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Democratic Nominee for Vice President Receives Convention's Committee.

JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS DELIVERS ADDRESS

Ceremonies Held on Lawn of the White Sulphur Springs Hotel,

CANDIDATE MAKES A BRIEF SP

Approves Sentiment Expressed by Pa on the Money Question.

LETTER DELIVERED BY THE COMMIT

Venerable Candidate Accepts Tender, Saying He is One with the Principal and Platform of the Party.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Aug. 17.-Henry G. Davis today was formaily notified of his nomination by the democratic party for vice president of the United States. The ceremonies took place in the open air in the grounds of Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs hotel and were marked by simplicity in every detail. Mr. Davis was escorted to the flag-draped platform at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon by Representative John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, who delivered the notification address.

An invocation by the Right Rev. Dr. I. Gravatt of the Episcopal diocese who occupied an hour in speaking. It took Mr. Davis ten minutes to read his tion to the several thousand friends and neighbors who were gathered under the trees as his audience. Senator Daniel of Virginia was forced to acknowledge a demand for a speech, but declined and at 2:25 o'clock the ceremony ended.

Earlier in the day a formal letter of notification was handed Mr. Davis in the parlor of the hotel. A reception and cotilon in honor of the nominee was held in the hotel in the evening.

Many Were Present. Hundreds of enthusiastic democrats had assembled from the Virginias and bordering states, and heavy train loads brought others from a distance Mountaineers came on horseback, on foot and in wagons with their families. The ceremonies were marked with the utmost simplicity. The famous Stonewall Brigade band of Staun-Va., organized by General Jackson, played stirring airs. A pretty incident occurred at the conclusion of the ceremonies when a delegation of seventeer omen from Atlanta, Ga., headed by Mrs. W. L. Peel, all bearing the Georgia state flag, came forward to congratulate the These same women tendered Judge Parker a reception in Atlanta last

Chairman Thomas Taggart of the national committee, who had planned to attend the ceremonies, wired late last night that it would be impossible for him to get White Sulphur, Perry Belmont was the only representative of the New York

Davis Up Early. Mr. Davis was an early riser this morn- intention of further cutting rates. ing. His attire was a dark business suit, with sack coat, made distinctive by his oldfashioned white shirt, with high, standing collar attached and black tie. He mingled freely with the throngs on the broad hotel verandas and held many impromptu receptions in the corridors.

Mr. Davis gave every evidence of good spirits and health and evinced keen interest in meeting his old friends and making new ones.

Tenders Letter to Davis. The notification committee, with thirtyeight members present, fifteen of whom were proxies, met in one of the hotel parlors at 11 o'clock today, organized and then sent for Mr. Davis and presented him the following letter of formal notification:

Mr. Davis: As the committee on notification:

Mr. Davis: As the committee on notification to the vice presidential nominee we have the honor, in the name of the democratic national convention, which was held at St Louis on July 8 to 8, to announce to you with that degree of formality which custom and respectful observance prescribe the fact that you were unanimously named by that body as their choice for vice president of the United States for the term beginning on March 4, 1905, and to request respectfully your acceptance of the nomination. Knowing that we ought to succeed and confiding in the good sense of American people for success, we are, with well merited reward, yours for the committee, JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS, W. M. MCALL, Chairman. Secretary.

Exchange in Committee Room. Perry Belmont and Committeeman James H. Vahey of Massachusetts escorted Mr. Davis to the parler, where the committee was in waiting. He was received with applause. When it had quieted Mr. Williams, addressing Mr. Davis, said:

"Later on in the day we wil have certain exercises which will be, of course, in the nature of a surprise to you. At present the committee desires me to present you formally written notification of your nomination, to which you are to make response later on during the day.

make response later on. I hope we will all make response in November."

timent, and the meeting adjourned. March to Platform. The march from the hotel to the plat- damage, as grain there is now in its critiform on the lawn was begun at 10:20 cal stage. Corn closed 46 % net higher. o'clock. Mr. Davis and Representative Williams led the procession of committeemen, preceded by the band. When the was heavy at a sharp advance. December platform was reached a mighty cheer went up from the throng which had been waiting for half an hour. Between \$,000 \$1.45%, went again up to \$1.50 and then and 4,000 people were gathered under the dropped to \$1.49%. Finding it would be trees. After a medicy by the band the impossible to dislock wheat at \$1.50%, a exercises were opened by prayer by Right courageous bidder amed \$1.50%; this was low W. L. Gravatt, D. D., of the diocese of West Virginia. Mr. Williams then took fore the gong dispersed the crowd at 11:30 the stand and began his address. On the platform which was elaborately decorated were Mr. Davis, Mr. Williams, Senator in wheat have sold in this market since Danfel, Dr. Gravatt, Sergeant at Arms Martin of the St. Louis convention and Secretary McCaull of the committee. Mr. Williams' utterances were ifberally applauded and not infrequent cheering was indulated in an he progressed.

