

# WAR WITH CHINA FEARED

## Russia Said to Be Preparing for Trouble in Far East.

### JAPAN MAY BE AIDING CHINA

#### Russian Force in Manchuria Will Be Maintained on War Footing.

In view of recent events in China, the Russian government, like that of the United States, has found it advisable to take the necessary military measures to be prepared for all eventualities.

Through the foreign office officials, the alarmist tone of the Russian press and declared to the Associated Press that no news had been received to excite apprehension, the council for national defense, which has been preparing to reduce the force in the far east to a minimum, takes a more serious view of the situation, and is revising its plans for the evacuation of the armies in Manchuria in order to retain there a force "sufficient to maintain Russia's special interests on a plane with the other powers."

According to the "Slovo" the government is in possession of information to the effect that China is making war preparations, in which she is supported almost openly by Japan, and that an attack on Russia's Ussuri possessions is feared.

Fears, the "Slovo" says, are also entertained over the Chinese designs to overthrow the Russian influence in Chinese Turkestan that has grown up in consequence of the special trade and military arrangements instituted before the breaking out of the Russo-Japanese war.

### EXTRA SESSION ENDED.

#### All Measures Except the Civil Service Bill Passed.

The extra session of the Pennsylvania Legislature, which met Jan. 15, concluded its work and adjourned Feb. 15. All of the legislation advocated by the Governor passed with the single exception of the State civil service bill, which failed in the house after having passed the Senate.

One of the last acts of the session was the adoption of a resolution for an investigation of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Co. The resolution authorizing this investigation must be signed by the Governor before it becomes effective.

Two bills—Greater Pittsburg and the insurance commissioner's salary measure—have been signed by the Governor. The Philadelphia "rip-off" repealer will be allowed to become a law by default. Among the other legislation which has been enacted and which has not yet received executive approval is the following:

Senatorial and Representative apportionment; uniform primary elections; Philadelphia civil service; limiting the amount to be expended by the State annually for the erection of bridges; personal registration for cities; State Treasury regulations; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth salary bill. The two salary bills wipe out the fees of the offices of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Insurance Commissioners. The Governor has 30 days in which to dispose of the legislation left with him.

The cost of the session was about \$200,000. Senators and Representatives are entitled to \$500 each for their services. This was the first extra session since 1882.

### TWO DIE ON SAME SCAFFOLD.

#### Both Pay the Death Penalty for the Killing of Women.

Stephen Fellows and Jacob Hauser were hanged at Elensburg, Pa. The men were executed at the same time and on the same scaffold. Both men strangled to death. After they were pronounced dead their bodies were sent to Johnstown for burial.

Both men were estranged from their wives. Fellows shot and killed his wife and wounded his son, aged 16, in the railroad station at Barnesboro, Pa. Hauser's wife lived with her mother in Johnstown. Hauser, pried open a window in the house and killed his wife while she was sleeping. The woman's mother attempted to summon aid, and Hauser also killed her and wounded a half-sister of his wife. Hauser killed his victims with a Filipino bolo. The last double hanging in Cambria county was in May, 1866, when two men were hanged for the killing of "Polly" Paul, an aged woman.

### INSULTS THE FLAG.

#### Negro Bishop Says United States is Worse Place Than Hell.

In an address before 500 delegates of a convention of negroes to discuss race problems Bishop H. M. Turner declared the American flag to be a "dirty and contemptible rag," and that "hell was an improvement on the United States when the negro was involved." In closing he said: "If a little, ignorant and stupid white man who was never heard of and never would be heard of until 1900 years after the resurrection trumpet wished a little notoriety, he begins to believe and slander the negro and bounds into popularity."

### Broker Sentenced to Prison.

Harry C. Brown, a Boston broker, was sentenced to State's prison for a term of from two to five years for forgery and uttering certificates of stocks of the Boston and Albany railroad valued at \$135,000. He had pleaded guilty.

