

### QUESTION IS MOOTED ONE

Russians Not Satisfied With Our Idea as to What Is Contraband of War.

ARABIA CASE STILL PENDING

Foreign Office Says if It Gives in There Will Be No Way to Stop Importation of Such Stuff.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—Foreign Minister Lamsdorff is being pressed by Ambassador McCormick for an answer to the representations of the United States in regard to the cargoes of the Portland & Asiatic line steamer Arabia, and the British steamer Calchas, both captured by the Vladivostok squadron, the Calchas while bound from Puget sound for Japan. It is understood that the United States now goes to the extent of asking for the release of the cargoes.

The foreign office, however, is unable to give a definite response to the representations made pending the decision of the commission which is examining the question of contraband of war. The committee is not making much progress, owing to the position taken by Grand Duke Alexander Mikhailovich, head of the department of mercantile marine, and brother-in-law of the emperor and Grand Duke Alexis, the high admiral and uncle of his majesty, who are standing out against the American and British view of foodstuffs as conditional contraband, on the ground that if the contention is allowed it would be idle to attempt to stop contraband bound for Japan, as every pound of foodstuff, etc., which does not come under the head of absolute contraband would be consigned to private firms or persons in Japan, or else be sent to an intermediary port for trans-shipment.

Count Lamsdorff and Professor de Martens, professor of international law of the University of St. Petersburg, who is president of the commission, are trying to overcome the objection of the grand duke. The indications now point to considerable delay in the settlement of the question.

#### SHELL FIRE WAS TERRIFIC.

Delayed Message Gives Graphic Account of Big Battle.

Yantai, Sunday, Sept. 4.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The Russians evacuated their positions around Liao Yang during the night of September 3, crossing the Taitze river and burning the bridges behind them. In the meantime a strong force was holding General Kuroki back from Kentai. During the combined attack on Liao Yang, which commenced August 30, by General Oku attacking from the southeast and General Lodzu from the southwest, the shell fire was terrific, in one instance 56 shells bursting at the same time.

The Japanese made a fine infantry attack. They succeeded in reaching the Russian trenches, but were repulsed with heavy loss. The Japanese shrapnel, as a rule burst too high. On the whole, the day went well for the Rus-

sians. The Japanese were driven from the villages along the railroad.

On August 31 the shelling commenced at daylight from all sides, but the Russian infantry pressed forward. Late that afternoon the news came that Kuroki was threatening the railroad at Yantai and the Russians commenced to retire, enabling the Japanese to bring up two battalions and enfilade the Russian force along the railroad.

During the night the transports moved into Liao Yang.

On September 1 the Russians retreated from their main position, which formed a circle around the city, while transports crossed the river. At 2 o'clock the Japanese succeeded in placing two guns in position and shelled the railroad station, resulting in many casualties. At the same time, the Japanese infantry attacked the inner Russian position, but were repulsed. In the evening, the Japanese brought up heavy guns and used Shimose powder to shell the Russian town. The Russians held the position until the night of September 3, when they retired across the river.

On September 2 a strong Russian force was moved east from Yantai to hold Kuroki back. Kuroki attacked it and was repulsed, being driven from his positions on the left. The Japanese poured a terrific shrapnel fire, at one spot annihilating two Russian companies. In the evening the Russian artillery which had been reinforced, shelled the Japanese position, and Kuroki pushed his right forward and got within 12 miles of the railroad at Yantai. Later he was driven back to his original position.

Desultory fighting occurred September 3, in the vicinity of Mukden.

### MIGHT HAVE CONTINUED

Russian Cruiser Czarevitch Not So Badly Damaged in the Big Naval Fight.

OUK TOMSKY NOT TO BLAME

Rear Admiral's Last Order Was That Ships of His Squadron Not Return to Port Arthur.

Tsingtau, Sept. 5, 4 p. m.—A correspondent of the Associated Press accompanied several Italian naval officers on an inspection today of the dismantled Russian cruiser Czarevitch, which was in the naval fight with Admiral Togo's fleet off Port Arthur on August 10, after which she was subsequently dismantled.

