ANOTHER VESSEL BLOWN UP

Launch and 21 Men Meet Same Fate as Petropavlovsk.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS DISMAYED.

Succession of Reports of Terrible Disasters Without Warfare Have Appalling Effect.

Another story of disaster to the Russian navy comes from Port Arthur. Viceroy Alexieff telegraphs that a steam sloop engaged in laying mines in the roadstead has blown up, with Lieut. Pell, who was in command, and 21 seamen killed. This probably includes the entire ship's company. A mine which was being launched from the bows exploded and the vessel was destroyed.

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This constant sinking of Russian vessels by their own mines has caused something like consternation at the admirality and a rigid investigation has been undertaken with a view to finding out whether they are due to carelessness, incompetency, defect in mines or to some mysterious agency which is fighting against Russia.

The announcement has also added to the popular gloom which has prevailed since the disaster to the Petropavlovsk.

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"We are paying the price of carelessness," said a member of the admiralty "and previous disasters seem to teach nothing."

The war commission suppressed part of the viceroy's dispatch, which showed where the mines were being laid. It is believed that as launches were employed they were mining the entrance to the harbor in order to prevent the Japanese from forcing an entrance and attempting to destroy the remaining ships.

It is evident from the closing of the entrance that Viceroy Alexieff had no intention of allowing his ships to go to sea again even against an inferior force, though this may not be the policy of Vice Admiral Skrydloff, who will determine on a plan of operations when he assumes command.

U. S. NOW OWNS CANAL.

Contract Signed, Sealed and Delivered to This Country.

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The Associated Press is authorized announce that the contract by which the ownership of the Panama canal passes to the United States is signed, sealed, delivered, and complete. The title to the canal route is now vested in the government of the United States. The document by which this transaction is consummated bears the signatures of President Bo and Director Richman, of the Panama Canal company, who signed for the company as its responsible officials. The transfer is complete and without reservation, and the United States are perfect title. Only a few of the highest officers of the company are now aware of the secret, which will not be known, except by this announcement in the United States up to the time of the meeting.

The main figures in the transfer have been Messrs. Bo and Richman, Messrs. Day and Russel for the United States, and Consuls General John H. K. Grady and Roberto Lewis for the United States and Panama, respectively, the two consular representatives joining in afflying the seals and attest.

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Memorials My Be Erected There by North and South.

Representative Rixey, of Virginia, introduced a bill to authorize the appointment of a commission by the President to have charge of the erection of monuments on Bull Run battle-field. The scope of the bill is such that any military society, Union or Confederate, may, at its own expense, erect a monument upon the battlefield upon application to the commission, which shall be composed of a Union soldier, a Confederate soldier and third party.

Two monuments commemorative cf Northern valor were erected on the battlefield by the Government in June, 1865. The ground was never bought. The bill provides that the Government buy sufficient ground around these two monuments to give the Secretary of War jurisdiction in preserving them and building approaches to them.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$50,000.

The reichstag voted \$500,000 for the assistance of the German settlers in German Southwest Africa who has suffered through the Herero uprising.

Child and Father Murdered.

In the Runnet bag section of Frank-Iin county, Va., James Nowlin, while ed in the Aleutian islands by the horseback, was shot from ambush by collier Saturn, which has been lying ornier Saturn, which has been lying unknown persons, as was his little daughter, who was sitting in front of him. Both were killed. The bodies were found in the road, with the child's arms around the father's neck. Nowlin was known among illicit distillers as an informer, and this is supposed to account for the murder.

BAY STATE FOR OLNEY.

Democratic Convention Instruct Delegates for St. Louis Convention.

By an overwhelming vote the Massachusetts Democratic convention Massachusetts Democratic convention instructed four delegates-at-large and 20 delegates from the various Congressional districts of the State to support Richard Olney for the Presidential nomination at the St. Louis convention. The supporters of William R. Hearst were deteated by a vote of about 600 to 200. A resolution offered by Representative John A. Coulhurst, of Boston, indorsing the candidacy of Mr. Hearst was voted down by a large majority. The following were elected delegates-at-large: William A. Gaston, Patrick A. Collins, William L. Douglass, John R. Thayer.

