

SUNKEN SHIPS UNINJURED

War Vessels at Port Arthur Submerged by Opening Valves, Vital Parts Having First Been Greased.

PEACE ENVOYS DISCUSS CZAR'S NAVAL STRENGTH

Limitation of Russian Power in Far Eastern Waters Subject of Conference but No Decision Reached—To Adjourn Until Monday When Final Tug of War Takes Place.

(Journal Special Service.) Portsmouth, Aug. 18.—It was announced when the envoys left for the conference this morning that adjournment will be taken after the session today until Monday to give the secretaries time to catch up with the records. The commissioners are showing signs of fatigue. They worked until 2 o'clock this morning in their rooms and arose at 7 o'clock. They studied the digest of the several days' proceedings before a hurried breakfast. Komura and Witte have set a strenuous pace for the members of their staffs.



SCANDAL LEADS TO ACCUSED SELF TO FOURTH TRIAL

Man Patterson May Have to Face Another Jury on Young Murder Charge.

WRONGED WOMAN'S SISTER CRYING FOR VENGEANCE

Relatives of Mrs. Ash, Whose Husband Became Infatuated With Actress, Endeavoring to Renew Prosecution—Ash Ejected From Hotel.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Aug. 18.—Owing to the interference of Mrs. Victor Handy, sister-in-law of Ralph Ash, the Duluth lumber broker, in his love affair with Nan Patterson, the chorus girl who may have to face another jury and make another fight for her life on the indictment charging her with "Cassus" Young's murder.

Compromise Feasible. It is stated that if a compromise is effected it will probably be along the lines that Russia yield Sakhalin to the sovereignty of Japan upon the latter's pledge not to fortify the island or use it for military or strategic purposes and to allow equal fishing and commercial opportunities to the citizens of both countries, Japan agreeing to forego remuneration for the cost of the war in the form of an indemnity and to take instead such incidental monetary compensation as she will obtain from the transfer of the Liao Tung lease, Chinese Eastern railroad and repayment of the maintenance of 100,000 Russian prisoners.

GROANS FROM THE GRAVE OF ASPHYXIATED GIRL

Crowd Digs Up the Body and Calls a Physician Who Finds Her Dead.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Aug. 18.—A workman while passing through St. Augustine's cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut, says he heard groans issuing from the grave of Miss Annie Bender, 17 years old, who died of gas asphyxiation, and whose body was buried Wednesday. The report so excited her relatives that, followed by a crowd of 1,000 persons, they went to the cemetery at midnight Wednesday and disinterred the body.

OREGON POTATOES FIRST CHOICE OF UNCLE SAM

The United States government has officially recognized the merits of Oregon burbank potatoes. In competition with the same grade of potatoes from Washington and California the Oregon potato was selected by the government for the use of the troops in the far north. In Alaska, where the winters are very rigorous, the potato from this state has proved, by test, to be the best produced. The securing of an order for 5,000 crates of potatoes by McKinley Mitchell and W. E. Glantz of this city puts a feather in Oregon's cap.

MAY SHUT SALOONS SUNDAYS

War to the knife will be declared against the saloons if they persist in their efforts to dictate legislation in the city council. The council has firmly resolved to prevent saloons from maintaining closed boxes and all the power of the police department will be employed to enforce its policy. Still more drastic is the plan of members of the municipal association, who declare that if the box evil is not at once abated steps will be taken to compel every saloon in Portland to close on Sundays, in accordance with the state law.

MISSING GIRL TELEPHONES

But Friends Nor Police Can Find Trace of Pretty Maude Rust Who Disappeared Over Two Weeks Ago.

MOTHER THINKS SHE IS HELD A PRISONER

Edward Campbell, Aged and Wealthy Cattleman, Who Was With Her the Night Before She Faded From Sight, Alleges Blackmail and Tells Stories That Do Not Agree.

Maude Rust is held a prisoner somewhere in the city, her mother says. Mrs. M. G. Rust has again appealed to the police to rescue her daughter from harm. The mother declared that a few days ago, while she was at a neighbor's house, the missing girl called up her home by telephone and pitifully cried for "Mamma!" The sounds at the other end of the line indicated that she was there forcibly torn from the instrument. Acting on this information Detective Hawley of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society has employed every means known to the police to try to locate the 18-year-old girl, but his efforts have been futile. Accompanied by Acting Detective James Attorney E. M. Smith has scoured the city in the search for Miss Rust. Every hotel, every lodging house, every place of questionable reputation where it is believed she may be concealed has been visited. But the quest has come to naught.

Out at Ockley Green, a pretty station on the St. Johns line, Edward Campbell, retired cattle and sheep man, said to be worth \$200,000, the man from whom the house the girl disappeared, calmly waters his lawn and attends to the details of an existence almost rural as calmly as if he had never heard of the missing girl.

Major Taggart Tearfully Declares That He Accepted Blame to Protect Mate.

BRUISES ON HER BODY STINGS IN HER HEART

Letter Read From Mrs. Taggart Accuses Her Husband and Refusing to Return to Him—Hospital Records Barred From Court.

