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ence in the Boulder Flood

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TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

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switch and concacted the hold-up story to gain notorioty, but the officials take no stock in the story.

Port Arthur's Outer Positions Attacked

Good Reason to Believe That Japanese Have Begun Storming Them-Encounter Between Detachments of Belligerent Warships Northwest of Chefoo -Heavy Firing Heard by Fuerst Bismarck's Officers.

Cheefoo, Aug. 9, 8 p.m.-From a source hitherto reliable, it is said there is good reason to believe that the Japanese are renewing their attack on the remaining outer positions at Port Arthur,

The officers of the cruiser Fuerst Bismarck, lying at the outer edge of this harbor, express the opinion that the firing heard last night was an encounter between detachments of the belligerent warships, approximately 20 miles northwest of Chefoo. From the cruiser's advantageous position, the flashes preceding the detonations could be seen. However, three steamers which entered the harbor early this morning claim that they did not hear any firing. Two junks also reached Chefoo today, but they had no information of importance.

house teamsters' union, today gave out a list of dealers to whom he declared the union ice wagon drivers would under union orders refuse to deliver ice. Funston Accepts Invitation. St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 9.-A telegram has been received at the Philippine res-

restation on the world's fair grounds from Brig.-Gen. Frederick Funsion, ac-cepting the invitation to be present at the celebration of Philippine day, the cele Aug. 13.

CHICAGO STRIKE.

Dealers With Packers Will Not be Furnished Ice.

Chicago, Aug. 9 .- With an array of

more than 300 pickets the ice-wagon drivers and helpers' union today estab-lished a blockade of the retail and cold storage meat market business of Chi-cago. The union determination to ex-

tend the strike to the cold storage warehouses came as a distinct surprise

ated by the action of the ice car help-ers, who today declared an intentior not to handle ice for any dealer who patronizes the strike affected packers.

FROM GEN, STOESSEL.

Japs Opened Fire Along Their Whole Front.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 9 .--- The followng dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff, dated Aug. 9, has been received by the czar

"Gen, Stoesael reports as follows: ... "At five in the morning of July 27, the enemy having advanced a strong force, their artillery opened fire along their whole front followed by a series of attacks, one of which, directed against Yundhas mountain and generating the Yupilaza mountain, was especially vig-

"'At about 8 in the evening the ene-my were everywhere repulsed with enormous losses. I remained in the advanced position we have held for two days against an army very much

about five divisions of Japanese took the offensive against our position on the Kolf hills. In view of the enormous su-Kolf hills. In view of the enormous su-periority of the enemy's forces and the weakness of the positice our troops were ordered to retire to the next posi-tions without fighting. The movement was effected in complete order under the protection of artillery which by ac-curate fire at short range completely stopped the Japanese advance. "Our losses have not yet been as-certained, but they were not great. The losses of the Japanese were very con-

losses of the Japanese were very con-siderable. In the engagements of July 26 and 27 the Japanese had about 70,000 men and a considerable numzer of siege guns.

INTERNATIONAL TYPOS.

Two Hundred Delegates Present At Second Day's Session.

London, Aug. 9 .- The Associated Press learns that absolute accord exsits between the United States and Great Britain in respect to rights of neutral commerce, and when the declaration of Secy, Hay was published yesterday the state department was informed that it was in entire accord with the attitude of Great Britain. In order that Russla might understand the similarity of the British and American views Lord Lansdowne directed the British ambassador at St. Petersburg to protest against the Russian definition of contraband along the same

Defining Neutrals' Rights.

lines as the declaration transmitted through Ambassador McCormick, Great Britain would like the United States to take steps to obtain an international declaration defining the rights of neutrals, but it is not thought at the foreign office here that Secy. Hay will do so, it being understood there that he proposes to retain complete liberty of action.

IN COMPLETE ACCORD.

For all practical purposes accord exists between the two governments by the communication, especially on the part of Great Britain to the United States of the action of their respective governments in specific incidents.

SPECIAL ADMIRALITY PRIZE COURT.

