Great Damage To the Timber

Entire Coast in Grip of Flames Arising From Bush Fires.

Only Be Extinguished By Rain—Greatest Loss Since 1898.

...enormous quantity of standing timber—just how many thousand dollars ...h it is impossible at the present time ...stimate—has been and is still being ...oyed by great bush fires ranging ...the coast lines of the Mainland and ...ancouver Island, says the Vancouver ...ince.

...thing but heavy rains can now stop ...spread of the flames. Loggers are ...ng for rain, and their efforts are being ...ly backed up by steamboatmen, for ...eason of the fires the waters of the ...inside passage between the Mainland and Vancouver Island are obscured ...ense clouds of smoke.

...e biggest fire is raging between Mal...a Inlet and Sliamon. It is running ...north to south, and when the steam...assiar passed that point last night it ...estimated that the blazing forest had ...nge of at least ten miles in length, ...a width which it was impossible to ...e on. This big fire is forging slow...own on the Hastings mill logging ...at Sliamon, and unless checked it ...run right across the skidroads of the ..., cutting off the upper workings ...the shore. In order to prevent the ...ey engines and plant from falling a ...to the fires, the Hastings camp ...ment has been moved down to tide ...r at Sliamon. Work at the camp is ...being continued, and no efforts are ...spared to get some 150,000 feet of ...r out to tide water. That amount of ...r has been cut in the woods, and it ...w being hauled out as rapidly as pos...

...ge fires are raging along the north, ...and west coastlines of Texada Isl... They are working only in spots. ...ood Island is ablaze in many places, ...e also Savary, Hernando, Cortez and ...Islands. Cape Mudge forests are ...g fiercely and many fires are raging ...ancouver Island north of Rock Bay. ...Valdez Island the fire has cut a ...swath right across from Granite ...lage Bay. Near the latter point a ...logging flume is endangered. ...Indian reservation at Sliamon and ...ood Island are ablaze, and as there ...large amount of standing cedar in ...localities, it is thought that not a ...of timber will be saved unless rain ...fall without delay. ...gether millions of feet of standing ...have already been destroyed by ...ames. Old-timers up the coast state ...not since 1896 have there been such ...ctive fires in the timber.

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KILLED BY TRAIN.

...milton, Ont., Aug. 20.—Mrs. Leon...odge, Saginaw, Mich., and Mrs. ...as Knox, Lynden, Ont., were ...and instantly killed by the To...Hamilton and Buffalo-Brantford ...near Jerseyville crossing last ... They were thrown in front of ...comotive. It is not known wheth...horses became unmanageable or ...er they failed to notice the ap...of the train.

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Fisheries And Medicine

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine Presented With a Memorial By Canners.

Minister's Statement as to G. T. P. Construction Was Not Made Officially.

Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of Dominion Medical Association.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Aug. 23.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine stated in an interview today that it could be definitely announced that a close season would be established on the Fraser from August 25 to September 15th. A seven-inch mesh net will be allowed, but this will not interfere with the sockeyes. As regards his former statement that the Grand Trunk Pacific construction will commence at both ends simultaneously, he said that it was true he was not speaking for the executive, but he had been promised by those who were in a position to know that this would be the case. The canners some days ago presented a memorial to the minister asking for new salmon hatcheries, cleaning of spawning grounds, change in weekly close season, in length of nets, improvement in the policing of the boundary, operation of the snag boat and that sailing licenses be available for all parts of British Columbia. Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, met a deputation of British Columbia cannerymen this afternoon to give his reply to the memorial. He advised the appointment of a committee to go into the whole question, said committee to be composed of a judge and representatives of the canners and fishermen. In the meantime no more trap licenses are to be issued. Various minor matters were promised and the minister stated that the new hatcheries at Morris creek would be completed for use this season. He stated that a conference had been held recently with the provincial government regarding the control of the fisheries and hoped that the matter would be amicably settled and placed under one control. Hon. Mr. Prefontaine and party will leave tomorrow morning, via the Soo line, for St. Louis.

Word has been received that Hon. A. G. Blair, railway commissioner, will arrive on Friday or Saturday and hold the first session of the railway committee on Monday next.

