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WAR EXPECTED WITH ENGLAND

Russian Official Circles Believe Great Britain Will Become Involved.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE ON INDIA BEING PLANNED.

Japanese Annoyed Port Arthur Sunday Last, and Fail to Get Any Trace of Russian War Vessels in the Japan Sea—Martial Law Declared in Siberia and Along Entire Length of the Siberian Railroad—Japanese Merchantman Has Been Wrecked.

Berlin, March 10.—The Tageblatt today asserts that the conviction prevails in government circles in Russia that war with England will be the inevitable outcome of the war with Japan. Active preparations are proceeding on an elaborate scale, including measures for the defense of the Baltic coast. Prince Uchtomsku, the czar's confidante, is quoted as stating that a Russian attack upon India is imminent.

Storm Stopped Battle.

London, March 9.— A Central News dispatch from Port Arthur reports that the Japanese prepared to bombard that port last night, but owing to a heavy storm were compelled to desist at 11 o'clock.

The signal station sent messages to the fortress that the Japanese squadron had appeared on the horizon. Fifty minutes later the shore batteries opened fire, but a gale sprang up at that moment and the attacking fleet withdrew.

Fired on Vladivostok.

Tokio, March 10.—Admiral Kamura sends the following report of the Japanese attack on Vladivostok Sunday:

"The attack on Vladivostok the 6th began at 1:50 in the afternoon and lasted 40 minutes. We believe the bombardment was effective and demoralized the enemy, as the Russian forts did not reply. The cruisers subsequently reconnoitered at several adjacent places along the coast, but found no trace of the enemy."

Martial Law in Siberia.

St. Petersburg, March 10.—An imperial ukase today proclaims martial law in various districts in Siberia, a part of the trans-Baikal district, along the Lake Baikal railway, and along all branches of the railway to the east.

Another Whack at Port Arthur.

Port Arthur, March 10.—A Japanese fleet reappeared at midnight, bombarded the city intermittently until 8, and withdrew.

American Attaches.

Washington, March 10.—Russia has granted formal permission to General Chaffee, Major Gibson, Captain Gatley and Captain Reichman to accompany the army during the present campaign.

Japanese Steamer Wrecked.

London, March 10.—Lloyd's Yokohoma agent wires that the Japanese steamer Shinshu Maru, was wrecked off Chemulpo and is a total loss.

Neutrality Enjoined.

Washington, March 10.—The president today issued the following executive order: "All officials of the government have decided not only to observe the president's proclamation of neutrality pending the war, but to abstain from either action or speech which can legitimately cause irritation to either combatant."

Eccentric Miner Dead.

Baker City, March 10.—C. C. Davis, better known as "Lum" Davis, one of the oldest prospectors and miners in this county, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital here last night. He had mined on Connor creek for the past 35 years, and was married to a Chinawoman. The girl was kidnaped from Connor creek 20 years ago, and taken to Lewiston. Davis followed her and brought her back to her parents and was afterward married to her.

RAMMED BY A STEAMER DOING DUTY AS A TUG.

An Attempt Was Being Made to Clear the Pier of an Immense Drift—Many People Had a Narrow Escape, and the Steamer Became Water Logged.

Colusa, Cal., March 10.—The draw bridge over the Sacramento river lost a span, and one pier was badly damaged by the collision of the steamer Dover with it last evening. The primary reason for the damage being so great was the frailty of the pier—a wooden box structure, ballasted with rock, with a few insufficient binders of railroad iron.

The steamer was doing duty as a tug, to pull away an immense accumulation of drift that had lodged against the pier and an enormous redwood that had securely stuck in a shoal before the high water came. The butt of the redwood was down stream, and its branches accumulated a veritable island of debris during the flood, and every pound of weight wedged the butt more firmly into the shoal.

Shortly after the steamer hooked to the drift the cable parted, without the drift being perceptibly loosened, and the center of gravity and point of leverage both shifting, nearly capsized the steamer, besides swinging her sideways with the full force of the current, against the pier, which creaked, shivered, tottered and then fell.

Some 30 people were on the span at the time, and had the collapse come suddenly, all would have been either drowned or crushed. As it was, by hard running all either escaped to other portions of the bridge, or jumped to the deck of the steamer below.

The damage to the bridge will reach $10,000 by the collision, and will much exceed that amount before the flood is done with the weakened structure.

