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OVER FIVE HUNDRED DEAD RECOVERED

Officials Believe that Comple's List Will Show Between 900 and 1,000

SAD TASK OF BURYING VICTIMS BEGINS

In Many Instances Joint Services Will Be Held by Clergy.

DISTINCT INVESTIGATIONS THREE

Federal Authorities, Coroner's Office and the District Attorney Will Probe the Disaster to Fix Blame.

NEW YORK, June 17 .- Despite the un tiring work of divers and grapplers and the watchfulness of scores of men who have given themselves over to the task of searching for the "missing," few bodies of those who perished in the Slocum dis-

aster were recovered today. It was said by divers who went down into the wreck at dawn that there were many bodies under the entanglement of timbers and paddle wheels and that it would be necessary to dynamite the hulk or raise it before they could be reached. To this end city officers communicated with a wrecking company, and announcement was made that the company would undertake the work of bringing the wreck to the surface. Later, however, a conference between the Marine Insurance companies and the wrecking company ended in a disagreement with the result that for the present at least the matter is in abey-

At this conference it was announced that the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, which owns the General Slocum, has resigned all claim to the boat on the agreement that it should receive \$70,000, amount for which the boat was insured. The insurance companies and the wrecking company failed to agree on terms, and if the boat is raised at all the cost probably will come from the city treasury. Secretary Cortelyou of the Department of Commerce and Labor will personally undertake the investigation into the dis-

aster in behalf of the government. District Attorney Jerome's agaistants are working energetically on the case, and officers of the coroner's office have made considerable progress in the gathering of evidence to be presented on Monday, when the coroner's inquiry will begin.

Coroner Gathers Evidence. There is in the coroner's possession a standpipe taken at his direction by a diver from the submerged wreck. The valve of

pipe is closed tight, hinting that no use was made of this pipe in fighting the flames on the Slocum. Statements were made to the coroner today by several of the steamboat employes who will appear as witnesses at the uest that the captain of the Blocum salled his boat between three and four miles after the fire broke out before beaching it. Several watches showed that more than half an hour elapsed from the breaking out of the fire until the boat

was run ashore. All the watches taken from bodies of the drowned stopped between 10:10 and 10:20 in the morning. Estimates as to the number of dead still vary greatly, and this may be accounted for by reason of the failure to report to the proper authorities on the part of many, who although officially reg-

istered as missing, were in reality saved. About 539 hodies have been recovered, of which about fifty remained unidentified. These include 273 children, 263 women and twenty-three men. Thirteen officers of St. Marks are among the dead, one of them

The first funeral from among the vio tims was held today; it was that of a young girl who is believed to have died of fright. No signs of death from burning or drowning were found. Her funeral was followed by a score of others which were attended by thousans of persons from the east side, where most of the

Tomorrow there will be 300 or more funerals, and thirty-two unrecognizable bodies will be placed each in a separate coffin and in a separate hearse and laid away in the Lutheran cemetery at Middle Village, L. I. The city has arranged for their burial, a plot large enough for the burial of 250 bodies having been set aside in this cemetery. All the unidentified dead will be placed there side by side.

Many thousands of dollars have been subscribed to the relief fund.

Investigations Are Begun. The distressing concentration of the dis aster is shown by the fact that in one apartment house in Eighth street there are thirty-five dead, while in an Irvington street house sixteen bodies await burial. Preliminary steps have been taken for three distinct investigations of the dis-

federal authorities, through the Department of Commerce, by the corpner's office employes were killed, but the passengers The coroner's inquest will begin Monday next, and Captain Van Schaik of the Sio- Thursday and all the telegraph lines and cum and six of his crew lie in a hospital cables are inundated. Houses were dewith a policeman at the bedside of each stroyed or damaged in Santiago and five They are at present detained as witnesses. The authorities are rapidly gathering such tlago. The property loss is enormous at

Slocum is quoted in an interview as saying that the steamer's fire hose was rotten and Schools, Literature, Art and Politics useless and that it burst in a dozen places when he and his men tried to use it. The charge is also made that the life preservers on the vessel were old and rotten and in most instances proved inadequate when used. Several papers today print United States, Great Britain, France and cum, which bear in black letters this in-

a deck hand, corroborates Flanagan's tertimony regarding the defective fire hose. and it is reported that evidence has been secured showing that some of the life boats were made fast by wires, making it impossible for them to be cast loose and lowered. All the men who have made these statements will be called as witnesses by

the coroner. Police boats and other harbor craft still maintain their patrol of the waters of the East river in the vicinity of the accident in the hope of recovering bodies

Confusion se to Bedies. It developed today that a new horror had (Continued on Second Page.)

