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ARMY ON POINT OF OPEN REBELLION

Navy Ready to Bombard Sea Coast Cities

(Scripps News Association)

St. Petersburg, Nov. 29.—The conditions are steadily growing worse and the city is wholly without communication from the interior. There is frantic selling on the stock exchange today and the prices are the lowest on record.

All of the male telegraphers of the city have struck today. Women are working at Moscow as operators. The police at Grodne have joined the strike. The revolutionary spirit in the Manchurian army is a serious menace. Fully a hundred officers have been arrested for advocating the revolutionary doctrines and the number guilty of subordination are far too great to even attempt to arrest.

ARMY REBELS

St. Petersburg, Nov. 29.—Military of-

ficials here admit that no reliance can be placed on the line regiments, not even those stationed in the capital. According to the officers, the spirit of revolt prevades the whole army, and the troops in Manchuria are almost in open revolt.

SITUATION ACUTE

St. Petersburg, Nov. 29.—Advices just received from Sevastopol say that the Black Sea squadron is ready to bombard the city. The authorities believe the surrender of the city is imminent.

NO COMMUNICATION

Berlin, Nov. 29.—The imperial post-office announces that the Russian telegraph has been out since noon.

Narrow Escape

(Scripps News Association)

Eureka, Cal., Nov. 29.—With her rudder post and her under jury rig gone, the steamer Roanoke, now proceeding to San Francisco, while attempting to cross the bar at four yesterday afternoon, had a narrow escape from disaster. In the hurry, the seas, which cut away the rudder, washed over the helpless craft. The tugs answered the distress signals, and to the astonishment of the life savers the Roanoke drifted broadside over the dangerous bar and out to sea on an ebb tide. The tugs and life savers stood by while temporary repairs were made to the rudder. Early this morning the vessel started south with no passengers as they were taken ashore. The extent of the damage is unknown although it is thought that the vessel is leaking.

Minister Resigns

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, Nov. 29.—Robert G. Squires, United States minister to Cuba, resigned today. Minister Morgan to Korea, was appointed to succeed him.

Begins Sentence

(Scripps News Association)

Peoria, Nov. 29.—Dougherty, the embezzler, was taken to Joliet to begin his sentence this afternoon.

TAKES STAND FOR HIMSELF

(Scripps News Association)

Annapolis, Nov. 29.—Meriwether took the stand in his own defense this morning. He said the first time he ever saw Branch was on September 1st, 1904 when the upper classman returned from a cruise. Branch was sent aboard as a prisoner for some offense committed on the cruise. The witness said Branch made himself as offensive as possible. He said Branch began to nag him. Meriwether said that there is a great deal of difference between running and nagging. He said nagging meant forcing the victim to do physical exercise of which the one being hazed could stand any amount. Running meant doing personal things that could not be tolerated. He then entered into a detailed statement how he had been constantly persecuted by nagging.

Crew Lost

(Scripps News Association)

Superior, Wis., Nov. 29.—The steamer Mataafa is pounding on the ice which is rapidly forming around the vessel. The stern has caved in and the sides are slowing giving in. Those lost are William Most, chief engineer on the Claud Farringer, James E. Turner, second engineer, William Gilchrist, Carl Carlson, Henry Wright, Walter Bush, a fireman and deckhand whose names are not known.

Not to Lapse

(Scripps News Association)

Butte, Nov. 29.—Senator Armstrong, who is chairman of the investigation committee, today issued a statement to policy holders, urging them not to let their policies lapse as a result of any disclosures made during the investigation and declared that the policy holders were in a much better condition than before the inquiry began.

Saved From Death

(Scripps News Association)

Butte, Nov. 29.—J. H. Rule, the prominent business man of Basin, who was lost in the mountains and had been given up for dead, was found by the searching party late yesterday afternoon in a cabin where he had taken refuge from the storm. When found, his feet were badly frozen.

Returns From Prison

(Scripps News Association)

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 29.—Finley, the young Victorian, has just come from Siberia, having served a term of imprisonment in a Russian prison on the Amur river. He was caught a year ago raiding Robham island on the schooner Diana and was sentenced to one year at Goumont. The others who served were Captain Thompson and George McCannish, of California, Joe Knapp, of Washington, and Ed McNeil, of Victoria. The Diana is believed to have been lost at sea.

Snow in Montana

(Scripps News Association)

Butte, Nov. 29.—A heavy snow is falling, hindering the traffic of the railroads in the northern part of the state. An engine and three freight cars were buried in a drift for several hours. The temperature ranges from 8 to 12 below.

Canneries Close

Brandon, Ore., Nov. 29.—The two salmon canneries closed down last week after a profitable season. About 18,000 cases were put up. The steamer Elizabeth will probably take the output and the Chinamen to Astoria on her return from San Francisco.

Election of Officers

Crystal Rebekah Lodge No. 50 I. O. O. F. elected the following officers for the ensuing year: N. G. Mrs. Lora Stiles; V. G., Mrs. J. A. Fraker; Tres., Mrs. George Ball; Rec. Sec., Maud Brasel; Fin. Sec., Clara Stoll.

Grain Markets.

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Wheat opened at 84½; closed, 85½; corn opened 44, closed, 44½; oats opened 29½; closed, 29¾.

PORTLAND MARKET

Portland, Nov. 29.—Wheat, bluestem 74; club, 72; valley, 74.

ESTIMATE COST OF IMPROVED SYSTEM

Water System Could Be Operated More Economically From Springs

Water Superintendent H. C. Gilman who was the first to champion the Folk springs proposition for a water supply for city purposes, took exception to the article appearing in the Observer a few days ago, wherein it was stated that exclusive of the cost of the purchase price of the springs, it would cost something like \$15,000 to pipe the water from the springs to the city reservoir, a distance of about two miles.

