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PASS DANGER LINE

Rivers Swollen by Heavy Rains Sweeping Over Banks and Still Rising.

MISSISSIPPI LEVEES ARE THREATENED

Water Backing Up Creeks Around East St. Louis, but Dikes Hold.

MUCH BOTTOM LAND IS UNDER WATER

Downpour of Rain Continues and People Desert Their Homes.

MISSOURI IS ALSO STEADILY RISING

Railroad Traffic at Many Points Is Interfered with and Heavy Property Losses Are Looked For.

ST. LOUIS, April 26.—The Mississippi has passed the thirty-foot danger line and the stage at 9:30 today was 31.2 feet. The water is creeping up at the rate of an inch and a half an hour. The rise is one of the most rapid ever recalled by the river men. The river is backing up in the creeks around East St. Louis, but Mayor Silas Cook, who last year directed the forces in constructing dikes, declares that city will be able to withstand the anticipated stage of 35 feet. The greatest danger is said to be about twenty miles north of East St. Louis, where the levee first broke last year.

At Madison, Venice and Granite City, the three cities located just north of East St. Louis, dikes are being constructed by large forces of men. Already much bottom land is under water. Many people have left their homes.

Rain poured in St. Louis and vicinity all night and continued today.

At St. Charles, twenty-five miles northwest of St. Louis, the Missouri river is out of its banks and people have been driven from their homes on the bottom lands. The Missouri is rising at the rate of two and a half inches an hour, having risen eight feet since Saturday.

Ferry boat service at St. Louis has been abandoned because of the difficulty of making landings in such a strong current.

Railroads Are Affected.

The first serious effect of the high water was felt today, when the Chicago & Alton and Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis railroads declined to receive outgoing freight shipments, and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad refused all shipments except carload lots, and the Wabash, east, refused all shipments except live stock and perishable goods for today's shipments.

The yards of the four roads lie to the north along the river front in East St. Louis and are called the "lower yards" and are the first affected by a flood stage.

High Water at Keokuk.

KEOKUK, Ia., April 26.—Both rivers here are rising at an alarming rate. The Mississippi is now within half a foot of the danger mark. The Des Moines river has risen four feet in the last twenty-four hours and is now running over the lowlands. All districts flooded last season are again in danger and general rains for two days will break the levees, which have just been repaired. The full force of the flood is felt here, where the Des Moines river empties into the Mississippi. Much alarm is felt by residents of Alexandria, Mo. Reports from up the Des Moines say the river is rising an inch an hour and the Mississippi is also rising steadily.

KANSAS RIVER IS NOW RECEDING

Prospect of Little Damage Reported from Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, April 26.—The Kansas river here and above receded slowly today, but Colonel Connor, the local weather observer, says the fall will be very gradual and that the stream may rise slightly before it reaches the normal stage. There is a great volume of water coming this way, which is being emptied into the Kansas river by its many tributaries, all of which are bank-full. No serious damage, however, is expected at this point. The bridges here are in no further danger. No heavy rains are reported from this part of the southwest today.

GENERAL OSTERHAUS ARRIVES

Veteran of Wars on Two Continents Will Be Entertained by Comrades.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Major General Peter Joseph Osterhaus, one of the commanders in the union army in the civil war, arrived today on the steamer Finland from Antwerp, after an absence from the United States of thirty-six years. General Osterhaus accepted an invitation from old comrades in St. Louis to visit the exposition, and after a reception in this city he will be entertained by German-American veterans in Philadelphia and Washington, on his way to St. Louis.

General Osterhaus had served in the Prussian army before coming to the United States, in 1850, and during the civil war he filled all grades from private to commander of a division. Afterwards he served as United States consul at Lyons, France, then became vice consul at Mannheim, Germany, which place he held until 1900.

Among the other passengers were Jean de Brevwer, secretary of the Belgium section at the St. Louis exposition, and Jef Lempels, a Belgian artist, going to St. Louis.

METHODISTS START FOR COAST

Vestor of the Party Will Speak in the Mormon Temple Sunday Morning.

CHICAGO, April 26.—Nearly 400 pastors and laymen from Chicago and nearby towns and cities will leave tonight over different roads to attend the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Los Angeles, beginning May 3. A special train of ten sleepers, dining car and baggage coaches over the Chicago & Northwestern railroad will carry a majority of the delegates. A day will be spent in and about Denver, which is the first scheduled stop of the special.

Another day will be passed in Colorado Springs and then a direct run will be made for Salt Lake City, Utah, where the delegates and others in the party will rest over Sunday.