Sotification and Response. John Bharp Williams, chairman and spokesman of the notification committee, this afternoon addressed Mr. Davis and the throng assembled on the hotel lawn at great length, criticising the republican its nominees and policies. Mr. Davis replied to the address in a short

meech, maying: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee: The official notification which you bring of my nomination for the vice presidency by the national democracy gives no a feeling of the sincercet gratified to my party for the honor conferred.

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Delivers Note to American Legation Setting Forth Intentions as to Settlement,

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 17.-The porte as addressed a formal note to the Amercan legation confirming its undertaking to secord equal treatment to American sch and kindred institutions as that granted to the most favored nation, "subject to the accomplishment of the usual departmental formalities." In spite of the seeming reservation it is not believed that the porte will raise further difficulties in executing the agreement or run the risk of creating a resh crisis, which American diplomatictircles declare would follow promptly any 'allure to loyally carry out the arrange-

There is some comment in diplomatic and fficial circles regarding the alleged incomleteness of the American settlement comared with the settlement obtained by

rance on the occasion of the occupation of the island of Mitylene in 1991. American circles, however, point out that Minister Leishman obtained what he demanded and is now awaiting the execution of the undertaking.

DROUTH IS SEVERE IN EUROPE Many Houses Burn and Whole Forests

Are Destroyed. VIENNA, Aug. 17 .- Disastrous confiagraions are occuring in Hungary in consequence of the prolonged drouth. Hundreds of houses in the aggregate have been destroyed by fire in various villages during the past week, in which from fifteen to twenty persons have been burned to death. BERLIN, Aug. 17 .- A spark from a locomotive falling on dry leaves set a forest on fire in western Silesia and the flames of West Virginia proceded Mr. Williams, spread to the parched country, destroying a timber district of nearly 190 square miles, belonging chiefly to Duke Ernest Gunther formal acceptance, but he prefaced this of Schleswig-Holstein, brother of the em-The village of Neuverwerk, on the duke's estate, was burned.

CONDITIONS ARE INSUPPORTABLE

Refugees from Paraguay Say Revolution Has Paralyzed Business. BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 17.-Refugees rom Asuncton, the capital of Paraguay, declare that the conditions there are insupportable. All business has been sus pended, the streets are deserted and only the patrols are visible.

The refugees say that the revolution is spreading and it is believed that the govrnment will not offer serious resistance to any attack on the capital. General Ferreira, the leader of the revolution, will

probably be declared president. Cannonading was heard last night near Asuncion, but there is no definite news that the capital is being bombarded.

NO CUT IN THE STEAMER RATES London Denies Story from New York

of Reductions to be Made, LONDON, Aug. 17 .- At the London office of the Cunard line today it was said that rates, as well as the steerage rates. All university. the Cunard steamers lists, it was added,

are full up to August 20. It was pointed out that the winter rates enter into force in the middle of and therefore it is not believed that Lord Inverciyde, chairman of the line, has any

WHEAT PRICE JUMPS HIGH September Option Goes to \$1.13 at Minneapolis on Nervous Market

sold at \$1.09 on the Chicago Board of Trade today-3%24 cents over yesterday's These prices marked a new record, far above all previous so-called high points. plete should be the responsibility of those Intense excitement attended the trading. The market closed within 1/4 cent of top figures for the day in September and 1 cent for December.

Reports of a more alarming outlook for and Canada seemed to turn nearly every individual in the pit into a frantic buyer. Cable advices were bullish and there were indications of large foreign buying orders in this market.

