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## FIGHT OVER GOLD

### Two Expeditions Hunting for Buried Gold Have Fight.

New York, Jan 14.—A cable from Costa Rica reports an encounter between a treasure hunting expedition under the management of Lord Fitzmillan, and a similar expedition under the direction of Herald W S Gray, resulting in the defeat of Fitzmillan party. It is stated that the encounter occurred at the Island of Cocosos where, according to tradition pirates in olden times buried treasure which is valued from thirty to one hundred millions. The Gray party arrived first and claimed that they held a concession from the Costa Rican Government granting them the privilege of searching for the buried treasure. In the night which occurred between the two expeditions several of the party with Fitzmillan were injured. The Costa Rican Government has sent a gun boat to the island in order to preserve peace.

## Swindler Arrested

Portland, Jan 14.—O B Griggs, wanted for alleged frauds whereby he secured thirty thousand dollars in Nome mining swindle from many parties in various parts of the country, was arrested here today. He located many claims in the Nome District and sold interests in them. He took purchasers in an especially chartered vessel to show them the mines, but disappeared before their arrival. The mining claims all proved to be fictitious.

## Criticize the French

Tokio, Jan 14.—The Japanese press is sharply criticizing the act of France in permitting the Russian Second Pacific Squadron to make use of Madagascar as a base of operations. The "Asahi" today says: "It is no longer possible to overlook the non observance by the French of their neutrality, nor her disregard of the obligations due from a neutral nation."

## Base Ball News.

Cincinnati, Jan. 14. As soon as president Heymann of the National Base Ball commission heard from president Burt, he expressed great surprise and at once wired Burt that the draftings of the season on the Tacoma club had not been reopened at the local meeting of the magnates. This wire was followed by a full explanation as to just what did happen, and will doubtless meet the approval of Burt and his colleagues as soon as they learn about it.

## THE CZAR PRAISES GENERAL STOESSEL

### Lauds the Brave Defense of Port Arthur and Mourns the Gallant Loss

St Petersburg, Jan 14.—The Czar today issued an order of the day to the army in praise of the heroic defense of Port Arthur which was made by General Stoessel and his brave garrison. The order reads as follows:—Port Arthur has at least passed into the hands of the enemy after a struggle lasting eleven months, during seven of which, the gallant garrison was entirely isolated and without hope. Nevertheless, they sustained the hardships of the siege, the privations and moral tortures without complaint, determined that the enemy should gain nothing without paying dearly for it. With a handful of men we have withstood the enemy's furious attacks. My brave soldiers and sailors, let not this sorrow discourage you. Our enemy is

brave and strong, and it is extremely difficult to maintain a struggle at a distance of ten thousand versts, but Russia is great and powerful. During her national life of one thousand years she has given hard proof of her ability to overcome even more serious dangers. After each struggle she has arisen more powerful than ever before, and with fully renewed vigor. We are greatly grieved by our lack of success and our painful losses, but let us not abandon courage. It is in sorrowful times such as these that the flower of Russia renews itself. I am confident that the hour of victory is striking, and God will bless our dear army and navy in the effort to crush the enemy and sustain the honor and glory of the fatherland.

## Russian Casualties

St. Petersburg, Jan 14. The Russian casualties during the past fortnight has been 7 officers and 183 men killed forty two officers and 949 men wounded, and forty three missing. This list of casualties probably includes those in the fighting at Kinow and New Ohwang as well as Suabke river, where several minor engagements have been reported.

## Committed Suicide

Milt Flesner, a young man living at Joseph, Wallowa county, committed suicide there Wednesday by taking laudanum. He had been despondent over some misfortunes and had been gambling heavily. After taking the laudanum he seemed to repent and started for the doctor's office, falling dead just before entering the door. His brother came along shortly after and found him. He leaves a mother and sisters in Wallowa county and is unmarried.

## Receives Brave General

Nagasaki, Jan. 14.—General Stoessel arrived here today, on the Japanese transport Kamamura. Governor Arakawa with the chief officials of the port went aboard the transport and received Stoessel, his wife and staff, who were in a short while transferred to land. General Stoessel was attired in a gray uniform and an overcoat. He wore his sword and slowly wended his way up the hill to the bungalow where he will be quartered. Dozens of Russian officers saluted their late commander.