Rev. J. G. Evans, chairman of the general conference committee, and who is entering his fiftieth year of active church work, has been invited to speak at the Mormon temple. His subject will be "Christian Citizenship."

LOUBET VIEWS SOLDIERS

Twenty T... Italian Troops Pass Befor... dent of French ...ublic.

ROME, Apr... esident Loubet drove to the Piazza ... with Queen Helena and reviewed 3... ps. M. Loubet and the queen were ... anied by King Victor Emmanuel ... royal princes, and followed by sev... dred staff officers and the foreign ... ary attaches. The Pimco Heights, the Janiculum and Monte Mario, surrounding the Piazza d'Armi, were occupied by several hundred thousand people, cheering and shouting, while the military bands played "The Marseillaise." The president expressed to King Victor Emmanuel the highest satisfaction with the efficiency and martial bearing of the military, specially admiring the Bersaglieri, who, with their quick step and waving cocks' feathers in their hats, marched past in their most characteristic manner.

Returning to the Quirinal through the city, the president and royal party passed through the Piazza di Spagna, where the historic steps of the Church of the Trinita d'Monti were entirely covered with flowers, producing a gorgeous effect.

M. Loubet and the king later visited the Roman forum where they were received by Prof. Beni, director of excavations, who, in their presence, unearthed three prehistoric tombs. M. Loubet then visited the coliseum, the Batis of Carcala, and the finished monument of Victor Emmanuel III.

This afternoon the president received in private audience each of the ambassadors separately. He was most cordial to United States Ambassador Meyer. The whole of Rome is illuminated tonight. M. Loubet, the king and the princes were present at a reception given at the capital to 2,000 guests.

KING AND QUEEN VISIT IRELAND

British Royalty Initiates Second Trip by Going to the Races.

DUBLIN, April 26.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra and their suites landed at Kingstown from the royal yacht Victoria and Albert before noon and soon afterward proceeded to the Punchestown races. The sovereigns were accorded a splendid reception and large crowds assembled to greet them. The vessels in the harbor were gaily trimmed with bunting, while Kingstown was bright with Venetian masts and festoons.

Several addresses were presented to the king, replying to which he expressed his delight at finding the same spirit of hopefulness in the future as evidenced on the occasion of his last visit. With the improvement in agriculture and industry, the king confidently anticipated a growth of better feeling throughout the country. He believed that the greatest hope for the future of Ireland lay in education, for the wide diffusion of cultivated intelligence was the surest guarantee of society and the most fruitful source of self-reliance.

SPANISH PREMIER FOR A TARGET

Bullet Sent Through Car on Which He Is a Passenger.

MADRID, April 26.—Premier Maura, who arrived here this morning, was shot at, but was not wounded, while on his way here from the Balearic islands. When between Alicante and Encina a bullet whizzed through the roof of his car. The incident created great alarm, but no one was injured.

The official report of the incident given out by the minister of the interior says:

As the train was running between Alicante and San Vicente some persons fired and others threw stones. The gendarmes accompanying the train returned the fire. Neither the premier nor the other passengers were hurt. Two arrests were made.

LABOR DOMINATES THE CABINET

Australian Federal Government Is in Charge of Members of Unions.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, April 26.—Mr. Watson, the labor leader, has formed a cabinet with himself as premier and treasurer; Mr. Hughes, minister for external affairs, Mr. Higgins, attorney general; Mr. Batchelor, minister for home affairs; Mr. Fisher, president of the Board of Trade; Mr. Dawson, minister of defence; Mr. Mahon, postmaster general, and Mr. McGregor, vice president of the federal executive council. Excepting Mr. Higgins all the members of the new cabinet belong to the labor party.

MINERS FALL TWO THOUSAND FEET

Cage in Johannesburg Mine Collapses with Forty-Three Men.

JOHANNESBURG, April 26.—The collapse of a cage in the Robinson mine precipitated forty-three natives 2,000 feet to the bottom. All were killed. The bottom of the shaft is a quagmire of human remains.

Canada Would Raise More Money.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 26.—Minister of Customs Paterson has announced that the government intends strengthening its staff of inspectors in the United States and will inform Canadian customs officers of the home value of goods exported to Canada. At present it is said there are many United States firms invoicing their goods at a special price and in this way escaping payment of proper duty.

Bad Blaze in London.

LONDON, April 26.—Four of the London & Northwestern Railroad company's warehouses in the Minories district of this city were damaged by fire during the night. Loss, £500,000. The historic Church of the Holy Trinity, famous for its connection with the Washington family, was for a time in considerable jeopardy, but the firemen from its roof managed to stem the approaching flames.