Messages from North Dakota were to he effect that many fields that look a month. thrifty will not be cut because of the shrivelled condition of the wheat berries due to the ravages of black rust. Farmers Minnesota were said to be burning their wheat fields to clear the ground for next year's crop. In districts of Manitobs where the crop promised a few days ago, to be from twenty to twenty-five bushels to the acre it will not now, according to reports, yield over twelve. Few everses were experienced after the buying furor took possession of the crowd, prices mounting rapidly. The close was strong. out prices were off somewhat from the top through the operations of scalpers. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.-Wheat had a further extraordinary advance today that carried everything to a new level on the crop, September here selling at \$1.11%, or practically 3 cents above yesterday's close. An increased demand for May by the Mr. Davis accepted the letter and re-public sent it up to \$1.14% or just 5c higher marked: "Your chairman has told me to than the close last night. The general of the heaviest single day's advances since Laughter and applause greeted this sen- the bull movement began. Late dispatches expressed a fear that if frost reached the Manitoba crop it would mean widespread BAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17 .- The wheat market was excited today and business wheat went on the floor at \$1.494 and soon jumped to \$1.50, then fell back to

> a. m., December wheat had scored \$1.51%. This is the highest price at which options February, 1503. Local milling concerns advanced prices for flour 20 cents per barrel today as a result of the continued rise in wheat and

GEORGE FRISBIE HOAR IS DYING tuck of Detroit, Mich., one of the passen-Venerable Massachusetts Senator Has Been Given Up by Physicians

and Family.

the market is very strong.

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 17 .- Senstor George Frisble Hoar is dying. His physiiane and also his son, General Rockwood. Hoar, said this morning that the venerable senator would not live perhaps more than by lightning and burned early today. Three three days. Senator Hour's liness be- members of the family were burned to gan several weeks ago with lumbago, and death in the house. The dead: H A Dow- cuit on account of the fact that the oplast night he suffered a relapse, which, his ling, Mrs. Dowling and Fanning Dowling, posing forces were firing at one another relatives fear, makes his case hopsions. | aged &

PORTE FORMALLY PROMISES BUSINESS SESSIONS BEGIN FATAL WRECK IN CHICAGO

Grand Army Convention at Boston in Full Swing.

COMMANDER BLACK DELIVERS ADDRESS

Remarks Ring with Patriotic Sentiment and Urge that Memorial Day Be the Sabbath of Time.

BOSTON, Aug. 17.-The real business of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is holding its annual encampment in this city, began today. The majority of the former wearers of the union blue who are not accredited delegates to the convention, spent the day and evening in renewing their army friendships fighting their battles over again and in enjoying the many attractions offered for their entertainment.

In the afternoon thousands of them jour neyed to the United States navy yard at Charlestown to witness the launching of the training ship Cumberland. Others spent the day in visiting Fancuil hall, Bunker Hill, the old south and old north churches, the burial grounds on Copp's hill, the old granary burying ground and other spots of historic associations. A water carnival on the Charles river at Waltham was the chief attraction of the evening and drew an immense crowd of

Session at Symphonic Hall. Between 1,300 and 1,400 delegates were present when the annual convention of the Grand Army was called to order in ning at a high rate of speed; others, in-Symphonic half at 10 this morning. The feature of the proceedings was the reading of a letter from President Roosevelt expressing regret at his inability to attend the encampment.

In this letter the president referred to the acquisition of the Philippines and declared "that it is only under the American flag that the people of the islands can of the crossing. Ryan put on the brakes preserve public order, the individual freefom and the national wellbeing. The work which has thus been done will not be undone, for the nation, remains true to the memory of your own great deeds."

John C. Black delivered the annual address of the commander-in-chief and the reports of the adjutant general and quartermaster general were circulated. The ousiness today was principally of a routine place of the next encampment determined. At the annual convention of the National Woman's Relief corps Mrs. Fanny F. Minot of Manchester, N. H., was elected passengers. national president on the first ballot.

Four conventions were called to order tothe National Womans' Relief corps. The said: other meetings were those of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the the officials had no knowledge of the re- of Veterans. Still another convention to all right." port published in the United States of a be opened today was that of the national

Commander Black's Address. For the meeting of the veterans, Symphony hall had been elaborately trimmed with bunting and flags and the insigniof the organization had been used along the gallery fronts for tasteful effects. Prayer by the chaplain-in-chief, Winfield Scott of Scottsdale, Aris., opened the pro ceedings, following which Commander-in Chief John C. Black delivered his annual

address. Commander-in-Chief Black referred to the question of immigration. He declared that the Grand Army of the Republic owed CHICAGO, Aug. 17.-September wheat it to those who flocked to the shores of America to let them know how high should be the character and how ample the prep close. December advanced 5 cents, to \$1.10. aration of those who seek the privileges of blood-bought franchises, and how com in public places, to the American requirements for citizenship and officialism. On the subject of pensions the commander-inchief urged that further attempts be made to crystallize into statue law the provisions the wheat crop of the northwestern states of the executive order promulgated by the commissioner of pensions in March of this year, which calls for the pensioning of veterans who have passed the age of 62, who shall be considered disabled one-half in ability to perform manual labor and shall be entitled to a pension from \$6 to \$12