George Fred Williams, the leader of that faction of the Massachusetts Democracy supporting the candidacy of Mr. Hearst, made a vigorous protest against the adoption of the unit rule, but the convention, by nearly three to one, voted that the unit rule govern not only the support of Mr. Olney, but all matters pertaining to the convention. The platform adopted consisted of a single plank, the indorsement of Olney's candidacy and instructions to the delegates to vote as a unit for him.

WILL NOT HUMBLE RUSSIA.

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Japan Wishes Only to Drive the Enemy From Far East.

A dispatch to the London Express from Nagasaki claims that an eminent Japanese statesman confided to the correspondent at Tokio an important statement, of which the following is the gist:

Japan does not intend to push the war to the bitter end. She does not wish to humble Russia, but she is resolved to accomplish the removal of the merace of Russia's power in the Far East and is confident that she will accomplish the removal of and capture the remainder. She will then take Port Arthur and Vladivostok and make her position in Korea so impregnable that Russia cannot possibly gain a foothold there.

When all this is accomplished she will offer terms of peace, having attained the objects for which she went to war, but until this is accomplished she will not listen to any proposal except an unconditional acceptance of her terms.

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BANKERS SENTENCED.

Prominent Indiana Men Get Long Popular Society Leader Masks Him-

strangling and suffocation as she lay sleeping, and facing arrest and dismissal from his pastorate, the Rev. Dr. George Buckle, for twenty years pastor of the fashionable graystone Presbyterian church at Elizabath, N. J., fied with \$20,000 in cash securities. The only motive attributed for the alleged crime is that the would-be slayer was tired of his wife because she was an invalid.

New Coaling Station in Pacific. home from Endicott on United States government. The navy

JAPANESE WERE SLAIN PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS.

Delegates Will Go to St. Louis Con-

St. Petersburg Has Report That Russians Were Victors.

All On Board Reported Killed-Further Details of Last Friday's Skirmish.

It is reported that while 500 Jap-anese were crossing the Yalu river on rafts they were attacked by Russians vay, chalrman. The following di-vision chairmen, who constitute the and nearly all killed. The Russians casualties were heavy.

Official dispatches regarding the fighting south of the river Pomakua, reported last Friday, in which a Russian detachment had three men killed sian detachment had three men killed and two officers and 13 men wounded, say that a Japanese troop-laden barge and other boats emerged from the mouth of the Pomakua and attempted to cut off the Russian retreat. The barge was sunk by the Russian guns. Captain Smelzin, who commanded the detachment has died of his wounds. Lieutenant Pushkin was the other officer wounded.

The year 1903 stands as the high-water mark of prosperity in the anthracite coal trade, according to a report of the Geological Survey, about to be issued.

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It says the tonnage of that year exceeded by more than 6,000,000 tons that of any previous year, and that the demand for coal enabled a fair return to all concerned in the industry. The consumption of the smaller sizes of coal increased 2,486,934 tons over 1901, despite the opinion expressed at the close of the anthracite coal strike that bituminous coal had largely supplanted anthracite for steam purposes.

The year showed an increase of 15 cents in the average value per ton at the mines. The total production was 65,351,713 tons, valued at \$152,038,448. The average price per ton was \$2.50; number of men employed, 150,483, and average number of days each man worked, 206.

Taunted by neighbors with being the daughter of a murderer, Rachel Machette, 20 years old, threw herself beneath a Pennsylvania freight car at Washington, Pa. receiving injuries from which she died two hours later.

vention Uninstructed.

The Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention met in Harrisburg on the 19th, nominated Samuel G. Thompson of Philadelphia for Justice of the Su-RUSSIANS SINK JAPANESE BARGE to the National Democratic Conven-

The delegates-at-Large to National Convention-J. M. Guffey, Pittsburg; J. K. P. Hall, Ridgway; R. E. Pattison Philadelphia; R. E. Wright, Allentown

The Democratic state committee, a vision charmen, who constitute the state executive committee, were elected: John Walters, Lebanon; E. S. Doty, Bedford; John B. Keenan, Greensburg; William H. Knuebe, Erie; J. L. Spangler, Bellefonte; H. E. Snikor, Lewishurg, William T. Creasy. Spiker, Lewisburg; William T. Creasy, Catawissa; John F. Ancona, Reading; Charles P. Donnelly, Philadelphia. Chairman Hall announced the reap pointment of P. Gray Meek, of Bellefonte, as secretary

The Platform. Republican party accused of corrupt

administration.

