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For First Time Since Illinois Deadlock Delegates Show Desire to Leave Leader .

MANY OF THEM DEPART FROM THE CITY

Declare They Will No: Return Until There is a Change in the Situation.

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FAILS TO SECURE NECESSARY SUPPOS Yates Following Resting on Their

Oars Until Opposition Has Exhausted All Efforts at Combinations.

SPRINGFIELD, III., May 19 .- For the first time since the beginning of the deadlock in the Illinois republican convention the delegates today commenced to show signs of breaking away and there was evidenced a disposition to leave the leaders.

Many of the delegates left town this

lock. Their votes were cast by the more faithful of the delegates, in some instances a single delegate voting an entire county. The feeling of unrest found vent in the introduction of a resolution providing that the convention proceed to the nomination of candidates for office other than that of governor, but the proposition was defeated. None of the gubernatorial candidates wanted the resolutions to go through and the candidates for minor offices were too timid to insist upon it, fearing such a

course would injure their chances. The prolonged fight is bearing heavily on the men who want the smaller places. All of them have been maintaining headquarters which cost them from \$50 to \$100 a day and the salaries of state officers in Illinois are very small, even the successful candidates will be behind in a financial way when the convention adjourns. Some

of them closed their headquarters today. The ballots were taken today without appreciable change in the result. Sherman's men continued to vote for Deneen throughout the day, but he made no further gains, and on the last ballot tonight Sherman's men returned to him. The result of the last ballot taken tonight was: Yates, 483; Lowden, 29314; Deneen, 38814; Warner, 54; Hamlin, 100; Sherman, 43; Pierce, 31. Forty-eighth roll call, official: Yates, 486; Lewden, 39714; Deneen, 43214; Hamlin, 112; Warner, 41; Sherman, 2; Pierce, 31.

Forty-ninth ballot (official): Yates, 487; Lowden, 29914; Dencen, 29114; Hamlin, 111; Warner, 395; Sherman, 42; Pierce, 32. On the fiftieth roll call the Sherman vote returned to Deneen. The official vote stood: Yates, 486; Lowden, 3991/4; Deneen, 4311/4;

Hamlin, 113; Warner, 40; Pierce, 32. At 12:05 the convention took a recess to to next Tuesday. Many delegates left this afternoon, leaving one man to vote their

Upon reconvening at \$:15 the convention proceeded to the fifty-first ballot. This resulted: Yates, 483; Lowden, 3931/4; Deneen, 42914; Hamlin, 112; Warner, 50; Pierce, 33;

Cilfford, 1. The official vote of the fifty-second ballo Yates, 483; Lowden, 3931/4; Deneen 42944; Hamlin, 111; Warner, 52; Pierce, 33. The fifty-third ballot, official: Yates, 483; Lowden, 383%; Deneen, 430%; Hamlin, 110;

Warner, 53; Pierce, 32. TWO CONVENTIONS ARE AT WORK

Wisconsin Courts May Have to Decide Between the Factions.

MADISON, Wis., May 19.-The indications before the two state republican conventions were called to order today were that the one at the university gymnasium would be attended strictly by the LaFollette faction and that the anti-third terms, composed largely of Baensch supporters, would be joined by the Cook forces at the Fuller opera house. It was said that LaFollette would head one state ticket and Cook the other, the Baensch strength going to Cook. When the convention at the university gymnasium, presided over by Permanent Chairman Lenroot, was called to order Chairman Chynowith of the resolutions committee reported that three members of that committee failed to meet with the committee, but that as prepared the report was signed by eight members.

The platform strongly indorses the national administration and the state administration of Governor LaFollette. A meeting of the Cook delegates was held

today to determine their own attitude relative to the LaFollette and anti-third terms. It was announced that they would not give recognition to the LaFollette gathering by being present as Cook men, and that not until the legal right of the Baensch delegates from the countles in question was determined would they sit in the convention at the Fuller opera house. Their leader, E. R. Hicks of Oshkosh, will take his men into the anti-third term convention when the credentials committee determines who the rightful delegates are.

The platform was adopted unanimously. Governor LaFoliette was then renominated by acclamation. On motion of Senator Miller of Dane county the rest of the state officers now holding office were renominated and voted upon collectively They received 58514 votes, the complete strength of the convention, and were declared unanimously nominated. The list follows: Lieutenant governor, James O. Davidson: secretary of state, Walter L. Houser; attorney general, L. M. Shudevant; treasurer, John J. Kempf; insurance commissioner, Zens M. Host; rail-

road commissioner, John W. Thomas When the anti-third term organization was called to order F. D. Lake of the Winnebago county delegation stated, amid thunderous cheers, that thirty delegates from Winnebago county in the Cook column had entered the convention. The chair then announced that Senators Spooner and Quaries had consented to appear and speak before the anti-third term convention at the time the report of the committee on resolutions was received.