D. R. Wilkie, vice-president and general manager of the Imperial Bank, arrived this evening on a tour of inspection.

The 37th annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association opened in the O'Brien hall this morning shortly after 11 o'clock, with about two hundred medical men present from all parts of the Dominion. Besides the members of the Canadian association, there were also distinguished surgeons and physicians in attendance from England and the United States. Dr. S. J. Tunstall, of Vancouver, took the chair. The opening ceremonies consisted of the introduction of all the distinguished medical men present, including Dr. Ovialt, of Oshkosh, Wis.; Dr. Mayo, of Rochester, and Dr. Dudley, of Chicago. Dr. McGuigan, mayor of Vancouver, welcomed the visitors, after which a resolution was passed that the provincial authorities be urged to take more stringent precautions to prevent the infection of healthy people of tuberculosis by coming in contact with patients suffering from this disease. Dr. Fagan, of the provincial health department, Victoria, expressed hearty approval of this resolution. Dr. Fagan read a paper on patent medicines, which contained many statements sensational in their character. A resolution was passed appointing a committee to draw up a resolution dealing with the sale and regulating of patent medicines. Tonight a conversazione was held at the Hotel Vancouver.

O'Brien's hall where the sessions will be held has been elaborately prepared for the convention and is well worth a visit, says yesterday's News Advertiser. The stairway has been carpeted and extra seats placed in the large hall to accommodate the visitors. The lesser hall has been converted into a hall of exhibits. A large space is occupied by Messrs. Chandler & Massey, of Toronto with their display of surgical instruments and appliances. Enameled operating tables occupy a prominent place and on the side tables is a glittering display of surgical instruments of every kind. Gazing at the snake-like catheters, the forceps, probes and knives, one is very apt to realize that science has left very little undone towards the production of tools to cut a body into atoms and fasten it together again. Mesrs. D. K. Wampole & Co., have a very neatly arranged display of their medicines, and Appleton's and Lippincott's both make a fine showing of medical books. Mr. J. H. Chapman, of Montreal, also has a large assortment of surgical instruments of French and English make, on view. In the hallway there is a medicinal food exhibit and just across from it the Deimel Mesh Underwear Co. displays its goods. This portion is in charge of Dr. J. C. Cracknell of Montreal.

MAIDEN'S FAST CURE.

Los Angeles Miss Takes Drastic Measures of Relief.

Los Angeles, Aug. 24.—Lying in a hammock in a grotto in the yard of her beautiful cottage at 138 Thirty-second avenue, and surrounded by her pets, a dog, two guinea pigs and a fan-tailed pigeon, Miss Sylvene Peoples will begin today the twenty-second day of a fast—the only one she has ever made. During the past twenty-one days no morsel of food has passed her lips. Her only nourishment has been water. She will continue her fast for at least a week to come. At the expiration of that time her physician, Dr. C. J. Skinner, will permit her to take a little orange juice, then a little lemon juice and then through easy stages of chicken broth, he will bring her back to a normal diet. Miss Peoples, who is undergoing the fast that she may rid herself of a stomach disorder, said last night that she has enjoyed every minute of her abstinence from food and that she has never felt so well in her life. All day long she lies in the open air. An invalid's chair or a hammock is her resting place. About her are banked the many flowers that her neighbors have sent her. At her feet, in perfect amity, play her pets, the dog, the guinea pig and the fan-tailed pigeons. The young woman diverts herself with these and with her books. She has yet to feel, she says, the first craving of hunger. Her mother and a nurse are her constant attendants. They have little to do except talk with her. Miss Peoples came to Los Angeles about a year and a half ago in search of health.

ARIZONA CLOUDBURST.

Seligaan, Arizona, Aug. 24.—Another cloudburst occurred around Crozier, 70 miles west of here, this afternoon. The extent of the damage is not known.

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BOMBARDING THE FORTS.

Chefoo, Aug. 24.—Information of undoubtable authority states the Japanese armored cruisers Nisshin and Kasuga have bombarded and silenced the Russian forts east of Golden hill, at the entrance of Port Arthur. The forts referred to are probably the same, or very close to, forts Taipangaze and Chaochanko, mentioned in the despatches yesterday and today.

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Awaiting Verdict From Port Arthur

Japanese Guns Continue to Pour Destruction on the Defences.

If Reported Capture of Forts Is True Situation Is Most Critical.

