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Japanese Capture Prisoners and Ta Fourteen Gues from the Enemy.

SAY RUSSIANS USED UNFAIR RUSE

Plag to Deceive Islanders.

BATTLE CONTINUES FOR TWO DAYS

At End of Time Russians, Completely Routed, Hurry from Field Closely Pursued by Island Cave

atry.

TOKIO, June 16 .- 5 p. m .- The Russian hope of relieving the pressure on Port Arthur by threatening the rear of General Oku, the commander of the Japanese forces railroad fifty miles north of Kin Chou and twenty-five miles north of Vafangow, when the Russians were outmaneuvered, enleft over 100 dead on the field and the Japanese captured 300 prisoners and fourteen quick-firing field guns. The Russians re-

treated hastily to the northward. The Japanese charge that the Russians violated the Japanese flag. Certain officers aver that during the fighting a body of Russian soldiers appeared carrying a Japanese flag and that the Japanese artillery, deceived by this flag, ceased firing upon that particular body of Russians. Official dispatches from the Japanese commanders

made specific charges of this flag violation. Early estimates of the Japanese loss say that 500 men were killed or wounded. The Japanese attacking force was divided into right and left columns and began the advance on Tuesday along both sides of the railroad. They encountered the Russians east of Vafandien and drove them back. At a late hour in the afternoon the Russians held a line between Lung Wang Tiso and Tafang Shen. The Japanese artillery opened on this line and the Russians responded.

Bussians Are Enveloped.

The shelling continued for two hours and it was followed by the advance of the Japanese line to a position extending from Lung Chia Tung to Yuhotun. Darkness put an end to the fighting. The Japanese dispatched a column to the westward toward Fuchau for the purpose of covering the Russian right wing and to protect

During the night it became apparent that the morning and force the Russians into a defile back of Tellssu. When morning came it was discovered that the Russians held a line extending from Ta Fang Shen to Cheng Tsu Shan with a force estimated at over two divisions.

The Japanese planned to envelop the Russians near Tellssu and they succeeded admirably. While the main Japanese force deal a crippling blow at the main Japanese was moving north along the railroad columns were swung to the left and to the right and finally converged at moon on the main RUSSIA ANXIOUSLY AWAITS NEWS Russian position. The Russians in this position were at a disadvantage, but they held it with determination until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At this hour they were roused. The Japanese cavalry continued of the battle at Vafangow (north of Port to pursue the enemy and probably inflicted Arthur), which has now been in progress

considerable punishment. The Japanese commander makes no esti- breathless interest. Excitement prevails mate of the Russian losses, but says they in all quarters. The loss of more than 200 probably were great. Among the Russians on Tuesday shows that the fighting has afternoon for the purpose of taking the captured by the Japanese is the colonel of the Fourth regiment of rifles.

Bussians Admit Reverse.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 16 -7:30 p. m. A special dispatch from Liao Yang to the news of the success which thus far has bers 35,000 men, including 600 Cossacks. angow raged the whole of yesterday and squadron to the straits of Corea, and the Japanese, receiving considerable reinforcements, crushed the Russian left flank and compelled the Russians to retire northward. No estimate of the losses is given and no mention is made of the loss of Russian guns. The war office announces that General

Stakeiberg was forced back before greatly superior rumbers and retreated to Vantsuan, thirty miles north of Vafangow. The officials bere deny that there was anything in the nature of a rout. The enemy had at the most critical point of the battle, A semi-official dispatch from Mukden,

to turn his right wing by a similar move dated June 16, says the engagement at Vafangow, June 14 and June 15, was undertaken with the object of drawing off a the Japanese had been heavily reinforced. 200 mounted Chinese bandits. The enemy portion of the Japanese forces from Port Arthur and resulted in improving the Russian position. The Japanese losses were very heavy.

Another correspondent, describing the fighting, writen;

The date June 14 will forever be memorable in our annals. A succession of furious attacks by two divisions of the enemy and batteries of six-inch guns were repelled by our troops, who nowhere yielded an inch of ground despite heavy losses. The Fourth battery lost many gunners, but did not waver. Our guns were served superbly, paralysing the attack of the Japanese infantry and causing their batteries to recoil. The soldiers of the Sibertan rife regiments behaved magnificently. All the troops are full of enthusiasm.

