SINGLE COPY THREE CENTS.

ESTABLISHED JUNE 19, 1871.

OMAHA, SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27, 1904-TWELVE PAGES.

Reart of the New Yor: City Converted Into

a Coles a Torch.

FLAMES DESTROY RIG BUILDING BLOCKS Estimated that the Loss Will Be Over

Three Million Dollars. BUFFALO APPEALED TO FOR ASSISTANCE

Dynamite is Used Successfully to Chec-Spread of he Flames.

NARROW ESCAPES, BUT NO LOSS OF LIFE

Fire Broke Out in the Besement of Rochester Dry Goods Company's Store and Spread Rapidly.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb, 26.-The sun streams of water on the rules of most of the retail dry goods quarter of Rochester. Three out of the five department stores in his home and much frontage in the busiwhich caused a less of more than \$2,000,008. The Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company, the largest reta., store in Rochester, was de-

Of the loss \$735,000 represents buildings and the remainder stocks and furnishings, It is said that 2,500 persons were thrown out of work by the fire. The burned region ies on the north side of the main street, between St. Paul street and Clinton aveentire length of the block.

The fire started in the store of the Rochester Dry Goods company, and worked Levins of St. Louis to confinement in the establishment, that of the Walkover Shoe ompany, before its progress was checked that direction. Next was the store of fraud to enable allens who were not enwas destroyed. Then the Marble block, occupied by the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company, was destroyed and finally the thirteen-story Granite building, the lewer part of which also was occupied by the coulding is intact and the floors are in place, but the building is gutted.

Only One Accident.

placed at \$1,450,000. There was a livery serve his sentence. stable and some frame dwellings on Division street, a narrow thoroughfare running | SCAFFOLDING in the rear of the burned stores and these were damnged by water and falling walls. | One Man Palls 161 Feet to His Death There were no deaths and no one was Injured except Assistant Chief Frank A. Jaynes, who was struck by a flying nozzic. The power on the trolley line running along Main street was removed to

fore Monday. realized the fire was beyond the control of the tenth floor, a distance of 161 feet. local department and appeals for asfour steamers arrived from Syracuse.

be kept under control, as there was no

Dynamite is Used.

The fire started at 4:30, so early in the street, but by 6 o'clock there were thousands crowding the scene of the disaster The explosions of dynamite used to check by the thunder of falling walls. Cutler and Commissioner of Public Safet Gilman were on the scene shortly after the fire was discovered. Commissioner Gilman estimated the loss at 9 o'clock at between 50,000 and \$6,000,000. The interior of the huge Granite building

belonging to Sible, Lindsay & Curr Co. the upper stories of which were occupied hundreds of professional men, lawyers. doctors, dentists and business men, was destroyed from the basement to the tenth story. The entire tenth floor of the Granite Vacuum Oll company, a branch of the Standard Off company. At \$:45 there was a tremendous explosion in the basement of the Granite building, where the Sibley company conducted a large drug department. There have been several mysterious explosions in the burned buildings.

Principal Losses in Fire.

10.4	HOW	ing.	In a	table	of	the	losses	İ
				*****				400,000
				*****				20,000
								75,000
								60,000
Will	throw	11 521	DOM: O	ompar	OV.	WY-K-1-A-1	(144)	35,000
				ek was				307000
				& Cu				MENT SHAPE
							1000	

Dry Goods company...

FOUR TRAINMEN ARE KILLED

Locomotive Jumps Track and Boile Explodes on Iron Mountain In Arkenneas.

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., Feb. 26.-A freight wreck, caused by the locomotive jumping the track and exploding its boiler, ecurred on the Cairo branch of the Iron Mountain near Sikeston, Mo., resulting in the death of four trainmen

WILL HACK, engineer, Poplar Bluff. FIREMAN HAAS, Poplar Bluff. FRANK ANDREWS, brakeman, Poplar

J. CONNOR. brakeman, Bertrand. The wreck occurred just one mile west of Sikeston on a level piece of road while

BREAD MAY BECOME HIGHER Flour Makes Another Advance to

Very Sparingly. MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 28.-Another advance of 10 cents a barrel in the price of was announced today as the result Mr. Bryan. high record wheat prices which was sached on Thursday. Bakers are now buying flour sparingly and an increase in the price of bread is not impossible.

Appra of Estate Shows it is Than Was at First Reported Reported.

Court today the estate of the late Senator M. In a showed a valuation of \$7,000,000. I more than double the amount reports at the time of the presentation of the will for probate. This makes it the largest ever presented for probate in the county.