When the steamer listed after the cable broke, she shipped a large amount of water and barely reached the shore in time to be righted by a vigorous working of the pumps.

A quantity of drift acted as a buffer, between the pier and the steamer or the latter would have been badly stove and sunk at the spot.

Condensed Milk Factory.

Baker City, March 10.—As an adjunct to the large creamery now in operation on Rock creek, near Haines, in this county, a condensed milk factory will be started soon. There is but one other such factory in the state, it being located at Hillsboro.

Walla Walla Library Located.

Walla Walla, March 9.—The Carnegie library will be located at the corner of Alder and Palouse streets, on the triangular lot offered by T. C. Elliott and wife. This determination was reached at the council meeting last night after a free discussion of all the phases of the case.

English Cabinet Row.

Birmingham, Eng., March 10.—The Gazette prints a sensational story that trouble has arisen between the king and cabinet over proposed changes in the war office, and hinting that the king may dismiss the cabinet.

Fighting in Somaliland.

Aden, March 10.—General Manning, commanding a British expedition in Somaliland, raided the Mullah's forces, killing 150 men and captured a number of camels.

Chamberlain Mentally Ill.

London, March 10.—Investigation of the report that Chamberlain is mentally ill indicates there is some basis for the rumor. Advices from Egypt, where Chamberlain is recuperating, state that he is improving.

Companion Boat Lost.

Canea, Crete, March 10.—A Russian transport from Port Said reports the loss of a companion to torpedo boat No. 221, while en route. The crew were rescued.

POLYGAMY AND ADULTERY DIFFERENT

Washington, March 10.—Andrew Jensen, assistant historian of the Mormon church, who prepared a book, "Lives of the Apostles," was called in the Smoot case this morning to tell where he obtained his information. Most of it, he said, came from previous publications in the church.

About Apostle Grant, the witness said Grant is reputed to have two wives. An academic discussion about adultery then ensued, in which the witness said the Mormon people drew a clear distinction between the kind of adultery presented in Harmon's testimony, and the act of living with plural wives.

In response to McComas, the witness said that only general officers of the church are required to obtain the consent of the first presidency before running for political office.

An executive session to hear the evidence of the defense in Apostle Teasdale divorce case is being held.

TRIBUNE COULD NOT PRINT THE BLANKS

One of the chief kicks which has been made against the county clerk by the Tribune was over a job of 100 naturalization blanks which had been ordered from a Portland firm, and for which the county was charged $7.50. The Tribune claimed that the work could and would have been done by the "official organ" for $3.50, and yesterday County Clerk Chamberlain took one of the blanks to the office of the Tribune and asked Mr. Dodd to please print him an extra hundred of them, as the county would need them sooner or later.

Mr. Dood took a look at the blank and decided that he would not be able to do the work at the figure bid by the Tribune, the fact of the matter being that he has not the facilities to turn out the work.

Judge Hartman, in speaking of the charges made against him, in claiming that he had passed up the printing bill, said:

"I am sorry that Elmer says such naughty things about me. He is real unkind. And he does not tell the truth. He says that I, through political craftiness, had the printing continued to the next term. Now that is not so. Horace Walker asked that it be continued, and I am sure that both he and Tom Gilliland are too honest to allow more than one-half of the amount asked for when it comes up again.

"I also understand that Elmer is about to cut his corset strings and whip me. That, too, is real naughty in Elmer. He should not think of such a thing. He should pick out a braver and a larger man."

NO ATTEMPT MADE TO KEEP THE MATTER SECRET.

Detective Wauppenstein May4 Be Chief of Police and if He Should Be, Gambling Will Continue Open—He is Favorable to the Tenderloin and Gambling—Ministerial Association Will Begin an Active Crusade Against Vice.

Seattle, March 10.—In open defiance of the state law, six big gambling houses are now running wide open. No attempt at secrecy is made.

Poker has been played openly in the rear of saloons, and club houses for the past two months, but within the past week, six of the largest gaming houses have opened up with faro, roulette, and other games particularly specified in the state law making gambling a felony.

It is now almost certain that Detective Wauppenstein will be appointed chief of police by Mayor-elect Ballinger, and if this is done, no attempt will be made to enforce the law, as Wauppenstein is known to be favorable to the tenderloin district and open gambling.

The Ministerial Association now threatens to begin the same crusade here against vice that has been conducted in Spokane, with such good results, during the past two months.

