

OPENING DAY OF FAIR

Exposition at St. Louis Will Open to Formally Greet Its Visitors Today. FINISHING TOUCHES ARE APPLIED. Thirty Thousand Men Work with Desperate Energy to Complete Work.

SCAFFOLDING AND DEBRIS DISAPPEAR. All the Wealth and Splendor of Near and Distant Lands Exped. PAST AND PRESENT MEET AT THE FAIR. Shadowy Stretches of Time Bridged by Man's Ingenuity in the Accomplishment of This Spectacular Event.

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WILL KEEP MARKET NORMAL

Payments for Panama Canal to Be Made in Installments at Paris. PARIS, April 29.—The final details of the financial operations involved in the Panama payment are almost completed, the expectation being that an agreement will be reached today or tomorrow. J. Pierpont Morgan is personally directing the transaction, and the indications are that he and a number of American financiers, who he is associating with him, will consummate the transfer of the funds. It is Mr. Morgan's intention to admit some of the leading Paris banks to share in the transaction, but the carrying out of the plan will be essentially in American hands.

Committee Reports Favorably on the Question of Coinage. PANAMA, April 29.—It seems possible that the gold standard will be adopted by Panama. The committee to which the question was referred has reported favorably after considering, among other questions, that the United States will use American currency in the canal zone. As regards the amount, it is recommended that enough money be coined to prevent the United States from having a pretext to refuse to supply for the zone. The idea is to coin silver money, using American gold as the standard and prohibiting the introduction of foreign silver money.

DANGER OF FLOOD IS PAST. Thousands of Acres Are Under Water, but Fear of Rise is Gone. ST. LOUIS, April 29.—Belief that all dangers from high water is now passed is expressed today by Mayor Cook of East St. Louis and Mayor Judd of Granite City. The general rise of the Mississippi is expected to end soon, and if a crest no higher than the predicted stage of thirty-four feet is reached the damage will be comparatively small. It is expected that an enormous crowd will attend the exposition, and excursions are coming by the score and tomorrow has officially been declared a holiday by Mayor Wells.

LOUBET INSPECTS FLEET

French President Views Procession of Italian Vessels at Naples. NAPLES, April 29.—This city remembers no event in its history which compared with the scene today the occasion being the visit of President Loubet of France, which caused to gather such enormous crowds of Italians and foreigners. It is estimated that 20,000 people crowded the cafes or wandered about the streets all night unable to find beds. From early morning every position available for witnessing the naval review was completely occupied by spectators and the magnificent gulf of Naples was absolutely covered with craft of all kinds.

"MRS. WIGGS" IS SET FREE. Louisville Judge Thinks Her Justified in Throwing Her on a Visitor. LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 29.—The female apostle of sunshine, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," who in private life answers to the name of Mrs. Mary Bass, was dismissed by Judge McCann in the police court, where she made her appearance to answer the charge of throwing the child of a shop girl on Mrs. Emily Smith, also of Louisville.

NEW YORKERS FEEL A FLOOD. High Tide in Long Island Sound Drives People from Their Homes. NEW YORK, April 29.—Twenty-five families have been driven from their homes in St. Raymond Park, Bronx borough, by the overflowing of the waters of Cebic creek. Property was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars. The flooded district is about one mile square in area on both sides of the creek. Fifty persons were rescued from the flooded houses by West Chester police, who hastily improvised rafts for the purpose.

FAILURE OF NEW YORK BROKER

Dr. Woodend, Prominent as Owner of Fine Horses Goes to the Wall. NEW YORK, April 29.—A deputy sheriff today took possession of the office of Woodend & Co., member of the Consolidated Stock exchange, on an attachment for \$4,810 in favor of Harry C. Johnston, who held a judgment for that amount. "The firm of Woodend & Co.," said President Randolph of the Consolidated Stock exchange today, "is the composite entity of Dr. W. E. Woodend, L. J. Bruch, who was the manager for Woodend & Co. is a member of the Consolidated Stock exchange, but he had no financial interest in the firm of Woodend & Co. and cannot be held responsible for their debts. Bruch severed his connection with the firm a week ago. Woodend, although a member of the Consolidated Stock exchange, seldom was on the floor. What business he transacted on the exchange was through brokers."