German Troops Have Typhus.

BERLIN, April 26.—Colonel Loutwein, governor of German West Africa, cables today that typhus has broken out in Major von Glasenapp's column. Seven deaths from the disease were recorded up to April 22. The column has marched to the mission station at Otjihaena, which has been converted into a hospital.

Emperor Has Good Health.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 26—4:55 p. m.—The reports that the emperor's health is unsatisfactory are untrue. He transacts business with his ministers as usual, takes his customary walk in the garden of the winter palace in the afternoon and later, almost daily, takes a drive about the city.

Pope May Send Protest.

ROME, April 26.—It is expected that the protest of the pope against the presence of President Loubet at the quirinal will take the form of a note to all the Catholic powers.

Second Trial of Missouri Senator.

KANSAS CITY, April 26.—The second trial of State Senator Jesse Jewell, charged with soliciting a bribe for his vote on baking powder legislation in the state legislature, was called in the criminal court here today. Attorney General E. C. Crow appeared for the state. At the first trial the jury disagreed.

THATCHER ON THE STAND

Witness Continues on Subject of Mormon Church in Politics.

FINDS NO FAULT WITH PRESENT RULE

Says He Knows No Case Where Church Has Consented or Refused Right to Run for Office.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The Smoot investigation before the senate committee on privileges and elections was opened today by Attorney Tayler for the prosecution, calling upon Moses Thatcher to resume the stand. This was for the identification of a pamphlet issued by Calvin Reasoner, purporting to be an accurate account of the Thatcher episode. The document was put in the record and the witness was turned over to the defense for cross-examination.

Mr. Van Cott interrogated Mr. Thatcher in regard to his views on church interference in politics. The witness said he had no fault to find with the political rule, but in answer to Senator Dubois as to the result of a Mormon official running for a political office in opposition to the wishes of church authorities, he said:

"It might result as in my case, but a free American citizen has the right to retire from his church office and I believe every man who loves his country would resign such office under these circumstances."

Mr. Thatcher defended the church and the political rule. He admitted, however, that his views had been modified in regard to the church interference, but insisted that he knew of no instances where church consent had been given or refused a Mormon candidate for political office.

Mr. Thatcher stated that at the time he was removed from the apostolate he was in line for the presidency of the church. He said he was dropped from the rolls in April, 1896, and formal action was taken by his quorum in November, 1896. Continuing, he said:

"I suppose I am the only man of my age in the Mormon church who has no priesthood."

"And you were denied the right to enter the temple?" asked the chairman.

"Yes, sir."

He said he was denied entrance to the temple by the doorkeeper, at the order of the first presidency, and never made application since, and added: "I am glad to say that I am a free American citizen."

"Since you were deposed as an apostle?" Chairman Burrows asked.

"Yes, sir."

Mr. Thatcher discussed his defeat in politics, speaking frankly of the popularity of former United States Senator Rawlins and also of the church opposition to his own candidacy. All questions were answered, with the exception of several by Chairman Burrows in relation to the ceremony which is performed in the endowment house.

"I think I should be excused in regard to that," replied the witness.

"Why?"

"Because of the general sacredness of the ceremony."

"Have you taken any obligation not to reveal it?"

"I think I have."

"What would be the effect if you should disclose the nature of the obligation or ceremony?"

"No effect except upon my conscience."

No further effort was made to obtain a description of the ceremony and Mr. Thatcher was excused. The hearing was adjourned until 10:30 tomorrow and the committee went into executive session.

Chairman Burrows was authorized to report a resolution to the senate requesting the permission that the commission be allowed to take testimony during the recess of congress. The purpose is to authorize the committee to proceed with the investigation in Utah.

CAR MEN ARE ON A STRIKE

One Thousand Employes of Wabash Railroad Said to Be Out of Shops.

KANSAS CITY, April 26.—W. L. Detwiler, general secretary and treasurer of the Brotherhood of Railway Car Men of America, asserted today that 1,000 car men on the Wabash railway have gone out at different points along the line in response to the order to strike issued yesterday. All the union car men here and at Moberly, Mo., went out today.

Mr. Detwiler said today: "We are opposed to strikes, except as a last resort. Now that the strike has been ordered, we will fight it out to a finish." A 10 per cent increase in wages and recognition of the union is demanded.

DECATUR, Ill., April 26.—The Wabash railroad shops here today were ordered closed by President Ramsay. The order is supposed to be on account of the strike order yesterday by the car men's brotherhood. Half the force here obeyed the strike order. The regular force here numbered 400 men.