Escaped and Recaptured Twice.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 10.—Murderer Dunn, who escaped from jail Monday and was recaptured yesterday, again escaped last night, was recaptured at midnight, and landed in jail here, ill with pneumonia. He will be hanged tomorrow. He would die of the disease in three days the physicians say.

WORST STORM IN THIRTEEN YEARS

HEAVY PROPERTY LOSSES IN MANY NEIGHBORHOODS.

Sausalito is Under Water—Ships Damaged and Wrecked in San Francisco Harbor—Six-Story Uncompleted Building Badly Wrecked by the Gale—A Three-Story Building Was Ruined—Schooner Went Ashore on Goat Island.

San Francisco, March 10.—The worst wind and rainstorm in 13 years swept over Central and Northern California and Southwestern Oregon last night and this morning, causing heavy property losses, and perhaps loss of life.

Many places are flooded, and the business quarter of Sausalito, California, is under water. No vessels arrived here this morning, and it is feared there have been some disasters along the coast.

A number of ships in the bay are badly damaged. In the city, barns, fences and roofs were wrecked. In the downtown districts the water backed up and flooded the cellars. In the upper part of a six-story building, in course of construction at Bush and Polk streets, was badly twisted by the wind, and the whole building is in danger of falling over.

The fire department is considering the advisability of tearing down the threee-story building in course of construction on Lake street, near Sixth avenue. It was blown over and completely demolished.

The United States schooner Ernest went ashore on Goat island. All the crew, it is reported, escaped, but it is feared the vessel cannot be saved.

All telephone and telegraph wires are down and for several hours San Francisco was practically cut off from communication with the outside world.

San Jose reports that the streets there resemble miniature lakes. A veritable cloudburst struck Santa Rosa and vicinity.

All streams are out of their banks and their traffic in Northern California is abandoned. The railroad tracks are under two feet of water. A number of washouts are reported.

Guerneville reports a big landslide, completely blocking traffic. Petaluma was hit hard. In an incredibly short time the business district was under four and five feet of water rushing through the streets and warehouses with the fury of a mill race. Several narrow escapes from drowning are reported from Petaluma.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP PAYS.

Weiser Paper Rejoices in Results Brought Out in That City.

For a number of years Weiser was pulled and hauled about over the question of franchises for water and light plants, says the Weiser Signal. Franchises were granted to private parties and then recalled, and there were constantly mournful prophecies of disaster if the city undertook what it was acknowledged individuals could make a success of. "The city can never undertake it. Let a corporation have the franchises. Every city that has tried municipal ownership is anxious to turn the elephant over to private corporations. It will break our backs," was the mournful cry. The city sailed in and shouldered the ownership while our neighbors were giving up to private monopolies. What is the result?

Weiser's light and water plant was completed November 15—three months ago.

This patronage is just getting under headway, only a small portion of the people being supplied with light and water, but new patrons coming in every day.

The running expenses of both plants last month was $500.

The income to the city for light and water was $600, and increasing right along.

The rates are 25 to 50 per cent lower than any private corporation rates on the Pacific coast.

Municipal ownership was the thing. Lucky Weiser.

FAVORED SMOOT FOR THE SENATE

President Smith, Recalled, Gives Some Interesting Testimony.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMY A POLYGAMIST.

It is the Duty of Bishops to Investigate the Moral Character of All Official Members of the Church—"Revelations Do Not Come at Will, But As the Spirit Moves," Which is Smith's Experience—"Sealing for Eternity" is Recognized.

Washington, March 9.—President Smith was called to the witness stand again this morning and questioned about an interview in the Deseret News of December 3, 1902, in which he was quoted as advocating the election of Smoot to the senate. He admitted the accuracy of the report.

Examined as to Benjamin Clough, Jr., president of the faculty of Brigham Young Academy, he admitted Clough was a polygamist, but said he did not know his wives. Smoot is a trustee in the academy.

Asked whether he had seen the statements published that Abraham Cannon had married Lillian Hamlin as late as 1898, Smith said he had paid no attention to that charge, because it had come from newspapers viciously bitter toward the church.

"Sealing for Eternity."

From the same source he had seen the statement that Cannon claimed to be entitled to take Lillian Hamlin as a plural wife because she had been betrothed to his dead brother.

He has seen the statement printed that Apostle George Teasdale took a plural wife since 1890. As head of the church he had felt called upon to investigate. It is the duty of bishops to investigate the moral character of the official members of the church.