Story Closes Abruptly. Emperor Nicholas has received the following dispatch, dated June 15, from Gen-

eral Kouropatkin; An engagement occurred June 14 at Wa Fang Tien (north of Port Arthur), with a Japanese force numbering at least two on the heights near the village of Lidia-divisions. Our losses in killed include tun, ten miles east of Oudiaden. The Japanese Colones Khasallana and Santa and

Colonal Khoastonaw, commanding the First regiment of Eastern Siberian Rifles, and Second Licutenant Dragostaff Nadochinsky, adjutant of the regiment. The wounded include Major General Goingross, who remained in the field, and Captain Krintsky of the general staff.

Twenty officers, whose names at present are unknown, were also killed or wounded, besides 31 soldiers, of which the First regiment of Siberian Rifles lost twelve officers and 500 men and the First brigade of stillery six officers and fifty men.

The following night was quiet until 2 in the morning, when a fusilade began on our right flans along the like of outposts. The firing soon slackened. At 5:30 in the morning Japanese artillery opened on our left flank. Shortly before this

the firing soon slackened. At \$30 in the norming Japanese artillery opened on our eft flank. Shortly before this our cavalry liscovered on our right flank the presence outhward of Tafan Chou of a considerable cross of the enemy. The Japanese infantry spened fire on our cavalry occupying the seights between Tafan Chou and The Chou, on the edge of a woods. Towards 6:30 the campy, consisting of a regiment of infirst day's fight, annihilating a Japanese cavalry squadron and taking some prisoners, although at nightfall both armies retained their positions. This dispatch reached the emperor yeson the edge of a woods. Towards 6:20 the enemy, consisting of a regiment of intransmission the war commission did not receive it until this morning. There woods. At the same time the cannonade on our left flank became heavier. At 8:20 from the public. Nothing further has terday afternoon, but through a blunder

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Victory on Land More Than Outweighs the Russian Success nt Sen.

"opyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904." legram-Special Telegram to The Bee.) to march to disaster. Admiral Skryd-

taring raid into the Straits of Corea multed in two large transports being intercepted and torpedoed by the Vladivostok squadron, with the loss of at least 1,000 Japanese troops, but this bold stroke in its Alleged that They Disp'syed Japanese inuffence upon the war is as chaff in the scale by comparison with the Russian catastrophe on land.

Such in brief is the view taken here of the latest events in the far east.

The Daily Mail, however, points out that as yet the Japanese success on land has not gone to the extent of surrounding and three divisions of over 60,000 men, the Rus- ward. sian army under Stakelberg, which the Japanese describe as two divisions strong, investing the Russian stronghold, came to and which should therefore have numbered the Japanese made a considerable capture probably be heavy. veloped and sweepingly defeated. They of Russian artillery. Fourteen guns in all were taken and if the Japanese cavalry Hatachi were sunk by torpedo. had been stronger the defeated army must have lost far more heavily in guns and prisoners, since it appears from the Japanese report to have retreated in some con

fusion "The Japanese success was only a parflank turned by the Japanese troops was sunk the helpless transports. the Russian right and not the left, which would have cut off Stakelberg's re-

treat. "The Japanese forces at Siu Yen may make an immediate advance so as to next few hours will show whether such still missing.

a move has been made." The Daily Telegraph's military critic also thinks the full denouement is yet to

come. Rear Admiral Ingles, writing in the same paper upon the naval situation, says: "It must be presumed that if there was a containing force watching Viadivostok when Admiral Skrydloff emerged in the 'mist or fog at night with all lights shut down it must have been of sufficient power to defeat three Russian ships in the open

'If, as I imagine, they have followed on Rurik to the Straits of Bushima, the Russians are literally between two fires. To the northeast must be one imperial squadron and to the northwest the whole of the lafter having been fired upon by the Rusremainder of the Japanese fleet under Ad- sians. It was not damaged. miral Togo. Even in these circumstances | The captain of the transport Hino, which It is not impossible that Admiral Skrydloff has arrived at Moji, reports that he saw may escape for the present in the fog if the transport Hitachi, Captain Campbell, the secuts have falled to hang onto him being attacked by a Russian warship with and fling out wireless signals to the heavy four tunnels. The Russian was on the ships on either hand. This is presuming starboard side of the Japanese transport was decided to make a general attack in that he is satisfied with the fruits of his which changed its course and steered for raid and chooses rather to run back to his the enemy with the intention of ramming ing upon once more eluding the containing the transport's bows and attacked it on the

squadron.
"If he has pressed on into the Bay of Corea, which must be infested by Admiral Togo's scouts, it means that he is going to sacrifice himself and his ships in order to

Hopes and Fears Are Exciting Popu-

lace of St. Petersburg. ST. PETERSBURG, June 16 .- The result for three days, is awaited here with been of a desperate character, and General Kouropatkin's report this morning o force matters to a decisive issue. The public has been considerably elated by the should General Stakelberg win a victory

o'clock yesterday afternoon, but stopped

when Stakeiberg was meeting an attempt

First East Siberian Sapper battailon.