As this committee was not ready to report the convention adjourned until after-

At the afternoon session, amid mu cheering, E. R. Hicks of Oshkosh led the Cook delegation to the hall. The announce ment of the intended participation of Senators Spooner and Quarles in the convention was instrumental in pulling the Cook

delegates into the convention. Upon the roll call of the counties the vote was announced showing 567 delegates

to be legally seated. The required number

Poreigners in Tangler Are Excited Over Boldness of Native Outlaws.

TANGLER, Morocco, May 19 .- An Amercan citizen named Perdicaris and his stepson, a British subject, were carried off by the well known bandit, Raisuli, and his ollowers last night and will doubtless be held for a heavy ransom. The captives were staying at Perdicaris' summer resiience, only three miles from Tangier, when the bandits attacked and captured them. Perdicaris is of Greek origin, but is a naturalized citizen of the United States. He is very wealthy and has lived in Tangier for years. He married an English woman, whose sen is his companion in

enptivity. Foreigners are much excited by this bold e supineness of the government in fallaid, so near Tangier, and attribute it to tured Walter B. Harris, the correspondat in Morocco of the London Times, and their failure to deal with general lawless-

FRANCE AND THE VATICAN APART Republic Will Recall Its Ambassador

at Court of the Pope. PARIS, May 19.—The council of ministers assembled in extraordinary session today to consider the action to be taken relative to the pope's protest against President morning and some of them declared they Loubet's visit to Rome. As the version of would not come back until some of the gubernatorial candidates got out of the having relations with the Vatican differ race and made it possible to break the deadthe protest forwarded to the governments ment, it was decided to first ascertain definitely what representations the Vatican made to the foreign governments. The council also agreed on the steps to be taken when the exact character of the foreign protest is ascertained. An official communication to the press says the ministers are in accord upon the steps, but does not give the nature of the expected action. Later it became known that the recall of V. Nisard, the ambassador of France to the Vatican, had been decided of the country. upon if the authenticity of the report forwarded to the foreign powers was established. This practically assures the ambassador's recall, as little or no doubt exists relative to the protest. The effect of the ambassador's recall will be to interrupt diplomatic relations between France and the Vatican.

ROUNDUP OF COAL STRIKERS

Men Refuse to Register and Are Arrested and Marched Eighteen Miles to Trinidad.

TRINIDAD, Colo., May 19 .- One hundred striking union coal miners, who refused to be registered by the military authorities of Las Animas county, which is under martial law, were brought to this city today as military prisoners from the strikers' camps near Ludlow. They were forced to march eighteen miles under cavalry escort. As the county tall is already full, a bull pen will be constructed, in which the

trikers will be herded. Major Zeph T. Hill, commanding the registering all the 2,000 idle men in the county in consequence of a number of fires strikers' camps.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE Pennsylvania Company Plans for In

dependent System Between Pittsburg and Omaha.

PITTSBURG. May 19 .- (Special Telerram.)-An inspection party interested in he Pittsburg & Allegheny Telephone company returned from a trip as far west as Kansas City in the interest of a transcon tinental independent telephone system. It was stated that a working arrange-

ment was effected that would soon make possible conversation between Philadelphia and Omaha over an independent line. This will be used to show the feasibility of such a service and will be used as a basis for the merger of all of the important telephone companies between Pittsburg and Omaha. Other western independent plants have been inspected and conferences were held with officials.

CLOWRY ORDERS OUT WIRES Western Union Will Remove All Sources of Information of New York Pool Rooms.

NEW YORK, May 19 .- President Clowry supposed to be pool rooms. He said he PRESBYTERIANS AT BUFFALO had issued directions to the company's horse racing news exclusively had formerly been furnished to subscribers. The pool rooms are now likely to be thrown entirely on their own resources for the police commissioner has announced the New York Telephone company has agreed to co-operate with him in stripping the pool rooms of their wire service.

BANKER MARCELL MAY GO FREE Promises to Start a Bank if He Es capes Punishment for Alleged Crimes.

ST. JOSEPH, May 19 .- J. E. Marcell, the oung banker at Highland, Kan., who is alleged to have swindled other banks and astern trust companies out of \$250.000, may not be convicted. A strong sentiment in behalf of the young man exists in the community. Today a jury refused to convict him on one of the charges. He announced tonight that if he escapes he will at once start a new bank at the scene of his present troubles.

