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BIG RUSSIAN CRUISER BAYAN WITH SEVEN HUNDRED MEN IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SUNK BY A FLOATING TORPEDO

and Await Further Confirmation.

LONDONMAKES INQUIRIES

Berlin Correspondent Says Skorri Was Not the Vessel That Was Lost in Port Arthur's Outer Harbor.

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, March 24 .- One of the most startling reports of the entire war in the far east was received today by the Schlessis Hezeitung, a newspaper which, as a rule, is conservative and reliable. It is to the effect that it was not the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skorri which was blown up by a floating tor-pedo in the entrance to Port Arthur har-bor on the evening of March 16, but the armored cruiser Bayan, instead. The dispatch adds that almost the entire crew of the Bayan, numbering 700 men, went to the bottom in the awful

The dispatch created a stir here, as the correspondent sending it is a man who has on several occasions distinguished himself by the authentic news

LONDON TRIES TO CONFIRM

Hears Bayan Seport and Doubts Belia bility-Poreign Office Makes Inquiries. (Journal Special Service.)
London, March 24.—Excitement was

caused here today by a report from Berlin that the Russian cruiser Bayan had been sunk with nearly 700 men aboard. Both the Japanese and Russian repre-sentatives disclaim any knowledge of the disaster to Russian arms. The Russian officials say the story is not to be accepted, but also deny knowledge that the Skorrl, the torpedo boat destroyer, was sunk.

The Japanese officials are non-communicative, but point to the fact that different sources of another war vessel of the Russian squadron having been sunk, would indicate the possibility of the Bayan's having gone down. The foreign office has addressed message of inquiry to its agents.

CHEFOO HEARS BAYAN.

Sends Out Report that Skorri Is Uninjured, but Cruiser Was Sunk.

(Journal Special Service.) Chefoo, March 24 .- It is reported here that it was not the Russian torpedo, boat destroyer Skorri that was blown up. but the protected cruiser Bayan, and

that nearly all her crew of 700 was lost. SCENES IN SIBERIA.

American Traveler Says Troops Must Have Suffered Intensely.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) is at present at Chee Foo, writes from place to his parents in this city

rallway. On the train with me was the commanding, all the Russian troops in Manchuria, a colonel, an admiral and many petty officers, on their Kansas, directory. He names himself way to Port Arthur, where trouble was and four relatives on the payroll, and

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Officials Are Skeptical DELUGE CAUSES A MINING CITY TO SINK

Madrid, March 24.—Persistent rains that have been falling in a disastrous deluge over the prov-ince of Almeria, softened the earth to such an extent that today a considerable portion of the city of Cuevas de Vera sank with small warning into the ancient workings of the lead mines, whose tunnels stretched in a

labyrinth beneath the city. 'Whole rows of houses were down into the abyss, many of the occupants having no time for flight. Thirty-two time for flight. Thirty-two casualties are reported, and the death list may be increased. The city, with its 25,000 inhabitants, has been panic stricken in the fear of the catastrophe spreading greater magnitude, and many inhabitants are fleeing into the surrounding hills with their household effects. The rain continues falling heavily.

Congress Refuses Subsidy for the Oceanic Steamships.

Washington, D. C., March 24.—In considering the postoffice appropriation in the house today, Robinson (Dem.) of ndiana, attacked the subsidy of \$45,000 recommended in the bill for the Oceanic the malls from San Francisco to Tahiti.

"The appropriation has heretofore been sneaked through congress in a cowardly manner," declared the speaker, "and it is time that it was shown up so that people may understand what kind of a graft is being carried on in

this measure. Several Republican members arose but the speaker quieting his tone continued in a more orthodox manner showing why he believed the appropria-tion uncalled for. His speech was sufficient to cause the motion, which he later made, striking out the subsidy, to be

Committee Reports.

The house committee on merchant marine authorized a favorable report on the Frye bill, extending the coastwise trade laws to the Philippines, but exempting the interisland trade of the

archipelago.

The house committee on military af-San Francisco, March 24.—Leon fairs today authorized a favorable re-Mooser, a young American traveler, who port on the resolution selecting the following men for the board of managers for the National Soldiers' home: Marthat place to his parents in this city as follows:

"I left Moscow on January 23 and the suspicious Russians of that city took me for a spy. I had no difficulty, however, in proving my identity. I left for Port Arthur on the trans-Siberian Members of congress received in their members of congress received in the members of congress received in their members of congress received in the members

mail today cards printed on both sides, purporting to show the record of Bris tow in the guise of a Franklin county, expected. During the trip on the train aggregates a salary of the sum of \$9,the commanding officer was closeted most of the time with his officers, and candidate for congress, has a number of snaps. The card was circulated with



This picture, from a photograph recently received here, shows the Russians building a railroad across the ice on Lake Baikal. This gap in the trans-Siberian road has given the Russian authorities much worry.

Sir Edward Arnold, Author of the Light of Asia, ls Dead.