Motor Race Payore t by Presence of Emperor and Empress of Germany.

SAALBURG, June 17 .- France recaptured the James Gordon Bennett cup today, REQUEST LIKELY TO BE COMPLIED WITH its champion automobile driver, Thery, having defeated the German, Jenatzy, holder of the trophy. Thery's total time was 5:50:08 and Jenatay's was 6:01:21. Jenatry arrived at the winning post first, but his actual running time was 11:18 longer than that of the Frenchman.

Homburg for the great international events in the motoring world was early a standard of the day and was joined by thousands of the standard o seers within reach of the place.

thronged Saalsburg and all points of antage along the course before the time of starting the race. The weather was spiendid. The course was eighty-seven and onehalf miles, necessitating four circuits to complete the total distance of 250 miles. It was in excellent condition, though numerous sharp curves, sudden falls and rises and steep embankments at the side prenerve of the most experienced drivers. The course was well kept by a large force of police and soldiers.

Emperor William and the empress, Prince Henry of Prussia and other memstand shortly after 6 o'clock. They redetails of the course. During the forenoon, majesty left the royal stand, and proceeded to get a better view of certain parts of ground until noon, when he went off in Gregory county lands. a motor to take luncheon at Homburg castle.

The start was made punctually at 7

o'clock, after a flourish of the trumpets, signalling the departure. Jenatzy, the leader of the James Gordon Bennett cup, on shooting past the royal stand, saluted the Judge Kinkald's chief mission here is for emperor and empress. The other cars. eighteen in all, were started at regular intervals of seven minutes, with the exception of the oar driven by Baron de Caters, which was delayed by a slight breakdown. The only American in the race was Marden, who drove an American car. The motors went off at a very fast pace, the leaders doing a mile a minute. They all completed the first circuit, with the exception of Opel, Swiss, who was obliged to retire owing to a broken shaft. Jenatzy, however, narrowly escaped a catastrophe early in the race. At the bottom of a long straight incline approaching the village of Wehrheim is a level crossing. Jenatzy was nearing the bottom of this incline, which is the fastest bit of the whole course, when the frantic shouts of the spectators induced him to slacken his speed. A few seconds later Jenatzy came in sight of the crossing and saw there a locomotive right in the middle of his course. But for the fact that he had previously slackened his speed Jenatzy must have met with disaster. The incident, however, only cost him a minute's

The interest of the public flagged considerably during the second and third circuits. The sun was intensely hot. Every now and then a bugie sounded, a rushing noise was heard and a motor car dashed by at the rate of sixty miles an hour. But otherwise little could be seen.

The empress returned to Homburg before noon and many occupants of the stands fel lowed suit. Excursionists, however, were scattered thickly along the route and on the grandstands, while health resorts like Ober-Ursel and Kronenberg were crowded most of the day. Along the course municipal officials were stationed. They shouted warnings to the spectators when a racing

car approached. As the time arrived for the fourth circuit the interest and excitement quickened. The empress returned to the royal stand at Saalburg in an open four-horse carriage with outriders at about 4:30, while the emperor, who was in a motor car, joined her shortly after. By the end of the third round it was quite apparent that the race was between Jenatsy and Thery, with the latter holding considerable advantage, to the evident delight of his compatriots, who

were numerous among the spectators. OVER ONE HUNDRED LIVES LOST Result of the Recent Severe Storms

in Cuba, SANTIAGO DE CUBA, June 17 .- The cent fall of fourteen inches of rain in five hours, accompanying burricane, has resuited in the death of more than 100 persons. The most severe loss was at the vil-lage of El Cobre, where some sixty persons were drowned. The river rose rapidly, destroying the lower part of the village Bodies were carried eight miles to the bay. Thirty bodies were recovered.

Six persons were drowned at Daiquari, fourteen at El Caney and many in the surrounding country. The list is still incom plete. All the bridges at Cobre, several at Daiguari and four of the central railroad These are being undertaken by the and miles of track have been destroyed. In the wreck of the relief train at Moron two

are mafe. No trains arrived from Saturday to persons lost their lives in and about Sanevidence as will be sidful in ascertaining the mines, on the railroad and in cattle and whether or not there was neglect or care- merchandise. The weather has been fair lessness in the safety appliances of the since yesterday morning.