ADJOURNMENT AFTER SERMON Presbyterians at Dallas Begin Seven-

ty-Fifth Annual Session of General Assembly.

DALLAS, Tex., May 19 .- About 300 delegates were present when the seventy-fifth annual session of the general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church was called to order today, Dr. B. M. Tinnon of Denver, the retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon, after which adjournment was taken until afternoon.

Accident at World's Fair. ST LOUIS. May 12.—While ascending the World's fair wireless telegraph tower. 250 feet high, William Miller, an elevator constructor, was struck today by a falling plant and his skull crushed. Miller was going to the top of the tower on a small elevator. When within a few feet of its highest point the plank struck the man, but did not knock him from the elevator. He was lowered to the ground and taken

Land Office Receives Many Inquiries Regarding Opening to Settlement.

SENDING OUT THOUSANDS OF CIRCULARS

Nebraska Man is Elected President of the Washington Typographical Union by a Most Flattering

Vote-Postal Matters.

(Frem a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, May 19 .- (Special Tele gram)-Notwithstanding the utmost publicity which has been given to the opening of the Rosebud reservation, the general land office is receiving hundreds of letters daily, inquiring as to the conditions which will govern the opening of this country to settlement.

Today Commissioner Richards received from the government printing office 50,000 copies of the proclamation opening these lands, and all day clerks have been sending out these proclamations, which will continue for some days. The number of inquiries which have been received at the land office is an indication of widespread interest in this opening by homeseekers, not only in the immediate vicinity of the Rosebud country, but throughout many counties contiguous to Gregory county.

Nebraskan is Popular. John R. Berg of Nebraska City was yesterday elected president of the Typograph ical union of this city. Washington is the third largest union in the country, New York and Chicago leading it in number of union printers. Mr. Berg steps from treasurer to president and by a vote that showed onfidence in his management of the finances of his office. Mr. Berg, who is foreman of the Congressional Record, had an unusual distinction of receiving every vote in his chapel and goes to the highest office in the Typographical union of this city with an endorsement such as few men have received, who have been candidates for this important office in the capital city

Postal Matters. A rural free delivery route has been ordered established June 15 at Oxford June tion, Jones county, Ia .; the route covers an area of nineteen square miles, contain ing a population of 570.

Joseph F. Karnik has been appointed regular and John Kubista substitute rural carriers at Weston, Neb. Postmasters appointed: Nebraska-Ag-

ew, Lancaster county, James H. Caldwell, vice A. N. Wickham, resigned. Iowa-Hansell, Franklin county, Herbert O. Horner, vice Nellie Woodley, removed.

The application of F. W. Woods, F. M.

Widner, Sanford Parker, J. T. Woods, and R. F. Kloke to organize the First National bank of Spencer, Neb., with \$25,000 capital, has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.

Under the annual readjustment of salary of the postmaster at Marathon, he is reto \$1,300.

WILSON TALKS OF GOOD ROADS military forces, decided on the policy of Secretary of Agriculture Speaks of Work of His Department at

ST LOUIS, Mo., May 19.-The Nationa and international Good Roads association convention was held today in the Missouri State building in the exposition grounds to which it adjourned yesterday from Central Music hall in St. Louis. The forenoon session was devoted to numerous ad-

dresses. Rev. Dr. R. A. Holland offered the invocation, after which Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson said in part:

The work of the Department of Agriculture along the line of road building is intended to be educational and experimental, and it is along other lines which it is engaged. I am well satisfied that the condition of the public roads at the present time is a correct indicator of the engaged. ne along the line of road building, hat the department is endeavoring what the department is endeavoring to do now with regard to helping to build object lesson roads (which has been done in half of the states of the union), and the study of road material for the information of the public had been done when our government was organized, the people would have understood how to build roads long before this time—would have understood the value of the materials in all parts of the United States. And I am well satisfied also that when the people are thoroughly informed in the several states and teritories with regard to the science of road building there will be no hesitation in levying taxes to carry on the work. vhat the

work.