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MUNICIPAL LEAGUES ADJOURN. Last Day of the Session is Devoted to Hearing Reports and Statistics. CHICAGO, April 29.—The final session of the annual meeting of the National Municipal League was held today. Consideration of a uniform municipal accounting and statistics occupied the bulk of the time today. Dr. E. M. Hantwell, city statistician of Boston, read the report of a special committee which the league appointed in 1902 to study the subject and to have cities adopt uniform methods of bookkeeping and accounting. The report showed that the committee offered advice to more than fifty cities whose system of accounting was unsatisfactory. The following nine cities adopted, either in whole or in part, the uniform system recommended by the special committee: Boston, Chicago, Boston, Baltimore, Minneapolis, Denver, Houston, Tex.; Oklahoma City, St. Joseph, Mo.; Malden, Mass.

RUSSIA AND THE FAR EAST

Count Cassini Defends the Position of His Government. ASSERTS RUSSIA DID NOT WANT WAR. Now that Hostilities Have Come Russian Ambassador Says His Country Does Not Doubt the Issue. NEW YORK, April 29.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, contributes to the forthcoming number of the North American Review an article in which, under the caption of "Russia and the Far East," he makes a statement of his government's position. After briefly outlining the negotiations which preceded the outbreak of hostilities, the ambassador says: "Russia has never ceased to wonder why the idea that she was willing and anxious to make peace with Japan should be so prevalent in the United States. Prejudiced minds, or those having nothing better to do than to speculate on the government's action providing the unexpected and dishonorable attack upon our fleet at Port Arthur, may dispute the statement that Russia hoped for and tried to maintain peace, but I have no hesitation in making a categorical statement that, if proof of the assertion be demanded, it lies in the simple uncontradicted answer, Russia was not prepared. For the personal representatives of the Russian empire to make an offer of peace, or to humiliate national pride may appear strange and remarkable to the people of the United States, but it is made with full appreciation of its significance. Russia was not prepared for war because she had no reason to expect war. In her faith that the negotiations would be conducted in good faith, both parties with the object of reaching a settlement, she was not conscious of their differences, and was not conscious that the outcome was to be other than peaceful."

CAPTAIN OF FLAGSHIP TALKS. Man Injured on Petropavlovsk Tells of Events Preceding Disaster to Boat. MOSCOW, April 29.—The correspondent at Port Arthur of the Russian Shilavo telegraphs that he has had an interview with Captain Jakovlev of the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk. He says the captain will soon be able to start for St. Petersburg. His broken ribs are set and the fracture of his skull is healed. Captain Jakovlev said that a few seconds before the explosion he saw the conning tower to repeat an order to the man at the helm. On his way he saw Colonel Agapelev writing particulars of the fight, which had just taken place. Next to him was Veresthagin, the artist, hurriedly drawing. All of a sudden the explosion occurred. Captain Jakovlev was hurled by a heavy mist, pierced by tongues of fire bursting through all parts of the vessel. Captain Jakovlev was then struck on the head and lost consciousness. The same correspondent describes the submarine boat sunk at Port Arthur. He says the experiments proved their ability to remain under water for a considerable time, and that the boats were well handled and that there is a sufficient number of them to assure the protection of Port Arthur and the coast in its vicinity. The Chinese in Manchuria, he further says, are praying for a Russian victory.

HAYWOOD RELEASED FROM JAIL. Secretary of the Western Federation Bears Few Marks of Encounter with Militia. DENVER, April 29.—Secretary-Treasurer William D. Haywood of the Western Federation of Miners, who is under arrest on a warrant charging him with deserting the flag, was allowed to leave the jail today in custody of a deputy sheriff and in charge of officers at the federal headquarters in this city. He bears few marks of his recent encounter with the militia. A wireless telegraph message was picked

