week ago.

It is definitely stated that negotiations between Premier Rouvier and German Ambassador Radolin give promise of accord within the present week.

Improvements in the Franco-German situation continues today, officials expressing belief that the crisis is on the way toward speedy adjustment on the basis of a conference within defined limits.

### France Makes a Concession.

Berlin, June 19.—Premier Rouvier has informed Prince Radolin, German ambassador at Paris, that France is inclined to accept the invitation to take part in the proposed conference on Morocco provided the German and French governments can reach mutually satisfactory agreement as to the precise points to be considered by the conference.

The conviction exists at the foreign office that France and Germany will be able to agree upon this program. Although earnest differences of views are yet to be reconciled, the authoritative judgment of the foreign office is that they will all be overcome by negotiation.

M. Rouvier has yielded to Prince Von Buelow on two essential points on which Delcasse, former foreign minister, had refused the invitation to take part in the Morocco conference. Rouvier first consented to open the question, and second agreed to take part in the conference, provided the protocol is in conformity with French interests. This will be accepted by Germany, which will limit the deliberations of the conference. A great diplomatic battle is in progress with probabilities leaning toward German success.

### German Navy Is Ready.

No adequate view of German feeling at this time can be presented without making note of the very general belief in naval circles that Great Britain is seeking an excuse to check the great program which is making in German sea armament. This belief is widely expressed among naval officers of all classes. It is their view that Great Britain would be willing that France should suffer defeat on land if Britain thereby was given a chance to destroy the German navy. As a result of this feeling there is great activity in the German navy, and it has never been so alert or so perfectly ready for defense as now.

### Took a Turn for the Better.

Paris, June 21.—The improvement in the Franco-German situation took a more definite turn today as the semi-official version of Saturday's conference between Premier Rouvier and Prince Radolin, the German ambassador, became known. This version shows that the ambassador asked France to accept in principle the plan of an international conference, the details of which are to be adjusted later. Premier Rouvier answered that he desired first to be advised upon Germany's object in securing the conference and the questions it would be called upon to consider.

As the result of instructions from Berlin Prince von Radolin was able to respond to those inquiries and to give information regarding the German government's idea of the scope and conclusion of the conference. More particularly he was able to relieve the conference plan from any appearance of being a menace to France or of being a preliminary step to override French prestige in Morocco. With these explanations pourparlers are continuing with a good prospect of resulting in a definite agreement. There is, however, a necessity for further exchanges between the governments with a view of fully defining the extent of the conferences.

# WOMAN IN A POLE HUNT

## Miss Mamie Babb Declares Her Purpose to Go with Peary to the North.

Norway, Me., June 20.—Love for adventure and a desire to be the first woman to reach the north pole has caused Miss Mamie Babb to abandon school teaching, to sail, she says, with Lieutenant Commander Robert E. Peary in his quest of the North pole. The plan is to explore the new steamer will float an American flag presented to Miss Babb by her pupils at the Little School at North Harpswell.

What danger can there be in such a journey? she asks when the perils of an arctic trip are pointed out to her by relatives who are opposed to her going. "I shall be the first woman to reach the pole, because I know Mr. Peary will find it this time."

### Says She Will "Stick."

Mrs. Peary and her daughter Marie, 12 years old, also will be passengers on the steamer arrives at the point where relief supply stations are to be established. Miss Babb says she will stick to the ship until the end.

"If the men stand the trip I guess I can," she says.

Miss Babb is 30 years old, tall and handsome. For seven years she has lived with an uncle and aunt at West Brook, who are greatly adverse to the trip she is about to take.

Miss Babb has always been a friend of Mrs. Peary, and as a stenographer has done much of Lieutenant Peary's clerical work. She has read much about the frozen regions. She has prepared maps and routes for the coming trip and all have been approved by Mr. Peary when submitted to him for examination.

# PHONE KISSES NO CRIME

## No Divorce Granted Because of Carresses Over the Wire.

Springfield, Ill., June 21.—Mrs. George Holman is said to have wanted a kiss to a male admirer over the telephone, and her husband demanded a divorce. Mr. Holman often scolded his wife, and she filed a cross bill because of that.