### Aaron B. Weaver, arrested and locked in the police station of Altoona, Pa., was found dead in his cell. Weaver was 52 years old and at one time was a prosperous brick layer.

## DUN'S WEEKLY SUMMARY

### Demand For Steel Far Exceeds Output Leading Industries Falling Further Behind With Deliveries.

Weather conditions have continued to stimulate retail trade in seasonable merchandise, part of the earlier unsatisfactory results being offset by a vigorous demand for winter clothing and footwear, while household consumption of fuel has revived retail trade, so that coal dealers will not carry over as heavy stocks at the end of the season as was indicated by last month's business. Nor has the possibility of a strike unsettled confidence in the future, jobbing and wholesale sales of dry goods for the spring trade reaching a greater aggregate than last year, and collections are prompt in most instances.

Manufacturers in most leading industries are falling further behind with deliveries, particularly in the steel business, while increased capacity has not kept pace with requirements. As to foreign trade, preliminary statistics of exports in January fell short of the month preceding, but promise to surpass all records for the corresponding month in previous years, while for the last week at New York exports were \$2,911,396 larger than a year ago, but imports declined \$1,741,880.

Railway earnings in the first week of February were 24.5 per cent. larger than in the same week of 1905, but prices of securities were somewhat irregular because of the firmer money market and heavy new bond issues. Domestic hides continue dull and weak.

Failures for the week numbered 241 in the United States, against 258 last year, and 33 in Canada, compared with 32 a year ago.

### CHICAGO BANK CLOSED.

#### Officers Charged With Manipulating Institution's Funds.

The Bank of America, incorporated in Chicago last December, with a capital stock of \$250,000, was placed in the hands of a receiver by Judge Chytrons, of the Superior Court, on complaint of John E. Kavanaugh, a stockholder. The bill asking for a receivership holds former Judge Abner Smith, president; G. F. Sorrow, vice president; J. V. Pierce, cashier, and F. B. Creelman, a stockholder, responsible for the alleged insolvency.

In the few weeks since the opening of the bank, President Smith is charged with having so manipulated securities, mortgages and notes and the stock of the bank that he has obtained amounts aggregating \$146,000.

The other three officers are G. F. Sorrow, vice president; Jerome V. Pierce, cashier, and F. B. Creelman, director. It is charged that they have dominated the directorate, have voted themselves extra salaries as they desired, and have lent the money of the incorporation as they saw fit.

Judge Smith is said to have borrowed money and placed it in the treasury to deceive the state auditor into believing that the stock had been paid up. Notice of the alleged insolvency is said to have come to the notice of Kavanaugh and other stockholders two days ago.

### PAT CROWE ACQUITTED

#### Man Charged With Kidnaping Eddie Cudaby Five Years Ago.

Pat Crowe, charged with the robbery of Edward Cudaby, the Omaha packer, of \$25,000 in connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Cudaby's son five years ago, was acquitted at Omaha. The jury was out 15 hours.

The kidnaping of Eddie Cudaby December 19, 1900, and his release upon payment by his father of \$25,000 ransom, created a great sensation. Mr. Cudaby offered a reward of \$50,000. Crowe was arrested in Butte, Mont., last October. There was no evidence positively to identify Crowe as one of the kidnapers.

### Entire Family Murdered.

In the ruins of a fire which the authorities believe was set deliberately to conceal the work of a murderer, the charred bodies of Antone Stetka, his wife and two children were found near the Dominion coal mine, 10 miles from Sydney, B. C. The skulls of the children appear to have been crushed in with an ax. The skull of the man was found some distance from the body, as if the head had been severed by the murderer.

### Two Cents a Mile in Virginia.

The Virginia House of Delegates passed the bill requiring the Corporation Commission to fix a rate of two cents a mile for passenger transportation on railroads until it can establish a regular rate for such transportation. The vote was 50 to 1.

