

FIRED ON BY BALTIC FLEET

English Fishing Vessels in the North Sea Attacked.

TWO SAILORS WERE KILLED.

The Czar's Warships Create an International Sensation Without Apparent Motive.

A cable message from Hull, England says: A. M. Jackson & Co., solicitors for the owners of 50 Hull fishing boats, have notified the foreign office and admiralty of an attack on the Hull fishing fleet by the Russian Pacific fleet, commonly designated the Baltic squadron.

The official information is that shortly after midnight, Friday, the Russian squadron fell in with the Hull fishing fleet in the North sea. The first portion of the fishing fleet passed safely. Then the Russian ships turned their searchlights on the British vessels for some time and a little later opened fire. The steam trawler Crate was sunk and the decapitated bodies of her skipper and mate have been brought to Hull. The boatswain and other members of the crew, who are understood to be seriously injured, are on board a mission ship. The only slightly injured member of the crew has arrived at Hull.

The steam trawlers Moulain and Mino have arrived at Hull seriously damaged by shots, the latter having 16 holes in her hull. It is feared that other damage was done to trawlers and that at least one more was lost with all hands.

According to reports, the attack occurred 200 miles off Spurn Head. The Russian ships were steaming in line. The leading ships passed without incident, though most of the vessels turned searchlights on the trawlers long enough to prevent any mistake as to identity. After the bulk of the squadron had passed it opened fire, nearly all participating in the firing. The Crano was struck below the water line and raked above deck. Skipper Smith and Third Hand Leggett had their heads carried away by a shot, many of the crew being seriously wounded. Another trawler also was sunk, but the Moulain, which brought the news to Hull, has no particulars as to her fate.

CAUGHT IN JEROME'S RAID.

Ten Persons Arrested Charged With Conducting Lotteries.

In a series of raids, representatives of District Attorney Jerome's office seized \$100,000 worth of lottery tickets in New York City and arrested six men and one woman, all residents of the lower East side. The prisoners are charged with selling lottery tickets at wholesale to ticket peddlers. All of the places, it is alleged, sold four kinds of tickets, representing foreign lotteries. The tickets of two German lotteries which are legalized by the German government are said to be brought into this country by stewards of steamships and smuggled to the agents, who, in turn deliver them to the smaller agents. The prisoners will be prosecuted under the section of the penal code which makes the selling of a lottery a penal offense.

B. & O. Contracts Awarded.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad has recently awarded several contracts for improvements along its lines. Contracts have been let for the construction of a 10-stall round house at Crafoon, W. Va., at an estimated cost of \$40,000, and a new freight house at Columbus, O. A new station will be built at Uniontown, Pa., the structure to cost about \$10,000. At Youngstown, O., another new station is to be built, which will cost about \$50,000. An extension is also to be built to the freight shed and platform at Morgantown, W. Va., which will cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

MARINES RETAINED ON ISTHMUS

Government Is Prepared for Any Emergency.

American marines will be retained on the isthmus of Panama for the present, prepared to meet any emergency which may arise as the result of disgruntled elements in the new republic, and orders have been issued for a new battalion of marines to go to the isthmus November 15, to relieve the battalion which has been there for a year.

That the situation on the isthmus is still not all that could be desired is the news which came to Washington in a personal letter from an official now in Panama. While the Panama government is entirely loyal it seems that there are certain disgruntled elements in the isthmus, and in view of the ease with which revolutions are started in Central and South America, it is the official opinion here that the marines should remain there for the present.

Wabash Plan Falls.

George J. Gould has been thwarted in his plan to gain an entrance to New York by way of the anthracite coal region. Negotiations which were made by him some time ago for the purchase of a control of the New York, Ontario & Western have been prevented by the community of interest roads and the deal for its purchase by the New York, New Haven & Hartford has been virtually concluded.

FOUGHT ALL DAY IN THE RAIN.

Graphic Account of the Breaking of the Russian Right Flank.

A correspondent of the Russky Listok sends to that paper a graphic account of the fighting by General Bilderling's corps on October 12, when the Russian right flank was broken. It now develops that disaster was averted solely by the timely arrival of General Soboleff's Sixth Siberian corps, composed almost entirely of reservists and many regiments of which were experiencing their first taste of actual war.