But a jury in the Sangamon county circuit court did not consider telephone kissing adequate ground, nor frequent scolding sufficient, and both cases were thrown out of court.

# SUFFERING FROM HEAT

## New Yorkers in Piteful Condition—Mn. or Orders Parks Kept Open All Night.

New York, June 21.—Showers and change of wind early today greatly reduced the temperature and excessive humidity from which Greater New York sweated throughout the Sabbath. Nowhere in the city was suffering so intense as in the East Side tenement section, where little preparation had been made for it.

From hundreds of stuffy tenements thousands of children swarmed into the streets, many of them half clad, others struggling to rid themselves of such fragments of winter garments as still clung to their little bodies. Mothers, with haggard faces, peered out of lofty windows and shrieked in vain for the little ones to come in.

Police were constantly called upon to quell infantile riots and scores of children were reported lost at nightfall. Nearly every household among the tenement dwellers has been called upon to provide for one or more of the immigrants who swarmed into the city, and these have nothing but heavy winter clothing. In many places the curbs and doorsteps were lined with heavily bearded men, exhausted, apparently suffering intense physical pain.

Orders were issued in all downtown precincts to leave the parks open during the night until the weather changed.

### Take Up Immigration Question.

Business men, sociologists and others will begin here today a formal discussion of the immigration question. It is estimated that 60 per cent. of the immigrants arriving at this port remain in New York. The overcrowded condition of the East Side streets and tenements during the past six months has awakened new interest in the matter and plans will be discussed for ridding the city of the burden. Some authorities estimate that in Greater New York nearly 100,000 English speaking families are on the verge of destitution, because of the influx of cheap labor.

# MAKES FAST TIME

## The Lake Shore's "Twentieth Century Limited" Beats Schedule Time by Five Minutes.

Chicago, June 21.—The first west-bound trip on an eighteen-hour basis, made by the Twentieth Century Limited over the Lake Shore, was finished five minutes ahead of time.

New York, June 21.—The Twentieth Century Limited on the New York Central railroad arrived here from Chicago at 9:27 a. m. today, three minutes ahead of time. It made the run in 17 hours and 57 minutes.

From Albany to Hudson, for a distance of thirty-one miles, the train ran at a rate of nearly seventy miles an hour, thirty-one miles being made in twenty minutes. One other stretch of twenty miles was made in eighteen minutes. The new train brought to this city seventy-two passengers, many of them prominent railroad men. They declared despite the great speed the ride was easy and pleasant.

The train averaged one to five minutes ahead of schedule all the way from New York, the average running time being 53 1/2 miles an hour. Outwardly the train occupied 17 hours 9 minutes in making the journey.

# MERICAN YACHT WINS

## The Atlantic, Winner of the Trans-Atlantic Race, Wins Special Race from Dover.

Island of Heligoland, June 21.—The American schooner yacht Atlantic won the race for auxiliary yachts from Dover to Heligoland, completing the course in 41 hours, 26 minutes and 24 seconds. The annual race from Dover to Heligoland was won by the schooner yacht Susanna (Germany). Time, 40 hours, 45 minutes and 40 seconds. The yacht Therese (Germany) second. The American built schooner yacht Navahoe was third.

# ORCHID BRINGS FORTUNE

## Rare Flower Sells for \$4,952 at an Auction Held in London.

London, June 21.—The highest price ever given for an orchid at an auction sale was realized this week at the Portland street rooms.

It was an Odontoglossum crispum, named "Roger Sander," and is the only one of the variety in existence. Soon after it was put up the bidding mounted briskly to \$4,952.

Even at this high price there was a condition which provided that the seller should, when it is ripe, have half the seed carried in a pod by a plant which has been crossed by Odontoglossum crispum, known as Luciani.

The sepals and petals, almost covered with a richly brilliant red color, are surrounded by a margin of the purest white, which throws up the brilliant coloring, giving exquisite beauty to the bloom. The top is large and white, with a central blotch, and some small markings around it are deep yellow. The crest is rather curious.

