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RIGID WAR CENSORSHIP

Dispatches from the Far East of a Stereotyped Character.

Japanese Control Corea — Nearly 80,000,000 Population — Majority For Municipal Ownership — Page Murder Mystery — Death of Queen Isabella of Spain.

The brief dispatches from the seat of war in the Far East appearing in the London newspapers during the past few days have all been of a curiously stereotyped character, indicating that an active censorship prevails.

This applies particularly to points under Japanese control; but from the Russian side also it is evident care is being exercised to prevent the news of operations leaking out. The Japanese fleet continues cruising not far distant from Port Arthur.

Eight weeks from the opening of the war sees Japan without any real fighting, apparently in complete possession of Corea and the first stage of the campaign ended.

General Kuropatkin's announcement that the Japanese have reached Winko, creates no surprise in well-informed circles, where it is thoroughly understood that the Russians have no intention of making a stand in force east of the river.

Russians Buried Japanese Officer. It is said at Tokio that the body of a Japanese officer found and buried at Port Arthur is unquestionably that of Commander Takaso Hirose, who lost his life in the engagement on March 27 when Vice Admiral Togo made his second attempt to bottle up the port.

The government deeply appreciates the action of the Russians in giving the remains a military funeral, and officers of the naval staff have requested the press to express their appreciation of the Russian courtesy.

Russia's Financial Strength. Regarding the emperor's declaration to accept the village contributions towards the war, the Novosti of St. Petersburg says that authoritative confirmation is thus given to the fact that Russia has sufficient financial strength to carry on an expensive war which threatens to last for a long time.

Covering Landing of Troops. A correspondent of the London Times at Wei Hei Wei cabling under Friday's date says: "The result of a week's cruise leads me to believe that the Japanese fleet is engaged in covering arrangements for a new landing of troops recently mobilized. A close blockade of Port Arthur is not maintained, presumably because of information regarding the state of the channel. Certainly up to the present no Japanese transports have entered the gulf of Pe Chi Li."

To Operate on Defensive. The St. Petersburg Vostokny Vestnik's Harbin correspondent says every thing shows that on account of the unpreparedness it has been decided to operate on the defensive. It is believed that the Japanese will never pass Mukden.

Nearly 80,000,000 Population. The census bureau at Washington has just issued a bulletin which gives the estimated population of the United States for 1903, exclusive of Alaska and the insular possessions of the United States, as 79,900,389.

Vote For Municipal Ownership. In the municipal election at Chicago the Republicans elected 18 aldermen, the Democrats 16, and one independent Republican who represented the "machine" in the Sixth ward, was chosen a member of the council.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

District Judge Orders Arrest of Military Officers.

Orders Release of Miners' President Moyer and Expressed Regret That Governor Peabody Was Not Before His Court—Speaks of Reign of Military Despotism.

Ouray, Col., April 12.—District Judge Theron Stevens declared Adjutant General Sherman M. Bell and Captain Bulkley Wells to be in contempt of court for not complying with the writ of habeas corpus which required the officers to bring before the court Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, whom they are holding in confinement at Telluride.

General Bell, through Assistant District Attorney David Howe of Telluride, excused his failure to produce Moyer on the ground that he deemed it unsafe to bring Moyer to Ouray or to reduce the military force in San Miguel county by so doing, and that the governor had ordered him to disregard the writ.

Judge Stevens said: "A very grave question is presented as to whether it is the striking miners or the governor of Colorado and the National Guard that are engaged in insurrection and rebellion against the laws of the state."

"If there is to be a reign of military despotism in this state and civil authority is to have no jurisdiction, the latter might as well go out of business."

Judge Stevens refused to permit the filing of the return to the writ, ordered that Charles H. Moyer be discharged from custody, issued an order of attachment against General Bell and Captain Wells, assessed a fine of \$500 against each and expressed regret that the governor was not before the court, as he held him equally guilty with General Bell and Captain Wells.

Threatens Resistance if Sheriff Attempts to Arrest Him. Telluride, Col., April 12.—When General Sherman M. Bell was informed that Judge Stevens had ordered himself and Captain Wells confined in the county court for contempt, he said: "If Sheriff Corbett takes us to Ouray it will have to be over the dead bodies of all the soldiers under my command in this county. He has not men enough to do that. The situation demands that we stay in Telluride."

Retail Distribution Increased. Bradstreet's summary of the state of trade says: Events of the week have, for the most part, been favorable. Weather conditions generally have been springlike, except in some portions of the Northwest.

This has increased retail distribution in the cities, while in the country districts favorable weather has helped farmers in their planting preparations and improved the condition of winter wheat.

Cotton goods demand, as for some time past, is backward, and this is reflected in curtailment of print cloth mills at Fall River and of spinning and weaving machinery at other centers. Business failures for the week ending with April 7 number 201, against 212 last week and 153 in 1903.

