THE OMAHA DAILY BEE. **BIG BUSINESS OR LITTLE-OAKS GROW FROM ACORNS** BEE ADS WILL BOOST IT. -BEE ADS BUILD BUSINESS SINGLE COPY THREE CENTS. OMAHA, MONDAY MORNING, MAY 29, 1905. ESTABLISHED JUNE 19, 1871. GIANT FLEETS MEET IN DEATH GRAPPLE WEEK MORE OF CASE WORLD TRAVELER AT ANCHOR WILL CONTINUE THE STRIKE NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST showers and Thunderstorms Today. Several Hundred People Attend Ob-Fair and Warmer Tomorrow. sequies of Captain B. F. Reynolds Chicago Federation of Labor Makes Prep-Dennison Trial Promises to Extend Beyond Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: at House and Cemetery. arations for Prolonged Struggle. Hour. Deg. Hour. 5 s. m..... 54 1 p. m. Deg. Ensuing Six Days. 1 p. m.... 63 2 p. m.... 63 Greatest Sea Fight of Modern Times Now Last offices for the late Captain B. F. FIGHT IN THE COREAN STRAITS. 6 a. m 54 Revnolds, chief engineer and superintend- BIG LABOR DEMONSTRATION JULY Progressing in the East. 7 m. m..... 50 3 p. m 64 COURT MAY OBSERVE THE HOLIDAY of the Minnelusa pumping station, were 5 8. m.... 57 9 8. m.... 58 610 4 p. maares yesterday afternoon at the beautiful 5 p. m 65 **ROJESTVENSKY ENCOUNTERS TOGO AT LAST** Fight Will Go on Until Express Comresidence in Florence and at the 10 s. m..... 39 6 p. m..... 65 The Russian fleet, under Admiral Rojestvensky, and the Japa-Defense Expresses Satisfaction with Condi-11 a. m..... 58 panies Are Ready to Compro-7 p. m..... 64 P in Forest Lawn cemetery. Although nese fleet, under Admiral Togo, are engaged in a death grapple in 8 p. m..... 64 9 p. m.... 64 12 m..... 60 fternoon was chilly and rain con tions Up to Present. mise-Employers Are the Straits of Corea. This much is certain. Other information Battle Off the Corean Coast Begins at * ly threatened, more than 500 men and concerning the affair is meager and unsatisfactory as forming a basis for a conclusion as to the outcome of the light. At Tokic the Confident. C. th, most of whom were old personnl Noon Saturday. ALEXANDER MAKES STATEMENT THINKS PROSECUTION HAS FALLEN SHORT is of the captain and his wife, atgovernment is keeping back all information, while at St. Petersad the services, which were very sim-CHICAGO, May 28-There was nothing President of Equitable Life Discusses burg no information is received save that that comes from the news DETAILS RECEIVED ARE VERY MEAGER The casket was almost hidden from developed today that would indicate an agencies. Che Foo dispatches suy the fight began at noon on Satur-Attempt Still Being Made to Take Sher-Injunction Issued Against Soby flowers and the cottage was far immediate settlement of the teamsters' day. The main portion of the Russian squadron and the Japanese mail to accommodate those anxious ciety by Justice Maddox. eliffe Out of State. strike, which has been in progress for Japanese Government Keeps Back All Its fleet are engaged. ", y their final respects to an admired nearly two months. That the labor unions From Washington comes word that the Russian fleet sank an Information. Siefficter. Conspicuous were the Grand NEW YORK, May 28 .- The following is are of the belief that the fight will be a unknown American merchantman off the Chinese coast. The Amer-CUMMINS WILL NOT GIVE HIM UP Army veterans, this organization having an abstract of a communication issued to long one was demonstrated at the meetican consul at Nagasaki telegraphs the department at Washington slaimed Captain Reynolds among its meming of the Chicago Federation of Labor the managers and agents of the Equitable that the Japanese have sunk one Russian battleship, four Russian RUSSIAN LOSS IS REPORTED TO BE HEAVY bers by virtue of the fact that he comtoday, when arrangements were made for Life Assurance society by President Alex-Governor Says He Will Not Honor Any cruisers and a repair ship. manded a war vessel under Farragut during holding a strike demonstration on July 5. ander. It relates to the recent ruling of A dispatch from Tsingtan says the Japanese lost one torpedo Request for Former Convict the rebellion. According to the present plans it is the Justice Maddox in the suit of Franklin B. cruiser and ten forpedo boats. This tends to confirm the theory ad-vanced several days ago that Admiral Togo would not risk his American Consul Sends Some Details of the A quartet composed of Miss Fawcett, Until Present Trial intention to hold a monster parade of the Lord against the society and embodies an Battle's Result. Mrs. Hammill, Mr. Barton and Mr. Pryor is Over. strikers and the affiliated unions unless the opinion of counsel representing the society controversy has been ended before that as to the scope and effect of the court's sang "Lead Kindly Light" and Rev. Edwin heavy fighting ships. | Hart Jenks followed by reading a prayer. At the meeting today each union action in restraining the carrying into efdate. JAPANESE LOSE TEN TORPEDO BOATS He then made a functul address, with a affiliated with the central body was repre- fect of the amended charter adopted April (From a Staff Correspondent.) RED OAK, In., May 28-(Special Tele, eulogy of Captain Reynolds, sented by three delegates at the request of 6, pending a final determination of the ac-GLOOM IN ST. PETERSBURG TOGO GAINS GREAT VICTORY "Captain Reynolds has sailed his last President Dold. The strike situation was tion on its merits. gram.)