The correspondent telegraphs that General Oku's desperate onslaught forced back General Bilderling and drove in Stakhovich's cavalry, which was guarding Bilderling's right. The situation was most critical, but the Sixth corps, which had been held in reserve promptly came up and supported Bilderling, and things assumed a brighter aspect. The fighting was exceedingly furious. Two reserve corps regiments which had never before been under fire, bore the brunt of the Japanese advance and obstinately held their ground.

MANGANESE ORE FOUND.

Large Deposit in Arkansas Believed to Have Been Discovered.

What is believed to be one of the largest deposits of manganese ore in this country has just been discovered at Elberton, Ark., by parties thought to be in the interest of Pittsburg. A company has been formed by H. A. Thompson of St. Louis and a railroad will be built from Mena to the property.

Mr. Thompson has just made an inspection of the deposit and he declares that the manganese is found in large quantities and that it is of the finest quality. He has had the property surveyed and a test made of the ore. He states that the experts report the manganese to be equal to the finest grade of imported ore.

Russian Losses Sixty Thousand.

Manchurian headquarters, reporting by telegraph says the number of Russian dead found on the battlefield and interred up to October 22 totals 10,550. Upon this total Russian casualties are estimated to exceed 60,000. The Japanese captured a total of 45 guns during the Shakhe operations. The report follows: "The enumerated spoils, etc., of the battle of Shakhe follow: Prisoners, about 500; enemy's dead left on the field, 10,550; 45 guns, 57 ammunition wagons, 6,920 shells, 5,474 rifles, 78,000 small arms ammunition, number swords, shovels, axes and tents. Besides the enumerated property the uncounted property, extending over 25 miles, will reach an enormous quantity.

"The enemy's dead is being interred with military honors. According to the number of dead the Russian casualties are estimated at over 60,000."

Took Twenty-Five Prizes.

J. B. Henderson of Smith township, Washington county, Pa., returned from the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, where he had on exhibition 28 Dorset horn sheep. Mr. Henderson was the only exhibitor from Western Pennsylvania and captured 25 prizes. He won two championship prizes, three firsts, four seconds and four prizes awarded by the Continental Dorset Club. This is the greatest list of prizes for one single breeder given at the fair.

Seventeen Hurt in Wreck.

Seventeen persons are reported to have been injured by a head-on collision of two Missouri Pacific passenger trains near Chetopa, Kas. A wrecking train was sent from Coffeyville and the injured persons were taken to the Missouri Pacific hospital there.

SKIRMISH REPORTED.

Hostilities Said to Have Begun in Panama.

News reached Colon that about 200 armed men, who are thought to be malcontent Panamanians rather than Colombian soldiers, have been seen in the neighborhood of Culebra, threatening hostilities against the Panama government.

As soon as the American authorities of the canal zone became cognizant of the appearance of this force marines were sent out to ascertain their purpose.

It is rumored that a skirmish occurred inland in which several were killed, but there is no confirmation of this report.

The torpedo boat destroyer Paul Jones has gone under hurried orders to meet the Pacific squadron, which is supposed to have left Magdalena bay, where target practice has been going on, for Panama. She is bearing dispatches, the nature of which is unknown.

The Pope has been informed of the death of the Princess of Asturias and has sent condolence to her brother, King Alfonso.

TO KEEP RAIL PRICES UP.

United States Steel Corporation Will Make No Reduction. Officials of the United States Steel Corporation have decided that there shall be no reduction in the price of steel rails for the first quarter of 1905. No formal action has yet been taken but it is pretty well understood among railroad officials that the price of rails will remain at \$23 a ton until April next. By that time it is expected that the lower schedule will be adopted.

THREE MEN WERE KILLED

Officers Battle With Suspected Train Robbers.

FIGHT TOOK PLACE IN ROOM.

Eight Men Were Engaged and Only Two Escape Uninjured—Shower of Bullets.