The holdings of the late senator in the Cleveland Electric Railway company are valued at \$2,000,000. He also was a heavy stockholder in the American Shipbuilding company, Pittsburg Coal company, Cleveland & Pittsburg rallroad, as well as in Pittsburg Steamship company, the marine than, was disposed of but a short time benumber of other corporations.

In local bank stocks he held 1,000 shares of the Union National bank, of which he was president, valued at 168 a share; in the Bank of Commerce, 200 shares, valued at 201; in the Federal Trust company, fortymet foulght with ten engines pouring five shares, at 90; Guardian Trust, 250

shares, at 212 The appraisal of his realty, consisting of Rochester were consumed in today's fire, ness portion of the city, has not been com-

KEEPS MISSOURIAN IN PRISON United States Court of Appeals Passes on Case of Nathan Levins.

ST PAUL Minn Feb % -Indge Sanborn nue, north from St. Paul street almost the of the United States circuit court of appeals handed down an opinion in that court today which affirms the sentence of Nathan west, burning only one store east of this penitentiary for five years for procuring hundreds of certificates of naturalization from the St. Louis court of appeals by Beadle, Sherburne company, which titled to citizenship to vote in that city.

Levins' counsel challenged his conviction on the ground that the St. Louis court of appeals had no jurisdiction to issue certificates of naturalization so that the procure-Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company, and the ment of them was no violation of sections upper part by offices, was attacked. Only circuit court of appeals holds, (1) that the standing tonight. The sheel of the Granite act of congress which confers upon state power to naturalize the citizens is constitutional: (2) that the St. Louis court is a court of common law jurisdiction, and (3) The Sibley, Lindsay & Curr company's that that court had jurisdiction to naturalsix story wholesale building, together with ize aliens, hat Levin was properly indicted the stables in the rear, was destroyed with and convicted for procuring certificates of all its valuable contents, this loss being maturalization by fraud and that he must

and Thirty Others Have Marrow Escape.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.-One man was killed, avoid danger from electricity and no cars another was probably fatally injured and Emperor Cong. atulates President of have run through the block where the a score of other workmen were barely saved tire occurred all day. All-cars have been from being crushed beneath a large scafstopped and probably will not resume be- fold which collapsed this afternoon in the center of the new postoffice building. The The mayor arrived on the scene soon scaffold was built from the main floor of after the general alarm was sounded. He the building directly beneath its dome to

Thirty-five men were working about the sistance were sent to the Buffalo and Syra- dome at the time of the accident and for first construction train has just been run going on to take the place of Count cuse departments. Nearly five hours later a time it was thought nearly half this from Tsi Nan Poo east. number had been killed by the falling tim-Several engines from the Buffalo fire de- ber, but all escaped with the exception of partment arrived at 11 o'clock. At that the two plasterers, James Byron and Barhour the fire was still burning flercely, but ney McBride, who were standing on the Chief Little believed that the flames could portion of the scaffolding which collapsed. Byron, who was working in the center wind. The firemen used dynamite early, of the scaffold when it gave way, fell to but the use of explosives was soon aban- the main floor of the building and was instantly killed. McBride, who was working with Byron, also fell with the scaffolding, but he caught one of the floors as he fell morning that very few people were on the and thus saved himself. His head was severely cut and bruised and his spine in-

the aproad of the flames was supplemented HIGH PRICES IN NEW YORK Food Stuffs Searce on Account of Un favorable Weather, Sea Foods Being Particularly Short.

NEW YORK Feb. 26.-Practically all foodstuffs, except eggs, have reached extremely high prices in this city owing largely to unfavorable weather. Prices thought to be high a week or two ago now look reasonable for everything that reaches the table. Fish, clams and lobsters are building was taken up with offices of the most affected by the severe winter. Oysters never have been so scarce, none coming to the market, except from Providence river beds. Lobsters, which have growing scarcer for years, are now hardly obtainable. There is a fair supply of cod and haddock, but the fresh fish, that is fish not frozen and transported a considerable distance, are scarce. beans, cabbage, lentils and other vegeta bles are higher than for years. Bread and rolls are being gaised in various parts of the city and concerted action along this line probably will be taken at a meeting to be held next Monday.

In the tenement house district, where cabbage, beans and potatoes are staple articles of food, the peddlers have even doubled their prices on each article sold.