> American Sabbath of Time. Speaking of Memorial day, he recomnended that overtures to the secretaries and all the people of the republic to help make Memorial day the grand American Sabbath of time. At the conclusion of the address of the commander-in-chief a committee bearing the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was

> In presenting the report of the committee hairman, said that an invitation had been extended to the president of the United States to be present at the encampment. President Roosevelt had ordered a number of United States wessels to Boston for the ncampment, but had been prevented by official engagements from coming himself.

SANTA FE TRAIN DITCHED market closed 43% to 43% net higher, one Several Persons Injured and One Fatally in Accident Near

> Scranton, Kansas. SCRANTON, Kan., Aug. 17 .- A special train from Cincinnati, bound for Coronado Beach, Cal., and running as the second section of No. 5 on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, was ditched one mile east of Scranton this afternoon. One person was fatally injured, five were hur seriously and six others sustained slight njuries. The seriously hurt are:

> Mrs. Robert Gray of Flora, Ill., ribs broken, internal injuries; will die. Emma Berry of Ulysses, Kan., hip and side hurt; also internal injuries. Harry Harris of Kansas City, shoulder hurt and face cut.
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> W. H. Rebinson of Indianapolis, chin and seasin cut shoulder hurt. W. B. Rebinson of Indianapolis, chin and calp cut, shoulder hurt. R. H. Sullivan of Indianapolis, shoulder

> and chest hurt.
> Mrs. R. B. Brown of Westwood, O., lower timbs bruised and other injuries. All of the injured were in the chair car. The four cars remained upright. First aid to the injured, who later were taken to Topeka, was given by Dr. C. S. Shat

FAMILY BURNED WITH HOME the coast was supposed to attempt to out Lightning Strikes Farm House in Oklahoma and Wipes Out'

Four Lives, GUTHRIE, Ohl., Aug. 17.-The farm house of B. A. Dowling, near Perth, was struck

Loaded Trolley Train Collides with Passing Passenger Express.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 .- Four people wer killed and fatally hurt and twenty-three severely injured in a collision late this afternoon between an express train on the Chicago Great Western and a train of three trelley cars bound for Hawthorne race track. The names of the dead and injured follow:

MRS FRANCIS RAUTMAN. WILLIAM IRVING, died in hospital fter amputation of leg. MRS, JEREMIAH SHUCKROW, Danunidentified Woman, about 30 Fatally injured:

Michael Ryan, motorman of troiley car; kull fracture. Injured: J. H. Lyman, scalp cut. Edward Riley, legs cut and hand

uesco. Abei Goldesen, hand crushed. Mrs. W. W. Glesson, head cut. Mrs. Kate McCrary, head cut. Jeramiah Shuckrow, Danville, Ill., ankle

wisted.

Ross Moran, arm cut.

Louise Moran, head cut.

Mrs. L. Moran, ankle sprained.

Randali Landali, face cut.

Mrs. Margaret Good, head cut.

William Tennis, head slightly cut.

Mrs. L. Perry, leg badly twisted.

Jesus Rogers, Danville, Ill., right ankle

nd right wrist cut. nd right wrist cut.
J. J. McHale, right leg broken.

The accident occurred at the crossing of Forty-eighth avenue and the Chicago Great Western tracks. The train was coming into the city, and, according to some witnesses of the accident, was runcluding the train crew, declare that it was not going over twenty miles an hour. The trolley train, which was made up of a motor car and two trailers, was in Motorman Michael Ryan, approached the crossing at a rapid speed just as the train came around a sharp curve to the west with all his strength in the effort to stop his car, but the brakes refused to work, and with undiminished speed the motor car ran upon the tracks at the same time

that the locomotive came up The car struck the train just between the engine and the tender. The motor car was torn to splinters, the car immediately hehind knocked over, torn to pieces, and dragged along the track for one hundred nature. Tomorrow morning the election feet. The third car was not dragged from of officers will be held and the time and the tracks and but for the fact that the couplings between it and the second traffer broke the list of injured would brobably be large, as all of the cars were filled with

Motorman Ryan remained at his post to the last and was fatally hurt, his skull important of these was the convention of aid him while he lay on the ground, he

what caused it. When I saw that they Ladies' Ald society, auxiliary to the Sons Now get aside and be quiet and I will be

reduction of the first and second cabin order of the Sons of Veterans at Boston STATESBORO GUARDS RESIGN Military in Georgia Lays Blame on Captain Hitch, Who is Severely Criticised.

