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HAS BATTLE ON

Tokio Sure Port Arthur Is Again Under Fire.

TROOPS MAKE BOLD DASH

Russian Force Is Compelled to Leave Fung Wang Chang.

GREAT LAND FIGHT IMMINENT

Mikado's Men Are Moving on Strongly Inrenched Army at Lio Yang—Niu Chwang Will Fall if Move Is Successful.

Russians Compelled to Retreat.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN.
LONDON, March 9.—Special advices from Tokio state that there is little doubt that the bombardment of Port Arthur was resumed today, but at the War Office all information on the subject is refused. Persistent rumors to this effect are in circulation, however, in quarters where there should be a knowledge of the truth or falsity of the report, and as no effort is being made to deny it, the presumption is it is well-founded.

The Russian advance into Northern Korea continues, according to the latest advices received at the War Office. It is probable that a serious clash will soon take place in that vicinity.

The mission of Marquis Ito to Corea, it is emphatically stated, will not be of an administrative character, but rather a strong expression of the relations of the Mikado to establish with Corea.

From Tientsin, advices are sent that by a series of rapid marches the Japanese have succeeded in surprising the Russian force sent to throw up intrenchments at Fung Wang Chang, and compelled them to abandon the position, the Russians being outnumbered and unable to secure the commanding position planned. The Japanese army then marched northward to an eastern pass at Takung Ling, and is now moving on Hai Tsheng and Lio Yang where a force of 35,000 Russians are strongly intrenched. An engagement is imminent at the latter place, and if the Japanese are successful the line of communication with Port Arthur will be endangered.

The Russian position on the Yalu River, while Niu Chwang and its port, Yinkow, are almost certain to fall.

In their present movements, the Japanese are following exactly the same tactics as secured their success in the Chinese-Japanese war, and are moving over precisely the same ground. The rapidity of the Japanese movement has bewildered the Russian commanders, and the result is that many small parties have been cut off and compelled to fight.

This is the only news on this subject yet received in London, and to some of the military critics it is inconceivable that Japan really can have executed such a sudden, unexpected and successful turn of the Russian position on the Yalu River, which, it is thought, would have necessitated the employment of a much larger force than it is believed Japan can possibly have at this point.

Washington Has Some Advices.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Government has received advices by cable from Chefoo, opposite Port Arthur, to the effect that Japanese land forces have appeared at Fung Wang Chang and at Tashan. No details are furnished. The first named place is about 45 miles north of An Tungmen Manchuria, and the latter is a few miles inland from the mouth of the Yalu River.

According to the calculations of the naval officers here they believe this movement has placed the Japanese on the Russian flank and perhaps in the rear and on their line of communication. It is believed that yesterday's attack upon Port Arthur and Tashan was a diversion perhaps to cover the expedition's land movements of the Japanese, who were probably landed from transports at some point west of the Yalu River.

Equal to Napoleon's Great Move.
LONDON, March 10.—The Daily Telegraph, commenting on reports that the Japanese have taken Fung Wang Chang, says if the news of this strange and marvelous collapse of Russian power on land is true, there is nothing to prevent the Japanese from seizing Mukden and the railroad. There has been nothing to compare with this move, the paper continues, since Napoleon staggered Europe by appearing in the Plains of Italy, having descended from the Alps as from the clouds. Its effect throughout the East will be stupendous. The other newspapers prefer to wait for authoritative details before accepting this news. Rumors of mediation in the Far East continue to circulate on the Continent, but evidently the British Government has no idea that mediation is possible.

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LONDON, March 9.—It is reported, on excellent authority, that a skirmish has occurred between a Russian scouting party, which had penetrated as far southward as Haiju, and a Japanese force. The Russians are reported to have been compelled to retreat. Nothing is known as to the loss on each side.

WOMEN URGED TO LEAVE.
Family of United States Consul Miller Will Quit Niu Chwang.

YIN KOW, March 9.—The British Consul strongly and officially urges the foreign women and children to leave Niu Chwang before the river opens. The British station gunboat *Esperanza* will leave as soon as possible, and will be replaced. The family of the United States Consul, Mr. Miller, will leave tomorrow.

It is understood that the neutral powers will not embarrass Japan by the presence of warships in the river here, and the neutral interests at Niu Chwang will be officially abandoned.

The tension among Russians also continues. There are circumstantial native reports of fighting east of the railroad, and there is some evidence of a Japanese advance. It is reported that the action of the Russians in ordering Niu Chwang to be fortified was due to the withdrawal of the foreign warships, thus removing the last possibility of the neutralization of this port.

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Members of Congress Open Fire on Bristow.

REPORT ANGERS THEM

Liar, Scoundrel and Coward a Few of the Epithets Applied.

