

THE WEATHER.  
Tonight, cloudy and threatening;  
Saturday, fair and warmer; south  
to west winds.



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## SENT DOWN BY A MINE

### Japanese Lose a Torpedo Boat Through an Acci- dental Contact.

### SMALL LOSS OF LIFE

#### Seven Men Killed and Seven Injured-- Great Siege Guns to Be Turned Against the Russian Stronghold.

(Journal Special Service.)  
London, May 13.—The Japanese have lost a torpedo boat, the first loss of a vessel sustained by them in the present war and, like the Russian loss, the vessel was sent to the bottom by accident.  
A dispatch through the Reuters agency from Tokyo today reports the details. The vessel lost was torpedo boat No. 48, which was engaged yesterday in removing mines which had previously been planted in Kerr bay, north of Tsushima.  
The torpedo boat, while working on one mine, was carried by the wash against another of the mercury type, which had not been observed, and the destruction of the boat followed.  
Seven men were killed and seven injured. The injured as well as those who escaped unscathed were immediately picked up by boats from another torpedo boat.

To Reduce Fortresses.  
Advice received here today through Nuchwang confirms the report that the Japanese are making preparations to reduce the fortress at Fort Arthur by persistent bombardment.  
When the troops landed at Petsawo they were immediately followed by transports carrying heavy siege guns. Some of these are the newest and most modern that can be quickly transported. Relying on the concentration of troops enough to completely control the peninsula, the Japanese are now reported to plan the mounting of the heaviest guns ever used in a siege, and of sufficient power to fairly tear the Russian stronghold to shreds, leaving it no more than an immense heap of stone, obliterated tunnels and demolished guns.

### WIRE CAUSED LOSS.

Japanese Reports Give Details of Loss and Story of Bombardment.  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Tokyo, May 13.—The official report of Admiral Katsuo indicates that the accidental discharge of a mine which blew up torpedo boat 48 may have been through wire work. It is stated that the mine was carried on from the shore.  
According to his statement, the third fleet arrived off Korr bay near Dalny yesterday. The Japanese war vessels Itakushima, Nishin and Mayako made a demonstration and bombarded the blockade fleet in the meantime while engaged in finding and destroying mines which had been placed there at a prior time by the Russians, and later supplemented by Japanese locations.  
An officer and four men were landed and went to the Russian station from which led the telegraph wires leading to the Russian mines. Three of the mines were successfully destroyed by the use of these electric wires. Torpedo boat 48 was engaged in picking up another mine for which she had been "sweeping" when the explosion which sent her to the bottom took place.  
It is now believed possible that the premature connecting of the current on the mine which was beneath her may have caused the loss.

### SITUATION THREATENING.

British Ambassador Feigns Danger Flag May Float with Japanese Banner.  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Birmingham, May 13.—The Birmingham Post asserts that the foreign office has received a long dispatch from British minister Satow at Peking, concerning China's attitude in which he states that there is open satisfaction expressed by the Chinese imperial authorities over the repeated Japanese successes. Satow regards this as the chief danger in the situation.  
China, he is reported to have said, can only be kept neutral by the joint effort of the European ambassadors. He suggests that Great Britain approach the other powers to accomplish this end.

### KAISSER STRONGLY IMPRESSED.

Daily Visits of Russian Ambassador Cause Comment.  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Berlin, May 13.—Since his return from the Mediterranean trip the Kaiser has been visited daily by the Russian ambassador, causing much comment in diplomatic circles. These visits suggest that negotiations of the most important character are being exchanged in Berlin and St. Petersburg. The Kaiser is strongly impressed with the reality of the "yellow peril."

### PACIFIC MEET HARDERS.

One Transport Alone Carries 3,000 Japanese Soldiers.  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Shanghai, May 13.—Advice received here states that a Japanese army of 70,000 sailed from Chinampo, on 53 transports on the fourth instant, destined for



RUINS OF THE BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST NIGHT. PHOTOGRAPH BY KISER BROS.

