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TERRIFIC ARTILLERY BATTLE AT PORT ARTHUR WHICH IS NOW IN PROGRESS. DRAWN FROM CABLED DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SCENE.

RUSSIA'S DECIMATED FLEET IN DYING FIGHT

Reported to Have Made a Desperate Dash at Dawn From Port Arthur's Harbor to Be Met by Togo's Ships.

Chefoo, Aug. 15.—(Bulletin.)—An unconfirmed rumor says that the Russian cruiser Novik has been sunk. The Novik took refuge in Kiao Chow harbor, but left within the 24-hour limit.

Tokio, Aug. 15.—Shattered, hopeless, exposed to terrific cannonading from within and without, the remnant of the Port Arthur Russian fleet which for so long menaced the seas and safeguarded the entrance to the Russian stronghold, is today making its last fight.

Just as dawn was breaking this morning the vessels which took refuge within the harbor after the last fight, finding that they were within the range of the Japanese land batteries made a desperate dash for the open sea.

Outside in wait awaited the remaining ships of Togo's fleet which intercepted the flying Russians and the battle at once commenced.

No details have been received here and the most intense anxiety and excitement prevail.

Full details have been received here of the utter defeat of the Vladivostok squadron by Admiral Kamimura. The battle took place 20 miles from Ulsan, north of Iou Island, at 5 o'clock Saturday morning. When the fleet was sighted the Japanese vessels which had been cruising in search of them for many days rushed into battle. The fighting was continuous until 10:30 o'clock when it was seen that the Rurik, the crack 11,000-ton Russian cruiser, was in trouble.

25 KRUGER TREASURE SEEKERS ARE DROWNED

(Journal Special Service.)
Durban, Natal, Aug. 15.—The steamer Penguin, which has gained world fame as a treasure-seeker, was wrecked in a storm off Zululand today and 25 of the men aboard her drowned. The others were rescued after long effort and exposure.

The Penguin was chartered and fitted out to search for the big treasure which presumably belonged to former President Paul Kruger, and which was lost off the coast while the Boer war was in progress. Kruger had made arrangements to transfer the fortune, which was largely in gold and diamonds collected for many months in anticipation of such an emergency, and none other than he knew the exact value. Popular belief placed it as being nearly \$1,000,000.

With her colors still flying and flames belching from her guns almost to the water's edge, the big cruiser, fighting a dying fight, settled slowly by the stern and disappeared from the surface of the waters. Her prow was the last portion visible.

In all this heavy firing and desperate fighting the Rostia and Gromobol, the two other splendid cruisers of the Vladivostok squadron, fought gamely though manifestly overpowered and worsted. Several times during the action these two were seen to be in flames caused by the rain of Japanese shells. The Russians mastered the flames, but the vessels were visibly damaged.

When the Rurik sank, seeing that all further fighting was completely hopeless, the Rostia and the Gromobol, under forced draught escaped, while the Japanese hastened to rescue the survivors of the Rurik.

Small boats were launched from all the vessels and no attempt made to pursue the fleeing Russian cruisers. By the Japanese leniency 450 members of the Rurik's crew were picked up. More than 300 of her crew were killed or drowned.

The Japanese losses were comparatively nothing, only two Japanese sailors being killed and seven wounded.

The Russian fire under the harassment of the storm of steel hurled upon the squadron, was rendered almost useless, but one Japanese vessel being hit.

Taken to Nagasaki.

Immediately after the survivors of the Rurik were picked up and have been landed at Sasebo, according to advice received here today from Nagasaki. The intense effectiveness of the Japanese fire is shown from the fact that of the survivors of the Rurik more than 100 are more or less wounded.

The situation as far as the Russian navy in far eastern waters is concerned may now be said to have no more perils.

Four Russian ships are all that are known to have gained Port Arthur's shelter, which, according to advice today, has apparently been rendered untenable by the Japanese fire.

The czarowitz is disabled at Taing Chou and will probably be disarmed and remain there until the war is concluded. But one other vessel, the Novik, is therefore to be feared, and hope runs high that within a few hours she too may be brought to the end and either sunk or captured.

By the steamer Gaelic, bound for Shanghai, yesterday, came a report that a warship, probably the Novik, had been sighted, evidently heading for Vandiemien strait. With all possible speed pursuit was instituted and the war office hopes at any time to hear the news of her having been overtaken.

No apprehension exists as regards the Russian cruiser Aekoid, which is now at Woosung. Her damage is said to

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RELIEF FOR SHIPPERS

New Vessel For Orient to Be Chartered Before Nightfall.

Unless some unforeseen complications arise before today has passed, a steamer will have been chartered by the Portland & Asiatic Steamship company to transfer a cargo of flour from Portland direct to Japan.