In a desperate battle in St. Louis between five detectives and three suspects whom they were endeavoring to arrest, two detectives were killed and one seriously injured, and one of the suspects was killed and two others badly wounded. The dead are: John J. Shea, detective; Albert Rose, suspect; Thomas Dwyer, detective. The wounded are: James McClusky, detective, shot through the stomach; C. G. Blair, fugitive, shot four times through the head; Harry H. Vashan, fugitive, badly beaten about the head by detectives when he sought to aid his friends in the battle.

The fight occurred in the front room of a house on Pine street, and the men whom the detectives sought to arrest are suspected of being implicated in a train robbery at Centerville, Ill., a few weeks ago. The house had been under police surveillance for several days, but Friday was the first time that any of the suspects were seen to enter or leave. The detectives were met by a revolver fire by the men as they entered the house. Shea was the first to fall. Dwyer and Shea returned the fire of the suspects.

Blair, who claims to have come from Pittsburg two weeks ago, said that he, Rose and the others, had been seated in the room when the door was opened and the detectives entered. Blair, noting the fact that Detective Shea had his revolver drawn, pulled his own gun and emptied it into the faces of the invaders. He shot six times without a pause. There were no miss-fires, and so close were the suspects and detectives that the powder from Blair's gun burned their clothes.

WOULD-BE BANDITS.

Four Omaha Emulators of Car-Barn Gang Arrested.

Five Omaha youths who read the story of the Chicago car-barn bandits and sought to emulate their deeds have been taken into custody. They had for a hiding place for their booty a cave on the banks of the Missouri, a veritable arsenal stored with nitroglycerin, dynamite, fuses, guns and pistols. To develop nerve for big jobs they held up belated pedestrians in the lonely parts of town and practiced blowing up rocks and stumps to acquire skill.

To the police captain they confessed to six holdups. The proceeds from these netted the lads more than \$1,000. The names and ages are: Joseph Trattner, 17; Barney Doran, 15; Harry Madison, 16; Sloppy Smith, 22, and Roy Case, 21. Case has a 14-year-old wife.

The arrest was the result of a chance observation by a patrolman and it took place in time to prevent the carrying out of plans to dynamite the big car barns at the Harney street terminal.

BIG TOBACCO TRUST.

Follows Dismissal of Injunction Against Reorganization.

The American Tobacco Company filed a charter with the Secretary of State of New Jersey, the incorporation of the gigantic concern closely following the decision of the court of chancery which removed the injunction against the reorganization of the tobacco trust. The companies in this new merger are the American Tobacco Company and the Continental Tobacco Company.

The authorized capital of the concern is \$180,000,000, divided into 1,600,000 shares of common stock at \$100 each, and \$80,000,000 worth of preferred stock, the latter bearing 6 per cent cumulative dividends.

BIG MONEY ORDER BUSINESS.

Fifty Million Mark Is Passed for First Time in History.

The total number of money orders issued by this government during the last fiscal year passed the 50,000,000 mark for the first time in history, as shown by the annual report of the superintendent of the money order system.

The net revenue of the money order business was \$2,528,408, an increase of \$288,494 as compared with the previous fiscal year. The gross revenue was \$3,226,976, an increase of \$376,282.

The number of domestic orders issued was 59,322,554, aggregating \$378,778,488, and international money orders issued numbered 2,298,344, aggregating \$42,550,150.

There are 36,421 domestic and 6,913 international money order offices in operation, against 34,547 domestic and 6,322 international in operation June 30, 1902.

George Gumberson, who lives up the mountain from Dunbar, Pa., lost \$1,000 from his pocket while hunting chestnuts.

Woman Cremated Herself.

At Findlay, O., Mrs. William Snyder, aged 60 years, committed suicide by burning herself in an outbuilding. She had been unbalanced mentally for some time and today went to the building and closing the door behind her, set fire to her clothing. When discovered by her daughter, Mrs. Axline, the body was burned almost to a crisp. A few weeks ago Mrs. Snyder was released from the asylum at Toledo.

WAR MOVEMENTS.

Report from Mukden That the Russians Are Advancing.

A dispatch from Mukden says: It is reported that the Russian army is advancing. Rain is hindering everything. The rivers are bank full and the fords are impassible. There are no bridges. Supplies of all sorts are delayed. Cossacks brought in captured guns and Japanese wounded prisoners on October 17. Russian soldiers surrounded the prisoners and gave them bread and water and in other ways tried to relieve their wants. News has just been received that the Japanese left flank has been driven back with heavy loss.