Each section of our country has problems peculiar to itself, and to the end that all should have consideration, the Department of Agriculture has a scientific of our great subdivisions of the Western Union Telegraph com-pany today ordered the removal of all Western Union wires running to places

workmen to remove every wire over which Assembly Will Consider Question of Returning to Parent Body from Which it Seceded.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 19 .- The 116th general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States convened here today with a very large attendance. The Rev. Robert F. Coyle, D. D., of Denver the retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon, after which a recess taken. There are in all 710 commissioners entitled to seats in this general assembly, which is the court of last resort of the Presbyterian body in this country, representing 1.100.000 persons, 7,800 congregations and 7,600 ministers. One of the main questions to be considered is an overture from the committee of the Cumberland church, which seceded from the parent body in 1810 and was organized as a separate church. The secession was on doctrinal and educational grounds. Rev. T. Addison Henry, D. D., of Philadelphia was unanimously elected moderator by the general assembly.

SLATE PENCIL'S STRANGE TRIP Works from Stomach of Girl to Her Hand, Whence it is Removed.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19 .- A piece of slate pencil two and a half inches long and sharpened to a needle-like point has been removed from the right hand of Rosalie Layko, a 2-year-old Brooklyn school girl. The pencil had been working its way about the child's body since January last, when she swallowed it while at play Efforts to remove it from her stomach then proved of no avail and for several weeks she has complained of pains in the side and shoulder. Finally the object moved down through her arm and caused the hand to swell. The doctors were greatly astonished upon applying the lancet and encountering the hard piece of slate. They say there is no record of so large a substance passing through the human body lowered to the ground and taken in a similar manner,

BANDITS CAPTURE AN AMERICAN INTEREST IN THE ROSEBUD FOUR BISHOPS ARE ELECTED RUSSIANS ARE IRRESOLUTE NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Methodist Convention at Los Angeles Interested in Divorce and the Arbitration Question,

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 19 .- Three additional bishops were elected today at the Methodist general conference. Dr. W. F McDowell and Dr. Henry Spellmeyer on the second ballot, which was announced at the morning session and Dr. J. W. Bashford chosen on the fourth ballot late this afternoon. The third ballot resulted in no election. Four of the eight bishops to be elected have thus far been chosen as fol-

Dr. J. W. Berry of Chicago; Dr. Henry Spellmeyer, Newark, N. J.; Dr. William F. McDowell, New York; Dr. James A. Bash-

ford, Delaware, Ohio. The fourth ballot, which was announced the election of Dr. Bashford, placed Dr. William Burt and Dr. T. B. Neely at the head of the list in the order named with 480 and 440 votes, respectively. Dr. H. J. Cook had 394; Dr. L. B. Wilson, 345; Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, (colored), 363; Dr. H. C. Jennings, 223; Dr. J. R. Day, 196; Dr. George P. Eckman, 183; Dr. C. W. Smith, 165; Dr. W. A. Quale, 121; Dr. G. H. Buctel, 31; Dr. G. W. Boyard, 41, and Dr. Robert Mc-Intyre, 14. Several other candidates received small complimentary votes.

The proposed revision of the discipline in relation to the subject of divorce has been rediscussed in committee on state of the church, but no final action had been determined upon. It finally was ordered recommitted to the subcommittee having the handling of that matter for further considwhich has aroused great interest in the conference and widely divergent views are held by the delegates as to what disposition the conference should make of it.

The election of Mr. Joseph F. Berry to the board of bishops necessitates the election of his successor as editor of the Epworth Herald.

The report of the committee on international and industrial peace, which was read at this morning's session, will doubtless provoke an animated debate when it comes up for consideration next Tuesday as the special order of the day.

A report was presented which recommends three agencies as the means to accomplish universal arbitration and the settlement of industrial disputes, namely: The Hague peace court, a United States permanent national industrial peace court and a permanent periodic international peace congress. The paragraph on corporations which is likely to arouse a heated controversy is as follows:

In the industrial world gigantic corpora-tions, with impersonal relation to their em-ployes, have largely mononolized industrial pursuits. They have superseded the old personal and often tender relations in home contact and life of the master and the ap-prentice. Most of these corporations, under the apur of greed and speculation, de-mand of their employes maximum labor at minimum wages. nimum wages.

When the reading of the report had been completed, John Young, a layman deleduced from \$1,300 to \$1,100 and that of the gate from New Hampshire, offered vigpostmaster at Paullina, Ia., from \$1,400 orous protest to its language. He denounced the portion referring to the indifference of corporate employers to the welfare of their employes as being unjust and unfair and "a slur upon men right in this conference, as well as many other men who are employers of labor who have just regard for the interests of the men

He moved that the consideration of the report be deferred until next Tuesday, when it be a special order. His motion pre

RUSHING TO THE WORLD'S FAIR First Party of Foreign Tourists Ar rives and Many Conventions

Are in Session.