NEED OFFICERS' QUARTERS Brigadier General Bell Applies to City Officials of Leavenworth for

Temporary Accommodations.

dier General Bell, commandant of the general service and graff college at Fort Leavsuworth, has asked city officials whether friendly and Colonel Younghusband would it will be possible to provide quarters here the National Guard officers and graduate of military colleges who are to be desig nated by the president to attend the war

ollege for a two-years' term. Quarters will be provided for the students in this city until quarters can be built at Fort Leavenworth. The class. which is to consist of about 100 officers so chosen, is expected to arrive at Fort Leavenworth by September.

BRYAN CALLS ON M'CLELLAN Nebraskan Makes Friendly Visit to

called on Mayor McClellan today at the city hall and remained in conference for some

Mr. Bryan, at the end of his visit, said night at \$1.07% a bushel, sold today at \$1.05. and that politics were not discussed.

meeting of the Board of Estimates to meet

HAN 3 LEFT SEVEN MILLIONS EUROPE'S NERVES QUIETING

Indications that Serious Complications Are No Longer Feared.

CLEVEL Feb. 28.—Dan R. Hanna and his at reported to the probate CABINETS TAKE UP PEACEFUL SUBJECTS

more than double the England and France Renew Work on Arbitration Trenty Which Was Dropped When Eastern War Broke Out.

LONDON, Feb. 26.-The Associated Press is in a position to declare that there will be a dissolution of Parliament within six weeks, and if, as it is expected, the lib-M. A. Hanna & Co. His interests in the will summon Lord Spencer, liberal leader in the House of Lords, to form a cabinet. wing of the United States Steel corpora- His majesty and all prominent politicians are fully aware of the situation created fore his death. He was also interested in by the irremediable cleavage in the unionists ranks by fiscal and other differences and they are all preparing for a speedy fall of the government and a consequent general election. The government's majorities have been dwindling gradually ever since the beginning of the present session of Parliament.

A majority of 51 out of a nominal 120 or thereabouts, was all the government could muster after a debate of one week on such an important plank of its policy as the fiscal question. A similar small majority saved the government from defeat on the army question, while last night it could nly show a beggarly majority of 14 against an opposition amendment reducing the important supplementary navy vote. Last of a "snatch quick" vote, but several such incidents make the government's position tank. Burch replied: untenable.

Such large numbers of the government's usual supporters have decided not to stand for re-election that they are indifferent as when the dissolution occurs, and in spite of all the efforts of the whips it has been found impossible to secure their regular attendance. On the other hand, the opposition factions have been gradually healing their differences and their constant attacks on the government have shown rapidly increasing strength. The decision of the government against the Irish university bill ompleted the allenation of the nationalists and John Redmond's followers decided at meeting yesterday to vote with the liberals to turn out the government at the

The resignation of the duke of Devonshire, who was lord president of the coun weakened Balfour cabinet and his subrequent repudiation of everything is a departure from Great Britain's free trade

Those best informed on political matters, including even many persons in close touch with Joseph Chamberlain, anticipate that forthcoming election, but estimate their majority as high as 150.

GERMAN RAILROAD IN CHINA Shugto said:

Company on Completion of line of Tal Nan Foo.

MEW YORK, Fab. 26.-The German Shan United States." lung rallway, extending from Taking Tau to Tsi Nan Foo, is approaching completion, It is estimated that Tsi Nan Foo, th

west terminus of the railway, will be opened to traffic June L. REPLIN, Feb. 26.-Emperor William has elegraphed to Dr. Fischer, president of the

Shan Tung railway, as follows; The news of the arrival of the first rall-yay train at Tsi Nan Fu afforded me much tratification. I congratulate the managegratification. I congratulate the manage ment upon the success which the German spirit of enterprise has achieved in the fa-east and hope your indefatigable labors in gratification. ast and hope your indetable.

THINK THE BALKAN WAR AVERTED.

Seeling in Constantinople that Bul garia and Turkey Have Agreed. CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 26.-In conseuence of the understanding already re-

ported, a result of the communications exchanged between the porte and the Bulgarian diplomatic agent here, the conviction prevails that there will be no compliations in the spring.

It is understood that Turkey undertakes to grant amnesty to the Bulgarlans convicted in 1900, to permit the return of the refugees and to annul the vexatious regulations directed against Bulgarians. Bulgaria agrees to stop the Macedonian agitation in the principality and to prevent the incursions of revolutionary bands.