First Officer Edward Planagan of the WOMEN DISCUSS MANY QUESTIONS

Before Congress at Berlin. BERLIN, June 17 .- Ir, the first and secand sections of the Women's congress today university study for women was dis-

In the first section president of the Bryr Mawr college, spoke on "The University Education of Women versity work for women from the asserstrength and renders them unfit for mat-rimony. Miss Thomas claimed that more men break down from overwork in Amer-ican universities than women.

The second section discussed "Women" Work in Art, Literature and Journalism." Mrs. Altee Horne of the Utah legislature described the art work in Utah schools. In the fourth section the discussion was devoted to woman suffrage in churche and municipalities. | Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of Wyoming spoke on the "Progress of Women in American Churches and De- of Japanese steamships for Shanghai have

Commissioner Richards Thinks Them Necessary to Land Opening.

Congressman Kinkaid in Washington Conferring wh Department Con-Kinings . ration of His BIII.

a a Staff Correspondent.) -rilngron, June 17 .- (Special Teleam.)-Secretary Hitchcock today received a letter from Commissioner of the General Land Office Richards, now in the west preparing for the opening of Indian reservations, in which he suggested that the United States marshals of South Dakota and Minnesota be authorized to employ such a number of deputy United States marshals as they deem necessary for the He said: preservation of order at the opening of the Indian lands in Gregory county, South Dasented enough dangers to try the skill and kota, and at Devil's Lake, Minnesota, Secretary Hitchcock immediately referred the letter of Commissioner Richards to the attorney general and it is believed he will promptly accede to the request and United States marshals in the vicinity of these bers of the royal family entered the royal reservations will be given ample authority to employ as many deputies as they may ceived a great evation. His majesty, who find necessary to preserve public order and wore the uniform of the Zeithen Hussars aid the officials of the land office in opening before the racing began, exchanged a few the lands in question. It is the intention words with Jenatzy, Germany's hope, and of Commissioner Richards to minimize all showed great interest in Jenatsy's car. confusion and especially to prevent any The emperor appeared to keenly enjoy the disorder whatever. A corps of expert clerks surroundings and was interested in all the from the land office here will leave Washington July 1 to attend to the clerical afaccompanied by Ambassador Tower, his fairs of the opening up of the Rosebud country, and in fact all preliminaries have to another stand some distance off so as been arranged so that there is no possible change of any hitch or confusion in the course. The emperor remained on the the opening to white settlement of the

Minkaid at the Capital. Congressman Kinkaid arrived in Washington last night and today has been busily engaged upon matters relating to the administration of his homestead bill which passed the last session of congress. the purpose of having certain lands lying within the zone described in his bill transferred to the Fort Niobrara military reservation before the act becomes effective The transfer of these lands is described as chiefly to simplify the matter of running lines by surveyors, who will mark off such sections in Nebraska as may be taken

up under his 640-acre homestead bill. The officials of the geological survey, to was referred the question of deciding what, if any, of the lands in western Nebraska which may be susceptible to irrigation, shall be set apart under the provision of the Kinkaid bill, have not yet reported to the secretary of the interior. Their report is expected within a few days, Judge Kinkaid expects to leave Washington for Chicago tomorrow night to be present at the republican national

Postal Matters. William Jarrett has been appointed postmaster at Cedar Valley, Cedar county, Ia., vice William Cunningham, resigned.

Nebraska, Wayne, regular, Will; substitute, Gustav J. Hill. Iowa, Davis City, regular, Griscom G. Grimes substitute, Pearl A. Norman. Williams burg, regular, Daniel T. Morgan; substitute, D. S. Harris.

Rural routes ordered established July 15: Nebraska, Gladstone, Jefferson county, one route; area, twenty-two square miles; population, 400. Iowa, Blanchard, Page county, one additional; area, seventeen square miles; population, 345. South Dakota, Watertown, Codington county, two routes; area, ninety square miles; popu-

iation, 815. The application of Martin Lawson, Tom Larson, Elias Larson, John Andrew and Frank Lindenhohn to organize the First National bank of Colton, S. D., with \$25,000 capital, has been approved by the comp-

troller of the currency. Henry Hiller of Omaha and Leon Hiller and wife of Waverly, Ia., arrived in Washington today, enroute to New York, from which port they will sail June 21 for Bre men. Henry Hiller and his brother Leon and wife have planned a three months' tour through Germany, Bavaria, France, Switzerland and returning cover interesting points in England.

BIG STEAMSHIP IS ON FIRE Vessel Formerly Used as Transport is Greatly Damaged at Scattle Harbor.