Lone Tree hill, won by the Russians after a desperate struggle, was the object of a gallant but unsuccessful attempt at recapture by the Japanese. In spite of the awful slaughter with which they had been driven from the hill, the Japanese returned to the charge during the night of October 17, recognizing that the hill was the key to the position on the southwest front. Nine regiments participated, creeping up through the night and delivering a furious assault at dawn. But the hill had been bought too dearly by the Russians to relinquish it, and the Japanese were driven back with terrible slaughter.

Shakhe station, or what is left of it, has been recaptured by the Russians, who will shortly reopen it for railway traffic with Mukden.

RUSSIANS GAIN ADVANTAGE.

Penetrate Japanese Center and Compel Them to Retire.

Reports from Russian sources give a more hopeful view of the situation of Gen. Kuropatkin's army. That commander has recaptured and holds the town of Shakhe, the possession of which for several days was first with one and then with the other of the contending armies.

Reports from the Russian left wing, for the safety of which there had been much anxiety, are no later than the night of October 13. It has been fighting for two days for possession of Tumin and Slatouchon passes, important strategic points, but up to the time of the sending of the last dispatch the Japanese were still in possession of the passes. In order that this column may be able to rejoin the main Russian army it is necessary that Gen. Kuropatkin should hold the bridges over the Hun river and the position he now occupies on the Shakhe river.

There is no indication that the end of the great battle is at hand. Estimates of the losses show a wide divergence, but are, as a rule, lower than those given out in Sunday's dispatches.

MAROONED OFF LABRADOR.

Mightful Sufferings of Crew on Islands Before Aid Comes.

After subsisting on scant rations for several weeks, during which they suffered intensely, from the cold, the 11 survivors of the stranded steamer Viking have been picked up from otherwise uninhabited islands of the coast of Labrador by the tug Douglas H. Thomas, which had been dispatched to their relief. They were taken to the Hudson Bay Company's post at Rigolet. When the men were rescued their rations had dwindled to an insignificant amount of salt pork, flour and water and their condition was desperate.

The Viking was wrecked at Shag rock, Gross Water bay, last August, and was abandoned by the crew. The captain and two of the crew sought refuge on a small island to the windward of the wreck, while the other eight men reached an island to the leeward. A vessel, formerly sent to bring back the Viking's crew, was also wrecked.

Strike for Unionism.

Miners at a number of mines in the Kanawha field, (W. Va.) have quit work on the refusal of operators to take down notices instructing those who hire men at mines not to discriminate between union and non-union men.

Boston Wool Market.

Strong and active are the adjectives which describe this week's wool market. Foreign grades are firm, but quiet. Leading quotations are: Ohio and Pennsylvania, XX and above, 35@36c; X, 30@31c; No. 1, 34@35c; No. 2, 34@35c; fine, unwashed, 24@25c; unmerchanted, 26@27c; 1/4-blood, unwashed, 29@30c; 3/4-blood, 28 1/2@29c; 1/2-blood, 28@28 1/2c; unwashed delaine, 26@27c; fine, washed, delaine, 36@37c; Michigan X and above, 26@27c; No. 1, 30@31c; No. 2, 29@30c; fine, unwashed, 21@22c; 1/4-blood, unwashed, 28 1/2@29c; 3/4-blood, 28@28 1/2c; 1/2-blood, 27 1/2@28c.

Brought Gold From Skagway.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamship Cottage City has reached Seattle from Skagway with 150 passengers and gold amounting to \$125,000. Officers of the Cottage City report that water is low in the Yukon river, and that the last boats are having great difficulty in hauling over the bars.

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JUDGE SLAPS PRISONER.

Didn't Like Reflection on His Knowledge of the Law. In Magistrate Bellville's court at Huntington, W. Va., Walter Bragg, who had been fined, made a remark regarding the Magistrate's knowledge of the law. The Magistrate, who is a powerful man physically, slapped the prisoner in the face and remarked that the blow was in lieu of a fine for contempt of court.