-The Dennison trial, which con-Report from Tsingtau that Togo's Wasp voyage and arrived safely in an everiasting discussed in all its details and the senti- winded all of hast week, will in all probability, not be concluded this week, it has borne the preclows carry discretify in an everytake of the week it has borne the preclows carry discretify in an everytake of the week it has borne the preclows carry discretify in an everytake of the week it has borne the preclows carry discretify in an everytake of the week it has borne the preclows carry discretify in an everytake of the week it has borne the preclows carry discretify in an everytake of the week it has borne the preclows carry discretify in an everytake of the week it has borne the preclows carry discretify in an everytake of the week it has borne the preclows carry discretify in an everytake of the week it was beer and achievement in the second the week it was a man to be admined and the reliable of the first duit, has been and the reliable of the first week it was a man to be admined and reliable. The prosecution conducted the week it was explained to first duit, has been the reliable of the graves on the side of the graves raise and the week it was a man to be admined and reliable. The presence this week, it was explained to duit and the methane week it was explained to the was a man to be admined and reliable. The duit of the graves of the sumed all of last week, will, in all proba-The opinion says: Fleet Suffers Severely. bility, not be concluded this week. It has barbor," said Hev. Mr. Jenks. "The old ment of the meeting was that the team-View Taken by British Naval Experts on the News 50 Far MOVEMENT OF RUSSIANS TOWARD STRAITS Received. Rojestvensky Headed Directly for the LONDON, May 29 -- Many dispatches from Passance Where He Was Most Tokio and other points appearing in this Likely to Encounter the morning's newspapers are filled with more or less authentic details of recent move-Japanese Fleet. ments of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's ships and surmises and rumors of the results of BULLETIN. the battle between the Japanese and Rus-LONDON, May 29.-The correspondent of sian fleets, but add nothing reliable to the dispatches received by the Associated the Morning Post at Shanghai says that a Press correspondents. telegram has been received there from According to the Daily Telegraph, a private telegram was received in London last Peking, announcing that Rojestvensky's night in a very high quarter to the effect fleet has been defeated off the Tsu islands night: In the next few days we will have all the help needed to get business back to a normal basis. During last week we se-cured over 1.500 drivers from citles and towns outside of Chleago and there are several hundred more en route. Three hun-dred of these men are expected to arrive here tomotrow morning from the north-ern part of Wisconbin and Minnesota. They are principally all lumbermen and river drivers and will be assigned to the Lum-bermen's association. With the 150 drivers already engaged by the lumbermen his ad-ditional force tomorrow will put the lum-bermen in fairly good shape again. The State street stores and the business houses that became involved at the open-ing of the trouble have practically enough men to handle their wagons, so it is only a that Vi e Admiral Togo had gained a great and is fleeing northward and that four Eased on the meagre details already re- Russian ships, including the battleship the founders of this society had in mind when the charter was adopted. The amended charter now before the superintendent of insurance for bis ap-proval embodies the unanimous result of the views of the members of the board and confers upon the policy holders the right to elect a majority of the beard. It would, in our opinion, be most injurious to the interests of the society and to us future welfare and its permanent prosperity. If Donahue was in Washington city, where pany for years and whose lives were in ceived here, most of the newspapers are ready to believe the Japanese have secured Borodino, have been sunk. close contact with Captain Reynolds. They he had been injuted in an automobile acciwere Stockton Heth, Charles