Tokio, Aug. 25, 10 a. m.—The final assault on Port Arthur is imminent. Hundreds of Japanese guns continue to pour a destructive fire into the city and harbor along the lines of forts and entrenchments, preparatory for the infantry assault. It is evident that the Russian lines have been weakened and partly penetrated in the vicinity of Antsichan and Itshan forts. The entire line of the Russian defences immediately about the harbor are within the range of Japanese guns. A number of Russian forts and batteries continue to reply vigorously. The Japanese in the death roll will be heavily increased before these forts are captured.

The direction of the Japanese attack creates the impression here that the city and defences on either side of the harbor entrance will fall first. The final stand will be made at Liaotishan. It is believed here that both sides have suffered heavy losses and that the final record will make the siege one of the bloodiest in history. The Japanese are supremely confident of the ultimate result.

Leaders of the government await the outcome in calm assurance, the people are everywhere decorating streets and houses and erecting arches and flagstaffs in preparation for a national celebration of the expected victory.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—Reports from foreign sources represent that the Japanese assault at Port Arthur has become exhausted. Others claim that the Japanese have captured Zshan fort, on the western line of defences. If this position has been occupied, it is realized that unless the Japanese are at once dislodged the line of forts will be breached and the position of Port Arthur rendered critical. The simple fact that the day to which a large portion of the public looked forward with superstitious dread passed without the fall of the fortress, suddenly encourages the popular hope that the christening of the Czarevitch will mark a turn in the tide.

ASKOLD MAY MAKE DASH FOR LIBERTY

London Times Correspondent Says Cruiser Will Be Allowed Until Sunday to Leave.

London, Aug. 24.—The correspondent of the Times at Pekin says that the Waiwupu (Chinese foreign board) is trying to arrange a compromise by which the Japanese shall be induced to permit the Askold to remain at Shanghai until Sunday next, when the tides will permit the cruiser to cross the bar.

The correspondent says that one of the three officials comprising the council on army reorganization, left Pekin for Shanghai on a tour of inspection of the arsenals and the military equipment in central and southern China, and also on a mission of enquiry as to what increased revenues are available for any army reorganization.

Shanghai, Aug. 25.—At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning Yuan, the Taotai, requested British Consul General Warren to order work on the Askold stopped. Consul General Warren interviewed the Russian consul, who begged for further time and one day was granted. In this time the Russian minister made a supreme effort to secure at Pekin a still further extension and the Chinese minister of foreign affairs ordered Taotai Yuan to allow the vessels to remain until next Sunday noon. The reason for the extension, as stated, was that, owing to low tides, the Askold cannot get out of the dock. Meanwhile China allows Russia to proceed with repairs, and it is thought at the end of the period the Askold will be seaworthy.

The Japanese consul regards this action of Chinese very seriously and the Japanese government may take decisive steps.

BOY BURNED TO DEATH.

Spokane, Aug. 24.—Wilford Agers, aged 16, was burned to death tonight, and Leslie Curtis, aged 13, a cousin of the dead boy, was severely burned. The family of W. J. Agers were sleeping when fire broke out at their residence. Three adults and three children escaped in safety.

KING PETER'S CORONATION.

Belgrade, Aug. 24.—It has been definitely decided that the coronation shall take place in Belgrade on September 21st, amid great splendor. But to satisfy the Servian nation at large it decided that the King will be previously anointed in the Servian monastery at Zicha on or about August 26th, with the usual ceremonies.

CRUISE ROUND ISLAND.

Flagship Taking Three Weeks' Naanich Before Going to Honolulu.

H. M. S. Grafton, which left Esquimalt harbor last week shortly after the American warship cleared out, has gone on a three weeks' cruise round the island and will return to Esquimalt harbor on September 5th. Her next cruise will be to Honolulu, and will probably keep the Grafton away from the station fully two months. Information received at the Colonist office last evening from London was to the effect that H. M. S. Grafton will leave this station shortly for Chatham to refit and recommission. It is possible that the Grafton's departure for England may not take place this year, but there is nothing definite known about the matter at the present time.

Medical Men at Terminal City

Second Contingent of Delegates to Annual Meeting Includes Many Ladies.

Love Lorn Swain Commited Suicide In Spite of Many Responses.

From Our Own Coresondent.

Vancouver, Aug. 24.—The Lally Lacrosse Company is to present a trophy for competition amongst the lacrosse teams of the Pacific coast. Mr. B. J. Lally left today to visit all the towns on the Pacific coast where lacrosse is played.