World's Fair Attendance.

The total number of admissions into the Louisiana Purchase exposition during the past week was 867,697. The total number of admissions during October to date was 2,785,734, and with a duplication of the attendance of the past week, October's total attendance will exceed by a small margin the banner month of September, when there were 3,651,873 admissions. The total admissions to date were 15,133,927.

TAFT ORDERED TO PANAMA

President will Send Secretary of War to Reassure the People.

HOPES TO REGAIN GOOD WILL.

Success of Panama Canal Project Put in Jeopardy by Misunderstanding of Natives.

President Roosevelt has sent a letter to Secretary of War Taft, ordering the latter to proceed to Panama to ally the alarm which exists among the people of that republic, at the effect of the Government established in the canal strip by the United States Commission.

In his letter, the President says it is apparent that the people of Panama fear an independent community, which shall injuriously affect their business, is to be established in the canal zone.

This, according to the President is not thought of. He says: "We have not the slightest intention of establishing an independent colony or of exercising any greater governmental functions than are necessary to enable us to conveniently and safely to construct, maintain and operate the canal, under the rights given us by the treaty."

Secretary Taft is authorized to take with him, any and all persons he chooses, and it is probable that his party will be made up of representatives of the canal commission and members of the House and Senate committees dealing with the Isthmian affairs. The party will likely leave for the isthmus on November 14.

The matter of the relations between the Governor and the Republic has been under consideration for three weeks. William Nelson Cromwell, the attorney for the new Panama Canal Company, several days ago came over from New York and had a conference with the President and told him that the course of Davis would ruin the project. He said that the friction had become so intense that heroic measures would have to be taken to ameliorate conditions, else the United States would find its only friends in Central and South America joining Colombia in her propaganda of hate against the Yankee nation. Threats of dynamiting the canal have been made by excited Panamanians. When the Secretary starts for Panama it will be the first time that a Cabinet officer has gone on a mission to a foreign country.

SEVEN DROWNED.

Five Others Do Without Food and Water for Five Days.

A dispatch from West Palm Beach, Fla., says: The Melrose, a three-masted English schooner, was literally pounded to pieces by the waves between Thursday afternoon and Monday night during a severe storm. With a loss of seven lives and intense suffering for five others, who were without food and water for five days, until the vessel was blown ashore.

Among the victims was Mrs. Hallen, a large property owner in Florida. Charles H. Weller of Nassau and wife, clung to the rigging, but a breaking mast knocked Mrs. Weller overboard.

STRIKE PERPETUALLY ENDS.

Permanent Agreement With the Sheet Metal Workers.

The strike of the Journeymen Sheet Metal Workers of Philadelphia, which went into effect September 1, has ended, a perpetual agreement having been reached between employers and employees, under which strikes and lockouts are to be avoided. All disputes are to be settled by arbitration.

The closed shop is conceded by the employers, who have also granted an increase in wages from 37 1/2 cents to 40 cents an hour, 44 hours per week, during May, June, July and August, and 48 hours a week during the rest of the year.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The International Surgical Congress has decided to appoint a committee of specialists to examine the claims of Dr. Doyen, that he has discovered a new method of surgery.

Emperor William unveiled the equestrian bronze statue of Emperor Frederick in front of the new museum of art at Berlin.

A force under Lieutenant Pogge of the constabulary has defeated a large number of Pulajanes in the mountains of Eastern Samar, killing the notorious outlaw Oyoimo and 50 of his followers.

The demand of Great Britain for an indemnity of \$3,750,000 from the Tibetans appears likely to lead to a prolonged occupation of the Chumbi valley.

Married Negress, Lost Job.

The Surgeon General of the Army has concurred in the recommendation of Gen. F. D. Grant that John J. Smith, a member of the United States army hospital corps, stationed at Fort Mo, N. J., who is said to have married a negress, be discharged from the army, "for the good of the service."

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THIRD OFFER TO EMPLOYEES.

Steel Corporation to Promulgate Plan Early in December.

The United States Steel Corporation will in December make a third proposition to employes to buy stock to hold for a period of five years. When the preferred stock crossed 83 the 27,379 employes who in January, 1903, purchased 48,982 shares at \$82.50 per share under the profit-sharing plan, for the first time in a year and a half saw a chance to get their money back.