Dooley, F. H. a victory. dent, and probably would be in Red Oak BULLETIN. The secrecy maintained at Tokio appar-Marshall, William Pulta, Hugh Suttle and Monday. ently extends to the European legations. Newell Burton. The honorary pallbearers Defense Feels Encouraged. were Judge J. M. Woolworth, R. S. Hall, At any rate, Baron Hayashi, the Japanese At this stage of the game inc defense N. M. Howard, A. B. Hunt, E. M. Fairfield, minister here, declined to see newspaper correspondents, much less to talk of the and Japanese fleets in the straits of Corea, welfare and its permanent prosperity, if the amended charter should not be carried come pessimistic. feels very much encouraged. For a time J. M. Gibb, Major R. S. Wilcox, Judge The report sent to Washington by the it seemed probable the defense would place Jacob Fawcett and Charles F. Weller. battle effect, by reason of the injunction ted by Justice Maddox and we are y of the opinion that the appellate American consul at Nagasaki of the sink-Dennison, Liewellyn and a few others on The services at the house were concluded The indications from many of the dising of five Russian warships included a the stand and allow the case to go to the by the singing of "In the Sweet By and By" patches are that Rojestvensky sent some of courts will decline to approve of the views expressed by Mr. Justice Maddox as to the validity of the proceedings of this board in adopting the amended charter. battleship and repair ship was accepted as his vessels through the Tsugaru strait with ing; all the slower vessels have steamed jury without attempting to impeach the by the choir. U. S. Grant post No. 118 had to handle their wagons, so it is only the most definite and the most authentic on of police protection that concerns witness, Shercliffe, by a long line of wit- charge of the rites at the grave, which conthe view of mystifying the Japanese. US DOW piece of news received up to midnight and nesses. This counset, however, failed to sisted of the prescribed Grand Army ritual, It is assumed here that the Japanese government will follow its customary plan are stated to be one cruiser and ten torpedo No Disturbances Reported. indoubtedly produced a had impression. prevail, and all the witnesses for the de- in which Commander T. A. Creigh, Chap-Today was one of the quietest days since CONGRESS OF AGRICULTURE The fear was expressed that the battlenot to allow details to be published until fense will be called. lain Diffenbacher and Comrades Wilcox. boats. ship sunk might have been Rojestvensky's the strike began, not a single disturbance The defense feels, however, that the Fawcett and Weller officiated. the action has been completed, and it is The island of Obi is in the sea of Japan, Delegates to International Conference flagship, the Kniaz Souvaroff, on which the being reported up to a late hour tonight. believed that the fight has been of a runprosecution has made no case against Den-Japanese would undoubtedly concentrate In the lumber district, which is feared more Greeted by King and Queen nison, it being up to the prosecution to SERMONS ON GAS LEASE FIGHT ning character. their fire. The sinking of the repair ship han any other part of the city, many of The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspond- Corea, where the battle between the Japshow that Dennison actually went to Misof Italy. Kamschatka, which was filled with the the saloons which have been made the ent says that an intermittent fog prevailed souri Valley, Is., and dug up the Pollock Victory of People Referred to in most modern machinery, might, it thought, headquarters of the striking teamsters were in the Sea of Japan Saturday. It occasiondiamonds. The only evidence introduced to Nearly Every Pulpit in ROME. May 18 -- In the historic hall of prove later to be a more severe loss than the capitol today King Victor Emmanuel that of a warship, but at the admiralty, ROME. May 28-In the historic hall of closed today by the order of Mayor Dunne. ally lifted, when there was brilliant sun- have had its beginning. that effect was the statement of Shercliffe Philadelphia, and the police kept crowds from congregatthat Tom Dennison told him he had due and Queen Helena, surrounded by mem- where crowds congregated Sunday aftershine. A high wind prevailed, with a rough ing on the streets. No effort was made by bers of the cabinet ar other high state dignitaries, inaugurate the international pressed that if Rojestvensky had cleared up the diamonds. This fact will, the de-BCB. PHILADELPHIA, May 28 .- The gas lease the lumber companies to move wagons to-The Russian ships were first sighted at fense claims, have to be established beyond a reasonable doubt before a convic- fight of last week, which resulted in the day, the officials of the different companies