> STATESBORO, Ga., Aug. 17 .- Over half of the two companies that were guards over the prisoners who were lynched, have asked for their discharges. They severely stuffs can only become contraband if concriticize Captain Hitch, the commanding officer. Captain-elect Cone and Lieutenant Griner have written their resignations. They, too, are very caustic. The negro found shot to pieces on the bridge, eight miles from here, is not Handy Bell. The

pody has not yet been identified. It is rumored here that the house of Bell. one of the negro suspects who was released from jail last evening, about seven miles from this place, was seized last night by unknown persons, a hundred shots were fired and that he was killed. It is also declared that an organization has been formed among the neighbors of Henry Hodge, which will exterminate all those implicated by Reid in his dving statement. About twenty-five negroes left here today and more, it is said, will follow.

REGISTER, Ga., Aug. 17 .- The latest information gathered from a long drive through the country about Stateshoro. shows that the race feeling has not subsided. The body of a negro shot through the body was found today beside the highway about five miles from here. It is supposed to be that of Handy Bell, one of the suspects released from jail last night for lack of evidence. A meeting of white farmers was held at which plans were laid for ridding the community of obnoxious negroes.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 17 .- Governor J. M. Terrell of Georgia, who arrived here today, sent the following telegram to Adjutant on invitation Eli W. Hall of Lynn, the General S. W. Harris of the Georgia militia immediately after he had read the newspaper accounts of the rioting at Stutesboro: Upon arrival here I learned through the

press the occurrence at Statesboro yester-day. Please investigate fully and have report of same ready on my return. Governor Terrill declined to make a ormal statement regarding the occurrence.

"I came here with the expectation of remaining several days, perhaps a week, helping prepare for Georgia day at the fair. Under the circumstances I will be compelled to shorten my visit and will return to Atlanta tomorrow morning. After I learn the full and true particulars in regard to the Statesboro affair I will teams a statement to the public, but I cannot well do so before that time."

CALIFORNIA ARMY MANEUVERS Supplies for Imaginary Forces Raided and Galling Artillery Duel Fought on Coast.

CAMP ATASCADERO, Cal., Aug. 17 .-The problem set for solving today in the army maneuvers was the attack and de-100 wagons loaded at Asuncion station with proceed. supplies for an imaginary main body operating on the coast north of Port Harford was supposed to be moving to the coast via Eagle Ranch Gate and escorted Italian ports. by a "blue" force composed of three armiss commanded by Colonel Markley. A raiding brown force operating against the flank and rear of the blue force on Japanese Give Categorical List to the

off and capture or destroy the train Colonel Ward of the Fifteenth regiment. commanded the browns. An artillery duel whose supports did not at once materialize. The umpires were hard taxed and covered many miles back and forth in order to discover the losses. It being very diffiat a distance of from 1,200 to 1,500 gards.

FOODSTUFFS NOT CONTRABAND NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

United States and England Send Notes to Russian Government.

NO CHANGE IN ATTITUDE ANNOUNCED

Selger Must Prove that Articles Are Destined for Belligerent Use Before They Can Be Confinented.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 17 .- 2 p. m .-The United States and Great Britain have formally raised the question of foodstuffs as being not contraband of war, except for belligerent armies or navies. While acting on parallel lines the United States and Great Britain are proceeding independently. The American case was presented through Ambassador McCormick and follows the lines of American declaration at the time of the Spanish war. It is in the form of a protest against the confiscation of flour on board the Arabia. The general American contention regarding coal, naptha, etc., as set forth in Secretary Hay's note of June 10 are also placed before the Russian government. Great Britain following by raising not only the question of foodstuffs as contraband, but the legality of sinking neutral ships. This mmunication was presented through Ambassador Harding.

England's Note Explicit. The views are practically those embodied in the king's speech at the proroguing of Parliament. The communication takes exeption to the Russian doctrine that foodstuffs are contraband, takes a position against the right of Russia to sink neutral merchantmen, and demands compensation in the case of the Knight Commander charge of Conductor W. H. Condon and With regard to foodstuffs consigned to an enemy's ports the communication maintains that proof that they are intended for a belligerent military or naval force is ecessary in order that they be considered ontraband., It illustrates in this contention the case of flour on board the Arabia, Yokohama and which was declared contraband by the Vladivostok prize court. Great Britain contends that the Russian doctrine is equivalent to a declaration that all foodstuffs consigned to an enemy's port are unconditionally contraband.