Philippine Shipping Bill. The house of representatives passed a large number of bills, including the Philippine shipping bill, which appropriates \$475,000 in aid of the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition to be held in Portland, Ore., in 1905.

Marchand Wanted to Go East. Paris, April 12.—The Journal des Debats says Colonel Marchand (of Fashoda fame) recently offered his resignation to the minister of war, General Andre. Marchand wished to accept an invitation of the Emperor Nicholas to follow the Russian operations in the Far East, but the minister refused to grant him the necessary permission.

KILLED THE OLD WATCHMAN.

West Indian Negro Confesses Murder of John Thomas.

Philadelphia, April 12.—The mystery surrounding the murder of John Thomas, the aged night watchman at the Houston club of the University of Pennsylvania Sunday evening was cleared up by the arrest and confession of Lawrence Gibson, alias John Oakley, who was for a number of years employed as a utility man at Houston hall. Gibson is a West Indian negro.

Gibson was arrested at his home early in the day and denied all knowledge of the crime until late in the afternoon when he broke down and confessed to the murder.

Gibson says he went to Houston hall to call on Thomas. The watchman, Gibson says, evidently mistook him for a thief and attacked him. In the struggle he unintentionally killed the old man.

The police do not believe the story. Superintendent of Police Quirk is of the opinion that revenge for being dismissed from Houston hall was the motive for the murder. Gibson, whose complexion is so light that he easily passed as a white man, misrepresented himself as a student at the university and married a young white woman three weeks ago.

When the deception was discovered he was discharged from Houston hall. How he expected to get revenge and his reason for attacking the watchman, the police decline to say. The authorities said that Gibson is wanted in Jamaica for some offense.

SOLDIERS IN MINDANAO.

General Wood Wants the Men Put Into Hardened Physical Condition. Washington, April 12.—Soldiers serving under Major General Wood in the department of Mindanao will lead a strenuous life, notwithstanding alleged peaceful conditions in the Moro country, if they strictly observe an order just issued by the newly promoted major general.

"In order to have the troops in this department," says General Wood, "placed in the hardened physical condition needed by the best infantry for actual field service, the following requirements will be observed for the first month after receipt of this order: "Except during stormy weather, for four days per week, every infantry command will be drilled for at least 30 minutes with full field equipment, including 100 rounds of ammunition, full canteen of coffee, tea or boiled water and the equivalent in weight of three days of field rations. One day in each week a march of six miles will be made with the same equipment. Similar drills will be continued after the first month for one hour per day for four days each week, and the weekly march extended to 10 miles."

EDITOR OF ZION'S HERALD.

Many Delegates at Conference Dissatisfied With Mr. Parkhurst's Management. Springfield, Mass., April 12.—A vigorous discussion as to the character and business ability of Charles Parkhurst, editor of Zion's Herald, occupied most of the energies of the early session of the New England Methodist conference.

George H. Spencer of East Boston led the attack against Mr. Parkhurst, when the report of the committee on Zion's Herald came up for approval. He said that Mr. Parkhurst had given a specimen of religious yellow journalism in his conduct of the paper; that several brethren had received abusive letters from him when they attempted to criticize the management of the paper, and that Mr. Parkhurst was guilty of sensationalism and inaccuracy in the conduct of the paper.

Mr. Spencer demanded a change in the editorship of the paper. The report, however, was finally passed as presented.

Red Cross Controversy.

bring out the fact that the reply of opponents in the Red Cross controversy bring out the fact that the reply of the suspended members, or remonstrants, was not actually signed by all of them. Two of the number have declared that the use of their names in connection with the document submitted to Senator Proctor, chairman of the committee on inquiry, was unauthorized. These two are ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster and Hon. Simon Wolf. The Proctor committee will meet today.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

Short Items From Various Parts of the World.

Record of Many Happenings Condensed and Put in Small Space and Arranged With Special Regard For the Convenience of the Reader Who has Little Time to Spare.

Samuel Mowery, ninety years old, of Washington, N. J., was burned to death in rescuing a companion eighty years old from a similar fate.

King Leopold's documents in regard to the alleged cruelties in the Congo refute the stories and show how the British Consul who circulated them was misled.

Dr. Mary Walker ventured into the White House grounds during the Easter Monday egg rolling festivities and was mildly mobbed by several hundred children.

W. D. Dimm of Dayton, O., an Erie railway mail clerk, stabbed himself at the lockup in Salamanca and is at the hospital in a dying condition. Dimm was charged with robbing the mails.

THURSDAY.

Former Attorney General John P. Ekin was nominated for supreme court judge by the Pennsylvania Republican convention.

The steel trust will pay the usual dividend on preferred stock, although it will have to draw more than \$1,000,000 from its surplus to do so. Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and fined \$2,500 for improperly using his influence before the postoffice department.

FRIDAY.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$500,000 to Johns Hopkins hospital to make up for the recent fire loss of the institution in Baltimore.

