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Fellow Conspirator of Machen and

Crawford Tells of

Plot.

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DENNISON ON STAND

Gets Fairly Well Started on Testimony Before Adjournment of Court.

TELLS OF FIRST MEETING SHERCLIFFE

Witnesses Go Over Celebrated Account and

Tell of Its Preparation.

THOMAS AND WITNESS SHERRY SPAR

Corroborates Testimony of Wetmore Concerning Interview with Shercliffe.

PROPOSAL TO WORK A HOLDUP GAME

Said Shercliffe's Plan Was to Play Both Sides and Work the One Which Would Put up the Largest Sum.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) RED OAK, Ia., May 31.-(Special Telegram.)-Tom Dennison went on the witness stand in his own behalf at 5 o'clock this afternoon, after a busy day, during which the defense presented much evidence in contradiction of the statements of Shercliffe, while two of its witnesses awore they were present when Tom Dennison wrote calling. the original "financial statement" at the request of Shercliffe, who, they testified, asked that it be made to look as large as possible in order to make his mother believe that he owed Dennison a large sum. The original statement, as drawn by Dennison, was identified by both John Dennison and Frank Williams.

Dennison merely had an opportunity to tell who he was and have his life traced got started on his testimony when court adjourned. He said he met Shercliffe in Chicago Corporation Fixes Terms Salt Lake City in 1892 and did not see him again until his trial in Logan. He corroberated the testimony of Hooker regarding his connection with Shercliffe

Joe Sherry, a deputy sheriff of Douglas county, told of a proposition Shercliffe made to him and Wetmore to hold up either Dennison or the Civic federation for money to get him to testify in the case, as was told by Wetmore.

Thomas attempted to get it into the records that Sherry had been in charge of Dennison after the supreme court mandate had been issued holding that he had to go to lows, and while the attorneys were objecting Sherry answered, "I was not in charge of Dennison until you placed me in charge of him, Mr. Thomas." Again he got the best of Thomas when the latter asked him if it had not been

tipped off by the sheriff's office when Dennison was to be raided. "The reports came from your office, so your man Gunsolus swore," was the an-

The prosecution recalled Hooker to the stand to have him explain a letter which he had written to Attorney Cochran, in which it was said Hooker had spent \$700 of his own money in behalf of Shercliffe, that the latter had no money and that Hooker did not want to go to any more expense for another attorney. Incidentally, he are a specific to the be arrelated and experts for systems of representatives and experts for the city to work in harmony with the general managers of the traction companies in the east of rebuilding the lines. The temporarily passing over of the so-called ninety-nine year rights, the awaiting of a final determination of the status for those rights before estimating or attempting to establish a value for the property of the systems. The prosecution recalled Hooker to the the lawyer sought to be employed with Cochran in defending Shercliffe was Senator

Tom Patterson of Denver. Hooker said he had written a letter to Cochran and that he had pleaded the lack of money so that he would have to pay no more money for attorneys than he had agreed to.

Several other witnesses contradicted the testimony of Shercliffe in matters of more or less importance.

Impeachment of Shercliffe. Court began promptly at 9 o'clock this morning and the defense resumed the introduction of testimony to impeach the evidence given by Shercliffe, the main witness for the defense. Ex-Sheriff Coulthard of Harrison county, who was the first witness, swore that while taking Shercliffe to the penitentiary the prisoner had told him and his deputy, D. Wilson, that he had taken the Pollock diamonds

into Omaha and had disposed of them. On cross-examination the witness was asked concerning a letter which he had written to the governor of lowa petitioning for a pardon for Shercliffe, in which witness had written that he believed Shercliffe was innocent. He acknowledged signing such a letter and said he did it through sympathy for Shercliffe, who had served a long time and because such political strength had been brought to bear on him to cause him to sign the letter. At the time he said he and Wilson had not mentioned the confession of Shercliffe because he thought they might some day run across the diamonds and find the man who got them.

Coulthard identified a revolver, 45-caliber which he raid had been identified at the Shercliffe trial as the one used by Shercliffe. At the same time the prosecution introduced a revolver that looked similar. which Coulthard said was not the one

O. D. Wilson, the deputy, testified prac tically to the same things as Coulthard. O'Connor Contradicts Shereliffe. Charles O'Connor of Salt Lake, at the time of the Pollock robbery a Union Pacific engineer, was one of the most im portant witnesses of the defense. He swore that he was introduced by Patsy O-int to Tom Dennison on the afternoon, edwere in Sonnenberg's store and then were together seeing the sights in Oniaha. He