Dubois asked whether Lillian Hamlin had a child named Cannon, and whether she claimed for that child a share of the Cannon estate. "Could not prove it by him," the witness said.

The chairman asked if "Sealing for eternity" was ever performed between two living mortals. "Had heard of such instances."

Whether he had received any revelations since he became president that had been sustained by the church, Smith said that no man could receive revelations at will. He had impressions of the spirit upon his mind many times.

Senator Hoar asked how he reconciled his statement that it is not supposable an officer of the church would perform plural marriages since 1890, with the fact that some of these officers still are living with plural wives.

The reply was: "We have felt not only that public opinion, but the state constitution and general conditions in Utah more or less justify us in pursuing the course we did in regard to plural marriages, and I do not believe any of our officers would violate that sacrament."

FRENCH STEAMER WRECKED.

Foundered and Sunk in Storm in Indian Ocean.

Paris, March 9.—Official details have been received of the loss of French steamship Cambodge, near Rangoon, India, February 17, for Europe, off the coast of Cochin China. It is believed 100 persons perished in a terrific storm. A series of huge waves broke over the ship, which finally sank in eight meters of water. Help was sent from Saigon.

CITY HALL TO BE A COURT HOUSE

LA GRANDE WILL GIVE UNION COUNTY A NEW BUILDING.

Bonds to Be Voted at Coming Election Will Be for the Purpose of Building a Court House for La Grande, to Be Presented to the People, if the County Seat is Removed to That City.

La Grande, March 9.—While the city will vote on $25,000 bonds, for the ostensible purpose of building a city hall at the coming election, the real purpose is to build a hall suitable for a court house, to be presented to the county, in case the county seat is moved from Union to La Grande.

The main objection to the removal of the county seat has been that the cost of a new court house would be a heavy load on the taxpayers, and to avoid this objection in the coming county-seat removal campaign, this city proposes to present to the county a new building suitable in every way for a court house.

If the county seat is not removed to this city, the hall will serve as a city hall. It will be built in a substantal manner to cost at least $25,000 and will be a much more imposing building than the present county court house at Union.

Infernal Machine Found.

San Francisco, March 9.—What is believed to be an infernal machine was found on the beach near Young Corbett's training quarters this morning. The police are investigating.

NEGRO LYNCHED IN SPRINGFIELD

Sequel to Eleven Murders in Tw Years in Clark County, Ohio.

THE VICTIM SHOT AND KILLED A POLICEMAN.

Negro Dive Afterward Destroyed and a General Cleaning Out of Negroes and Their Places of Business is Threatened—The Militia Has Been Ordered Out and Serious Trouble is in Sight—Judge Mower Declares the Lynchers Will Be Prosecuted.

Springfield, O., March 9.—Richard Dixon, a negro, who fatally shot Policeman Charles Collins yesterday, was taken from the county jail at this place last night by a mob of 800 men and shot to death in the jail yard. Later the body was hung to a telegraph pole at the corner of Main street and Fountain avenue, and the mob spent half an hour riddling the body with bullets from several hundred revolvers.

Collins was shot by Dixon Sunday morning while the latter was in his room in a hotel removing his baggage. He had decided to quit the place, and fearing trouble with Anna Corbin, a woman with whom he was acquainted, Dixon asked Collins to go to the hotel with him. While in his room Dixon and Miss Corbin quarreled, and Dixon is said to have shot her in the breast. The policeman then attempted to arrest Dixon, when the latter fired into the officer's body inflicting fatal wounds.

After the shooting the mob visited the combination dive and boarding house which was the scene of the murder of Collins, and burned it. The inmates had fled before the mob had reached the place.

With the arrival of soldiers this morning order prevailed. The streets are practically deserted this morning, the ruins along the railroad track being the only reminder of last night's stirring scenes. Throughout the series of mob acts not a person was scratched except the victim of lynch law, Richard Dixon.

More Trouble Threatened.

Springfield, March 9.—"Look out, for tonight other dives surely will go the way of the Levee," is a remark heard on all sides today.

Of 5,000 negroes in the city few are seen. Many have left the city, the balance have barricaded their houses.

Judge Mower this morning said a special grand jury will be called immediately to prosecute the lynchers. The judge takes the riot as a personal blow, and is on the verge of prostration.

Blew Up a Bridge.