The operations leading up to the battle

of Vafangow date back to June II, when

two Japanese divisions, one commanded

intelligence that the Russians were receiv-

village of Oudiden, five miles west of the

reached the War office to this time.

Usuri mounted brigade.

side.

tallon.

Official Messenger says the pattle of Vaf- attended the expedition of the viadivostok There are rumors here of fighting at Port Arthur, with the Japanese almost in the over General Nozu on land, it would make the deepest impression. Aiready there is correspondents there are not hopeful of much talk of his success, but the War getting news from the Russians, who give office prudently advises caution against every indication that the correspondents the acceptance of irresponsible reports in are not wanted.

the absence of official news from either Kouropatkin's dispatch, given out this

TOKIO, June 16 .- A detachment of the army under General Kuroki captured the around Nozu's left flank. Stakelberg's re- town of Siu Yen on Sunday after routing serves had already been brought up and and defeating a force of 300 Russians and Exactly what portion of Stekelberg's retired toward the Tao river, leaving be Cossacks were engaged at Vafangow is not | hind them three dead and two wounded ascertainable. It consists of the First, men belonging to the Fifteenth East Si-Second and Sixth East Siberian rifles di- berian regiment. The total of their losses

General Samsonoff commands the irregulars. Conditions at Port Arthur. CHE FOO, June 16 .- Eight junks arrive here today from Port Arthur, all of them by General Nozu, advanced from the Pu- loaded with Chinese. They left the town lantien-Pitsewo line, probably prompted by yesterday. Up to that time the conditions were unchanged. Small skirmishe ing reinforcements. A sharp skirmish are reported continually ashore and the took place the night of June 12 at the Japanese ships throw a few shells daily into Mail and Passenger Train Goes Into

railroad and seven miles south of Wa just completed an immense trench. Christian Workers Are Meeting. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., June 16 .- (Special.) One of the great events of the summer in South Dakota will be the state convention of the Christian Endeavor societies of South Dakota, which commence here this afternoon for the session continuing until Sunday evening. Elaborate efforts have been made to make the convention the most successful ever held by the organization in the state. All of the 154 branches sian position, four miles south of Vafan- of the society in South Dakota have sent large delegations and the attendance is all

The regular sessions are being held in the Methodist church, but a huge rally Sunday evening will be held in the audi-

torium from the public. Nothing further has quarters at the Congregational parish house,

JAPAN WINS BATTIE ADVANTAGE LIES WITH JAPS TWO JAP TRANSPORTS SUNK GOVERNOR OF FINLAND SHOT FINISHES UP ON RAILROADS

Russian Squadron Surrounds and Destroys Hitacki and Sado-

ONDON, June 17 .- (New York Herald LOSS OF LIVES MAY REACH 1,000 MEN

peral Kouropatkin moved to the south | Squadron Which Torpedoed the Helpless Japanese Vessels Near Iki Island Has Returned to Vindivostok.

> TOKIO, June 16 .- 6 p. m -Ail doubt as to the sinking of the transports Hitachi and Sado by the Russians has been removed. Three hundred and ninety-seven survivors of the Hitachi arrived at Moji and 153 survivors of the Sado have arrived at Kokura.

Details of the destruction of the two transports and the full extent of the casualties are not obtainable

The transport Hino, which has returned destroying General Stakelberg's army, as to Moji, reports that it encountered the many British observers had confidently ex- Russian Viadivostok squadron at 11:20 a. pected. "After two days' hard fighting," it m. yesterday twenty miles west of the says, "in which the force engaged on the Island of Shiro of the Oki group. The transports Hitachi, 6,172 tons, and the Sado, Japanese side appears to have been about 6,219 tons, were seen two miles to the west-

When the Hino sighted the Russian fleet it turned, ran and signalled a warning to the Kanazawa and they both took refuge an end yesterday at Tellssu, a point on the between 30,000 and 40,000 men, has been dis- inside the island of Chiyt. Both signalled lodged from a strong position on the Port danger to the Ibu, which also escaped. The Arthur railway in the neighborhood of Wa Hino saw the Hitachi and Sado surrounded their houses in honor of the beginning of Fang Tien. As at the Yalu and Kin Chou by Russian vessels. The loss of life will

> The survivors report that the Sado and MOORISH TROOPS AT TANGIER Details obtainable from the survivors of Fear that Baisouli Will Consider

the ill-fated Japanese transports show that the Hitachi and the Sado met three Russian warships near Iki island at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. The Russians fired landed here today. They were sent by the on the Japanese ships and stopped them tial victory, not annihilation, because the and soon afterward they torpedoed and

> The captain of the Sado and several other men were captured. Over 100 men escaped in the boats and landed at Kokura. A message has been received here from

Hagi saying that several survivors of the come in upon the Russian line of retreat Hitachi had drifted north to Shimonoseki is almost certain to consider this treachery and convert this defeat into disaster. The and been saved. The transport Izumi is It is reported that the transports carried

only 1,400 men. If this is true, the loss in lives probably is less than 1,000. The transports, however had many horses and supplies on board.