M. P. Hooker had paid him \$60 for it. to get a revolver fixed and tried to make arrangements to board with him in Council Bluffs. In that connection the witness sentences date from February 8 and will today shorts were anxious bidders for said Shercliffe told him that he was to be served at Habarovsk. get a big roll of money for testifying against Dennison. The witness said Elmer omas had asked him about the visit of Shercliffe, and when he told him Thomas

said he couldn't use him on his side. Attorney Fallon asked the witness if he had not been adjudged insane by the commissioners of Harrison county about the time Shercliffe was brought to jail there and was not that the reason he was in The witness denied it and said he

was there visiting a friend. Tella of Shercliffe's Proposal. Joe Sherry was one of the best witnesse during his examination Connell and

the defense has yet placed on the stand Thomas had several little spats and considerable of Omaha politics got into the In brief, in answer to questions Sherry said he had been sent by Sheriff Power to Des Moines to look up the Dennison case and that there Wetmore had in-

at Ed Maurer's restaurant about 5 o'clock ing of the imprisonment of a Victoria that afternoon. He also stated that he testified at the Shereliffe trial, and that

Pwenty-Four New York Theatrical Managers Held for Trial by Magistrate Pool.

NEW YORK, May 31 .- Twenty-four mem ers of the so-called theatrical trust will ORIGINAL DRAFT CHANGED SLIGHTLY have to stand trial on a charge of conspiracy, in accordance with a decision rendered today by City Magistrate Joseph Pool in the west side court in the long pending complaint of James S. Metcalfe, the dramatic critic, against the Theatrical Managers' association. Metcalfe charged conspiracy in that the members of the association passed a resolution January 12 last by which they agreed to bar him from

their theaters. The men held are Marc Klaw, Abraham L. Erlanger, Oscar Hammerstein, Daniel Brooks, Heinrich Conried, James H. Curtin, Martin Dickson, Frank McKee, J. W. Leo Teller, W. C. Watson, Perrin Williams, W. C. Jordan, Alf Hayman, George Kraus, E. D. Stair, W. F. Keogh, L. L. Lichenstein, Antonio Pastor and Henry B. Harris: the decision was rendered, but it was said they will be represented at the district

In his decision Magistrate Pool says the proceeding was brought by the district at-

proceeding was brought by the district attorney under a section of the penal code relating to two or more persons conspiring to prevent a man from following a lawful calling.

Magistrate Pool denied the contention that a theater is private property and the legal fight of the defendants to exclude the complaint on the ground that the theater is a "quasi public" piace, and said: "I hold a person cannot be denied admission to a theater solely on the ground that he had written criticisms reflecting on one or more of the Theater Managers' association."

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from his birth to the present time and COMPANY OFFERS ITS LINES Upon Which it Will Sell

to City.

The immediate turning over of the two traction systems to the city or at least their operation under the city supervision. The rehabilitation of both systems by their present owners, the city ultimately paying for whatever outlay is necessary in order to establish a first class and up-to-date service.

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Election to the board of directors of both

An appraisement of present values of the Acceptance of Mueller law certificates in payment for the properties.

BOTTLE TELLS OF A WRECK Vessels Mentioned Not in Maritime Register and There is No Con-

NORFOLK, Va., May 31.-The following message received over the government sea coast wires today has been posted at the

firmatory Evidence.

Norfolk weather bureau: "A bottle containing the following note was found on the beach at Dam Neck on the North Carolina coast by Captain J. E. Woodhouse of the life saving service: On board schooner Phantom struck by outgoing steamer Bodeon. All hands at the top, vessel slowly sinking, now at water's edge. Have put off in small boat.

(Signed) J. C. A. JONES.

The names of the vessels mentioned in the

note do not appear in any of the records or maritime register. Captain Woodhouse says the note is in poor handwriting but readable. No wreckage of any kind can be seen anywhere.

ALLEGED MURDERERS CAUGHT Missouri Men Put Up Fight and One

is Wounded Before Capture.

IRONTON, Mo., May \$1 .- A messenger arrived here early today bearing the in formation that Arthur and William Spaugh. charged with the killing of Sheriff Polk of Iron county, last Wednesday night have been captured in a little cabin ten miles northwest from here.

A deputy sheriff's posse surrounded the cabin and then rushed in. The informant and the city engineer. stated the Spaugh brothers resisted and Arthur was shot, in the arm before the capture was effected. The posse immediately started to Ironton with the pany at 121/2 cents a cubic yard, this firm

AMERICANS HELD BY RUSSIA Men Accused of Illegal Scaling Are Sentenced to Terms in Prison.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 31 .- A letter has swore that the three ate dinner together been received here from Habanovsk tellsealer and two American hunters in common with a score of Japanese who were captured by Russians on the schooner L. H. Petersen, a gunsmith of Council Koyolchi in Okhotsk sea in August last. Bluffs, said Shercliffe had come to his shop They were sentenced to one year and four though captured on the high sea. The

MANILA CHINESE RETALIATE

Will Boycott American Merchandise in Retaliation for Exclusion of Chinese Citizens.