A public meeting has been called for tomorrow night to consider means for combating tuberculosis and establishing a sanitarium in the province. The meeting will be addressed by Dr. Mayo-Robson, London, England, and Dr. Fagan.

The Vancouver World says that Isaac Cochrane, of Notch Hill, B. C., who had six hundred offers of marriage, has committed suicide. Cochrane was a young Scotchman who had a pre-emption at Notch Hill and worked as a section hand on the C. P. R. He advertised in the London, England, Mail for a wife and got six hundred replies. He arranged for one of them to come out and marry him and in the meantime blew off the top of his head with a rifle. His body was found by the foreman of the section gang and the girl received a cable in time to prevent her from taking the steamer at Liverpool for British Columbia.

Seattle has had to come to Vancouver for a Labor Day queen. The most popular working girl in the Pacific Northwest, according to the votes received, is Miss Carey, a waitress, while Miss Alice Garnier, another Vancouver girl, comes second. Miss Carey received 7,584 votes and Miss Garnier 6,870.

The price of Fraser river cohoes to fishermen has been fixed at twelve cents on the Fraser and ten cents outside.

Another big contingent of doctors arrived in the city yesterday, among them a number of ladies. The most important feature of today's session was the lecture of the famous surgeon, Dr. Mayo-Robson, of London, England. The lecture was of great interest to those present, being illustrated by lantern slides. The lecture was on surgery and included illustrations and verbal descriptions of results that the eminent surgeon had noticed in several thousand cases attended by him. The lecturer confined himself principally to affections of the pancreas and the causes of gall stones. Referring to operations for intestinal troubles, he said that many operations failed because the first incision was not large enough. He urged his hearers not to be afraid to make an incision sufficiently large. The lecturer said he had operated on 700 cases for gall stones and said that, owing to the advances in modern surgery, he was in hopes that such operations would be conducted without the slightest danger of life. Dr. Shephard, of Montreal, read a paper on hernia of the bladder. An interesting discussion followed. Dr. Kenneth McKenzie, of Portland, read a paper on movable kidney which caused much comment and some opposition. Dr. S. R. Jenkins, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., made a report on hypertrophy of the breasts. This afternoon the ladies were taken for a drive around the park and an excursion on the inlet.

In the evening Dr. Tunstall, of Vancouver, delivered his presidential address and several papers were read, the most important being one on "Gynecology," by Dr. Dudley of Chicago, which was illustrated by lantern slides. Tomorrow afternoon the delegates will visit New Westminster. After inspecting the provincial insane asylum, they will be taken to Steveston by steamer in order to see the salmon fisheries and will return from there by train. The annual dinner of the association will be held in the evening at the Hotel Vancouver.

SEARCHING OF THE STEAMER COMEDIAN

Russian Officials of Opinion That Auxiliary Cruiser Was the Obstructor.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24.—It is impossible at this hour to obtain precise information as to whether it was the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Smolensk, or another Russian cruiser, which overhauled the British steamer Comedian off the South African coast on Sunday last. The war commission states that no official report has been received and the committee considers it highly improbable that the vessel was the Smolensk. The opinion is held that it was more likely the auxiliary cruiser Don, which is commissioned as a war vessel, and in this event the members of the war commission declare no country can possibly take exception to the exercise of the right of search by this ship.

DELEGATE TO PHILIPPINES.

Rome, Aug. 24.—The Pope this morning ratified the appointment of Father Ambrose Agius, the Maltese Benedictine, as apostolic delegate to the Philippines, in succession to the late Archbishop Guidi.

Guns On All the Hills

Chinese Fugitives From Port Arthur State That Assaults Were Successful.

Temperament of the Garrison is Dogged and Determined Under Fire.

Civilians Remain in Bomb Proofs During Bombardments of the Town.

Chefoo, Aug. 24.—The Chinese just arrived who bring the latest information from Port Arthur were employed by the Russian military authorities carting the dead off the field, and also ammunition, which they say is plentiful, confirm the statement that the temperament of the Russian garrison is dogged and determined. General Stoessel, who is heavy, rides ceaslessly his chargers, which are showing the strain upon them although the general changes his mounts frequently. Both officers and soldiers have grown indifferent to the shells which enter the town frequently. Recently the Chinese theatre was hit and a score of people killed and wounded. One shell exploded in the corral of the Chinese who tell the story, killing five donkeys.