DYNAMITE WORKS WELL

Easterner Inspects Colorado Mine and Figures in an Explosion, but Escapes Fatal Injury.

DENVER, April 26.—W. A. P. Davis, a wealthy Philadelphian, was seriously injured today at Central City, Colo., in the tunnel of the Gregory-Buell Mining company, of which he is secretary. Mr. Davis had just arrived from the east and was inspecting the tunnel when a charge of dynamite, placed by miners, was unexpectedly exploded. Mr. Davis was blown against the wall of the tunnel and severely hurt. It is not thought his condition is dangerous.

MINING MEN ARE DEPORTED

Victims of the Colorado Military Law Banished to New Mexico on Special Train.

TRINIDAD, Colo., April 26.—Under the guard of a lieutenant and a squad of soldiers, twenty-nine men were tonight placed on a special southbound train, and under orders of Major Zeph Hill, commanding the military here, deported to New Mexico. All of the deported men were arrested during the past week for violations of martial law.

OMAHA MAN INSTANTLY KILLED

In Columbus to Meet His Son When He Is Struck by a Street Car.

COLUMBUS, O., April 26.—George C. Coffman of Omaha, Neb., was instantly killed by a street car on the Eligh street viaduct today. Mr. Coffman came here to meet his son, Wilbert Coffman, who lives at his mother's at Warsaw, O.

WILLIAMS IS RECALCITRANT

Hearst Leader Says Massachusetts Districts Are Not Bound by State Convention.

BOSTON, April 26.—Democratic conventions will be held in all of the fourteen congressional districts of this state today to elect two delegates from each district to the national convention. Ten of the conventions are to be called to order in the afternoon, while the remainder, those in the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh districts, the so-called Boston districts, are arranged for this evening. The friends of Richard Olney claim that the delegates chosen must vote for Mr. Olney at St. Louis for the presidential nomination, inasmuch as the state convention passed resolutions making this obligatory.

On the other hand, the advocates of William R. Hearst, led by George Fred Williams, declare that the action of the state convention is binding in no way upon the district conventions. The Hearst men have predicted that a majority of their delegates would be elected today. The friends of Mr. Olney make a similar claim.

The temporary injunction asked for by George Fred Williams, restraining Robert M. Burnett, who was to preside over the Fourth district democratic convention at Marlboro this afternoon, from recognizing any credentials from towns where it is claimed no caucuses have been held, was granted today by Judge Sheldon in the superior court. The petitioner, who represented Dr. Herbert H. Lyon of Fitchburg, alleged that certificates for credentials had been illegally collected in towns where there had been no caucuses to elect delegates. It was further claimed that these same towns were fraudulently represented in the state convention at Boston last week.

HARRISON WILL IS ATTACKED

Son Makes Peculiar Charge in Relation to Father, the Late President.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.—In a mysterious brief filed today in the probate court by Colonel Russell B. Harrison, son of the late President Harrison, he declares that certain stocks, which had been set aside for the fund of $125,000 for Mrs. Harrison's support, should not be so included because his father had not paid for them either in money or services. The clause reads:

"The late Benjamin Harrison was not called upon to render any services to said company, therefore the delivery of the stock to him from year to year was only retaining or hiring him not to appear against the company in any litigation, and was therefore not clearly a case of exchange or barter, as he did not pay for said stock, even in services, but simply took engagements not to appear against said company."

The stock to which Colonel Harrison refers in his mysterious clause is sixty shares of the Safety Car Heating and Lighting company. It was appraised at $6,000 and is now said to be worth $7,200.

The brief, which covers thirteen closely written pages, sets forth exceptions to the report of the Union Trust company, trustee of General Harrison's estate. It contends that the stocks converted into the trust fund should be so paid in at their present actual market value, rather than at their cost when purchased.

NEBRASKA CROP BULLETIN

Rains Give Promise of Benefit, but but Cold Weather Delays Farm Work.

LINCOLN, April 26.—United States Department of Agriculture, climate and crop bulletin of the weather bureau, Nebraska section, for the week ending April 26:

Low temperatures continued during the week, averaging from 7 to 10 degrees below the normal throughout the state.

The rainfall for the week was the heaviest for the year and ranged from about .25 of an inch in the northwest part of the state to over 4 inches in some southeastern counties. In the southwestern section where the dry conditions have continued for many weeks, the rainfall for the week ranged from 1 to 2 inches.