(Journal Special Service.) London, March 24 .- Sir Edwin Arnold, the well-known author and journalist, who has been seriously ill for some days, died this morning. His demise was not unexpected, as he has for several days been in a critical condition.

Sir Edwin Arnold was born at Grave-

end in 1832, and graduated with high honors from Oxford in 1853. He entered educational work and for many years was one of the leading of mod-ern instructors and teachers. He became principal of the government col-lege at Bombay in 1856, but a few years later gained fame as an editorial writer on the staff of the Daily Telegraph with which he was connected up to the time of his illness. He was a most versatile writer, and his books, "Light of Asia" and "Light of the World," made him famous in literature. He wrote books on travel, recreation and sports with seemingly equal fluency, and was personally an ardent sports-

TO BURN OIL. onverted into an oilburner.

ONDON MURDERER ESCAPES BY DEATH

Pursued by Officers After Supposed Discovery of Many Crimes—Cuts His Throat and Dies in the Street.

(Journal Special Service.) day talking and excited over what ap- ered with a thick layer of cement. the attempted arrest and suicide of a sued by a crowd that increased to the suspect and officers expect to find the size of a small army.

bodies of several other persons who are Seeing that the officers were gaining.

many months been receiving reports of deeply as to almost decapitate himself. nexplicable disappearances, finally fas- He died at the officers' feet. tened suspicion upon a man named two months ago.

but on later examination it was found cumstances.

DELUGE CONTINUES OVER MIDDLE COAST

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, March 24.-A deluge To BURN OIL. of rain fell here last night and early levees are holding well thus far. If The river steamer America is being this morning. It came in showers be- broke they would cause much loss of life tween which the sun shone brightly. A and property.

that the bodies had been dismembered London, March 24.-All London is to- placed in the bottom and the whole covnears to be the discovery of another . An attempt was made to arrest Crossseries of murders rivaling the "Jack man, who had been concealed in the the Ripper" crimes. The day has de- house. He dashed his way through the veloped into the finding of two bodies, crowd, gained the street and fled, pur-

and escape impossible, Crossman drew The police at Kensilrise, who have for a razor as he ran and cut his throat so The body was carried to the morgue

crossman, who lodged in an obscure and the officers returned to the boarding boarding-house and who was a myste- house where this afternoon they started lous personage. This morning in force digging in the garden in the belief that they searched the boarding-house and many other bodies will be found to have discovered a trunk containing the body been buried there. The motive for the of a woman and child who disappeared numerous crimes is supposed to have been petty robbery, as none of the vic-At first the officers passed the trunk, tims were in more than well-to-do cir-

> torm blew in from the southeast and brought a downpour more like tropical squalls than the usual weather. Heavy rains fell in the valleys and the levee at Bouldin island in the San Joaquin gave way, flooding the most extensive asparagus garden in the world. The loss was very heavy. The city of Sacramento is very uneasy, though the

0. R. & N. Headquarters Will Not Go to Salt Lake City.

OMAHA

Calvin Is Coming to Replace Mohler in Charge of the O. R. & N .-Consolidation with Southern

According to official information recelced at the headquarters of the O. R. & N. this afternoon, the following will be the changes in the heads of the Harriman lines:

A. L. Mohler is to replace president, to be vice-president and general manager of the Union Pacific, with headquarters in Omaha. He is preparing to move at

E. E. Calvin is general manager of the O. R. & N., with headquarters in Portland. He will be removed to this city W. H. Bancroft is to be vice-president

and general manager of the Short Line with headquarters in Salt Lake City. The reported acquisition of the Ore

gon Short Line of that portion of the Central Pacific road between Reno and Ogden and the section of the Union Painc between Green River and Ogden is denied from official sources. The changes which were confirmed

will be effected at once, as soon as a few details can be arranged by Transportation Director Kruttschnitt and Traffic Director J. C. Stubbs, who will Old Issue May Be Raised

reach the city tonight.

The O. R. & N. headquarters will be retained in Portland, whatever changes may be made in the constitution of the several Harriman lines. This assurance was given representatives of the chamber of commerce this morning who sought from O. R. & N. officials a statement concerning the destiny of the headquarters, which Salt Lake rumor said was to be moved to the Mormon town.

From presumably reliable sources the report is confirmed that President Mohier of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company is to go to Omaha to take the position left vacant by the resignation of President Burt; that in Mr. Mohler's place E. E. Calvin, general manager of the Oregon Short Line at Salt Lake, will be appointed as general manager of the O. R. & N., the office of president and

vice-president being left open.
Whether the Oregon lines of the
O. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific are clergymen attending the conference will make renewed efforts in their long struggle to have one of their race advanced to the rank of bishop.

