

RUSSIAN HEROES RETURN

Survivors of the Variag and Koreitz Disaster at St. Petersburg.

Japanese Fleet Seen Off Port Arthur Last Night and Two Cruisers and Six Torpedo Boats Today.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—Six hundred survivors of the Variag and Koreitz disaster at Chemulpo arrived here this morning. Their reception was of a religious nature, with no speeches and no band. Grand Duke Alexis was present and shook hands with the officers as they left the train. The men he welcomed with "Good day, brothers." Outside the station a large crowd gathered and greeted the heroes enthusiastically.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—Vibory Alexieff reports the enemy's fleet was seen six miles off Port Arthur last night, and this morning two Japanese cruisers and six torpedo boats were observed in Ussurian gulf, near Port Arthur.

London, April 29.—The Central News Tokio correspondent states that reports there indicate that the bulk of the Russian supplies are being transported to Kengwang Cheng on the road to the Yalu by means of carts, occupying five days to cover ninety miles, from Russian headquarters.

Fifteen Drowned.

St. Petersburg, April 29.—A party of boat builders were crossing the Volga at Muron, near Nischinogorod today when the boat capsized. Fifteen were drowned.

KING CARLOS WAS POISONED

King's Secretary and Aide Ill, With King, Were Treated for Poison.

Lisbon, April 30.—The recent illness of King Carlos is now believed to have been due to an attempt to assassinate him by placing poison in his food. The king's secretary and aide, ill at the same time, are known to have been given an anti-poison treatment.

Death Before Disgrace.

Toledo, Ohio, April 29.—Captain W. Martin, for twelve years tap-keeper at the waterworks, confronted by the evidence of the shortage of three thousand dollars, did not come to the office this morning. Later the bodies of Martin and his wife were found in their bedroom. The gas tips had been removed. He was a Civil War veteran.

Strange Religious Sect.

Seattle, Wash., April 29.—D. H. Manhorn has sued his wife Lydia for divorce because she belongs to a religious sect which forbids married members to continue their marriage relations. The husband also alleges that when he upbraided his wife she grabbed a club and unmercifully beat him over the head. The couple has been married since 1898, and it is said that not until Mrs. Manhorn associated herself with the peculiar religion has there ever been any trouble between them.

COAL MINE DISASTER

London, April 29.—Reuter's Madrid correspondent wires an official statement regarding the coal gas explosion in the Reunion mine near Seville. He gives the number of dead as fifty-three and injured thirty-six. The Central News says the list is too small, that sixty-three lives were lost.

Ashland Boy Named.

Washington, April 29.—Representative Harman today appointed James D. Moore, of Ashland, midshipman at the Annapolis Naval Academy. Samuel W. Moore, of Marshfield, was appointed alternate.

BERKELY CAPTURED THE FIELD MEET

Bests Washington by 36 Points This Afternoon—An Interesting Contest.

Berkely, Cal., April 30.—The University of California defeated the University of Washington in a dual track meet here this afternoon by a score of 72 to 36. Both teams appeared in good form. Following is the result of the meet:

220-yard dash won by Pearson, Washington; time, 22 1-5 seconds. Breaking coast record held by Dunn.

880-yard run won by Edwards, California; time, 2 minutes 36 seconds.

High jump won by Cooley, California, and Grant, Washington, tie, 6 feet 1-10.

200-yard hurdle won by Meany, California; time, 27 2-5 seconds.

440-yard dash won by Joe Pearson; time, 5 3-4 seconds.

Exhibition 50-yard dash by Emil A. Badie, California, beating his coast record 1-5 second.

Pole vault won by Grant, Washington; height, 10 feet, 10 inches.

2 3-5 mile relay won by J. Pearson, Washington; time, 3 minutes 36 seconds. Pearson last quarter in 52 3-5 seconds.

Broad jump won by Boynton, California; distance 21 feet, 1-3 inch.

Calvin Lewis, points 72; Washington, 36 points.

College Tank Exploded.