THE BEE BULLETIN

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There a special Te Deum was sung. The service was attended by a brilliant assemblage, rendering all the more conspicuous the tarnished uniforms of the noble Jackies who fought at Chempu. After the service all the sailors remained and were banqueted at the emperor's table. The emperor, wearing the full uniform of an admiral, approached the sailors, escorting both the empress and followed by the other members of the imperial family. He said, in a voice ringing with emotion: "I am happy, brothers, to see you all here safely returned. Many of you have sacrificed your blood for a record of heroic deeds in our annals. You have made the name of our country famous. I am proud of you and I am sure you will remain worthy of the honor which has been bestowed upon you. All Russia and I have been moved by the recital of your exploits. I thank you, brothers, for vindicating the honor of the flag of St. Andrew and for securing a peaceful manner, but after the termination of hostile operations in the Far East, you are empowered to stay in this statement most categorically. Russia did not want war. You are empowered to stay within the limits of possibility was done by it to solve the complications which had arisen in the Far East. The emperor's words were greeted with a cheer. The imperial government will not admit the intervention of any power whatsoever with the negotiations which are being conducted in the Far East. The imperial government will not admit the intervention of any power whatsoever with the negotiations which are being conducted in the Far East. The imperial government will not admit the intervention of any power whatsoever with the negotiations which are being conducted in the Far East.

RELEASE RUSSIAN MERCHANT SHIPS. Japan Court Sets Example of Generosity. NAGASAKI, April 29.—The case of the captured Russian steamer taken over by the naval court of appeals at Saebou has been dismissed. M. Masujima, a leading member of the Japanese bar, who represented the owners, urged that the steamer be released on the ground that the vessel was equipped with modern conditions of life, and now was an opportunity for Japan to establish a precedent for the benefit of civilization. The captured Russian officers now held in detention at Saebou will not be released. The Japanese steamer Kinshu Maru, which was sunk by the Russians near Genoa, resulting in the drowning of 20 Japanese troops, was attached to the fleet as a dispatch boat. REPORT OF KILLING IS CONFIRMED. Two Police Officers Shot and Three Wounded During Raid. ST. PETERSBURG, April 29.—The ministry of the interior confirms the Warsaw report of April 28, announcing the killing of two police officers and the wounding of three policemen by a socialist, named "Mayer," whose house the police raided on suspicion of illicit printing. Mayer's identity is in any conspiracy. The arrests were limited to Mayer, an unnamed accomplice and the landlord of the house in which Mayer lived. The police confiscated a printing press found in the building. It is officially announced that the Jews made a demonstration after the funeral of the police officers and that a police commissary was wounded while restoring order. SIGHT OF SHIPS EXCITES RUSSIANS. Fear Expressed that Japanese May Mean to Fight. ST. PETERSBURG, April 29.—The ministry of the interior reports that a Japanese squadron was off Port Arthur, followed by another announcement that a squadron of Japanese ships was in sight of Vladivostok, arousing anxiety. Naval circles are speculating whether the enemy will venture to approach Vladivostok at closer range than last time. There are persistent rumors of fighting on the Yalu river, but the Associated Press correspondent is informed that no serious engagements have taken place and that the fighting has been limited to affairs of outposts, the Russians contesting and harassing the Japanese advance. CHINA IS TO RAISE MANY TROOPS. On Fear of Russian Aggression 75,000 Soldiers Are Ordered Equipped. PEKING, April 29.—It is asserted on the best authority that the Russians are about to enforce martial law west of the Liao river. The government is worried and the dowager empress has ordered the provincial governments to be informed her birthday and to use the money collected for that purpose to equip 75,000 troops immediately. Japs Near Vladivostok. ST. PETERSBURG, April 29.—Victory Alexieff reports that a Japanese squadron has been sighted off Vladivostok.

MUST KEEP HANDS OFF!

Russia Issues Formal Notice to Powers that Interference Will Not Be Tolerated. WILL DEAL WITH JAPAN AS IT SEES FIT. Clear Announces He Will Take All He Can at Close of War. JAPANESE FIGHT WITH SHIP SINKING. Refuse to Surrender or Escape and Fire Unleashed Waves Engulf Them. RUSSIAN SQUADRON SINKS SUPPLY SHIP. Overtakes Vessel on One of Its Scout. Makes Expedition and Destroys it with a Few Shells.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 29.—In the most categorical terms Russia has officially notified the world that it will not accept mediation to terminate the war with Japan. The official notification, which accords with the authoritative announcement made by the Associated Press April 28, is contained in a circular issued by the ministry of foreign affairs to the Russian representatives with foreign powers. It is gazetted in the Official Messenger today. The circular denies the report that formal proposals have been made to the imperial government by any foreign power to use good offices to restore peace, a denial which does not refer to the personal intimation addressed directly to the emperor by King Edward and King Christian of Denmark, an account of which was given by the Associated Press. The text of the circular is as follows: "The foreign press has recently been persistently circulating rumors concerning intentions on the part of some of the European governments to mediate between Russia and Japan. You are empowered to stay within the limits of possibility was done by it to solve the complications which had arisen in the Far East. The emperor's words were greeted with a cheer. The imperial government will not admit the intervention of any power whatsoever with the negotiations which are being conducted in the Far East. The imperial government will not admit the intervention of any power whatsoever with the negotiations which are being conducted in the Far East. The imperial government will not admit the intervention of any power whatsoever with the negotiations which are being conducted in the Far East."