BEATTLE, Wash., June 17 .- Fire was discovered in the afterhold of the steamship Ohio, tied at Moran Brothers' pier last night. The flames gained such way before the fire apparatus arrived that it took hours to get them under control. Early today the firemen seemed to have gained the upper hand, although the Ohio was listed heavily to port, with the weight water which had been thrown into its hold, it was believed it could be prevented from sinking and that the fire would eventually be extinguished. The Ohio was built in Philadelphia in 1872. Its gross tonnage is 3,488. It is 343 feet long, 48 feet beam and 24.9 feet deep. For many years the Ohio ran out of New York, and at one time was one of the greyhounds of the Atlantic. 1898 the Empire Tin com pany, former owners of the ship, sent it around the Horn with the Indiana, Conemaugh and Pennsylvania and entered them in the transport service out of San Francisco. In 1900 the Ohio was placed on the Nome run and continued in that service until this spring when it was purchased by the Moran Brothers' company, who contemplated spending \$100,000 in refitting and repairing the vessel. The loss by the fire

HARRIMAN BUYS NEW Alleged Plan is to Make North Shore Road Part of Southern

Pacific. BAN FRANCISCO, June 17 .- One million seven hundred thousand dollars worth of oonds of the North Shore road, a 100-mile line from Sausalito to Cascerado, have been bought here by E. H. Harriman and some of his eastern financial associates in accordance with a plan to make this minor road a part of the Southern Pacific. The Mercantile Trust company of San Franciscs holds an option on the bonds. In addition it is understood that Mr. Harriman has secured a good stand blook of stock, so that now he virtually has a controlling interest in the road.

Interrupts Japanese Business BHANGHAI, June 17 .- As a result of the inking of the Japanese transports by the Russian Vladivostok squadron, the sallings been postponed indefinitely.

DIVERS PILE UP DEAD FRANCE WINS SENNETT CUP WANTS DEPUTY MARSHALS HOLD ACADEMIC EXERCISES SINKING OF THE HITACHI

Students at Creighton University President Dowling Making Principal Address.

The academic commencement exercises hall yesterday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock before a large audience, including the friends and relatives of the class and the nembers of St. John's school.

The program began with a piano solo by Elmer Umsted and was followed by a very well rendered declamation by Larke McDermott. A very pretty tenor solo, "The Banderlero," was rendered by Francis Colfer. For an encore he sang a lullaby song, accompanying himself on the plano. Owing to Illness, H. Elmer Reed, who was on the program for a declamation, 'William Tell," was unable to be present,

and that number had necessarily to be omitted. Rev. M. P. Dowling, president of Creighton university, addressed the classes briefly.

"I am thankful that our generous bene endowment fund during the year. Also that the examinations in the academic department have been highly gratifying. There have been very few fallures in any of the classes. The attendance has been good and we have every reason to be sat isfied with the work of the year, and I hereby express the thanks of the entire faculty for all of these good reports."

Rev. M. J. O'Connor then announced the class standings for the year, following which William Donahue very creditably recited the story of "Parrahasius and the Captive.

"The Knight's Farewell" was beautifully endered by a chorus of eighteen male

The award of medals and honors was nade by Rev. Charles Coppens, S. J., proby Rev. M. J. O'Connor, vice president of medals for the highest average in their respective classes in all collective branches were: Class of rhetoric, Anthony F. Beckman; class of poetry, James O'Neill; class of humanities, George F. Bushman; class of first academic, Charles McGrath; class of second academic, A, Cornelius Peacock; class of second academic, B, Edward Cahill; class of third academic, A. Harold Pritchett; class of third academic, B, Raynond A. Farrell; class of third academic . Edward O'Connor.

Father Coppens addressed the students briefly and admonished them that in view of their vacation to sip the honey of pleas ure and enjoyment in a clean, manly way 'By so doing," he said, "you will come back to school refreshed and ready to take up the work all the better. Be careful to observe a moral life during your vacation with the same degree that you would during your school days. I hope to see you all back here on September 6, and until then a kind and loving good bye." The program closed with another plano selection by Elmer Umsted, "The Rustle of Spring," which was artistically ren-

ANOTHER EVENING AT WAGNER before the forty minutes had expired the forcements are being sent to his sup-Russians, it is further said, torpedoed the port. This might be inferred from a Rural free delivery carriers appointed: Innes Presents a Program of Selection on both sides. Colonel Luchi, com- significant message just received from one tions from the Great Composer's Works.