(Journal Special Service.) Wooster, Aug. 18.—Major Taggart was recalled to the stand this morning and cross-examined regarding his letter. He reiterated the statement that he wrote them, taking all the blame to protect his wife. He said that he wrote the letters to protect his wife from charges that he had heard floating about the post. He said that he wrote that he had been drinking when he had not. The major declared tearfully that he had heard that General Miner would not allow his wife to communicate with him, and said that his sole motive in accepting blame was to protect his wife from post gossip.

Japs Rescued Boycott

(Journal Special Service.) Yokohama, Aug. 18.—Japanese merchants have rescinded the action of their boycott upon American goods.

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DAD ABOUT THE WILL TAKE CHINESE COOLIES IF CHINA WILL BUY GOODS

Admission Made in Resolutions Committee Room of Trans-Mississippi Congress.

PRESIDENT ASKED TO INVESTIGATE BOYCOTT

Heated Debate on the Admission of Laborers to This Country Followed by the Appointment of Workers to Facilitate Labors of Organization—Francis May Be Chosen President.

(Journal Special Service.) E. F. Haines of Galveston, Texas, today forced the admission in the resolutions committee of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress that an effort is being made to modify the Chinese exclusion laws to admit coolies if this is necessary to the conservation of the commerce of the United States in the orient.

The committee at the time was debating the resolution of the subcommittee of Governor M. C. Moore of Washington, Judge Sam Kimble of Kansas and E. H. Benjamin of California—which, amended on motion of Mr. Saylor of Iowa to include "our insular possessions," was adopted as follows for recommendation to the congress:

"Whereas, American trade with China is suspended, and American vessels are unable to discharge their cargoes at Chinese ports and Hongkong because of the refusal of Chinese to handle American products; and

"Whereas, the present state of affairs in the orient has been produced by the improper treatment to which the privileged classes of Chinese have been subjected in the execution of our laws prohibiting the admission of Chinese laborers to the United States; and

"Whereas, there are seeking admission to our country large numbers of persons from Europe, Asia and Africa, many of whom are apparently undesirable and cannot be admitted without endangering the high standards of American citizenship; be it

Resolved, That the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, in convention assembled, respectfully petitions the president of the United States to, if deemed expedient, reiterate his instructions for proper treatment of the privileged classes of China, to ascertain through the proper channels the reasons for the present boycott, and to appoint a commission to investigate and report to congress with recommendations for a comprehensive immigration law, framed to remove all unreasonable restrictions, but to exclude from the United States and our insular possessions all undesirable persons from every country."

Nearly the entire forenoon was consumed by the resolutions committee, and at times fire was struck. President T. B. Wilcox had assisted the subcommittee in drafting the resolution. He was admitted ex-officio to the committee's deliberations.

"I was not," said Senator Harris, "to hear our president, the honorable Mr. Wilcox, pronounce in favor of the admission of Chinese coolies."

"I wish to correct the impression of the gentleman from Texas," said Mr. Wilcox. "I am not in favor of the admission of coolies."

"I am still further surprised how to hear that our president is against the admission of coolies, for this morning he said that it was necessary to alter the feeling that has been engendered in the orient."

"Then your position is that you favor the admission of Chinese coolies under certain conditions?"

"I can not understand how the coolie question can be coordinated with the question of giving more courteous treatment to the privileged classes, which is the reason given in the open for modification of our exclusion laws. The issues seem to me to be absolutely different in character. And I want to say that while Texas does not want to interfere with a question that is local to the Chinese coast, yet if ever the proposal is made to admit Chinese coolie labor to this country our two United States senators and 18 representatives in the federal congress will stand against it with vigor."

Ex-Governor Moore addressed the committee and reiterated the views of President Wilcox, saying that he was for the admission of coolies in limited numbers, if necessary to the preservation of the commerce of the United States in the orient.

Senator Harris stated that he would support the resolution, owing to the fact that it was so broad in its language that it was just as unobjectionable as would be a resolution endorsing the beautiful climate of Portland or proclaiming a belief in the virtue of good women.

Mr. Tammill of Idaho objected to amending the resolution to include insular possessions and Mr. Wilcox of North Dakota counseled against making any declaration.

Belgie Craig of Redlands, California, personally visited the committee and the wishes of the majority of the Iowa delegation and made against the resolution.

A. L. Mack of Boston, Massachusetts, also personally visited the committee and made against the resolution.

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CAR FULL OF DEAD UNDER WAVES

Diver at Scene of Norfolk Wreck Finds Caboose With Ninety Negro Corpses.

VICTIMS WERE CAUGHT LIKE RATS IN A TRAP

Horrible Scene at Bottom of River Where Excursion Train Plunged Through an Open Draw—Over Two Hundred Killed and Injured.

(Journal Special Service.) Norfolk, Va., Aug. 18.—A diver sent into the river at noon at the scene of the Atlantic line wreck found a full car of dead men, women and children, who were drowned like rats in a trap. The number of victims found in the car number over 90. The diver says that the scene on the bottom of the river is the most horrible he ever witnessed.

Workmen are busy taking the dead from the river with derricks. At 10 o'clock 18 bodies had been recovered, all from other cars, however. Nearly all were negroes.

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