

THE WEATHER
Tonight and Friday, showers and
cooler; continued cool Friday;
southeasterly winds.



WILL TAKE OFFENSIVE

General Kuropatkin Wires the War Office From Liao Yang.

DETAILS KEPT SECRET

Incessant Rains Render Trans-Siberian Railway Poor Medium for Traffic, Causes Supply Department Worry.

London, August 25.—(Bulletin)—A Central News dispatch from Liao Yang states that the Japanese resumed their advance against General Kuropatkin from the east yesterday, and are marching along the Liao Yang road. An advance guard of eight companies encountered the Russians at Llandiansiang, but the attack was not pressed. Fighting is continuous today.

London, Aug. 25.—(Bulletin)—Two British cruisers, at the request of Russia, have been sent to search for the Russian volunteer cruisers Smolensk and Petersburg and instruct their commanders not to further interfere with foreign shipping.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, Aug. 25.—General Kuropatkin under today's date, from Liao Yang, wires the war office that he will take the offensive at once. The dispatch carried also a long review of conditions, but this portion was not given out to the public.

It is believed among the well informed here, however, that his army will be more nearly equal to that of the Japanese than at any previous time. There are now concentrated under his command 185,000 men, a large portion of whom are now seasoned veterans. For the Cosack divisions a fresh supply of horses has been received and others are being hurried forward as rapidly as possible. The batteries will be augmented by 120 cannon, which are now en route, and are expected within a few days. These guns are of a much later model than most of those which Kuropatkin has heretofore had at his command.

Supply Department Perturbed.
But one feature is worrying the supply department of the army and that is the fact that incessant rains have in places rendered the trans-Siberian railway but a poor medium for traffic. Washouts have been frequent and a large force of men is required to keep the road in anything like working order.

Better rolling stock has been put on, however, under the stress of war and the road for whole divisions is making better time than ever before in its history. It is currently reported that a number of American engineers are now scattered along the line and that to their efforts is a modernizing in method due. Despite the disasters which have so far overtaken the Russian cause the troops at the front are confident and assertive. They believe that within a short time they will sweep the Japanese into the sea and that Port Arthur will hold out.

The newspaper Russ tomorrow will publish an officially inspired article to the effect that Russia will refuse to accept mediation in the war with Japan, under any circumstances.

Alexieff Reports.
Report from Alexieff dated at Liao Yang, and received today, says the Japanese in an assault on Port Arthur, August 19, stormed Anioevaya and the fortifications on the north and east side of Wolfe Hill. The report adds that the Japanese are now entrenched before Simsha, and in the entire valley of the Lunbo River. Port Dainey is said to be in the hands of the Japanese. The announcement that the cruiser Askold and destroyer Crozovoi are to be disarmed at Shanghai created no surprise here, the authorities having decided the matter a week ago, only waiting for a definite agreement with China and Japan, which would insure the protection of the vessels against a repetition of the Ryeshantai incident at Chefoo.

LOSSES ARE ENORMOUS.

Japanese Being Killed by Thousands in Repeated Assaults.

(Journal Special Service.)
Chefoo, Aug. 25.—From Russian sources it is reported here that the Japanese attempted to capture fort No. 1 at Port Arthur, August 21, and it cost them 10,000 men killed and wounded. The attack on Fort Etzshnan resulted in the loss of 3,000. Port Dainey is said to be filled with killed and wounded. The Japanese are hiring Chinese for services on the Liao Tung peninsula.

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FIRE SWEEPS CITY OF NAPOLEON'S BIRTH

(Journal Special Service.)
London, Aug. 25.—A dispatch received here says that the city of Ajaccio, famous as Napoleon's birthplace, situated on the west coast of Corsica, was ravaged by fire last night and that several other towns in the surrounding vicinity are threatened with destruction by the flames. The latest report from the district says that more than 1,000 acres of vineyard and forest have been destroyed.

RAILWAYS HELPLESS

A Terrific Cloudburst in Arizona and Nevada Stops Traffic.

KNIGHTS SUFFER DELAY

Electrical Displays Accompanying Are Most Unusual—Santa Fe Railway Uses Southern Pacific Tracks.

(Journal Special Service.)
San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 25.—The main line of the Santa Fe railway is tied up indemnity by washouts and the great storm is still raging today. There are fierce electrical disturbances reported. Three overland trains, which were held at Barstow, returned here and then detoured over the Southern Pacific tracks. Balls of fire play along the steel rails for miles, and miles of roadbed have been swept away.

Santa Fe officials say that traffic in Arizona cannot be resumed before Saturday at least and possibly not that soon. Many trains are being held at Needles, on the Arizona state line. Repairs which were made only last Wednesday have been completely destroyed.

The Knights Templar are not expected here before Sunday at the earliest as the town of Needles is shut off from the west. All trains arriving there since Sunday are still there.

Another cloudburst yesterday tore away many miles of track. Knights Templar trains are tied up east of Arizona also by great washouts.