With reference to the constitution of a special admirally prize court at the Russian capital to reconsider the case of the British steamer Knight Com-mander aunounced in the Azsociated Press dispatches from St. Petersburg last night, the British officials are con-tident that it will reverse the decision ident that it will reverse the decision of the prize court at Vladivostok. They naintain that the decision declaring the steamer to be a jawful prize is not justified by international law and that whatever the vessel carried. Admiral Jessen had no right to sink her. WON'T ACCEPT SETTLEMENT. Great Britain will not accept a setthement merely by the payment of a monetary indemnity, but insits that a broad principle should be established. This Russia can not admit at this moment in view of the finding of the Valdivostok court, but if the new court declares, as the British government andeclares, as the British government an-ticipates, that international law did not justify the sinking of a neutral ship, then the question will be capable of easier adjustment. The foreign office here denies that there will be any reference of the Knight Commander ques-tion to The Hague arbitration court, and says it is a matter for direct nego-tiation between the two governments, and that in view of the earnest desire of both to reach a peaceful agreement it is believed that a satisfactory setilement will be achieved.



a laugh, and, accepting this theory, they all regained their composure. Just as they had dismissed thoughts of peril an irresistible torrent of water struck the tent. There were screams and struggles, but ere there was time for any plan of action they were all being carried down the swift current at a terrific bace.

Powerless to aid, and facing death, young Hart saw the little girl trying to swim and clutching at branches floating on the water near her. Her



Sixty-Six Dead Identified, Twenty-Eight Missing, and Six Unidentified.

PUEBLO PLUNCED IN GLOOM.

All Night Search Was Kept Up-Some Bodies Found Ten Miles From Scene of Wreck.

Pueblo, Clo., Aug. 9.-A cast of deep gloom has settled down upon this city today, the day following the railroad horror, which snuffed out 100 or more lives yesterday. Many business houses are closed out of respect for the dead, and more than 40 private homes are darkened and in mourning. The wreck victims of yesteday will probably not be the only ones or the ones to be pitied most as already cases of total loss of mind as a result of the shock when told of loss of loved ones are reported.

ENDLESS FUNERAL PROCESSION. All the citizens have joined in one mmense funeral procession

are freely allowed to gaze upon it. Scarce a person in the city who does not suffer a personal loss knowing some one of the victims as a friend. The eye

of mourning full and sad is universal. The calamity is the heaviest that has

ever fallen on the city. The first emo-tion that selzed the city yesterday

norning as the news appeared was one

of incredulity. It has settled down to be a horrible certainty.

Entire families have been wiped out.

an instance being that of J. Q. Thomas commercial agent for the Santa Fr

railroad who, together with his wife, and daughter Leona, lost their lives in

NIGHT LONG SEARCH.

All night long the search was kept up and an occasional body was located, but in the darkness work was neces-sarily slow. The most treacherous of streams, the Fountain river, into which

nearly all the dead bodies were washed, this morning had fallen to near its

normal condition and the work of res

cue will be made easier, although still dangerous from quicksand, which prov-

ed such a factor in delaying work yes terday. This did not deter the search

ers today, and as soon as daylight cam

bodies had been found even further distant are heard.

A HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

The death list, as complied from the

est obtainable sources of information

at an early hour this morning shows a

total of 66 identified dead, total known missing 28 and unidentified bodies six.

making an even 100 lives lost. This list will more than likely be increased dur-

Many of the bodies had been removed

from the morgues to their former places of abode and preparations for burial begun. Hundreds of people were

still passing through the morgues this morning, some with morbid curiosity,

others seeking to identify the remaining

The death loss of Pueblo alone reach-

being

es the top figure in its history, being now given as 65 lives, with 40 identifi-

AT SCENE OF THE WRECK.

At the scene of the wreck early to

day everything was practically the same as yesterday. The chair car, turned completely over, has settled in

the quicksand until only the wheels are

o right it or gain an entrance to what

Mayor Brown issued a proclamation

calling a public meeting at 9 o'clock this morning for the purpose of launch-

ing an organized movement to patrol the Fountain and Arkansas rivers in

the hope of finding more bodies of vid

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RAILROAD SITUATION.