The decision was arrived at this morning by company officials upon receipt of news from the orient announcing the disaster to the Russian Vladivostok fleet. This is the squadron that captured the steamer Arabia, from this port to Yokohama, and that threatened commerce between the United States and the orient. With these Russian warships out of the way, the Portland & Asiatic company feels that it is safe to resume its freight steamship service.

The statement is made that an order will likely be issued at once to the effect that all the oriental liners controlled by the Harriman interests will again begin carrying freight to Japan. It is generally believed that there is now no further danger of any of the vessels being molested by the Russian warships. Those who are in a position to know state that the embargo will undoubtedly be lifted within the next day or two.

Either Hero or Quito.

It will be either the Hero or Quito, it is thought, that will be chartered to take a cargo from Portland. Negotiations have been in progress for the former during the past week, but owing to the aggressive policy pursued by the Vladivostok squadron of late the owners raised their rates to such a figure as to almost place the vessel out of the market. The owners of the British steamship Quito then bid for the business, but their rates of \$5.50 a ton were also considered to be rather high. But since the news has been received that the war vessels of the czar have met with such appalling reverses and the remnants of the once feared squadron are now in flight, the owners of the freighters which are on the Pacific coast and available for early loading have signified a willingness to accept rates which will permit of the vessels being chartered.

Shippers Are Anxious.

Frequently during the day the local exporters have called up the officials of the Portland & Asiatic Steamship company, asking for the latest information concerning the oriental situation. In these short talks over the phone the shippers expressed it as their opinion that there is no longer any reason why there should not be a resumption of commerce between here and Japan. The company officials agreed with them, and stated that there would certainly be something definite done about the matter within a very short time. Every exporter who was asked for an opinion on the subject today declared unreservedly that there now would be no risk assumed whatever in dispatching a steamer direct to Japan.

It will also be possible to engage a vessel, they explain, without the venture costing an unreasonable amount

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EXPOSES BIG GRAFT

McCarthy Is Sentenced and Tells Story of Detective's Work.

Through the expose in The Journal of the methods employed by the police department in trying to obtain money from Frank Rummelin with which to bribe criminals to return his stolen furs, speedy justice, in part, has been wrought. John McCarthy was taken into court this morning and sentenced by Circuit Judge George to serve 23 months in the state penitentiary. James Coleman pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve a year in the penitentiary.

In pronouncing sentence on McCarthy the court stated that he showed leniency because he had arrived at the conclusion that McCarthy had done his best to have the stolen goods returned. He intimated that an attempt had been made by the authorities to trade on his prisoner's reputation. In the case of Coleman the court expressed the opinion that the only thing against him was his plea of guilty.

McCarthy's Expose.

In the presence of a deputy sheriff, after his sentence had been pronounced, McCarthy made a complete statement regarding Detective Joe Day's connection with the case. He says that Day, and Day alone, knew the names of the thieves and their location, and that instead of trying to apprehend them he went to Bob Patterson, the saloon-keeper, and had him act as intermediary in the effort to have the goods returned and the reward secured. According to McCarthy, Detective Day said the reward would have to be "split four ways"—that is, divided among four persons. When he increased his demand to \$250, McCarthy asked who was to get the additional \$70, he declares, but Day refused to tell him.

"Shortly after my arrest," said McCarthy, "Day came to me at the city prison and said he would go to the front for me if I would tell him who committed the theft. I told him the names of the two men who stole the furs and that they were then at Vancouver, B. C. He is the only man to whom I have ever given the names of the ones who did the work.

"Day then went to Bob Patterson and asked him if he would see that a letter written by me reached the two men. Patterson was brought to the city prison to see me April 16. At that time I wrote the two boys a letter telling them of my predicament and gave it to Patterson. He mailed it to them and received the answer, which was procured from him by my attorney, Mr. Cameron. I would not trust Day in the matter, but believed Patterson would do the right thing. Day does not like Patterson but thought him the only man that could accomplish anything in the matter.

Day's Clever Work.

"After I had been at the county jail a short time my attorney brought me the answer from Vancouver. This was the letter signed 'Joe and Fred' which I showed Judge George. The boys said they had tried to assist me by telling

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ROOT WILL ACQUIESCE

Will Be G. O. P's Candidate for Governor of New York.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Aug. 15.—Senator Platt, in an interview, has made the positive announcement that Elihu Root will accept the nomination for governor. A newspaper poll of the chairman of the Republican county committee shows that 23 are for Root, and only three against him.

It is now considered by many that it has been practically settled that Root's name will head the ticket. It is said that recent events have transpired which led the Republican leaders to fear that unless some such action as this was taken that Parker would undoubtedly carry New York state.

Even with the support of Root at the head of the ticket, and the consequent alignment of forces the Republican leaders are not exhibiting their usual assurance of victory.

PREPARING FOR NOTIFICATION.

Davis Leaves for White Sulphur Springs.

(Journal Special Service.)
Elkins, W. Va., Aug. 15.—Henry G. Davis, the Democratic nominee, left at noon today for White Sulphur Springs, where his formal notification will take place at 1 o'clock Wednesday.