## BIG MILLS BURNED

### Fire Destroys Three Large Manufacturing Plants.

### MANY WORKMEN IDLE

#### Multnomah Trunk and Box Factory, Day Lumber Co., and Powers Furniture Factory Totally Destroyed.

Smoldering ruins are all that remains on the site where until an early hour this morning stood the plants of the Multnomah Trunk & Box company, the Day Lumber company and the Ira F. Powers furniture company. The total loss is over \$150,000. The insurance is less than one-third of this amount. Three hundred men are thrown out of employment.  
The manufacturing plants were located between the river bank and Moody street, and Hancock and Thoms streets. When the fire alarm was turned in at 11:30 o'clock last night the whole plant of the Day Lumber company was in flames, and before Engine No. 1, which was the first of the fire department's apparatus at the blaze, could reach the scene the mill was in ruins.  
Although the firemen worked like Trojans for six hours, they were baffled on every hand by the lack of water. Only three streams could be turned on the blazing mill, one of these having to be pumped for nine blocks.  
The fire started in the Day mill and spread rapidly. About 11:30 o'clock last night Watchman Sherman Haines started to feed the furnaces of the mill with sawdust. The fuel being shoveled into the furnace through a narrow chute. Within a minute an explosion occurred in the furnace, which caused a great mass of sparks to be scattered about the bin where the fuel was kept. In an instant the whole mill was ablaze. Haines made a heroic effort to put out the flames, but his work was useless.  
Seeing that he could do nothing to check the spread of the blaze, the watchman attempted to crawl out of the burning bin too long for when he attempted to escape he was surrounded by a wall of flames. Knowing the nearest exit, Haines covered his face with his hands and jumped. Although he got out, his hand was unfastened, he had to be carried to his room at the Riverdale hotel. He is badly burned about the face and left arm, while his left hand was almost burned to a crisp.

### Lack of Water Caused Loss.

Within 12 minutes after the alarm was turned in four engine companies were at the scene. Chief Campbell at once saw that the firemen would be greatly handicapped by the lack of water. There were several hydrants tested about the yard, but they all proved useless. Several of the mill hands who rushed to the fire as soon as the blaze was discovered, had attached a few short lengths of the company's hose to these hydrants, but the rapid movement of the flames quickly drove them away, while the water plugs were left open. This reduced the flow of the two or three hydrants near the outside of the mill yards to almost nothing. It is believed that if quick action were not taken the flames would spread across the railroad on Moody street and perhaps wipe out a large portion of South Portland. Chief Campbell ordered engine 3 to a hydrant eight blocks away. From here water was pumped to engine 1, stationed nearly 1,500 feet nearer the fire, which in turn pumped a stream into the blaze. This tandem scheme was an experiment, but the local firemen say that it worked as beautifully as could be hoped for.  
Two other streams were brought into play by engine 4 being stationed along the river bank, while engine 5 puffed merrily away near the burning mill.  
"We had only had water," said Assistant Chief Laudon, "if we had only had water! Although the Day mill was a goner before the alarm was turned in, the other plants might have been saved if we had only had the streams to play on them."  
"Although the loss of our plants falls very heavily on us, I cannot help but being more sorry for the men that are thrown out of employment than for our own losses," said S. E. Wrenn, president of the Multnomah Trunk & Box company, this morning. "By the burning of the factories of our plant 150 men are out of work. Of course, we expect to rebuild as soon as possible, but it will be some time before these men can be at work again."  
Each engine had a tank of water. Wrenn said that they would easily reach \$150,000, while the insurance would not be over \$40,000, if that much. The plants of this company which were destroyed by this morning's fire were:

### Mrs. Wrenn Sorry for Men.

"In our yards," continued Mr. Wrenn, "were piled 1,500,000 feet of lumber, 200,000 feet of which was clear spruce. The average value of this lumber was \$15 per thousand. As the fire season is almost over, we had some lumber which they have asked have not been granted."

### DOCK WORKERS WILL STRIKE.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Rouen, France, May 13.—The dock workers have decided to strike as a consequence which they have asked have not been granted.



ASSISTANT CHIEF M. LAUDENKLOS, WHO WAS INJURED.