Wagner music composed the entire program of last evening's concert except for the encores of lighter harmony with which the bandmaster is so generous. These with the long numbers, drew out the program so that 11 o'clock was reached before the finale, and some of the audience has had enough before the last. Mr. Innes conducted in a manner artistic and fully up to the ideals of the Wagnerian school. The quitet from "The Mastersingers" was particularly well liked, both from its nature, which makes it readily understandable to all, and because of the taste with which it was rendered. The dramatic music of the "Rienzi" overture lends itself particularly well to the bress and reed instruments of a full band. This and the se lections from "Parsifal" were warmly applauded. In the vorspiel of the latter, the opening theme in particular, Innes threw more color into the reading than did Dam rosch, but did not emphasize so much the tone of remorse and hopelessness. Mrs. Partridge sustained the good impression made in former appearnces. She sang first the balcony song from "Lohengrin," and responded with a German selection which showed to splendid advantage the quality and richness of her voice. This afternoon's program will include numbers by Beethoven, Schumann and Wagner, but will be more given to Strauss, Herbert, Leoncavallo, and Innes himself. In the evening comes a rag-time program preceding a pop-"Prince of Pilsen" ular price dance. sic, "Floridora" and characteristic dances will compose the concert numbers.

HAVERLY IS MAJOR GENERAL Elected Head of Union Veterans Union, with John Berger as

Brigadier. The seventh annual encampment of the Nebraska division Union Veterans' union met at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Red Men's hall in the Continental block and elected D. M. Haverly major general and John Berger brigadier general. General Haverly will announce his staff next week. The reports of the division officers indicate that there has been an increase of about 60 per cent in the membership of the organination during the last year. There are at present but two regiments in the Nebraska division and both of these are located in Omaha and South Omaha.

NAVAL STATION WORK UNDER WAY Improvement at Pearl Harbor of Con-

siderable Proportions. HONOLULU, June 17 .- Rear Admire Terry has received a letter from Secretary of Navy Moody stating that work is under way in the preparation of the establishment of a naval station of considerable propor tions at Pearl harbor. It is believed that the station at Honolulu will eventually be removed to Pearl harbor. Levi P. Kauhoe, postmaster at Kapus Kaual, has been removed from office by Inspector Hare. The shortage in the office

LEADVILLE, Colo., June 17.—Deuver & Rio Grande passenger train No. 5, westbound, was brought back to the city on account of a rock silde that blocked the road near Minturn and was sent west over the Colorado Midland road. Traffic was only slightly delayed, trains in both directions using the Midland tracks, and the Rio Grande tracks will soon be cleared.

is alleged to be \$1,800.

Ice is Out at St. Michaels. SEATTLE, Wash., June 17.—A Dawson special to the Post-Intelligencer says; Telegraphic advices from St. Michaels say that the ice moved out of the bay there today. The first fleet of steamers for Nome, carrying 5,000 passengers, is probably safe. A number of vessels have been beating off short for elevan days awaiting for the ton to clear.

Sanguinary Engagement Precedes Loss of Treep Ship by the Japanese.

were observed at Creighton University ENGLISH OFFICER JUMPS OVERBOARD

Commander of Troops Orders Flag Burned and Commits Suicide, as Does the Second Mate of Vessel.

TOKIO, June 17 .- Details in connection with the sinking of the Japanese transport Hitachi by Russian warships are being furnished by survivors. The Russian ships were sighted at 7 o'clock in the morning and in response to a signal the Hitachi was stopped, but at 10 o'clock got inder way again and attempted to escape. The Russians followed and opened a heavy fire, directed about the water line, with the evident intention of destroying the troops on board. The fire was terrific and factor has added very materially to the in a few minutes the decks were covered with corpses and awash with blood. One shell, which struck the engine room, killed 200 men. The ship began to fill and sunk gradually by the stern. At 6 o'clock in the evening it was completely submerged. Captain Campbell, the English master of the transport, jumped overboard at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and is numbered among the missing. The chief engineer was killed on the bridge.

The commander of the troops ordered the flag to be burned and then killed himself. fing to be burned and then killed himself. 10 s. m..... 74
The second mate committed suicide. Many 11 s. m..... 76 of the crew and troops escaped in the 12 m..... 75 boats.