The fine rains of the week will prove of much benefit to winter and spring grains, pasture, and gardens especially in the central and western sections of the state, where the soil had become very dry. The continued cold has retarded the growth of all vegetation. Winter wheat, however, has grown fairly well and is in excellent condition, except where damaged by dry weather in a number of southwestern counties. In the southern half of the state oats and some spring wheat are beginning to grow. Considerable corn ground has been plowed and this work was progressing rapidly until delayed in most localities by heavy rains which occurred the latter part of the week. Garden truck is beginning to come up and fruit buds are swelling in the southern sections of the state.

SUMMARY OF THE CROP CONDITIONS

Corn Planting Backward Owing to Floods and the Weather.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

While preparations for corn planting has been active in the principal corn states as a whole, but little planting was done during the week owing to low temperature. East of the Mississippi river no corn has been planted north of the Ohio river, nor has planting begun in Iowa and Nebraska except in the southwest part of the last named state. In the southern states corn has suffered from cold weather and is small, with irregular stands.

Very favorable reports respecting winter wheat are received from Nebraska and Kansas, except the extreme western portion of the latter state, and an improvement is indicated in portions of Oklahoma. In Missouri the crop has made slow growth and in the states eastward of the Mississippi river the outlook is less favorable than previously reported, although the warmer weather in the latter part of the week caused some improvement in Ohio. A large acreage in Indiana is being devoted to other crops.

Over the northern portion of the spring wheat region practically no seeding has been done, and in North Dakota, where about half the crop was sown at this time last year, most of the lowlands are flooded and without favorable weather cannot be worked for one or two weeks. Seeding is generally well advanced over the southern portion, being completed over a considerable area in South Dakota and Iowa.

Over the greater portions of Illinois and Iowa seeding is nearly finished and this work is progressing favorably in Ohio and in Indiana. Seeding is not yet general in Michgan and very little has been done in Wisconsin and Minnesota, except in the southern part of the latter. Over the southern portions of the central valleys the general reports are that there is slow growth and in some sections poor stands are shown.

INDICT NINE POLICEMEN

Grand Jury Reports Against Officers Involved in Democratic Primaries at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 26.—In a partial report of the April grand jury submitted today indictments were returned against nine policemen and others on the charges of having interfered with voters at voting places during the democratic primaries March 12. Those indicted include Policemen Timothy Flynn and John C. Mohr, who were discharged last week on a demurrer that indictments against them on similar grounds were not specific. The new indictments enter into details very fully.

LAND BILL UP TO PRESIDENT

House and Senate Both Adopt Conference Report on the Kinkaid Measure.

ROSEBUD PROCLAMATION ISSUES IN MAY

Bill Signed Extending Time for Constructing Railroad Through the Omaha and Winnebago Reservations.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Both houses of congress today agreed on findings of their conferees on Judge Kinkaid's bill giving homesteaders the right to enter upon 640 acres of land in the northwestern section of Nebraska. In connection with the adoption of the conference report on the part of the senate a rather unusual condition obtained, in that the senate adopted the report of the conferees before the bill had been reported from the house. It is the usual practice that the house asking for a conference should be the first body to take action on a report of conferees, but so anxious was Senator Dietrich to get the senate to act on the conference report that he had the report of the conferees read and adopted almost in a single breath. The conference report in the house was called up shortly after the house convened today by Major Lacey, chairman of the public lands committee. Representative Robinson of Indiana asked one or two questions as to whether the bill would commit the government to a new line of policy regarding homesteads. He was informed that it only applied to a limited section of Nebraska, which was satisfactory to the Indiana member, and the house, without further debate, adopted the report.

The bill in due course will reach the president tomorrow or possibly Thursday morning. In view, however, of the shortening hours of congress, Judge Kinkaid, father of the measure, will make every effort to see that it gets to the president in time for his signature before congress dies.

Tomorrow morning Senator Dietrich and Judge Kinkaid will see Commissioner Richards on the Kinkaid bill and urge a favorable report on the same. While the president has told Judge Kinkaid that he was in sympathy with the measure, it has been thought best to leave no stone unturned that will insure approval of the measure.

Working on Signal School.

Senator Millard and Representative Hitchcock will have a conference with officials of the War department tomorrow regarding the establishment of a school of instruction of the signal corps at Fort Omaha.

Appeals for Otis Howard.

Senator Millard today made a strong and earnest appeal at the Navy department for the retention of Otis Howard, grandson of General O. O. Howard and son of the late Captain Guy Howard, in his class at Annapolis. Owing to the boy's defect in vision, which is thought to be only temporary, the authorities at the naval academy have concluded to drop him from the class. It is thought that the senator's plea will be heeded.