## TORADOR GORED TO DEATH IN RING

(Journal Special Service.)  
Lisbon, May 13.—Fernando Oliveira, the celebrated bull-fighter, was gored to death last Thursday while giving an exhibition. His horse stumbled, throwing Oliveira directly in front of the charging bull, which trampled his head, dismembered him with a wicked thrust of his horns, and tossed the horribly mangled body high in air.  
The bull, which was a particularly savage animal, had been driven into the ring by the assistants previous to the appearance of the celebrated torador, who was an idol of the Spanish people. Oliveira entered the ring greeted by a thunderous applause from the assembled multitude, and while acknowledging this recognition by bowing to the right and left, the maddened bull, who had been goaded to frenzy by continued worry of the picadors, caught sight of his antagonist and charged, killing him instantly.  
A panic followed in the audience, women fainting and a general rush was made for the exit. A number were seriously injured before quiet reigned. The bull was finally killed by assistants and the body of the fighter removed from the arena.

## WHY ROSE COGHAN DROPPED DIVORCE

(Journal Special Service.)  
Helena, Mont., May 13.—The mystery of the dismissal of plaintiff's motion of the divorce suit brought by Rose Coghlan, the actress, for divorce from John T. Sullivan, has just been solved. The actress believes that the stringent code of Montana, which is her home, will not recognize a divorce applied for in Montana while she was on a tour with her company.  
Rose Coghlan is best known for her performances of Fag Wolffington and kindred parts. John T. Sullivan was her leading man in the Jodelyn when he married her, but the couple have lived apart for some years.

## UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Coracana, Tex., May 13.—The Texas division of the United Commercial Travelers convened in annual session in Coracana today, and the meeting will continue until Sunday. Several hundred delegates and visitors are in attendance from various parts of the state. The organization in Texas is in a flourishing condition as regards both membership and finances, according to the reports of the several officers. The visitors are being royally entertained by the members of the local council.

## TO OPEN ROSEBUD

### Proclamation Signed Adding 418,000 Acres to Farming Area.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, May 13.—Disregarding the superstition involving the number 13, the president this morning signed the proclamation which opens for settlement the lands of the Rosebud Indian agency in South Dakota. The lands over which Indian wars were conducted with such bitterness are to be turned by the plowshare and a great domain is to be added to the agricultural area of the middle west.  
The lands are to be thrown open at 9 o'clock on the morning of August 8, and a rush is expected. The proclamation covers 418,000 acres.  
Under the terms of the opening, the land sales will go by lot, this governing the price also. Applicants registering their names with government officials will be appointed to conduct the drawings.  
The price asked by the government is \$3 an acre, far below the value of the lands in northwestern Iowa, are now quoted at \$50 an acre, and are not commonly offered for sale, even at that price.  
It is expected by the land office that not less than 50,000 persons will register in the hope of securing a choice bit of farming property.

## GAMBLING CAUSES SINGULAR SUICIDE

(Journal Special Service.)  
Buffalo, N. Y., May 13.—Remarking the "water is fine for a boat ride to-night," Charles Small, said to be a wealthy New York broker, jumped from the steamer City of Erie last night en route from Cleveland.  
The suicide said before making the plunge that he was financially involved to the extent of \$155,000, due to his dealings in cotton, had "gone up against it hard," and ended by saying "bad luck has broken my nerve."  
His body was not recovered.

## SCORES HUSBAND

### Judge Hogue Declares D. G. Van Houten Should Be in Prison.

"In my opinion you should be in the penitentiary, instead of being at large and terrorizing your wife. I don't see any way whereby you should have been turned loose after murdering that man, and no jury on earth except the one that did it, would have given you freedom."  
This was the startling and sensational statement from the lips of Municipal Judge Hogue this morning when David G. Van Houten, who slew Albert Young in a fit of jealousy, was arraigned before the court on a charge of assault and battery. Mrs. Minnie Van Houten was the complaining witness. It was because the husband thought her affections had been alienated by Young that he fired the fatal shots at the victim. After a trial in the circuit court, the jury quickly acquitted Van Houten.