Hitachi Tries to Ram Warship. NAGASAKI, June 16 .- 10 a. m.-The re port that the port of Hakato, about sixty miles to the north of Nagasaki, has been bombarded by the Russians is denied.

Yesterday the Russian warships appeared at the island of Oki, in the Covan strait, one of the Liu Kiu group, south of Japan where there is a plentiful supply of water the heels of the Gromobol, Rossia and They fired on three merchant steamers

but the latter escaped. The Japanese transport Ugo, homeward bound, agrived at Oki island yesterday

only secure base at Vladivostok, count- it. The Russian vessel, however, crossed short time previously killed a Syrian who port side.

Vladivostok Fleet Returns to Harbor ST. PETERSBURG, June 16 .- 9:55 p. m .-The Vladivostok squadron has returned to Vladivostok.

ARTILLERY RUSHES THROUGH TOWN New Chwang Hears Firing and Sees

Activity of Russians. NEW CHWANG, June 16.-Firing has been heard distinctly in the direction of Kin Chou since 10 o'clock last night. Two batteries of artillery rushed through town at midnight. The second division of General Kuroki's army is reported to be marching toward Kin Chou yesterday enemy in the rear. It is positively known that the Russian forces in the vicinity of proves that both armies are determined Kin Chou are divided. Half are at Kin Chou and the remainder at about twenty miles castward. The entire forces num

A private letter from Mukden says the

KUROKI HAS CAPTURED SUI YEN morning, brought the report up to 2:30 Says that Chinese Bandits Joined Russians in Defending Place.

visions, the Usuri mounted brigade and the is not yet known. The Japanese sustained no casualties. This is the first actual re-General Goingross, who was wounded, port of Chinese bandits fighting with Rusmmands the First Siberian division of sian troops and it may mean that the Rusfour regiments and a machine gun bat- sians have enlisted large numbers of these Bangkok.

the city, around which the Russians have

that could be desired.

This afternoon a conference of state, district and local union officers, convention executive committee, subcommittees and speakers was held at the executive head-

General Robrikoff Mortally Wounded at Entrance of Senate at

Helsingfors. ST. PETERSBURG, June 16-6:16 p. m .-General Bobrikoff, governor general of INCREASE OVER NINETEEN MILLIONS Finland, was shot and mortally wounded at 11 o'clock this morning at the entrance

to the Finnish senate at Helsingford. The assassin, a man named Schaumann, son of Senator Schaumann, immediately committed suicide. Robrekoff was shot in the stomach and neck. He is being brought to St. Petersburg in a dying condition. The attack is ascribed to Finnish patriotism. Schaumann is believed to be a member of what is known as the Finnish Patriotic

party. A private message from Helsingfors says Governor Bobrikoff was taken to a hospital at Helsingfors. Schaumann was a lawyer

by profession General Count Bobrikoff, who was appointed governor general of Finland in 1899, made himself very unpopular by his severe measures against the press of Finland and the stern manner in which he followed out the policy of Russia towards the Finns. This led to serious rioting at Helsingfors in 1902, which was suppressed by Cossacks. The last recorded act of General Bobrikoff was in March of this year, when he issued a proclamation forbidding the people to darken their windows

at "unusual hours." People who chose to go to bed before 10 o'clock at night were subject to heavy fines. This step was due to the neglect of the Finns to Illummate the war with Japan.

Move as Treachery. TANGIER, Morocco, June 16.-About 400 Moorish troops of the worst type were sultan for the protection of Europeans. These troops had an exceedingly bad reputation at Casa Blanca, when they came to Tangler. The residents of this city are uneasy, as the troops have no discipline whatever and endanger life and property Their arrival is exceeding dangerous to Messrs, Perdicaris and Varley, Raisouli on the part of the sultan and cease the negotiations which up to the present appear favorable.