### Ohio Postmasters Nominated.

The President sent to the Senate the following nominations for Ohio postmasters: Edwin F. Ellis, Belle Center; C. Burroughs, Colliwood; S. S. Stewart, Columbiana; A. Haworth, Crestline.

### Trains Collide Near Cincinnati.

In a collision on the Louisville & Nashville railroad near Maurice station, Ky., a few miles south of Cincinnati, two employees were killed and five hurt.

### Four Dead.

Four persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed a lodging house in Morrison street, Portland, Ore., and several others were hurt in making their escape. The dead are N. P. Young, watchman, Edward Dailey, a boy, and two unidentified men.

The car barn of the International Railway Company, located on the Canadian side near the Niagara whirlpool, was burned Monday, with 27 cars.

## HELP FOR STARVING JAPS

### President Asks Aid For Famine Stricken Japanese.

### SITUATION HAS BECOME SERIOUS

#### Thousands in the Northern Section Are Said to be on the Verge of Starvation.

President Roosevelt took official cognizance of the famine which has grown to such serious proportions in Northern Japan. In an appeal to the American people, the President requested that contributions for the sufferers from the famine be forwarded to the American National Red Cross. The appeal, which was made public by Secretary Lobb, is as follows:

"The famine situation in Northern Japan is proving much more serious than at first supposed, and thousands of persons are on the verge of starvation. It is a calamity such as may occasionally befall any country. Nations, like men, should stand ever ready to aid each other in distress, and I appeal to the American people to help from their abundance their suffering fellowmen of the great and friendly nation of Japan. I recommend that contributions for this purpose be sent to the American National Red Cross, which will forward such funds to the Japanese Red Cross to be used as the Japanese government may direct. Contributions can be made to the local Red Cross treasurers or sent direct to Charles Hallam Jones, Red Cross treasurer, United States Treasury department, Washington."

### ITALIAN ROASTED ALIVE.

#### Hot Coals from Firebox of Engine are Dumped Upon Victim.

Bruno Peggino, employed by the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad at Queens Junction, Pa., was in an ash pit under an engine working when some one on the engine dumped the flaming contents of the fire box upon him. Peggino was roasted alive.

### Senate Passes Subsidy Bill.

The Senate cast its final ballot on the subsidy shipping bill, which was passed by a vote of 38 to 27. All the votes for the bill were by Republican Senators, and five Republican Senators voted with the Democrats in opposition. They were Messrs. Burkett, Doolittle, La Follette, Spooner and Warner. As passed, the bill establishes 13 new contract mail lines, and increases the subvention to the Oceanic Line, running from the Pacific coast to Australia. The bill also grants a subvention at the rate of \$5 per gross ton per year to cargo vessels engaged in the foreign trade of the United States and at the rate of \$6.50 per ton to vessels engaged in the Philippine trade, the Philippine coastwise law being postponed until 1909.

A loss of approximately \$2,000,000 will fall upon the creditors of the bankrupt Enterprise National bank of Allegheny. Statistics gathered by the office of the Comptroller of the Currency show the collections made on assets that are called doubtful and worthless amount to but very little. The Enterprise has a comfortable amount of that kind.

### Heavy Loss to Creditors.

The French Government has made a notable concession to American insurance companies whereby the new insurance law will not be applied so as to injuriously affect their interests. This closed a long controversy.

### Strike Big Oil Gusher.

The Hinchberger Oil Company of Butler, Pa., has struck a 600-barrel gusher on the farm of Steighner in Clearfield township. The well started on its spouting career without warning to the drillers and in the neighborhood of 1,000 barrels of oil worth over \$1,500 have run to waste. One tank has already been erected and two others are in course of construction.

### Offenders Sent to Siberia.

Five famous Russian political prisoners, the last inmates of the Solovskoy fortress, were sent to Siberia to serve the remainder of their sentences. They were Karpovich, who killed Minister of Education Bogaleff in 1901; Gershunin and Melnikoff, accomplices in the assassination of Interior Minister Siplaginine; Sasonoff, the murderer of Interior Minister Von Plehve, and his accomplice, Sekrosky.