Supreme Judgeship juggle scored.

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Stock Distribution.

CLUB MEN HELD UP.

Popular Society Leader Masks Himself and Turns Robber.

At San Jose, Cal., a masked robber entered the Delmonte Club on First street, near Santa Clara, shortly and held up haif a dozen men who were in the lounging room. The bandit lined up his victims against the wall, and after taking a \$900 ring from William George robbed the till of \$500.

The robber was armed with two revolvers. The mask was a red bandana handkerchief. As he left the building, backing out with ristois leveled, the proprietor hurried after him and fired several shots.

of propriation bill which carries \$3,000,000 were passed by the senate.

A train on the Trans-Caucasian railroad was held up between Novo-Senaki and Abascha by four armed men, who entered the mail car, and after binding the officials, escaped with \$50,000.

Harold Stevenson, son of Kate Claxton, the actress, and of Charles A. Stevenson, leading man with Mrs. Lesnic Carter, shot and killed himself in his bachelor apartments at 255 Fourth of avenue, New York.

A person representing himself to be James Headley, alias James H. Cowley, has been fraudulently obtaining money from resedents of towns in West Virginia and Ohio by assuming to represent an ornithological journal which has no actual existence.

In a desperate fight with car robers in the mountains near Cumberland Gap, Ky., two of the robbers named Jones and Rogers, were mortally wounded.

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In an effort to extinguish a fire in his grandfather's barn at Tarrytown, N. Y., John D. Rockefeller, Jr., led a fighting force of 100 men and rescued a horse from the burning building.

Taunted by neighbors with

The Farmers and Merchants bank, at Clay City, Ind., was robbed of \$5,000 by burglars, who escaped without de-

MORMON VIOLATES LAWS

Admits He Has Three Wives and Lives with All.

WEST VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS.

All Delegates Except Two instructed for Senator Gorman.

The Democratic Convention was held in Charleston on the 20th. The bonvention was called to order at 11 byclock in the morning by State Chairman James M. Miller, who called as temporary chairman, C. Wood Dailey, of Elkins, and who addressed the convention. J. E. R. Birne, of Charleston, was chosen temporary secretary. John H. Holt, of Huntington, who was the Democratic nominee for Governor in the last campaign, was madepermanent chairman.

The four delegates at large and all the district delegates except two from the Fourth district were instructed for Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, first, and Alton B. Parker of New York, second. Judge Dent, of Graffon, was named to succeed himself on the Supreme court bench.

The delegates-at-large were Owen S. McKinney, Falimont; Former Senator Henry G. Davis, of Elkins; former Gov. William A. McCorkle, of Charleston, and former Senator Johnson N. Camden, of Parkersburg. The alternates are: Joseph Murphy, of Parkersburg; Berry G. Alford, of Lewis county; Alexander F. Matthews, of Greenbrier, and Senator Robert F. Kidd, of Gilmer.

At the First district Democratic convention, Charles H. Taney, of Charleston, and John W. Davis, of Clarksburg, were selected as delegates to the National convention and Homer Zillekin, of Welsburg and Bruce Hail, of Wetzel, were chosen as alternates.

In the Second district, Charles W. Boyer, of Martinsburg, and Andrew J. Wilkinson, of Grafton, were chosen as alternates.

The Third district delegates are G. Melling in the printing state of the fire department. The fire the property loss is variety and the destruction by a conflagration, which for 10 hours, baffed all efforts of the fire department. The fire started at 9 o'clock Tuesday bight, and it was not until shortly visible to the property loss is variety and the department was unable to cope with the fire. Help from nearby cities was delegates.

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Harriman Non-Suited.

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Located in Italy.

Orlando Battista, an Italian, who is said to have killed Peter H. Shoemaker at Wellsburg, Somerset county, Pa., on December 24, 1963, has been located in the regular army of Italy. There is \$400 reward offered for his arrest. Strenuous efforts will be made to get the prisoner. made to get the prisoner.

Russian General's Wife Murdered.

