

GOOD EVENING.

The Weather: Fair this afternoon, tonight and Sunday; light frost tonight; northerly winds.

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COSSACKS GIVE BATTLE TO A JAPANESE OUTPOST

Russian General Kouropatkin in His Official Report Says Many of Mikado's Soldiers Were Killed.

Says Japanese Have Suspended Their Advance Along Ping Yang Line--Fear Russians Are Too Strong to Be Overcome.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, March 25.—A dispatch received today from General Kouropatkin en route to Harbin states that Thursday, a Cossack patrol encountered a Japanese outpost near Pakchieng and that in the fierce fighting that followed many of the Japanese were killed.

The dispatch adds that the Japanese have suspended their advance along the Ping Yang line, fearing that the Russians are too strong to be overcome at this time. Details of the fight are not obtainable but it is intimated that the Japanese were surprised and failed to recover in time to make much of a defense.

COSSACKS ARE STARVING. Slaughter Hundreds of Horses for Food—Cold Adds to Distress.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, March 25.—It is reported at the foreign office here that General Kouropatkin will not attempt to hold any place in Korea, but will use the Russian forces in that country to merely harass the Japanese advance.

It is now reported that Commander Stoessel at Port Arthur has made a complete census of that city and has ordered all men unwilling to work or fight to be expelled.

A report was received from northern Korea today that Russian troops are suffering severely for lack of food owing to delayed transportation of commissaries. It is stated that mounted soldiers are eating their horses. Orders have been given to thoroughly investigate the report and ascertain if the situation in the country south of the Yalu is as grievous as reported.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, March 25.—In a message notifying Viceroy Alexieff of the appointment of General Kouropatkin to command the army, and Admiral Makaroff to command the navy, which will be engaged in the Japanese war, the czar makes a flat statement of intentions in the situation which is considered significant. He says the importance of the pending struggle may be understood when it is realized that it is intended to finally assure for good and all the pre-eminence of Russia on the shores of the Pacific.



MILLIONS SAVED IN SUIT CASES

During High Wind Today Fire Starts in New York City and Threatens Financial Center of the World.

Express Companies Sustain a Million Dollar Loss--Panic Among Bankers and Brokers Who Try to Rescue Securities.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, March 26.—A serious fire started at noon here today, which for a time threatened one of the most important financial centers of the world.

each side of the burning structures valuables were removed, strongly guarded by police and firemen. At 12:45 o'clock nearly 50 streams were being directed on the fiercely burning fire, and within 30 minutes from that time the flames were under control.

A high wind was blowing at the time and it was believed that the fire would leap across Broadway to the Consolidated Stock Exchange building, and the occupants of this structure were notified by the police to move all effects.

When the news of the fire became general prominent men from all over the city rushed to the scene, and it is reported that Mayor McClellan personally gave directions to police and firemen, the latter's work being marvelous for quickness in stopping the conflagration.



The picture shows Daniel Sully, the dethroned cotton king, and the exterior of the exchange. The scene in the pit when the failure of Sully & Co. was announced is also shown.

MAYOR WILLIAMS IS EIGHTY-ONE TODAY

Mayor George H. Williams celebrated his 81st birthday today by going to his office at the regular time and devoting the regular number of hours to the routine business of the city.



MAYOR GEORGE H. WILLIAMS. Photograph by Grove.

"Yes, I am 81 today," Mayor Williams said this morning, "and, as General Webster once said, 'I ain't dead yet.' I never was in better health and never felt better than I do today. I feel just as strong as I ever did and don't know much about sickness. I drink milk regularly each day and have done so for years. Dr. Hutchinson tells me that in those 81 years, while I have been drinking milk I must have become possessed of about \$1,000,000,000,000 or more of bacteria which scientists say are always in milk. But I haven't encountered any ill effects from the bacteria up to this time and don't anticipate any. In fact, we must be getting quite friendly by this time."

appointment was not confirmed by the senate. He has served also as United States Senator from Oregon. Mr. Williams was born in New Lebanon, N. Y., in 1823, and came to Oregon in June, 1853, when he was appointed federal judge of the northwest district, embracing the then territory of Oregon. He was later chairman of the commission that settled the Alabama claims with the British government.

ROADS WILL NOT CUT LUMBER RATE

Pacific coast lumbermen will not get a 40-cent rate to Missouri river points, neither from the Northern Pacific nor from the Harriman lines. The lumbermen have for years been striving to secure from the Harriman lines a rate of 40 cents to Omaha, similar to that made to St. Paul by the Northern Pacific.

"The southern roads even now are considering the advisability of cutting the rate. Within the past few days I was told by a southern railroad official that their shippers were clamoring for lower rates to the Missouri river territory and that if any reduction was made by coast lines they would meet it. But as long as we keep rates at the present notch, for the sake of harmony and to avoid rate wars the southern roads will not act. At present the northwest lumbermen are occupying the field in the middle west as rapidly as they can expect to with the competition that exists, and lower rates will not aid in their struggle. With the long haul against them the coast shippers will always be at a disadvantage."

"At present we are making a rate on lumber to the east that is very low. The grain rate is low enough and has not caused complaint, but the lumber rate is much lower in proportion. When the haul is considered the rate made by the Northern Pacific on lumber to the Missouri river territory is lower than is made by roads from the south, the Yellow pine country, or from the north. I do not blame the lumbermen for asking this decrease. By hammering away many things are accomplished and their evident hope is to secure abnormally low rates, but the impossible will not be accomplished by any amount of agitation. Good business sense would show the lumbermen that any cut in rates would be met by line from the south and the north and the territory would still be out of the reach of northwest lumbermen and the loser would be the railroads that started the cut."