In the latter part of 1902 the corporation, to quiet the growing apprehension of the employe stockholders, pledged itself to pay \$82.50 for each share of stock sold under the profit-sharing plan, provided the men held the stock until 1903. This guarantee was followed in December last by a new offer on the part of the corporation to let employes have preferred stock at \$55 per share, the profit-sharing clause being practically identical with the first offer at \$82.50 made in December, 1902. The second offer was accepted by 10,248 employes, who, in January and February last, were allotted 32,519 shares at \$55 per share. The 10,000 employes agreed to pay the corporation \$1,758,545 for the 32,519 shares, worth at par \$2,519,000. At the recent prices the shares bought by the workmen at \$55 are worth \$2,598,077, or \$809,532 more than they paid for them.

RAILROAD CASUALTIES.

Year's Record of Accidents, Damage, Deaths and Injuries.

A report issued by the interstate commerce commission shows that the total number of casualties to persons on railroads in the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, was 55,130, comprising 5,787 killed and 51,343 injured. This shows a large increase. The total number of collisions and derailments was 11,291, involving \$9,382,077 of damages. This is an increase of 648 collisions and derailments.

The casualties were an increase of 233 killed and of 5,366 injured over the preceding year. Four hundred and twenty of those killed were passengers and 3,367 railroad employes and of those injured, 8,077 were passengers and 43,266 railroad employes.

NAVY TAKING NO CHANCES.

Marines Detained to Guard New Ships at Cramps' Shipyards.

In compliance with an order received at the League Island Navy Yard from Washington a detail of marines was sent to Cramps' shipyard to guard the armored cruiser Pennsylvania, which is receiving the finishing touches preparatory to a builders' trial. On the ways at the armored cruisers Tennessee and the battleships Idaho and Mississippi. With the regularly detailed watchmen employed by the Cramp company the marines will pay special attention to the Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

This is the first time in the history of either Cramps' or the League Island Navy Yard that marines have guarded ships in course of construction.

NEWS NOTES.

"Helen Keller Day" was celebrated at the World's Fair grounds with exercises participated in by prominent educators of the deaf, dumb and blind from all parts of the United States. The feature was an address delivered by Miss Keller.

At Goshen, Ind., former Bank President Rollin Ellison has been sentenced to the penitentiary for one to three years. Ellison pleaded guilty to receiving a deposit after the bank was insolvent.

Harry Bowles, a laborer, shot and instantly killed his wife at their home at 105 Boylston street, Brookline, Mass., and a few moments later killed Policeman Joseph MacMurray, who attempted to arrest him.

The Michigan State Supreme Court has affirmed the conviction of ex-Alderman Jacob Ellen of Grand Rapids, who was convicted of bribery in connection with the Lake Michigan water deal.

The case of John W. Pace, convicted in the lower court at Montgomery, Ala., has been submitted to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The fate of 70 cases depends on this decision.

Fire caused by the upsetting of a stove in the cottage of Mrs. King, at Rehoboth Beach, Del., resulted in a loss of nearly \$20,000 and for a time threatened the town. Sections of the boardwalk were burned.

Fog Causes Fatal Wreck.

J. B. Lalley, a brakeman of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was instantly killed and Fireman C. M. Mehner of Cleveland, was severely injured by a rear-end collision on the Cleveland & Pittsburg railroad at Beech Creek, O. A dense fog caused the wreck.

Jap Losses Fifty Thousand.

According to a camp follower who has been for some time with the Japanese army now besieging Port Arthur, and who is at present in Chifu, having arrived from Dabny, the number of Japanese killed before the forts has reached 50,000. He says the Mikado's men recklessly attacked the strongest positions, making wild rushes in masses.

Buys Four Ore Steamers.

The Pittsburg Steamship Company placed an order with the American Shipbuilding Company, of Cleveland, for four ore steamers, to cost \$430,000 each. The boats will be 569 feet long, and will have a capacity of 10,000 tons and a mean draft of 19 feet. The vessels will come out next July.

On account of a scarcity of water several departments of the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Altoona were closed.