WILL ENFORCE THE CONVENTION. British Under Secretary for India

Tells of Plans in Thibet. LONDON, Feb. 26.-Lord Hardwicke, under secretary for India, in the House of Lords today, replying to the request of Lord Rex, liberal, for further information regarding the British mission to Thibet, said the government was determined to insist on a final settlement regarding the carrying out of the terms of the convention of 1899. The Thibetans had refused to have intercourse with Great Britain, but the result of their continual intercourse with Russia had been to inspire the Thibetans with the feeling that they had Russia behind them and thus they need

ot fear the British. This situation the Indian government and his majesty's government could not tolerate for a moment. While Lord Hardwicke LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 26.-Briga- refused to pledge the government regarding the limit of Colonel Younghusband's advance into Thibet, he said the mission was do nothing to promote hostilities.

Russians Destroy Landmarks. PESHAWUR, British India, Feb. 26.-It is reported that the Ameer's boundary pil-

lars on the Afghan-Turkestan border have

been destroyed by Russians. French Organize Troops for Colony CHERBOURG, Feb. 26.-A strong contingent of colonial troops is being organized for service in Indo-China.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 - A loss of over 2 cents time. The mayor was summoned from a a bushel in wheat prices caused wild exstement on the Board of Trade today. Wheat for May delivery, which closed last

principal cause of the sharp decline.

OPERATOR INTERRUPTS CRIME DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT

Stops Man Who Was Choking Woman in Auditorium Hotel in Chlengo.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 -- A fashionably choked almost to insensibility in the cor ridor of the Auditorium hotel by a man who tried to rob her of her purse. Had it not been for John Reddington, the telephone operator, who was entering the hotel, the thief would have succeeded and murder might have been committed.

Reddington entered the hotel from the Congress street entrance. It is a lonely spot at night, as few persons use that entrance. In this passageway Reddington encountered the young woman and her assailant, whereupon the robber released erals are returned to power, King Edward the girl and seized Reddington by the shoulders, throwing him against the wall, Reddington quickly recovered and clinched with the thief. In the scuffle both men fell to the floor. The assailant relaxed his hold, rose quickly and dashed out the Congress street door. Cabmen in Congress street had heard the noise of the scuffle avoided them and escaped.

BERRYS LOVED TROUBLE According to Witnesses in Murder Case Dewey Was in Constant Danger.

NORTON, Kar., Feb. 26 -- Robert M. Cullough, sheriff of Cheyenne county, in the trial of Chauncey Dewey and his two cowboys today, testified that he went to the home of Alpheus Berry on June 2, 1903, to night's narrow escape was not very impor- sell a windmill and water tank. Cullough tant because it was somewhat in the nature asked Burch Berry if he was going to make any trouble about the sale of the

"That depends on who comes to get it. There are two or three of the Deweys that

I would like to thrash! Albert Winship testified the Berrys were coward and applied vile names to Dewey ness of Clyde Wilson being driven off his for very serious affairs. place at the point of a gun by Mrs. Roy serious if he ever caught Wilson on his

PROMINENT JAPANESE ARRIVE

St. Louis Fair Commissioner and Two Diplomats Have Come to America.

the liberals will not only win easily at the Sakural, collector of the port of Kobe,

Eki Hicki, the legation secretary, has served his country at St. Petersburg, at was received this afternoon and is now in says a Times dispatch from Berlin. The Peking and at Scoul, Corea. He is now

Mutsu in Washington. MAY NOW PAY THE DIVIDENDS Instice Gildersleeve Dissolves Order

Restraining Constituent Paris of

Amalgamated Copper Company. NEW YORK, Feb. 26.-Justice Gilder. leeve in the supreme court today denied he application of John MacGinnis to have ontinued the ex parte injunction he reently obtained, enjoining the Boston & Montana Copper Mining company and the Parrott & Anaconda company from paying money for dividends to the Amalgamated

Copper company and at the same time he vagated the injunction. In vacating the injunction Gildersleeve said: "There is no allegation of the insol vency of any of the defendant companies, and it is clear that they are all able to respond to any judgment that might be reovered from them."

Omaha Small Boys Carrying Pistols Arrested by Police at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 26 .- (Special Telegram.) Officer Hagerty arrested Jose Mesa and Michael Levis at relay depot, East St. Louis, today. The boys stated that they were 15 and 16 years old, respectively, and claim that they came from Omaha to see "Bill" Rudolph when he landed in St. Louis. They declared they had read much about the desperado and wanted to see him in life.

Several books dealing with Rudolph's adventures have been disposed of in Omaha, they say, but the boys believed they could get more information by seeing the man in the flesh. Each had two pistols and one carried brass knuckles.