tion can be secured. The corroborative evidence introduced by the state has nearly all been contradicted

lease from city councils served as the text

advocates of the proposition bowing to taking advantage of sunday to make prepapopular will by withdrawing the proposed rations for extended operations tofforrow.

Employers Charge Conspiracy.

he idea, would have preferred not to an purchased, especially if the later report To prove that a Teamsters' union -per- sist at today's gathering, saying that all should prove that the Japanese losses mit protects a wagon driver in Chicago honor should go to the king of Italy, who were anything like equal proportions. from assault and the property of the em- took up the idea, but as the committe Intense Anxiety of the Czar. ployer from being damaged, attorneys for urged that he should be present, he yielded the Employers' association have sub- and became an object of great curiosity Probably no one in Russia displayed such poenaed Arthur Dixon of the Arthur Dixon notwithstanding his modesty. ntense anxiety as the emperor. Early Sunday morning he summoned Grand Duke Transfer company and a member of the Minister of Agriculture Rava delivered Alexis, high admiral; Admiral Avellan, Chicago Team Owners' association, and the address of greeting to "the illustrious head of the Russian admiralty depart-Thomas Cavanaugh, member of the Team- representatives of the civilized nations. ment, and Admiral Wirenius, chief of the sters' association, to testify before Master convoked in a parliament of knowledge. general staff of the navy to Tsarskoe-Selo in Chancery Sherman in the United States justice and economic accord in favor of the and was closeted with them to a late first and greatest of human endeavors. supreme court injunction tomorow. hour, impatiently awaiting information and Alleging that the members of the Chicago agriculture." poring over charts. Teamsters' association are operating their The king and queen conversed briefly The only news received by his majesty business by an arrangement with Cornelius with those present. His majesty shook received from Russian sources, were dis-P. Shea and other officers of the Teamsters' hands with Ambassador White and then patches from Russian agents and consuls association and that some members are with the American delegates, A. F. Woods at Chinese ports, which could give noth delivering goods to boycotted houses with and W. F. Hill. ing but current rumors. The only time the nonunion drivers by permission of the Two ideas with regard to the conference emperor left the members of his cabinet strike leaders, the attorneys for the emhave already been put forth-one to the was to attend service in the chapel of the ployers say they intend to show that the effect that the outcome should be an in-Alexandra palace, when the chaplain strike leaders have conspired to injure the ternational institute at Rome, which would prayed for Rojestvensky's success. business of the members of the Employers' generally speaking, be an office for the col-The emperor was greatly distressed when association lection of statistics and dissemination of the Washington dispatch containing the technical information, advice, etc. and the Express Companies Stand Pat, information sent by the consul at Naga other to raise the institute to the dignity NEW YORK, May 2s-Levy Mayer, the saki arrived of an international pariiament of agriculattorney for the Employers' association and The newspaper dispatches naturally creture with effective legislative powers derepresenting the express companies whose ated the wildest speculation. Some of the rived from each country which might be a employes in Chicago are on strike, is here officers of the Admiralty were inclined to party to it.

conference on saria a in the or senera, the gateway to the sea of Japan with no of the diplomatic corps and he nelegates. David Lubin of California, who originated consul, the passage had not been dearly

TSINGTAU, May 25 .- There is a running naval engagement between the Russian near the island of Oki. It is reported that the whole Russian fleet is not participataround Japan. The Japanese losses so far

about 200 miles northeast of the straits of anese and Russian fleets is reported to

A telegram from Chinese sources says that in the naval battle in the straits of 6 o'clook in the morning approaching the Corea, Saturday and Sunday, the Rus-Two island under cover of a fog, which, nowever, lifted and the squadron retired sians have probably lost two battleships this squadron is believed to have consisted and two cruisers. This report has not

by the defense. The statement by Sher cliffe that Dennison had sent \$750 to Charlie Mullen at Seattle to go his bond has been contradicted by a deposition from Mullen and a copy of the original petition showing that Mullen had gone through bank ruptcy to escape paying the bond.