The British and American authorities were entirely ignorant of this move until the troops landed, and strongly protested to Mehamed El Torres, the representative of the sultan. The commander of the troops brings letters announcing that more to assess the franchises separately and gressional district, and the Cohen men soldiers will probably arrive here soon. Raisouli demands as a further condition for the release of his captives that he be consulted about the governorship of other tribes in northern Morocco. This has been granted aiready.

CAPTURE A PERSTAN ASSASSIN

Man Who Killed American Missionary Brought to Trial. ST. PETERSBURG, June 16.—A private letter from Urumiah, North Persia, dated May 31, says that Seid, who murdered Rev. Benjamin W. Labarce, son of Dr. Benjamin Labarce, superintendent of the American mission, has been brought by the British consul to Tillers for trial

The murder of Rev. Mr. Labaree, who Oxford & K. W. Was assassinated in March last, was an R. V. & W. R. V. K. & S. W. R. V. K. & S. W. Republican Valley act of vengeance. Seld, his murderer, a was a British subject, whereupon representatives of the Anglo-British mission insisted that the assassin be punished. When the culprit learned of this he announced that he would kill the missionaries. so the latter no longer insisted upon his Seld, nevertheless, took his revenge, Mr. Labaree being his first victim.

EMPEROR ATTENDS MOTOR RACES

Panie is Occasioned by Stream of Burning Petroleum. HAMBURG, Prussia, June 16.-Emperor William and the empress arrived here today to attend the motor contests. There was considerable excitement this morning during the weighing of the cars which are to compete for the James Gordon Bennett cup tomorrow. A lighted match carelessly cars, however, were removed uninjured.

The Swiss competitors have withdrawn from the James Gordon Bennett contest Raisouli's Friends Released. TANGIER, June 16 .- Two of Raisouli's followers, who were imprisoned at Larache, have arrived here. This is considered another proof that the government is gradually complying with all conditions

proposed by the bandit, DEDICATES SIAM BUILDING

Simple Ceremonies Mark Formal Opening of Pavilion of East India Kingdom. ST. LOUIS, June 16 .- The national pa-

vilion of Siam was dedicated today with simple ceremonies. The Siamese commissioner general to the World's fair, J. H. Gore, called upon President Francis of the exposition and escorted him to the pavilion. A gold key was then presented to President Francis, who unlocked the doors of the pavilion, and the ceremony ended. The building is a miniature reproduction of the Temple Benchama Bopit, at

A bronze death mask of Pope Leo XIII. which forms part of the Vatican exhibit, was unpacked today. It shows the face, neck and shoulders, and is considered an unusually fine likeness of the dead pontiff.

WRECK ON THE BURLINGTON Ditch in Illinois, Injuring

the Crew.

passenger train on the Burlington road passengers were killed or seriously injured, according to reports. The engineer and fireman are said to be slightly hurt The track was badly torn up. The train left Chicago at 9:15 this morning.

Nebraska Students tiruduate. NEW YORK, June 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-John William Baird of Omaha and Lester Seaman Jones of Ashland were graduated by the Northwestern university at Evanston, Ill., receiving the degree of bachelor of science.

General Bates Now Doctor of Laws ST. LOUIS, June 16.—At the commencement exercises of the Washington university of St. Louis today honorary degrees of doctors of laws were conferred on Major General John C. Bates, commander of the Northern division, U. S. A., and Dr. Hugo Muensterborg of Harvard university.

State Board of Equal sation Gives Out Fair In South. Result of Its Labors.

Belt Line is Put in as a Portion the Missouri Pacific Instead of Being Left for Local Assessment.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 16 .- (Special.)-After six weeks of hard work and much worry, lameasted on the one side by railroad tax agents and held in check by public sentiment, the State Board of Assessment completed its work in so far as the railroads are concerned late this afternoon. The total assessment of all railroad property in the state is \$46,105,252.77, five times which sum is the actual value of all the railroad rease over last year's assessment of \$19,-

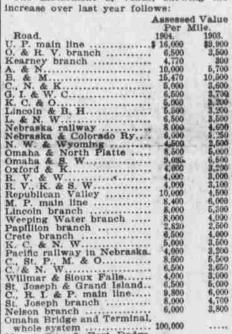
027,899.27, or 69.7 per cent. Douglas county will lose its Omaha belt still unsettled. ine, owned by the Missouri Pacific, be cause the board instead of giving all of this to that county has divided it between the main line and the Weeping Water branch.

Every branch of each separate corporation was assessed on an average at the same value per mile. For instance, the Omaha & North Platte, a part of the Burlington, was assessed as main line from Omaha to Ashland at \$15,000 a mile and from Ashland to Schuyler as a branch arrive at the average valuation.

