

CZAR'S SHIPS ARE OFF GENSAN

Reported That Japs Make Several Futile Attempts to Cross Yalu Finally Succeeding With Severe Loss

London, April 27.—A special to the St. James Gazette says that several vessels, believed to belong to the Russian fleet, were sighted off Gensan today. The correspondent reports that the minister of marine has abolished the strategic zone in Ky channel, which leads from the Pacific to the inland sea. It is presumed that the mines have been removed, as the southern coasts of the kingdom are now regarded as safe.

The townspeople took refuge in the hills when the Russian warships came in, and the garrison made preparations to resist a landing party. After the Goyo Maru had been sunk, the Russians retired. No attack was made on the town. This incident is regarded here as supplementary to the recent Russian occupation of Sung Chin, which is about 150 miles northeast of Gensan, by a detachment of Cossacks, and of the purpose of determining the strength of the Japanese on the east coast of Korea. It is also considered as a diversion from the activity on the Yalu. The garrison at Gensan, which numbered about 800 men, was reinforced last week, and the troops there are engaged in throwing up breastworks. There is also some artillery at Gensan. While the Japanese authorities here consider the situation at Gensan to be

serious, they are not apprehensive. Skirdlof Leaves for Port Arthur. St. Petersburg, April 27.—Admiral Skirdlof left for the front today. An immense crowd witnessed his departure, many presenting him with ikons, and sprinkling him with holy water.

Japanese Lost.
St. Petersburg, April 27.—Information gained from official circles intimates that the Japanese attempted to cross the Yalu at six or seven points, which resulted in failures, except in one instance, and that was accomplished only after severe loss. No confirmation has been received of the bombardment of Wosan.

Japs Plot to Destroy Railroad.
St. Petersburg, April 27.—Siberian newspapers state that 200 Japanese have reached Manchuria in disguise, for the purpose of destroying the railroad. A number of Chinamen, discovered tampering with the rails, have been hanged.

Four Jap Transports Sunk.
Paris, April 27.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg today says it is learned from a sure source that the Vladivostok squadron yesterday sank four Japanese transports, which were conveying 4000 men.

Toga Hatches Plot.
London, April 27.—Stirring news is hourly expected from the Yalu and Vladivostok. The general opinion that Vice-Admiral Togo is waiting for the Vladivostok squadron is confirmed by the Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent, who says there is no doubt that the Japanese are taking steps to cut off the retreat of the Vladivostok ships.

lock continues today in the street car situation. Neither side is making a move looking toward an adjustment of differences.

It now seems highly probable that the two independent lines will be drawn into the controversy. The United Railroad management declared that the independent lines will stand against the unions, if a walk-out is ordered on the United lines.

BOTKIN AGAIN HELD.
Charged With Murder of Mrs. Ida Dean—Heavy Bail Offered.
San Francisco, April 27.—Mrs. Botkin was held this morning to answer to the charge of murdering Mrs. Ida Dean.

Atlantic Steamer Ashore.
Atlantic City, N. J., April 27.—The steamer Craig Nenk, from St. Thomas, W. I., for Philadelphia, went ashore on Brigantine shoals last night. A heavy sea is running, and immense waves are breaking over the vessel.

Indiana Endorses Roosevelt.
Indianapolis, April 27.—The Republican convention this morning adopted a platform endorsing Roosevelt, and nominated J. Frank Hanley for governor on the first ballot.

Chinese Battleship Total Loss.
Chinese, April 27.—The Chinese warship Haetten, which went ashore on Elliott Rocks, is a total wreck. All on board were saved.

At Liberty.
Miss Gertrude Johnson, assisted by Miss Nina Johnson, Mrs. Nellie Varley and C. W. O'Flynn, will give an entertainment at Liberty Friday, April 29th. Admission, adults, 20c; school children, 10c.
At the St. Louis fair the painters have gone on a sympathetic strike.

GERMAN ARMY MEETS DEFEAT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Serious Reverses in Battle With Rebel Herrerros—Many Soldiers Die of Fever

Berlin, April 27.—The Lokal Anzeiger reports a serious reverse sustained by Colonel Glasenapp's force, operating against the rebel Herrerros in German Southwest Africa, near Otjibana. Eight German officers and 55 men were killed, while four officers and 18 men were wounded.

