

Weather.—Tonight and Sunday, fair cooler this afternoon and tonight.

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WILL MAKE NAVAL DEMONSTRATION

United States Government Sends Fleet to Turkish Waters and Something May Happen

Washington, D. C., Aug. 6.—Acting on the request of the State Department the secretary of the navy today ordered Admiral Jewell, commanding the European squadron to proceed with his fleet to Smyrna. This action is admitted in official circles means a naval demonstration is to be made against Turkey. The squadron is composed of the Olympia, Baltimore and Cleveland now at Nice.

This action is taken by direction of President Roosevelt, after a consultation with the cabinet officers, and

is the result of Turkey's dilatory tactics in handling several important matters presented by Minister Lelchman. The state department considers the recent evasions of its promises by the Porte as almost tantamount to an insult. The minister had sought an interview with the Sultan in order to present matters referred to, and obtained it, but a week ago he was put off. It was agreed that the time had come to demonstrate to the Sultan the importance of paying attention to this country's requests.

REDUCE MINERS WAGES

Thirteen Thousand Will Probably Vote to Accept New Scale

Pittsburg, Aug. 6.—Thirty thousand members of the Miners' union in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Indian territory quit work today to vote on the operators' proposition to accept a 5½ per cent. wage reduction. It is believed that the proposition will carry.

WILL SUCCEED PLEHVE

Paris, Aug. 6.—A St. Petersburg dispatch asserts that Wassitchkow has been appointed minister of the interior to succeed the late M. Plehve. Wassitchkow is a prince by birth, but little is known of him. He governed the province of Moscow at one time.

Vest Very Low. Sweet Springs, Mo., Aug. 6.—Ex-Senator Vest is very low again today.

COMMITTEE MEETS MONDAY

Chairman Sheehan Calls Democratic Campaign Managers Together

Esopus, Aug. 6.—Chairman Sheehan arrived from New York this morning and announced first meeting of the Democratic national executive committee will be held at the Hoffman House in New York on Monday, at which the plans for headquarters and the opening of the campaign will be settled. It is very quiet today at Rosemont, and no visitors have called.

PRISON REFORM WORK

Rev. C. C. Herriott of San Francisco and Rev. E. A. Fredenhagen of Kansas will hold a "Prison Reform" meeting at Marion square tomorrow afternoon. An effort will be made to organize a society to assist the work. In the forenoon they will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church and will hold an early morning meeting in the prison chapel, and organize a prison Christian Endeavor society.

FEARFUL CONFLICT IS RAGING

Japanese and Russians Suffer Tremendous Losses in Battles--Nagasaki Report Says Port Arthur Has Fallen, but It Is Not Believed in Official Circles

St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—Information comes to the Bourse Gazette in a dispatch which says that another great battle is being fought in the neighborhood of Houtsaise on the railroad 14 miles west of Liao Yang. The Japanese made a fierce attack on the Russian position at Houtsaise with 54 battalions, 36 of which were regular troops. General Kuroki employed his reserve men in the attack, while the regulars carried out the feints, the reserves attacked with desperation, their ranks being decimated by the Russian fire, but the vacancies were quickly filled with fresh men. The Russians ultimately retired slowly to suitable positions, whence they inflicted great losses on the Japanese by heavy artillery fire.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—It is reported that the Czar has strongly urged General Kuropatkin to exhaust every means at his command to maintain his position at Liao Yang. Another report says that the Russian forces are so exhausted after the continual fighting during the past seven days that any rapid movement, such as is necessary to the successful evacuation of Liao Yang, is impossible. The Japanese are reported to be converging on Liao Yang from three sides and already are driving in the Russian outposts. It is known in official circles as reports are constantly

being received from Kuropatkin and the fact that they are not published adds to the anxiety of the people.

London, Aug. 6.—A dispatch from Nagasaki states that a report has reached there that Port Arthur had fallen. The report is given little credence here. It is generally thought to be another wild rumor such as has been going the rounds for weeks past. All dispatches from the vicinity of Port Arthur lately have indicated that the Russians were in possession to put up a long continued fight and it is known that they still were in possession of the city three days ago.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—A telegram received from Liao Yang states that the Japanese have lost 13,000 killed and wounded in an attack on the Russian center.

Report Not Believed. St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—Little credence is placed in the Nagasaki report that Port Arthur has fallen.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—A dispatch from Kuropatkin this afternoon reports the advance of the Japanese army and an engagement on the bank of the Taitse river, but gives no details. He says "The enemy on August 4 advanced 15 versts north of Hal Cheng. They are advancing on our east front also, and have concentrated at Holung in considerable force.

Also at Gutzantse and Sihyan they crossed to the right bank of the Taitse river, but were driven back."

Berlin, Aug. 6.—The National Zeitung prints a telegram from Tokio, dated August 5, in which it is said that there are five Japanese divisions before Port Arthur, part of them within three and one-half miles of the fortress, and that there are altogether 20 divisions in Manchuria.

The telegram says that London is expecting the fall of Port Arthur and the capitulation of General Kuropatkin on the same day.

Chinese Assist. St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—Russian military circles are much disturbed over complications which are said to grow out of the presence of the Tartar General Ma in Mongolia, which they believe forms part of the Japanese war plan. It is argued that if General Kuropatkin, after a serious battle, found himself headed off by Japanese troops at Liao Yang, his only line of retreat will be via Mongolia.

"Who," asked a superior Russian officer today, "can foresee what would take place if General Kuropatkin would be compelled to take such action?"

It is significant that the tone of the St. Petersburg correspondents is becoming more and more pessimistic. A Niu Chwang dispatch received here today stated that it is learned on good authority there are large movements

STEAMER LAWFUL PRIZE

Knight Commander Carried Contraband According to Russian Court

Vladivostok, Aug. 6.—The prize court has adjudged the steamer Knight Commander a lawful prize. The investigation showed that railway material was ordered destined through a Japanese port to Chemulpo, Korea.

of troops in progress in China. The troops in question, according to the dispatch, are declared to be for the army under Viceory Yuanshikhal, but are ultimately intended to reinforce General Ma.

Soldiers are being recruited here daily and are being drilled for the most part, by Japanese officers. According to the correspondent, Viceory Yuanshikhal already has at least 15,000 men under his command. The dispatch concludes by saying that grave events are to be anticipated on the part of China in the present struggle.

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LAST MONTH OF VOTING

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Total votes cast	71,131	Total voted for	65
Miss Shelton, Music	27,652	Miss Gordon, North	1,523
Miss Mellen, East	27,626	Miss Kramer, East	1,025
Miss Bushnell, Park	3,528	Miss Knight, Music	845
Miss Cosper, East	3,299	Miss Patrick, O. E. S.	573
Miss Thomas, Park	2,335	Miss Prunk, Elocution	528



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