C. R. & R. and the Southern Pacific are to be united under the management of Mr. Calvin is a moot question. Intimates of Mr. Calvin who have worked with him in other years, say that the is every probability that the colored In fact, some delegates to the con- union of Oregon lines and the removal ference state that, owing to the steady of the O. R. & N. headquarters to Salt growth in numbers of the colored clergy. Lake City are two things that were growth in numbers of the colored clergy-men, the vote in favor of making a col-spoken of by Mr. Calvin three years ored brother bishop may be much larger ago, which he then stated were to come this year than ever. this year than ever. in the future. Should the Oregon lines Several Portland clergymen of the be united, the O. R. & N. headquarters Methodist Episcopal faith were inter-viewed on this question, and some con-the assurance of the road's officials sented to express themselves for pub- that such a move is not contemplated is lication. Others talked freely on the regarded as for the time disposing of subject but would not be quoted. All the Oregon consolidation, with Mr. Cal-

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IN LABRADORIAN WILDS IS TOLD

New York, March 24.—The first au-thentic information of Leonidas Hub-

"We found our food supply was ex-hausted early in August. We suffered terrible tortures from exposure and cold, and the horns and skin of a caribou were made to serve as food at a miserable camp for a week. We made our way with difficulty down a small stream in a cance until Hubbard could go no

The letter, after giving details, says: "George, the native, and I desired to leave Hubbard at a camp and hurry forward for help. We had grown very close to each other in the past summer

traveled down our old packs. We left a bit of wet flour about Il miles below here, 12 miles below that thentic information of Leonidas Bub-bard, Jr., magazine writer and assistant editor of Outing, who starved to death in the interior of Labrador, was received here today through Dillon Wallace, Hubbard's sole white companion, who has reached Quebec from Cartwright, Labrador. The letter says:

Friday and Saturday was the same.
"I saw it was hopeless for me to go
further with the boys, so we consulted
last night and decided that they should take merely half a blanket each, cups, etc., and go on. They will try to reach the flour tomorrow. Then Wallace will bring a little and come back to me. George will go on to Grand lake, if he can, and send or lead help to us. I want to say right here that they are two of the very best, bravest and grandest men I ever knew. If I die it will not be because they did not put forth their

Dillon Wallace, Unfortunate Writer's Sole White Companion, Sends Story of Uncomplaining Fight Against Starvation and Distress, Through Which Gleam Golden Threads of Loyalty and Love.

sleepy. "'After the boys left I found they had left me tea, caribou bones and another end of a flour sack found here,

and some yeast cakes. I drank a cup of strong tea and some bone broth. I ate also some really delictous rawhide boiled with bones, and it made me stronger—strong enough to write this.

weather will improve so I can build a for the bag, and kept a few lumps of the fire, I will eat the rest of my moccasins and a pair of cowhide mittens. They ought to help some. I am not suffering the snow began falling thick and ought to help some. I am not suffering the snow began falling thick and some boughs for a bed and fix myself as comfortably as I could and lie down.

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sorward for help. We had grown very close to each other in the past they did not put forth the past they did not put forth and the past efforts. Our past weeks have been and during dawnys to lighten each other in the past efforts. Our past weeks have been trying one. I have not written by the able, with the Lord's help to save most one to save goodly, but felle tach time that the past in the sun of the s

This morning I was very, very | weather will improve so I can build a | to the bag, and kept a few lumps of the

was at length compelled to give up the Grand lake. I knew Done that I would soon awake.

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In Coming Methodist

Conference.

"Should a colored brother be ele-

Condensed in a nutshell, the race

question in this form will come before

he regular conference of the Methodist

Episcopal church, which will be held at

Los Angeles, opening its quadrennial

Portland members of this denomina-

tion will attend the conference in large

numbers. It is stated that, owing to

the large vote given Rev. J. W. E.

Bowen rt Chicago four years ago, there

vated to a bishopric?"

sessions May 4.

Becomes Plighty in Mind.

search and headed toward Grand lake. ognized his voice as one of them. I My intellect was benumbed through spoke his name, 'Donald Blake,' and he weakness and I walked in half a dream. turned with the touch of human fleah. Sometimes I imagined myself asleep and In a moment they had a rouring fire dreaming, and felt that all I had done and some hot tea, and gave me a slice and was enduring was just a dream and of bread and butter. I ate it, and it made me sick. My rescuers were Allen Gandy, a halfbreed Indian, and Donald "My matches were nearly gone and wood was hard to get. I made but one fire each day—at night. Then I would sit down in the snow by my little blaze.

Blake, Glibert Blake and Duncan Machine each day—at night. Then I would sit down in the snow by my little blaze.

Indian Catches Game.

The acute pangs of hunger have given may to indifference. I am sleepy. I think death from starvation is not so bad, but let no one suppose I expect it. I am prepared, that is all. I think the boys will be able, with the Lord's help, to save me."

I was very weak and nearly blind from the smoke of our campfire when I then with an effort I would break a few began my return march toward Hubbard boughs and sit down, and she would say to me sometimes, when I had not broken enough boughs for a good bed: Hadn't you better break a few more? You will their weight of snow. The river was partially frozen, and the whole surface of the country was changed. I sticks, but fell in the snow. I could and lie down and all Blake right on to look for Hubbard boughs and sit down, and she would say to me sometimes, when I had not broken enough boughs for a good bed: Hadn't you better break a few more? You will rest better:

Wallace Continues Story.