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SHELLED VLADIVOSTOK

Seven Japanese Warships Attacked at Long Range.

Japan Commands the Sea — Cruiser Aground—Fires at Elmira and Oswego. Smoot Inquiry — Cost of Common Schools — 20 Deaths From Collapse of Building.

Official dispatches from St. Petersburg concerning the bombardment of Vladivostok by a Japanese fleet Sunday do not mention any Russian losses, but private advices say four sailors and the wife of an engineer were killed.

Entering Ussuri bay the enemy formed in line of battle but did not approach to a closer range than five and one-third miles. They directed their fire against the shore batteries and the town but no damage resulted, as most of their 200 lyddite shells failed to burst.

The Russian batteries, commanded by General Veronetz and Artamonoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the enemy.

The Japanese fire ceased at 2:20 p. m. and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold island. Simultaneously two torpedo boat destroyers appeared near Askold island and two more near Cape Middel.

The Japanese ships were covered with ice. The attack resulted in no loss to the Russians but cost the enemy 200,000 roubles (\$100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were six and 12-inch shells.

Japanese Cruiser Aground. The following dispatch dated March 4 has been received at St. Petersburg from Major General Plung, commanding the Russian forces at Port Arthur:

"All quiet at Port Arthur and Yin Kow. According to information given by eye-witnesses a Japanese cruiser having three funnels lies near Chemulpo between islands, having recently sunk there."

A correspondent of the London Mail, calling from Chefoo under date of March 1, said among other things that he had seen a Japanese cruiser of the Nitaka type beached at the entrance of Nam Yang creek, which is about 15 miles south of Chemulpo. Japanese naval vessels of the Nitaka type have three funnels.

Japan Commands the Sea. Under date of March 3 a Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that although Japan has lost a small cruiser, and that the machinery of two of her warships has been damaged, these probably have been fully repaired, and in any event Japan has complete command of the sea and will resume her naval movements, the landing of Japanese troops at the best strategic positions, and the occupation of territory near Port Dalny as soon as the winter moderates.

Lycium Theater at Elmira Burned. Fire broke out in a cigar factory under the Lycium theater in Elmira Sunday night.

It started from a natural gas explosion, it is claimed. The Lycium theater was totally destroyed; loss \$68,000. The rest of the block was badly gutted and the loss will be over \$50,000. The Elks' lodge rooms were totally destroyed. Henry Boule, a stage manager, was nearly suffocated by the smoke, but was rescued.

A burning rag was found on the Auditorium stage. This theater is in the Realty building next to the Lycium block and it is thought from this that both theaters were set afire by an incendiary.

Central Offices Burgled. The general office building of the New York Central railroad at Oswego, N. Y., was entirely destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, involving a loss of over \$100,000. The building contained, in addition to the general offices, the ticket office, baggage room, the American Express company's office, four retail stores and the Lake Shore hotel, which was recently vacated. Several adjacent buildings were damaged. The origin of the fire is unknown. The destruction of the dispatcher's office caused a suspension of traffic in the Rome and Watertown division owing to the impossibility of sending out train orders.

Reward For Darnody's Capture. Sheriff Yeomans of Wayne county, New York, has sent out a circular offering a reward of \$500 for the capture of Jerome Darnody, charged with the murder of Desmond Snyder, near Lyons, on March 2. The authorities appear to have exhausted every clue to the man's whereabouts. Darnody has covered up his tracks completely. He bore the reputation of being about half-witted but he has baffled his pursuers in a way that would seem almost incredible.

Downward Reaction in Cereals. Bradstreet's summary of the state of trade says: Trade and industry are still irregular, being active in favored sections, but hampered in others by the prolongation of winter weather, with its concomitants of delayed transportation, car shortages or floods.

The agricultural situation on the whole is one of great strength, and a record breaking acreage will go into cotton. Winter wheat does not promise so well, however, talk of drought or of winter killing coming from the south-west. The price situation is irregular, a quick downward reaction having come

in all cereals, but an equally abrupt upward rush in cotton has not made the situation of manufacturers any easier. Railway earnings reflect the most unfavorable winter in many years.

Business failures for the week ending with March 3, number 195, against 200 last week.

Smith Admits Polygamist Practice. The confession of President Smith of the Mormon church in the Smoot investigation created a sensation in the proceedings before the senate committee on privileges and elections at Washington, D. C. Mr. Smith said that the manifesto of 1890 had left him and others with plural families in the unfortunate situation of being compelled to defy the law or desert their families.