The wife of Gen. Standman, who ived in a handsome residence adjoining the Russian winter palace, was nurdered in broad daylight. She was found in her oom with her head absorbed one with a pay Avalet was found in her oom with her head chopped open with an ax. A valet was also murdered. The motive was robbery. Thousands of roubles in bonds and securities were taken by the perpetrators of the crime.

Emil Roeski, the fourth member of the Chicago car barn bandits, was found guilty of the murder of Otto Bauder in a saloon July 9 last, and was sentenced by the jury to life imprisonment.

Ohio Faces Deficit.

MARTIAL LAW RULES GARRETT.

Many Shots Were Fired and Several Injured but No One Was Killed.

Terror reigns in the Meyersdale coal ALSO DISOBEYS HIS CHURCH. tered at Garrett. Dynamite, the torch,

Refuses to Reveal the Secret Oaths
Administered in the Endowment House.

Brigham H. Roberts, who was once fersed a seat in the house of representatives because he was a Mormon polygamist, was an all-day witness when the hearings in the case of Senator Reed Smoot were resumed by the committee on privileges and elections to day.

There were two important features to his testimony, an admission that he self-in the laws of God and man, and a point blank refusal, after repeated questions by Senator Burrows, to rereal the character of certain church seremonies.

Mr. Roberts was at all times a modest witness and in refusing to tell the secret of ceremonies performed by advanced Mormous he said that his sole reason was because he would be beingying a trust of the church in matter is the same as that of a Mason who would, of course, refuse to repeat the serets of his order."

In giving testimony as to his polygamous life, Mr. Roberts had no hesstation in admitting that he had kept servet his third marriage four red after the Woodfuff manifesto. Finally the worears. This marriage occurred after the Woodfuff manifesto. Finally the serve this third marriage occurred after the Woodfuff manifesto. Finally the serve this third marriage occurred after the Woodfuff manifesto. Finally the serve this third marriage occurred after the Woodfuff manifesto. Finally the serve this third marriage occurred after the Woodfuff manifesto. Finally the serve this third marriage occurred after the Woodfuff manifesto. Finally the serve this third marriage occurred after the Woodfuff manifesto. Finally the serve the thurch of the church authorities or anyone else.

WEST VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS.

WEST VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS. Democrats Carry the Governorship

Wilkinson, of Grafton, were chosen as delegates.

The Third district delegates are John D. Alderson, of Nicholas, and Charles W. Osenton, of Fayette.

The Fourth district delegates are G. Warran Hays, of Calhoun, and Henry S. Wilson, of Parkersburg.

The Fifth district delegates are Dr. Charles C. Hogg, of Huntington, and Justus M. Collins, of Bramwell.

Life Sentence for Howard.

In the United States Circuit court at St. Paul, Judges Sanborn, Thayer, ard to life imprisonment for the mur-der of Gov. William Goebel. This was the third trial and appeal. On the first trial Howard was sentenced to be hanged and on the last two trials to life imprisonment.

CURRENT EVENTS.

U. S. Minister Powell threatens to seize customs in Santo Domingo, thus placing all claimants on equal basis. Wabash trains will begin running into Pittsburg regularly on June 19, unless some unforseen delay occurs.

The attempt to prevent the pro rata distribution of Northern Security stock was squelched by the New Jersey courts. bey courts.

Daniel Meridith, aged 45, employed at Century, near Philippi, W. Va., was burned to death in a shanty in which he was living alone.

Alexieff Asks to Be Relieved

Ohio Faces Deficit.

Governor of Ohio Herrick sent a message to the Legislature calling attention that the appropriation made by it already exceed the estimated receipts of the State for 1904-05 by over \$1,000,000 for each year, so that the next Legislature, as things stand now, will have to face a big deficit in the treasury. The government makes this the basis of two recommendations—
stricter economy and the passage of a direct inheritance tax bill.

Alexieff Asks to Be Relieved.
Viceroy Alexieff has applied by the Engrant to the Emperor to be reclieved of his position of viceroy in the Far East. It is expected that the request will be immediate cause of the viceroy's application is reported to be the appointment of Vice Admiral Skrydloff, one of Admiral Alexieff's strongest enemies and sharpest critics, as successor to the late Vice Admiral Makaroff in command of the Russian navy in the Far East.

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