ST. LOUIS, May 19 .- Not since the open ing day of the World's fair have crowds begun thronging into the grounds at the opening of the gates as they did today. At all the principal entrances steady clicking and the gate keepers, whose duty it is to inspect each ticket thoroughly and tear off coupons, were kept constantly in action. The occasion of the early congregation of visitors within the ivory city was the meeting on the grounds of many different conventions, several of which had been held in St. Louis during the fore part of the week. The conventions held on the grounds today were the National Editorial association, the General Federation of Woman's clubs, the National and International Good Roads' assiciation, National Postmasters' association and half a dozen state press association conventions. The first party of foreign tourists to the exposition arrived today. The party is composed of officials and prominent business men of Russia, Austria and Switzerland. The members will visit the exposition for several weeks, after which they will divide and visit different sections of

Arrangements were completed today at the Administration building for the memor ial committee of the Grand Army of the Republic for an elaborate observance of Memorial day. The ceremonies include parade and subsequent reception at Festival hall, in which famous civil war veterans and officials of the exposition will be participants. It is estimated that more than 5,000 men and officers will be in the parade. Major William Warher of Kansas City will be one of the speakers of the day.

WYOMING ELECTS DELEGATES Republicans Nominate Brooks for

Head of State Ticket and Mondell for Congressman,

LARAMIE, Wyo., May 19 .- The republican state convention today made the folowing nominations: Governor, R. B. Brooks. Congressman, F. W. Mondell,

State treasurer, W. C. Irvine.

Judge of supreme court, Cyrus Beard. J. M. Wilson, J. W. Crosby and Ora Haley were chosen presidential electors. Senator F. E. Warren, Senator C. D. Clark Congressman Mondell, N. K. Boswell, J. E. Cosgiff and J. G. Oliver were chosen delegates to the national convention. E. W. Stone, F. S. Smith, Melvin Nicholls, alternates.

ASSEMBLY MEETS AT MOBILE

Southern Presbyterian Church Will Consider Union of Church in North and South.

terian church convened here today. eral hundred delegates are in attendance. The most important matter to come before formed church will also be considered.

Troops Return to New Chwang After Having Abandoned the Place.

CHANGE MIND ABOUT THEIR GUNBOA'

After Preparing to Destroy it Russinns Are Now Getting the Sivouch Ready for Active Service.

NEW CHWANG, May 19 .- A courier of the Associated Press, who arrived here shortly before midnight, reports that the Japanese fleet was sighted from Tower hill, ten miles north of Kai Chou, on Monday The bombardment of the coast was extenlate this afternoon, and which resulted in sive, covering a distance of twenty-five miles. Only the Japanese marines, it was reported, were landed. This, however, is not confirmable. The Japanese force marched several miles inland, destroyed four miles of railroad and other property. captured a Russian commissary train and returned with a number of carts, animals and native drivers. The Japanese then reembarked and left the vicinity of their landing place. The transports shortly afterward could not be seen from Tower hill. but their course was southward. It is believed now that the landing was a feint to cover movements elsewhere.

A regiment of Russian infantry returned here yesterday afternoon. It was reported at 10 o'clock last night that batteries of artillery will reach here today. The Russlans seem to be bewildered and dishearteration and report. The question is one ened and unable to form lasting plans. Officers who left here (though their personal baggage remained at New Chwang), after bidding touching farewells to friends in New Chwang, returned a few hours later and began directing the work of building entrenchments a mile south of here. But this task was abandoned in a few hours. It is believed here that the Russian authoritles at Mukden are responsible for this vacilliation.

Refitting Dismantled Gunboat.

In addition to recrudescence of military activity, the sailors are refitting the Russian gunboat Sivouch, which had been dismantled and loaded with wood and oil in order to destroy it, as well as two small river boats in the mud dock.

The Russian statements in regard to the situation are absolutely unreliable. Many Japanese spies are here or in this neighborhood. One spy has been executed. It is believed he was an officer in the Japanese army.

A correspondent of the Associated Press made an attempt to reach Kai Chou, but was stopped by Russian scouts and compelled to return to New Chwang. The Russian civil authorities here are

Chinese guilds to take over the municipal government of New Chwang, but the guilds do not show any disposition to do The Chinese here have ceased displaying the Russian flag.

holding them captive until ransoms are paid. The Chinese victims make no complaint, fearing assassination, New Chwang is filled with bandits armed

Bandits continue capturing rich Chinese

There are unconfirmed reports that the Cossacks continue to harass the rear guard Fort Arthur, hoping to catch the Russian of the Japanese army advancing from the

RUSSIA STILL FEARS THE CHINESE

Despite Assurances of Neutrality it is Believed Natives Will Aid Japan. ST. PETERSBURG, May 19.-It is learned that Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, in inter views yesterday with representatives of the great powers, laid particular stress on the attitude of the Chinese. He referred to the necessity of all the governments continuing the policy of constantly impressing Peking with the advisability of preserving strict neutrality. The Foreign minister desires that China shall not only be officially neusfreams of humanity kept the turnstiles tral, but that there shall be no interference on the part of its people, and he believes the latter point can be assured ! imperial proclamations violations of the are swiftly punished. The minister has not forgotten the supineness of the imperial government in 1900, which permitted the Boxer element to spread until it implicated the court and required international intervention.