PRESS FEEDERS GO TO JAIL Interfere with Nonunion Employes and Court Imposes Fines

and Sentences.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.-Today, for the secnd time, Judge Jesse Holdom fined Franklin Union of Press Feeders \$1,000 for violation of an injunction, which was obtained to the Chicago Typothetae, charging the Franklin union with interference with nonunion employes. Besides fining the union Judge Holdom today fined President Wedner \$250, in addition to a jail sentence of six months. Jerome Collins and Harry Mukden. The message says: Brown, members of the union, were given

COUNTERFEIT RAID Detectives Make Four Arrests and

Secure Plaster of Paris Moulds. and Spurious Coin.

four men suspected of counterfeiting and placed them under arrest. The prisoners are William Croy, Harry W. Kane, John C. Davis and Roy Sanbourne. seized by the detectives.

Ead Expected in Six Weeks and New Oabinet Looked For.

dressed young woman 19 years old has been GOVERNMENT MAJORITIES DWINDLIN

Unpopular Attitude on Importa-Questions, with a Weak Cabinet, Factors that Strengthen Side of the Liberals.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1931) WRECKED SHIPS OF LITTLE VALUE. LONDON, Feb. 26.-(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bes.) -In these days when the woods are filled with rumors of possible and in some cases apparently impossible International entanglements, it is quite refreshing to come across some actual tangible fact of such importance that anything more than a the narbor evidently failed, although the simple brief statement of its character is unnecessary. Here is such a fact. Some time ago, when the condition of affairs in the far east was beginning to cause most and attempted to trip him, but the fugitive serious alarm, and when fears of European difficulties growing out of that situallon were most intense, the work which had been taken in hand by the French and British governments of determining which were filled with stones so as to make the questions would come within the scope of the Anglo-French arbitration treaty. signed by Lord Lansdowne and M. Delcasse, was dropped. I do not suggest that the head of either the French or the British Foreign office ordered it dropped because of a fear that questions which did not admit of that method of arbitrament might speedily arise, but merely state the

fact that the work was dropped. Now, within the last week, do be exact, that work was taken up again, both at Downing street and the Qui d'Orsay. Herald readers will judge for themselves whether this is not a significant sign of the times, and one showing that in the highest official quarters in Paris and London it is hoped and believed that any all armed. The Dewey men remained in danger of a serious misunderstanding bethe road until the sale was over. The tween the two countries has been dis-Berry boys called Chauncey Dewey a pelled. If a clash in the far east were considered likely, what would be the use and Clyde Wilson. Roy Berry told wit- of bothering with a treaty not designed

Berry and said the results would be more CZAR BLESSES SOLDIERS IN FIELD.

Issues Address When Appointing General Kouropatkin Commander. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.-A stirring

manifesto to the army was issued by the czar today in the form of a message to General Kouropatkin, the commander-inchief of the Russian army in the far east, as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Three important Japanese arrived here on board the Coptic from Yokohama. One is Heromich Shugio of Tokio, Japanese commissioner to the St. Louis fair: another is Eki Hioki, first secretary of the Japanese legation at Washington, and the third is T. Sakural, collector of the port of Kobe, one of the most important commercial cities of the empire.

Speaking of Japan's exhibit at St. Louis, Shugio said:

"It will be very much better and larger than the exhibit Japan had at the Chicago fair. Japan appropriated \$80,000 for the grown to the conduct of the cordial friendship of our country for the United States."

Eki Hioki, the legation secretary, has

the hands of the military censorship committee. The correspondent of the Assoclated Press learns that the attack developed into a general engagement between treated, remaining out of range of our the Japanese squadron and the Russian guns.

agents to provide 1,000,000 additional pounds of meats and sterliged milk. Reports have been received here to the effect that spring is commencing in southern Manchurta. The weather is warm and the ice on the rivers is expected to break daily. In northern Manchuria the rigors of winter are still unabated.

FEAR EUROPEAN ENTANGLEMENTS Denmark, Sweden and Norway Com

bining for Mutual Protection. PARIS, Feb. M .- The Temps correspond highest political authorities there are occupled constantly with the plans for united CAPTURE TWO BANDITS BOLD nese war causing European entanglements.