## MORE PEOPLE TESTIFY

### Inquiry in the Smoot Case Continues with Despatch.

Washington, Jan. 14.—James Lynch, of Salt Lake, Utah, a Democrat and a non Mormon and a brother-in-law of Angus M Cannon, was the first witness in the Smoot inquiry case today. He was questioned as to the statement of his brother-in-law that he witnessed the marriage of Abram Cannon and Lillian Hamlin on the high seas, of the coast of California in 1886. The witness said that he had investigated the statement, and that he found that Angus Cannon had not been in California that year, and admitted that Cannon made the statement but said "He was drunk at the time." Hugh M Dougall, postmaster at Springville Utah, said that he had been expelled from the Mormon church but it had not made any difference to him in his business, although he dealt largely with Mormons. He said he took the endowment ceremonies in 1882 and also the oath of vengeance. He testified that the oath was to avenge the blood of the prophets on this "generation" and not on this "nation," as has been previously testified before the committee. He said since his expulsion from the church he has served in the legislature, being elected in a Mormon county. A A Moon, Provo, Utah, testified that the Mormons acted independently and freely in political matters, and that the practice of polygamy is dying out.

## BUILDING SITE IS CHOSEN

The Hagu, Jan 14.—The Government has chosen a site for the Peace Palace, which is to be erected by Andrew Carnegie and will be on the parade ground near the Bosch. The selection, however, must be approved by the estates in general.

## To Investigate Character

St. Louis Jan 14.—At the session today the House appointed a committee to investigate the connection of the republican Senatorial candidate Medringhaus with the state campaign fund Adolphus Busch the noted brewer testified that, at a dinner given to Senator Fairbanks, he guaranteed a part of the committee's amounting to the sum of twenty five thousand dollars, but that he exacted no pledges for favors, political or otherwise. Otto Stifel another brewer, corroborated the testimony of Mr Busch. He also agreed to guarantee the deficit, but had not been called upon to make good. He said that he contributed two thousand dollars to the republican city campaign fund.

## Ask For Reasons

Washington Jan 14.—The house today adopted the Hearst resolution calling on the President to give the grounds for his discharge of James O Keller and three other rural delivery carriers.

## Dubois Bobs Up

Washington, Jan 14.—In the Senate today, Senator Fred Dubois, of Idaho, had an amendment to the statehood bill read, denying the right of suffrage to bigamists and polygamists and those joined in celestial marriages, or any member of any order, society or organization joining together in celestial marriages.

## MORE LAND FRAUDS

Portland Jan 14 Judson and William Nealey, two brothers, who have been brought here as witnesses from Foster relative to the investigation into the land frauds, made complete confessions today to Wm J Burns, of the Government Secret Service. They admitted that they were employed to make fraudulent entries and do similar work, by the conspirators. The confession is terribly strengthening to the case against Mitchell here, and also implicates State Senator Eooth, and Fredrick A Kribe, timber agent deposited, the Baseburg officials and others.

## RUSSIAN OFFICER TALKS

Tokio, Jan. 14.—The bravery shown by the Japanese navy is beyond comparison, said Major General Nadien, one of the paroled Russian officers who has just arrived here from Port Arthur. In speaking of the war and of the Japanese Navy he said in substance. Its achievements are unparalleled. With the Japanese Navy and the Russian army, nothing in the whole world could withstand us. Our soldiers are uneducated, but it is not so with the Japanese. The bravery displayed by the Japanese soldiers is unrivaled, and it is shameful to kill such splendid men. Nadien also expressed his belief in an early termination of the war.

## KUROPATKIN RECALLED

London, Jan. 14.—The Rome correspondent of the Exchange-Telegram wires that private telegrams received here from St. Petersburg assert that Kuropatkin will probably be recalled on account of his ill health.

## NAVAL BASE ESTABLISHED

St Petersburg, Jan 14.—A telegram from Java states that a Naval base of operations has been established on the island of Libuan by the Japanese. It is also stated that the British telegraph office on the island ceased working for twelve days in order to conceal the presence of the Japanese.

## Neutrality Recognized

Berlin, Jan 14.—Japan has sent a formal dispatch to the General Government expressing her conviction that Germany has fulfilled her duties as a neutral throughout the entire war between Russia and Japan, and most especially during the recent events in the war zone.

## Prince Expected

Tokio, Jan. 14.—Prince Pushina and wife are expected to arrive at Tokio tonight on a steamer from the States.

## Disasterous Fire

Montreal, Jan. 14.—A fire here early this morning damaged the Royal Victoria Hospital to the extent of a hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

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