St. Louis, April 30.—By the explosion of a fifty-gallon tank of coffee in the "Eagle Inn," on the world's fair grounds this afternoon, four persons were seriously injured, Charles Goodrich fatally.

WORLD'S FAIR OPENING

Gunboat Nashville Arrived at St. Louis—Will Participate in Opening of Fair Tomorrow.

St. Louis, April 29.—The gunboat Nashville arrived this morning to participate in the opening of the fair. The weather forecaster says there is a strong probability of rain tomorrow. Governor Peabody and staff, of Colorado, reached the city today. As to the mining situation in his state, he said the strike was practically over, nearly all the men returning to work at the old hours and old wage scale.

Fast Airship.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—An airship constructed by Captain Reuten-ski was fairly successfully tried at Vloshghovi today, traveling sixty miles an hour.

FATAL MISSOURI WRECK

Iron Mountain Railway Train in the Ditch.

Large Number of Dead and Injured—Train Was Going Forty-five Miles an Hour.

Kimmswick, Mo., April 30.—The Iron Mountain express train, No. 13, Hot Springs to St. Louis, was derailed near here this morning, six coaches being overturned. Nine bodies have been recovered from the wreck. There are a total of fifty dead and injured.

The train was running forty-five miles an hour when it hit a switch too hard. Five men killed outright and ten fatally hurt. Fifteen sustained minor injuries. Among the dead are: Engineer Bailey, Master Mechanic Taber and a mail clerk. A relief train carrying physicians was hurried to the scene of the wreck from St. Louis, 28 miles distant.

The Iron Mountain officials state that eight are dead at Kimmswick. Among them are Edward Reisbark, Master Mechanic Taber, Fireman Grumpert, Engineer Bailey and Messenger Gronst.

BIG LAND BATTLE REPORTED

Sixteen Thousand Japanese Attacked Russian Stronghold.

Japanese Sharpshooters Kill Many Russian Officers—Russians Numbered 30,000 Men.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—A heavy engagement on the Yalu is reported. Sixteen thousand Japanese crossed the river Thursday and attacked thirty thousand strongly fortified Russians. It is rumored that the Japanese were reinforced and the battle still continues. Japanese sharpshooters have killed many Russian officers.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—An official dispatch today reports several Japanese columns marching from Yonampoh toward Wiju, and a small force of Japanese have crossed the Yalu.

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By Wireless Telegraphy.—The Vladivostok fleet was this morning sighted sailing about Mars.

Later.—One torpedo boat destroyer was wrecked by accidentally bumping into a falling star.—Minneapolis Journal.

ese have been crossing the Yalu since the 23d under Russian fire. The Japanese losses were heavy. The Russian forces continue to occupy the positions on the right bank.

Washington, April 30.—State department advices are of indefinite character, and while they give a rumor of a Japanese victory on the Manchurian side of the Yalu, it is not confirmed. The text or source of the department dispatch is refused.

Czar Compliments Alexieff.

London, April 29.—The Central News correspondent at St. Petersburg states that Alexieff has issued a communication indicating that the czar, instead of recalling the viceroy, has commended him for his work. The order says: "I am happy to receive at Mukden a dispatch from the emperor stating that his majesty is watching attentively the concentration of troops in the far East, and notes with special pleasure the splendid success attained in this respect."

Order of Red Men.

G. S. Street, organizer for the Improved Order of Red Men, is in the city organizing a tribe of that order. He expects to complete the organization in about two weeks. The Red Men is a popular order and has over 400,000 members in the United States. It pays sick and accident benefits and its social standing is excellent. Hon. G. M. Olson, of Portland, a member of the last Oregon legislature, will arrive here Sunday to assist Mr. Street in organizing.

OREGON MILLERS ORGANIZE

Meeting Held at Albany Yesterday to Form An Association.

Albany Democrat, April 29: Twenty-five or thirty of the representative millers of western Oregon met in the Hotel Kevere this afternoon to organize in their own interest and for mutual benefit.