JOSEPH F. SMITH

For himself he had preferred to "take chances with the law," rather than to disgrace himself and degrade his family by abandoning his wives and the children they had borne him. He admitted that he had had children by all of his five wives since the manifesto and said he had acknowledged them openly without interference or disturbance from the people of Utah, whom he characterized as liberal and broad minded.

President Smith testified that if the principle of plural marriages should be attacked it would be defended by the church.

It was brought out that all of Mr. Smith's predecessors, as presidents of the Mormon church, had been polygamists and that the man chosen to succeed him has more than one wife. Mr. Smith was asked which he would obey, the law of the land or revelations from God, if the two were in conflict. He said he might obey the revelation though it was not compulsory. He added: "I should not like to be put in a position where I would have to desert my children—I could not do that."

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Expenditures For Common Schools. State Superintendent of Schools Charles R. Skinner has issued the following statement of the total expenditures for common schools in New York state from 1850 to 1903.

Deaths From Fall of a Building. Twenty persons were killed and 15 injured through the collapse of the steel skeleton of the Hotel Darlington, a 13-story apartment house in course of erection at 57 West Forty-sixth street, New York.

Apparently criminal carelessness is chargeable to somebody, as the building department had placed repeated "violations" against the building, the last one being filed the day it fell, because "the side walls were more than two stories in advance of the front walls, and the floor beams were not properly bolted and tied."

In spite of this and previous warnings the work on the building was continued. Providing For Panama Payments. Secretary of the Treasury L. M. Shaw has notified all special National bank depositories, including those of New York city, that they will be required to pay on account of the Panama canal purchase 20 per cent of their holdings of government funds on or before March 25.

The 20 per cent aggregate amounts \$30,000,000 leaving about \$20,000,000 to be supplied from the treasury. Democratic State Convention. The New York Democratic state convention for the selection of delegates to the national convention will be held in Albany on Monday, April 18, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The Democratic state committee will meet in the morning of the same day at 9 o'clock and complete arrangements for the convention.

Death of Rev. Francis D. McGuire. Rev. Francis D. McGuire, rector of the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Albany, and one of the best known Catholic priests in that diocese, died of diabetes, aged 57 years. He was born in Syracuse.

USEFULNESS IMPAIRED.

Report on Irregularities of Indian Commission.

Report Says That Chairman of the Commission, Chief Clerk and Disbursing Officer Have Been Engaged in Speculations Discredit to the Officials.

Washington, March 8. — The president has transmitted to congress a report of Charles J. Bonaparte and Clinton Rogers Woodruff in the matter of irregularities in Indian Territory.

The president says: "In accordance with the recommendation of Messrs. Bonaparte and Woodruff, the members of the commission to the five civilized tribes have been informed that if they are to continue in the service they must cease all connection with business operations of any kind in the territory where it is possible that their official positions could be of any effect upon their private business, even though no such effect be in fact shown."

"What further action, if any, is to be taken in regard to the commission or any of its members by the executive will be determined upon after full consultation with the secretary of the interior and careful consideration of all the facts in the case. "It will be noticed that the secretary of the interior does not believe that it would be possible, in accordance with the suggestions of Messrs. Bonaparte and Woodruff, to close up the work of the commission this year and discontinue it accordingly. If it should be found to be possible I would regard this as desirable and call the attention of congress to the matter."

The report of Messrs. Bonaparte and Woodruff stigmatizes the conditions in the territory as involving "immediate danger of ruin to the genuine Indian population and profound discredit to the United States, exciting reasonable discontent on the part of all classes of the population and demanding prompt and drastic remedies on the part of congress."

It says that the connection of Tamas Bixby, chairman of the commission to the five civilized tribes, with the Canadian Valley Trust company impairs his usefulness and his investments in what are known as "possession rights" in town site lands are stamped as yet more objectionable.

The investments of Commissioner Brockbridge of the same body are stated to be of much graver importance, and his considerable investments in corporation stock, the report says, have seriously impaired his public usefulness.

A. T. Wylesworth, chief clerk of the commission, and H. V. V. Smith, its disbursing officer, the report says, are identified in public opinion (but not proved) with supposed real estate speculations disproportionate to their means, and the report says such speculations should be strictly forbidden and all officials engaged in them should be separated from the service.