# SWEDEN IGNORES REVOLT

## Sends Charge to Washington to Represent Both Countries.

Stockholm, June 21.—Gustav Strahlé, the foreign office started last evening for Washington as Swedish-Norwegian charge d'affaires, the legations abroad continuing to represent both countries, as Sweden does not recognize the dissolution of the union. Mr. Strahlé says he will be glad to renew his acquaintance with people at Washington, as he has pleasant recollections of his secretaryship there.

### Prince Karl May Be King.

London, June 19.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says he learns on excellent authority that the majority of the members of the Swedish riksdag are ready to accept King Oscar's third son, Prince Karl, as king of Norway, provided that the Norwegian government shall demolish the fortifications on the frontier and enter into an arbitration treaty with Sweden.

# FOILS TRAIN WRECKERS.

## Engineer Discovers Obstruction on Track in Midst of High Trestle.

Huntington, W. Va., June 21.—A passenger train on the Norfolk and Western road, eastbound, narrowly escaped destruction at Lost creek trestle. At the highest point of the trestle a brake chain had been securely wrapped about a rail. Fortunately the obstruction was discovered by the engineer who succeeded in stopping the train.

# STRIKERS APPLY FOR THEIR FORMER PLACES

## Individuals Are Not Waiting for a Formal Declaration of the Strike's End.

# PEACE PARTY IN THE LEAD

## Will Take Extreme Measures at Tonight's Meeting to Force the Shear Faction to Consent to Terms.

Chicago, June 21.—A pronounced break in the ranks of the strikers occurred today when a large number of striking teamsters applied individually for their former positions without waiting for the strike to be formally declared off. This was especially true at the lumber yards.

The "peace party" of the striking teamsters was busy today outlining plans for forcing an end of the strike. Tonight the "steering committee" appointed Saturday at a meeting of the anti-Shear and anti-Shear element will endeavor to carry its point in the teamsters' joint council meeting, even if it has to keep deliberations in progress all night.

Calls have been sent out to command a full attendance at the joint council and there are many who predict that the way for peace in the industrial situation will be paved at tonight's session.

L. B. Beebe, head of the "steering committee," will lead the fight for peace. The first move of the "anti-strike" teamsters will be to have the whole matter referred to the national executive board of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, with full power to act. If the "steering committee" fails to force others in the council to adopt this program it will be an easy task getting a new council of the committee with plenary powers.

### Looks Bad for Shea.

A two-edged knife that will cut both ways was whetted vigorously Saturday by the grand jury in its investigation of the charge that the strike against Montgomery Ward & Co. was prompted by blackmail and furthered by the actions of business rivals. Developments indicate that employers and employees alike will suffer injury when the knife gets into action.

In the grand jury's "double cross" were as follows: A representative of one big firm offered Shea \$10,000 to call a strike against a rival firm. The amount made Shea open his eyes to the possibility ahead. He saw a good thing, and became busy in short order. As a result the rival firm "doubled" and added \$10,000 more to have a strike called against its competitor and prolonged as long as possible. The total amount paid is said to have been \$30,000.

### Turned Down for Their Pains.

None of the teamsters who applied for reinstatement were given employment by the employers, stated they wished to consult other members of the Employers' association before giving answer.

# LA FOLLETTE MAY RESIGN

## Finds Plan to Stay in Chair Till Congress Meets Blocked.

Madison, Wis., June 21.—It has been found that Governor LaFollette must send his resignation to the legislature, and should he not resign before that body adjourns, he will have to call a special session. The governor intended to remain in the executive chair until congress meets, but this will block his plan.

The senate today confirmed by a unanimous vote the nominations by Governor LaFollette of B. H. Meher and Halford Erickson as members of the railroad rate commission. The nomination of N. P. Haugen was rejected by a vote of 16 to 11.