Civilians are allowed to leave the bombproofs during the lulls in artillery fire, but the intermissions are rare and everybody is worn and anxious over the situation.

An unusually large proportion of young company officers have been killed, which is partially owing to their duties and to their reckless daring. While the Russians apparently believe they will hold the Japanese in check, their confidence in their successful resistance is not absolute. The Japanese have guns mounted on nearly all the hills which formerly formed Russian outposts. The Japanese fire is accurate. The hospitals and Chinese houses at Port Arthur are full of Russian wounded. The narrators say the dead, when ready for burial, are stored in warehouses and are then buried on the outskirts of the town, quicklime being used freely to prevent infection.

Three large ships and two gunboats are being repaired in the dockyard and basin, the other ships being behind the shelter of the Tiger's Tail peninsula. The junks now depart from Liaotio lighthouse. That point has been hit by a shell.

Another Ship Injured.

Tokio, Aug. 24, 9 a. m.—Admiral Kataoka reports that as the Russian battleship Sevastopol was emerging from Port Arthur yesterday, she struck a mine. After she was seen to be listed to starboard. She was towed back into the harbor.

BRAVE YOUNG GIRL RECEIVES REWARD

Gold Watch as a Memento of Heroism in Saving a Man's Life.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Aug. 24.—Miss Myrtle Mack, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. Jas. Mack, of this city, who saved the Rev. A. E. Vert from drowning at Boundary bay two weeks ago, has been presented by the gentleman she rescued with a handsome gold watch, suitably engraved, as a token of his gratitude.

Work has been commenced clearing away the ruins of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company's car shops, which were destroyed by fire a couple of weeks ago. A large crew of men is engaged removing the debris of charred wood and twisted iron. As soon as it is possible the work of rebuilding will be commenced. The new car shops will very much resemble the old, with the addition of several improvements which have been rendered necessary by the growing needs of the company.

The Rovers Association Football Club held their annual meeting at Moody Square on Monday evening. Officers were elected for the year and delegates were appointed to attend the meeting of the mainland league in Vancouver this evening. The Rovers will be able to place a very strong team in the field when the season opens.

On Saturday afternoon there will be a baseball tournament at Queen's Park, which will be the wind-up for the Inter-City League for this year. The Nationals and Reliance teams, of Vancouver, will play at 2 o'clock, and the local nine will meet the Vancouver Athletics at 4 o'clock. This will close the schedule, though all the teams have draw, postponed or defaulted games to play off.

The directors and members of the various committees of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society met last evening in the City hall. President Trapp was in the chair. It was decided to offer two prizes of $40 and $20 for the two best decorated store fronts during exhibition week.

W. R. Gilley reported for the procession committee that arrangements in that line are going ahead nicely and the procession will be a decided success.

There will be a trap shoot during the fair under the management of the Westminster Gun Club, and a good-sized grant will be made for prizes.

A wrestling tournament was talked of with Gotch, McLeod and Jenkins as the participants. Nothing definite, however, was decided.

It was decided to have a lacrosse tournament between the Nelson and New Westminster teams, and an intermediate game will also be played.

HONOR TO A CANADIAN.

Hamilton Spectator.

His many friends in this city and Dundas are highly pleased over the appointment of Dr. Osler, formerly of Dundas, and recently professor of medicine in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, to be regius professor of medicine in Oxford University, succeeding Sir John Burdon Sanderson. The regius professorship was established by King Henry VIII., and is in the gift of the Premier of Great Britain. Dr. Osler will close his engagement with Johns Hopkins in May next, and will shortly afterwards take up his new position in the great British centre of learning. That he will succeed in his new sphere goes without saying.

SUNGARI REACHES NAGASAKI.

Was Sunk by the Russians at Beginning of War.

Nagasaki, Aug. 24.—The Russian cruiser Sungari, which was sunk by the Russians near Chemulpo at the beginning of the war to prevent her capture by the Japanese, and which was afterward floated by the latter, has arrived here in tow.

TO SETTLE STRIKE.

Aldermanic Committee Will Try and End Chicago Trouble.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—At a meeting of the city council today a resolution was passed empowering Mayor Harrison to appoint a committee of eleven aldermen to try to bring about a settlement of the stock yards strike. Invitations were forthwith sent to the leaders of the strikers and the representatives of the employers inviting them to meet the committee tomorrow. President Donnelly, of the butchers' union, will be before the committee at 3 o'clock and the packers were asked to appear one hour later.