A motion made by Auditor Weston this Secretary of State Marsh voting together on the proposition, and Governor Mickey, Treasurer Mortensen and Land Commissioner Follmer voting in the negative, believing that to adopt the motion would adjoining. Instantly there were shouts by taxes that they were justly entitled to was some minutes before the committee were identified. The East side has its The board then adopted the motion to could proceed with its work.

assess each corporation separately. The aggregate value was arrived at by taking into consideration the value of the and H. B. Brown. in the finding record its value was voted down.

Valuation of Roads. The assessment by roads, showing the



48,000 increase of the aggregate value. The mile- irrigation project. tofore assessed,

Troubled Over, Division.

after it had found the aggregate assess- range 42 west; township 17 north, ranges 43 ment, and for the last two days it has to 45 west; south half township 18 north. done nothing but work over this propo- ranges 43 and 44 west; township 18 north, sition. Pollard of the Burlington was sent for to ranges 46 to 48 west; south half township assist the board in passing upon some of 20 north, range 49 west. the lines. In dividing out the aggregate Captain Asa T. Abbott, U. S. to the branches and the main line, the retired, upon his own application is detailed board took into consideration the condition as professor of military science and tacof the tangible property and its bearings ties at the University of South Dakota at on the earnings of the road as a whole.

The board has certainly had a hard time the railroad agents and others some surprize has been occasioned by the increase, the impression apparently being that the feet August 10, and will join his company. board would not make the valuation so high. The figures finally decided upon tothe possession of the board at the time Laramie county, A. Wilkins, vice Ida A. was thought that the convention would make a recommendation to the board. At that time Mr. Mortensen became considerably worked up and was anxious that the board make its report and stand or fall this proposition was voted down. Mr. Mortensen made his figures and moved their adoption, but the board refused at that CORBIN GOES TO THE PHILIPPINES time to concur with him, though no mem-At first Auditor Weston was an advocate of the system of finding the value on the net earnings and this method would have made the total in the neighborhood of \$45,000,000.

MENDOTA, Ift. June 16 .- The mail and ODELL DOES NOT SEE PLATT jumped the track near Meriden, but no Governor Does Not Want Cortelyon Named as Committeeman

from New York.

NEW YORK, June 16 .- Governor Odell

Senator Platt, but not before making i known that he opposed Senator Platt' plan of naming Secretary Cortelyou for national committeeman from New York. "I did not see the governor," said Sen ator Platt, when spoken to regarding the matter, "but I understand both he and the president do not think it necessary for liar collection to the Chicago exposition. Mr. Cortelyou to be elected national com mitteeman in order to serve as chairman of the national committee. It is a matte for the New York delegation to settle. will see the governor on the train enroute to Chicago Friday and talk over the mat tor with him

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Friday and Warmer in South Portion; Showers and Cooler at Night or Saturday in North Portion;

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Deg. Hour, 5 s. m.... 60 1 p. 1 Hour. 1 p. m..... 2 p. m..... 6 n. m..... 60 3 p. m...... 4 p. m..... 7 a. m 60 S a. m 61 5 p. m..... 6 p. m..... 9 a. m..... 10 a. m 68 11 a. m..... 72 12 m..... 75

BIGGEST FIGHT IS TO COME National Committee Disposes of All Contests Excepting that of

Wisconsin.

CHICAGO, June 16 -After deciding several republican national convention and a number of district disputes, the republican naproperty, amounting to \$250,526,253.85, an in-tional committee tonight adjourned until tomorrow morning, leaving the biggest fight, that of the factions of Wisconsin

> While there was much interest taken in the settlement by the committee of the effort search is going on for the bodies of contests in Delaware and Louisiana terri- those who perished yesterday on the Gentory the quarrel in Wisconsin is regarded eral Slocum. What the list of victims will as the most serious in the party, and the total scarce any one dare venture a guess, outcome is anxiously awaited by republicans but whatever the number may be there is and democrats alike.

Some surprise was occasioned when by ters where death came to so many in so vote of 23 to 18 the committee decided to brief a period of time. seat the delegates-at-large from Louisiana who are opposed to the "Lily White" ele- have placed the number at a figure as high ment. Not only did the contending party, as 1,000 and more, but tonight it would line at \$5,500 a mile. The board added these the Cohen faction, win in the matter of seem that the maximum fatality will not two values and divided by the mileage to delegates at large, but their reports were largely exceed 700. victorious in practically all of the district morning to apportion the value of the faction expected the contest would be de- of watching for the dead, anxious scarchvarious systems on the unit system was cided in their favor and the colored dele- ers kept up their vigilance and at dusk voted down by the board, Mr. Weston and gates had practically given up hope of there had been recovered 500 bodies, for the being successful before the committee.