### Killed While Sleeping.

At Bucyrus, O., John Hill went to sleep at his post and paid for his nap with his life. He had been left to protect the rear end of a train on the Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking railroad, but went to sleep in the caboose. A following train crashed into the caboose and Hill was instantly killed. Three cars and an engine were ditched.

### Woman Over One Hundred Years Old.

Mrs. Mary Smith, of Meadville, Pa., celebrated her one hundred and first birthday anniversary. More than 100 friends called on the aged woman. She was born in Middlefield, Mass., and has lived in Meadville 28 years. A sister, Mrs. Thankful Durant, is 94 years old. Her son, John Smith, is an inmate of the Old Men's home in Philadelphia. Mrs. Smith, who has worked about the house.

### Over Half Million for Locomotives.

The list of motive power purchased by the Panhandle road for 1906 was announced at the general offices of the system in Columbus. The orders for locomotives already placed will mean an expenditure of \$570,000.

### Earthquake in Italy.

An earthquake shock lasting eight seconds caused serious damage in Calabria, especially at Cantanzaro and Monteleone, the populations of which places became terror-stricken, left their houses and camped in the streets, notwithstanding the stormy weather prevailing.

The formal opening of the Jamestown Exposition has been set for April 26, 1907, instead of May 13, 1907, as originally planned.

## FAMINE IN SPAIN

### Southern Provinces Visited With Scourge of Nature.

The famine in the meridional provinces of Spain is very grave. The recent intense cold has killed the sugar crop in the provinces of Seville, Cadiz, Malaga and Granada, ruining the regions and throwing large numbers of people out of work. Numerous bands of men unable to obtain work are scouring the country, pillaging farms, bakeries and provision stores, and threaten to attack the land owners. In the cities large numbers of people have been fed by public subscription, but the loss of crops puts an end to this, in so far as the greater number of unfortunates is concerned.

Thousands are awaiting the commencement of government famine works, which are indispensable to effect any improvement in the frightful situation, the consequences of which cannot be measured if the conditions are prolonged.

### VESUVIUS ACTIVE

#### Much Property Damage Has Been Done—Railroad Suffers Heavy Loss.

Mount Vesuvius's eruption is assuming alarming proportions. The Funicular railway track has been damaged at six points and the principal station is threatened with destruction. An effort is being made to save the station by the construction of a thick wall of masonry, reinforced by embankments of sand. Streams of lava are flowing with considerable rapidity, destroying everything in their course.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Rebel Hottentots ambushed a German patrol near Gendour, German Southwest Africa, February 7, and killed Lieutenant Bender and six troopers.

Sir Francis C. Burnand has resigned the editorship of Punch. Burnand has been associated with that periodical for 44 years, and edited it for a quarter of a century.

Counsel representing the Delaware & Hudson Company have pleaded not guilty to violating the rebate law in its dealings with the General Electric Company of Schenectady, N. Y.

One man was killed and seven others injured at the plant of the Illinois Steel Company, in South Chicago, when the man who lost his life struck with a shovel some dynamite.

Two men who robbed a shoe factory in Dover, N. H., and killed an Italian laborer of the "Sunrise" express, were captured by a posse after a 15-mile chase.

Ferdinand Schoppee, an Austrian, arrested in Chicago, several days ago on a charge of embezzling \$18,000 from a bank in Vienna, has confessed. He will be taken to Austria.

John L. Doyle, managing partner of the stock grain brokerage firm of F. R. Fabey & Co., of Cleveland, O., which recently suspended, was arraigned on an indictment charging him with operating a bucket shop.

Midshipman Minor Meriwether, Jr., of Louisiana, a member of the third class, convicted and sentenced to dismissal for hazing, has been pardoned by the President.

Henry Angus Rogers, claiming to be a son of Count Angus of Denmark, is under arrest at Dubuque, Ia. The prisoner has confessed to embezzling money from the Benton Club of St. Joseph, Mo.