Repairing Cruisers At Vladivostock

Battered Remnants of Skrydloff's Fleet Again Being Fitted For Service.

Impressive Scene Attending the Burial of the Captain of the Rossia.

Vladivostock, Aug. 23.—Repairs to the cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi are proceeding rapidly. It is believed it will be possible to complete them without docking the vessels and that they will therefore take a comparatively short time.

There is a big reserve of naval guns here all ready for installation, and officers and men have been already chosen from the Siberian reserves to fill up the places of those who were killed or wounded in the fight with Vice Admiral Kamimura's squadron.

The reserves responded to the call eagerly despite the fact that most of them are married and that they have had a terrible object lesson in the crowd of wounded already in the hospitals here. The wounded, on the other hand, are not viewing these preparations with equanimity. The first complaints they have uttered have been against having their places filled.

The condition of the wounded generally is good, and only one has died since they were brought ashore. Those whose cases are the most servere are pleading not to be removed from Vladivostock in the fear that they will not get back to their ships.

The funeral of Capt. Berlinski, of the Rossia, who was killed at the outset of the fight and who was buried last Wednesday, was most impressive. Viceroy Alexieff, Vice Admiral Skrydloff, Lieutenant-General Linevitch and all the military and naval officers who were able to attend, waited at the pier to receive the coffin. The flags on all the vessels in the harbor were at half-mast, and the warships fired a salute.

The coffin, draped with flags and cover with wreaths, was followed by a battalion of soldiers and a body of sailors and by an immense procession of the populace, while the bands rendered solemn music. The chaplain of the Rossia, who officiated, broke down at the side of the grave and was unable to conclude the service.

NEW COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

London, Aug. 24.—Vice Admiral Bosanquet, formerly British commander-in-chief in the East Indies, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the North American West Indian stations, to take effect September 1st. He will succeed Vice Admiral Sir Archibald Douglass, who has been appointed commander-in-chief at Portsmouth, succeeding Admiral Sir John Fisher.

NATIVES SHOOT SEALER.

Boat Puller of Carmencita Dangerously Wounded at Copper Island.

Seattle, Aug. 23.—Walter York, a boat puller connected with the Carmencita, Capt. McLean, was shot and dangerously wounded by natives of Copper island, off the Siberian shore of Behring sea, August 2nd. He and two other seamen were in an open boat seal hunting. They were within 200 yards of the shore when the natives opened fire. Nearly 200 shots were discharged at this and other boats belonging to the Carmencita. One ball penetrated York's face, shattering six teeth of the lower jaw. He was taken to Dutch Harbor, where he boarded the steamship Senator for Seattle.

COMING EVENT THAT CASTS A SHADOW

St. Helene Island at Montreal to Be Made a Gift to the City.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—A board of officers has been appointed to report whether St. Helene island, opposite Montreal, is required for military purposes. If the report is favorable, the government will hand the island over to the city. The eve of general elections is prolific of deeds of generosity on the part of the present administration.

The department of militia has decided that the new rifles shall be equipped with a wind guage and a board of officers will probably be appointed to select the best device.

FORTY-FIVE INJURED.

Trenton, Mo., Aug. 24.—The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific westbound passenger train, due to reach Kansas City from Chicago at 6:15 o'clock in the evening, was derailed just west of Princeton, 24 miles north of here, this afternoon, injuring 45 persons, two of which are in a dangerous condition.

LOSS TO ARMOUR & CO.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Fire in the glue factory of Armour & Company at Benson avenue and 34th street, just north of the stockyards, caused a loss estimated at $100,000 today.

CALIFORNIA RAINSTORM.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 24.—Rain fell in California this afternoon from San Diego to Sacramento. The rainfall in this city was only one-hundredth of an inch. This city has not been visited by a rainstorm in the month of August for forty years.

IRISH LEADERS ARRIVE.

New York, Aug. 24.—The White Star liner Teutonic, on which John Redmond, the Irish leader, Mrs. Redmond and the National leaders of parliament, Patrick O'Brien and Captain A. G. Donelan were passengers, arrived tonight from Queenstown and Liverpool. The members of the Redmond party will attend the convention of the Irish League in New York this month.

GERMAN MILITARISM.

Let Big Factory Burn Rather Than Interfere With Discipline.