MANILA, May 31.-The Chinese Chamber of Commerce by an unanimous vote has decided to stand in line with the treaty ports of China in boycotting American merchandise in retaliation for the new ex-

St. Louis Star Changes Hands. St. Louis Star Changes Hands.

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—Announcement was made today by Frank J. Carlisie that a syndicate, embracing St. Louis and Chincago capital, had completed negotiations and purchased the St. Louis Star, an fternoon newspaper, and would assume the factor of the newspaper tomorrow. The officers of the new company will be: Mr. Carlisie, president and general manager; Nathan Prank, former owner, vice president; Frank J. Cabot, secretary. The terms of the transaction are not made public.

Star from Dodge City, Kan., says that at to the crew of the the Soldiers' home near here Daniel Truax work throughout.

Later in the day this which Truax had brought from the city. Truax, who was intoxicated at the time of the shooting, was brought to Dodge City and placed in jail. All three are old have been received to the crew of the capital to the crew of the total content to the crew of the crew of the shoot and killed Herman Lutz and John Lee Later in the day the capital to the crew of the shoot and killed Herman Lutz and John Lee Later in the day the capital to the crew of the c

Ordinance Redistricting the City Passed at Last Night's Session.

Third Ward Remains Unchanged, but the Others Are Knocked Out of All Semblance to Present Outlines.

The task of refashioning ward lines so as to make twelve instead of the present nine divisions of the city was accomplished by granted a severance for trial. the council last night, with some alterations to the plan heretofore published. The Frohman, Charles M. Burnham, Joseph K. changes affect the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, been formed by himself, Machen and Craw-matter with others, it can be said authoriamended ordinance. He said he did not be-None of the managers was in court when of the charter requiring the creation of an even dozen wards. With the signature of attorney's office tomorrow to arrange for be established and the shaping up of precincts or voting districts will follow. Following are the new boundaries:

First-South city limits and river, west to

orth.

Fifth—Northeast corner city limits, west
Twenty-fourth, south to Pinkney, east to
wentieth, south to Nicholas, east to river, Twentieth, south to Nicholas, east to river, north to beginning.

Sixth—Ohio and Twentieth, west to Twenty-fourth, south to Lake, west to Forty-first, north to Wirt, west to Forty-second, north to south line of Fontanelle park, west to limits, south to Seward, east to Twenty-second, north to south line of E. V. Smith's addition, east to Twentieth, north to beginning.

chicago, May 31.—The Daily News today says that a definite proposition on the
part of the Chicago traction companies to
sell the car systems in this city has been
made to Mayor Dunne and if reports are
correct the offer will in all probability be
accepted.

This development came today while the
mayor and his advisers were in consultation with James Dalrymple, the Glazgow
tramway manager. It is believed that negotiations between the city and the companies will come to a speedy issue.

The proposition made embraces the following:

The immediate turning over of the two
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Tenth—Lincoln avenue and Tenth, west to Twenty-fourth, north to Leavenworth, east to Tenth, south to point of beginning.
Eleventh—Dewey avenue and Twenty-fourth west to Thirty-eighth, north to Seward, west to limits, south to Pacific, east to Thirty-eighth, north to Leavenworth, east to Twenty-fourth, north to beginning.

the ordinance creating the office of street commissioner because it provided for a

\$1,500 a year clerkship and a timekeeper at \$1,000. He said that one clerk could do all the work in the office if he kept constantly employed. Councilmen Huntington and Hoye spoke for the ordinance as it stood and it was passed, only Zimman and Schroeder voting against it. The acting mayor also made an effort to check the stream of repairs to unpaved streets which have been ordered by reso-

lution. He failed in this, although he quoted the street commissioner as authority for the statement that orders at present in his hands will exhaust the \$38,000 set aside from the general fund for the purpose and \$10,000 or more as well.

An ordinance was introduced and referred which will authorize the chief of police to sell at public auction all property taken from prisoners and persons ar rested which remains unclaimed for six months. The proceeds will go into the police relief fund.

New Paving Districts. Ordinances creating paving districts as follows were passed: Douglas street from Twentieth to Twenty-fourth, Leavenworth from Thirty-seventh to Park avenue, and Capitol avenue from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-sixth. Petitions were filed calling for paving on California street from Twenty-third to Twenty-sixth and on Twentyfifth street from Dodge to California.

