

WARSHIPS OFF LUZON

ROJESTVENSKY MAY RENDEZ-VOUS IN PHILIPPINE WATERS.

Rumor That He is Making Wide Detour to Avoid Mines in Straits of Formosa—Must Pass Near Japanese Naval Base at Kelung.

Paris, May 23.—Much attention is given here to Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's probable passage into the Pacific north of the island of Luzon and suggestions are made that the reported intentions of the Russians to rendezvous at the island of Babuyan will give the American authorities in the Philippines the same difficulties in preserving remote points against the incursions of Admiral Rojestvensky that the French authorities experienced in the waters of Indo-China. The naval expert of the Temps lengthily points out that the information brought by various steamers to Chinese ports confirms the previous view that Rojestvensky is skirting the Philippines into the Pacific. It is maintained that the strategic object thus accomplished is avoiding Japanese torpedo attacks and the mines in the straits of Formosa and the subsequent concentration of the Japanese fleet in the straits of Korea, leaving Rojestvensky free to make a long detour and reach Vladivostok through one of the northern straits of Japan. However, it is pointed out that the presence of the Russian fleet north of the Philippines places the Russians only a few hundred miles from the Japanese naval base at Kelung, in the northern part of the island of Formosa, and that a fight is still possible before the detour commences.

Russian Army on the Move.
Tokyo, May 22.—The following official report is published: "In the direction of Wei Yuan Paomen on the morning of May 19 the enemy, with two companies of infantry and two squadrons of cavalry, again attacked Chiengtzu, but was repulsed at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Simultaneously the enemy, with one regiment of infantry and five squadrons of cavalry, actively attacked Ching Yang Pao, but was entirely repulsed at 6 o'clock in the evening. There has been no material change at Chantu, except collisions with scouts since we repulsed the enemy on May 18. On the right bank of the Liao river the enemy's cavalry is concentrating, its main strength being at Kung Chuliang, eight miles west of Fakoman. At noon of May 19 they attempted to threaten the rear of our camps by making a southwesterly feint, but our strong guards disheartened them and they retreated in a northwesterly direction without attaining their object."

Russians in Hainan Straits.
Hong Kong, May 23.—The latest steamer to arrive here reports sighting a Russian volunteer fleet steamer, accompanied by a large transport, in the Hainan straits May 20. They were steaming west.

UPROAR IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.
Disorder Becomes So Great That Speaker Adjourns Session.

London, May 23.—The sitting of the house of commons was marked by scenes of the wildest disorder, growing out of a motion by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman to adjourn the house in order that he might discuss the charge against Premier Balfour of having violated his pledge not to deal with the subject of colonial preference without first appealing to the country. Alfred Lyttleton, secretary of state for the colonies, was put up to reply to the Liberal leader, but the members of the opposition shouted down his every attempt to speak, even after the premier had demanded a hearing for the secretary. Finally the speaker, after he had exhausted every effort to quell the turbulence, put into force for the first time a new rule empowering him to adjourn the house in cases of grave disorder.

Explosion in Bosruck Tunnel.
Vienna, May 23.—According to news received here from Liezen, in Styria, seventeen persons have been killed by an explosion, caused by firedamp, in the Bosruck tunnel there. The explosion took place in the lower galleries on the southern side of the tunnel. There were seventeen men in the tunnel at the time and it is feared that all have perished. Several attempts at rescue were made, but all of them failed, the members of the rescue party being overcome by the fumes of the gases. The completed portion of the tunnel was not damaged. The tunnel is being bored through the Bosruck mountain in connection with a second railway to Trieste.

Put Ban on Fourth Hilarity.
Colfax, Ia., May 24.—Colfax will have a model Fourth of July, and, in order to insure it, the preparations for the day have been turned over to the four Protestant ministers of the city. They have not completed their plans, but say it will be a patriotic and Christian celebration. Some red lemonade and a few small firecrackers

will be allowed. They will do away with drinking parties, dancing halls, baby ricks, ring throwing and the customary excitement and hilarity.

Missouri Mules Perish.
East St. Louis, Ill., May 24.—Over 400 mules perished in a fire that destroyed the sales stables of Maxwell & Crouch and Sparks Bros., at the National stock yards. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000, said to be covered by insurance. It is not known how the fire started.

