

JAPANESE AT HAND

Cruisers Ready to Pounce on Baltic Fleet

ARE SEEN NEAR MAURITIUS

Russians Are Hiding in Madagascar or Comoro Islands—No Provision Made for Progress Eastward and Return to Malta Likely.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The correspondent of the London Daily Mail at Port Louis, island of Mauritius (isle de France), reports that the British cruiser Force, which was to have left that port on Thursday last, is still there. The correspondent claims to have learned that the Force's wireless apparatus copied a number of messages exchanged between foreign warships, presumably Japanese. Mauritius is located to the east of Madagascar.

MOVEMENTS OF FLEET.

Rojevsky Will Return to Malta to Await Third Squadron.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The press correspondent at Copenhagen telegraphs that he is reliably informed that Admiral Rojevsky's squadron will return from Madagascar and go to the island of Malta, where it will await the third Russian squadron, which will leave Lhasa at the end of January, later proceeding to the East with Admiral Rojevsky's ships.

DISASTER AT PORT ARTHUR.

Chefoo Hears of Mine Explosion in Captured City.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Chefoo reports that the Japanese found there has received news of a disastrous mine explosion today at Port Arthur.

High Officials Give Parole.

TOKIO, Jan. 10 (10:20 A. M.)—General Nogi reports additional prisoners of war as follows: Major-Generals Nikitin and Baile and Rear Admiral Wren.

Nogi Going to Join Oyama.

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RECOGNIZES NO ORGANIZATION

Wynne and Bristow Plainly Answer Officers of Letter-Carriers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The members of the executive committee of the National Association of Letter-Carriers today called on Postmaster-General Wynne and Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow.

MUST ACT ON FREIGHT RATES

Opinion Given President by Two Leading Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—President Roosevelt had another conference today regarding pending legislation. He consulted with two leading congressmen, Mr. Clegg and Mr. Townsend.

GREAT NAVAL SPECTACLE.

Secretary Merton and Admiral Dewey Inspect Three Squadrons.

FORT MONROE, Va., Jan. 9.—The inspection of the Battleship, Coast and Caribbean Squadrons by Secretary of the Navy Merton and Admiral Dewey today was one of the most imposing naval spectacles witnessed in Hampton Roads in many years.

Deadlock in Chinese Railway Scheme.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The question of the Hankow-Canton Railway scheme, according to a Shanghai despatch which has reached a deadlock, which is likely to end in the abandonment of the enterprise or intervention by the American Government.

MORTON WILL TESTIFY.

Will Be Principal Witness for Santa Fe in Rebate Case.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The Record-Herald tomorrow will say: Secretary of the Navy Morton will be a witness before the Interstate Commerce Commission when that body meets on the occasion of the hearing of the Santa Fe rebate case.

WHEN IT WILL COME TO CHICAGO PREPARED TO BRING ALL EVIDENCE WHICH MAY BE SECURED.

It was stated that the three main witnesses for the Santa Fe, including Secretary Morton, President Ripley, of the Santa Fe, and James Douglas, president of the El Paso & Southwestern Railroad, with which the Santa Fe claims to have had a contract regarding the division of the through state on coal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, today postponed until next Monday the hearing in Chicago of the case involving allegations of rebates granted by the Santa Fe Railroad to the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company.

HIRED TO COMMIT PERJURY.

A Hundred Persons to Be Tried for Timber Land Frauds.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The following authoritative statement was made tonight: "In the Spring of 1903 the Interior Department was informed that extensive land frauds were being perpetrated in Montana and Idaho under an act of Congress known as the timber and stone act. Secretary Hitchcock immediately set on foot an investigation and in the State of Montana it was discovered that at least 100 persons had been hired to commit perjury in the Land Office."

Montana Land Fraud Trials.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 9.—Judge William H. Hunt today overruled the verdicts of the defendants in the indictments in the cases of the United States against R. M. Cobban, J. B. Catlin and many others for subornation of perjury and perjury in connection with timber land entries in Western Montana.

Following Up Stolen Lands.

MISOULA, Mont., Jan. 9.—Notice of its proceedings was filed in the office of the Clerk and Recorder here today regarding the cases pending in the United States Court wherein W. A. Clark and R. M. Cobban are the defendants regarding alleged timber frauds in Misoula and neighboring counties in the United States.

HIS CONJUGAL TANGLE.

Captain Milliken Does Not Know Whether He is Married or Not.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Captain David B. Milliken took the stand in an investigation today at Fort Sheridan, and detailed how he and a Philippine girl, after eight months of wooing in the town of Escalante, Negros, Philippine islands, "were legally married," and how after a period of uncertainty as to whether he was married or not, he participated in another "illegal" marriage only to find according to his story, that his wife had been previously married to a Filipino.

OREGON BILLS IN CONGRESS.

For Condemnation of Irrigable Land and Creation of New Judiciary.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Senator Fulton today introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to acquire by condemnation any lands in connection with any Government irrigation project. This bill, if passed, will permit the acquisition of all wagon road lands lying under the Malheur Irrigation project.

WHYENNE WILL SEND CLARK BACK.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 9.—At a joint caucus of the Republican members of both House and Senate, Clarence M. Clark was unanimously selected to succeed himself in the United States Senate. The caucus is a preliminary to a public election. No other name was mentioned.

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