

## MORE CAPTURES BY RUSSIAN SHIPS

### Vladivostok Squadron Runs Amuck in the Pacific After Commerce

Berlin, July 25.—It is understood that five Russian auxiliary cruisers, purchased from Germany, are now cruising in the North sea and the English channel to seize vessels believed to be carrying contraband of war.

Suez, July 25.—The British steamer Adova, captured late last week by the Russian volunteer cruiser Smolensk, in the Red Sea, arrived here today in charge of a Russian prize crew.

Tokio, July 25.—The Russian Vladivostok squadron was sighted this morning 20 miles from Kamsugura, in the prefecture of Shimosa. The vessels were steaming eastward very slowly.

#### Looking for Shawmut.

Tacoma, July 25.—The Vladivostok squadron is reported today to be at the entrance of Tokio bay, which places it in a position to intercept any vessel making for Yokohama or other port on the eastern coast.

The Shawmut left Tacoma on July 19th, and is now about half way to Yokohama. She is due to arrive there on August 3d. The Russian government, through its spies, has been notified of the nature of her cargo.

Great interest is felt in this city on the probable outcome of her journey, as she carries 900,000 pounds of canned beef and 60,000 sacks of flour, which may be declared by Russia to be contraband of war.

London, July 25.—In the house of commons this afternoon, Premier Balfour stated that the Malacca incident was still giving the government great anxiety, but he thought the signs which are obtainable portended a favorable issue.

#### British Vessel Suffers.

Yokohama, July 25.—The Vladivostok squadron yesterday sank the steamer Knight Commander, from New York, off the Province of Izu, after transferring the crew of the Knight Commander to the steamer Tsinan, which arrived here this morning.

The Vladivostok squadron also captured a German vessel believed to be the Arabia, with 300 tons of flour, and an unknown British steamer. The two vessels were sent to Vladivostok in charge of prize crews.

The American Trading Company is the agent here for the Knight Commander.

San Francisco, July 25.—Pacific Mail officials are still greatly concerned over the question as to whether the steamer Korean will safely elude the Vladivostok squadron, and land her cargo at Yokohama. The Korea, under fair conditions, should arrive at Yokohama on July 27th, but no word from her is expected before

the 29th. The Gaelic, of the Oceanic line, left Honolulu a few days ago, and is still about 10 days from Yokohama. Practically all the vessels leaving Pacific coast ports are taking a zig-zag course to Japan after leaving Honolulu. The German ship Arabia, which is reported captured by the Vladivostok squadron, left the Columbia river in the early part of the month. She belongs to the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company, controlled by German capital, and carried a general cargo, much of which might be considered to be contraband.

New York, July 25.—The Knight Commander, according to the Maritime Register, is a British steamer of 2716 tons burden, commanded by Captain Durant. She sailed from New York May 6th, for Singapore. On June 23d she was at Manila, and last week was reported to have just arrived at Shanghai.

The owner of the Knight Commander is the Knight Steamship Company, Ltd., of Liverpool. She was built at Newcastle by the Palmers.

#### Two Schooners Also Sunk.

Tokio, July 25.—The British steamer Chinan has arrived at Yokohama with the crew of the British steamer Knight Commander, which was sunk by the Russian Vladivostok squadron off the Island Izu. The Knight Commander's cargo was a general one. Her European passengers were detained by the Russians and her crew of 21 was transferred to the Chinan, which also reports that the Russians sank two Japanese schooners.

#### Will Not Submit Question.

London, July 25.—Premier Balfour said in the house of commons that the question as to the rightful passage of Russian vessels through the Dardanelles would not be submitted to The Hague tribunal.

London, July 25.—The Evening News' Tien Tsin correspondent says the fight at Ta Tsche Kiao last week was one of the biggest and most hotly fought battles of the war. It lasted 14 hours and the losses on both sides were heavy. The Russians were completely beaten. Their position, which appeared to be one of great strength, is now untenable.

Tokio, July 25.—The Vladivostok squadron was sighted at 2 o'clock this afternoon off Kasma province, on the east side of Tokio bay.

#### Passengers Detained.

Yokohama, July 25.—The British ship Tsinan arrived with the crew of the British steamer Knight Commander. The European passengers were detained by the Russians.