It has been proven by the state, through Warden Jones of the Iowa penitentiary that Dennison had visited Shercliffe in prison and left him money.

Not Denied by Dennison.

It has been proven by the state that Dennison assisted in securing the parole of Shercliffe, but these two latter charges have never been denied by Dennison.

The state failed to prove that Denniso admitted he had spent the money for Shercliffe's release, as specified in the Dennison financial statement. The state attempted to corroborate Shercliffe's statement that to corroborate Shercliffe's statement that Dennison needed money after the Sullivan-Corbett fight by showing that he had bor-rowed in all \$1,600 from the Omaha Sav-ings bank and also to corroborate that part of the financial statement showing that he had paid \$450 in interest to the bank. bank.

The defense already has proven, however, oy an affidavit from Sandy Griswold week in opposition to the gas lease will, it of the World-Herald and by Himes, a is believed, he turned into gatherings for gambler of Cheyenne, that Dennison loaned the confirmation of the mayor's new dethe latter \$1.700 immediately after the fight partment chiefs. Colonel Sheldon Potter and that Dennison came home from the and A. Lincoln Acker. So far as known fight with a big roll of money and that the leaders of the organization have not Himes paid Dennison the \$1,500 within a refused to consent to the appointments week or ten days after the fight.

son dug up the diamonds at Missouri Val- Messrs. Potter and Acker will probably be has been contradicted by Mrs. Eva sent to councils on Thursday and in case Swarts, formerly of Logan, who swore they are not confirmed the mayor will rethat Shercliffe had told her he himself appoint them ad interim every thirty days not be able to do anything before tomorhad taken the diamonds into Omaha, and until the controversy is settled. by the testimony of C. E. Beane, who said | The injunction proceedings instituted last Shercliffe told him the same thing, and week against the mayor's new directors as-

by one or two other depositions.

proven that Harry Brome, Elmer E. day evening, when he will hear argu-Civic Federation had given money to permanent. Shercliffe since he made his affidavit involving Dennison. This testimony the defense considers very important in estab-Hishing the fact that a conspiracy had been hatched up to ruin Dennison "politically and financially."

What Shereliffe Told Beane.

Beane, for the defense, also testified that Shercliffe had told him while both were in & Kansas City hospital that Dennison was not implicated in the Pollock robbery. but that he was going back to lowa to

fending Shercliffe should be ever be caught. Hooker has the dates the money was deposited with him. This will go to establish the claim of the defense that Dennison did not spend the \$14,000 in Shercliffe's behalf, as shown in the financial statement which one convict said Shercliffe had told aim he had "conned" Dennison into making so that he could use it against him at the right time. It has not yet been decided just when Dennison will go on the stand.

Interest in Case Grows. Interest in the case has grown constantly and every day the court room has been

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ny sermons in Philadelphia churches today. There were few houses of worship where the sensational incidents of last week were not touched upon.

The greater part of Mayor Weaver's day was taken up with religious duties. He attended divine services at Temple Baptist church in the forenoon and in the afternoon he taught his Bible class at the church as usual. There were almost record-breaking attendances at the church. many strangers attending the services to see the mayor. At the conclusion of the morning services the mayor and Mrs.

Weaver were surrounded by nearly all members of the congregation and congratulated. During the exercises. informally opening the Sunday school session, the superintendent referred to the mayor and the part he took in the gas lease fight. Mr. Weaver was called upon to speak a few words and among other things said:

The mass meetings scheduled for this being confirmed, nor have they given their The statement of Shercliffe that Denni- approval of such action. The names of

suming office will come before Judge Rob-By Shercliffs himself the defense has ert Raiston in common pleas court Wednes-Thomas and Secretary Ware of the Omaha ment on a motion to make the injunction large majority of the positions made va-