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The Duke of Abruzzi has definitely arranged to leave Rome in April on an expedition of exploration in Africa. He will land at Mombasa, capital of British East Africa, and afterward will cross Lake Victoria Nyanza and climb the Elgon mountains in Uganda.

### RAILROADS AND SHIPPERS AGREE

#### Commission, With Power to Fix Maximum Rates to be Created.

The Ohio Shippers' association and the railroad companies have agreed to the enactment of a law creating a State Railroad commission of three members, who are to receive an annual salary of \$5,000 each.

The commission will have power upon complaint that rates are unreasonable or discriminating to fix a reasonable maximum rate, which shall go into force pending review by the courts should the railroads desire to appeal.

### STARVES HERSELF TO DEATH

#### Woman Worth Nearly \$1,000,000 Sacrifices Her Life.

Miss Marin Corsa, aged 56, whose fortune is estimated from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, died at her home in the Bronx, where she lived alone. Her death was caused by starvation and exposure, due to her life of seclusion and false economy. She denied herself even the necessities of life, and refused even the warmth of a fire.

### Senate Confirmations.

The Senate in executive session confirmed the following nominations: George E. Anderson, Illinois, consul general at Rio de Janeiro; Albert R. Morawetz, Arizona, consul at Bahia, Brazil; Benjamin F. Burwell, associate justice of the Supreme court of Oklahoma; James W. Reynolds, New Mexico, secretary of New Mexico.

### Snow Causes Wreck.

Three trainmen were killed, four others were injured, one probably fatally, and six passengers were slightly hurt, in a head-on collision of a special freight and a passenger train on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. The dead are Thomas Lafferty, engineer; Joseph Maher, fireman, and Fireman Bernish of Baraboo. Conductor R. A. Peck of the freight train is said to be dying. The wreck was due, it is said, to a snow-storm.

## TOWNS ARE SWALLOWED UP

### Earthquakes Cause Death and Destruction in Colombia.

### MANY BODIES FOUND FLOATING

#### Eruption of Volcano Caused Disturbances Along the Coast That Engulfed Many Villages.

Capt. Holroyd of the steamship Quito, which arrived at Guayaquil Ecuador, Feb. 14, from Panama via Tumaco, Colombia, reports that it is believed that all of the coast towns between Tumaco and Buenaventura have been entirely destroyed by tidal waves occasioned by the earthquakes of January 31.

In several cases, the earth opened engulfing small buildings. Already 70 bodies have been picked up on the beaches near Tumaco.

Passengers from the province of Ammeraldas, in the extreme northwest part of Ecuador, who arrived at Guayaquil, report that earthquake shocks were felt there January 31, and that several towns in the provinces of Ammeraldas and Manabí were seriously damaged. At Esmeraldas city several houses collapsed, including the government house. The village of Pinguin, near the Colombian frontier, was inundated by a tidal wave and many inhabitants were drowned. Ninety bodies were washed ashore at Tumaco. At Rio Verde several houses collapsed. During eight days 25 shocks were felt in Esmeraldas. One Colombian village of Guacanda also was inundated by a tidal wave and 200 persons were drowned. The eruption of the Colombian volcano of Cumal caused the earthquake.

An earthquake of considerable magnitude was reported by the steamer Sarnia, which arrived at New York, Feb. 14, from Cartagena, a seaport of Colombia. The shock was felt January 31 last while the Sarnia was moored at a dock in the harbor of Cartagena.

### WHIPPING POST DEFEATED

#### House Lays on Table Measure Providing for Thirty Lashes.

The House had sport with the whipping-post bill for wife beaters, and then laid it on the table, effectively disposing of it by a vote of 153 to 60. The most impassioned speech for the measure was delivered by W. P. Hepburn, Republican, of Iowa, who depicted the brutality of the man who would beat his wife, and declared that to be whipped was hardly adequate punishment. Robert Adams, Republican, of Pennsylvania, opened the discussion with a speech in favor of the bill, which provided for 30 lashes to be administered to all wife beaters. Among those who voted against laying the bill on the table were: Acheson, Adams, Huff, Lilley, Reynolds and Morrell, Pennsylvania; Davis and Davenport, West Virginia; and Scroggy and Smuser, Ohio.