Frank Gibson, of Kiekreal, was elected chairman and J. G. Graham, of Salem, secretary. Suggestions were called for and made by many present, showing the need of organization for the prevention of cutting rates, the sack abuse, discrimination in buying wheat, etc.

A committee consisting of D. L. Keyt, J. M. Shelley, Aug. Fischer, D. C. Hanson and N. C. Christensen on constitution and by-laws was appointed and were in consultation at press time.

The convention was composed of a fine body of men, representing the leading mills of the valley. They were:

Frank Gibson, Kiekreal, J. G. Graham, L. C. Pennell, C. A. Park, Salem.

Sherman Swank, Astoria, Geo. Spaniol, Stayton, S. K. Noel, Monitor, W. H. Wells, Rufus, D. L. Keys, Perrydale, E. W. Haines, J. A. Thombrough, Forest Grove.

A. M. Lillyer, Independence J. M. Grear, Hillsboro, M. Thompson, Boston Mills, H. M. Thompson, Brownville, B. A. Washburn, Springfield, J. M. Shelley and C. S. Williams, Eugene.

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PROF. JOSEPH SHAFER SPEAKS

On the Subject, "Some Early Phases of the Oregon Question" at Assembly.

At the university assembly this morning Professor Joseph Shafer delivered an address on "Some Early Phases of the Oregon Question."

Some months after the sale of Astor's fort, on the Columbia, in 1813, the United States made a treaty with Great Britain, in which both agreed to return all territory taken during the war. In July, 1815, the United States declared its intention to re-occupy Astoria, and in 1817 Captain Biddle was dispatched to the Columbia to occupy that place. The British minister at Washington protested, and his protest marked the formal opening of the controversy over the Oregon territory. Later, in 1818, the United States received formal possession of Astoria from the British agents.

A treaty to fix the boundary was now under discussion. The United States suggested the 49th parallel through to the Pacific, but the English declined, and suggested the 49th parallel from the Rocky Mountains to the Columbia, and down the river of the sea. This offer of the United States weakened very much the claim to the territory as high as 55 degrees. The Oregon question was left open by a treaty of "joint occupation." When this provision was adopted both Spain and Russia asserted rights to portions of the northwest coast, but in 1819 Spain ceded to the United States all her rights north of 42 degrees, and a treaty of 54 degrees 40 minutes was made with Russia in 1824.

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OPENING OF WORLD'S FAIR

At 12:15 o'Clock the Vast Enterprise Was Set in Motion.

President Roosevelt Touched the Golden Key at Washington—Hundreds of Thousands of Visitors.

St. Louis, April 30.—Under fair skies, in the presence of an immense audience, containing representatives from all parts of the earth, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition opened formally at twelve-fifteen o'clock today, when President Roosevelt at Washington touched the golden key that sent the throb of the movement through out the vast enterprise.

It was an impressive sight. A massive throng, estimated at one hundred and fifty thousand, passed through the turnstiles early in the day. They gathered at the plaza of St. Louis, plaza St. Anthony, and spread out over the spacious avenues from the palace of Liberal Arts to the Grand Cascades. As flags waved, water rushed from myriad orifices through the terraces, and from a thousand fountains. Bands played, and people cheered hoarsely. Then they spread out to view the sights.

The exercises preceding the actual setting in motion of the machinery were very impressive. Officers, directors of the exposition, board of lady managers, representatives of foreign governments, army, navy, state administrations assembled at the administration building and marched to the St. Louis Plaza in shadow of the monument. St. Louis city officers and guests mounted the rostrum, and President Francis introduced Dr. Gonsalves, of Chicago, who offered the invocation.

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Married. Alfred F. Wright and Miss Mary B. Royce were married at the M. E. Parsonage April 28, 1904, Rev. B. F. Rowland officiating. The happy couple left immediately on a honeymoon trip to Kansas to visit the groom's relatives. The bride is the daughter of E. M. Royce.