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ponse to the mayor's proclamation was THE BAER GIRL hearty and at this hour more than 200 searchers have left the city and many names are constantly being added to RELIEF FUND STARTED.

A relief fund was started early today and several hundred dollars have been subscribed for the aid of the needy families and to ald in the recovery of other victims.

other victims. Dr. E. C. Stimmel, a prominent den-tist of Pueblo, who was reported as lost yesterday, escaped by leaving the train at Colorado Springs and return-ed here this morning. The body of A. M. Schmitz, 2523 Stout street, Denver, was found by a ranch-man six miles down the Arkansas river from Pueblo this morning. He was identified by a number of railroad passes found on the body.

CORONER'S JURY IMPANELLED.

Coroner A. L. Fugard has empanelled a jury, which began an inquest this afternoon. The jury, together with Dist. Atty. J. H. Low and Coroner Fugard inspected the scene of the words.

wreck. "I propose to ascertain why and how the terrible disaster occurred," said Mr. Low, "In view of the frequent cloudbursts in that vicinity and the known dangerous character of these arroyos, we believe that the utmost precautions should be maintained. We shall investigate the conduct of the train crew, to see if there was due cau-tion used in approaching this bridge tion used in approaching this bridge and in running through a district that was almost deluged with water."

Princeton, Ind., Aug. 9.-George Beck. who until recently was a shoe dealer here, has been identified as one of the dead of the Pueblo wreck. He was on his way home from the west. His parents live here.

EX-SENATOR CEORCE VEST

TELLS HER STORY

Informs Court How Dr. Johnson

Performed Criminal Operation for Her.

prous APPEARS SHAMELESSLY BRAZEN

tronger than ours. "'At four in the morning of July 30

"The morale of the Russian troops is excellent and their health good.""



Salt Lake Boy Who Had Terrific Battle for Life.

It appears that the two Salt Lake | time Hart was struck by them he was boys, Richard and Guy Hart, whose home is on Sixth avenue, Waterloo, had a more thrilling experience in Colorado even than foreshadowed in last evning's "News," particularly the former, Richard is 20 years of age and a student at the University of Utah. With his brother Guy he started for the world's fair a few weeks ago and they were returning home when overtaken in Colorado, as told in the story that follows. The boys are still with relatives in that state, Richard being very sick as the result of his awful fight for life with the maddening torrent that came so near to carrying him to his doom. The story is told in full in the following dispatch to the Denver Times from Boulder under date of the 5th

One of the worst rainstorms in the history of Boulder county occurred in the mountains near Sugar Loaf, six miles from Boulder, about 2 o'clock vesterday afternoon and in a mad tortent resulting from a cloudburst two persons were swept to death and a third had a miraculous escape from death. The dead are:

Inst:

Mrs. Lina Chambers, York, Neb.

Mary Renkes, aged 12, Boulder. Richard Hart, aged 20, was carried away in the flood, but saved himself by clinging to bushes on a little island about the size of his body, and from this perilous position he was rescued by a party of tourists.

THE RESCUING PARTY.

In the rescuing party were H. S. Stross, superintendent of the Læke Shore railroad: W. C. Brown, third vice president of the New York Central; Mr. Davenport of the Iowa Central, Morris J. Jones of Boulder, J. H. Lynch, representative of the Rand Drill com-pany at Denver, and J. R. Belcher, superintendent of the Valley Forge mine They were driving up to the mountains when they were halted by the flood which came down Bummer guich. In speaking of the matter this morning. Davenport said that he had often read of narrow escapes and men hangread of narrow escapes and men hang-ing to life by a thread, but never saw mything more nearly describing these conditions than the position of young Hart. He was on an island not larger than his body, in the midst of a stream which would have been mad-ness for anyone to have attempted to ford. They had just seen the body of Mrs. Chambers going down the stream Mrs. Chambers going down the stream with the velocity of the wind and at the same time heard an agonizing scream coming from the clump of scream coming from the clump of bushes which formed the island or Which hich lay the boy in an exhausted ndition. He was holding on to small twigs. They immediately secured some planking and managed to throw the reins from the harness over to the islrelas from the harness over to the isl-and. Commanding the youth to wind then tightly about him, they succeeded in pulling him to shore. He was com-pletely exhausted. Mr. Davenport said: "You may judge something of the ter-rific force of the flood when I tell you that bowiders of more than three tons in weight were being rolled hundreds in weight were being rolled hundreds

FLOOD CARRIES THEM AWAY.