SEED FOOD OVERLAND.
Towns in Arizona Cut Off by Tempests and Cloudbursts.
(Journal Special Service.)
Reno, Nev., Aug. 25.—Food supplies for the relief of Tonopah and Goldfield, which are isolated by washouts, are being rushed in by wagons. The washouts are the worst in the history of Nevada.

The water at Walker Lake has risen over the six foot mark and overflows three miles of the railway track. Traffic cannot be resumed for a week at least.

FOREIGN SHIPS SAIL WITHOUT CARGOES

(Journal Special Service.)
Marseilles, Aug. 25.—As a result of the strike of settlers and dock laborers all foreign ships sailed today without cargoes. The ship owners have notified the prefect of Marseilles not to yield to the demands of the strikers no matter what the consequences may be. Owing to the determined stand taken by the owners, it is said that the leaders of the striking dock laborers will begin negotiations looking to a settlement, in which they will be willing to make concessions.

DIVORCE RECORD OF COOK COUNTY BROKEN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chicago, Aug. 25.—Mrs. Mary E. Fetzner today secured a divorce from John Fetzner, managing receiver of the Union Traction company, and a prominent financier on the ground of desertion. She received \$15,000 alimony. The divorce broke the Cook county divorce record. The bill was filed in Judge Brentano's court at 10 o'clock this morning. The argument began at 10:40 o'clock, the evidence was concluded at 10:50 o'clock, the decree was signed at 10:51 o'clock and Mrs. Fetzner received a check for \$20,000 at 10:52 o'clock.

ASKS POSTMASTER TO CONTRIBUTE \$75

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Davenport, Wash., Aug. 25.—L. A. Inkster, postmaster at this place, has a letter from E. B. Palmer, chairman of the Republican state central committee asking for a donation of \$75 for campaign funds. The communication is written on a campaign letterhead of the state committee. The penalty for such an offense is a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or three years' imprisonment.

Ajaccio is a seaport town and possesses a commodious harbor sheltered on all sides except the southwest. The chief articles of trade are wine, olive oil and fruits. In this town was born the great Napoleon, August 15, 1769, and the house in which he first saw the light of day may be among the number that fell before the flames of last night. The population of the town is about 18,000.



MRS. CHARLES L. HOUSTON
Queen of the Regatta, as She Appeared in Her Coronation Robes at Astoria Last Night.

NICOMEDIA'S CREW IN FIERCE FIGHT

Oriental Sailors Fight Pitched Battle On Vessel's Decks and Blood Flows Freely.

Stripped to the waist and with hatred stamped on their every feature the Chinese crew of the oriental liner Nicomedia engaged in one of the fiercest rough and tumble fights on board the vessel yesterday evening that has ever been seen in Portland harbor. Aside from using clubs, which they wielded with telling effect, the fighting men utilized their fists and teeth for all they were worth. As a result of the engagement there is scarcely a man in the outfit that is not going around this morning with a bandaged head. It is difficult to arrive at the true cause of the fracas. Those who witnessed it on the start thought that a boxer outbreak had taken place. It started at 6 o'clock in the evening, the meal hour, and some say a dispute arose over the proper division of a delectable dish which had been prepared, known as chop suey. Others declare that one of the celestial firemen stole a valuable ring from a sailor who is the ruling spirit at the council gatherings in the forecastle. Be this as it may, about 50 men became highly incensed over some apparent misdemeanor and they divided off in battle array into almost equal numbers. They had just completed

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OTTO ROSENDALE IS SUFFOCATED ASLEEP

Otto M. Rosendale, 259 Thirteenth street, one of the foremost mining engineers in this country, died of suffocation at Kalama last night.

He left this city yesterday afternoon by steamer for Kalama to see Dr. Darnell, who is interested in a mining proposition at that place. He found it impossible to return last night and secured a room at the home of E. L. Collins and retired between 9 and 10 o'clock. At 4 o'clock this morning it was discovered that his room was on fire. The door was burst open and he was found

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IS RECEPTION DAY AT THE REGATTA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Aug. 25.—Today is reception day in Astoria.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning, Admiral Campbell and his staff escorted Queen Helen to the grand stand where a public reception was held. This afternoon Captain Cottman of the Wyoming and Admiral Campbell and staff joined in entertaining the queen and her attendants on the admiral's flagship. This evening in her beautiful home Mrs. Wilkinsen will give a splendid reception for Queen Helen. All the visiting and local dignitaries will attend. Such are the day's social events but the water lover's attention centers more largely perhaps, on the days sports. The second day of the tenth annual regatta opened gloriously, and the weather is even more favorable than on the opening day. Incoming trains and boats brought immense crowds to the city and the attendance today is much greater than on any other day in the history of the water carnival. The arrival of Queen Helen at the grand stand this morning marked the commencement of the program. Her majesty and the court accompanied by the admiral and his staff, proceeded to the grand stand on the flagship Gatzert. As the queen came ashore she received an enthusiastic ovation. Her majesty remained on the grand stand until the noon hour, informally receiving. The big event of the morning races, the four-oared shell race, ended in dis-