When the vote was announced the negro | who weeks ago had planned that fatal outdelegates hurriedly left the committee room ing for their children; little ones who had to tell their friends assembled in a room longed for the coming of the happy day. be to deprive many of the counties of all the negroes who were present and it the morgue and of these more than 300

stocks and bonds, not at their market The contest on the district delegates was ing to the morgue were blocked, and only value, but at a value thought to be just taken up, but the supporters of ex-Gov- with difficulty could the police keep clear by the board, after which deductions were ernor Warmouth decided not to carry the the passages leading to the long rows of made for securities held, the net earnings district contests further, with but one exand the tangible property. The proposition | ception, that of the Seventh Louisiana con-

> in which there had been contests. Chairman Henry C. Payne was so far recovered today that he was able to leave his hotel to go to the Coliseum, where the and when their work ended for the day

The republican national committee today voted unanimously to place the Addicks delegates from Delaware on the temporary roll of the convention.

Utah is among the arrivals here. Accompanied by two other delegates to the republican national convention the Mormor leader reached Chicago today. He declined to be interviewed, and spent the day sightseeing. The names of W. P. Aldrich and W

United States Senator Reed Smoot of

the Fourth Alabama district, were ordered placed on the temporary roll. WITHDRAWS PUBLIC LANDS Action Taken Preparatory to In-

augurating Irrigation

Project.

Cook, the administration delegates from

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, June 16 .- (Special Telegram.)-The acting commissioner of the general land office today instructed the registers and receivers at the Alliance, The Omaha Bridge and Terminal com- North Platte and Sidney, Neb., land dispany's milecge is 3.12 miles and the Mason tricts to withdraw from all forms of dis-City & Fort Dodge mileage is 546 of a mile. posal, except restricted homestead entries, The valuation of the last two named was a considerable territory in their respective added at the last minute and caused the districts, to carry out the North Platte age of the various systems is practically are thus officially described: Alliance disthrown down ignited petroleum which was the same as last year, varying three or trict, township 19 north, range 45 west. escaping from one of the cars and the four miles only. To make comparison with North Platte district, north half township whole street became a stream of flame. the returns it is necessary to deduct from 14 north, ranges 32 to 37; south half of causing a panic among the spectators. The the total \$148,000 of new property not here- township 15 north, ranges 32 to 36; all township 15 north, ranges 37 to 40, and south half of township 16 north, ranges 29 and 40 The board has had considerable diffi- west. Sidney district, township 15 north, culty in fixing the value to be assessed range 41 west; township 16 north, ranges 41 against the various corporations, even to 43 west; south half township 17 north. This morning Tax Commissioner ranges 45 to 49 west; township 19 north

Vermillion. Upon his own request Captain John C of it and from the expression let loose by McArthur, Twenty-eighth infantry, is relieved from duty at the South Dakota Agricultural college, Brookings, to take ef-Postmasters appointed: Iowa-Halfa Emmett county, F. H. Stoufer, vice Herday are very little different from those in bert Moore, resigned. Wyoming-Egbert, of the republican state convention when it Gilland, resigned: Lewiston, Fremont county, J. H. Artist, vice C. C. Smith, resigned.

Rural carriers appointed: Nebraska-Steele City, regular, John H. Friday; substitute, H. S. Friday. Wayne, regular, P. J. Wadsworth; substitute, G. F. Wadsworth. before the convention on its record, but lowa-Rayard, regular, F. Beardsley; substitute, Ella Beardsley.

ber of the board thought he was far wrong. After Year and One-Half There He May Succeed General Chaffee.

WASHINGTON, June 16 .- Major General Henry C. Corbin has been ordered to command the division of the Philippines, succeeding Major Wade, the order to take efect in October. General Corbin, at present, commands the division of the Atlantic and Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, New York. He will have had about a year and a half of service in the Philippines when Lieuten ant General Chaffee reaches the retiring age. It is expected that Major General Corbin will then succeed General Chaffee as lieutenant general. has returned to Newburg without seeing

Will Send Fruit to Japan. WASHINGTON, June 10 .- The Departent of Agriculture has decided to send to the Agricultural department of Japan a large collection of citrus fruits indigenou to the United States. The action is in return for Japan's courtesy in adding a sim-

Communicaer Jones Starts West. WASHINGTON, June 16 .- Commissioner lones of the Indian bureau left here today for the Pacific coast to open bids for Indian supplies for next year. He will be absent about six weeks.