Bids for materials, tools and appliance for the new asphalt plant were referred to the committee on buildings and property A contract for grading Sixteenth street

from Vinton to the Boulevard was awarded to Owen & Lovelace Contracting combeing the lowest bidder, New arc lamps were ordered placed at

Cass street and the Boulevard, Forty-fifth and Seward and on Twenty-seventh avenue between Erskine and Lake streets by a resolution brought in by Councilman Schroeder.

CASH CORN GOES HIGHER Nine Cents Put on May Delivery by Bull Campaign at Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 31 .- An advance of 9 cents a bushel today marked the close of the months imprisonment for hunting fur seals, bull campaign in May corn. Throughout the entire session of the Board of Trade May, but offerings were hard to find.

The close was at the highest point of the day, 60 cents a bushel. The opening showed a gain of 1 cent at 52 cents, and within the first few minutes the price was bid up to 85 cents. Just before the close the price was forced to 60 cents, the final quotation

MURDER BY AN OLD SOLDIER

Fight at Kansas Soldiers' Home Results in Death of Two People. KANSAS CITY, May 31 .- A special to the

with August W. Machen and Samuel and Diller B. Goff on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with United States Will Not Make Any Atcontracts for furnishing supplies for the Postoffice department, today turned state's evidence in the trial of William G. Craw

ford, who is charged with conspiracy Machen and Lorens were indicted jointly with Crawford. The former pleaded guilty and was sentenced to an additional two years in the penitentiary and Lorenz was Lorenz did not spare himself in the testi-

Eighth, Eleventh and Twelfth wards and ford to get contracts to furnish letter are comparatively small ones. Councilman carrier satchels to the Postoffice department Rosenquest, B. L. Braden, Joseph Springer. Hoye was the only member to object to the and that they had shared in the profits. Contracts were gained by reason of Mach- is regarded as quite likely, but whatever lieve the law was being complied with in en's connection with the supply division of action will be taken will depend on inforthe matter of equal distribution of popula- the Postoffice department and were filled mation not yet in hand. tion, this provise being made in the section by Crawford, who was general manager That a concerted effort on the part of sev of the Postal Device and Lock company eral important nations, including the United of New York. According to Lorenz, he was States, to bring about a cessation of hosthe acting mayor the new ward lines will the go between, although there were meetings between the three at the rooms of Lorenz when stopping at a hotel in this too soon yet after the great naval battle to city in the early part of June, 1902.

should be some agreement as to the divi- ment shall have indicated what its desires one-fourth and that one-half shall come to peace. me. If he does that will be satisfactory to British Ambassador at White House. me.' Machen then said that whatever the arrangement, he and I should divide our came to us we would divide it."

Further questioning brought out the statethe suggestion of the division when they

by Machen. SUMMARY OF CROP CONDITIONS

Infavorable Weather Hinders Farm Work and Retards Germination. WASHINGTON, May 31.-The following is the general summary of the weekly crop

eport of the weather bureau; During the week ending May 29 most of the country experienced unfavorable temperature, frosts occurring during the early part of the week in the plateau regions, in most of the northern tier of states east of the Rocky mountains, and as far south as the interior portions of the middle Atlantic states. Rains interfered with farm work in portions of the South Atlantic and east gulf states, Tennessee and over an area extending from central Texas northward to South Dakota, and in portions of the lake region. On the Pacific coast the weather was cool and cloudy, with showers in northern Callfornia, Oregon and Washington.

Corn planting is largely finished. Throughout the principal states germination and growth of corn have been very slow, owing to cool weather, and more than the usual amount of replanting will be necessary. In northern Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee corn is much in need of cultivation. Winter wheat has suffered slight deterioration in portions of the central and western districts of the winter wheat belt, but it continues promising in the eastern districts, an improvement being reported from Ohio.

Generally the reports indicate that wheat During the week ending May 29 most of

worth, east to Twenty-fourth, north so ginning.

Twelfth-Twenty-fourth and north limits, west to limits, south to south line of Fontanelle park, east to Forty-second, south to Wirt, east to Forty-first, south to Lake east to Twenty-fourth, north to Olio, east to Twenty-fourth, north to Pinkney, west to Twenty-fourth, north to beginning.

Although freezing temperature occurred in the northers portion of the spring wheat region spring wheat is reported as in good condition in Minnesota, and while frost in North Dakota proved injurious the crop in that state has not been seriously damaged.

Over the southern portion of the spring that state has not been seriously damaged.
Over the southern portion of the spring wheat region the crop has made more favorable progress, although growth has been slow. On the North Pacific coast spring wheat is much improved in Washington, but in Oregon it has advanced slowly. In the Dakotas, Minnesota and Nebraska oats have made slow growth and the crop has suffered deterioration in Texas and portions of the middle Atlantic states, but elsewhere and in principal producing states the outlook countiles very promising.