The transport Sado is still affoat, but is badly damaged. It is being towed into the nearest port. It sighted the Russian FUTURE OPERATION UNCERTAIN ships thirty-five miles west of Shiro Island. Their signals to stop were unheeded, so Not fessor of philosophy and religion, assisted the Russians opened fire and signalled for those on board the Sado to leave the ship the university. Those receiving the gold Upon that the crew took to the boats and in this way many escaped, when the ship was eventually fired by the enemy. The number of men on board the two transports and the list of casualties are

not as yet obtainable. The officers of the steamer Tosa, which rescued many survivors of the Japanese transport Hitachi, confirm the details of stubborn fight until the arrival of fresh its disastrous encounter with the Russian warships so far as already announced.

RUSSAN MARKSMEN ARE ACCURATE

Transpo I itachi Hit Sixty Times by 1 . idivostok Squadron. TOKIO, June 17 .- It is impossible to ascertain accurately the figures of the losses sustained by the Japanese as a result of fighting. the sinking of the transport Hitachi, and the shelling of the transport Sado. survivor reports to Vice Admiral Tsunoda that the Hitachi was hit sixty times and caught fire. A boat from the Sado was sent to the Rusisans for the purpose of a parley. The Russians agreed to give the Sado forty minutes to clear ship and said Japanese reinforcements came up. they would take the noncombatants on board. The Russians later, it is declared. many others, committed suicide. Lucht was educated in France.

The majority of the passengers of the Sado were rescued. The greater number of those who were on board the Hitachi were annihilated.

The Sado subsequently grounded on the east coast of Okino island. It is expected that it can be saved.

CORRESPONDENT IS UNDER ARREST

Representative of Indianapolis Pape Taken by Russians at Port Arthur. WASHINGTON, June 17 .- The State de partment has received the following reply from Minister Griscom at Tokio in respons to its inquiry regarding the disappearance of Hector Fuller, the Indianapolis war cor

respondent: Washburn of the Chicago News states that Fuller was arrested at Port Arthur INDIANAPOLIS, June 17 .-- A cablegram

to the Indianapolis News from Stanley Washburn, special correspondent of the Chicago News at Che Foo says that Hec tor Fuller, staff war correspondent of the Indianapolis News, has been captured by four Russian soldiers and taken to Port Arthur. He was blindfolded and placed in The State department at Washington was

notified Wednesday last that Mr. Fuller, who started from Che Foo in an open boat with two Chinese oarsmen for Port Arthur, had landed in the vicinity of the latter city about June 12. KAMIMURA CHASES THE BUSSIANS

Vladivostok Squadron May Have

Escaped Islanders in the Pog. TOKIO, June 17.-11 a. m.-It is probable that fog has again saved the Vladivostob squadron. Many rumors are extant of an action at sea, but they are not confirmed, The Russian ships were first sighted off patrol beat, which reported the fact to Vice Admiral Kamimura at an unknown base, who left in pursuift with his whole squadron.

niral Tsunoda, commanding the Takeshiki naval station, received the information of the enemy's appearance off shore and immediately dispatched a fiotilia of torpedo boats in chase, but the wind, rain and fog which prevailed prevented them from doing effective work. During the afternoon the storm increased. Vice Admiral Kamimura, with his squadron, is still chasing the enemy. The fate of the transport Isumi is still unknown. There were no foreigners on board the destroyed transports except the officers.

CRINESE LEAVE PORT ARTHUR

Phose Arriving at Che Foo Say Rus sinns Plan to Destroy Place. CHE FOO, June 17 .- Two thousand Chiess, chiefly small merchants, arrived here oday in junks from Port Arthur. After the Chinese were ordered out of Port Arthur the Russians commandeered all the provisions and cattle. Fighting on both land and sea was continuous. The result is not known to the Chinese. The latter believe that the Russians are unable to hold out and are preparing to destroy the place. There were also several arrivals here from Dalny today. They were likewise te porant of the result of the recent fighting They may that fully 150,000 Japanese, in cluding coolie carriers, have landed on the Liao Tung peninsula.

Japanese Lose Vessel in Collision. TOKIO, June 17.-The steamer Katsung vas sunk off Moji hat night as a result met the Russians. of colliding with the steamer Yumatokan. Both yessels were on their way to reacus

## THE BEE BULLETIN.

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Colorado Miners Sue the State. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour. Deg. 5 s. m.... 64 1 p. m .... 74 6 s. m..... 65 7 s. m..... 66 2 p. m..... 72 3 p. m..... 73 9 m. m ..... 71 5 p. m..... 72

Understood Whether General Stakelberg is Retreating or Advancing.