## ARMENIAN OUTRAGES INCREASE

### Whole Villages Are Plundered, Men Murdered and Women and Children Tortured

### Turkish Troops Are Reported to Be Leading the Terrible Onslaught on the Christians

Berlin, July 25.—The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that the Armenian massacres are in full swing again. The villages of Gomer, Biel, Gnarker, Kzilahodi, Karoudi and Terquevank, near Lake Van, were plundered, and

all males massacred, and the women and children tortured and outraged. A similar slaughter is reported in the neighborhood of Mush, where from 60 to 80 Armenians have been killed every night. The Turks killed almost the entire population of Oregounk.

at the agency last night by a messenger that a band of Indians, en route to the Crow reservation, stopped at Rocky Point and met a party of cowboys. A poker game was played and liquor was abundant. In a quarrel Brown struck a cowboy, and the latter shot him, and a battle followed. Both sides then withdrew. Several of the Indians are badly wounded, and two of the cowboys were supported in their saddles by comrades. Major Logan and a detachment of soldiers are in pursuit of the cowboys and Indians, the former having swam the Missouri river, and are now in the "bad lands."

## ANOTHER ELECTRIC COMPANY

### Portland, Salem and Willamette Valley Line Is the Latest to Offer Incorporation Papers

The Portland, Salem & Willamette Valley Electric and Power Company is the latest enterprise to be organized for the purpose of building a railroad from this city to Portland. The company is capitalized at \$500,000, and J. E. Ballantine, of Portland, is one of the principal promoters of the enterprise.

The papers were presented to Corporation Clerk Wrightman, of the secretary of state's office for filing, but owing to some discrepancy in the amount of fees to be paid, were not placed on record, but it is understood they will be at an early date.

The company is organized for the purpose of building and operating an electric railroad between Portland and Salem. The route will be on the west side of the Willamette river, from Portland to a point opposite Butteville, where it will cross the river, and come to this city on the east side.

The company has appointed a local representative, with headquarters in this city, and he is busy securing the rights of way along the proposed route. Two Portland gentlemen have also canvassed the territory during the past few days in the interest of the company.

The Salem agent is absent from the city, at least could not be found by The Journal today, and definite plans were difficult to obtain.

#### Japanese Buying Spelter.

Joplin, Mo., July 25.—The Japanese government has contracted with a smelter company of this city for 1000 tons of spelter. It is said that the spelter is to be used in building fortifications and battleships.

## BOTTLE POKER BATTLE

### Indians and Cowboys Have a Fast Time on Mountain Reserve

Helena, Mont., July 25.—Willis Brown, a half-breed, and Aloysius Chandler, an Indian, an unknown cowboy, and an unknown Indian are dead, and several Indians and cowboys wounded as the result of a battle at Rocky Point, in the Be Lnap Indian reservation. The news was received

## MANY UNIONS JOIN RANKS OF STRIKER

### Trust Packing Houses Have a Hard Time to Keep Crews at Work

Chicago, July 25.—The noon conference of the strikers and packers adjourned without result. Golden, president of the teamsters' union, said that it looked like war. The labor leaders departed to talk over the situation with the butchers' union officials, in the hope of securing concessions from them which might make another meeting with the packers possible. At intervals various trades began to walk out of their own volition, 600 stock handlers quitting, paralyzing that part of the industry, while 400 coopers also quit.

but the representatives of each union will probably obey orders.

St. Paul, July 25.—There were no sympathetic strikes this morning and two-thirds of the normal force is working. There is no disorder.

Fort Worth, July 25.—Eight hundred men are working this morning, and the packers claim that they will have a full force by the end of the week. The guards drew their guns on the pickets this morning, who attempted to interfere with the non-union arrivals.

## RUSSIANS EVACUATE NEUCHWANG

### British Steamer Was Captured When They Left the Harbor

Washington, July 25.—Conger, at Pekin, cables the state department that the Russians evacuated Neuchwang this morning, and captured a British steamer in the harbor.

#### Chicago markets.

Chicago, Ju y 25.—Old July wheat, 95¢@96¢; new, 83¢@94¢; July corn, 49¢@49 1/4¢.



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### St. Louis Fair Contest

One vote with every 25c purchase. No July votes counted after 9 p. m. Saturday, July 30, 1904.

Total number votes cast... 57,350

Total voted for ... 65

Result.

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|------------------------|--------|
| Miss Shelton, Music    | 21,337 |
| Miss Mellen, East      | 21,325 |
| Miss Cosper, East      | 3,161  |
| Miss Bushnell, Park    | 2,816  |
| Miss Thomas, Park      | 2,324  |
| Miss Gordon, North     | 1,486  |
| Miss Knight, Music     | 835    |
| Miss Kramer, East      | 806    |
| Miss Patrick, O. E. S. | 573    |
| Miss Prunk, Elocution  | 528    |

### Wash Goods Sale

continues to be a popular one, judging from the numerous pleased patrons waited upon each day who are buying freely at our greatly reduced prices. We would advise your early selection to get the best and most choice pieces

### Shirt Waists

The entire line of summer shirt waists at prices that insure economy. You'll need a few for your vacation.

### Ladies' Oxfords

Several lines of ladies' Oxfords at a great saving to the purchaser. Have you yours?

Ladies' Suit Sale

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