Throughout nearly the whole of the cotton belt cotton is much in need of cultiva-

cotton is much in need of cultiva-Much planting remains to be done in ern Texas and planting is unfinished kansas. In southern Texas and in northern Texas and planting is unmission in Arkansas. In southern Texas and in portions of the central and eastern districts the situation is improved and the crop is doing well in localities. Boll weevils are increasing in Texas. The general outlook for a good crop of hay continues promising.

FIVE MEN DIE IN TUNNEL Nearly All Victims of Cave-in Near Gunnison, Colo., Rescued-Two Still Imprisoned...

MONTROSE Colo., May 31.-At least five men were killed and two seriously injured by the cave-in at the Gunnison reclamation unnel. The dead are:

EDWARD SCHULER, aged 22 years, Gettysburg, Pa. FLOYD WOODRUFF, Montrose. A. B. STELLE, Oklahoma. CHARLES HORNHART. JAMES CASSIDY.

C. Taylor and Fred Groff were pinned

They would have been drowned but for the efforts of their entombed companions, who which poured into the tunnel for a time. Twenty-one men were rescued uninjured but exhausted by their terrible experience. They were hoisted with ropes through a han twenty-four hours.

The rescuers worked in three-minute re lays until the tunnel was reached. When the heavy timbers of the roof of the tunnel were broken the entombed men were found standing in water above their knees and still working with a will to prevent further disaster, as the soft dirt was constantly sliding. As the uninjured men one after another were brought to the surface they were greeted with shouts of joy by hundreds of men, women and children who were looking for relatives and friends At a late hour today the two injured men had not been removed, but heroic efforts were being made to extricate them from their perilous position.

ATLANTIC PREPARES FOR RACE Winner of Ocean Race Will Carry Contest Into the Enemy's Country,

SOUTHAMPTON, England, May 31 .- The American three-masted auxiliary schooner Atlantic, winner of Emperor William's cup, arrived here early this morning flying the Stars and Stripes. It soon attracted a crowd of admirers to the quayside. Wilson Marshall, owner of the yacht, was full of praise for Captain Barr's splendid handling of the schooner and attributed its victory to Barr's remarkable seamanship. Barr himself was especially pleased and announced that the Atlantic had beaten the Endymoin's record to the Needles of thirteen days, twenty hours and thirty-six minutes from Sandy Hook. He paid tribute to the crew of the Atlantic and their smart

Later in the day the Atlantic was taken into the dry dock for a cleaning, preparatory to competing in the Dover-Heligoland race which Barr says he counts on wining. City and placed in jail. All three are old have been received by the owner and com- ting Tom White and Curtis Jett, who, it mander of the Atlantic,

CRITIC CHARGES CONSPIRACY CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS LORENZ MAKES CONFESSION PEACE SEEMS FAR AWAY

Russia Evidently Not Ready to Allow Japan to Dictate Terms. WASHINGTON, May 31.-George E.

Lorenz of Toledo, O., who was convicted CASSINI SAYS STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE tempt at Mediation Until It is

> Known That They Are Desired,

WASHINGTON, May 31 .- While the president has discussed informally the subject of peace negotiations with members of his eabinet and with some representatives of foreign governments at this capital, and in mony. He declared that an agreement had the near future will probably take up the tatively that no definite steps looking toward peace have yet been taken by this government. That such steps may be taken

soon is reasonably certain. It is regarded determine upon a definite course of action. "Machen was in my room and said there At least until the St. Petersburg governsion of the spoils. He said: 'Crawford may be the probabilities are regarded as is believed to have thrown the bomb has may suggest that he receive one-fourth, you favorable only to an informal discussion of been arrested with two others who are

Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, was the guest at luncheon today of police interrogated those arrested, who deshares equally, that is, if three-fourths President Roosevelt at the White House. scribed themselves as follows: That they discussed seriously, although informally, the prospects of bringing about | Hauten, aged 14, a glass blower; Ferdinand ment from Lorenz that Crawford had made peace between Russia and Japan there can Boler, aged 21, a florist. be no doubt. So far, however, this country met the next day and the figures were in has received no intimation from Russia the group which organized the outrage accordance with those that had been named that negotiations looking to peace in the They will be put through a severe interroto the czar. President Roosevelt is keeping disposition of the police. in close touch with the situation and is to take the initiative in peace negotiations should a favorable opportunity be presented.