Portland and Oregon lumbermen generally, while interested in the movement for a 40-cent rate, are not so vitally interested as the Puget sound mill men and shippers. What local lumbermen want is a rate to Omaha over the Harriman lines that will be the same as that given Puget sound shippers to St. Paul by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. This rate is not likely to come for the same reasons that are advanced by the Northern Pacific for refusing to give a lower rate to Omaha via the Burlington from Billings. From the Northern Pacific it is also learned that the 40-cent rate to St. Paul will not be increased, though the haul is regarded by the company as one too cheap when compared with the rates on other commodities.

COGHLAN TO COMMAND AT NEW YORK YARD

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, March 26.—It is practically decided that Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding at the Isthmus of Panama, will succeed Rear Admiral Rodgers, commanding at the New York Naval yard, Rear Admiral Jewell is to relieve Coghlan.

CONGRESS DONATES LAND TO THE DALLES

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., March 26.—The house today passed William's bill providing for the donation of four lots in the Fort-Dalles Military addition to The Dalles, to the Oregon Historical society. The lots and buildings thereon are to be held and maintained solely for historical purposes.

COULDN'T SURVIVE INJURIES.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., March 26.—J. O. Blouch, who was injured by an O. R. & N. train at Thorn Hollow Wednesday and waited for several hours before help came, died in the hospital today.

BRENNAN GETS A NEW TRIAL.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, March 26.—The appellate court today granted a new trial to Alderman Brennan and Charles McCarr, who were convicted of vote buying and sentenced to one year in the county prison.

TEN DROP TO DEATH

Mine Cage Falls 600 Feet --Shaft Filled With Debris.

(Journal Special Service.) Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 26.—A fearful accident occurred at the Dorrance colliery, near here, today. The rope to a cage carrying 10 miners of the second shift to work, broke at 10 o'clock this morning, letting the cage drop to the bottom of the shaft, 600 feet below. Two of the unfortunate men, or what remained of them, were brought to the surface. Eight others lie mangled at the bottom of the pit. The latter is filled with debris, owing to several hundred feet of timbering having followed the cage in its destructive fall.

WRECK AT NAPAVINE

Great Northern Freight Cars Piled High by Broken Rail.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chehalis, Wash., March 26.—A wreck, which was disastrous as a property loss, but in which none was injured, occurred at 2 o'clock this morning on the Northern Pacific line one mile below Napavine and five miles south of the scene of the Elks excursion wreck of last summer. Mahara's minstrels, riding in a special car, were on the freight train which was wrecked, but all escaped serious injury, although many were severely bruised or cut.

CANAL IS PUT FIRST

Right of Way Secured Except Over Taffe's Land.

Without further legislation at the next session of the legislature there is now little prospect that the portage railway will be built. It has been superseded by the Cello canal, and although the state commissioners who have both projects in hand deny that the construction of the railway has been abandoned, they express the belief that it cannot be built without exceeding the appropriation of \$165,000. By the terms of the portage railway act they are prohibited from incurring any indebtedness in excess of the appropriation.

Look Out for The Sunday Journal.

The Sunday Journal will meet all the requirements of a great Sunday newspaper. It will be especially strong in those features which appeal to people who desire to be instructed and entertained by such a publication. Many of the great writers of the day will discuss questions of public moment presenting them from new points of view. There will be all the old favorites and some new ones. Fashion, society and woman's clubs will receive a great deal of painstaking attention and will be up to the usual standards. The comic pages for the boys, young and old, will be more comical than usual. Every department will be brimming full of good things and there will be no disappointment in any direction.

The news departments will be covered with extreme care. In its initial issue there was a lack of telegraphic news due to the storms that prostrated wires in every direction. But everything promises to be working well tonight. We wish to call particular attention to the special cable service which covers the news of all the European capitals as well as the interesting gossip and speculation. With our own leased wire the public may rest assured that the very cream of foreign, war and domestic news will be furnished them. Don't miss The Sunday Journal or you will regret it. A telephone message will bring it to you at your home.

HOUSEWIVES WILL PAY MORE FOR BROOMS

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, March 26.—Reports to the contrary notwithstanding, it is today asserted that the broom combine is assured. At a conference held this week all arrangements for organizing the combine were practically completed. The combine will have a capital of \$12,000,000 and will, it is said, represent 75 per cent of the industry in the United States. The large plants of New York, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois are interested. The combination hopes to check the trade war which has been much in evidence during the last few years and also expects to cut the cost of production to a minimum and thereby increase the profits.

WOMEN WILL WALK ACROSS CONTINENT

(Journal Special Service.) New York, March 26.—Bright and early Monday morning, according to present arrangements, Mrs. Annette L. Place, of the Professional Woman's league, will start from this city in an attempt to walk across the continent. The trip will be made in company with her close friends, Mr. and Mrs. Brannan, and the party expects to reach California within a year.

STORM DEVASTATES MAURITIUS ISLAND

(Journal Special Service.) Port Louis, Mauritius, March 26.—A tornado swept this island on March 23, killing 24 persons and doing immense damage to property. Growing crops and fruit plantations were swept away until where stood prosperous plots of cultivated land is nothing but a wind-sown plain. Almost all of those who lost their lives were native laborers.