Mr. Gilman offers the following figures and if he is correct the total cost including the prices asked by the owners of the springs would not exceed \$13,000. He states that six inch pipe can be obtained for 27 cents a foot and that the pipe can be laid and covered the proper depth, for 20 cents per foot. It is a fact that during the last year over 15,000 feet of pipe have been covered in the city, in a ditch of over two feet at prices ranging from 6 cents to 11½ cents per foot consequently the price of 20 cents seems sufficient. Thus Mr. Gilman figures that the pipe can be purchased and laid for 47 cents per foot which for the two miles would mean an investment of \$8,170. As \$2500 was asked the committee by the owners of the Schilling springs; and \$3000 for the Folk springs, this would make a total for the supply of \$10,670. To this amount Mr. Gilman adds \$2000 for developing the spring making a total cost to the city of \$12,670. Mr. Gilman gives the following figures as the cost and maintenance of the present pumping plant for one year:

Wood	\$3000
Engineer one year	900
Extra engineer, four months	300
Extras	250
Total	\$4,450

This makes an average cost of the present system of \$370 per month.

Allowing that in all probability that during the irrigation season the pumps would have to assist the springs, and that the cost for wood, which is \$8.75 per day and one engineer and the interest on the \$15,000 would make a total cost of \$1890. Deduct this amount from the \$4450 which the system now costs, the city would make a saving of \$2870 and the city would then have the best and purest of water.

On the basis that the above figures are approximately correct, the only argument that can be brought against the city either purchasing these springs or condemning them, is that the supply is limited. He states that for purely domestic purposes, there is sufficient water to supply this city and enough to supply La Grande when her present population is doubled, excepting during the irrigation season. He states that these springs are now running 144,000 gallons every twenty four hours and that there are 450 consumers of city water. He states that he has carefully examined the reports of engineers and water superintendents, and such reports vary from 55 to 65 gallons per day per patron. Mr. Gilman raises these figures ten gallons per day, per consumer, and on a basis of 450 patrons, would require a supply of 55,750 gallons. Consequently if these springs furnish a supply of 144,000 gallons daily, the contention made by Mr. Gilman that the city should take steps to secure this system is certainly entitled to the closest consideration by the council.

TO REPEAL

LAND LAW

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, Nov. 29.—Representative Lacey, of Iowa, chairman of the public land committee, called at the White House today and said that he would try to repeal the timber and stone law at the coming session of congress. "Would it not hurt irrigation?" Lacey was asked. "I don't care if it does, it will put money in the national treasury and help wipe out the deficit."

Accept Resignation

(Scripps News Association)

New York, Nov. 29.—The board of trustees of the Mutual Life this afternoon accepted the resignation of Richard McCurdy, as president. Frederick Crombes, the treasurer, was chosen as temporary president.

For Booding

(Scripps News Association)

San Francisco Nov. 29.—Former State Senator Frank French of San Francisco, who is accused of being implicated in the legislative booding operations, for which Senator Emmons and Bunkers were sentenced five years in the penitentiary, spent last night in jail and was taken to Sacramento this morning where he will soon be placed on trial. French was taken into custody because his bondsmen feared that he would follow Wright's example and decamp.

Renunciate Agreement

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, Nov. 29.—Secretary Root today received the German renunciation of the present tariff agreement when it expires. It is the beginning of the commercial strife unless this country adopts reciprocity measures.

THANKSGIVING SALE OF HIGH CLASS MERCHADISE AT UNMATCHABLE PRICES

An unusual opportunity for supplying Thanksgiving needs at prices that makes a strong appeal to the economically inclined. In this GRAND THANKSGIVING OFFERING are included all the arrivals fresh from the best markets in the world. Your wants, be they small or large, can be supplied at a saving during this sale.



ANOTHER UNMATCHABLE OPPORTUNITY IN LADIES' SUITS

Absolutely every Ladies' Tailored Suit in our stock at a liberal price reduction during this sale. We can only mention a few.

- \$10.00 Suits 27 inch Box Back Jackete Satin lined in natty styles, Mannish Mixtures, **\$7.50**
- \$15.50 Black Cloth Suits, ¾ length Jackets with Extra Good Quality serge lining throughout, **\$11.00**
- \$15.00 Black Broadcloth Suits, silk trimmed and lined, 27 inch fitted back jackets, **\$11.50**
- \$18.50 Suits in nobby Mannish Mixtures in Black, Brown, Blue and Green, 52 inch coats with satin lining, this sale **\$15.50**

THANKSGIVING LINENS AT A SAVING

When table linen needs are suggested to you remember that you can buy GOOD LINEN at a saving here.

ALL LADIES' HATS AT SHARP REDUCTIONS

This does not mean one or two lines, but every hat in our stock, at an enormous saving. About 6 dozen ladies' \$1.00 to \$1.50 Felt Walking Hats, choice **25c**

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING IN MEN'S SUITS

- A goodly assortment in Kirschbaum perfect fitting and guaranteed suits at Special prices this sale. \$10.00 All Wool Suits in Worsted and Cheviots, this sale **\$8.85**
- \$12.50 Suits, this sale **\$10.65**
- \$15.00 Suits, this sale **\$13.35**

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The Fair
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

A Holiday Hint

With Christmas only—weeks off, it behooves every one to begin to think about selecting gifts. People are finding out that it doesn't pay to wait until the choicest things are all picked up by the early shoppers before making selections. Besides it's a great deal more comfortable and satisfactory to make selections before the rush begins.

Our holiday line is larger than ever before and we always have had the finest and biggest line in this vicinity. Cannot tell you much about it now but want you to

COME AND SEE IT

Another point we want to impress upon you is that you cannot buy gifts to best advantage this season until you do see our line and get our prices.

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