

BATTLESHIP NEBRASKA LAUNCHED

Great War Vessel Slides Into the Water Thirteen Minutes Ahead of Schedule Time.

Governor Mickey's Daughter Stands Sponsor for Ship and Governor Makes Speech.

IMMENSE CROWD PRESENT

Enthusiasm Runs High at Seattle and Surging Multitude Cheers as Ship Enters Water.

Seattle, Oct. 7.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon, thirteen minutes before the scheduled time, the battleship Nebraska left the ways at the Moran Brothers' shipyard and slid gracefully and majestically into the waters of Puget Sound. The launching was entirely successful and no hitch marred the proceedings. The only reason the vessel was launched ahead of time was that by a slight miscalculation the poppet (wooden brace) at the bow was raised the vessel too high, and in the opinion of experts it was better that the supports should be knocked away without delay.

Governor John H. Mickey, of Nebraska, and his party, including prominent state officials and their wives, reached the city last night and participated in the ceremonies.

The launching was the occasion of a half holiday throughout the city. Miss Mary Main Mickey, daughter of Governor Mickey, stood sponsor for the vessel.

The Nebraska is the first battleship constructed on the Pacific coast north of San Francisco, and all the leading army and state officials in the northwest took part in the program.

Fully 50,000 people viewed the ceremonies and saw the big vessel enter the water. Naval men who viewed the launching stated that it was the most successful one they ever saw. The Nebraska weighs more than any vessel ever before launched for the United States navy. Immediately after launching, the big Alaska liners that hovered about her docks black with excursionists, looked diminutive beside her.

"Three ears ago last December," said Governor Mickey, of Nebraska, as the cheers that greeted his appearance died away, "Robert Moran went down to the city of Washington and said to the secretary of the navy: 'I can build a battleship, and I can build it in Seattle.' The secretary of the navy did not know him as we know him. He did not know the spirit of the men of the northwest. Therefore the great secretary doubted.

"Then Robert Moran came home. It was on a Sunday morning. He called around him a few of the leaders among the business men of Seattle—a few of the men who do things. He told them his story; told them that he could build the ship, but that the appropriation made by congress was too small to pay for it. These men did not doubt. They did not hesitate, because they knew that Robert Moran would do whatever he said he would do. They had faith in his ability, faith in his judgment and in his integrity. They knew that he would build the ship, and they said to him, 'We will help you to build it.'

"We are here today to witness the fulfillment of that promise. Here is the man who made it. There is the ship—the great battleship Nebraska—one of the most powerful ships in the whole world—which is about to be launched into the waters of the greatest of oceans, to go forth, under the stars and stripes, to maintain the power and defend the honor of the most glorious nation on earth. The promise has been kept and the pledge made by our people has been redeemed. This splendid vessel is a mighty addition to the great American navy; we are proud of this ship, and we honor the men who made it."

Presentation of Subsidy. As the concluding words of Governor

Historical Society which were heard, John Mickey, president of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce stepped forward with a check for \$100,000, which he presented as the subsidy to Moran Brothers' Company. There was great applause. Attorney-General Prout spoke in behalf of the people of Nebraska. The address of welcome to Governor Mickey and party was given by Mayor Ballinger, of Seattle.

MYSTERY IN SHIPMENT.

Five Torpedo Boats Shipped "West of Chicago."

New York, Oct. 7.—Five submarine torpedo boats, built in Massachusetts, have been shipped by rail from Jersey City. "West of Chicago" is the destination expressed upon the waybill which accompanies one of the most unusual shipments which has ever crossed the American continent. Valued at nearly \$4,000,000, the torpedo boats occupied 17 new steel flat cars and six box cars, the appearance of the entire train being not unlike the caravan of a circus. The boats were shipped in sections and each car was covered with canvas which concealed the contents.

There was not the slightest mark on any car to indicate the contents or the destination, and to the railroad employees who inquired the stereotyped answer was given that the covered masses were a part of a large shipment of machinery destined for the west.

BOQUET FOR HARPER.

Chicago University Declared the Prize School.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—President Harper has been notified by the committee of awards of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company that his school has been awarded four grand prizes for its exhibits. No other educational institution won more than two. The prizes are for the work of the university press, the Yerkes observatory display, for Professor Michelson's exhibit of instruments for research work in physics and for general excellence in the exhibit as a whole.

For the grand prize for general excellence and completeness, Chicago was given the preference over Yale, Harvard, Columbia, the University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin and University of Washington.

FLOOD DROWNS FOUR.

Wife and Three Children of New Mexico Man Perish in Storm.

Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 7.—Word was received here from Chaperito of the drowning in the recent flood of the wife and three children of Francisco Lucero, a member of the legislature from this county. The women and children were at home alone the night of the storm and water rose so rapidly that they were unable to get out of the house. The body of Mrs. Thomas Acost, one of the victims of the flood, has been found near the town of Mora.