When young Hart had sufficiently recovered from exhaustion he told of how the storm burst upon them. Signs of rain had driven them into the tent, and in a few minutes a rumble was heard. how the storm burst upon them. Signs of rain had driven them into the tent, heard. 'Tt's only a team passing over the kridge," exclaimed Mrs. Chambers with

bruised Weaker and weaker and frantic with terror, he clutched at every object in sight, but death seemed to be playing a tantalizing game. At times a timber large enough to support him would come close at hand and then be swept away before he could selze it. Like a cat with a mouse, it seemed to be the object of the elements to prolong his agony and then to dash him to death at last.

SAVED FROM DEATH.

When Hart had almost given up hope he felt his hand come in contact with some bushes, and when they did not give way, as others, had, courage re-turned. He clung desperately to the bushes and called lustily for help. give to the The water finally subsided and he sat upon a little island formed in this sud-

denly made river. He called to the others in vain, but finally his shouts at-He called to the tracted the party in the guich. They tied the reins of their harness together, and by shoving planks out into the stream managed to so narrow its width

that they were able to pull him to shore. The boy was badly injured and very weak , The bodies of Mrs. Chambers and Mary Renkes were found a short dis-

tance below and were brought to Boul-der last evening. The Livingstone mine, which is located at the head of Bummer gulch, was flooded by the waterspout, and four

on many men again took up the work and the number was increased as the day wore on. Bodies have been re-covered more than 10 miles from the scene of the disaster and rumors that was noticed by the wateraped death. Roy miners narrowly escaped death. Roy Wardell was forced down the shaft by water and debris and would have drowned had it not been for the cour-age of Foreman William Niles, who took desperate chances and went down and brought him out. Foreman Niles says the rain came down so flercely that the water ran several feet high near the collar of the shaft. It filled the open cut known as the "potato patch." The pumps were stopped by the flood and the mine has 200 feet of

vater in it, which will require many days to pump out. Wardell's ankle was broken. He

lives in this city. FATHER IS CRAZED.

Mary Renkes belonged to one of the best known families of Boulder. Her father is C. W. Renkes, and because of numerous relatives many homes are mourning here. Mrs. Chambers was on a visit to her sister, and the Hart boys were nephews of Mrs. Renkes. Today the father of the dead girl is

crazed with grief. In his agonizing cries he attributes the blame to his placing the tent where he did, and says that had he not come to town, leaving them there alone, they would not have been drowned. The loctors are attending him and calming him with opiates. It is feared that he may his mind.

Mrs. Chambers was the wife of Miles Chambers, a well-to-do farmer at York, Neb., and a prominent citizen. Mrs. Charles W. Renkes, who resides in Roulder, visited the St. Louis fair recently, and on her way home stopped off for a short stay in Nebraska. When she resumed her journey she prevailed on her sister to accompany her, and the latter intended to remain in Coloand

rado for an indefinite period. 'The two Hart boys, Guy and Richard, are sons of another sister, who resides in Salt Lake City. They had also been to the world's fair and had only been in Boulder for a short time visiting their aunt, Mrs. Renkes.

In the spring of 1895, when the dam to the irrigation ditch in Boulder cano the irrigation ditch in Boulder was looded, Marimus Smith, grandfather of the drowned girl, was so badly frightened by the large column of water and the possibility of drowning that his

PASSES PEACEFULLY AWAY

unceasingly from one morgue to the other. Death in one of its most hor St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 9 .- A special to rible forms has become so common that the Post-Dispatch from Sweet Springs, Mo., says: delicate women and innocent children ever guarded from the touch of tragedy.