The bill extending the time in which they may construct the Omaha & Southern railroad through the Omaha and Winnebago reservation was signed today by the president.

Rosebud Proclamation in May.

It was learned today from the Interior department that the proclamation opening the Rosebud reservation to homestead settlement would be issued about May 15.

William C. Montgomery has been appointed rural carrier at Pilger, Neb., substitute, Carrie Montgomery; Bernard W. Farrell at Derby, Ia., substitute Roy A. Rash; William McCaben at New Hampton, Ia., substitute, Fred McCaben; Robert H. Brattain at Sewal, Ia., substitute, John W. Tievessay.

"MOTHER" JONES BREAKS OUT

Leaves Quarantine and Price Accompanied by Gang of Italians and Is Arrested.

PRICE, Utah, April 26.—Mother Jones, who has been in enforced quarantine after visiting a miner afflicted with smallpox, has again broken out of quarantine and accompanied by fifteen or twenty Italian women and children drove into town today. With two sympathizers, striking miners from Helper, she walked through the town to the implement shed, where 120 men, arrested Saturday, are being detained.

Before reaching the shed she was arrested and placed in jail. She will be kept there until the period of infection is over. It is believed this last outbreak by Mother Jones has exposed scores to infection and active measures will be taken by the state health officers.

BOY DIES FROM ACCIDENTAL SHOT

Smaller Boy Grabs Hold of Gun When it Is Discharged.

FREMONT, Neb., April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—An accident with a .22 caliber rifle at the Lutheran Orphans' home, just east of Fremont, this afternoon, resulted in the death of Basil Rupin, aged 15 years, an inmate of the home. Young Rupin had been shooting some pigeons and was walking across the yard at the home, holding the gun in both hands. A smaller boy, Peter Sissakian, grasped the stock of the weapon and tilted the barrel upward. It was discharged and the ball entered Rupin's right eye, passing thence into his brain. He lingered for several hours and died this evening. Young Rupin has been at the home for twelve years, having been placed in it when he was 3 years old. His mother is dead, but his father is still living and resides at Topeka, Kan. He was the oldest boy in the home and the accident would not have happened had it not been for the smaller lad, who is but 6 years of age. The latter was brought here a week ago by his father, who is an Armenian, now living at Chicago. The body of Rupin is being held until his father is heard from.

Movement of Ocean Vessels April 26.

At New York—Arrived: Finland, from Antwerp; Mesaba, from London; Kron Prinz Wilhelm, from Bremen; Barabrossa, from Bremen. Sailed: Potsdam, for Rotterdam, via Boulogne; Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, for Plymouth; Sardegnan, for Naples and Genoa; Slavonia, for Gibraltar; Victorian, for Liverpool.

At St. Johns, N. F.—Arrived: Corinthian, from Liverpool for Philadelphia.

At Naples—Sailed: Citta di Napoli, for New York; Montserrat, for New York.

At Genoa—Sailed: Liguria, for New York.

At Liverpool—Sailed: Titinia, for St. Johns, N. B.; Iverna, for Boston, Queenstown. Arrived: Lake Erie, from St. John, N. B.

At Manchester—Sailed: Bostonian, for Boston.

At Palermo—Sailed: Sicilia, for New York.

At Glasgow—Arrived: Ontarian, from Portland; Furnessia, from New York.

At Antwerp—Arrived: Kronland, from New York.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and Warmer Wednesday; Showers Wednesday Night or Thursday.

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	38	1 p. m.	53
6 a. m.	37	2 p. m.	55
7 a. m.	37	3 p. m.	58
8 a. m.	38	4 p. m.	60
9 a. m.	41	5 p. m.	61
10 a. m.	46	6 p. m.	61
11 a. m.	48	7 p. m.	59
12 m.	51	8 p. m.	56
		9 p. m.	53

SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS

Dispatches All Indicate a Battle is Now Taking Place on the Yalu.

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NEW YORK, April 26.—(New York Herald Service—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—All dispatches from the east indicate that a battle has taken place on the Yalu. St. Petersburg briefly reported that a Japanese attempt to cross the river had been frustrated, it being added that the emperor had received a dispatch, the contents of which have not yet been made public.

A dispatch from Cronstadt told of a report there that a stranger had attempted to destroy the new battleship Alexander III with a bomb, and being detected had hanged himself. His identity is unrevealed.

In a special dispatch to the Herald from Won Son came additional details of the attack on that place by the Vladivostok squadron.