Vienna, March 9.—Italian workmen, with dynamite, today blew up a bridge over the river Begas, in Hungary, killing the German engineer, Linebach, and two others, and injuring four.

Triple Stores Burned.

Scranton, Pa., March 9.—Fire last night destroyed the triple stores of Goldsmith Bazaar, and damaged two other buildings. Loss, $200,000.

Strike in Chicago.

Chicago, March 9.—Five thousand painters and 800 cement workers struck this morning for increased pay and a closed shop.

Lord Loftus Dead.

London, March 9.—Lord Augustus Loftus, the aged diplomat and statesman is dead.

WOULD WIPE OUT THE LAND FRAUDS

PUBLIC LAND COMMISSION MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS.

First Report to Congress Contains a Plea for Repeal and Strict Revision of Objectionable Laws—Timber and Stone Act, Desert Land Act and Commutation Clause Should be Revised.

Washington, March 9.—The greatest step ever made toward the repeal of the timber and stone act and the desert land law, has just been made, in the recommendation of the public land commission, appointed by President Roosevelt, to report on land law abuses.

This commission consists of W. A. Richards, commissioner of the general land office; Gifford Pinchot, forester, and F. H. Newell, chief of the reclamation service, and its recommendation to congress is that the timber and stone act, the desert land law and the commutation clause of the homestead law be repealed or strictly revised to prevent frauds in any possible manner.

It recommends that agricultural lands be taken within forest reserves with regard to the natural boundaries of the agricultural land, the entries to be confined to nothing but tillable land, regardless of the section lines and corners.

If a body of tillable land lies along a creek bottom, in a forest reserve, the homesteader should be allowed to take the land, in any shape to include all the plow-land upon the tract, and to exclude all proper forest areas.

NO OBSTACLE TO TRANSFER.

Canal Litigation Brought by Colombia in French Courts.

Paris, March 9.—The case of the Republic of Colombia against the Panama Canal Company, (in which the former seeks to prohibit the Panama Canal Company from ceding its property rights to the United States government) came up for hearing in the French courts today.

It is freely admitted that Colombia's only object in pressing the litigation is to retain the ownership of Colombian shares, in order that the republic may profit in the distribution of the money paid by the United States to the French company. In any event it is not believed that the outcome of the case will interfere in any way with the transfer of the concession of the United States.

NO EMPEROR FOR HIM.

Senator Bacon Does Not Want Frederick's Statue at Washington.

Washington, March 9.—During the consideration of the army bill in the senate, Senator Bacon denounced the purpose of the government to erect a statue to Frederick the Great, presented by the German emperor, at the nation's capital.

He thought the emperor's action ill advised and the acceptance of the gift by the president hasty. He declared that such a statue was not in accord with the wishes of the people of this country.

BARRETT TO PANAMA.

Oregon Man Succeeds to the Isthmus Mission.

Washington, March 9.—The president has decided to appoint John Barrett of Oregon to be minister to Panama vice Buchanan, resigned. He will be succeeded as minister to Argentine by Arthur Beaupre of Illinois, now minister to Colombia. Beaupre will be succeeded by W. W. Russel, of the District of Columbia, now in charge at Panama. Barrett was formerly minister to Siam.

SEATTLE REPUBLICAN.

Largest Party Majority in the History of the City.

Seattle, March 9.—The republicans have carried the city by a majority of 4,000, the largest in the history of the city. Billinger, head of the ticket, is elected by 1,200, being slashed by anti-corporation republicans.

ROBBED A SALOON

HELD UP "LAST CHANCE" EARLY THIS MORNING.

Tall Blonde With Red Moustache and a Gun Captured About Twenty-Five Dollars and Escaped—No Trace Has Yet Been Discovered of Him—Bartender Was Alone at the Time.

The Last Chance saloon on Main street, is out about $25 in silver and nickles. H. M. Kennedy, the night man, is recovering from the unexpected vision of six large, .38 cartrides looking him in the face, and an unknown robber with red hair is speeding to safety with the boodle, as the result of a holdup at the saloon shortly before 3 o'clock this morning.

The bartender at the saloon was in the room alone this morning, and just preparing to close the place, when a tall man, with a sandy complexion and red moustache entered the front door, sprung the latch and ordered the man behind the counter to throw up his hands, at the same time shoving an ugly looking revolver under the nose of the astonished saloonman. The hands went up.

The invader then ordered Mr. Kennedy to throw the sack of silver on the bar, which he did. Not satisfied with the first sack, the robber asked for another one, and was handed a small one containing several dollars in nickles and dimes.