Reports of nine deaths come from the Red river country. Seven are reported drowned in the Yardo, and there are indefinite reports from the Cimarron. It is now believed the trains cannot go south until after Saturday.

LADY CURZON IMPROVING.

London Doctors Say She May Get Well.

Walmer Castle, Oct. 7.—A bulletin issued at 10:25 a. m. today at Walmer Castle, says:

"Lady Curzon's condition during the past week has been one to cause renewed anxiety, and the London doctors have remained in attendance. Her ladyship is not yet out of danger, but slow progress is being made and, if no further complications ensue, there is good hope for her ultimate recovery. She passed a quiet night and her condition remains about the same."

INVITATION TO PRESIDENT DIAZ.

Special Messenger Sent by the National Irrigation Association.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 7.—A special messenger has been appointed by the city authorities and the Southwestern Irrigation association to convey to President Diaz, of Mexico the official invitation of the National Irrigation congress to attend the twelfth annual session here November 15.

The invitation is signed by Senator Clark, of Montana, president of the association.

GALE ON CHINA SEA AND ADJOINING WATERS HINDERS OPERATIONS AT PORT ARTHUR

Reported That British Steamer Seshan With Cargo of Cattle and Flour Has Been Seized by Japs.

First Troops of Imperial Guard Leave for Front—No Important Change in General Situation at Port Arthur—Blockade Still Not Entirely Effective—Messengers Can Still Get Into the Port.

The continuance of the gale which has developed on the China sea and adjoining waters, precludes active operations by the Japanese fleet blockading Port Arthur. The British steamer Seshan, with a cargo of cattle and flour from Shanghai for Port Arthur, has been seized by the Japanese off Niu Chwang, it is reported.

MORE TROOPS START.

First Troops of Imperial Guard Leave for the Front.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 7.—The first troops of the imperial guard left St. Petersburg tonight for the front.

NO IMPORTANT CHANGE.

Messengers Can Still Get Into Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 7.—A special dispatch from Mukden says there has been no change of importance in the general situation. The blockade of Port Arthur appears to have been ineffective, as a number of messengers have slipped through. The latest advices said that the fortress has sufficient ammunition and provisions to enable the garrison to hold out nine months.

JAPS AFTER COSSACKS.

A New General to Command Forces in Corea.

Tokio, Oct. 7, 3 p. m.—Lieutenant-General Hasegawa, late commander-in-chief of the imperial guards division, will depart for Corea today to assume command of the Japanese forces there. It is possible that the Korean army will be dispersed or brought under Japanese command. General Hasegawa is expected to effect this change at an early date. It is probable that this Japanese move is made in order to expel the bands of Cossacks now operating in western and northwestern Corea.

RUSSIAN SHIPS DAMAGED.

Were Fired on by Japanese Land Batteries.

Reported here that the fire of the Japanese land batteries severely damaged four Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur. It is stated that one of the vessels was completely wrecked. The names of none of the ships were given.

EASY TO PASS JAPS.

Russians in Communication With Port Arthur.

Tsingtau, Oct. 7, noon.—The German steamer Progress, chartered by a local German and which left here 25 days ago with a general cargo consigned to Vladivostok, returned from that port today and reported that she found it easy to elude the Japanese ships in that vicinity. She reported that a number of large ships have coal and ammunition. The city of Vladivostok is quiet and the Russians seem depressed over their land and sea reverses.

Vladivostok is being heavily fortified, the harbor is being mined and repairing of the damaged ships is going on. It is believed that it will be impossible to put the armored cruiser Rossia in a seaworthy condition.

It is stated in Vladivostok that General Kuropatkin has been very ill and unable to personally command his army since the battle of Liao Yang.

Russian officers at Tsingtau are responsible for the statement that ammunition and guns from the protected cruiser Diana have reached Port

Nancy and Mrs. Lorenzo Heeman, and the latter's husband are in jail at Towaunda. They have been confined in separate cells and the detectives, since their arrest several days ago, have been using what they discovered at the scene of the murder to work upon their fears and fancies and their suspicions of each other, until they now claim to have obtained their hints from several.

Charles, it is alleged, accuses his mother and his brother Alonzo and says he knew nothing about the murder until afterward, while Alonzo retaliates by saying that Charles and his mother committed the murder.

Bigler Johnson and his wife had not lived together for some time. Recently the court sentenced him to pay \$6 a month toward her support. This made him very angry, and it is claimed that he then made threats that she would not be long in the way.

The story which the alleged confessions relate is that Bigler Johnson, his mother and Charles talked over the plan of doing away with the woman and that he offered them \$3 each if they did it. He also arranged to be in Towaunda at the time the murders were committed, so that he might prove an alibi if suspicion pointed naturally to him. The details arranged, the crime was carried out, it is alleged, as planned, with the exception that the little girl was found in the house and was also killed, and then the bodies were soaked in kerosene and fired to hide the crime.

