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TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR

TEN PAGES THURSDAY MORNING JUNE 16 1904 TEN PAGES

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DISASTER TO EXCURSION STEAMER 600 Senate Reading Room ND CHILDREN KILLED IN JAPANESE VICTORY

Vessel Takes Fire and Panic Seizes Passengers, Who Throw Themselves Overboard.

FIVE HUNDRED BODIES FOUND

New York, June 15 .- One of the most alling disasters in the history of New York, tragic in its immensity, dramatic in its episodes, and deeply thetic in the tender age of most of its victims, occurred to-day in the East River, at the entrance to Long Island Sound, within a short distance of the New York shore, and within sight of ands of persons, the majority of

of the General Slocum, a three-decked excursion steamer, the largest in these waters, more than 600 persons, the majority of whom were women and children, were burned to death or drowned by jumping overboard or by being by the lurching of the vessel. Approximately 500 bodies have been recovered, and now are being tagged at the morgues of Bellevue Hospital and Harlem. Divers still are busy taking bodies from the hold of the vessel, which, they say, is choked with bodies, and hundreds who leaped or were thrown into the river have not been recovered. The fire is said to have broken out in a lunchroom on the forward deck, thru the overturning of a pot of grease. The wind was high and all efforts to subdue the fire were futile.

Men Meet to Decide on the Ultimatum—Company Making

Systematic Preparations.

To-day the Toronto Street Railway directors will probably be in possession of an ultimatum from the employes. At midnight, the men were flocking to the Star Theatre, to consider their situation and determine on future action. The feeling of the union executive is in fafor of arbitration, under the clause in the thrown into the whirlpool of Hell Gate

The three-decked excursion steamer General Slocum of the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company burned to the water's edge off North Brother Island, East River, at the entrance to Long Island Sound to-day, resulting in the death from burning or drowning of at least 600 people, mostly women and children. Four hundred and forty-seven bodies have been recovered, Divers now are busy taking corpses from the hold of the vessel.

THE SAME NEWS, ADDING THAT THE RUSSIANS, TO THE NUMBER OF 7000 MEN, ARE NOW IN FULL FLIGHT TOWARD TSHICHIAO AND KIAOCHOW.

Octawa, June 15.—(Special.)—General complaints have been made to the government respecting the believe is government for the morning:

On May 16 the general manager of the Toronto Railway Company received a reasonable accession to the men secured a reasonable accession to the requests after a short period of disconting the manager of the Toronto Island.

Replying to E. F. Clarke in the house

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THE BURNED STEAMER GENERAL SLOCUM

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Difference Both Ways.

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NEAR FUCHOW

Czar's Men Overwhelmed. Left Guns on Field and Retreated in Disorder.

7000 NOW IN FULL FLIGHT

News Not Officially Published, But London Express and Chronicle Give It Currency.

LONDON. JUNE 16. - A DE-SPATCH TO THE DAILY EXPRESS FROM TOKIO. DATED JUNE 15 SAYS NEWS HAS REACHED THERE, BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED, OF A GREAT JAPANESE VICTORY NEAR FUCHOW, ON THE RAIL-WAY, SEVENTY MILES NORTH OF PORT ARTHUR. THE RUSSIANS, IT IS ADDED, WERE OVER-WHELMED, LOST A THOUSAND MEN, LEFT ALL THEIR GUNS ON THE FIELD, AND RETREATED IN DISORDER.

THE DAILY CHRONICLE'S 'COR-RESPONDENT AT TOKIO CABLES

1000 RUSSIANS KILLED DUNDONALD SPEAKS OF DISMISSAL CONSIDERS NOTICE DISCOURTEOUS

LORD AYLMER, G. O. C.

Ottawa, June 15—(Globe Special.)—Sir Frederick Borden said in an interview this morning: "Lord Aylmer has been appointed general officer commanding, for the present, as provided in the regulations. He will enter upon the duties immediately, as provided in the regulations, I do not think we shall have another general officer commanding. Under the militia bill now before the house, there is provision for a military council. The inspector-general in that council will be an imperial officer. I cannot say as yet who he will be."

"Will you ask the imperial government to make a recommendation?"

"I cannot say as yet. It will be time enough to deal with that

when the matter comes up."

"Have any cables on the present situation passed between the Canadian government and the imperial government?" 'So far as I know, there has not been any as yet." ****************************

DENISON FOR DUNDONALD HIS LORDSHIP JUSTIFIED IN LETTING PUBLIC KNOW

Government Tried to Make Him Responsible for a List He

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine Promises Mr. Clarke Something for the Eastern Gap.

World last night, regarding the Dundonald was too busy to see any one, a garden party having been arranged for the afternoon, in addition to his own urgent affairs. He consented to try to make an appointment later in the day. In officer of a militia regiment, he had never known of any interference on political grounds, WITH A COLONEL in the selection of his officers.

an appointment later in the day. In the afternoon Lord Dundonald kindly accorded a few minutes' conversation, but declined to discuss the situation generally for the press, or to grant a formula interview. He could not understand why any

Hints That There Was Collusion Between Sir Frederick Borden and Mr. Fisher.

FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

London, June 15 .- (Staff Special.) --"Yes, I got this telegram about midnight last night," said Major-General the Earl of Dundonald, producing the yellow sheet:

"Ottawa, Ont., June 14, 1904. "The Right Honorable the Earl of Dundonald, London, Ont .: I have the honor to inform you that by an order of his excellency the governor-general-in-council, passed to-day, you have been relieved of your position as general officer

commanding the militia in Canada, "F. W. Borden, "Minister of Militia and Defence." "A somewhat unusual way of forwarding such a communication," remarked the earl with the suspicion of a smile. "A letter or a messenger would have been more courteous, even at midnight."

The earl is staying at Eldon, the

Never Sanctioned.

Lieut.-Col. George T. Denison, in the course of an interview with The World last night regarding the Dun.

World last night regarding the Dun. He could not understand why any "I have denied myself to all, and it question of patronage should enter would not be fair to make any excep-

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