The report says the five tribes commission can be abolished with advantage, the remaining work to be done by the Indian inspector and the citizenship court. The report is accompanied by a letter from Secretary Hitchcock to the president concurring as to the references to the federal officers and asking for a conference with the president regarding them at the earliest practicable moment and saying he will later consider the proposed sweeping changes in the organization and administrative methods, which require much new legislation and possibly the negotiation of supplemental agreements with the Indians.

MR. OVERSTREET REPORTS TO HOUSE.

Washington, March 8.—Postal affairs engrossed the attention of the house practically to the exclusion of all else. The subject was introduced by Mr. Overstreet, chairman of the committee on postoffices and post roads, who submitted the report of that committee on the Hay resolution, calling for certain information regarding the use of "influence" by members of the house to secure increases in salary for postmasters.

Minority members urged that debate and vote on the resolution should be deferred, as they had not had an opportunity to read the report, so an agreement was reached to postpone further action until Wednesday and 4,000 copies of the report were ordered printed.

There will be three hours debate on the motion to table and a formal amendment will be offered by the minority to provide for a general investigation of the postoffice department. The report contained data relating to members of the house. Mr. Overstreet in connection with the report said that in his opinion there was not a single instance of any reflection on the integrity of any member. Business was temporarily suspended when the report was brought into the house while members crowded around the doorkeeper's desk to secure copies.

Cashier Charged With Larceny. New York, March 8.—George H. Seer, for 15 years cashier of the foreign freight department of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, was arraigned before Judge Foster in the court of general sessions and committed to the Tombs in default of bail, charged with larceny in the second degree. An affidavit of the auditor said that Seer had made away with \$10,143 of the railroad's funds.

Panama Canal Commission. Washington, March 8.—The Panama canal commission will meet here March 22 and leave for Panama March 23. The commission will probably remain in Panama several months.

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.

Dr. Andrew S. Draper Will Be Elected by the Legislature This Week.

Albany, March 8. — Dr. Andrew S. Draper, president of the Illinois University, formerly superintendent of public instruction of this state (1886-1892), will be elected commissioner of education by the legislature in joint session on Thursday and will accept the position.

The new board of eleven regents which with the commissioner of education will administer the educational system of the state after April 1 will be as follows:

First district, Charles A. Gardner, Whitelaw Reid, Edward Lauterbach and Eugene A. Philbin, all of New York; Second district, St. Clair McKelway of Brooklyn; Third district, Albert Vandervoer of Albany; Charles E. Francis of Troy; Fourth district, no representative in present board; Fifth district, William Nottingham of Syracuse; Sixth district, Samuel Beach of Watkin; Seventh district, Piny L. Sexton of Palmyra; Eighth district, T. Guilford Smith of Buffalo.

This is the list finally decided upon by the legislative leaders. It will be ratified tonight at a caucus of the Republican members of the legislature.

It is not yet decided by the Democrats whether they will nominate or adhere to their "no choice" attitude, as when Messrs. Lauterbach and Philbin were elected last week.

It is noted that the list of new regents fails to include the Right Rev. William Crosswell Doane, Episcopal bishop of Albany, who has been a member of the board since 1892, and chancellor since the death of Anson Judd Upson, two years ago. Dr. Albert Vandervoer is the regent selected from Albany.

The certain acceptance by Dr. Draper of the first commissionership is beyond a doubt. Aside from the fact that the announcement is made on the highest authority it is known that he was consulted in every step of the original draft and later amendment of the unification bill.

RUSSIAN FORCE RESTRICTED.

Only Five Divisions to Be Sent Forward at Present—Railway Interests.

Paris, March 8. — Representatives here of large railroad industries in the United States who have been supplying extensive equipments to Russia are receiving reports from their agents in Russia and the Far East giving the extent of the war operations and referring to their probable effect upon business.

One of these reports from an American railroad official at St. Petersburg, having intimate government connections, says it is the purpose to restrict Russia's military forces for the present to five divisions—three from Siberia and two from Western Russia, each division to number between 25,000 and 30,000 men.

Owing to this being such a small percentage of the total active force, it is believed that the restriction results from the inadequacy of the trans-Siberian railroad to carry more men to the scene of the operations.