After pocketing the money the man backed to the door and after warning the bartender not to follow on pain of having his head blown off, turned and ran across the street and vanished in the shadow of the freight depot.

An alarm was turned in, but nothing could be found of the robber. He was above medium height, and slim, and wore a short canvas coat and overalls. He was clean shaven except his moustache, which was red, while his hair was light. The bartender never remembers having seen the man in the saloon before his appearance last night.

Although the trains were watched by the officers, and a thorough search was made, no trace has been found to aid them in their search. There was about $75 in gold in the saloon at the time the robber made his appearance, but as he did not ask for it, the bartender forgot in the excitement of the moment to offer it, and it was saved to the proprietors.

HEYBURN IN DISFAVOR.

Spokane Citizen Attacks His Cemetery Bill for That City.

"Senator W. B. Heyburn of Idaho, has introduced a bill in the senate of the United States to set apart a park and graveyard on the edge of Coeur d'Alene lake which, if passed, will bring such a pestilence to the city of Spokane as will depopulate it," said Dr. D. C. Newman, former health officer of Spokane, reports the Spokane Daily Press.

"The Spokane river has a direct outlet from the lake, and if the citizens of Spokane do not make a roar against the passing of the bill, the city will be in an unhealthy condition from the time the first body is laid in the cemetery.

"I cannot understand how Senator Heyburn could have the hardihood, when he has lived in Spokane so many years, to introduce such a bill. He must know that the people of this city are compelled to use the water which comes from the Coeur d'Alene."

JAPANESE LANDING TROOPS TO FLANK PORT ARTHUR

Bombarding Outlying Points in That Vicinity as a Blind. Reported Destruction of a Russian Squadron.

The Authorities at Washington Deny That Russia Has Refused to Allow American Attaches to Join Her Army—Turkey Orders Two More Battleships American Builders—Russians Capture a Telegraph Station in Korea, and Are Resisted by Korean Soldiers—Czar Falls Heir to the Throne of a German Province, But Renounces it.

Washington, March 9.—The navy department has Chee Foo advices which state that a large Japanese land force has arrived at Fung Wang Chang and Tabin. These points are so located, it is believed the Japanese are on the Russian flank, and the naval attacks at Port Arthur and Talien Wan were merely a diversion to distract attention.

Did Not Snub America.

War department officials deny the Berlin statement that permission has been refused to have American military attaches with the army.

Bombarding Forts Near Port Arthur.

Tokio, March 9.—Japanese warships Tuesday evening bombarded Fort Talien Wan on Korean bay. Later they proceeded to Port Arthur and bombarded the fortresses there.

Capture Telegraph Station.

Seoul, March 9.—A small party of Russians seized the Korean telegraph station at Yung Won today. A reported fight occurred between Koreans and Russians on the Korean side of the Tumen river.

Renounces Succession.

Berlin, March 9.—The czar has renounced the succession to the ducal throne of Oldenburg, to which he is entitled in the event of the death of the males of the present dynasty. Incalculable complications would ensue should he become the sovereign of a federal state of the German empire.

Sultan Ordered Two Cruisers.

Constantinople, March 9.—The sultan has decided to order two cruisers of the latest improved type from the Cramps.

Naval Battle Reported.

London, March 9.—A Tokio dispatch reiterates the belief that a Japanese squadron met Russian cruisers in the vicinity of Poisset bay and gave battle, the result of which is not made known.

The purpose of the Japanese ships in proceeding to Vladivostok was not to bombard the town, but to locate Reitzenstein's ships, which are thought to have left the harbor. The Japanese squadron is sufficiently strong to divide, one portion guarding the harbor, the other seeking the Russians.

Japs Seize Contraband Meat.

Nagasaki, March 9.—The government has seized 2,100 barrels of meat on the steamer Coptic, just from San Francisco. The meat was consigned to Port Arthur.

Elder Statesmen Convene.

Tokio, March 9.—The elder statesmen meet tomorrow to discuss the ways and means of prosecuting the war.

America Badly Snubbed.

Berlin, March 9.—The Lokal Anzeiger asserts that Russia has refused permission to America to send military attaches with the Russian forces in the field, while free permission to continental powers is given.

Probably Vague Rumor.

London, March 9.—No verification is yet received of the Tokio dispatch stating that the Vladivostok squadron has been destroyed or captured. It is thought to be another vague rumor.