After lingering for weeks between life and death, former Senator George Vest passed peacefully away today. He had been so near death for the past three days that the end came without a struggle. He was conscious until about 2 a. m., Sunday morning, when he sank into a state of coma from which he never aroused. He lost the power of speech Saturday morning, but for sev-eral days before that he talked very imperfectly and during the last 36 hours of his life his breathing was barely per-ceptible. The flutter of his pulse was all that showed that life still remained. At the bedside when the end came were his wife, Dr. Jarvis, the family physician, Senator Vest's son Alexan-der, his daughter, Mrs. George P. Jackson and her husband, and Mrs. Thomp-son, a niece of Mrs. Vest. The remains will be taken to St.

Louis this evening, for incerment, in the private car of Mr. A. A. Allen, vice president and general manager of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad.

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 9 .- Gov Dockery is preparing a proclamation asking the people of Missouri to prop-erly observe the day of the funeral of former Senator George Graham Vest, who died today. This will be issued when the date and funeral arrangement shall have been completed and made known. A list of Missourlage made known. A list of Missourlans to represent the state at the funeral is being prepared by the governor,

OUTRAGE IN BUTTE.

Residence of Mrs. Bella Powers Blown Up With Giant Powder. Butte, Mont., Aug. 9, --- The residence of Mrs. Bella Powers, at No. 432 South Wyoming street, was blown to pieces at 3 o'clock this morning. Three un-known men placed a large charge of giant powder in a closet, lighted the fuse and fled. The trio were seen leav-ing the house by Guy Sweet, an engarver, and a roomer, but as the dwell-ing is inhabited by several families, he thought nothing of it until the explo-sion came. Sweet and his wife and Tom Howie and Mr. and Mrs. Swan Johnson, all of whom were in bed, were more or less severely injured. The

house was completely demolished, There is no clue to the perpetrators. The fuse, found in the closet, explains The fuse, found in the closet, explains to the detectives the dynamiting. No motive for the deed is assigned. None of the people in the house at the time or boarding or rooming there are in any way connected with labor troubles or re known to have enomies, The police believe the dynamite was

visible, and has resisted all efforts meant for Colorado refugees, scores of whom have come to Butte, and that the is thought to have been a trap in which may be found several bodies. dynamiters mistook the house

Russian Cruiser Off Finisterre. Plymouth, England, Aug. 9.-The British steamer Manora, from Calcutta, June 29. for London, arrived here today and reported that when 25 miles south of Cape Finisterre, on the northwest responded promptly and the work was coast of Spain, she met a large cruise flying the Russian naval flag. There were guns mounted on the cruiser, which evidently was one of the former ficers, assisted by more than willing German liners recently purchased by Russia. The cruiser bore down on the The railroad situation has materially Manora and signalled the latter to hoist her ensign. When this was done the improved, traffic being resmued this morning over the Rio Grande tracks. The officials here had no information her ensign. When ertliser proceeded,

Around Liao Yang.

The omclais here had no information to communicate, and did not care to give an estimate of the financial loss, saying they had taken no notice of pe-cuniary affairs in a time like this. Of-ficials returning to the wreck scene St. Petersburg. Aug. 9.-Lieut.-Gen. Sakharoff telegraphs that there is no Sakharoff telegraphs that there is no change in the situation around Liao early this morning with wrecking crews

Yang. A Russian cavalry detachment has and today will probably wipe out all trace of the horrible catastrophe. At 10:30 a train bearing two more dead bodies reached the city. The re-

panled by his father and his attorney Walter W. Little. The prosecution was conducted by County Attorney J. J. Whitaker, The principal witness exam ined for the state this morning was Mary Baer, the girl in the case. He Het conduct on the witness stand indicated that she did not mind in the least the predicament into which she is involved On several occasions she laughed out right at questions asked her by the at torneys in the case and she did no mind in the least the curious gaze o the few spectators who were permitted to remain in the courtroom during the trial. During her cross-examination her father entered the court room bu until that time none of here family were present. Two other witnesses were examined by the state this morn ing and there are four or five more yet to be examined, so it will be late this afternoon before the state finishes its

Chambermaid Saw the Dead Babe and

Tells a Shocking Story of Its Con-

dition-Gemmell in Court.

The preliminary hearing of Dr. A. W.

ohnson, who with A. J. Gemmell, is

charged with performing a criminal

peration upon Mary Baer at the Audi-

torium rooming house on July 8, was

ommenced before Judge C. B. Dichl

oom at the city and county building.

When the case against the two men

was called Attorney A. J. Webber

arate hearing, which request was

granted and he was placed on trial

Gemmell was present in court accom-

first.

asked that Dr. Johnson he given a sep

this morning in Judge Tanner's court

On the witness stand on direct ex amination by County Attorney Whit-aker, Miss Baer stated that she is 17 years of age and was born and raised in this city. She said that she occupied room 204 at the Auditorium rooming house on July 8. On that morning the operation was performed. She testifice that Dr. Johnson prepared the chloro form and Geminell administered it to how while the desired used the losing her while the doctor used the instru ments. She identified some of the in-struments produced by the county at-torney as the instruments used in per-forming the operation. She said that the child was delivered on Monday evening, July 11, at about 6 o'clock. On cross-examination by Attorney Webber she said that she consulted se eral doctors about her case after the operation but they refused to do any think for her but give her medicine relieve the pain. The chambermaid the house, she said, gave her some qui nine and whicky. She admitted tha she told several of the doctors that sh had attempted to perform the operatio upon herself and she also admitte that she had an instrument for that purpose in her possession for severa days before the alleged operation was performed and that she had bought pills for that purpose as early as June 24, but had not taken any of them. Mrs. Lou Halladay, the chambermald

at the rooming house, was the next witness called. She said that she saw the child on the evening of July 11, and

that she was in the room that evening when the girl was delivered. Detective George Chase was then called to the stand and told of the ar-rest of Dr. Johnson on Friday, July 29, He said that in a conversation with th defendant the latter said that he formed the operation more upon girl's solicitation than Gemmell's, witness was still being examined y Th court took a recess until 2:30 this

Of Atlantic Express.

(Special to the "News.") Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 9 .- No trace of the four men who attempted to wreck and rob the Union Pacific Atlantic express at Ahsay station yesterday morning has been found. Several tramps have neen arrested, but Pumpman Utley has neen arrested, but Pumpman Ulley has been unable to identify any of them. Four posses are now securing the country near the scene of the attempted hold-up, but the outlaws have disuppeared as though the earth had opened up and awallowed them. A trail of four horse-men was followed a short distance from Ahsay, but a rainstorm yesterday morn-ing obliterated their tracks and the trail was lost. Pumpman Utley is recovering raddy

was lost. Pumpman Utley is recovering rapidly from the effects of his wound and will be all right again in a few days. A report received from the west states that Utley had a fight with tramps and they ex-changed shots and that be then threw the

St. Louis, Aug. 9.-World's Fair grounds, -The second day's session of the Inter national Typographical union convenee today in convention hall with nearly the full quota of 400 delegates present. Th report of the committee on laws way report of the committee on laws was given out. Of this report the most im-pertant article on which the convention passed, was that providing that in cities in which a German union exists no mem-bers of the international Typographical union shall be employed at German or English work at any other scale than that demanded by the International union. The membership of committees on fi-mance, appeals, eight-hour question, arbi-tration, press, alled trade relations, gov-ernment ownership of type-foundries and the telegraph, organization, arbitration, amounced.

abnounced. Frederick Driscoll of St. Paul was then introduced and made an address. Following Mr. Driscoll's address the report of the committee on laws was taken up for consideration. After con-siderable discussion the following propsition, submitted by the committee, as pertaining to the punishment of officers nd members of a union who conceal information concerning a strike was

"Any officer or member of a utilon who shall suppress or conceal from his union or the executive council any official information concerning a strike or a proposed strike, shall upon con-viction by the local union, be suspend-ed or expelled; provided, also, that the executive council shall have power to deal with violators of this law where the local union does not and " the local union does not act."