The government trading post at Ross Fork, W. Va., has been held up by two masked men, who secured about \$1,500 in gold and silver. At a conference in Paris it was agreed that the signing of the Panama canal transfer should take place at the United States embassy about April 25.

An official telegram from Barcelona states that as King Alfonso was leaving the exhibition a "petard" exploded, injuring two peasants. An arrest was made.

SATURDAY.

Japanese supply steamers have entered the estuary of the Yalu river and are landing cargoes on the Korean side. Three Indians on way to Washington were killed and more than 20 injured in a collision of two trains in Illinois. A clause in the new Anglo-French arbitration treaty practically guarantees the "open door" principle in Egypt and Morocco.

FIRE BIRD SHOT AT A CROWD.

Eight Children and One Woman Wounded by a Drunken Man.

Mauch Chunk, Pa., April 11.—Crazed by the excessive use of liquor, Gustavo Luckenbach, aged 40 years, a veteran of the civil war, fired a shotgun at a crowd of women and children, seriously wounding eight of them. The injured are Mariah Dolart, Joseph McCafferty, Clarence Stoox, Florence Perzig, Mary McGlinley, Helen Southwell, and Daniel McGlinley, whose ages range from 9 to 16 years, and Mrs. A. W. Van Ande.

Luckenbach, who had been on a spree for a month, became deranged and beat his wife. At noon she swore out a warrant for his arrest. When Chief of Police McLean arrived at the Luckenbach home to serve the warrant a large crowd gathered in the street. Luckenbach appeared at the second story window with a shotgun in his hands. He warned the crowd to keep away from the house.

Chief McLean tried to temporize with the man pending the arrival of several patrolmen who had been summoned. This enraged Luckenbach, who aimed his gun at the crowd and fired. The weapon was loaded with bird shot.

The wounded were quickly picked up and carried away. In a short time a large crowd of men and boys collected, and it was with great difficulty that the police prevented them from storming the house and taking Luckenbach, who had defied the police. Several men entered the rear of the house surreptitiously while the police kept up a parley with him. When Luckenbach was seized from behind he fought desperately.

It was said that Mrs. Van Ande and the seven injured children will recover soon.

NOSE MADE FROM HIS FINGER.

Surgeons at Last Successful in the Remarkable Case of Oscar Leonard. Philadelphia, April 11.—Success at last has crowned the efforts of the surgeons of the University hospital to graft a nose on the face of Oscar Leonard. After three attempts had failed through the patient's inability to stand the fearful agony of the operation, the fourth has now proved entirely satisfactory to the surgeons and Leonard alike. His new nose formerly did duty as the third finger of his right hand.

Leonard is now free from pain and expects to return soon to his home in Hanover, N. J. While he will carry back with him a new nose and a full lip he will be minus one finger and another finger is badly scarred from use in the previous operations which failed. His lip, which was formerly missing, was grafted on prior to the attempt to give him a nose.

CONSERVATORY FOR A PRISON.

Pittsburg, April 11.—Henry Phipps of the United States Steel corporation has offered to the prison board of the Western penitentiary a large floral conservatory for the penitentiary provided the prisoners be permitted to visit the greenhouse. The prison board has accepted the offer. Plans are being made for a large conservatory of concrete, slate, steel and glass to be erected adjoining the prison. The greenhouse will be so arranged that when the prisoners are not visiting the place it can be thrown open to the public.

MARCH OF STRIKING MINERS.

Latrobe, Pa., April 11.—Headed by a brass band, striking miners of the Loyahanna Coal and Coke company marched to the various plants about Latrobe and succeeded in making the strike inaugurated last week general. It is conservatively estimated that 3,500 men are out and operations at a majority of the plants have been stopped, pending a settlement of the differences.

PROFESSOR BELL'S FLYING MACHINE.

Washington, April 11.—Professor Alexander Graham Bell has decided to give a public exhibition of his Tetrahedron kite or flying machine constructed under his direction in Cape Breton Island more than a year ago. The exhibition is to take place before the National Geographical society at an open-air meeting and exposition to be held on Saturday, April 30.

RAILROAD OPERATOR ROBBED.

Connellsville, Pa., April 11.—While sitting alone in the little operator's tower house at McSpadden, between Rockwood and Garrett, Saturday night, Operator E. Kerrian was startled by the entrance of three men who promptly ordered him to put up his hands. They took his watch and chain, railroad pass, coat and vest and all valuable letters about his person.

PENNSYLVANIANS WANTED TO LYNCH.

Smithton, Pa., April 11.—David Kelley, 23 years old, is in jail charged with killing Shepherd Moore, 18 years old, because Kelley and his companions called him a white nigger. A large crowd surrounded the jail and tried to force the doors, but was driven back. Kelley was taken to Greensburg.

ROBBERS TIED THE DOORS.

Oradell, N. J., April 11.—The post-office here was entered by burglars early Saturday, the safe was blown open and \$235 and \$300 worth of stamps was stolen. People living in the postoffice building were unable to leave their rooms, as the burglars had fastened the doors with wire.