At first sight the Czarevitch seems to be a total wreck, but on further examination this appearance was found to be due to the immense quantities of debris which had not been cleared away. The smokestacks of the battleship were riddled. In one of them is a hole 17 feet by 12. The bridge of the battleship is completely wrecked. The large guns were struck repeatedly, but they were not damaged. The Japanese projectiles made two holes below the Czarevitch's water line, but these were

not easily taken at a time, purchases again a little later.

Another novelty is in the sale of ices in the forms of icicles encased in tin "cartridges." These can be enjoyed while seeking the exhibits, are easily handled, are cheap and thirst-quenching.

Then there are the famous rice-cakes or waffles made by the Japanese in "Fair Japan" on the Pike. These are most enjoyable especially with Japanese tea and appeal strongly to all the fair visitors.

One of the latest innovations which is extremely popular is the idea of selling ice cream encased in a funnel-shaped waffle of delicious taste. The novelty of the idea, the delicacy of the article, all add to the popularity of this combination of ice cream and cake.

The average world's fair visitor delights in trying new eating fads and there has been no disappointment or regret among the purchasers of these novelties.

#### KNIGHTS SEE BIG PARADE.

San Francisco Workmen in Procession on Labor Day.

San Francisco, Sept. 5.—This being Labor day, the Knights Templar before noon witnessed the annual parade of workmen. Thousands of men were in line, nearly all attired in attractive uniforms, and many women workers either marched in the ranks or rode on picturesque floats.

Early in the day special trains bearing eastern Knights Templar began to arrive, including the grand commanderies of Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri and Minnesota and large delegations from

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located in that section of Wyoming and southern Montana. Two home-seekers who came here some time ago have disappeared. It is now believed they were murdered and that a regular organized gang of cutthroats is operating in that locality.

#### No Race Problem There.

Washington Post: "In southern Mississippi, where I live," said Mr. S. S. Henry of Gulfport, Miss., "there is no negro problem, and though the country has a dense black population, whites and blacks get on pleasantly and there is no friction resulting from racial prejudice."

"I am in the lumber business and have a great deal to do with the negro as an employer of labor, and I am here to assert that they are the best laborers in the world. I would rather have one black man in a sawmill than two white men, for he will perform just as much labor as two Anglo-Saxons and do it willingly and even joyously. All he wants is three good meals a day and his wages paid him every Saturday night, which is the rule of the lumber owners of our section."

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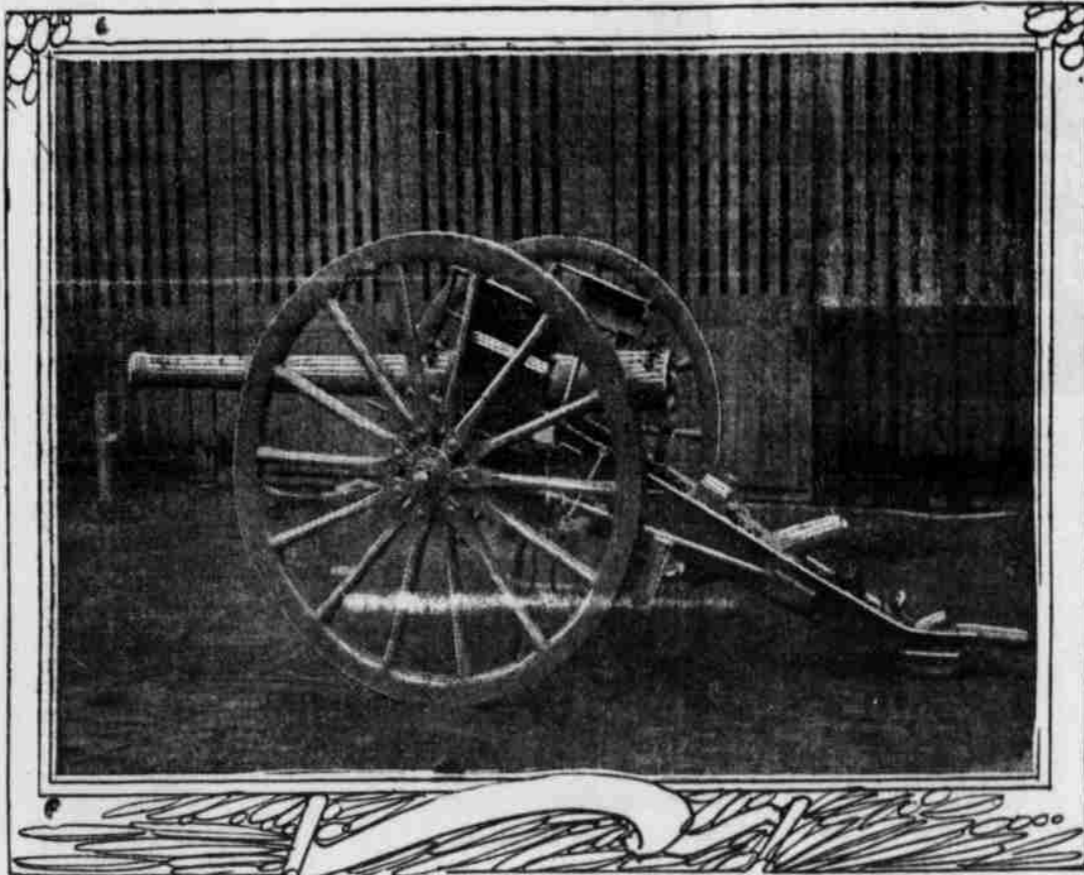
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#### Aged Pastor Is Dead.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 5.—The Rev. Dr. Sylvester Clarke, first rector of the Trinity Episcopal church, and the oldest clergyman in this city, is dead at the age of 71. He was for some years professor of church history at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., and in 1885 was elected to the same professorship at the Seabury Divinity school at Fairbault, Minn. He returned to Bridgeport in 1888.