Concerning the effect of the war the railroad representatives are strongly inclined to the belief that American interests will best be served by Russian success. They point out that Russia gave a single order for \$25,000,000 of American railroad supplies and assert that Russian success promises a continuance and an extension of the demand for American supplies, whereas Japan has not drawn largely on American railroad equipment.

The head of one of the largest railroad concerns in America, now here, says he believes the success of the Japanese would prove a serious detriment to American trade, particularly the railroad industry, which thus far has taken an important part in the development of the Far East.

BRIGHAM YOUNG RESPONSIBLE.

Reorganized Mormons Say Joseph Smith, Jr. Was Not a Polygamist.

Washington, March 8. — Chairman Burrows of the senate committee on privileges and elections has received from E. F. Shupe, president, and A. E. Tabor, secretary of the Eastern Colorado conference, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a telegram denying the testimony of Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, that Joseph Smith, Jr. was the originator of the doctrine of polygamy. Chairman Burrows has caused subpoenas to be issued for Messrs. Shupe and Tabor.

The telegram to Senator Burrows asserts that Brigham Young alone is responsible for that "pernicious doctrine," and that the polygamy religion was introduced first by Brigham Young in 1852, nearly "fifty years after the death of Joseph Smith who never had but one wife."

Sing Sing Death House Full.

Ossining, N. Y., March 8.—There are now 12 convicted murderers in the death house in Sing Sing prison and Warden Johnson says there is no room for any more. There were originally accommodations for eight prisoners in the death house, but the number of cells has been increased. Until recently 10 was the highest number of condemned men that occupied the death house at one time. The last man to be received was Tatterman, who was convicted of the murder of a woman in an East side hotel in New York city.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Summary of the Week's News of the World.

Cream of the News Culled From Long Dispatches and Put in Proper Shape For the Hurried Reader Who is Too Busy to Read the Longer Reports and Desires to Keep Posted.

Russell Sage has received a telegram announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. Samuel Chapin of Oneida, N. Y., at the age of 95 years.

Secretary of the Navy Moody authorized the installation of submerged torpedo tubes on all battleships and armored cruisers now being built.

The new president's office building in Washington was called a "shanty" by senators who criticized the work of the architects in charge of the remodeling of the White House.

In explaining the tremendous increase in the British naval estimates the secretary of the admiralty declared the English war fleet to be the greatest power in the world for peace or for war.

Russians are wondering at the hostility of the Washington administration, a dispatch from St. Petersburg says, quoting the Novoe Vremya as evidence that America is losing Russia's friendship.

THURSDAY.

A bill has been introduced in the United States senate to increase the president's salary to \$75,000.

Former President Cleveland denied that he had said that the Democracy would not nominate a "decent Democrat" for president.

General Charles F. Dick was elected to the United States senate by the Ohio legislature for both the short and long terms.

In a dispatch from Tokio it was said that the war office there had given out a report that the Russian cavalry had been defeated at Angu and Ping Yang.

The cabinet has decided that the government has authority to pay the Panama Canal company and the Panama republic without further legislation.

The president has sent to the senate the following nominations for New York postmasters: William E. Clark, Fredonia; Wesley Mulford, Unadilla; Arthur Hart, Ravenna.

FRIDAY.

One hundred and seventy Japanese disguised as coolies were caught on Feb. 11, while attempting to blow up a bridge and the railway near Vladivostok.

Rumors are current in St. Petersburg that the Russians intended to abandon Port Arthur after sinking their ships, as was done in the Crimean war.

It is declared in Washington that title to the Panama Canal company's property will be taken and payments be made to Panama and the company within 30 days.

Fire insurance rates on risks in the congested districts of large cities are to be advanced, according to the Journal of Commerce an account of Baltimore fire.

SATURDAY.

Mexico is on the eve of a revolution according to Colonel H. H. Thompson, who has just returned from that country. He bases the belief on the opinions of men who stand high with the government.

After living more than 30 hours under the mass of steel beams and other debris of the collapsed Hotel Darlington, in New York, Charles Lark, a cement worker, died while being carried to the hospital.

Japan's plan of campaign, according to a dispatch from Chefoo, includes the blockade of Port Arthur, the advance of an army from Seoul threatening Kirin and the landing of another force near Dalny.

MONDAY.

Wiled Marshal Count von Waldersee, head of the German army, dies.

Railroads organize the Michigan Land association with the object of colonizing the upper peninsula.

At the meeting of the Democratic state committee the state convention was called for April 18 at Albany.