Russin Will Not Yield. Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, expects to see the president some time tomorrow for a general talk, but he denied onight that he would carry any message from his government and spoke discouragingly of the prospects of peace. He said: ingly of the prospects of peace. He said:
Had the battle in the Corean straits been fairly even peace at this time might be looked for. But why should Russia seek peace now if she cannot obtain reasonable terms? We have a large army in the field which is constantly being increased. Russia is not threatened with a Japanese invasion. Its resources have not been at all exhausted by the war. Without a navy it is naturally handicapped, but that only means that it will take us the longer to defeat the Japanese on land. The idea that Russia will be forced to seek peace at this time or surnese on land. The idea that Russia will be forced to seek peace at this time or surrender to Japan is ridiculous. With the resources at its command Russia can continue the war for years. I do not say that this will be the final decision of the government, but my firm personal opinion is that at this moment Russia cannot think of suggesting peace to its adversary.

to these terms it had better fight on. Japan has never intimated to any power the definite terms on which it would conclude peace, but Russia knows what Japan is fighting for, and if it is ready to discuss peace it can find out from one of several neutral powers Japan's sine qua non." At the reception of Senor Nabco, the new Brazilian ambassador, to the diplomatic orps this afternoon Count Cassini and Mr. Takahira were the center of two groups of diplomats, with whom they discussed the momentous events of the last few days, but the ambassador and the minister did large,

not come in contact and neither held out definite hope of peace. France Hopes for Peace. PARIS, May 31.-Governmental quarters hope of peace. This hope is not strong, but it is something more than deduction from the result of the recent naval battle What it is based upon is not known outside of those intimately conversant with Russia's intentions but it is significant that hope now prevails in high quarters that the peace efforts may not be futile. It is said. however, that everything depends upon a small circle very closely identified with Emperor Nicholas who it is recognized must have the final word despite any other influences favorable to peace,

Concerning the reports of the possible intervention of the powers it is said that the time has not yet arrived for such a novement which might embarrass the pacific tendencies already developing in under heavy timbers and terribly injured. Russia. At the same time the view prevails that moral influences in France, Great Britain and the United States stand for improvised a dam to hold back the water peace, while the interests of Germany incline towards a prolongation of the war Premier Rouvier has publicly asserted that Russia's defeat at Mukden led Germany to embark on its program in Morocco and shaft which had been sunk sixty feet in less the same sentiment prevails here now, namely, that Russia's defeat in the Straits of Corea further strengthens Germany's ambitions. It is expected that influences toward peace will come through France, Great Britain and the United States if an opportune moment arrives for a separate or concurrent expression of such influences

STOPS FIGHT ON THE MAYOR Right of Philadelphia's Executive to Remove Officials Not to Be

Tested in Court.

PHILADELPHIA, May 31 .- Counsel for Former Director of Public Safety Smyth and Former Director of Public Works Cosello, who were deposed by Mayor Weaver oday withdrew the papers in the injunc tion proceedings brought against Potter and Acker, their successors. This formally ended the legal fight that had been begun at the instigation of the "organization" leaders against the appointees of Mayor

The withdawal of the papers means that the "organization" forces have decided to discontinue, for the present at least, their fight on Mayor Weaver.

HARGIS ACCUSED OF MURDER Kentucky Judge, a Senator and Sheriff Charged with Killing of

James B. Marcum

WINCHESTER, Ky., May 31-A sensation was caused here tonight by the arrest of Judge Hargis of Breathitt county Senator A. H. Hargis and B. F. French of this city on a charge of complicity in the murder of James B. Marcum, several years ago. The warrant charges these men and Sheriff Ed Callahan of Breathiti Hundreds of congratulatory telegrams county with conspiracy, aiding and abetis alleged, did the actual killing,

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Thursday and Friday, Except Showers and Cooler Friday in West Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 5 n. m..... 52 1 p. m..... 70 6 n. m..... 52 2 p. m..... 71 Hour. 3 p. m..... 72 4 p. m..... 72 7 n. m 57 8 a. m..... 59 9 n. m.... 64 5 p. m..... 73 10 n. m..... 65 6 p. m 72 11 n. m..... 67 12 m 68 7 p. m..... 71 8 p. m..... 69

BOMB THROWN AT ALFONSO Unsuccessful Attempt to Kill the King of Spain and President

of France.

