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ITALIAN CABINET RESIGNS. THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM It Will Declare for Abandonment of the Philippines.

Russian Princess Robbed. BERLIN, June 18.—The Gas Pipe Syndicate has reduced prices, under the influence of American competition.

ROOSEVELT SAYS NO Declines the Offer of the Vice-Presidential Nomination. HE PREFERS TO BE GOVERNOR

His Friends Making Every Effort to Prevent the Stamped-Down Chances of Other Candidates. PHILADELPHIA, June 18.—Governor Theodore Roosevelt has made as specific a refusal of the nomination for Vice-President as he could possibly make.

It Looks Like Long. The stater was generally, "John D. Long, of Missouri, Secretary of the Navy." At once delegates began to reason that Long must be perfectly satisfactory to the Administration, of which he is a part.

Oregon for Tripp. PHILADELPHIA, June 18.—Chairman McManis, of the Oregon delegation, said today: "I hope to have the honor of placing in nomination for Vice-President Judge Tripp, of South Oregon."

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE. Alaska and Hawaii Delegates Admitted to Seats. PHILADELPHIA, June 18.—The National Republican committee has decided to refer the principal contests in the State of Alabama to the convention to be investigated by the committee on the Alaska matter.

COLOMBIAN WAR. Revolutionists Demanded the Surrender of Panama. KINGSTON, Jamaica, June 18.—Passengers on board the Panama on board the British steamer Don, from Colon, bring details of a battle which was fought June 13 and 14 on Beluca Plain and Anton Hill.

WAR ON THE WORLD Chinese Forts Open Fire on Foreign Warships. DO LITTLE DAMAGE AND SURRENDER

Fortifications at Taku Opened the Conflict by the Empress' Orders—Now in Hands of Powers. LONDON, June 18, 8:30 A. M.—China declared war against the world when the Taku forts opened fire upon the international fleet.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY LONG. WHO HAS COME TO THE FRONT AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.



demmy for the damage done to the Chinese Railroad, in which Russians are interested. According to a Chefoo special, dated June 17, the Taku forts opened fire upon the warships, whereupon the fleet replied in kind.

REPORTED TO WASHINGTON. Navy Department Advised of the Fight at Taku. WASHINGTON, June 18.—The Navy Department has acknowledged the receipt of two cables received from Admiral Tausig, Commander Tausig.

TRIP OF THE ELDER Account of the Journey From Portland to Dutch Harbor. FROM A PASSENGER'S DIARY

How the Nome-Bound Fortune-Seekers Beguiled the Trip—Music and Seaside.

DUTCH HARBOR, June 7.—Thus far has the good ship Elder, with her enthusiastic collection of goldseekers, progressed on her way to the land of promise.

Among the faces familiar to Portland people are: W. T. Hume, W. S. Chapman, Captain Watson, George W. Haver, J. D. Bennett, Silver Star, J. D. McKinnon, Captain Lyons.

Wednesday, May 30, Memorial day—Today cloudy, weather cool, sea lumpy, spray flying and boat pitching considerably.

Thursday, May 31—Sky overcast, sea gone down and quite calm, and passengers resting and boat pitching considerably.

Friday, June 1.—The sky is overcast to-day, and barometer lowering. The log this morning showed 117 1/2 miles from the Columbia River.