## SPLINTERS HIS GAVEL

(Journal Special Service.)  
Springfield, Ill., May 13.—The greatest fight in the history of an Illinois Republican gubernatorial campaign began this morning when the second day's session of the state convention opened.  
All combinations of candidates were broken to pieces. For 30 minutes no business was transacted on account of the deafening uproar which Chairman Cannon threatened to bring to an end by adjourning the convention. The uproar became so great that the chairman broke his gavel in an effort to attract attention.  
The credentials committee report with Yates in full control was finally adopted. "Uncle Joe" Cannon, as the permanent chairman of the convention, received a great ovation.  
Senators Cullom, Hopkins, Speaker Cannon and Governor Yates were chosen as delegates to large to the national convention. The resolutions committee reported a platform which instructed the delegates to vote for Roosevelt, and recommends the name of Congressman R. R. Hitt for the vice-presidency. Without argument the report was unanimously adopted.  
The convention in order to clear its decks, resolved to hear no nominating speeches and the roll call of the districts began.  
Governor Yates led in the balloting, but gradually cut down his figures as the voting continued. On the fourth ballot Yates had a lead of only 100 votes over Lowden, with Deneen 15 votes behind Lowden. It was practically a deadlock.  
The ballots necessary for a choice are 752. On the sixth ballot Yates had 493 votes, Lowden 494 votes, Deneen 383 votes.

## LADY MANAGERS INSPECT THE FAIR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
World's Fair Grounds, St. Louis, Mo., May 13.—The lady managers, government commissioners, and exposition officials went in a body yesterday to inspect the exhibits and palaces of the exposition and found vast spaces filled to overflowing with wonderful and admirably installed exhibits. A great army of men employed in the work has made amazing progress in completing the installation of this week.  
MRS. MARY PHELPS MONTGOMERY.  
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## MINISTER USES REVOLVER.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Texarkana, Ark., May 13.—During an encounter between Rev. S. L. Hayden and Rev. J. B. Crandall, on a railway train entering this city, the latter fired two shots at the former from a rapid-fire revolver, neither shot taking effect. The trouble was caused by a personal disagreement.

## FOES OF THE SALOON BOX TO BE HEARD ON MONDAY

An opportunity will be given Portland citizens to protest against the private saloon boxes and to protest to some purpose next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock when the liquor license committee of the council will meet at the city hall to consider the anti-box ordinance introduced by Councilman H. R. Albee. At this time the fate of the ordinance will probably be decided. Much will depend on the amount of public interest shown and the number of citizens present who are willing to make a stand against the box and to favor the proposed ordinance.  
It is promised that all who appear before the committee will receive attention and consideration, as at least three of the committee have expressed themselves as being opposed to the closed saloon box.  
Since revelations of the saloon box will have been made by The Journal in addition to individual councilmen, lead-



WATCHMAN HAINES, WHO WAS BADLY BURNED.

## HORRIBLY WOUNDED CRAWLS TO CAMP

(Journal Special Service.)  
Eugene, Or., May 13.—With his leg shattered by the accidental discharge of a heavy-calibre revolver, Orville Waller, a watchman at the Lucky Boy mine, crawled up a steep mountain side for more than a mile with the determination of saving his life. Waller was employed as a watchman in the stamp mill, and was alone at the time of the accident, which was caused by his stumbling and dropping his revolver. The weapon was discharged upon striking the ground. Waller's trip was one of terrible suffering, as he had a tortuous route to travel. In his weakened condition he spent more than five hours in making the trip.  
Although Waller was exhausted from loss of blood when he reached the camp, it is not thought that amputation of his leg will be necessary.

## CELEBRATE FIRST JAMESTOWN LANDING

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, D. C., May 13.—Representatives of patriotic and historical societies of Washington, Richmond, and other places gathered today at Sewall's Point and participated in exercises held in celebration of the 375th anniversary of the first landing of the English at Jamestown. The observance today was in the nature of a preliminary to the celebration of the tercentenary of the founding of Jamestown, which is to take the form of a great exposition to be held in 1907.  
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