The British note argues the question at length against the right to sink neutral ships as being contrary to international law and usage.

While the communication of both governments are couched in friendly terms they make the positions of the United States and Great Britain quite clear and emphatic, The American and British representaday in the Tremont temple building. Most being fractured. To people who came to tions relative to foodstuffs have been received without resentment by the Russian authorities and the Associated Press learns "The brakes would not work. That was that they are being considered, with the probabilities that some modifications will National Daughters of Veterans and the would not work I reversed the current, be made in the direction of meeting the views of the two governments.

General Terms Identical. LONDON, Aug. 17.-Regarding the British note in respect to contraband of war just handed by Ambassador Mardinge to Foreign Minister Lamsdorff at St. Petersthat the general terms thereof are identical with the representations made by Ambassador McCormick to the Russian government in accordance with the instructhe members of the Statesboro guards, one | tions of Secretary Hay. It is now known that the members of the British cabinet declared that in their view rice and foodsigned directly to a belligerent's government. In the case of coal and other fuel, Great Britain asserts that they are contraband only if consigned to a naval port or to the headquarters of a fleet; that cotton can only be ragarded as contraband when it is established that it was ordered by a belligerent government and destined for the army or navy, and that railroad material and bridges becomes contraband only when destined for hostile purposes. Great Britain lays particular stress on the importance of limiting the zone in which belligerents may pursue neutrals carrying alleged contraband. Great Britain also seeks recognition of the principle of compensation for losses inflicted on British shipping. As soon as the principle is recognized, Lord Lansdowne states in a letter to a correspondent, claims will be submitted for settlement.

The British officials are hopeful, in view of the identical and almost simultaneous representations of the United States, that the Russian government will make concessions so necessary, in the opinion of the Foreign office, to the protection of the rights of neutrals.

In the opinion of the continental diplomate here, however, the negotiations are likely to drag. They do not expect complete compliance with the views of the Washington and London governments.

WONSON TO BE ATTACKED SOON Russians Gathering a Force to Continue Raid in Cores.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 190). WONSON, Aug. 15 (Via Secul), Aug. 17 -(New York Herald Cablegram - Spccial Telegram to The Bee.) - A Corean runner reports that the Russians are encamped at Ham Heung awaiting the arrival of infantry, when the attack on Wonson will be renewed. The skirmish that occurred on August 9 was a scouting engagement only, the Russians having no intention to attack in force. Coreans at Young Heung and Moon Chou

are busy preparing the roads and gathering forage for the Russians. URAL STILL HOLDING UP STEAMERS

Russian Converted Cruiser Keeps Busy with Mediterranean Shipping.

AJACIO, Corsica, Aug. 17.-The British steamer Scotlan, coal laden from the Tyne, arrived here today and reported that it was stopped August 13 by two blank shots, fol- of the fight has not yet been heard. lowed by a shell, from the Russian cruiser Ural, formerly the German steamer Kalserin Maria Therese. After an examination fense of a convoy. A train consisting of of the Scotian's papers it was allowed to A Russian officer said that the Ural was

seeking for over 200 steamers carrying contraband for transchipment in Spanish and pushed forward, while on the Neva many

REPORMS DEMANDED FROM COREA

Government at Scoul. NEW YORK, Aug. 17,-The Japanese minister at Seoul has, according to a Times dispatch from Tokio, advised the Corean terminated in the sileneing of the blues, government that the following essential reforms must be carried:

The functions of the imperial household and the executives must be differentiated. The principle of ministerial responsibility must be enforced.

The national finances must be reorgan-

Showers Thursday and Friday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Deg. 5 a. m..... 71 6 a. m..... 71 Hour. Hour. 1 p. m..... 85 2 p. m..... 86 7 n. m. . . . . . 71 8 n. m. . . . . 72 3 p. m .... 86 D n. m. . . . . . . . 5 p. m ..... 8 p. m..... 84 7 p. m.... 76 n. m . . . . . 80 11 n. m ..... 80 12 m.,,,,,, 82

OFFICER DESCRIBES FIGHT

Canrovitch Struck by Three Large Shells in Space of Five Minutes.

when directly proved that they are destined (Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) TSING TAU, Aug. 17 .- (New York Heraid Cablegram-Special Tolegram to The Bee.)-I have just had an interesting talk with the officer in charge of the Russian battleship Czarovitch. His statement, which was kindly interpreted fgr me by the ship's paymaster, follows:

"We left Port Arthur at 8 o'clock in the morning and immediately saw the Japanese fleet on the horizon. It was drawn up in half circle formation, with the large ships in the rear.