# KILLED BY MOLTEN METAL

## Two Die as Result of an Extraordinary New York Accident.

New York, June 21.—Two deaths have already resulted from a shower of shattered steel and clouds of steam which followed a boiler explosion near the banks of the Hudson river on the upper west side yesterday. The victims are Joseph Morgan, colored, whose death resulted from scalds, and Frank Moore, who, with three companions were swimming in the Hudson when the shower of debris fell over the water. He was not seen again and undoubtedly drowned. Four other persons were seriously injured and twenty-two others slightly hurt. Two men are under arrest, pending an investigation.

# SAYS ROOSEVELT IS FRESH

## Virginia Woman Rebuffs President, Who Attempts to Assist Her.

Richmond, Va., June 20.—President Roosevelt was given a curt rebuff by a woman of the backwoods, who did not know she was speaking to the head of the nation. At Red Hill, Albemarle county, the president, on leaving the train to go to the country home recently purchased by Mrs. Roosevelt, noticed a plainly dressed woman attempting to get on the car. Rushing forward, Mr. Roosevelt assisted her to ascend the steps. He then caught her hand and gave it a regular "executive" grasp.

### Smothering her hand away and crying him wrathfully, the woman said: "You man, I don't know who you are, and I don't care a cent, but I must say you are the freshest somebody I've ever seen in these parts."

The story was too good to keep, and the president is telling it on himself.

# FIVE HUNDRED KILLED.

## Terrible Results of the Explosion at Khatarski.

Ekaterinoslav, Southern Russia, June 21.—Five hundred persons were killed in the explosion which occurred at the Ivan colliery at Khatarski belonging to the Russian Donetz company.

# BOARD OF TRADE FIRM FAILS.

Chicago, June 19.—Fyfe, Mason & Co., a prominent board of trade commission firm, went into the hands of a receiver today.

# FOR CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF

## Bates and Corbin Are Each to Serve for a Short Time.

Washington, June 21.—An official announcement was made at the war department Saturday that Major General John C. Bates and Major General Henry C. Corbin would successively serve as chief of staff with the rank of lieutenant general after the retirement of General Chaffee next April. General Corbin becomes of retiring age in September, 1906, and General Bates in August, 1905. Major General George L. Gillespie, assistant chief of staff, was today placed on the retired list at his own request. He will be succeeded by Major General John C. Bates.

# CHINESE GET BACK AT US

## Boycott of American Goods Is Agreed to with Remarkable Unity.

Tientsin, June 21.—Two important meetings, attended by 600 students represented by twenty-six colleges, were held yesterday in connection with anti-American propaganda resolutions. Resolutions were passed to boycott American goods; to stimulate Chinese industries; to circulate anti-American literature; and to record results.

Other bodies representing commercial guilds of seventeen provinces have signed an agreement under a mutual bond to forfeit 50,000 taels if any member is reported as purchasing American goods.

# ELEVEN NEGROES DEAD.

## Result of Fight on Southern Excursion Train.

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—A special to the Constitution from Griffin says: "Chief of Police Hayes says his latest information says that the shooting on the negro excursion train on the Southern last night is that eleven negroes are dead."

Two Griffin negroes of bad reputations are held as suspects. They say a crap game which had been going on all day Saturday was the cause of the trouble, and the fighting began at Atlanta and raged unceasingly with revolvers and razors until Griffin was reached. Officers are at work on the case.

# MEET AT INDIANAPOLIS.

## Festival of North American Gymnastic Union This Week.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 21.—Beginning Tuesday night with a public performance of the festival play, "The Glorious Three," and continuing through Sunday, at which the athletic well picnic will be held at Germania park, the festival of the North American Gymnastic union will be held in Indianapolis this week. The city is being decorated with red and white colors of the union and hunting and fishing are the features of the festival are being erected to complete the elaborate decorative scheme.

Concerts by singing societies, athletic events and historical pageants, mass exercises and a grand picnic are features of the five days' meeting.

# NOVELTIES OF THE NEWS.

Marysville, O.—As the result of swallowing a live rat while eating out of his trough, the noted trotting horse Corintho, 2:13, died in convulsions at Plain City. After an examination had been made by the veterinary it was found that the windpipe of the horse had been lacerated by the rat in its efforts to gain its way out the throat.