Japs Fight to Death. VLADIVOSTOK, April 29.—The squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Yezan has returned here from its recent operations off the Korean coast. The squadron consisting of the armored cruisers Rossa, Rurik and Gromobol and the protected cruiser Bogatyr put to sea at daybreak April 27. The Rurik returned the following day, but the others proceeded to Wonsan (Gensan, Corea), and have to be off the coast during the night of April 28 about five miles from the entrance of the bay. Admiral Yezan sent into the bay two torpedo boats, commanded by Lieutenants Poehi and Maxloff. As they ran in toward the shore they found the Japanese torpedo boat carrying the message of April 28 started on another expedition. At 6 in the evening of April 27, when 30 miles out, the squadron sighted a Japanese steamer with war stores on board. Its crew, consisting of fifteen Koreans and twelve Japanese, were placed in safety and the steamer was sunk by a proxiol cartridge fired from the Gromobol. The same night at about 11 o'clock, when the squadron was twelve miles off Piskania Bay, Corea, a large Japanese transport, the Kinshu Maru, was sighted. Its commander mistook the Russian for a Japanese squadron and signaled: "I am bringing you coal." The Russian commander promptly signaled in reply: "Stop instantly." The Russian crew in support then recognized their mistake and lowered the lower boats and steam funnels with the greatest haste, and endeavored to escape, but the Russian steam cutters captured them all. Soldiers Shoot While Drowning. On board the transport were four Howitzers guns of forty-seven millimeters. At the outset it looked as if no one was left on board, but on examination it was found that the cabin was locked and barred. Therein the Russians found six infantry officers, who surrendered without resistance and were taken on board the Rurik. It is another part of the ship 130 infantrymen, who refused to surrender, were found. Admiral Yezan, whose vessel was about 1,000 yards away, ordered his men to leave the transport. The Japanese soldiers thus captured were taken to Wonsan and put on a transport. Afterward the transport was sent to the bottom by means of a mechanical mine and a few shells. The Japanese on board did not cease firing and made no attempt to save themselves, although they had a launch in which they could have left the transport. The fire of the Japanese actually continued until the waves closed over the ship. The transport had on board not only ammunition, but 1,000 tons of coal for Admiral Yezan's squadron. The prisoners numbered 154, including seventeen officers. Altogether, 230 prisoners were taken by the Russian squadron, landed at Vladivostok, and immediately dispatched by train to Nishino. It was reported at the time the Russian cruisers were returning to Vladivostok that a Japanese fleet of ten vessels was also making for there, but it failed to reach Vladivostok, owing to the fog. A wireless telegraph message was picked

MEXICO BUYS THE RAILROAD

Deal with Southern Republic Permits Maryland Trust Company to Buy It. BALTIMORE, Md., April 29.—Allan McLane, receiver of the Maryland Trust company, announced today that the Vera Cruz & Pacific railway, which was principally owned by the Maryland Trust company, has been purchased by the Mexican government at a figure in excess of \$4,000,000. Receiver McLane says that this sale will enable the trust company to pay its debts dollar for dollar and leave a surplus for division among the stockholders.

PEARSON IS CHIEF ENGINEER

Succeeds W. L. Darling, Who Resigned from the Northern Pacific Several Months Ago. ST. PAUL, April 29.—E. P. Pearson has been appointed chief engineer of the Northern Pacific Railway company to succeed W. L. Darling, who resigned several months ago. Mr. Pearson has been acting chief engineer.