PRESBYTERIANS AT WINONA.
General Assembly Votes for Union With Cumberland Branch.

Winona Lake, Ind., May 23.—Amid a storm of applause, without debate or a dissenting voice, the general assembly of the Presbyterian church voted to reunite with the Cumberland Presbyterian body, which withdrew from the original denomination Feb. 4, 1810, thereby in effect bringing together the two largest branches of the Presbyterian faith.

By the adoption in its entirety of the report of the special canvassing committee, the assembly ordered that the question as it now stands be referred to the committee on co-operation, the membership of which was increased to twenty-one, with the provision that it have power to confer with a committee from the Cumberland body to the end that the details of the consolidation may be worked out in a report to the next general assembly. The committee will consider the corporate and legal rights of both bodies, keeping the consolidation within the legal limits, thereby avoiding civil suits and injunctions. The special committee in its report on the question of consolidation canvassed the vote by presbyteries, showing 144 yeas and 39 nays.

The dissenters from the east and south, who made no concerted effort, outside of secret committee meetings, to defeat consolidation, declare that the general assembly opened the avenue to defeat by referring to a committee the work of arranging the details of consolidation. It is intimated that the opposition will take the question back to the presbyteries of the Cumberland church and ask that it be reconsidered before the committee on co-operation makes its report in 1906.

The proposed union with the Reformed church, general synod, was discussed, but no action was taken pending action by that body, which is in session at New York. The resolutions incorporated in the report of the committee on marriage and divorce, which, among other things, prohibit the remarriage of an innocent party to a divorce until after one year has elapsed, were adopted. The negro, his racial rights and alleged criminality, were subjects of discussion by several speakers.

Pulford Denies Being Slayer.
Savanna, Ill., May 24.—Bothwell Pulford, the wealthiest citizen of Savanna, denied that he is the slayer of Attorney Daniel S. Berry, a former leading member of the Illinois legislature. Attorney Berry was mysteriously murdered at the door of his office and it is said that the circumstances indicate he was killed by the husband of a woman to whom Berry is reported to have paid attentions.

Cumberlands Vote for Union.
Fresno, Cal., May 24.—By a majority of 87 the Cumberland general assembly adopted the majority report declaring for union with the Northern Presbyterian church. The opponents of union gave notice of proposed protest and held a conference to prepare such a paper.

New York Trust Company Fails.
New York, May 24.—The doors of the Merchants Trust company of this city were closed. The company had a capital stock of \$500,000 and owes depositors about \$2,000,000.

Extra Session in October.
Washington, May 23.—President Roosevelt reiterated his intention to call congress in extra session Oct. 16 next to consider railroad rate legislation.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS
Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, May 23.—Reports of rapid deterioration in the condition of fall sown wheat caused bullish sentiment in the wheat pit here today. The July option closed with a gain of 1/8c. Corn was up 1/8c. Oats showed no advance. Provisions were unchanged to be lower. Closing prices:

Wheat—May, \$1.02 1/2; July, 89 1/2; Sept., 82 1/2.
Corn—May, 57 1/2; July, 48 1/2; Sept., 48 1/2.
Oats—May, 39 1/2; July, 29 1/2; Sept., 29 1/2.
Pork—July, \$12.57 1/2; Sept., \$12.82 1/2.
Lard—July, \$7.30; Sept., \$7.47 1/2.
Pigs—July, \$7.25; Sept., \$7.50.

Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.02 1/2; No. 3 hard wheat, 99 1/2; No. 2 cash corn, 56 1/2; No. 2 cash oats, 30 1/2; No. 2 white oats, 32 1/2.

Chicago Live Stock.
Chicago, May 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; steady to 10c lower; good to prime steers, \$5.00@6.65; poor to medium, \$4.25@5.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@5.25; cows, \$2.00@5.00; heifers, \$2.50@5.40; canners, \$1.50@2.40; bulls, \$2.75@4.00; calves, \$3.00@6.25. Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; strong to 5c higher; mixed and butchers, \$5.30@6.50; good to choice heavy, \$5.50@6.50; rough heavy, \$5.25@6.45; light, \$5.35@6.60; bulk of sales, \$5.45@6.55. Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; steady; good to choice wethers,

shorn, \$4.75@5.25; fair to choice mixed, shorn, \$3.50@4.50; western sheep, shorn, \$4.00@5.25; native lambs, shorn, \$5.00@6.00; western lambs, \$5.50@7.50.