PARIS, June 1.-An attempt to assassinate King Alfonso was made at midnight As his majesty drove with President Loubet from a gala performance at the Grand opera house a bomb was thrown by an anarchist and exploded with deadly effect near the royal carriage. As if by a miracle both the king and president escaped uninjured, but fragments of the missile seriously injured five persons, killed or maimed a number of cavalry horses forming the escort and knocked out a child's eye, tense excitement followed the incident. The king and president retained their presence of mind, his majesty sending back a member of his suite to make inquiries as to the condition of the wounded. The person who thought to have been implicated in the

At 2 o'clock this morning the prefect of

Louis Finot, aged 22, a tailor; Marcel

It is not known whether they belong to existing circumstances would be acceptable gation. Meanwhile they are held at the

willing, as he has been for many months, FAIRBANKS IS AT PORTLAND Vice President and Wife Escorted to Home of President Goode by Detachment of Cavalry.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.-Vice Presilent Fairbanks and the congressional party who are to participate in the formal opening of the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition arrived in this city today and were arrived at Vladivostok. met at the Union depot by President H. W Goode and a delegation of citizens. A nounted band and 200 men of the Fourth nited States cavalry headed the procession that escorted the visitors through the

center of the city to their hotel. Vice President Fairbanks and Mrs. Fair banks, escorted by the cavalry, later proceeded to President Goode's residence where they will be the guests of Mr. and presidential and congressional parties disited the exposition grounds,

SEATTLE, May 31.-When Vice President the eastern districts, an improvement being reported from Ohio.

Generally the reports indicate that wheat is heading low. In California the crop is maturing rapidly and an average yield is indicated. In Oregon and Washington growth has been rapid, too rank growth being reported from Oregon, where it is in danger of lodging.

Although freezing temperature occurred in the northern portion of the spring wheat is Russia is prepared to accede forthwith Fairbanks and party in a special car on suspected of a violation of The Hague conthe Great Northern arrived in this city vention, and beside owing to the great hundreds of people assembled at the depot strategic necessity he detained them tem-Rainler club, where he made a short ad- May 28. ple, afterwards holding an informal public has instructed Admiral Togo to allow Vice

EQUITABLE REPORT READY

It Contains Radical Recommends

tions and Will Be Discussed

Further Before Given Out. NEW YORK, May 31 .- The board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance society met today to receive the report of the ommittee headed by Henry C. Frick. The

The report was very long, the reading occupying nearly two hours. When it was concluded the directors adjourned for an hour, after which the discussion of the rehere for the first time entertain a distinct port was taken up. This conference continued for nearly two hours, when an adjournment was taken until 11 a. m. on Friday. The report was not adopted, the conference being devoted to a preliminary discussion of its most important recommendations, some of which, it was ascertained,

were of a very radical character. When the adjournment was taken Mr. Frick said he was unable to say when the report would be made public. All the directors at the meeting were pledged to maintain absolute secrecy regarding it.

MANY QUESTIONS TO BE UP Railroad Men in Meeting at Portland Will Discuss Questions of Rates.

ST. PAUL, May 21.-All the local railroads will be represented next Monday at majesty, found him resolutely determined Portland at the opening of the quarterly meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger association. General Passenger Agent Le- council are curent, all agreeing, however, land of the Northern Pacific, who will be in that a continuance of the war was the Portland at the opening of the exposition first question taken up, whereupon the tomorrow, will be the Northern Pacific rep- peace party offered a strong line of arguresentative. Passenger Traffic Manager Stone will appear for the Great Northern road, Assistant General Passenger Agent pressed a fear as to the demoralizing ef-McRae for the Omaha and General Pas- fect of the naval disaster on the army, senger Agent Wakeley of Omaha for the

Burlington road. Among the many subjects to be discussed will be the question of increasing the minimum amount of reduced rates for clergymen from 25 or 50 cents to \$1. Another problem is whether dogs, donkeys and all the variety of animals used by vaudeville performers should be transported hereafter as baggage.

MOHONK CONFERENCE OPENS Judge Gray is Presiding at Meeting Where Arbitration is Being

Considered.

LAKE MOHONK, N. Y., May 31.-The annual Lake Mohonk conference on arbitration was begun here today. The opening address was made by the president, Judge George Gray, who was followed by Dr. Benjamin Trueblood on an address The Year's Progress of Arbitration."

Movements of Ocean Vessels May 31 At Queenstown—Arrived: Friesland, from Philadelphia. Sailed: Caronia, for New

At Southampton-Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm or New York.

Plymouth—Arrived: Deutschland, from
York; Prinzess Alice, from New York,
Liverpool—Arrived: Vancouver, from At Hong Kong—Arrived: Argonia, from Portisnd, Ore. Sailed: Empress of China, for Vancouver, H. C. At Liverpool—Sailed: Haverford, for Philadelphia; Majestic, for New York,

Rojestvensky Undergoes Operation in a Japanese Hospital.

JAPANESE LOSE THREE TORPEDO BOATS

Now Reported Killed and Wounded.

Three Officers and About Two Hundred Men

ADMIRAL NEBOGATOFF REPORTS TO CZAR

Togo Permits Communication Between Defeated Officer and the Ruler.