The views of the Russian Foreign minister is regarded as significant, especially as they follow the renewed assurances of the Chinese minister.

The military expert of the Novoe Vremys expressed this morning an opinion, which is slowly crystalizing here, that the attitude of the Chinese authorities and th activity of the Chinese bandits are tantamount to a state of war. "It is the worst kind of war," says the

expert, "since it is cloaked by hypocritical neutrality. Russia is now warring in a hostile country."

RUSSIANS HAVE HAD NO REPORT Know Nothing Officially of the De

struction of Japanese Ships. ST. PETERSBURG, May 19 .- The admiraity has no confirmation of the reported destruction of the Japanese battleship Shikishima and Fuji.

"I have always had the belief," said one of the most prominent admirals of the general staff, "that the Shikishima would pay for the Petropaviovsk." The report of the sinking of the two Japanese ships might be well founded as the official press dispatches from Liao

Yang report the Japanese fleet as cruising

off Port Arthur daily at a distance of eight

miles or less, in order to throw shells into the fortress. After the Petropavlovsk was destroyed the Russians attempted the same plan as the Japanese, that of sending out torpedo boats at night to place floating mines where the enemy had appeared a few hours before. Mines were especially planted off the Liau Ti Shan promonfory which was a favorable point from which the Japanese armored-clads bombarded Port Arthur.

RESULTS OF FIGHTING ON MAY DAY Japanese General Sends Report

His Loss and Captures. TOKIO, May 19.—4:30 p. m.—General Kuroki reports the Japanese losses at the battle of Kiu Lien Cheng May 1 were: Killed, Five officers and 218 men; wounded, thirtyfour officers and 783 men. Thirteen hundred and sixty-three Russian dead were buried and eighteen officers and 595 men were made prisoners. The Japanese captured munition wagons, 1,417 shells, eight machine guns and 37,000 shells for these guns, 1,021 MOBILE, Ala., May 19.-The forty-fourth rifes and 350,000 rounds, of ammunition. general assembly of the southern Presby- sixty-three horses, ten wagons, 1,344 coats

and 541 tents. At Feng Wang Cheng, the Japanese can tured 550 shells for mountain guns, 185,000 the assembly is the proposed union of the rounds of rifle ammunition, 1,720 coats, 40,000 northern and southern churches. The loaves of bread and other supplies, together question of union with the Dutch Re- with a quantity of tools and telegraph

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and Central Portions; Saturday, Showers.

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9 p. m..... 68 RUMORS OF JAPANESE TRICK

Vladivostok Squadron Said to Have Been Decoyed Out of Harbor

and Cornered.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) ST. PETERSBURG, May 19 -(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Alleged that the Japanese Forces Bee.)-Significant rumors ran through the city today that the Vladivostok squadron had been destroyed out of the harbor in pursuit of a Japanese transport, intentionally and temptingly sent out as a balt. The fleet, acording to this tale, was "taken in" and rushed out in pursuit, upon which a Japanese squadron concealed behind Islands, cut off their retreat, forcing the Russian ships to seek refuge in a small bay. give you this improbable story for what it is worth.

Skirmishes are constantly taking place in the lower part of Liao Tung, where the Russians are offering stubborn resistance. The Japanese are pressing forward in the Kwang Tung peninsula, the neck of which, being well fortified, had to forced by the Japanese with much loss. They are now in possession of Talien Wan bay. The Kiou Chan station reports of Port Arthur being already under fire from Japanese cannon or the land side are premature.