New York Steamboat Catastrophe Surpasses Previous Estimates of Victims.

SOME PLACE DEAD AS HIGH AS 1,500

Possible that Investigation Will Increase

the List to One Thousand. 7 p. m. 78 8 p. m. 75 9 p. m. 72 DIVERS AT WORK ON SUBMERGED HULL

> Over Five Hundred Bodies Have Already Been Recovered.

STORIES OF CAUSE OF FIRE VARY WIDELY

state contests on delegates-at-large to the Complete Death List Will Show the Catastrophe to Be one of Most Appaling in American History.

> NEW YORK, June 16.-With unceasing hardly a parallel in the history of disas-

Police and health department officials

All day long, from sunrise until darkness contests in that state. The "Lily White" shut off even the melancholy satisfaction greater part women and children. Mothers

Up to dusk 499 bodies had passed through human sympathies aroused to the fullest The recognized delegates-at-large are extent and down by the river, where the Walter Cohen, Emil Kunz, Garault Farrar boats unloaded their dead thousands gathered throughout the day. Streets leadcoffins for these who came to search for

the missing. Up the sound, where the hulk of the were seated in all of the other six districts General Slocum lies submerged, showing only a paddlebox, scores of small craft aided the tugs in grappling for the victims. Divers went down time and time again, Assessed Value meeting of the national committee was they declared there were no more bodies in the wreck.

Mr. Barnaby's Statement. The coroner's investigation to fix the responsibility of the disaster will begin on Monday next. The federal authorities as well as the district attorney also will hold an investigation. The society for the prevention of cruelty to children, through its counsel, has signified its intention to push the inquiry to the utmost. President F. A. Barnaby of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, owners of the Slocum, made a eneral denial today of the reports that the steamer was equipped with worthless hose and life savers, and that the life

savers were lashed to the steamer with "The apparatus for fire fighting on the boat at the time of the accident was of

the very best that money could buy," said Mr. Barnaby. "The boat was thoroughly overhauled early this year and we spent over \$30,000 on refitting machinery, hose, extinguishers, as well as for life preservers. We did all and more than the law requires. The hose was all new this year and was all right. The fact that the vessel was rated as a Al risk is the best evidence that all that human foresight could provide was done. The reports that the life rafts and boats were tied on with ropes and wires is ab-

solutely false. The life rafts were simply laid on the deck and could have been thrown overboard by anyone. The boats were simply lashed with thin rope that was not covered with paint and which could easily have been cut. No wires were used whatever. I venture to say that many people were killed simply in the efforts to get at the boats, 100 falled in doing what one man could have done. We had over 500 life preservers more than the legal capacity of the boat, something like 1,000 or 1,500 new ones having been put in this year. The allegation that they were old, rotten

and worthless is not true. Loss Falls on One Neighborhood.

Unlike the Iroquols theater fire and other great catastrophes of recent years, where the woe of the disaster reached throughout the land, the blow of the Slocum's mortality list falls practically upon a little neighborhood in a great city. St. Mark's parish, which furnished nearly every vicim, lies within the crowded blocks of the middle east side, and therein today there is hardly a house that is not one of mourning. The membership of the little Lutheran church is practically German or of German descent, and all of the compara-

tively well-to-do class. The race of the burning steamer from the moment the fire was discovered until its bows crashed on the shelving beach of North Brother island lasted little more than ten minutes, yet that time sufficed for deeds of heroism which make the one bright chapter in the heartrending story. Brave men, devoted mothers and even maldens and youths of tender years each contributed their part to the roll of herole

There were rescues in the face of almost certain death, and useless, but exalted selfsacrifice. The credit for the greatest saving of life is due to the bardy tugboat men and other followers of the river, who braved flames and held the noses of their boats against the fire-wrapped steamer until driven off by the awful heat, scorched and choking. Dead bodies of women with their burned arms clasping close the pitiful forms of little children and bables were found, their tiny arms enfolding each other

in the stiff embrace of death Examples of Heartlessness,

But there is a darker side hinted at along the river front, where are told stories that seem to be the inevitable accompaniment of America's great calamities. There has been no evidence of character specific enough to fasten it upon individuals and permit of punishment, but survivors and eye-witnesses say that some brutal acts of at iffshness and cowardice on the part of the Slecum's crew were seen and that distress signals from the burning boat were disregarded by passing craft. One man avers that a big white yacht passed the Slocus when the bodles of women and children were going overboard and did not even slacken speed. According to this man, the yacht flow the pennant of the New York Yacht club, but not the owner's pen-