Engagement in Progress.

Washington, March 9.—The commander of the gunboat Helena at Yainkow reports this afternoon an engagement is taking place at Fung Wang Chang, and the Japanese have landed at Tushan.

LONG CREEK ROW.

Editor of the Light Gives Opinion of Portland Detective.

W. O. Harryman, editor of the Long Creek Light, who has been bound over to the circuit court of Grant county for complicity in dynamiting the office of the Ranger at Long Creek two weeks ago, gives the following complimentary notice of the Portland detective who worked up the case and caused Harryman's arrest:

"B. F. Selvage, claiming to be an expert detective from Portland, but who has the appearance and actions of being a bouncer from some fivecent beer joint, arrived in Long Creek a fortnight ago with a rush and a whirlwind and taking the town by storm.

"He wanted the people to understand that he was Detective Selvage from Portland; came here to find out the culprit who blew up the Ranger, and that everybody must dance to his music.

"He roared and prowled around here for a few days and then dragged two innocent victims to Canyon City, where he succeeded in getting one held to the circuit court. If this foul-mouthed sleuth hound is the best detective Portland has they had better import a few."

POLITICIAN STRICKEN BLIND.

Man Who Nominated Governor of Kansas Meets With Strange Misfortune.

Wichita, Kas., March 9.—The republican state convention met and organized this morning. This afternoon Edward Hoch, a county auditor of Marion, was named for governor.

Thomas Murdock, who selected Hoch, was stricken blind during the night.

Army Bill Passed.

Washington, March 9.—The senate passed the army appropriation bill without any material modifications.

Shipping Bill Passes Senate.

Washington, March 9.—The senate has passed the Philippine shipping bill.

Tokio, March 9.—It is announced that Prince and Princess Arizugawa will represent the mikado at the St. Louis exposition.

TRIBUNE ATTEMPTS TO GRAFT THE COUNTY NEARLY 400 PER CENT

In the year 1901, Umatilla county paid the East Oregonian $161.25, for printing the delinquent tax list; in the year 1902, the county paid this paper $57.30, for the same printing.

In 1903, the bill of the Tribune was $366.60, for printing the delinquent tax list; in 1904, the Tribune's bill is $616.20, for this service, a total of $764.25 more than the bill for the two former years.

In 1901, the East Oregonian printed over 250 inches of delinquent tax list, which cost the taxpayers but $161.25; in 1904 the Tribune pads out the list to amount to 237 inches, which costs the county $616.20, or almost 400 per cent more than the largest bill of the East Oregonian, when the matter printed, even as padded out by the Tribune, amounted to 13 inches less than the amount printed by the East Oregonian.

The taxpayers can read these figures. They need no explanation. The records of the county show what they are.

Yesterday, Otto Didion, the printer who set the delinquent list for the Tribune, swore before the county court, that he was instructed by Mr. Dodd, editor of the Tribune, to spell out all the descriptions in the list, contrary to all custom, or common business honesty.

That fixes the responsibility for the padded condition of the delinquent tax list.

Morgan Schrack, an able and experienced printer, of more than 20 years' service in the best offices in the United States, swore that the tax list printed by the Tribune in 11 columns, could easily be printed in seven columns.

The county court cannot go back of such authority as this.

Since the Tribune secured the contract for the county printing, the East Oregonian has had nothing to do with that matter. The county officials have been forced to order some few official blanks outside because the Tribune, the "county official" paper, could not print the blanks wanted, but the East Oregonian has furnished none of these blanks.

The East Oregonian continually prints briefs for attorneys as private firms, and not as county officials, because the workmanship and service rendered by this paper are superior to that of the "county official" paper, and the prices equal.

As to the reduction of the Tribune's bill by the county court, that was done in defense of the people and was not in any sense a matter of gain, as every thinking citizen knows. Is it any wonder the county court hesitates to allow this enormous bill of the Tribune, in face of the fact that it is four times greater than any bill formerly paid for printing the tax list, while the amount of printed matter is less?

The more the Tribune tries to explain this open and flagrant attempt to graft the people, the worse it makes the matter for the owner of the paper and the county commissioners who stood together against Judge Hartman, in allowing a contract to the Tribune, at $2.60 an inch over a bid of but 60 cents an inch, by the East Oregonian.

This will be good food for thought for the taxpayers during the coming campaign.