Lima, Peru, was visited by the worst earthquake in the last 30 years. About all buildings in the city were damaged.

Representative Martin in the house of representatives in Washington declared that the beef trust is evading the federal injunction and is increasing its profits.

Five hundred thousand acres of arid lands are to be irrigated by an immense dam across the Shoshone river in Northwestern Wyoming, for which the government will expend \$2,250,000.

NO COMPROMISE.

Fight For Differential From Buffalo to Tidewater to Continue.

Philadelphia, March 7. — With the announcement of the latest reduction in ex-lake grain rates to tide-water comes the statement of a prominent official of one of the roads waging this fight in favor of the port of Philadelphia, that the Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia and Reading, the Baltimore and Ohio and the Lehigh Valley railroads are in to the finish. No quarter will be given or asked, he asserted, until the matter has been finally settled.

"I am more convinced than ever," he said, "since I have looked into this matter closely, that this port is entitled to a differential. The only question in my mind is whether the present one is large enough. During the first six months of 1895 New York lost 82 per cent of the export grain trade of the three ports of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. This left a paltry 18 per cent to be divided between this city and Baltimore. If the present differential of 4 mills helped Philadelphia to such a slight extent, then I feel that 1 cent would be nearer the proper figure. The sooner this entire question of differentials, both ex-lake and western, is adjusted, the better it will be for this port."

It is said that Oscar G. Murray, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, will be the chairman of the committee which has power to make an agreement with the Southwestern lines on a fixed schedule.

WIDOW BRUTALLY BEATEN.

Found by a Neighbor With Her Skull Crushed—No Trace of Her Assault.

Seranton, Pa., March 7. — A most brutal crime has been revealed at Hawley, Pa. Mrs. Mary Broderick entered the small store of Mrs. Mary O'Keefe, where she found the latter unconscious on the floor with her skull crushed. Mrs. O'Keefe has not recovered consciousness and is not expected to live.

There was evidence of a fierce struggle, chairs and tables were overturned and even the cook stove had been moved. The house had been ransacked.

Mrs. O'Keefe is a widow and only a daughter, employed at the mills, lives with her. The crime was evidently committed about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. There is no clue to her assailant.

SIX RAILROAD MEN DROWNED.

Bridge Collapsed, Carrying Down Two Locomotives.

Cleveland, O., March 7. — Six men were drowned and four others injured as a result of the collapse of a bridge spanning Yellow Creek near Irondeau, on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad Saturday. The men were on two locomotives that attempted to cross the bridge close together.

The dead: J. F. Maas, engineer; J. J. Peterson, fireman; George Phillips, conductor; Thomas Kerr, fireman's apprentice; T. J. Coontz, brakeman; A. J. King, flagman.

Most of the men lived at Wellsville, O. Of the 11 men making up the crews of the two engines all went down except one.

The bridge had been weakened by a cloudburst.

Damage by Ice Gorge.

York, Pa., March 7.—The gorge in the Susquehanna river just below the mouth of Conewago creek has crushed the superstructure of the York Haven Power company's plant in several places. The flood has covered railroad tracks at York Haven and has washed away several buildings from their foundations on Duffey's island. Three families live on the island and one report says that all have been killed. The families are those of John Zush, a Mr. Brown and a Mr. Sheetz.

A Much Married Man.

Elizabeth N. J., March 7. — When James H. Shippie, 32 years old, a street car conductor, was arraigned in court on a charge of bigamy he astonished the judge by saying he had been married "about 47 times" he thought. Two of his wives were in court and it was stated that he had married at least four other women, one living in San Francisco and the others in this state. He was held for the action of the grand jury.

Explosion in Powder Magazine.

Latrobe, Pa., March 7.—As the result of an explosion of powder and dynamite at the magazine of the H. S. Kerbaugh company at Heads Hill, near here, one man, Patrick Quinlan, was killed and 21 others were injured. Jacob Smith, who was in his home half a mile from the scene of the explosion, was so badly hurt by his house being carried from its foundation that he will die.

Will Bridge Death Trap.

Sharon, Pa., March 7.—The Erie and Pennsylvania railroads, the National Malleable Castings company, the Stewart Iron company and Sharon borough will jointly build a viaduct to cost \$80,000. It will cross 13 railroad tracks on Budd avenue, known as the "Death Trap," where a dozen lives have been lost. The companies will pay 65 per cent.