Kansas City Live Stock.
Kansas City, May 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 12,500; 5c15c lower; choice beef steers, \$5.50@6.25; fair to good, \$4.50@5.50; western fed steers, \$4.50@6.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@5.00; cows, \$2.50@4.75; heifers, \$3.50@5.40; bulls, \$3.00@4.50; calves, \$3.00@5.50. Hogs—Receipts, 1,500; steady to 5c lower; bulk of sales, \$5.32 1/2@6.40; heavy, \$5.30@6.40; packers, \$5.32 1/2@6.42 1/2; pigs and light, \$4.00@5.40. Sheep—Receipts, 7,000; weak; lambs, \$5.70@7.25; fed ewes and yearlings, \$4.00@6.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50@4.00.

South Omaha Live Stock.
South Omaha, May 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,500; steady to strong; native steers, \$4.25@6.10; cows and heifers, \$3.50@5.00; western steers, \$3.50@5.15; canners, \$2.00@3.40; stockers and feeders, \$2.80@5.00; calves, \$3.00@6.00; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.50@4.75. Hogs—Receipts, 15,800; steady to strong; heavy, \$5.27 1/2@6.35; mixed, \$5.27 1/2@6.30; light, \$5.25@5.32 1/2; pigs, \$4.00@5.10; bulk of sales, \$5.27 1/2@5.30. Sheep—Receipts, 7,700; steady; lambs lower; westerns, shorn, \$4.75@5.50; wethers, shorn, \$4.40@4.90; ewes, shorn, \$4.00@4.75; lambs, woolled, \$6.75@7.25; shorn, \$5.95@6.40.

Students Angry at Regents.
Lincoln, May 19.—Because of a rule adopted by the board of regents of the University of Nebraska giving members of the faculty a majority control of the university publication the students revolted at the election of three student members of the board of control. Only seven votes were cast, and these were all by members of the faculty. Students designate the new rule as unfair and underhanded, made because of criticisms of the members of the faculty.

No Evidence of Combine.
Omaha, May 19.—Forty-one additional witnesses from South Omaha have been subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury here in the beef trust investigations. Judge Baxter said: "There seems to be a misapprehension regarding the nature of the investigations we are now carrying on before the grand jury. It is not to establish the fact or falsity of any combination between the packers and commission men as to prices. The sole purpose of the investigation is to ascertain if there has been or now is any violation of the anti-trust laws or interstate commerce laws. There are no evidences of any combination between the packers and commission men. That phase of the question is not being investigated at all."

Force Commission Men to Meet Regulation or Suffer Boycott.
Omaha, May 18.—The examination of live stock commission men before the federal grand jury developed that packers force acceptance of their prices for stock by means of their control of live stock exchanges. Any commission man who tries to trade in stock in violation of exchange rules can be put out of business by refusal of the packers to buy of him. On one occasion the packers refused to buy from Alma Jackson until he paid a fine of \$250 for violation of the rules of the live stock exchange. Clay Robinson & Co., one of the heaviest cattle dealers in the world, sold stock to an outsider and were boycotted until they gave in.

CONDITION OF NEBRASKA CROPS
Weather Favorable for Crops and Corn Planting Progressing Favorably.

Lincoln, May 24.—Corn planting advanced rapidly and is nearly finished, except in the western and northwestern counties, where it is about half completed. Much replanting is necessary on account of the damage caused by the heavy rains of the previous week. In the southern counties corn is coming up. All small grain made good growth. Wheat is in fine condition and is beginning to head in southern and central counties. Oats is still reported thin in places. Potatoes are coming up and look well. Alfalfa is in good condition and is almost ready to cut in southeastern counties. Grass has made good growth and pastures continue good. Strawberries ripening in southeastern and are in bloom in northeastern counties. Cherries and apples promise good yields.

How Starfish Are Killed.
It has been stated that the oyster's deadly enemy, the starfish, has been most successfully subdued in the Long Island beds by putting down within its reach an instrument very much like a long handled house mop. As soon as touched by it the starfish invariably grasps the strands and can be captured and destroyed by the thousand, for it will not let go until it has been held out of water long enough to secure the impossibility of its return.

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