Cagliari, Sardinia.—Four men lost their lives here Friday while attempting to descend into a huge wine reservoir holding 50,000 gallons of wine.

An employe who was first sent into the reservoir was asphyxiated by the fumes. Two other employes who attempted to rescue him were likewise drowned. The proprietor of the place there attempted to make the descent. He fell into the reservoir and was drowned.

Mansfield, O.—Thursday at Chesterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Pierce, two of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of that place, were interred in the same grave. Pierce was engaged in the undertaking business.

Cincinnati, O.—The incorporation of the Ford & Johnson company, of Cincinnati, at Columbus, Friday, with a capital stock of \$3,000,000, reveals the fact that more than twenty-five chair manufacturers of the country are to be merged into one concern. The plan is to utilize the business and reduce the cost of manufacture.

Edinburgh.—The famous old border "marriage house" on the Scotch bank of the river Collieston, where Monk raised the famous regiment of the Coldstream guards, is being restored by Captain Waring, the new proprietor of Lennel estate, who, with Lady Clementine Waring, is to reside at Coldstream. This "marriage house," which was built by the famous architect, Robert Adam, the two other notorious border resorts of eloping couples, was the scene of the runaway marriage of Lord Brougham.

Fort Jarvis, N. Y.—Mrs. M. J. Moore, a wealthy New York woman who is spending the summer here, discovered that a thoroughbred cow which she had just purchased, had no upper front teeth. She slowly sold it for a good price and purchased another. However, when she saw it was without upper front teeth she sold it and inaugurated a search for a cow with a full set of teeth, which disclosed to her that none is so equipped.

New York, N. Y.—Edward Langdon, of Brooklyn, a clerk in the office of Robert A. Sharkey, naval officer of the port of New York, has been fined ten days' pay for flirting, at the instance of Secretary Shaw.

While riding in an elevated car a month ago Langdon smiled at a young woman and dropped his card in her lap.

Fort Dodge, Ia.—A pig that has an almost perfect elephant's head is in the possession of William Lynch. The freak is one of a litter of eight, belonging to Lou Alger, a farmer, and all the rest of the lot are normal.

It has a perfect elephant's trunk, and the entire formation of the head and neck corresponds almost exactly to that of an elephant. Even the ears are similar. The remainder of the body is perfectly normal.

# DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN HOME.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 19.—C. E. Thaisz, manager of a drug store in Pasadena, and wife were found dead in a ranch house near Glendale last night. A bullet in the man's forehead and one in the woman's breast show how they met death. Powder burns on the woman's dress indicate she might have done tie killing.

### Japs Oust Foreign Merchants.

Chego, June 19.—American and European firms still in Port Arthur have been notified by the Japanese authorities to depart and remove their merchandise.

# "TRUST" COVETS SIOUX CITY PLANT

## Beatrice Creamery Company Would Merge with Hanford Produce Company.

# LACKS ENTIRE CONTROL

## While Every Attempt Has Been Made to Add to the \$200,000 Stock Now Held, Local Men Still Dominate in the Hanford.

(From the Sioux City Tribune.)

The Hanford Produce company, a \$500,000 corporation, and the largest creamery company in Iowa, may become a part of the Beatrice Creamery company, a \$3,000,000 corporation, commonly known throughout the west, because of its size, as the "creamery trust."

Every effort has been made by the Beatrice Creamery company to secure control of the big creamery company in Sioux City, but according to President A. S. Hanford the control of the concern is still in the hands of Sioux City people, but later may be absolutely controlled by the Beatrice Creamery company. The latter has eighteen great plants in the west and southwest, practically controlling dairy products in the west.

For a considerable period the Hanford Produce company and the Beatrice Creamery company have had joint interests, even to the extent of buying together and using the same trademark on certain brands of butter and other products.