He traveled in the private car Grace-land, accompanied by his brother, Col. Tom Davis, his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, National Committeeman McGraw, and several other personal friends.

PARKER TAKES PLUNGE.

Will Not Attend Club's Banquet at Big Indian.

Big Indian, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Parker, after a night's sleep at Winnisook lodge, took his usual plunge in the artificial lake near the club.

He refused an invitation to attend the club's banquet tonight, owing to possible references in a political way to which he might be subjected, and will leave for Esopus at 2:40 o'clock this afternoon.

FAIRBANKS CONSULTS MANAGERS.

Political Outlook Is Satisfactory—Declines to Discuss Plans.

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Aug. 15.—Senator Fairbanks arrived today to consult the campaign managers in regard to speaking dates. He said that the political outlook is satisfactory, but declined to discuss the campaign plans.

SAIL FOR GIBRALTAR.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—The navy department has been informed that the European squadron will sail from Smyrna today for Gibraltar in accordance with the order to Minister Lial-man

FORESTS IN M'KENZIE VALLEY ARE AFLAME

Settlers Flee Through Smoke Obscured Highways — Booth-Kelly Company a Loser—Washington Has Fires.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Aug. 15.—Forest fires are sweeping over the McKenzie river valley near Waterville and Leoburg, and up to noon all efforts to stop the encroachment of the flames had proved vain. Settlers are fleeing from the district through clouds of smoke so dense that at times the roadways are rendered invisible and wherever the services of a man to fight the flames can be enlisted he is sent forward to battle with the leaping enemy.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company has a large force of men trying to avert further loss of fine timber, but the latest reports are that no material check has been effected. Two sections of splendid timber have already been wiped out, according to morning reports here, and equally fine bodies of trees are in the path of the fire.

Arrivals at the nearest points of communication say that the roads will be rendered impassable by night, but that it is not believed that any persons are cut off from escape. They do not believe that the property loss outside of timber will be great, unless the fire changes its course. They say, however, that nothing other than severe rains, which can hardly be expected, will avert the sweep of the fire and place but little hope in the fire-fighters' efforts.

Although the Booth-Kelly company, which owns many hundreds of acres of timber in that locality, will be the heaviest losers, there will be many individual timber-owners in the list of sufferers.

The fire has been spreading for the past three days, although when it first became apparent that the danger threatened magnitude, men began to organize in squads and take stoppage measures.

Plans are being formulated here this afternoon to send men to assist those already fighting the fire. The distance from here is about 70 miles.

Situation More Serious.

Eugene, Or., Aug. 15 (1 o'clock p. m.).—A report received here by telephone this afternoon says that the flames have spread so that several settlers' ranches are now in immediate danger of being fire-swept and their dwellings and out-buildings consumed.

Those endangered are said to be moving their effects to places of safety as rapidly as possible. A wind has arisen to add to the destruction.

KING COUNTY ABLAZE.

Flames Raging in Forests and Many Farmhouses Burned.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., Aug. 15.—The whole of King county is enveloped in smoke. Thirty forest fires, large and small, are burning in every part of the county, and squads of men under the direction of the deputy fire warden are contending against them. The only possibility of their abatement, the warden says, is in

the event of a heavy rainfall, and this is not expected.

In this city the haze is growing denser as the flames progress. From Bothel and Redmond reports come this morning that the conflagration is increasing and at least 1,000 men are in these vicinities fighting the flames. From Redmond the fire is working toward Fall City. Its path is wide and back firing has so far proven unsuccessful.

Farmhouses Destroyed.

The fury of the Bothel blaze is reported as increasing, but as it is heading for the open country, it is hoped it will diminish. All the way to the Cascades the same condition exists, and reports this morning are that farmhouses by the score are being wiped out. The

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FRENZIED GEORGIANS ATTEMPT A LYNCHING

(Journal Special Service.)
Augusta, Ga., Aug. 15.—It was reported from Statesboro this morning that 15 negroes were lynched by a mob at 5 o'clock this morning. The negroes were accused of the murder of the Hodges family three weeks ago.

The mob cut the wires, hence no news was obtainable.

Spaniards say that two negroes who were brought to Statesboro Saturday night to be tried for the Hodges murder confessed and implicated 15 others.

Later news states that no lynching occurred, but that the sheriff and two companies of state troops are holding a mob in check. A whole regiment is being rushed from Savannah.

The negroes confessed that a secret organization known as the "Before Day Club" had been formed with the object of murdering and robbing whites.

Later—The governor received a telegram from the mayor of Statesboro saying a thousand armed men are waiting to lynch the negroes as soon as they have been tried. He needs four military companies by 4 o'clock to prevent the lynching.

The governor ordered two companies from Savannah. He stated the trial is proceeding regularly, the militia protecting the prisoners.

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