The movements of General Kuroki and General Oku fill military experts with perplexity. Each day's delay is regarded as substantial gain to the Russian side. By far the most serious sign at the present moment is the large force of mounted Chunchuses harassing the Russians all along the neuntains. The emperor's words to the troops going

to the front emphasize the fact that the Japanese are brave and clever fighters and that it will need every possible effort to defeat them

MINES ARE FLOATING AT LARGE

Neither Russians Nor Japanese Able to Move With Safety. CHICAGO, May 19.-A special to the Daily News from Che Foo says that while cruising off Dainy this morning the Daily News dispatch boat Fawan was stopped and examined by the Japanese cruiser making desperate efforts to induce the Kasagi. The Japanese officers informed us that two Russian destroyers have escaped from Port Arthur and are still at large. They stated that the Russians are using Chinese junks to place mines in the path of the Japanese fleet patrolling the peninsula ccast. They also informed us that they had sunk a tug and several junks that were discovered while placing mines. In consequence of this promiscuous mining the Japanese fleet is moving to a greater distance off the coast and all other with rapid fire pistols, concealed in their navigation in these waters is suspended. There are inflications that the Japanese deatroyers have laid many mines outside destroyers in their net if they return to

> junk picked up thirteen. VLADIVOSTOK FEARS BOMBARDMENT

improperly suchored and are adrift

Newspaper Says J: panese Can Get Closer to City Next Time. ST. PETERSBURG, May 19 .- A copy of the Vladivestok Vostochny Vestnik, which has just reached this city, expresses fears that the next bombardment of the Japanese will be more effective than that of the Daily Telegram, "occurred earlier in March 6. It says it is expected the Amur bay, now free from ice, in which paper foresees great loss of life when the Japanese again shell Vladivostok. The he views of experts, the Vostochny Vest-

The paper also reports that 2,500 Japanese who disembarked at Plaksin bay, in the northeast of Cores, in the beginning of it quickly, so as to anticipate the idea of March, intending to proceed to Mao Shan, sending out Admiral Skrydloff at the head turned back because of the hardships they suffered along the soute.

PORT ARTHUR ENTIRELY INVESTED

will have a change of success.

Japa Are Within Seven Miles of the Russian Batteries. LONDON, May 20 .- A. B. Hales, the correspondent of the Daily News, cables from Tien Tsin as follows under date of May 19: "It is reported that 70,000 Russians are marching to the relief of Port Arthur, and the Japanese are consequently beginning

offensive operations. "Forty-five thousand troops have already been landed at Kin Chau and Talienwan. thus entirely investing Port Arthur. The Japanese advanced lines are seven miles from the Russian batteries."

British Ship for New Chwang. WEI HAI WEI, May 20.-The British sloop of war Especgel has started for New Chwang to protect British interests there.

Fierce Engagement Reported at Hain Yen Cheng. LONDON, May 20.-The Standard's con

TWO THOUSAND RUSSIANS KILLED

respondent at Tien Tsin cables that while the Japanese fleet was covering the landing of troops near Kat Chu on Monday a fierce engagement occurred at Hain Yen Cheng. Two thousand Bussians were killed or wounded. The Russians retreated and the Japanese occupied both Kai Ping and

received news, the correspondent adds. that the Russians have destroyed the railway between Tashichiao and New Chwang. Know of No Japs at New Chwang

The Chinese governor at Chen Chow has

ST. PETERSBURG, May 19.-The admiralty denies that it has been officially advised of the Japanese occupation of New Instructions were issued to blow up the

Sivouch, the Russian gunboat there, before the last Russians retired. As soon as this twenty-one quick-firing guns, nineteen am- is accomplished the Russian commander will report to the authorities here. The fact that nothing has been received convinces the admiralty that a small Russian force is still at New Chwang.

> Singer and Lawyer Go. MOSCOW, May 19 -- A leading Russian tenor, Schinoff, and a prominent lawyer, Maktakoff, have been enrolled among the army reserves. The latter has already started for the frame

Two of Admiral Togo's Best Ships Are Sunk in Front of Port Arthur.

TWO CRUISERS COLLIDE IN HEAVY FOG

One Vessel is the Yeshine, Which is Rammed by the Kasage.

SECOND LOSS OCCURS ON THE SAME GAY

Battleship Hatsuse Strikes Mine and While

Signalling Strikes Another-RUMOR OF HEAVY BATTLE ON THE YALL

Have Been Badly Defeated and Driven Back to Feng Wang Cheng.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) LONDON, May 13 .- (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bec. -London refuses to believe that the Japanese navy has sustained sucu a disaster as the loss of the battleship Haisuse and the cruiser Yoshino until the word "official" appeared in the newspaper poster announ-

ing the fact. Even then the full importance of the blow, which is declared as at least equal to the loss of a wholed ivision on land, did not seem to be realized, or at all events efforts seemed to be made to minimize it. The morning papers, however, recognize how serious is the disaster.