KNOCKS OUT TRAIN ROBBER Express Messenger Lays Out Bandit Who Blew Open Safe on North-

ern Pacific Limited.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 28 -General Man ager H. J. Horn of the Northern Pacific railway gave out the following details concerning the holdup of the North Coast Limited at Bearmouth, Mont :

was not implicated in the Policic Policiery, but that he was going back to lowa to testify against him, and thus he would secure his own release from the peniter-tiary. Another convict in the lowa pen-itentiary had made affidavit that Sher-cliffe made him a proposition to get him to swear to a statement that would be fixed up for him against Dennison. The state failed to produce a witness to show that Dennison had been to Missouri Valley or that he had bought a butcher knife there, as testified to by Shercliffe, who said Dennison told him he had done that Tomorrow the defense will put on the stand Hooker, alleged to be Shercliffe had left some \$6,600 with him to be used in de-fending Shercliffe should he ever be caught

killed, but was bound and taken to trum mond, where he was turned over to the county authorities. The express car we not badly damaged and went through of the run. No valuables were taken ar passengers were not disturbed. At 1 oclov today the robber was still unconscious The railway company has wired Engi

neer Wilson and Express Messenger Laub congratulations and will immediately mail the expressman a check for \$1,000 in recognition of their services. The Bearmouth holdup was a year ap

on this same North Pacific limited by Hammond and Christie, who were run down by the special agents of the Northern Pacific. Hammond and Christle are now in the Montana penitentiary at Deer Lodge.

for the purpose of having a conference with the New York officials of the companies looking towards a breaking up of

the strike "I am not in a position yet to say what l shall do while here," said Mr. Mayer soon after his arrival. "I expect to have a conference with the express officials, but whether it will take place in the city or

out of it I have not yet been able to de termine. Sunday is rather a bad day on which to get people together and I may TOW. Late in the afternoon Mr. Mayer dic tated the following statement: "The places of all the striking teamsters the railway express companies in Chi-

cago have been permanently filled and a cant by the strike of the teamsters of the members of the Employers' association have likewise been filled. The express comanies are resolute and their determination

is firm, final and conclusive." Talk Sympathetic Strike at New York.

Twenty-three locals of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, representing about 75,000 drivers, held meetings today to discuss the question of a sympathetic strike in New York to assist the men in Chicago.

According to several delegates, the strike may be ordered here within forty-eight secrecy. President Hoffman of the dry goods teamsters, after the meeting said: 'For several weeks we have been con tributing \$1,000 a day to the Chicago strik ers. If a request for a sympathetic strike is made it will be laid before the executive

council of the New York locals." Photographs Canals of Mars. BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May is-Wor as received here today that Prof. C. O ampland, a former student in the astron

Lampland, a former student in the astron omy department of Indiana university, bu now connected with the Loweil universit it Flagstaff, Ariz. has photographed th at Flagstaff, Ariz, has photographed the canals in the planet Mars. This is believed to be the first time in the history of science that such results have been accomplished. Prof. Lampland has secured twenty views

of the canals. Movements of Ocean Vessels May 28 At New York-Arrived: St. Paul, from southampton; Hamburg, from Hamburg; Armenia, from Hamburg; Caledonia, from outhampton; Hamburg; Caledonia, from armenia, from Hamburg; Caledonia, from Jasgow; Celtic, from Liverpool; Patria Jasgow; Celtic, from Liverpool; Patria, from Taila, from

and Naples. Sailed: At Liverpool-Arrived: Bavarian, from fontreal: Victorian, from New York, alled: Bovic, for New York, At St. Michaels-Arrived: Marco Ming-Sailed: Bovic, for New York. At St. Michaels-Arrived: Marco Ming-hetti, from Genoa. At Dover-Sailed: Bhaetia, for New York. At Queenstown-Umbria, for New York.

take the view that the ships off Woosung Mr. Lubin was visited tonight by promiwere empty colliers sent to the rear to nent persons, including Minister of Agriavoid hampering the warships unneces culture Rava and the British delegates sarily, or that it was a division of little Lords Minto and Jersey, who discussed his scheme with the Californian.

FLOODS IN SOUTHERN TEXAS High Water Does Half Million Dollars Damage in Vicinity of El Paso,

Opinion of Naval Experts.

making a general announcement.