According to this correspondent Denmark is able to call out for active service 1.500 coast artillerymen and to commission four armored ships and four torpedo boat de- reckoned as a preliminary step to closing sent the important news in question, stroyers. A Danish cruiser now in the Mediterranean has been ordered to return to Copenhagen. Finally the correspondent says the treaty of arbitration signed by Denmark and the Netherlands February 16 permits other countries to

adhere to its terms. COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26.-Replying to an interpellation today in the lower house of the Danish Parliament, the premier Prof. Deuntzer, explained the necessity for preparations to assure the complete neutrality of Denmark during the Russo Japanese war. In order adequately to secure the sea defense of Copenhagen, be said, reserve men had been called out, the forts had been equipped with searchlights and electric cables, the submarine minstations had been manned, four torpedo boats had been cleared for action, repairs to the warships had been hastened, various improvements in the materials of the navy, especially torpedoes, were heing made and two redoubts were being

built at Saltholm island. ALEXIEFF REPORT OF THE BATTLE Discrepancy in Hour of Attack as

Reported by Pflug. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.-2 a. m .copy of a telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar has just been given out. It is dated February 25. The place from whence it is sent is not given, but is supposed to be

A squadron of the enemy's vessels num bering sixteen approached the fortress at about 11 o'clock this morning and opened a bombardment on the cruisers Askold. Bayan and Novik, which were in the outer urbor, and also on the fortress. The fit ntinued for half an hour. Then our cr s went into the harhor. The enemy f r several minutes on one of our batte

are.

At this time four of the enemy's cruisers detached themselves from the squadron and proceeded to Pigeon buy, where they quickly opened fire on our torpedo boats that were cruising there. They directed also a strong cannonade against the shore. The commandant consequently sent troops to Pigeon buy. The firing there lasted for thirty minutes, but no tanding was made. The Japanese cruisers then departed. Suitable measures have been taken to oppose a possible effort on the part of the enemy to creep up by sea. at the battery. report the above to your

Fair Saturday and Warmer in East Portion; Sunday Partly Cloudy, with Probable Snow and Colder in West

										Omab								
Hour.								Đ	PH.	Ho	HF.							
. 5	m.	711	è	į,	ď.	÷	×	¥.	13	1	13.	399	Ä	W	Á	Á	Ÿ	
6	28.	m		v.	ï	4	4	4	12	2	Tr.	100	4			į,	ú	
7	28.	711		ï	ï	V			12	- 18	19.	113	á	4	¥	¥	à	
55	n.	m			ě.	٠	4	4	12	4	p.	III	¥	4	٠	4	÷	
10	n.	111	43	÷	¢:	ŧ.	ä		13	- 5	D.	755		*	٠		×	
16	n.	m	V.	¥	ě:		*	*	1.4			733						
11	n.	m					×	160	16	7	p.	711		94	*	,	*	
12	m.								10		11.	311						

Rivalry of Naval Men Gives Civilians

a Chance.

TOKIO, Feb. 26.-Vice Admiral Togo' attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by sinking a fleet of stone laden merchant steamers in the mouth of venture caused no loss of life and the vessels lost were not of great value. Five ships were prepared by Vice Admiral Togo for this attempted blockade Four are reported to have been sunk, but the fate of the fifth is unknown here. It s presumed that it withdrew with the other Japanese vessels. The five vessels

participate in the daring venture. Accompanied by four battleships, nine rulsers and numerous vessels of the torpedo flotilia, the stone-laden steamers reached Port Arthur on Wednesday. While the fleet engaged the shore patteries the steamers made a dash for the mouth of the harbor directly under the Russian

obstruction permanent and were manned

by volunteer merchant crews. It was

sailors because of their great rivalry to

impossible to select naval officers

guns Details of the attack have not been received here but it is evident that the Russian fire sank the steamers before they reached the points planned for. It is said that all of the crews of the four vessels escaped in boats and were picked up by the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers. The report that two of the torpedo boat destroyers : ere sunk by the Russians is de-

The naval department has received a brief dispatch from the commander of one of the to pedo boat destroyers saying that no lives and war hips were destroyed and little camage was inflicted by the Russians. Pending the report of Admiral Togo the naval department declines to make any announcement regarding the affair.

The five merchant vessels which were prepared for sinking were the Jinsen Maru, 2,321 tons; the Tien Tsing Maru, 2,943 tons, the Hokok Maru, 2,776 tons; the Bushik Maru, 1,609 tons, and the Bunshik Maru of 1.399 tons. Each carried five men, two steering and three firing and running the

GENERAL PELUG EXPLAINSVATTACK. Says Jap Ships Engaged Three Cruis-

ers and Land Battery. LONDON, Feb. 26 .- A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says the official report of Major General Pflug, chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff, on the details of the attack on Port Arthur during the morning of February 25 is as follows:

The enemy's squadron of sixteen warships approached from the Dalny side toward the harbor of Port Arthur shortly after midnight on the Eth Inst., and at once opened fire on our three craisers standing outside in the roadstead, namely, the Askold, the Hayan and the Novik, and also against the land forts. The bombardment lasted half an hour. At its conclusion our cruisers retired into the harbor. The enemy then bombarded one land battery for several minutes. Then the enemy also retreated, remaining out of range of our

squadron and forts, which continued for three hours and resulted in the repulse of the Japanese.