Kobe advices hinted that a Japanese fleet may attempt to cut off the giant Russian cruisers when they return toward Vladivostok.

Hints of mediation continue to come from Europe, a significant dispatch from Berlin declaring that ultimately France and England, backed by other powers, will act as pacificators. Russia so far scorns any discussion of interference, and the general opinion appears to be that no move can be made until its damaged prestige in the far east has been repaired by a decisive victory.

PEOPLE SEEK REFUGE IN HILLS

Residents of Japanese Colony Leave Town at Sight of Russians.

SEOUL, Monday, April 25—(Delayed in Transmission.)—When the attack on Wonson (Gensan) was made this morning the townspeople sought refuge in the hills and the garrison prepared to resist a possible landing party from three Russian cruisers which were sighted in the offing and which were expected to complete the ruthless destruction of harmless craft. The destroyers, however, retired without damaging the town.

The attack was regarded as being allied with the Song Jin expedition, as designed to discover the Japanese strength on the east coast and as being a diversion from the Yalu river campaign.

The garrison of Wonson, numbering 60 men, was reinforced during the last week, has thrown up earthworks and has artillery at its disposal.

While the Japanese authorities consider the situation serious, no apprehension is entertained as to the result.

Further details of the sinking of the Goyo Maru have reached here. The Russian vessels entered the harbor of Gensan at 6 o'clock. The crew of the Goyo Maru were ordered ashore, but it is not known that they went, and whether they escaped or not has not been reported.

While this movement on the part of the Russian squadron is regarded here as supplementary to the recent occupation of Sung Jin, it is also considered as a diversion from the activity on the Yalu river.

ESSEN REPORTS ON HIS SORTIE

Commander of Vladivostok Squadron Says He Sunk Vessel at Gensan.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 26.—The emperor has received a dispatch from the commander of the Vladivostok squadron confirming the reports of the sinking of a Japanese transport of 9,000 tons at Gen San. The object of the squadron's cruise is to destroy all the transports traversing the sea of Japan, show the Russian flag in Corean waters and impress the population advantageously; also compelling the Japanese to guard all their transport expeditions.

The foreign office denies that Russian troops have been sent to occupy neutral territory west of the Liao river. The report may have grown from the stationing of a force on the west bank of the river, opposite New Chwang, to defend the city in that direction, command the river and prevent the Japanese from ascending the stream. No protest has been received from the Chinese government, and it is said that China has no ground to protest.

ALLEGE ATTEMPT TO DESTROY SHIP

Story from Sailor at Cronstadt Involves Man Who Killed Himself.

CRONSTADT, April 26.—A sensational story is afloat here of an attempt to destroy the battleship Alexander III. According to the reports a sailor saw a stranger, wearing the uniform of an officer, going down into the engine room of the battleship, followed him and saw the stranger attaching something connected with wire to the dynamos. After the stranger left the sailor examined the attachment and found it to be a bomb. The sailor at once cut the wires, ran up on deck to tell what had happened and found that the stranger had hanged himself. The crew of the Alexander III, it is added, were instructed not to speak of the occurrence, and it is said that the stranger was a madman or a member of some revolutionary organization to whose lot it had fallen to blow up the Alexander III.

JAPANESE START FOR RUSSIANS

Warships of the Islanders Go After the Vladivostok Squadron.

CHICAGO, April 26.—A special cable to the Daily News from Kobe says that under full steam a strong squadron of Japanese armored cruisers was observed this morning making its way northward in the Japan sea. It is believed that the vessels are on their way to attempt to cut off the Russian squadron that appeared at Gen San on the east coast of Corea yesterday. It is feared, however, that as the czar's cruisers are superior in speed to those of the mikado they may escape in safety to the shelter of Vladivostok.

It is also stated that the Japanese have succeeded in luring the Russians from protection of the Vladivostok guns, and that there is another Japanese squadron between them and their retreat, but these are mere rumors.

RUMOR NEW CHWANG IS SHELLED

Russians Deny Report of Action on Part of Japanese.

TIEN TSIN, April 26.—It is reported upon good authority that the Japanese fleet bombarded the town of New Chwang last night. The Russians here deny that there is any truth in the report.

FOUR JAP SHIPS SINK

Reported Vladivostok Squadron Sends Ten Thousand Men to Bottom of Sea.

HEAVY CANNONADING IS ALSO HEARD

Japs Have Forced Passage of the Yalu, but No Bridge Spans the River.

RUSSIANS WAITING FOR JAP COLUMN

No Serious Efforts Being Made to Retard Enemy's Movements.