The naval authorities continue to believ EL PASO, Tex., May 25-A half million that Rojestvensky could not risk a divisio dollars is a conservative estimate of the of his fighting ships. Those of an optimistic damage done by the overflow of the Rio turn hope that Rojestvensky did actually Grande north of El Paso in the Mexilla throw Togo off the trail and escaped him valley. Between 5,000 and 10,000 acres of as the French fleet eluded Nelson on the farm lands are under water, crops and way to Egypt, and that they encountered farm machinery have been lost and all only torpedo boat in the straits of Corea. houses in the path of the waters washed This opinion, though, is not generally away. The water in most places is six shared and the great majority think that

feet deep. Every adobe house in Anthony, Togo's scouts were able to keep in touch N. M., has been washed away and the with the fighting division and that the people have fled to El Paso. One family Japanese lay in wait for Rojestvensky in at Anthony was caught in the flood and the narrow waters where a batfle is re

was two days and nights without food, ported to have taken place. Nevertheless The family was finally rescued from the nobody believes that Togo offered open roof of a barn. The water is still rising battle, the consensus of opinion being that rapidly, threatening greater damage, espe- the Japanese, favored by a stage of the cially at El Paso, where the lower portion moon which was three-quarters full, waited of the city is in peril if the sand dyke and delivered a series of torpedo attacks gives away. Laborers are working con- Saturday night with such aid as their hours. The meetings were held with much stantly to protect the dyke with sand bags, heavy ships could offer without running OKLAHOMA CITY, May 28 .- Cessation too much risk. Mines may have played an of rains leads to the belief that flood dam- important role and perhaps been reages in the two territories has been ar- sponsible for a large share of the losses rested. Traffic in the western part of the reported. At any rate the result is not territory is seriously crippled and Rock fully satisfactory to the naval authori-Island officials state that it will be several ties.

days before trains can run south and west of Anadarko. The loss to farmers will be heavy.

The Rock Island bridge across the South Canadian at Union City on the main line went out today and the report reaches here tonight that the Fort Worth & Denver in the open sea. The cruisers Gromobol service in the territories has not been so crippled since 1896.

Four Drowned at Dodge, Kan.

DODGE CITY, Kan. May 28-Howard folly, F. F. Conter, Mrs. Emma Parson and Miss Carlie Heitblicker were drowned a Duck creek, five miles north of here lay. They composed a pleasure part d attempted to ford the creek in a en surrey. The vehicle was overturne orino, from open surrey. The vehicle was overturno Italia, for and all the occupants and both horses we drowned.

Grocery Store Destroyed by Fire

Gus Meyers grocery store, a two-story how frame building. 4020 South Thirteenth street, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is \$1.20 on the stock and \$550 on the building, partially covered by insurance ing.

six first class ships and according aformation received twenty-one more Rusian warships were not far away.

> It is reported from Hong Kong that the British fleet is leaving for the north at full mend. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent, and

the Daily Telegraph itself, both discredit the rumor that the Japanese will attack the Russians at Woosung, which rumo lacks confirmation from any other quarter. hough the Shanghai correspondent of the

Morning Post, cabling May 28, says that the firing of hig guns was heard outside of Woosung Sunday flight. The same dispatch says that the Russians claim they are perchantmen and are entitled to remain at Woosung, while the Chinese admiral now leclares that he will not permit the trans ports to leave, and, the dispatch adds, the Chinese warship Haichi has cleared for

action. The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail says that fifteen of Rejestvensky's ships appeared cast of Tsu island at 2:45 o'clock Saturday morning, while at 1 clock that morning the fleet was passing ten miles southeast of Tatzaki and that annonading was heard.

FEAR DEFEAT OF THE RUSSIANS

French Press Comment on Probable

fighting value dispatched to confuse Togo Outcome of Battle. and to throw him off the scent. It was PARIS, May 29.-(4:55 a. m.)-Later edithought on Saturday that Rojestvensky ions of the papers here express the fear might after all have divided his fleet and that the Russians have met with defeat that the Japanese were awaiting the arn the naval battle. The Matin remarking rival of the second Russian division befor that the dispatches from Washington are ar from reassuring, recalls the words of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky when he reached far eastern waters: "If I am vic-

> corious I shall inform you; if I am van quished Togo will inform you. No official advices have been received oncerning the naval combat in far eastern waters and those now arriving from Tokio are of the most meager description The journal's special war correspondent. Ludovic Nadea, who was taken a prisoner at Mukden and sent to Japan,, cables from Tokio under date of May 28 that the au thorities there are observing the strictest secrecy regarding the naval battle. He says that on the morning of May 27 a large Russian fleet appeared in the Tsu straits, entering the channel between Tsu islands and Kiushiu islands, where the belligerents came in contact immediately their cannonading being heard at Shim

noseki. The tempest which raged in the Japan seas for several previous days, the correspondent says, had settled down and from the same correspondent puts the pub lic on guage against false rumors, reiterating the statement that the Japanese authorities were observing the strictest ence regarding naval movements and that there was also a most severe censorship

which it was impossible to escape.