Bonne, Aug. 24.—A curious conflict took place the other day at Godesberg, where a number of firemen who also belong to the military and who were attending a military drill, when a fire alarm was sounded were forbidden by their officers to respond to the call. The officers of the fire brigade appeared to remonstrate with the military officials, but were ordered away, and as a result of this a great factory, employing several hundred people, was allowed to burn down to the ground without any attempt being made to put out the fire. The factory hands who have lost their occupations are furious and threaten to make a complaint direct to the Kaiser.

Cruiser Diana in Bad Condition

Huge Hole in Hull Below the Water Line And Will Disarm.

Fugitives at Shanghai Will Be Disarmed Voluntarily Shortly.

Paris, Aug. 24.—There is every reason to believe that a decision is about to be taken providing for the voluntary disarmament of the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi, now at Shanghai and the Russian cruiser Diana at Saigon.

This will be done primarily to avoid international complications and will have the effect of reducing the Russian strength by three strong units. But the Russian authorities consider that this will be offset by the avoidance of the possible capture of the vessels named by the Japanese.

Advices received here from Saigon show, contrary to previous announcements, that the Diana is in a very bad condition. She has one large hole in her hull below the waterline. Her injuries would take weeks to repair. This would have permitted an extension of her sojourn in the neutral port beyond the twenty-four hours, which expire yesterday. But it is foreseen that the repairs would entail such a stay that it is possible that questions affecting the neutrality of the port would be likely to arise and therefore Russia is disposed to disarm the Diana, which hereafter will remain at Saigon during the war.

The final determination in the matter has not yet been taken. But the tendencies are strongly indicated.

STILL MORE TIME.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The state department has been advised that the Chinese foreign office has extended the time for repairs on the Russian ships in Shanghai to noon of August 28th.

PROFESSIONAL BICYCLIST DEAD

Paris, Aug. 24.—George Leander, the American bicyclist, died today from injuries received while racing on Sunday last. George Leander was born at Chicago and began his bike career as a sprinter, but later developed into one of the fastest long-distance riders in the country.

CEREMONY OVER CABLE SPLICING

Seattle-Sitka Line To Be In Operation on Saturday Next.

The splicing of the Seattle-Sitka government cable will not take place until Saturday, as it is impossible for the Burnside to reach this port before that day, says the Seattle Post Intelligencer. The United States army signal corps office yesterday received a message from Col. Allen sent from the Burnside while at sea, stating the probable date of arrival of the vessel. This message has been turned over to the special Chamber of Commerce committee, and new plans will be made for meeting the big cable ship Saturday morning, unless later advices show that the vessel may reach here at an earlier date.

Col. Allen's message was sent from the end of the cable, 250 miles north of this city. It traveled to Juneau on that wire, was transmitted thence to Dawson, from Dawson to Ashcroft, and from that place direct to Seattle, a total distance of 2,700 miles. This is the second message received in this city by means of the new cable. With one end of the wire on board, the Burnside can now keep in constant touch with this city and report progress daily.

The invited guests of the Chamber of Commerce will meet the cable ship ten miles out, leaving this port on the steamship Senator, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's fleet. The vessel is donated to the committee gratis by the company for the event, and will clear from pier B at 10 o'clock in the morning. There will be several hundred invited guests, exclusive of the city officials, the army men, the members of the Chamber of Commerce and the newspaper men, who will go out on the vessel. When the Burnside is met, the guests will be transferred to the cable ship from the Senator.

Jack McAuliffe, with his trainer, Bert Delaney, has arrived at Singapore from Bangkok. McAuliffe has expressed his willingness to meet St. Clair, the champion of the Far East, and a bout will probably be arranged.—Hongkong Post.

Minnesota A Wonder

Hill's Mammoth Liner a Great Attraction In New York Harbor.

New Service to Orient Expected to Be Inaugurated in October.

Some Speculation As to Outlook For Cargoes For Great ships.

New York, Aug. 24.—The Minnesota, the largest cargo carrier ever built in America, will tomorrow leave her dock in New York for Norfolk to take on her cargo of bituminous coal, 20,000 tons of which is almost two-thirds of her capacity. President Dillon says he wants her to "find herself" before giving her a full load.

Twenty thousand tons of coal is equal to the combined cargoes of more than a hundred Pittsburg barges.