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CREW OF TORPEDO BOAT ENTOMBED

Two Officers and Eight Men of United States Navy Narrowly Escape Death on Porpoise.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Aug. 25.—Entombed in the shell of the submarine torpedo boat Porpoise off Benton's reef, New York, the boat disabled and water pouring in through the bow torpedo tube until it reached a depth of eight inches in the engine room, two officers and eight men of the United States navy yesterday worked with the energy born of desperation for 45 minutes before they could bring the boat to the surface. Lieut. Charles Nelson, the expert submarine boat officer of the navy, was in charge of the vessel and it was due to his level-headed conduct and great bravery that the members of the crew did not falter a moment in the work and saved their own lives. The pressure of the water at the depth to which the boat had sunk was greater than the boat had been built to withstand, and the valves gave way so that the submerged tanks would fill almost as rapidly as the crew could clear them in order to bring the boat to the surface. Then the torpedo tube sprung a leak. The men worked at the pumps until nearly exhausted in their terrible fight for life and finally were saved when the boat rose slowly to the surface, when the valves could be easily repaired.

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SUSPENSE SOON OVER

Today Determines Location of Mining Congress Headquarters.

DENVER'S HOPES RISE

Big Colorado Chiefs Arrive to Aid in Fight—Salt Lake, However, is Confident—El Paso Happy Over Her Plum.

Confident that they had won the fight over the location of the permanent headquarters of the American mining congress, the Salt Lake delegates arrived at the armory this morning for the fourth day's session of the congress, wearing the air of assured victors. "We win hands down," declared one of the delegation. "Denver has been playing a waiting game and may have a surprise to offer at the eleventh hour, but we cannot be beaten. Salt Lake will have a big majority of the votes."

The choice of permanent headquarters is the special order of business this afternoon and the matter will be decided before the delegates adjourn for dinner. Denver's delegation received a fresh access of courage this morning with the arrival of additional representatives from their city, among them E. L. White, Colorado's commissioner of mines, and George W. Schneider, the state mining inspector. Undismayed by the confidence of their rivals from Salt Lake, Denver's champions stoutly maintained that victory would perch upon their banners. They declined to disclose their plans or to explain how the lead gained by their rivals is to be overcome, but were none the less insistent of the issue of the contest must be in their favor.

El Paso's success in capturing the congress of 1905 was a foregone conclusion, for the enthusiasm of the Texans swept all before them and the eloquence of their chosen orator, Zach L. Cobb, took the congress by storm. It was without a dissenting vote that El Paso was chosen as the convention city for next year.

The only remaining opportunity for any considerable contest before the congress adjourns lies in the selection of officers for the coming year. It is expected that the report of the committee entrusted with the nomination of the nine directors will be adopted without opposition, but the selection of the secretary may not be so easily decided. Colonel Mahon, the present secretary, will have strong support if he should seek re-election and Philip S. Bates of Portland is cordially backed by the delegates from this state. The re-election of President J. H. Richards is assured.

An important feature of this morning's session was the adoption of a resolution urging upon congress the passage of the bill introduced at the last session for the establishment at Portland of a government assay office. The reading of the resolution was greeted with cheers and it was adopted without a dissenting vote. In the interval between the morning and afternoon sessions, Salt Lake's delegates, confident of coming victory, paraded the streets with a brass band. With them were the El Paso delegation, whose votes are expected to be cast this afternoon for the Utah city, in the ballot which is to determine the location of permanent headquarters.

Boost for Portland.

DAY OF RESOLUTIONS.

Delegates Spend Busy Morning in Session Work.

Resolutions were again first on the morning program and brought the convention to a close. The resolutions committee, President Richards endeavored to get order in the great hall at 10:15 o'clock, and succeeded with the announcement that Secretary Mahon would read reports from the resolutions committee. No. 15, which is a substitute resolution, thanking President Roosevelt for appointing Messrs. Newell and Pinchot to confer with mining men regarding land laws affecting the mineral industry, was read. The favorable report of the committee was unanimously endorsed by the congress.

The congress then put itself on record as opposed to unlimited placer locations by power of attorney in Alaska, or elsewhere. This resolution was from the pen of J. G. Givens of Washington, and in its terms provided that not more than two placer claims could be located in one district. When the committee reported to send the resolution to F. H. Newell of the public land commission, L. J. Steele of Alaska, excepted to the word "district." He said that such a word in Alaska was ambiguous, and might mean a judicial district or other vast area. Owing to this fact, the resolution, which otherwise has the approval of the congress, was referred back to the committee for substituting the word "creek" for "district." This will limit locations to two claims on one creek. The resolution applies to all mining districts of the nation, and if favorably acted upon by the national congress will set at rest the vexing "power of attorney" question of Alaska. John M. Cleary's resolution asking that determinations of the mineral character of land be on the same lines as patent adverse proceedings, was reported for favorable action, and reported for favorable action, and reported for favorable action.

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WHAT DID THE WOGGLE BUG SAY?