Fairbanks at Grand Forks. GRAND FORKS, N. D., May 28-Five housand people greeted Vice President Fairbanks at the station tonight as he

passed through enroute to Portland, Ore. From the rear platform of his train he bowed his acknowledgments to those who were not near enough to hear, and in a brief speech took occasion to congratulate North Dakotans on the prosperity evidenced on all sides, and predicted still greater things for the future.

Four Persons Drowned.

Frank Gray, Miss Lon Rhodes and Miss Sarah Gates, all of this city, were drowned in the James river near here today were members of a picnic party which went cursion, and their boat capsized while they were trying to cross a millpond.

BULLETIN.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 28.-A dispatch to a news agency from Che Foo says that private advices have been received by the Japanese consul there stating that the main portion of the Russian Baltic fieet engaged the Japanese squadron in the straits of Corea last night.

BULLETIN.

TOKIO, May 28.-7:45 p. m.-Absolutely no news concerning the operations of the Japanese and Russian fleets was obtainable here today. Newspapers were held under absolute leash and all telegraphs and cables are closed to press dispatches

Battle Began Saturday.

CHE FOO, May 26 .- Noon .- Private telegrams from Corea to the Japanese consul here state that a battle was progressing yesterday afternoon at or near the Corean straits between the main portion of the Russian squadron and the Japanese fleet under command of Admiral Togo.

Telegrams almost identical with the above have been received here and announce that a large portion of the Russian fleet was sighted approaching the Corean straits Saturday, headed for the channel between Tsu island and the Japanese coast. According to the best information received here recently the main portion of Admiral

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, May 28 -- Confirmation has been received here from Shanghai of the press report that the Russian warships have sunk an unknown American merchant ship off the Chinese coast. Every gun fire is plainly heard to the northward.

News is Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, May 28 .- The American consul at Nagasaki cabled the State department today that the Japanese have sunk a Russian battleship, four other warships the sea was more calm. A later dispatch and a repair ship in the straits of Corca. A dispatch was received at the State department today saying that the Japanese government had made the announcement that its fleet had engaged the Russians in the straits of Corea Saturday and had heid them. The reported sinking of the

battleship .3orodino is mentioned in a dispatch received at the State department today from the consul at Nagasaki.

Orel and Borodino Sunk.

From information received in Washington today it is believed that two of the Russian ships reported to have been sunk in the Coscan straits by the Japanese are

the Orel and its sister ship, the Borodino. They are battleships of 15,000 tons. Three other vessels reported sunk are believed to have been cruisers, the remaining one being a repair ship.

The belief in naval circles in Washington to the river on a boating and fishing ex- is that the Japanese resorted to a free use of their torpedo yessels in their attack on

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 28 -- Fred Lee. Practically all information in the posses

Aracticany at into the solution in the posses-ion of the emperor or of the admirally is contained in the Associated Press dis-patch-s. Like the general public, we are now dependent on them for news, but we hope to be able to relieve the general sus-nesse by dispatches containing authentic

At 1 o'clock this morning Admiral Wireenius and Avelan were shown the latest

hope to be able to relieve the general sus-pense by dispatches containing authentic information from Viadivostok by this even-

Talk of Second Fight. It is possible that a running fight a iong range took place Sunday, from which better results are anticipated, as the nava authorities generally do not believe that torpeduing could be renewed Sunday night

bridge at Tascosa, Tex., is gone. Train and Rossia of the Viadivostok squadron have probably sailed south to afford Rojestvensky any assistance in their power. Rojestvensky gets clear of the straits Sunday night he should be close enough to Viadivostok Monday night to communicate.

> dispatches to the Associated Press. Ad miral Avelan said: