TERRIBLE FATE OF EXCURSION PARTY

Crowded New York Steamboat Catches on Fire in East River -- Loss of Life Nearly 1000.

List of Missing 300

New York, (Special).-Flames that suddenly swept over the excursion steamer General Slocum in the East river, near its junction with Long Island Sound, at 10 A. M. Wednesday. drove hundreds of the passengers to leap overboard, while hundreds more who remained aboard were burned [ell

It seems certain that at least 600 persons, mostly women and children, met death. The number of deaths is likely to reach as many as 800. Four hundred and ninety-eight bodies had been recovered at a late hour and divers were at work taking more remains of many persons who leaped into the river have not yet been found. The fatalities all occured in a brief

race with death over a half-mile course which Capt. William H. Van beach her on North Brother Island. He succeeded in this attempt, but the fire meanwhile had spread so rapidly that one of the vessel's decks had collasped, killing many, while the flames had destroyed others or driven them to death in the water.

Boat's Officers Arrested.

The captain has been severely criticised for not running the boat ashore when the flames were discovered. With five of his men he was

Some of the survivors declare that the life-preservers were rotten and proved utterly uselss when the passengers tried to use them.

About 1,200 persons, members of an excursion party given by St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 232 Sixth street, on East Side of Man-hattan, were on board the General The greater number Slocum. passengers were women and children. All were on their way to Locust Grove, a summer resort on Long Is land Sound.

The dangerous Hell Gate rocks had been passed in safety and the steam-boat was off the east end of Randall's Island when there was a sudden fire in the forward part f the vessel. The overturning of a pot of grease in the boat's kitchen had caused What seemed an explosion fol-

A cloud of smoke and flames shot

Death In Frightful Panic.

Instantly the women became panic-tricken. The crew of 23 men were powerless in the frenzied throng that rushed toward the stern, pursued by the flames. The pressure against the rails was so great that they soon gave way. Forty or fifty persons were al-most immediately swept overboard. Captain Van Schaik then headed the boat for North Brother Island and the harbor craft began picking up the trail of victims and survivors continued dropping in her wake by fives and tens, some supported by life preservers, but most of them with-

Hundreds fleeing from the flames fled to the upper hurricane deck, which, under the unusual strain, together with the burning of its supporting stanchions, collapsed. One hundred or more were thus precipi-tated to the middle deck, and many of them were thrown bodily into the blazing hold

for assistance, and tugs and other their faces anywhere. They probably nearby craft answered the call. Be sank as soon as they struck the water. fore any of the boats could reach the burning steamer, however, the frantic women and children had begun to jump overboard. The current was strong and there are many whirlpools in the channel. The boats that always abound in the vicinity picked many persons from the water, but these ere only a small number of those

struggling in the swift current.

As the fire increased the struggle to
gain points of vantage at the stern became frightful. Women and chi dren crowded against the after rail until it gave way and hundreds were pushed off into the river. After this there was a steady stream of persons who jumped or were thrown into the

By this time the shricking whistle of the Slocum had attracted the attention of river craft for a con-siderable distance around, and tugs and other small boats were rushing to the assistance of the burning steamer. Rows Of Heads In Water.

These small hoats rescued all those in the water whom they could reach.

but many persons struggled and sank before any help could reach them. In the wake of the Slocum as she hurried upstream was a line of little black spots, marking the heads and bodies of those who had sought to escape the roaring furnace in the ship by throwing themselves over-

Few of those saved by the small boats had on life preservers. At no time during the progress of the fire was there any good opportunity either to lower the lifeboats or get the lifepreservers out from underneath the seats. This gives an idea of the rapidity with which the flames swept

was an experience harrowing and terrible, and that any escaped alive seems wonderful.
Through all the panic during that

FINANCIAL.

In New York this week \$1,338,000 of dry goods was marketed and in the same week last year \$1,777,000. For five months of 1904 bank clear-ings in Pittsburg have decreased \$258.-000,000 compared with the same time

in 1003.

J. S. McCord & Co. had a private despatch saying, "W. K. Vanderbilt is expected home on July 10. The Pennsylvania Rulroad will then offer to buy half the Ontario & Western Railroad Company's stock if the New York Central will take the other half."

A generally well-informed banker says that New York Central will offer to purchase all the Lehigh Navigation stock at \$100 a share, giving in ex-change for it 5 per cent, bonds. The Pennsylvania and Vanderbilts wish to control the whole anthracite trade as dominate the bituminous.

Some big Philadelphia people were selling both Reading and Pennsyl-New York banks gained in cash \$6,-561,000 the past week.

Lake Superior's re-organizers can tell the alleged organizers of a new electric concern how easy it is not to get a few million dollars.

inferno, with fire and smoke surrounding them, the officers and men of the doomed boat remained at their posts, but they were powerless to avert the

Shore Reached At Last.

The Slocum got within 50 feet of Island and there stopped in the soal low water. It was just before she the northwest point of North Brother beached that the hurricane deck, the supports of which had burned away, with its load of women and chil dren, adding to the panic and horror of those on the deck below. Soon afterward parts of the second and third decks also caved in. But before this happened the tug Walter Tracey had gone alongside the burning steamer and been lashed to her. Many of the passengers were taken off by the crew of the Tracey, which remained alongside the steamer until

ward on North Brother Island. The patients who had been out on the porches and lawns watching the apthrough the shallow water. Many of these who leaped from the Slo-Alabama. com were carried away by the cur-

Pastor's Tale Of Horror.

One of the best narratives of the lisaster was that of Rev. George Haas pastor of the church. wife, Gertrude, and his daughter, Anna, are among the dead. "The fire started in the kitchen, in the forward part of the ship, when we were off One Hundred and Thirtyourth street. I understand that some fat which boiled over started the blaze and that the men in the kitchen ran for their lives. At that time most of the women and children were ammed in the rear part of the boat, where the band was playing. Why the captain did not point the boa the sunken meadows near-by I do understand

'He kept on, and the fresh wind from the Sound drove the fire back through the different decks with ightning rapidity. In three minutes from the time the fire started all the

lecks were ablaze, 'I was in the rear of the boat with my wife and daughter. Women were shricking ond clasping their children n their arms. Some mothers had as nany as three or four children with them. Death from fire was to be es-caped only to die in the water. "When the fire shot up to the top

deck and drove the crowd back the panic was terrible to witness. crush from the forward part of the boat swept along those in the rear. The women and children clung to the railings and stanchions, but could not keep their holds.

Over The Rail "Like Flies." "I believe that the first who fell into and children went over the railings

With my wife and daughter I was swept over the rail. The fire then looked as if it would get us the next instant. I got my wife and daughter out on the rail and then we went over-I was in such an excited state that I don't remember whether we ere pushed over or jumped. When struck the water I sank, and when rose there were scores about me nghting to keep afloat.

Few Could Be Saved.

The steamer's whistle was blowing wife and daughter, but could not see With a great effort I managed to keep but my strength was about gone when a man on a tug picked me

The following telegraphic message from Fresident Roosevelt has been "Accept my profound sympathy for yourself, your church and your con-

Quickest Fire He Ever Saw. Captain Van Schaik said:

to my experience. We had had fire General Stocum before, and had always been able to handle them. I had no idea that the fire would get away from us this time.
"A fireman came up to me in the

"A fireman came up to me in the Ga. Bert Smith, while shooting at spilot-house and said there were fiames someone clse, hit and killed John L. in the lower deck. I started to go Smith, his step-grandfather. pilot-house and said there were fiames sward One Hundred and Thirty the captain of a tugboat, who shouted me that the boat would set fire are not created equal. the lumber yards and oil tanks Besides I knew that the shore there was lined with rocks, and that the boat would founder with all hands I ran ashore there.

The only place where I could beach her safely was at North Brother Island, and I started there. A fresh

breez was blowing.
"I looked back and saw that the port side of the boat was all ablaze. It was the quickest fire I ever saw. The fire was in the woodwork under the forward boilers on the port side, as I made it out in the excitement.

"Wind Was Too Strong." "I held for North Brothers' Island, expecting to beach the Slocum sideways. I had sent some of the crew below to fight the fire, and thought they could hold it, but the wind was too strong. Then they began to jump overboard. The rail of one of the

To Avenge I nland.

decks gave way and a lot of people

St. Petersburg, (By Calle).-General Bebrikoff, Governor-General of Finland, was shot and mortally wounded at 11 o'clock A. M., at the ntrance to the Fornish Senate at Helsingfors. The assassin, a lawyer named Schaumann, a son of Senator Schaumann, immediately committed suicide. Bobrikoff was shot in the stomach and neck 'The attack is ascribed to Finnish patriotism.

Bullet Extracted After 42 Years.

Montgomery, Ala., (Special).-William Wise, who went into the Confederate Army when he was 13 years of age, has just had a bullet taken from his groin which had been there since 1862 the wound has never healed. Phiysicians assure him that it will now close. He carried this wound all these years and never told anyone excepting his wife.

The National Conference Charities and Corrections began in Portland, Me.

NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

The Latest Happenings Condensed for Rapid Reading.

Domestic. Two robbers entered the home of Mrs. Barbara Young, an old woman, at Altoona, Pa., beat her insensible beause she would not give them money and after obtaining \$18 set fire to the seds in the several rooms and left. Young was rescued by members

a fire company. Charles Stimmell, a prisoner in the Ohio Peniteutiary, who had been con-defined to death, received a reprieve from Governor Herrick three minutes before the time set for the electrocu-

The court dismissed the suit brought in a Chicago court by one of the vic- C. Corbin, Commanding the Atlantic tims of the Iroquois disaster against division, for the combined army and Klaw & Erlanger, deciding that ser- militia maneuvers to be held in Sepvice had to be made personally.

Special inspection of passenger steamboats plying from Chicago have been ordered as a result of the Gen-eral Slocum disaster. The one hundredth and twenty-ninth anniversary of the Battle of Bunker

adjacent towns.

World's Fair. Massachusetts Prohibitionists nom- sibly Alabama. There also will be insted Mrs. Fannie J. Clary for secre- more than 5,000 regulars, who, with

A new cotton bug has appeared in Charles H. Moyer, president of the however, Northern and Southern Western Federation of Miners, who soldiers will fight side by side and was released by Federal Judge Thayer against each other, but always in the on habeas corpus, is now a prisoner in the county jail in Telluride, Col. Counsel for Mrs. Nan Patterson, who is under indictment in New York for the murder of "Caesar" Young, made a motion for an inspection of the minutes of the grand jury. Ten thousand Confederate veterans

marched in the parade which was the miles from Manassas and the other closing feature of the fourteenth an-near Manassas. Although the probmal reunion of the United Confeder-Veterans.

Testimony was begun in Boston in the case of the Western Union Telegraph Company against the Bell Telephone Company for \$4,000,000.

A number of papers on pertinent subjects were read before the Na-

tional Conference of Charities and Corrections, in Portland, Me. Dr. Nathan Smith Davis, one of the most prominent physicians in America, died in Chicago at the age of 87 years.

The theatrical managers and proprietors of Philadelphia formed an organization. William A. Snyder, a evangelist, was arrested in Philadelphia and confessed that he had ob-

tained money in Maryland towns and elsewhere by raising the amount on postal orders Frederick Warren, of Buffalo, lost \$5,000, the savings of a lifetime, while playing English faro in New York

upon recommendation of a friend, whom he attack with a cane. Warrants have been issued for 87 miners in the Cripple Creek district for complicity in the dynamite outrage Independence. All are charged

with murder. Gen. Stephen D. Lee and Dr. Randolph H. McKim, of Washington, were the principal speakers at the reunion of Confederates in Nashville

At Brazil, Ind., a Methodist preaches opened a dance with prayer as a compromise with the young folks who participated in the social event.

Miss Elsie Whelen and Mr. Robert Goelet, of New York, were married at Wayne, a suburb of Philadelphia. Mrs. Martha E. Lunn, aged 61 years. has been arrested at Elgin, Ill., on the

She was 20 years old. Arrangements for the fourteenth Young People's Union of America,

are approaching completion who is legal representative in this country of Ion Perdicaris, has received letter from him written in his

James King Clarke, the former hus-band of Miss Esther Bartlett, the 'violet bride,' was married in Bryn

loughby Lieut. Nathaniel T. Bowers, Engineer Corps, of Fort Leavenworth, was killed near the target range by lightning, which struck his rifle. In a free fight at Brands Springs,

Rev. Dr. Frank Gunsanlus, formerly I was warned off by of Baltimore, in a baccalaureate ser-a tugboat, who shouted mon in Chicago, said that all men

Miss Mary Thomas, President of Bryn Mawr College, in an address before the Women's Congress, in Beren from the assertion that it overders them unfit for matrimony

Finland, who was shot by a Finn Helsingfors, died of his wounds, and the Governor General of War-

saw was stricken with par ysis when informed of Boltzikoff's death.

Philip James Stanbope (Liberal), Philip James Stanhope (Liberal), the youngest son of Earl Stanhope, mons from the Harborough Leicestershire, defeating C. H. Dix-

n, the Conservative candidate. The French Foreign Office announ ces the final closing of the French loan of 12,500,000 to Morocco, secured by Siorocco+ customs receipts.

The Sultan of Morocco has sent word to Raisuli, the bandit chief, that all the latter's demands for the release of the captives have been com-

Four hundred Moorish troops of the worst type were landed at Tan-gier, sent by the Sultan for the pro-tection of Europeans. These troops will endanger the counces for the re are held by the bandit Raisuli. Seid, who murdered Rev. Ben-

jamin Labarce, of the American mis-sion, in North Persia, was brought to Tabriz for trial.

After a meeting of the British comttee of the International Mercantile Marine Company, in London, Henry Wilding said that there could not be any change in the rate war until the Cunard Line came to an agreement with the continental lines.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of Indianapolis, in a paper before the Women's Congress, in Berlin, said that as a result of the recent progress in physical training a new ideal of woman is being created. The American Line announced in London a cut in steerage rates to meet the cut made by the other com**BLOODY FIGHT IN THEORY**

Bull Run to Be Fought Over, But With-

out Bullets. THOSE MANEUVERS AT MANASSAS.

Never Before in the Peace History of the United States Have Such Maneuvers Been 25,000 Troops Will Engage in the Mimic War- ported. fare-Fight in Perfect Harmony.

Washington, D. C., (Special) -Preparations are being completed easily to keep them in communication under the direction of Mai-Gen. Henry within a range of 200 miles off shore. nder the direction of Maj-Gen. Henry C. Corbin, Commanding the Atlantic tember near Manassas, Va.

Never before in the peace history of the United States have such maneuvers been held as those now being planned. Over 25,000 troops will en-Hill was celebrated in Boston and gage in the minuc warfare-troops rom every State in the Atlantic divi Rhode Island, Mississippi and posproach of the burning steamer were tary of state. Charles F. McCoy, a Chicago law-the historic battle of July 21, 1861, island hastened to the assistance of yer, committed suicide in Jacksonville, when 31,000 Confederate soldiers those who were being brought ashore. Fla. 28,000 Federal troops General McDowell. In September,

most perfect harmony. Major-General Corbin, second ranking officer in the army, will command this entire force and will establish his headquarters at Gainesville, Va., about five miles from Manassas. One army will be en-camped in Thoroughfare Gap, 10 lems to be worked out during the neuvers have not yet been finally planned, it is generally understood that the conditions which confront the ommanders of the Federal and Coniederate forces in 1861 will be sim-ulated as far as possible, considering the many improvements that have been made in the art of warfare.

A Lee And A Grant To Be There. Two names famous in Civil War history will be represented by prominent brigadicr-generals of the egular army who have been selected o command the troops in the Manasas manuevers. They are Lee and Grant. Brig.-Gen. Jesse M. Lee, Juited States Army, it is true, is not Chief States Army, it is true, is not closely connected with the famous Lee family of Virginia, but Brig-Gen. Frederick D. Grant is a son of the late Gen. U. S. Grant. The other general officers of the regular army who will participate are Brig-Gens. Franklin J. Bell, Theodore J. Wint, Tasker H. Bliss and Thomas H. Barry. Many general officers of the militia will also general officers of the militia will also be present and command brigades and

divisions during the mimic fights.

The War Department has been informed that a number of veterans of the Civil War, whose interest in that memorial conflict never will die, will be present as spectators in September. It is expected that hundreds of old soldiers who were present at one of the battles of Bull Run will come from all parts of the country to see the younger generation fight the old fights with modern implements of war. Some of the ablest military strategists in the regular army today will be present to map out the policy of the opposing torces, and Lieut.-Gen. Adna R ee, himself a veteran of the Civil

At Work At Manassas.

Col. H. O. H. Heistand, adjutant-general of the Atlantic division, is at rangements for the maneuvers. tending from Manassas to Thorough fare Gap and including all of the first and second Bull Run battlefields has been leased for the maneuvers by the War Department. The farmers the country have entered into the plan and have willingly let the Government have the use of facir land for a small rental. Great care will be aken by the War Decartment to see that the troops conduct themselves properly and that no damage shall be done to property.

STRUCK DEAD BY LIGHTNING. Boys Stood Under a Tree to Avoid Shower and Were Killed.

Chester, Pa., (Special).-Four hoys standing under a cherry tree on a farm near Felton, three miles from here, were killed by a stroke of light-The dead are:

Ross Smith, aged 13 years, of Felton, son of the owner of the farm Alexander Fullerton, 13 years of

Williams Davis, 14 years, of Up-

Samuel Clark, 13 years, colored, of About a dozen boys went from Fel ton to pick cherries on the Smith farm. Farmer Smith told his son Ross, who was about to go to Sunday school, to order away the boys that

he might see at the cherry trees. On the way young Smith met Fullerton. Davis and Clark. As they approached the cherry trees the dozen boys from Eciton ran away. A storm was coming up, and the

four other boys went under one of the trees. They had been there only a few minutes when lightning struck the illed instantly. The colored boy was a badly injured that he died on the

Melbourne, (Special) .- The Peninula and Orienta liner Austrailia, inward bound, struck on the rocks at Point Nepean, at the eastern entrance to Port Phillip Bay, Victoria, at 2 o'clock A. M. The hottom of the vessel was stove in and it is feared that she will be a total loss. The passengers and crew were safely landed. The Australia was bound from London to Sydney, N. S. W. She was of steel Sydney, N. S. W. Sh and of 3,702 tons net.

Bold Thieves as Expressmen.

Cleveland, O., (Special), - Five thousand yards of silk, valued at \$3.-000 was stolen from the warerooms of Leon Mansell on Lake street. The robbery was committed by men who used an ordinary express wagon for the purpose and was seen by a number of persons who live in the neighborhood, who thought the transaction was a legitimate one. The silk is brown, changeable and black and is contained in a number of large bolts.

St. Louis, Mo., (Special) A check for \$195,057.04 was paid to the United States government by the Louisiana Purchase Company, this sum being 40 per cent, of the gross gate receipts from the day of the opening, April 30, to midnight of June 15.

LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS.

Wireless Telegraphy for Weather Bureau. The Secretary of Agriculture has

directed Chief Moore, of the United States Weather Bureau, to take immediate steps to add wireless telegraphy to the present equipment of all essel-reporting stations, so that, in addition to reporting all vessels pas-sing within range of the station, the Held as Those Now Being Planed-Over craft further out at sea may be re-

The tests made by the Weather Bureau show that with only such transmitting power as vessels con-veniently can carry it will be possible This extension of the system affects both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and the gulf line. The service is to be performed at Nantucket, Block Isand, Cape Henry, Cape Hatteras; upfler, Fla.; Key West, Fla.; Port ade, Galveston, San Diego; Farral-one Islands, off the Golden Gate; North Head, at the mouth of the Columbia River; Tatoose Island, at the entrance of the Straights of Juan de Fuca, and Port Angeles, about

to miles in from that entrance. from the hold of the steamer. The remains of many persons who leaped into the river have not yet been found into the river have not yet been found.

Santos-Dumont arrived in New sion, which runs from Maine to It is anticipated by the government York with his dirigible airship Florida east of the Mississippi river, that vessels of commerce soon will beached was just off the scarlet fever "No. 7" to compete for the prize at except New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, find it to their advantage to equip themselves with wireless apparatus, so as to be able frequently to comtheir voyages.

Demonstration in Turkish Waters.

The American battleship squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Barker, has sailed from Lisbon on a visit to the ports of Greece and Austria. It is reported that, after spending a few weeks there, Admiral Barker will be reinforced by the European Squadron, under Rear Admiral Jewell, and this formidable fleet will pay a visit to Turkish waters about the time Mr. Leishmann, the American minister takes up in earnest again his negotia-tions with the Porte to insure for Americans in Turkey the same rights as are enjoyed by citizens of some privileged European nations, Minister Jackson reports to the

State Department from Athens under date of June 5, that since the advent of General Petroff as premier and foreign minister of Bulgaria relations between that country and Turkey have improved materially. Many Bilgarians have been released from Turkish jails, and many refugees have gone back to their homes in Mace-donia, where schools and churches have been reopened.

Great activity in the movement for the protection of game in the United States during the last calendar year is announced in a report issued by the

Department of Agriculture. The report says the volume of legislation on the subject exceels all pre-vious records. The movement for the protection of non-game birds spread to a number of additional States and an important agreemera has been made between the Audubon societies and leading wholesale millinery organizations. There were numerous importations of exotic spe-cies. Nine States and Territories now There were prohibit the sale of all game, 27 the sale of certain species and only 13 have no restrictions on sale. Prohibition of the export of game in some form is in force practically through-out the United States. Several States have adopted measures for enforcing hably

Gen Corbin Goes to Philippines.

Mai.-Gen Henry C. Corbin has been ordered to command the division of the Philippines, succeeding Maj.-Gen. F. Wade, the order to take effect in

General Corbin, at present com-mands the division of the Atlantic and been removed. Department of the East, with headthe retiring age. It is expected that Major-General Corbin will then suc-Major-General Corbin will then succeed General Chaffee as lieutenant general

Citrous Fruits for Japan.

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The Department of Agriculture will send to the Agricultural Department of Japan a large collection of citrons fruits indigenous to the United States The action is in return for Japan's courtesy in sending a similar collection to the Chicago Exposition.

Annapolis and not Indian Head. Ald., will probably be the location of the school of instruction which the Eureau of Equipment proposes to establish for the training of wireless telegraphy operators.

All vessels reporting stations will

Rear Admiral Greer is dead, aged 72 years. He had been on the retired

Members of the Ked Cross accepted the resignations of all officers and elected new ones, including W. K.

Van Ruypen, of Washington Minister Hardy, in a cable dispatch to the State Department from Madrid. cports that the extra the extradition treaty

Dominic I. Murphy, recently appointed secretary of the Panama Cahis office. Attorney General Knox will resign from the Cabinet in a few days and will be succeeded by Mr. Moody, the

present secretary of the navy. Ambassador Powell Clayton says the relations of the United States with Mexico were never more friendly than

Secretary Taft decided that army officers serving on the Isthmus of Panama in construction work of the canal shall receive 50 per cent. additional pay. The comptroller of the Treasury

has issued a call for the condition of banks at the close of business on A boy riding a bicycle ran into Senator Cockrell, inflicting injuries that may result seriously. It is stated in Washington that no intimation has been received there of

the proposed resignation of Ambas sador McCormick. The cruiser Tacoma, at San Francisco has been ordered to proceed in search of the missing steamer Cone-

Payment to Goverment.

RELIEF COLUMN ROUTED

Russians Out-Maneuvered, Enveloped

and Sweepingly Defeated.

1000 LOST ON JAP'S TRANSPORTS. The Japanese Charge That the Russians Violated the Japanese Flag-Certain Officers Aver That During the Fighting a Body of Russian Soldiers Appeared Carrying a Japanese Fing 1000 Men Killed.

Tokyo, (By Cable).-The Russian hope of relieving the pressure on Port Arthur by threatening the rear Japanese forces investing the Russian stronghold, came to an end at Telissu, matter. a point on the railroad fifty miles north of Kinchou and twenty-re miles one division to a other is recom-north of Vafangow, when the Rus-sians were outmaneuvered, enveloped Moore, of the Patent Office. sians were outmaneuvered, enveloped and sweepingly defeated.

They left more than 500 dead on the

to the northward. The Japanese charge that the Russians violated the Japanese flag. Certain officers aver that during the fighting a body of Russian soldiers appeared carrying a Japanese flag, and that the Japanese artillery, deceived by this flag, ceased firing on that particular body of Russians. Official dispatches from the Japanese commanders made specific charges of this petent.

flag violation. Japanese Lost 1000. Early estimates of the Japanese

divided into right and left columns and began the advance on Tuesday along both sides of the railroad. They encountered the Russians east of Vafandien and drove them back

At a late hour in the afternoon the Russians held a line between Lung Wang Tiao and Ta Fang Shen. The Japanese artillery opened on this line and the Russians responded. The helling continued for two hours, and followed by the advance of Darkness put an end to the t. The Japanese dispatched a lumn to the westward toward Fuhan for the purpose of covering the Russian right wing and to protect heir left and rear.

During the night it became apparent Russians were being reinforced and it was decided to make a general attack in the morning and force the Russians into a defile back of Telissu. When morning came it was dis

line extending from Ta Fang Shen to Cheng Tsu Shan with a force estimated at more than two division Russians Nearly Enveloped. The Japanese planned to envelop the Russians near Telissu and they succeeded admirably. While the main Japanese force was facing north along the railroad columns were swung to the left and to the right, and finally converged at noon on the main Russian position. The Russians this position were at a advantage, but they held it with determination until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At this hour they were routed. The Japanese cavalry con- which occurred afternoon. At this hour they were routed. The Japanese cavalry continued to pursue the enemy and prohably inflicted considerable punishment.

The noighp was similar to the same routed two years ago at nearly the same spot and in which lengtheer O'Neal lost, his life.

The robbers boarded the tender of the robbers boarded the tender of the robbers boarded the tender of the robbers.

The Japanese commander makes no estimate of the Russian losses, but says they are probably great,

Among the Russian officers cap-tured by the Japanese is the colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Rifles, Tokio, (By Cable).—All doubt as Tokio. (By Cable).—All doubt as told them to throw up their hands, to the sinking of the transports Hitachi and Sado by the Russians has been removed. Three hundred and immediately complied. He will have about a year and a half vivors of the Sado have arrived as of service in the Philippines when Kokura. Details of the destruction of service in the Philippines when Kokura. Details of the destruction of service in the Philippines when Kokura. Details of the destruction of service in the Philippines when Kokura. Details of the destruction of the casualties are not obtain li is expected that tent of the casualties are not obtain-

BULLET-TORN HEART SEWED.

Fifteen-Year-Gid Boy's Attempt at Suicide May Be Defented. Chicago, Ill., (Special) .- A surgical operation, said to have been but once before successfully paralleled in surgical history, is believed to have been accomplished here, saving the life

of 15-year-old Edward Peltz, who attempted to commit suicide.
Peltz fired a bullet into his heart while despondent over the loss of em-ployment. With death impending at ployment. every tick of the watch, Dr. Carl Wagner, of St. Joseph's Hospital, placed six stitches in the bullet-torn eart, effectually stopping the hemor-

rhage. The patient's condition is said at the hospital to warrant belief that he will recover. The bullet, which had pierced the ings and passed through the heart, was found in the thoracic cavity and

removed.

- Innocent Man in Prison. Kansas City, Mo., (Special).-Wiliam Merrill, aged 60 years, surrendered himself to the police here, saying be had killed lobn Edwards, a railway brakeman, at Deer Lodge, Mont., 19 years ago. A man named Murphy had been sentenced to life imprisonment for the crime, and is now serving time in the Montana Penitentiary. Merrill says he killed Edwards in a quarrel over money.

The Iroquois Disaster.

Chicago, (Special) - According to a lecision given here by Judge Brown in and Abraham Erlanger, owners of the "Mr. Bluebeard" Company, will es-cape penalties which might have followed their connection with the Iro-Judge Brown quashed service of a summons served upon their agents in a suit brought for damages by relatives of one of the victims of the

Government Case Falled. New York, (Special). - United

States Commissioner Shields dis charged from custody Edward F. Mc-Sweeney, former Assistant Commissioner of Immigration at this port, who was charged with the larceny of certain papers elleged by the immigration officials to be official. In his very brief opinion, Commissioner Shields decides the Government failed to make out a case of even probable cause and discharged the accused. The charge against McSweeney attracted considerable attention when made in

MR. EDISON NOT SUSTAINED.

Charged Patent Office Examiners With Incompetency Wes About a Battery.

Washington, D. C., (Special).-Regarding the charges of Thomas A. Edison against two examiners in the Patent Office in connection with the grant of letters parent for an electrical invention by Ernest W. Jungner, the Secretary of the Inter,or has approved

an opinion repleted by Assistant At-torney-General Campbell.

The opinion holes that nothing is shown in Air Edison's petition that involves any rause for the exercise of supervisory authority at the hands of the Secretary, and for that reason the of General Oku, the commander of the Secretary is advison that the Commissioner of Palents should be left to his own discretion in dealing with this

The transfer of the examiners from

Mr. Edison charged "incompetence, neglect of duty and maladministration field and the Japanese captured 300 of office in connection with the grant prisoners and 14 quick-hring field of a United States patent to Ernest guns. The Russians retreated hastily W. Jungner, for reversible galvante battery No. 738,110, dated September L. 1003.

In connection with the three charges Mr. Edison complained of the declaration of an interference between one of his applications and the parent apthe declaration of this interference was improper and assists in showing that the examiners were He further complained that it deprived him of the opportunity of showing that Jungner's inventior was inoperative.

Early estimates of the Japanese The findings of Acting Countries losses at Telissu say that 1000 men sioner Moore were that there was abwere killed or wornded.

The findings of Acting Countries was absolutely no evidence of malfensance or solutely no evidence of malfensance or the part intentional wrongdoing on the part of the examiners, and that the second and third charges were not sustained and should be dismissed. As to the declaration of the interference it was found that "the examiner, in view of all the circumstances, did not depart from custom and acted in accordance with the dictates of common sense, and that Mr. Edison was not deprived thereby or an opportunity of making a further showing as to what was contained in the Junguer applihe Japanese line to a position ex-ending from Lung Chia Tung to Yu carton, but on the contrary expressly given that opportunity and failed to take advantage of it

As to the first charge, it was found that the examiners failed to appreciate the nature of the enlarged description of the Junguer potent, and that they should have appreciated the effect of this enlarged description, and the charge was sustained only as to this particular. The names of the examiners were not made public.

MASKED MEN HELD UP TRAIN. covered that the Russians held a Daring Robbery of an Express Car on North-

ern Pacific Road. Bar Mouth, Mont., (Special) .- Two masked men held up the North Coast Limited Northern Pacific passenger train, castbound, at about a mile and a half east of this station. After bringing the train to a stop they dynamited the express car, blew open the safe and secured all its contents. The amount secured is not known, but it is believed to be large. After blowing out the rear lights of the train the two

The holdup was similar to the one

the engine at the water tank at Bear Mouth, and, after having remained quiet until the train had gone a mile and a half, they crawled up over the coal and covered Engineer Wade and Fireman Reed with their pistols and

have arrived at Moji and 153 sur-tivors of the Sado have arrived at the robbers, went back to the express the robbers, went back to the express car. Before making an effort to gain an entrance they forced the engineer to light a cigar. The express messenger was commanded to open the door, but refused. The engineer was next commanded to light a stick of dynamite, of which explosive the robbers had a large quantity, and he placed the lighted stick against the car door, The force of the explosion completely wrecked the door, and the engineer

and fireman were empelled to precede the robbers.

Senator Quay's Will. Beaver, Pa., (Special).-The will of Senator Quay was probated here. Not only does it not disclose the amount of his estate, but provides that the executors shall not file an account-ing. The will says Mrs. Quay is provided for. Matthew Stanley Quay, the Senator's grandson, is given his farm in Chester, Pa. The remainder of the estate is to be sold and divided into five equal parts. Four of these go to his children-Miss Susan, Miss Coral and R. R. Quay and Mrs. Mary Davidson. The fifth is to be invested

and the revenue given to Major A. G. C. Quay.

"Dixie" Sav. d the Day. Americus, Ga., (Special).-A catas trophe that might have been terrible in its results was narrowly averted here. The Americus Theatre was packed beyond its capacity. Twelve hundred people, pr.ncipally ladies and children, filled the building when as alarm of fire was given from without. Hundreds rushed for the single entrance which is contacted. trance, which is 20 feet above the pavement and reached by a single wooden stairway. Efforts of police and the teachers on the stage were unavailing until the orchestra struck up "Dixie." This served to restore

Clinton, Tenn., (Special).-Eleven men from Coal Creek mining district the State Circuit Court, Marie Klaw have been tried and convicted here on the charge of assault and battery, They were fined \$50 and cost each and sentenced to six months imprison-ment. The court, however, has agreed Theatre fire, last December, to suspend the imprisonment, but the fine and costs must be paid. These cases are the outcome of the bloody, riot which occurred at the Coal Creek depot one Sunday last February, when several men were killed.

Russian Losses Stated

St. Petersburg, (By Cable).-The following official statement of Russian losses in the war has been issued? Navy-Forty-four officers and gao men killed; 13 officers and 220 men,

wounded.

Army—Thirty six officers and 980 men killed; 103 officers and 2,080 men wounded.

Taken Prisoners—Twenty officers and 606 men.

Totals—Killed, 1,980 men; wounded, 2,416; prisoners, 716; grand total, 5,114.