Recently George E. Haskell, president of the Beatrice Creamery company, increased his personal holdings in the Hanford Produce company to \$200,000, which is two-thirds of the common stock, or two-fifths of the entire capital of the corporation.

### Would Keep Control Here.

By many this is considered sufficient evidence that the big \$3,000,000 corporation controls the Sioux City plant, though Mr. Hanford, president of the Sioux City company, contends that \$200,000 of common stock and the \$200,000 of preferred stock held by the Farmers Loan and Trust company, is sufficient to keep the "creamery trust" from gaining absolute control of his company.

George E. Haskell, president of the Beatrice Creamery company, is the vice president of the Hanford Produce company, and the Beatrice Creamery company also has two representatives on the board of directors of the Sioux City company.

A vigorous attempt was made to secure a controlling interest in the Hanford Produce company in January of this year, when the Beatrice Creamery company increased its capitalization to \$3,000,000 and took over the plants and business of the Continental Creamery company, a \$1,000,000 corporation.

### Would Buy Through Agents.

For some time it has been the intent of Sioux City business men to gain a controlling interest in the Hanford Produce company and retain that interest at home. This desire has so far defeated the plans of the Beatrice Creamery company. Failing to secure the stock directly, the Beatrice Creamery company proceeded through other agencies, including Booth & Co., who were willing to subscribe for any amount of stock. But Booth & Co. were known to represent the creamery trust, and their proposition to buy stock at a good premium was declined.

When the Hanford Produce company was reorganized recently, its stock of \$500,000, \$200,000 preferred and \$300,000 common stock, the Beatrice Creamery company again attempted to secure a controlling interest and merge it with their dozen plants in the west and southwest. The plan was to purchase the stock of the Beatrice Creamery company, finally secured \$200,000 worth of the common stock, while \$100,000 was taken by Mr. Hanford and his Sioux City associates. The Farmers Loan and Trust company agreed to take \$200,000 of the preferred stock as financial agents for its sale. Shaking out of this stock the Farmers Loan and Trust company has purchased \$100,000 worth of the preferred stock, supposedly to small investors, to whom they guarantee 5 per cent. interest.

# Business Is Enormous.

At the present time President Haskell is in Europe, but it is thought his agents will be increasing in their efforts to secure control of the Hanford company, and should they succeed the big plant in Sioux City will become a part of the greatest creamery company in the world, having a daily output of over 1,500,000 pounds of butter at different plants of the company.

Something of the enormity of the business may be gained from the fact that the Hanford Produce company manufactures 1,000,000 to 1,800,000 pounds of butter every month, and last Sunday alone 50,000 pounds. More butter was manufactured in Woodbury county last year than in any other county in Iowa as a result of the enormous amount of cream collected by the Hanford Produce company, and put on the market as a finished product. Contracts for a quarter of a million pounds for the United States navy were filled here.

# Has Eighteen Big Plants.

The Beatrice Creamery company controls about eighteen such plants as the Hanford company, being capitalized at six times as much. This great creamery corporation has plants at Des Moines, Topeka, Lincoln, Beatrice, Kansas City, St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Pueblo, Denver, Cheyenne, Deadwood and other cities in the west and southwest, buying a large share of the cream of several states. The states of Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Colorado and Kansas are dotted with separating stations of this great creamery company; every railroad train running into one of the large plants brings in hundreds of cans of cream and every freight train going out takes to the eastern markets carloads of products from the factories.

Gradually the "creamery trust" is winding itself about the smaller concerns of the country, having already banished the churns of the farmers' wives, and within a few years, it is said, will control the entire dairy products of the west.

According to stockholders in the Sioux City concern, it is not desired to consolidate with the Beatrice company, though it has been found advantageous to have some joint interests with them and to allow their company to hold the \$200,000 of common stock purchased by their president for afterwards assigned to the Beatrice Creamery company.

# GOMEZ IS DEAD.

## Late Commander in Chief of Cuban Army and Patriot Dies at Havana.

Havana, June 20.—General Maximo Gomez died at 6 o'clock Saturday evening.