GROSVENOR IS WROUGHT UP

Declares He Will Resign if Guilty of Any Wrongdoing—Upshot of the Matter Will Be Investigation of Postal Department.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—That any investigation of the Postoffice Department by the House of Representatives will result from the publication of the report involving members of Congress in that connection, was indicated by every expression possible short of a vote in that body today. With a whirlwind of protest the report was taken up by indignant members, their personal connection with it explained, and epithets hurled at Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow.

Williams (Miss), the Democratic leader, urged a complete investigation of the whole postoffice department, and received the hearty applause of both sides of the House and the galleries. It was soon found that the two hours which had been allotted to the subject would not be nearly enough to meet the personal explanations which members were demanding the right to make, and a motion to extend the debate until 4 o'clock tomorrow was carried.

When the House met the invocation was delivered by Rev. J. J. Dolliver, father of Senator Dolliver, of Iowa. Immediately thereafter W. Bourke Cockran (Dem.), who was elected to succeed Mayor McClellan from the Twelfth District of New York, was sworn in.

Overstreet (Ind.), chairman of the committee on postoffices and postroads, was recognized. He had been called by the House to discuss the matter, and he said that he had been consulted with members on both sides of the House who desired more time than three hours to discuss the Hay resolution bearing on the Bristow charge in connection with the Iowa affairs. He therefore suggested a postponement of the consideration of the resolution until next Monday.

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He was applauded at this remark, and continuing said: "I want to go to the very bottom. We have shown no unwillingness."

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Bears Tinge of Criminality.
"Somebody at the Postoffice Department has somehow included in the report the name of man after man in the House of Representatives and in the Senate guilty of no apparent wrong, guilty of no violation of any law, guilty of no moral obliquity, guilty of nothing that bears even the tinge of criminality."

"What was the motive of it? Wasn't it to give Congress notice that the department held something over Congress and that Congress had better let the department alone?" he inquired.

Cooper (Wis.) followed and said he was "one of the members under indictment." No member of the House whose name was coupled with that of the Hon. W. A. Machen, whom he knows and the word knows, is a convicted felon on his way to the penitentiary, has the right to stand up in the House and ask for a moment's delay upon the resolution."

This remark elicited loud applause from both sides of the House and in the galleries, which by this time had filled up to the limit.

There is no question of politics in the matter, Cooper said. One man convicted is a Democratic appointee and the other whom he expected to go on the road is a Republican. He declared President Roosevelt had directed the prosecution of members of his own party.

Moon (Dem., Tenn.) next got the floor, and facing the Republicans, said if the point of order was made, "you stand as a protecting shield against an investigation." Continuing, he said: "The thieves being yours and not ours, it is for you, not us, to say if they shall have your protection."

Overstreet then withdrew his motion to postpone, and the House proceeded to discuss the resolution under the department order allowing an hour and a half to each side.

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Governor's Seattle Fight Said to Spell His Defeat.

FIGHT ON HEAD OF TICKET

Political Stories of a Damaging Character Were Circulated Against Ballinger, Too Late to Be Generally Refuted.

REPUBLICAN PLURALITIES.

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SEATTLE, March 9.—(Special)—Twelve hundred Republicans knifed Ballinger yesterday. Fully half of this number can be traced to an alliance of Preston-McBride forces, the remainder leaving the Republican nominees through alliances with the liquor dealers or from pressure brought to bear as a result of half a dozen damaging political stories circulated against Ballinger, none of which had any foundation in fact, but all of which were put out cautiously during the few days of the campaign. The Republican campaign was too short to meet these charges, and the organization was not close enough to anticipate them.

The failure of the Preston-McBride forces to cut into Ballinger's plurality deeper has given the opponents of the state executive confidence today that the Preston-McBride wing of the party has gone to pieces. An unfair assumption that the influence of Preston is limited to those who followed him out of the party has found supporters. With this conclusion in mind, the poor showing of the Preston-McBride fight against Ballinger indicates a falling off in that support that is remarkable.

Where Cuts Were Deep.
The most striking cuts made against Ballinger occur in the Third, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Wards. The Third is Preston's home precinct and the Seventh is the district where he and his closest friends are most influential. The Eighth and Ninth were influenced by the Preston defection and anti-Ballinger statements of Democratic workers. The saloon fight was limited largely to the First, Fifth and Sixth wards. An average of other Republican votes shows Ballinger in the First ran but 16 behind. In the Fifth and Sixth he was cut deeply by the liquor dealers' influence. The Republican pluralities for the heads of the ticket are as follows:

Ballinger, 1292; John Hillinger, Controller, 4078; Mitchell Gilliam, Corporation Counsel, 3978; Samuel F. Rathbun, Treasurer, 4504; D. W. Bowen, Councilman-at-Large, 251; Charles H. Burnett, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, 3225.

The Socialist, Social Labor and Prohibition tickets polled a total of 1100 votes. Aside from the showing of the Socialists, who polled 638, no significance attaches to these votes. The Socialists, who maintain a regular organization throughout the year, show a slight gain. The total vote cast approximates 15,000 out of a registration of 19,000.