In the meantime four squadron separated from the enemy's main squadron and went into Goubiness bay, where they opened a heavy fire on one of our torpedo boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the boats stationed in the bay and also on the b boats stationed in the bay and also on the coast batteries. Consequently the commander of the fort sent troops to this point, but no landing took place. The bombardment there lasted twenty-two minutes, at the expiration of which the Japanese cruisers retreated. The loss on our side this day was one man wounded in one of the and batteries.

The officer commanding at Vladivostok reports that on February 24, early in the morning, ten of the enemy's ships were seen south of the islands. They disappeared on the horizon in the evening.

INTENSE ACTIVITY IN DENMARK

Strengthening Forts and Keeping Trains Ready for Troops. ent at Copenhagen telegraphs that the (Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26 .- (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to action on the part of Denmark and Sweden The Bee.)-Intense activity is shown in and Norway for mutual protection of their Danish military preparations, increasing neutrality in the event of the Russo-Japa- the strength of the forts and ruising new three military trains under steam for the purpose of rapidly focusing its strength.

> the Baltic. The Novoe Vremya calls attention to the report that the British arsenals work night and day with feverlah haste.

INSIST JAPANESE PLEET SUFFERS.

Commander of Variag Sticks to Original Disputch. Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1994.) CHE FOO, Feb. 26 - (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-The commander of the Variag declares that at Chemulpo one Japanese cruiser withdrow its fire, one cruiser was badly damaged, drifting belplersly, and that one

ornedo bost was sunk. Coreans fishing on the bur near the scone of the engagement state that they saw two Japanese boats sunk the next morning. The Japanese cut the tops off the funnel and musts of the sunken ships, leaving nothing visible above the water,

JAPANESE TAKE CHARGE IN COREA. Prince of the Imperial House to Be Temporary Viceroy.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) CHE FOO, Feb. 26 .- New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee. |-The following message was sent by mail from Seoul on February 11: "It is reported that the Japanese minister has informed the emperor of Corea that a director general or viceroy, who will be a prince of the Japanese imperial house, would soon be appointed to represent Japan in Corea, but the arrangement would be temporary only and the emperor need not be alarmed.

TWO JAPANESE SHIPS DISABLED. Merchant Ship Reports Passing Squad-

CHE POO, Feb. 35 - (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bec.) -The crew of a tunk which arrived here eleven Japanese warships coming from the direction of Port Arthur, off the coast of Corea. Two were being towed, but owing ur loss this day was one man wounded to the distance the junk crew was unable they were visibly badly damaged

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST STARTS LIVELY TALK

Military Experts Discuss Latest Reported Move of the Japanese.

LANDING AT POSSIET GOOD TACTICS

Germans, However, Are Inclined to Doubt the Story's Correctness.

TROOPS LOADING IN JAPANESE PORTS

Large Fleet of Transports Return from Somewhere After More.

KOUROPATKIN DELAYS HIS DEPARTURE

Report Has it that He Demands Four Bundred Thousand Troops Before He Will Take the Field.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1906) NEW YORK, Feb. 26 .- (New York Herald Service-Special Telegram to The Bec.)-London strategists apparently are satisfied that the Japanese have landed at Possiet bay and that their object is to either attack Vladivostok or threaten Kirin, Harbin and the Russian communications generally. Military men in Berlin scout the report of landing, pointing out that the garrison at Hun Chin is reported to consist of two regiments and that they would not have

fled without firing a shot.

General Pflug's report that eleven Japanese warships had been seen off Vladivostok tends to strengthen the reported landing at Possiet. Possiet bay is a good harbor, but in winter it freezes for five miles from shore. It is fortified and formally at least was an important military pest, as high as 10,000 men having been kept there during 1894, the year of the Japanese-Chinese war. The fortifications alone call for a good-sized garrison. If the Japanese have landed there they must be credited with a daring bit of strategy.