The end came quietly in the beautiful temporary home at the seaside in the suburb of Vedado, to which General Gomez was taken on his return from Santiago de Palma, accompanied by General Andrade, arrived about a quarter of an hour previous to the death of General Gomez.

The distinguished patient's heart had weakened steadily since 11 o'clock in the morning and failed to respond to stimulants. Several times during his long illness General Gomez had shown recuperative powers that were astonishing. His real illness extended over forty-six days, although his health had been failing for some months prior to that time.

General Gomez leaves a widow, five sons and one daughter. Only Saturday the secretary of the treasury delivered to one of Gomez's sons a check for \$100,000, which has been voted unanimously by congress for the general's benefit, and approved by President Palma. This was in addition to the \$50,000 previously voted by congress.

# TERRIBLE MASSACRE.

## Natives of Kamchatka to Number of Hundred and Fifty Slain by Pirates.

San Francisco, June 20.—News of a terrible massacre of 150 natives on the Siberian coast has been received in a letter from Petropavlovsk, on the coast of Kamchatka. A Morogranovian has written to his father, a resident of this city, that in the early part of the year the natives in one of the small settlements down the coast, which he does not name, beset a yacht or schooner drop anchor in the harbor, and her coming was hailed with cries of rejoicing. The vessel was surrounded by a number of small boats. The natives could see the crew piling what they thought were supplies into the smaller craft. Then the men piled for the shore. During that of the next day there was heard the firing of arms, and later on smoke and fire were observed. This led to investigation from Petropavlovsk and other towns on the coast, and a horrible tale of pillage and massacre was brought to light.

About the time of the settlement, writes Morogranovian, were strawn the bodies of 150 of the inhabitants, shot and cut to pieces by the pirates, who, under the pretense of friendship, had gained a landing on the coast.

Robbery occurred only once, for every house had been ransacked and everything of marketable value had been taken. Who the marauders were those who managed to make their escape could not say beyond giving the information that some Japanese were in the party.

# MANY KILLED.

## Two Score or More Were Victims of a Collision of Freight and Passenger Trains in Maryland.

Baltimore, Md., June 20.—The death toll of Saturday night's wreck on the Western Maryland railroad now foots up to twenty-five, and this number is likely to be increased from among the list of those grievously mangled.

The wreck occurred only a mile about a quarter of a mile from Patapsco, a small station between Westminster and Finksburg. At least eighteen people are believed to have been killed, and a score injured.

Passenger train No. 5, westbound, was running at a very high rate of speed when, at the point named, it crashed into a doubleheader freight running east.

All three of the engines were reduced to scrapiron, the express and baggage cars were smashed, and a number of the freight cars were splintered. The passenger coaches sustained little injury, and almost without exception their occupants escaped with nothing worse than a bad shaking up.

The fatalities and injuries were of the crew of the engines and the workmen employed by the railroad. It is a remarkable coincidence that these latter should have been at work repairing the damages caused by a recent small freight wreck that occurred at Mt. Hope station, near this city. They were on their way to their homes in small towns along the Western Maryland to spend Sunday. Not being regular passengers, they boarded the baggage-car and engine. When the crash came, the most fortunate, who were on the engine, jumped or were thrown from the train and were only injured. Those in the baggage car were terribly mangled, and the crews of all three engines were killed. Their bodies are all believed to be under the wreckage of the engines.

# HEN SETS ON A RATTLER

## Indiana Woman Discovers Serpent Coiled in Nest of Eggs.

Wabash, Ind., June 20.—A hen setting on a live rattlesnake was a novelty which Chester township, this county, produced yesterday.

Mrs. Jesse Heeter, who had a hen on eggs which had just begun to hatch, noticed the hen was very disturbed by something and investigated. She placed her hand under the hen and drew forth a chick, but the next dash she encountered a cold, clammy substance, which she quickly dropped. The hen flew off the nest and to her horror Mrs. Heeter saw, coiled in the nest, a large rattlesnake. Fortunately it did not strike her, though it had killed a chicken, and Mrs. Heeter bravely killed the reptile with a club.