DEFEAT MAY BRING ABOUT REVOLUTION St. Petersburg Newspapers Are Declaring

INDIGNATION AGAINST BUREAUCRACY

for Convocation of the People.

Call Made for Punishment of Men Held to Be Responsible for Condition of Russia and Defeat,

BULLETIN. WASHINGTON, May 31 .- The State de-

partment has received the following cablegram from Tokio, dated today: "Rojestvensky's skull fractured, requiring operation, serious, but not dangerous. Total Japanese losses to date: Three torpedo boats sunk, three officers killed, about 200 men killed and disabled."

BULLETIN.

VLADIVOSTOK, May 31.—The torpedo boat destroyer Bravi arrived here today and brought four officers and 197 men of the crew of the battleship Oslyaba.

BULLETIN. ST. PETERSBURG, June 1.-Anothe. torpedo boat destroyer, the Terostahty, has

Rojestvensky in Hospital. TOKIO, May 31 .- (1 p. m.)-Admiral Togo reports that all the captured ships sent to Sasebo have arrived and that their crews have been landed. Admiral Rojestvensky has entered the naval hospital. The report that Vice Admiral Enquist was captured proves to have been a mistake, caused by the misinterpretation of wire-Mrs. Goode. In the afternoon the vice less telegrams. Admiral Togo also reports that two Russian hospital ships which accompanied Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet into the Straits of Corea, May 27, were

> porarily and conveyed them to Sasebo By direction of the emperor, Admiral Ito Admiral Nebogatoff and other Russian officers to transmit a report of the battle

and a list of casualties and prisoners to the emperor of Russia. The officers of the battleships Orel and Nikaloi and the coast defense ship Admiral Apraxine and Admiral Seniavin, are to be permitted to return to Russia upon giving their paroles. The damage to the Japanese fleet, Admiral Togo says, was

altaht, Only three torpedo boats were lost. No warships or destroyers were sunk. number of directors present was unusually The emperor has issued the following

escript to Admiral Togo: Our combined fleet encountered the enemy's fleet in the Corean Strait, and after several days desperate battle, annihilated it, accomplishing an unprecedented feat. We are glad that by the loyalty of our officers and men we have been enabled to respond to the spirits of our ancestors. Though the war be long, we hope that you will be loyal and brave and secure a successful result.

successful result. To the navy the emperor issued the following rescript: Our navy with the best strategy and greatest courage annihilated the enemy's squadron and answered our hope. We appreciate deeply your splendid success.

Conference at Tsarskoe Selo. ST. PETERSBURG, June 1 .- (3:20 a. m.) -Whether peace or the continuance of war will be the result of yesterday's all-important conference between the emperor and his ministers at Tsarskoe Selo hangs in doubt, the ministers who returned to St. Petersburg late at night preserving a cautious reticence over the proceedings of the council as far as the attitude of the emperor is concerned. Prince Obolensky, who had an audience yesterday with his

on the prosecution of the war. Various rumors as to the results of the ment, which was supplemented, it is said, Whitney and General Passenger Agent by a dispatch from Lieutenant General Linevitch, in which that commander exthe news of which had already reached the troops from Vladivostok and was rap-

idly spreading. Though the city is tranquil Governor General Trepost is continuing his precautionary measures. Two further Dor Cossack regiments have arrived and the police reserves are held on duty. During the night small patrols were seen on the Nevsky Prospect and other streets.

Alarmist rumors are affoat as to the disaffection among the marines and sailors quartered here and the workmen are again muttering about a general strike. Persistent, but unconfirmed rumors are in circulation to the effect that the protected cruiser Jemtchug has arrived at Vladivostok and private messages from that vessel are said to have been received

by the relatives of its officers here, but the Admiralty as yet does not include it in the list of vessels which escaped. Conference at Palace. The emperor has decided to send his

brother, Grand Duke Michael, to attend the marriage of Crown Prince Frederick Wil-At New York—Arrived: Georgic, from Liverpool; Oceanic, from Liverpool; Germania, from Naples. Sailed: Teutonic, for Liverpool; Noordam, for Rotterdam; Citta di Torrino, for Naples and Genoa.

At Havre—Arrived: Sarmatian, from Prince Ouktomsky in the Rasviet this att-Prince Ouktomsky in the Rasviet this afternoon declares for peace in a half distracted editorial in which he takes the whole world to task for shutting its eyes

from All the nations blind to the future are fawning upon victorious Japan. Great Britain, rejoicing in Russia's act, utters its sarcastic condolences and America sends from hins.

American women to visit the island of the mikado. France, in fear for indo-China, alford for lows Japan to boss it about, while the crowned Hohensellern, who a few years

to the yellow peril. He says:

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