WILL STRIKE FARTHER DOWN THE RIVER

Intimated that the Russians are Preparing a Surprise for the Japanese Troops to Be Sprung Later.

PARIS, April 26.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says:

I learn from a sure source that the Vladivostok squadron yesterday sank four Japanese transports, which were conveying 4,000 troops.

LIAO YANG, April 26.—Between last night and this morning the Japanese forced a passage of the Yalu, two companies crossing between Tehangdjou and Siaopoussaine. Heavy firing was heard near Tatung Kai, in which it is believed the Japanese made a feint in order to distract attention from the real point of passage. So far no bridge spans the river.

It is believed the Russian fire succeeded in destroying the floating parts of the Japanese bridges.

King Will Not Intervene.

LONDON, April 26.—Inquiries made by the Associated Press here reveal no trace of any effort or intention to intervene in the Russo-Japanese war. No step looking to a pacific settlement of the conflict has been taken by the Foreign office, nor, so far as known in Downing street, by King Edward himself. Those who have discussed the war with the king within the last few days say that such a step is the last thing he contemplates.

Such a step, however, informally taken, so it is held here, might seriously endanger the negotiations now progressing between Russia and Great Britain with a view to the settlement of outstanding differences between the two countries.

King Edward and the Foreign office are fully aware that any offer or even suggestion looking to peace at the present stage would be resented by both Japan and Russia, and it is denied that the king, even in the family circle at Copenhagen, has suggested mediation, much less intervention. His majesty has expressed sympathy with his royal relative over the losses sustained by the Russian fleet, but he has been equally thoughtful toward the mikado.

Move Would Surprise Norman.

Henry Norman, M. P., who was received in special private audience by King Edward yesterday on his return from Russia, said that any personal or national attempt to step in between the combatants seemed to him to be outside the range of rational surmise and that he would be very much surprised indeed if the king had done or said anything which would give rise to such a rumor.

Deny Important Engagements.

NEW CHWANG, April 26.—The Russian authorities here deny that there has been any important engagements recently on the Yalu river, but they report the destruction of a few Japanese junks by the Russian volunteers.

The Japanese have not arrived at the Yalu in force, according to the Russians in New Chwang, nor have they crossed the river at any point. Russian forces are still in possession of all points on the west of Manchurian side of the river, which they occupied originally, and consequently the execution of the plan of falling back on Feng Huan Cheng and Liao-Yang, which is attributed to General Kouropatkin, the Russian commander-in-chief, has not been begun.

After having been detained for two weeks and thoroughly examined by the Russian authorities the two Japanese servants who came into port on the press boat Fa Wan, have been released. They were deported to Che Foo today.

The Fa Wan arrived at New Chwang with two American newspaper correspondents on board and the Japanese referred to in the above dispatch were their servants. The correspondents and the Japanese were detained by the Russian authorities because the Fa Wan had come in directly from Chemulpo. The newspaper men were released, but the servants were held in custody. The Russian government agreed, in response to representations made by the authorities of the United States to show them as much consideration as possible under the circumstances.

Baltic Fleet Starts in July.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 26.—The report that the Baltic fleet is to leave Libau Thursday for the far east is incorrect. Some of the ships are just going into commission and others being completed cannot be finished before July. The reports may be attributable to the fact that some school ships are going out to train the naval reserves.

The battleship Borodino left the admiralty works today for Cronstadt to receive its armor and heavy guns.

The admiralty is giving earnest consideration to all questions in connection with the dispatch in July of the Baltic fleet to the far east. Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, who will command it, and Rear Admiral Wirenius have been in consultation. All idea of following the northern route has been abandoned. Indeed, it never was seriously considered. Admiral Rojestvensky originally favored the Cape of Good Hope route but it is more probably now that colliers and supply ships, well protected, will go by that route and that the battleships and torpedo boats will pass through the Suez canal. The two divisions will rendezvous in the Indian ocean. For the entire fleet to proceed by way of the Cape of Good Hope would involve a much time, the expenditure of a large quantity of coal and the fouling of the boilers and bottoms of the fighting ships which it is important to avoid on account of the lack of docking facilities at Port Arthur.

It is understood that the admiralty now entertains no fears regarding the restrictions imposed by the Suez canal regulations, although Admiral Wirenius complained of the strictness with which the neutrality of the canal was enforced.

There is evidence of a more firm friendly disposition on the part of the British authorities. They pointed out that they would have to hold contraband of war arriving at Liverpool from America, if landed. At the same time it was suggested to the Russian consul that the transhipment could take place in the harbor and the