"The Japanese immediately saw us. We steered to the southeast, the Czarovitch leading. The Japanese flagship Mikado opened the battle first at a range of five and a half kilometers with her twelveinch guns and the fighting lasted one hour, both fleets steaming in parallel lines.

"At II o'clock we had time to dine and

rest while again getting into position. "The second attack began at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at five kilometers distance The Russians this time opened the firing. the Poltava firing first. Fighting continued until darkness set in. Our admiral was killed while he was directing the conflict from the port side of the ship. The same which was consigned to a British firm at | shell killed two flag officers, one navigation officer and four sailors belonging to the signaling staff.

"A second shell struck the starboard side of the conning tower, entered the blockhouse and burst. The effect was simply fearful, for it killed or wounded everybody in the vicinity. The commander's arm was broken and he sustained a contusion at the base of the skull.

"A third shell burst in the foremast, eaving the foremast hanging in the stay

eceived in less than five minutes. The econd shell damaged the telephone and telegraphs, compasses and steering gear, crowded. causing the ship to tremble and travel rapidly in circles for ten minutes until temporary repairs were executed.

ing with her engines and setting his course been broken during the battle. "The junior navigation officer, however, nanaged to fix some spare parts to a com-

pass temporarily at 3 o'clock in the morn-During the night Japanese torpedo boats attacked us, no fower than five times. We saw torpedoes fired and they passed us very close, but none of them

struck us. "The Japanese left many floating mines in front of our fleet. "I cannot say how our other ships fared. We saw fire break out abourd the Ret-

"We also saw a great fire aboard the Peresylet. An American named Novitts, who has been working as a carpenter in the docks at Port Arthur, has arrived here. He states that a four-funneled cruiser had been badly damaged, but was repaired and

rigan, but it was soon extinguished.

The supply of ammuniton is moderate, but that of food is small and depends on ontraband, which is extensively smuggled in by land and sea. The Russian mines the people there are obliged to take an oath of loyalty and are compelled to work, but not fight. Compensation is given for wounds and wages of 10 roubles (16) a day

are paid in gold. The land mines have caused great slaughter, thousands of men being blown to pieces and these engines are sole'y responsible for the maintenance of the defense.

SOME SALVE FOR THE RUSSIANS Express Belief that Japanese Ships Were Seriously Dumaged. (Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.)

Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to positions. The Bee.)-Out of the confusion reigning in the public mind concerning what has really happened since the eventful sortie of the fiest from Port Arthur, one idea finds general expression, namely, how much of their own losses the Japanese are concealing. Up to the present they have only accounted for the Czarovitch, the Askold and a few destroyers, out of nine large ships and a score or more of destroyers that sallied fire. forth, while the Mikasa, the largest Japanese battleship, is reported disabled. Probably there are many more.

Admiral Kamimura claims a victory over the Vladivostock squadron, Naval men here ank how it was that with superior speed existing in at least five of his ships he did not pursue. The only possible reply is that he was unable to do so, owing to the damage to his ships. The Russian version

In about three weeks time the second Pacific squadron, consisting of six battleships and eleven cruisers is timed to leave. now living af Cronstadt aboard the ships upon which work is being energetically

pany them. There was an issue of 150,030,000 roubles (\$75,000,000) in treasury notes, with interest, repayable in five years, officially annormered. This, as forecasted in the Herald a fortnight ago, is a financial stop gap until the new loan which it is contemplated is issued in December.

Rumor at Tien Tain. TIEN THIN, Aug. 17.-7 p. m .- It is as serted here that the missing vessels of the

reached Vindivortok,

Port Arthur Must Be Surrendered or Reduced by Shells of Besiegers.

FORMAL NOTICE SERVED ON STOESSEL

Permission Given for the Removal of the Noncombatants.

FLANKING MOVEMENT IS DEVELOPING

Involves the Entire Mass of Jap Troops from Dalin Pass.

RYESHITELNI WILL NOT BE RESTORED

Japanese Decide to Neither Applogian Nor Return the Boat Taken from Che Foo Harbor,

and Give Reasons.