The committee on laws reported fa verably on the proposition to repeal sec-tion 130 of the general laws reading Members employed under permit in non-union offices shall not engage in a strike ordered by any other party than the union they belong to." The report was adopted.

RUSSIAN REASONS FOR CONTINUAL RETREATING.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 9 .-- No fresh news of fighting or army movements comes from the front and opinion is still divided as to whether the coming battle, news of the beginning of which the public is expecting to hear hourly will be a general engagement or only

another rear-guard action. All the newspapers today express great relief over the reports from Port Arthur. The army organ says that al-though Gen. Stoessel's report gives no details, it is evident that the Japanese have suffered a very severe reverse The paper also pays a tribute to the navy's share in the defense of the besieged fortress. Reviewing Gen. Kuro patkin's movement, it continues:

The retreat is in accordance with "The retreat is in accordance with a plan laid down for the first period of the campaign, which is to weaken the forces of the enemy by continuing strongly the defensive portions, thus impeding Japanese progress and com-pelling the enemy to waste large num-bers of men and much war material on the advances. The result has been that in three and one-half months the that, in three and one-half months the Japanese have only covered a few score of versts,"

A BAD NEGRO.

Shoots'His Wite and Mother in-Law and Commits Suicide.

Law and Commits Suicide. 8t. Louis, Mo., Aug. 9.-John P. John-son, a negro living at Kinloch park, a su-burb, shot his wife. Viola, twice today, wounding her severely, shot and killed his mother-in-law, whose name has not been learned, and then with the same revolver, ended his own life. The woman, despite her wounds, walked to Easton avenue, where she received at-tention, and was sent to the city hospital. Jealousy of the woman is said to have prompted the cemnission of the crime. Johnson killed his mother-in-law because she tried to protect her daughter.

JAPANESE ARE IN POSSESSION OF WOLF'S HILL.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 9.—A dispatch received from Llaut.-Gen. Stoessel.com-mander of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, confirms previous re-ports that the Japanese before Port Ar-thur are in possession of Wolf's hill. The general says that on July 30 the Russians withdrew from their positions on Wolf's hill before the numerical su-periority of the Japanese. Gen. Stoes-

on Wolf's hill before the numerical su-periority of the Japanese. Gen. Stoes-sel estimates the number of Japanese attacking Port Arthur at 70,000. Gen. Stoessel locates Yupilaza moun-tain as situated 10 miles northeast of Port Arthur, and says that the Japa-nese attack on that position was only a demonstration, the real assault of the Japanese being made on the Russian positions on Wolf's hill, which he points out are only six miles northward and near the railroad station. The general staff expects that this po-sition consists of a long crest of hills,

altion consists of a long crest of hills, offering a great advantage owing to their proximity to the fortress. The staff is unable to account for the pres-ence of five divisions on the Kwan Tung

Jap Laborers Strike.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 9,-Five hundred Japanese laborers sent to Santa Ro-salla, lower California, to work Roth-schild's mines, have struck because they consider the timbering unsafe, They will stay out until more timbering is in. The Japanese consul has gone there.

TRIMMERS AND CUTTERS.

Those Employed by Chicago Clothing Manufacturers Go on Strike.

Chicago, Aug. 9 .- Trimmers, cutters, sushelmen and examiners employed by 14 clothing manufacturers, Chicago members of the National Clothiers' ex-Chicago change, struck today. It was estimated that 600 men quit work. An official of a large clothing house said that if the strike continues, within a short time 10,000 tailors will be out of employment because of a lack of supply with which to work. The action of the union fol-lowed an announcement that hereafter the employers intended to run on the "open shop" plan.

Sheriff's Convetion.

St. Louis, Aug. 9.—Between 100 and 150 members of the Inter-State Sheriff's association, from various parts of the country, are attending a three days' convention, which began today. Short business sessions are in order.

afternoon. STILL AT LARGE. No Trace of Men Who Planned Holdup