

hensive discussion of this incident is, therefore, impossible. It must be pointed out, the official correspondence of a belligerent is contraband. Consequently if the Prinz Heinrich carried Japanese diplomatic and consular reports she was liable for seizure. Of course, whether she did or not, correspondence can be inspected to determine this fact.

"The English in their excitement, even raised the question as to whether we were justified in converting the volunteer fleet steamers into warships after they had passed the Dardanelles under the commercial flag. This is strange. Every government has long ago lost its right either to build warships and finally to convert merchant vessels into warships. The volunteer fleet, at its very inception, was intended to be converted into a military fleet upon the declaration of war.

"The English should not feel incensed over the passage of the St. Petersburg and Smolensk through the Dardanelles. The British embassy at Constantinople hands in a protest to the Turkish government every time a volunteer fleet vessel passes the straits. For many years these protests have been entirely disregarded, and therefore long ago lost their importance. Before the war, the Dardanelles were repeatedly passed by volunteer ships on the way to the far east, even with troops, arms and ammunition aboard. This is the only possible way for the passage of the straits under the merchant flag, their destination was correctly given as being the far east. In the vessels, upon entering the Red sea, armed and hoisted the military flag.

"A fundamental principle of international law that a neutral flag covers neutral goods will not, of course, be violated by our cruisers. Consequently, cargoes aboard the ships of neutral powers containing no contraband of war will remain as free as ever."

WILL SUPPORT MINISTRY.

London, July 20.—The opposition leaders in the house of commons have allowed it to be understood that they will be prepared to support the government in its representations to Russia in regard to the capture of the steamer Malacca in the Red sea.

Discussing Finance Bill

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Missouri Democrats.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 20.—Prolonged investigations by the committee on credentials caused a considerable delay in the deliberations of the state Democratic convention today. After being in session for an hour, the committee adjourned after a rest of a few hours, and took up the contest in St. Louis county. It was only after considerable delay that the convention was called to order. The announcement was made that the committee on credentials would be in session probably for the greater part of the day. The principal contest is from St. Louis county, and involves the delegates to the state convention. It is a candidate for governor.

Democratic Leaders Confer.

New York, July 20.—The conference of Democratic leaders which has been in progress here for two days, ended today when several of them left the city. Ex-Senator Bayard Rustin, accompanied by Norman E. Machin, national committeeman from this state, and his secretary, C. H. Hendley, left for a visit to Judge Parker at Escopus, the judge's invitation. The meeting of the Democratic national committee will be held here next Tuesday, July 26.

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New York, July 20.—Four thousand union carpenters who have been locked out by the Building Trades Employers' association, have decided to remain indefinitely, pending a hard and fast interpretation of the general arbitration agreement under which they have recently labored, with special reference to that part binding the employers to use every effort to prevent the completion of many buildings now nearly finished. It is a disputed point whether or not any of the other unions will be dragged into it.

Russians Release Steamers.

Tokyo, July 20, 3:30 p. m.—The Russian Vladivostok squadron has released the steamer overhauled by it, eastward of Tsugaru straits. The Russian ships assumed to be captured by Japanese torpedo boat flotilla in pursuit.

Business Notes.

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PERSONALS.

Mr. I. R. Barton left today for an extended eastern trip in the interest of Barton & Co.

Second Lieut. Nelson E. Margretts of the Artillery corps and formerly sergeant in the Utah batteries, will be home in a few days from Seattle, where he is attached to the quartermaster's department.

The wife and children of Bandmaster Frank X. Herri of the Twenty-ninth Infantry, arrived yesterday from Bay City, Mich., and will reside at Fort Douglas.

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Joseph Odell is down from Logan today.

Judge Jacob Johnson is here from Spring City.

G. A. Iverson of Mantle is a guest at the Cullen.

The Rev. F. E. Knoff, pastor of the Congregational church of Cheyenne, and his wife, are guests this week of Maj. and Mrs. H. P. Myton.

Barlow Ferguson is in town for a couple of days from the Wood River country and Boise.

The First Methodist church enjoys an excursion to Saltair tomorrow.

AFTERNOON ON 'CHANGE.

A Buyer for Daly-West at \$17—Sales Of Tetro.

Daly-West was started off at \$17 this afternoon, a small lot going later at \$16.50. Tetro and Carina were the other sellers. The sales were:

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