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ST. PETERSBURG. June 17 .- The news of the result of the battle of Vafangow reached the morning papers too late to allow of comment. The public seem to accept the result stoically and are content battalions of the enemy compelled General Stal elberg's troops, weary and exhausted with three days' hard fighting, to precipitated the battle in the morning of

give way. The Invalid Russ points out that the Japanese had to give up the attack on the Russian left and, with all their reserves concentrated, only succeeded in crushing the Russian right after a whole day's

A special dispatch to the Associated Press from Liao Yang contains the first Russlan estimate of General Stakelberg's losses, placing them at 1,000 men and twenty officers.

The same dispatch says General Stakelberg had assumed the offensive when the The present situation is not clear, although it is believed that General Stakrefused to receive the noncombatants, ex-cept an Englishman, the chief mate, and ward. It is possible, however, that reinclated Press correspondents at Tashichiao, reporting an enormous movement of troops, including cavalry and infantry, along the raffroad, but the correspondent was not allowed to say in which direction the troops were marching. may be, therefore, reinforcements moving to support General Stakelberg, or the force of that commander retiring to the northward. The message also says that the whereabouts of Major General Mistchenko is not known, and this latter statement may be pregnant with significance.

VLADIVOSTOK PREPARES FOR WAR

Commander of Fortress Orders Civilians to Get Ready to Leave. VLADIVOSTOK, June 17. - The commander of the fortress, General Lavroff, has issued an order warning all civilians to make immediate provision to send their families into the interior so as to avoid peremptory expulsion at a moment of sudden necessity. There are 2,000 women and children here.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jone 17.-A dispatch received from Vladivostok today showing that the commander there is getting rid of the remaining civilain strengthens the belief here that prepara tions are being made at Vladivostok for the reception of Rear Admiral Witteof's squadron when it comes out of Port Arthur and that active operations against the city are imminent. The dispatch does not mention the Vladivostok division. The admiralty denies knowledge of the whereabouts of the Vladivostok squadron.

WORKS ON THE SUNGARI WRECK

Japanese Will Try to Raise Russian Vessel in Chemulpo Harbor. SEOUL, June 11,-The Japanese government has commenced the wrecking of the steamer Sungari, which was destroyed at Chemulpo by the Russians at the beginning Okino island at 8:30 a. m. June 15 by a has secured the contract for the work. An of hostilities. The Mitsu Bishi company American named Koen is in charge of the operations. The Sungari was damaged by fire and some of its lighter works were warped by the heat, but otherwise it did not sustain much damage. It is hoped that t can be raised in two months. It is expected that the work of wrecking

the Russian cruiser Variag, which has been proceeding slowly, will be turned over to this company. The Variag was lost at the same time as the Sungari. Nothing but the brass work of the gun boat Korietz, the third vessel destroyed by

the Russians at Chemulpo, can be saved. TELLS OF TROUBLE IN WARSAW

Russian Ministry Issues Statement of Riot Where One Man Was Killed. ST. PETERSBURG, June 17 .- The Minlatry of the Interior has issued the following statement in regard to the disturbance at Warsaw in May:

"A crowd assembled to watch a fire or May 13. The people refused to disperse when the police ordered them to do so A few Cossacks were called out and were greated with stones and shots from revolvers. The Cossacks replied with a volley, killing one man and wounding six Twenty Cossacks and police were injured by stones."

SQUADRONS MAY HAVE ENGAGED

Sound of Firing to Heard in Neighbor hood of fasebo. TOKIO, June 17 .- A report has been received from the police station at Saga. near

sasebo, saying that sounds of cannonading have been heard off the coast. It is possible that the Japanese feet has

The steamer Ise has arrived at Kokura carrying more of the crew and troops from he survivors of the transports Hitachi and the transport Sado. The Sado is safe and is being towed into port by the Hige.

## BIG CLASH EXPECTED

Kuroki's Army is Moving on Russ'an Forces and Heavy Battle is Anticipated-

STUBBORN BATTLE FOUGHT AT VAFANGOW

Japs After All Day's Fight Succeed in Crushing Only Right Flank.

RUSSIAN LOSSES ESTIMATED AT 1,000

About 200 Guns Pour Telling Fire Into the Enemy's Lines.

DEADLY STRUGGLE ENDS IN RETREAT

Japanese Gunners Follow Up the Advantage and Pursue Retreating Troops with Shrappel, Men and Horses Failing.

LONDON, June 18.-The Daily Mail's New Chwang correspondent says: The advance guard of General Kurcki's army are colliding with the Russian forces fifteen miles south of Tashichao.