Two-thirds of the officers and one-third of the men composing the column have died of typhoid fever, rendering Colonel Glasenapp's force impotent, and unable to continue the campaign until reinforcements arrive. It is reported that governor Leutwein will be suspended on account of the unsuccessful campaign, and General Trotha will be sent out with a formidable army to save the situation.

COOK SAVES LIVES OF 600 STUDENTS

Sofia, April 27.—A mere accident today averted the poisoning of 600 students in the military school here when the cook caught a young student of the Sofia university in the act of putting the contents of a package of

cyanide of potassium into the food that was being prepared. After being arrested the student suicided in his cell. He was a member of an anarchist society, which had appointed him to do away with all the students of the military school.

ALBANY DIVORCE SUIT.
J. E. McCauley Sues for Separation, Alleging Infidelity.
Albany, Or., April 27.—James E. McCauley yesterday afternoon filed a suit for divorce against Della S. McCauley. The couple was married in Marion county in May, 1897, and there

is one child, Gladys, aged five years, the issue of the union. The plaintiff charges infidelity, and names as co-respondent Walter Nichols and Geo. Fox, alleging that in December, 1902, the defendant left Albany with the former of the two men named. He asks for an absolute divorce, and the custody of the child.

DESPERATE NEGRO KILLED BY POLICE

Former Sharpshooter in Regular Army Stands Off Oakland Officers All Night

Oakland, Cal., April 27.—After a battle with a heavy squad of police, armed with Winchesters and sawed-off shotguns, beginning at 7:30 last night, and lasting until 8:30 this morning, Joe Smith, negro sharpshooter, formerly a member of the 6th infantry, was shot to death in his home. Not until seven bullets had pierced his body did the desperate negro succumb, and up to the time the fatal missile struck him he kept the besieging party at bay with a perfect hailstorm of bullets, none of which, however, found a mark. Two officers went to Smith's house last night to arrest him for disturbing the peace. Smith drove the officers away with a fusillade of bullets, barricaded the house and fled to the upper floor, where he stationed him-

self at a window, armed with two revolvers. Reinforcements were sent on a truck, upon which was placed pieces of sheet steel, which were used as a shield. From the time of the arrival of the officers until midnight, the fight was kept up. At midnight the hostilities ceased, and at daybreak the battle was resumed. Smith hesitated a moment before emptying both of his revolvers, and one of the officers shot him in the arm. A second later another bullet struck him under the right arm pit, when he was seen to reel and fall to the floor. The officers rushed into the house, and, upon entering the room in which the negro had made such a desperate stand, found him dead on the floor, with scores of empty shells and both revolvers by his side.

COCKRAN'S CAREER SAFE

Speaker Cannon Rules That No Investigation Will Be Made

Washington, D. C., April 27.—In the house today questions arising out of yesterday's debate came up in the form of a ruling by Speaker Cannon on the question of privilege and consideration of the Cockran resolution. The chair ruled, after a searching analysis of precedents that "Even though it were ascertained for a fact that the gentleman from New York had committed a crime in 1896, it would be doubtful whether the house could punish him. The charge brought forth against him constitutes no crime and only the question of propriety is involved. The house cannot take cognizance of the offense alleged to have been committed before the person charged became a member. Therefore, Mr. Cockran's resolution is not privileged." The Democrats appealed, but the Republicans commanded a majority on the floor on roll call.

BATTLE SHIPS IN FAVOR

Roosevelt to Authorize Building More of These Monsters

Washington, D. C., April 27.—Representative Dayton, of West Virginia, announced, after a conference with the President this morning that, despite Halo's remarks to the contrary, the administration still favors battleships. President Roosevelt will sign a bill today or tomorrow for the construction of more of these ships.

SANTA FE TRACKS PATROLLED.

San Bernardino, Cal., April 27.—On account of the Santa Fe machinists 100 miles of track is being patrolled by armed guards. There have been no disturbances. Sixty-four men are working behind a barbed wire sockade.

Frisco Strike Conditions Unchanged. San Francisco, April 27.—The dead-

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