Reports from both Tokio and St. Petersburg indicate that the Japanese falled in their ettempt to close Port Arthur channel. Volunteer crews of merchant sallors were on the sacrificed stamers, it being found impossible to decide between the naval mn who wished to share in the glory. Solemn religious services, participated in by the crar and leading generals, show how deeply Russia has been affected by its recerses. The time of General Kourepatkin's departure for Manchuria is made doubtful by conflicting reports. He is said to have demanded that the army in the far east be increased to 400,000 men.

Corea will aid Japan with 30,000 troops. Corean warriors do not rank very high as fighters. Again come reports from Nagasaki of transports loading troops for Dainy or its

vicinity. Discuss Posslet Move.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) LONDON, Feb. 26 .- (New York Herald 'ablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.) -So much importance is attached to the report in yesterday's Herald that the Japanese had made a landing at Possiet bay that the London newspapers of this morning print detailed maps of the district to illustrate the suggested movement It is, of course, recognized that the report may be incorrect. As cabled by the Che Foo correspondent of the Herald, it was given as a rumor, and the authority cited by the New Chwang correspondent of the Daily Mail was a missionary, whose testimony might be of the hearsny order while the Reuter dispatch which came

later quoted native testimony. Still it is thought by military and naval experts in London that there are a good many chances of the reported Japanese landing at Possiet bay being an accomplished fact and one who is usually a good judge went so far as to predict that ere long a simultaneous attack would be made on Vladivostok and Port Arthur. That, he said, would be a coup do theatre, quite in line with the declaration made on Thurs day by the Japanese premier, Count Katsura, that Japan was resolved to strike hard and strike fast, if only that the agony might be as brief as possible.

There has been, according to this view. a lifting in two places of the vell which shrouds the Japanese preparations for land operations. One was the Possiet bay report and the other is contained in a dispatch from Mr. Bennet Burleigh respecting the landing of troops in the vicinity of ones on the island of Saltholm, keeping Dalny. Mr. Burleigh had been at Nagasaki for several weeks, but, tiring of enforced Inaction there, left Japan secently and yes-This attracts much attention here and is terday turned up at Shanghal, whence he

Japan Loading More Troops.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1994.) SHANGHAI, Feb. 26 .- (New York Herald ablegram-Special Telegram to The Bos.) -A large number of transports have returned to Nagasaki, where they are busily engaged in embarking more troops for the vicinity of Dalny. More than forty transports will be the total that have sailed ince February 10, and a still larger embarkation is proceeding from Ujina, near Hiroshima. The latter, and not Kioto, will be again made the army and navy headquafters during the war. More than thirty big transports are now at Ujina, which is the principal troop embarking station, and an enormous mass of soldiers has been sent there.

Russia has only five months' supplies at Port Arthur. Russia says it means to defend Port Arthur and that it will fall back with the rest of its troops from today to the Yalu and if pressed upon Harbin, where it will fight for two years, Dalay is being evacuated. The Russians boast that they have mined the brenkwater, the dock, the wharves and the rattway sidings to prevent the Japanese from

using them. Kouropatkin Delays Departure.

Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1901.) ST. PETERSEURG, Feb. 26 - (New York Heraid Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Surprising and almost astounding is the latest news that General Kouropatkis will not go to the front, as was previously announced in three days' time, but will remain for several weeks. The reason for thir, he states, is that it is not worth while for him to go there until 400,000 Russian soldiers are gathered at the sent of war. In fact, he cannot take the offenave until that number is forthcoming. I am told that the present force avail-

ble, outside of the heavy contingent guarding the railroad, does not exceed 100,060 men. General Kouropatkin, it is remembered, was recently in Japan, where he today reports having passed at a distance rapidly formed a very high opinion of the efficiency of the Japanese troops It may also be recollected that he be

lougs to the anti-war party. At a recent audience with the emperor General Kouroto ascertain the names of the ships, but patkin spoke very openly about the necesmity of his having a large number of trucket

the train was running at passenger speed. CHICAGO WHEAT TAKES TUMBLE May Option Drops More Than Two Head of New York City EAST ST. LOUIS, III., Feb. 26.-Detecron with Them in Tow. Cents from Yesterday's tives tonight raided a room occupied by (Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1934.) NEW YORK, Feb. 36.-William J. Bryan Price and Bakers Are Buying

short jail sentences.

liam Croy, wife of one of the mon, and Mrs. Nettie Wilson, the keeper of the boarding house, were held as witnesses. that he had made only a friendly call on and the July option was down 24c, selling A trunk, in which were plaster-of-paris Mr. McCiellan, whom he knew very well, at %c. Lower prices at Liverpool were the coin moulds, and two spurious coins were