The Daily Mail, in an editorial, says it thinks that the correspondent is mistaken and the force is a fresh Japanese army under General Nodau, moving from Stuyen to intercept General Stakelberg's retreat.

Eye-Witness Describes Battle. LIAO YANG, June 17 .- A correspondent of the Associated Press who was present at the battle of Vafangow describes the fighting as follows: "The stern, dogged fighting at the battle

of Vafangow was like another Borodine, The roar of the machine guns and the boom of the cannon still ring in one's ears. "Throughout the three days of combat the officers and men vied with each other in pluck and beroism. They have added a glorious page to Russia's military history. "The enemy's advance originally included the fifth, eighth and eleventh divisions, twelve squadrons of cavalry and splendid that the Russians made a gallant and artillery. About 200 guns were beiching at us a stream of shot and shell. Large reinforcements enabled them to turn the Russian flank. A diversion on the right

> June 15. "Major General Gerngoss, who was wounded, commanded the left flank and General Loutchkovsky commanded the center, including four battalions concealed in a small wood, whence they dealt death and destruction on the enemy. "The Russian right was protected by

Cossacks, dragoons and Siberian rifles. Sees Fight From Hill. "While these big guns were thenderir made my way at about 11 a. m. to Russian right flank and climbed a when I could view the whole field of Lattle. Behind me a battery had taken up a position from which it kept up a continuous fire upon the advancing ranks of the enemy. Through glasses I could tee the sandy valley of the Tassa, with the Chinese village of Fafan. The heights of Foo Chou, the railroad bridge and the surrounding

be seen creeping through the verdure

Nearer the slope of a hill was dotted by

the gray shirts of Russian riflemen. A

brownish smoke overhung some of the batteries and others showed flashes of flames. The crackle of rifle fire was punctuated by the roar of guns. Occasionally I heard the hiss of a Japanese bullet. "The scene was awe-inspiring. Over the Russian center and left flank hovered chocolate clouds from bursting shrapnel. It was evident that the tide of battle was coming toward the Russian right. I saw reserves hurrying forward, the Cossacks galloping, followed by columns of infantry at double time. Suddenly they disappeared in an adjacent defile. The valley where the Russians had camped was emptied as if by magic. Rattling volleys were fired behind the screen of hills which concealed

seding there. This continued for half an "Buddenly a company of Cossacks appeared on the crest of a hill and began to descend. They were followed by infantry. The Japanese gunners promptly pursued them with shrapnel. Horses and

men began falling.

the fighting troops from view in that direc-

tion, the sound of the firing being the

only evidence of the deadly struggle pro-

"A moment of harrowing suspense was relieved by a thundering shout of 'hurrah.' "It was from a couple of thousand of Russian troops just brought up by train, They quickly jumped from the cars, fixed bayonets and literally ran into the fight. "Again the crackle of musketry under cover, during which the retiring Russian regiments formed up and moved off in complete order toward the ratiroad. While a long line of commissariat wagons, escorted by Cossacks, took to the road a battery of horse artillery stationed near the railroad, banged away furiously as it covered the retreat. The Japanese shells were falling on the station buildings, from which train after train had moved.

"I descended the hill and just succeeded in jumping on the footboard of the last car. Some of the Russian batteries on the left flank were still firing. The main force then began slowly to retreat toward Vantsialtn (thirty miles north of Vafangow), and at about 1 o'clock in the afternoon had accomplished its strategic mission. The battle of Vafangow had deflected considerable Japanese forces from Port Arthur.

Japanese Loss is Heavy. "The fighting was glorious. For two days the Russian regiments valorously maintained their positions and took the offensive on the left, so pressing the enemy there that a couple of Japanese batteries fell into the Cossacks' hands, The Russian soldiers went into battle singing, their spirits not affected by the flerce heat and furious cannonading, whose intensity may be gauged from the influence it had on the atmospheric conditions. Rain drops fell like tears at the height of the battle, although the day dawned

"Many Russians have fallen, but greater number of Japanese were killed, The Russian shells and bullets mowed thom down like wheat. The whole valley was bestrewn with the corpses and the river Tassa ran red. But it was with Japanese more than with Russian blood. "I left on the last train with General Stakelberg. This train collided with the one preceding it near Vantsialin, but it was not damaged.

"When passing Kai Chou we saw three Japanese oruisers. "The whole road north was occupied by

Russian troops. "The Russians say the Japanese cannot advance much further north, even when