After leaving Norfolk within a week, the Minnesota will proceed on her long journey to Seattle, stopping but once on the way, at Valparaiso, for mail and to report her welfare and progress.

Capt. Truebridge expects to make the trip in fifty days. He will not go through the Strait of Magellan, but will go clear around the Horn.

Yesterday the ship was visited by representatives of all the commercial organizations of the city. Today she was visited by prominent men of the city in an unofficial capacity, and with them were the consular generals of various governments represented in New York, including the Chinese and Japanese consuls.

The steering apparatus of the ship is the heaviest and the most powerful ever constructed. The motive power is both steam and electric. Just now, the steam power is being used. It consists of a triple high-pressure engine of five hundred horse-power.

The great rudder arm is 80 degrees of the segment of a circle, and on the arm are cogs that are met by a cog wheel operated by the engine. From five different places on board the ship this engine and the rudder can be operated, and no matter from what point the signal may be given the dials show at the four other points what order has been given, either as to the direction of the rudder or the orders in the engine room.

If the engines should fail to operate there is a 500-horse-power motor which can be thrown into action within a few minutes. If all power should fail, a hand-screw gear still remains to control the rudder.

Washington, Aug. 24.—If the new steamship Minnesota encounters good weather and meets with no mishap, she should arrive in Seattle, from her long trip around the Horn, about October 25. This means the inauguration of the new service between Seattle and the Orient early in November.

As if in anticipation of the great increase in tonnage on the northern route between the Pacific coast and the Far East, which will be caused by the putting in commission of the Minnesota and Dakota, the department of commerce has just published a large volume of commercial reports, a large number of them being from our leading consuls in Asia.

It is generally agreed that if the increase in floating tonnage on the Pacific coast means anything, it means a necessity for enlarging our markets in Japan and China, and the ways to do this are clearly pointed out by the American official representatives in those countries.

Gen. Bragg, of Wisconsin, whose free comments on the alleged incapacity of the Cuban people for enlightened free government caused his transfer from Havana to Hongkong, has sent some interesting reports to the state department in his official capacity as consul general at that port. Consul Miller continues to send in his exhaustive reports on the trade situation in Manchuria, and Consul General Bellows writes frequently from Yokohama. These and other consuls of the United States in the Far East all send the same kind of advice in regard to the development of our markets in that part of the world.

All of them agree that in many ways the British and the Russians and the Germans are outstripping Americans in methods of securing trade. The great need of personal attention, through intelligent representatives on the part of our exporters is emphasized in every report.

The flour trade with Japan is increasing enormously, and the bulk of it is American. Consul General Bellows calls attention to the fact that in 1901 Japan imported $1,000,000 pounds of flour; that in 1902 this amount was increased slightly, and that in 1903 it had increased to more than 260,000,000 pounds. In 1901 and 1902 the United States furnished, respectively, 96 and 97 per cent. of this flour, and yet Mr. Bellows informs the state department that this monopoly cannot be continued unless proper care is taken by the shippers of this country. Canada is seeking an outlet for her flour in that country, and is employing intelligent means to this end. Before the war broke out Russia was also at work to secure a part of the Japanese flour market.

The opportunity exists, the consul general continues, for such an extension of the trans-Pacific flour trade as will "forever establish the position of the United States as the commercial leader of nations in the Orient." He then gives the nub of the whole question of developing and maintaining Oriental markets against competition when he says:

"European nations, through years of business intercourse with these people, realize that the fight for commercial supremacy, now on, is to that nation best equipped and most ready to cater to the habits, national traits and prejudices of its customers."

Repeatedly the American consuls in Japan and China have urged the project of establishing sample rooms in Yokohama, Hongkong and other cities, where American goods may be exhibited. Such a project could be maintained without an unwarranted expense, and it is a matter of surprise that it has never been undertaken.

ALFONSO FOR ENGLAND.

Madrid, Aug. 24.—King Alfonso, who has long had a desire to visit the different European courts, has decided to pay a formal visit to King Edward in November at Windsor Castle and is looking forward with great anticipation to a day with the hounds on English soil. This will be his first official visit to a foreign monarch. On his way to London the young King will visit President Loubet in Paris, and, returning, will probably stop at Lisbon to see King Carlos of Portugal. His visit to England, it is hoped, will not be without practical results to Spain, where it is much desired to make this country a popular resort with English tourists in winter and spring, when the climate is even more attractive than that of the Riviera.