Charter Amendments Carried.
The charter amendments were all carried. Of these the most important is the one that grants to the Park Board exclusive control of park sites, and provides for a minimum annual tax levy of three-fourths and a maximum levy of one mill for the support of the parks. In addition, 10 per cent of the licenses and fines goes to the same fund. This gives the Park Board control of the expenditure of \$1,000,000 annually, no one, save the Mayor, having any authority over the board. The amendment was carried by a majority of 160.

The appropriation to annex a big strip of territory lying south of Seattle carried overwhelmingly in that city, but was defeated in the county. The district will not come in.

As a result of yesterday's election the new Council will stand 10 Republicans, three Democrats, a Democratic gain of two. The new city officials take their seats March 23. Mayor-elect Ballinger will not announce until then the changes he may make in the police department.

General Henry Boynton.
AUGUSTA, Me., March 9.—General Henry Boynton, of Maine, an officer who won distinction in the Civil War, died today of heart disease, aged 73 years. General Boynton took a prominent part in rescuing Kansas from border ruffians and pro-slavery in 1856.

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HOT WORDS PASS

Committee in a Row Over Land Reform.

DEMOCRATS ARE INDIGNANT

Only Dilatory Tactics Prevent Vote to Repeal Timber Act.

REPUBLICANS OUT OF LINE

Three Are Determined to Vote With the Opposition, but After the Meeting Agree to Support Substitute Legislation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—After a stormy session lasting more than two hours, during which Senators hurled bitter invective back and forth at one another, because of their divergent views on the subject of land law reform, the Senate committee on public lands today adjourned in a state of riot, the Democrats indignant because they could not get a vote on the Quarles bill, the Republicans angry because three of their number were ready to vote with the Democrats, and would not be dissuaded from their purpose. Had a vote been possible today, the Quarles bill absolutely repealing the timber and stone, desert land and homestead commutation acts without offering any substitute legislation, would have been reported by a majority of one vote. It was only through dilatory tactics that Chairman Hansbrough was able to prevent a vote being taken. With the Western Republicans, he realizes to report such a bill as the Democratic measure would defeat remedial land legislation at the present session of Congress.

Fillibuster Proves Futile.
It was fortunate that the filibuster prevailed, for since the meeting adjourned an amicable agreement has been reached among the Republican members, which, if it continues in force on next Wednesday, will result in the report of a substitute for the Quarles bill, which can no doubt have the support of a majority of the Senate and probably become a law.

This compromise measure repeals the timber and stone act, and authorizes the selling of public timber to the highest bidder under sealed proposals.

Instead of repealing the commutation clause of the homestead act, this bill requires 36 months' residence on an entry before it can be commuted, in place of 14 months, as under the present law.

The desert land act is amended by having the assignment clause stricken out.

It is the understanding tonight that all the Republican members of the committee will support the compromise bill, and if this proves the case at the next meeting, the bill will be reported. Dubois (Dem.), of Idaho, will vote for the measure.

Protects Portland Water Supply.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 9.—Senator Mitchell today secured the passage of his bill prohibiting prospecting on the grading of stock within the Bull Run National Park, which protects the Portland water supply.

He also secured a favorable report on his bill extending Oregon, Washington and California the law permitting the cutting of timber from the public domain for use in developing mining claims.

New Oregon Postmaster.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 9.—James S. Bacon was today appointed postmaster at Warren, Or., vice Henry H. Clark, resigned.

Albert Halstead was today appointed regular and George Freudenster sub-rural carrier at Tacoma.

Washington Bank Changes Title.
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 9.—The Controller of the Currency has authorized the Citizens National Bank of Port Angeles, Wash., change its title to that of the Citizens National Bank of Port Angeles.

NO CHANCE TO CATCH COREANS.
AMERICAN WOMEN TAKE HOPE ON REPORT OF MARRIAGE OF EMPEROR.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—So much currency has been obtained in the press of the country by a story that the Emperor of Corea had married an American woman named Emily Brown that United States Minister Allen at Seoul has been obliged to print replies to a number of women correspondents denying the truth of the story, and declaring there is no room in Corea for foreign female nurses, governesses, companions and the like.

Russia May Need Fleet of Steamers.
NEW YORK, March 9.—The Russian Steam Navigation Company is said to have received government instructions which compel it to curtail ordinary operations, particularly outside the Black Sea. It is understood that the company is being reorganized, and that the government provides for the government's acquisition of the whole fleet for troops and other military work within the Black Sea.

Supposed Millionaire Penniless.
NEW YORK, March 9.—A report just completed after ten years' work has been filed by the state appraiser showing that Robert L. Cutting, supposedly a millionaire, was penniless when he died in 1894. He also owed \$100,000 to the state, his father and about \$1,000 to his brother, with \$600 to his wife. At the time of Mr. Cutting's death he was a member of a stock-brokerage firm.