TOKIO. Aug. 17.-10 a. m .- The commander of the army besieging Port Arthur eports that Major Yamoka, a member of his staff, was dispatched under a flag of truce to the outposts of the Russians, where he delivered to a Russian staff officer the offer of the emperor of Japan, granting the removal of noncombatants. He also demanded the surrender of Port Arthur. An answer is expected today,

Rumor at St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 17.-6:27 p. m .-A rumor is again in circulation here that Port Arthur has fallen, but the source is not traceable and it seems to have no more foundation than the previous rumors to the ame effect.

TOKIO, Aug. 18 .- It is reported that the Port Arthur garrison has refused to surrender and is disinclined to send out noncombatants.

City in Sore Straits. LONDON, Aug. 18 .- According to the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Che

Foo, refugees arriving there bring news of serious condition of affairs at Port Arthur. They say that Japanese shells bave "All these three twelve-inch shells were ignited lighters in the docks which contained supplies of coal, resulting in a terrific conflagration. Many of the buildings have been demolished and the hospitals are Big Flanking Movement. LIAO YANG, Aug. 17 .- A general Japan-

ese flanking movement is developing to the east and parallel with the rallway. The "The captain of the flagship then took movement involves the whole mass of command and made for Tsing Tau, steertroops from Dalin Pass, about twenty-five miles southwest of Tatchekiao, to Diadiburg, the Associated Press is informed by the stars, all the compasses having noshan, on the Taise river, thirty-five miles southeast of Mukden. It is evident that these troops have combin object of forcing the Russians out of Liao Yang without a fight and thus securing advantages of winter quarters. It is not thought the Japanese have enough men to consummate the movement until the release of a large number of the troops now

besieging Port Arthur. It is reported that a large force has left Hal Cheng and is retiring to Ta Tche Kiao, Three days rain has temporarily checked

all movements. Chinese bandits are more active than ever. They again blew up the railway near here and fired during the night on a train bearing Colonel Spiridorof of the Amur railroad battalion. They are rendering the environs of the town unsafe after dark by aniping from the tall corn in the fields and

have kidnaped and tortured a number of victims. Bandits under the command of the celebrated Toulison cut up a party of scoutsinder the command of Captain Transoff in the village of Syaba, twenty-five miles west of Liao Yang yesterday. Captain filundaare covered with imported scrap iron. All Ivski, coming up with reinforcements, scattered the bandits, killing eighteen and capturing four. The village was burned and many explosions were heard, evidently of concealed ammunition. The place was the sendquarters of Toulisan, who seems to be

a colonel in the Japanese service. Japanese Cordon Tightens. CHEE FOO, Aug. 17 .- 7 p. m .- According to news received here today the Japanese ine has been drawn still closer around beleagured Port Arthur. The right wing of the Japanese line has peneterated to the vicinity of Pigeon bay, while the center has moved forward from Palingching, which is south of Shushiyen and two miles north of the town. Chinese are authority ST, PETERSBURG, Aug. 17 .- (New York | for the above outline of the new Japanese

Passengers on board the steamer Decima. which anchored off Port Arthur last night, witnessed the bombardment from Pigeon bay. The Japanese shells were visible during their whole course. They circled omet-like to the town and their explosions were marked by great spinshes of fire, which shot up into the sky. The bombardment from this and other points began at midnight and lasted until morning. The Russians did not reply to the Japanese

Major Seaman, formerly a surgeon in the American army, was a passenger on the Decima. The Decima weighed anchor from Port Arthur at 5 o'clock this morning. At some distance out she saw five Japanese warships guarding the harbor.

Everything is quiet at Tsingtau. Will Never Surrender. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 17.-11:55 p. m --The announcement of the mikado's offer to allow noncombatants to leave Port Arthur. coupled with the demand for the surrender of the garrison, caused a revulsion of feeling here. The original report that nonombatants would be permitted to depart before the storming operations began was Admiral Rejestvensky and his staff are regarded as a humane and considerate act. The War office is without official confirmation of the summons served upon General Stoomet, but not the slightest idea enists in military circles that he will yield, large transports are being laden to accom- so long us food and ammunition hold out without a fight, even to protect defenseless women and other noncombantants from the

horrors of bembardment. Stocasel Has Discretton. "General Stoessel, as an independent commander, would have a perfect right under the Russian military regulations, to surrender at discretion," said a member of the general staff to the correspondent of the Associated From, "but it may safely be assumed that a man of Storesel's temper will not create a new precedent in Russian his-Russian squadron did not return to Port tory. Our military annals do not show a Arthur, and it is believed that they have single case where a commander yielded a fortress upon the demand of the enemy in