easily stopped. The finely paneled wood finishings in the officers' quarters were badly splintered. No fires started on board the Russian warship during the engagement.

The general opinion of those who made close inspection was that the Czarevitch was far from incapacitated and that she was capable of inflicting heavy damage upon the enemy had she remained in the fight. She had plenty of ammunition and coal on board. Her electrical steering gear was shot away, but the hand and steam gears, with power for the latter, were not damaged.

Russian naval officers, who were questioned regarding the reported court martial of Rear Admiral Prince Ouktomsky for having disobeyed the order not to return to Port Arthur, said that the last order he signaled in the battle of August 19 was: "Remember the order of the emperor: do not return to Port Arthur."

#### PECULIAR TO THE FAIR.

Drinks and Candies That Can Be Found Nowhere Else.

St. Louis, Sept. 5.—There has been considerable comment among visitors lately upon the novel varieties of refreshments sold at the world's fair grounds. From candy to Philippine drinks, from ice cream to rice cakes, the variety of edibles offered to the hungry and thirsty is almost startling.

The man who discovered that, by pouring granulated sugar over a swiftly revolving cup run and heated by an electric motor, a kind of candy appearing like plain cotton could be produced, has made a fortune. The expense of preparing bushels of this delicious, candy cotton which melts in one's mouth is trivial. Every youngster upon seeing a small armful of the attractive article offered for a nickel immediately purchases and, delighted with the fact that a flatful can

Kansas, Utah and Oregon. In all, over 40 commanderies are due before nightfall.

At 12 o'clock the earl of Euston and party, representing the grand priory of Great Britain and the British dependencies, reached the city. They were met by a mounted escort, the officers of the grand encampment of the United States, members of several grand commanderies and many individual knights. After marching to their headquarters in the Palace hotel the distinguished visitors were tendered a reception, which was largely attended.

A ladies' reception, under the auspices of California commandery, was given at the Mechanics' pavilion, and at all headquarters open house was kept. There will be several drills, concerts and receptions tonight, and the beautiful electric illumination of the city will be repeated.

#### MURDERED BY THUGS.

Headless Body of Homeseeker Found in Shoshone River.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 5.—A Cody, Wyo., special says the headless body of an unknown man has been found floating in the Shoshone river, a short distance from Cody, and great excitement prevails as the result of the find, this being the third mysterious disappearance within the past few months. Examination failed to reveal anything that might lead to the identity of the man.

The body was that of a well-dressed man of large size, and the condition of the remains showed that he had undoubtedly been murdered. The head was severed to prevent any one from establishing the identity of the victim, and the trunk thrown into the river. No trace of the head can be found.

The murdered man was undoubtedly one of the large number of land buyers who are now coming into the Big Horn basin to seek homes under the great irrigation systems being con-

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