### WILL INVESTIGATE RAILROADS.

The Senate adopted a joint resolution reported by B. R. Tillman, Democrat, of South Carolina, from the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, which directs the Interstate Commerce commission to investigate the charges of discrimination and combination in restraint of trade made against the railroads. The adoption of the resolution was preceded by a speech by Mr. Tillman, in which he practically charged that the administration was not proceeding in good faith to secure railroad legislation.

### GOT PACKAGES MIXED

#### Clerk Gives Customer Money Instead of Suspenders.

David Jones, a colored man, walked into a clothing store at Springfield, O., and bought a pair of suspenders costing 25 cents. He made the purchase just as the woman cashier was wrapping up the day's receipts to take to the bank. She used the same kind of paper to wrap up the money and the suspenders and got the two packages mixed. As a result the colored man got an even \$1,600 and the girl gave the suspenders to the manager to take to the bank.

After the mistake was discovered the whole store force turned out to watch trains and depots, but to no avail. At 5 o'clock Jones walked into the store with the money, his wife having discovered the mistake on opening the package.

### GOV. BRADY RESIGNS

#### Lieut. D. H. Jarvis, Formerly of Revenue Cutter Service Likely to Be His Successor.

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### HUSBAND USED GUN

#### Man Whom He Found in Company With His Wife Shot Twice.

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### WASHINGTON-JEFFERSON VS. VIRGINIA.

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## BURNED TO DEATH IN CABIN

### Candle Sets Fire to Furniture While Man is Asleep.

Robert Arthur Baggaley, son of Ralph Baggaley, of Pittsburg, was burned to death in his cabin near Bullfrog, Nev. It is thought that he retired leaving his candle burning, and that when the candle burned down it set fire to the table on which it rested. An effort was made to save Baggaley by the night force on the Montgomery-Shoshone mine, a short distance away, but before they reached the cabin and gained entrance Baggaley had been overcome.

He was found near the door standing erect, showing that he had attempted to escape, but probably was blinded by flames and smoke and could not find the door. When rescuers attempted to drag the body from the building it fell back into the flames and was burned beyond recognition.

### 12 CHINESE RIOTERS SLAIN

#### Peking Government Orders Execution of Mob Leader.

The Imperial Government of China has ordered the Viceroy of Foochow to execute immediately the leader of the Changpu mob and to punish severely the others connected in that affair.

The Viceroy reports that the trouble at Changpu arose over the detention of a Chinaman by the Catholic mission there. The populace destroyed the mission, and then the anti-foreign element arose and wrecked the English mission. Troops, which were sent as soon as possible, fired upon the mob and killed 12 rioters.

Great Britain demanded that China compensate the missionaries for the destruction of their property at Changpu, and also asked for the punishment of those responsible for the disorders.

### AGAINST THE RAILROADS

#### Wisconsin Moves for Two-Cent Fare Test Case Will be Made.

Steps have been taken looking to the establishment of a two cent per mile passenger rate on Wisconsin railroads.

Secretary of State Walter L. Houser, as a test case, filed a personal complaint with the Wisconsin State Railroad Commission against the Wisconsin Central Railway, alleging that he travels frequently between stations on the Wisconsin Central road, paying at the rate of three cents per mile, which charge he believes to be excessive. He believes that a fair rate of compensation for such service should not exceed two cents per mile.

The petitioner prays that the Wisconsin Central Railway Company be made to abolish the present passenger tolls, the State Railway Commission to fix a reasonable rate.

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### DENTIST.

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### DR. B. DEVERE KING,

### DENTIST.