The detectives expect to have their case completed in a few days, with enough evidence to hang three and punish a couple of others who were accessories after the fact.

CRITICIZE KING LEOPOLD.

Said He is Personally Responsible for Cruelties.

Boston, Oct. 7.—King Leopold, of Belgium, was assailed for his policy in governing the Congo Free State by E. T. Morell, of England, at a public meeting this afternoon in connection with the session of the international peace congress. Morell charged King Leopold with being personally responsible for a large measure of the alleged cruelties practiced on the natives of the Songo Free State in the terrific endeavors of monopolistic commercial organizations to obtain from the country all the ivory and rubber possible.

The king was defended by George Herbert Head, of Cambridge, England, who submitted that Leopold had done all possible to stop the alleged cruelties.

The congress today received the report of the committee on propaganda recommending that the congress of 1905 be held at Lucerne, Switzerland.

SIX SENATORS IN ONE TOWN.

Senator Fairbanks and Party at Evanston, Wyo.

Evanston, Wyo., Oct. 7.—This little city on the extreme western border of Wyoming tonight holds within its borders six United States senators, Messrs. Fairbanks, Dooliver, Fulton, Kearns, Warren and Clark.

At the meeting held in the opera house tonight Senator Clark presided and speeches were made by Senators Fairbanks, Dooliver and Fulton, and Representative Smith. The feature of the audience was a body of 40 young women constituting the Evanston Women's Club of first voters.

MANY WILL GO.

Large Attendance of Astorians Expected at Portland Game.

It is expected that between 100 and 300 Astorians will see today's football game between the Commercial Club team of this city and the Multnomah team of Portland. The game will be played at Portland. A few of the football players went up last night on the boat, but the majority of them will leave this morning by rail, accompanied by a number of enthusiasts. The Astorians will occupy a section of the grandstand and root for the Astoria team. That the game will be a fat one is conceded, and locally there is a very decided sentiment that the Commercial will win. The Astorians declare they will go into the game to work hard for success, and that, if they lose, they will have made the best possible showing.

TRIBESMEN KILL 254 PORTUGUESE

Attack Made From Ambush and Hand to Hand Fight Follows in Which Few Escape.

Portuguese at the Beginning of the Encounter Number Four Hundred

RELIEF FORCE CAME LATE

Portuguese Formed a Hollow Square and Held Ground—Were Attacked While Crossing a River.

Lisbon, Oct. 7.—In the chamber of deputies today the minister of marine made a detailed statement of the recent fighting by the Portuguese in southwest Africa where a force of 400 Portuguese operating against the Cuanhamas was ambushed by the tribesmen as they were crossing the Cunene river. Two hundred and fifty-four Portuguese were killed. The minister said that when the attack was made the detachment formed a square, which was subjected to a heavy fire. In one moment they had to defend themselves with bayonets. The square was not broken. The irregular troops became panic stricken and were thrown into confusion. A hand to hand conflict was the principal feature. Reinforcements were sent, but the relief detachment succeeded in saving only a few wounded.

TOURING CAR RUNS AWAY.

Four Occupants Injured in the Accident.

New York, Oct. 7.—A big touring car, carrying two women and two men, ran away today down one of the mountains of the Ramapo range, Grange county, and none of the occupants escaped uninjured. The driver lost control of the car more than half a mile from the base of the mountain and it dashed down the steep grade at frightful speed. Fifty yards from the base it struck a wall and was turned over.

SILENT AS THE TOMB.

Judge Parker Determined to Keep Quiet During Campaign.

New York, Oct. 6.—In a statement issued this morning from national democratic headquarters, Chairman Taggart announces that Judge Parker has fully determined, after carefully considering the matter, not to go on the stump. Such speeches as he deems desirable to make will be made at Rosemont. Taggart says the incident is closed, and those in charge of the campaign fully approve of the determination of Parker.

WATER COMMISSION NOTES.

Revokes Tax on Canneries for Fire Protection.

At the regular monthly meeting of the water commission last night, the commission passed a motion abolishing the rate heretofore charged canneries for fire protection during the closed season and providing that they be charged for the actual amount of water consumed the year around, as shown by the water meter. The rate for fire protection during the closed season has heretofore been \$25.

There was just a quorum present at the meeting, the commissioners in attendance being Chairman Wright and Messrs. Elmore, Bowly and Fisher. Most of the session was devoted to routine business, the commission approving the pay roll and authorizing the payment of a number of bills.

In regard to the application of the Callendar Transportation Company for an extension of the water service to the company's new wharves, it was agreed that the city should make a connection with the main and lay a 2-inch pipe to the north side of Bond street, the company to lay the pipe from there to its wharves at its own expense.