The Daily Mail says: "The Hatsuse struck a mine, acording to the very brief accounts, which are all that have so far reached this country, ten miles to the south of Port Arthur and at once began to fill and signalled for assistance. In this plight a second mine exploded under her, completing her destruction. She went down slowly, however, and had there been a friendly port at hand she might possibly have been saved. The heavy loss of life was probably due to the fact that her crew up to the last moments of the life of the ship strove desperately to save her, realizing her immense

Importance to the Japanese. The reference books give the crew of the Hatsuse at 741, but it had probably been strengthened for war purposes, and may have been 800. Only 300 men were saved. There is as yet no definite information as to how the mines came to be there, but It looks as though the Russians had tried against the Japanese the strategem which was so successfull in the case of the Petropaviovsk. The loss of the Hatsuse is a more serious matter than the loss of the Petropavlovsk, as the Hatsuse was much larger, more modern and a more powerfully armed ship. It was one of the little group of four absolutely first-class battleships that the Japanese possessed at the outbreak of the war. The two other batleships, the Puji and the Yashima, are older and weaker than most of the Rus-

"How does the loss of the Hatsuse affect the balance of naval power?" is the ques-Mr. H. W. Wilson, writing in the Daily

sian fleet.

"The Baltic effet, which is reported to be about to sail but which cannot well Port Arthur. Many of these mines have reach the far east unless some power vicelates its neutrality by permitting the Rus-The are reported to be all over the gulf. sians to coal, consists of four good mod-The Tawan passed eight and one Chinese ern battiships, as good as the best Japanese vessels, and three older or inferior ones. It has no armored cruisers and only three or four protected cruisers. Its fighting force is distinctly inferior to that of the Japanese fleet unless it can be reinforced by intact ships from Port Arthur or Vladivostok, in which case it will be a

"Had the double catastrophe," observes

critical matter for Japan."

the war it might have jeopardized the enemy's ships will take up a position in issue of the fight on the sea. The Japanese hold the control of the sea in a they could not maneuver in March, com- grasp too strong in all probability to be pelling them to fire from Usuri bay. The shaken, even by by a misoftrune which in itself is one of the most serious magnitude. "But it is, nevertheless, possible that the authorities there have ordered hundreds of finger of accident may exercise a very noncombatants to leave the city. Voicing considerable modifying influence upon the course of the campaign in the neighbornik says it does not believe a land attack | hood of Port Arthur. The weakening of Admiral Togo's force makes it far more desirable than before not only that Japan should take Port Arthur, but that it take of the battle fleet, which is now certain to be revived.

"It has seemed for some days more probable that the bestegers had no intention of forcing the struggle for the isolated fortress. Now, however, the situation may undergo some change.

"If Port Arthur is less completely blocked than has been supposed-and this is what Russian reports now assert-if the Slav temperament is very much emboldened, as it may easily be, and if the schemes of sending out the Baltic fleet is seriously undertaken, the Japanese may very well consider that Port Arthur must be stormed at any cost as the dnly sure way of annihilating the still powerful remnant of Admirai Makharoff's squadron. This supreme effort made at once could only succeed at a bloody price, in face of desperate resistance, but to capture the arsenal in order to complete the destruction of the fleet it harbours, might prove the surest and even the cheapest way of placing the Japanese mastery of the far eastern seas eyond challenge once for all." TOKIO, May 19.-Vice Admiral Togo has

eported as follows: "A report from Rear Admiral Dewa says that the cruisers Kasaga and Yoshino collided during a fog off Port Arthur on May 15. The Yoshino sank, only ninety of her crew being saved.

"On the same day the battleship Hatsuso struck a Russian mine and sank." Giving details of the disaster, Vice Ad-"At fourteen minutes past 1 in the after-

noon of May 15, in a deep fog off Port Arthur, the Kasaga rammed the Yoshino, sinking the latter in a few minutes. Ninety of its crew were saved. "The same morning the Hatsuse, while cruising off Port Arthur covering the land-

ing of the soldiers, struck a mine ten knots utheast of the harbor entrance. It signalled for help and instantly struck another mine. It sank in half an hour, Three hundred of its crew were saved by orpedo boats."

The Yoshino was a cruiser of 4,180 tons displacement and 15,000 indicated horsepower. It was built in Egnland, was aunched in 1892, was 350 feet long, had 4652 feet beam. Its draught was seventeen feet. The armament of the Yoshino con nisted of four six-inch guns, cight 4.7-inch guns and twenty-three 3-pounders. It had hve torpedo tubce, her armored deck was 41/2 inches thick and its gun positions were perotected by shields 4% inches in thick-