

SQUADRON REPORTED LOST

WAR OF RACES MAY FOLLOW LYNCHING

Negroes Make Threats of Avenging Death of Dickson, and Enraged Whites Fire Colored District.

Fire Building in Rear and Bombard It in Front, Ignoring the Police.

ALARMED OFFICIALS CONFER

Mayor Wires Governor for Military Assistance to Quell Disturbance, and Eight Companies Are Sent Out.

Springfield, March 8.—As an aftermath of the lynching of the negro Dixon, threats were heard during the afternoon that the levee, the negro section, would be burned. On the other hand it is said the negroes are determined on revenge. Fearful of the consequences, a conference of the city and county officials occurred this evening, which resulted in asking for militia assistance from the governor. The saloons were ordered closed.

At 11:20 the threat of the mob, frequently made through the day and evening, was finally made good, and a volume of flames was seen to shoot up from the rear of a place occupied by "Les" Thomas, a saloon keeper. Preceding the firing of the building the mob shot at the front of the building for half an hour, but it is not known whether any fatalities resulted. It is thought the mob will not tolerate any effort of the fire department to put out the fire in the levee district, but will offer no resistance in an attempt to prevent its spreading to other parts of the town.

Troops are urgently needed, as it is probable the negroes will make good their threats to fire the business districts of the city and dynamite the jail and other county buildings.

GOVERNOR ACTS PROMPTLY.
Columbus, Ohio, March 8.—Upon the

urgent representations of Mayor Bowlius, of Springfield, that a race war is imminent as the result of the lynching of the negro Dickson, Governor Herrick tonight ordered eight companies of state militia to that city to preserve order.

Governor Herrick's first order to Mayor Bowlius was to issue a proclamation ordering the closing of all saloons. Next he ordered the colored members of company A, Ninth battalion, to rest on their arms in the armory and to see that none of the guns were stolen.

Senator Hypes talked to Springfield shortly before 9 o'clock and was advised that the outlook was alarming. Colored people were remaining for the most part in their district, but were wrought up to a stage of frenzy.

The trouble, according to Hypes informant, was due largely to threats made during the day by white men that they intended to clean out the colored district.

On the other hand the colored people, enraged at the public execution of Dickson, threaten reprisals.

The police, limited in numbers at best, were being wholly ignored and all attempts to curb the rising spirit of the people was futile. It was believed by Mayor Bowlius that the arrival of several outside companies would have much to do with quieting the demonstration.

At 10 o'clock two companies from Dayton were en route to Springfield. It is expected that all troops will be in Springfield before morning.

CONCERNING ISLAND TROOPS.

Washington, March 8.—The senate spent almost the entire day listening to committee amendments to the army bill concerning provisional troops in the Philippines, and the consolidation of the adjutant-general's office with the record and pension office. The Porto Rican amendment was objected to by democratic senators as tending to be a more pronounced military form of government. Both amendments ultimately were accepted.

The bill was amended so as to provide for increased engineer corps. It was still pending when the senate adjourned.

Wade Creditors Meet.

Pendleton, Ore., March 8.—The first meeting of the creditors of C. B. Wade, former cashier of the First National bank of Pendleton, was held today. T. O. Taylor was elected trustee, with bonds at \$20,000. Bills against the estate amounting to \$154,400 were allowed. Assets are valued at \$60,000.

RUMORED THAT RUSSIAN SHIPS ARE EITHER CAPTURED OR DESTROYED BY ENEMY

London Paper Publishes Unconfirmed Dispatch From Tokio That Japanese Fleet Engages Russian Squadron to Disaster of Latter.

Czar Receives Telegram From Viceroy Alexieff That Cites Events of Past Few Days—Government's Representative Reports That Damage Done By Bombardment of Russian Ports Altogether of Insignificant Character.

London, March 8.—The Daily Telegraph this morning publishes a dispatch from Tokio dated March 7, saying:

"It is rumored that the Japanese fleet engaged the Russian Vladivostok squadron at sea yesterday. The result of the engagement is not announced, but it is believed the Russian ships were either destroyed or captured."

St. Petersburg, March 8.—Viceroy Alexieff has sent the czar the following telegram:

"Mukden—I have the honor to communicate to your majesty the following details of events on March 6:

"The enemy's squadron approached Vladivostok toward 11 o'clock in the morning, having passed near Askold island. After several maneuvers, two cruisers were left to the north of the island and the remainder steamed along the coast of Ussuri bay. Upon arriving off Mount St. Joseph and Ussuri bay, the squadron made toward the battery. The ships opened fire from both sides, evidently at first using blank cartridges in order to warm their guns. At 1:45 p. m., when at a distance of about 5-4 miles, the leading ship opened fire with her forward guns and the entire squadron steamed along the shore, firing their port guns. The squadron at 2:25 p. m. ceased firing and steamed off to the southward. No damage was done to the fortress or entrenchments and in the town and at other parts of the fortifications the damage was insignificant.

"According to reports of events on March 7, the enemy's squadron reappeared at 8 o'clock in the morning near Vladivostok. They entered Ussuri bay and proceeded along the coast without opening fire. The squadron returned and headed for Cape Gamova, at Posselt bay, which it reached at 3:40 p. m.

"The enemy finally turned off when opposite Pallas bay and departed in a southerly direction."

Its Visit Occasions Surprise.

Tokio, March 8.—The forthcoming visit of Marquis Ito, as special ambassador from the Emperor of Japan to the emperor of Corea, claims general attention. It was originally planned to send a prominent Japanese to Seoul. The announcement that Marquis Ito is going is a surprise. It is denied that Japan has any new plan to execute. It is thought, however, that the marquis will make an investigation of the general condition in Corea and formulate possibly some recommendations which will be useful in the adoption of a policy for the future.

CENSORSHIP TOO RIGID.

Press Representatives Seek Mainland to Get News.

Shanghai, March 8.—The rigid censorship placed by the Japanese authorities on all telegraphic dispatches both press and private, has caused many of the foreign correspondents to seek a field of news on the mainland. Correspondents who have reached here from Tokio report that the censorship is more perfect than they have ever encountered, and is exercised on intercommunication as well as on foreign matter. Traffic on the wires has trebled, and their original carrying capacity is reduced because the war department and the foreign office have each taken possession of the many

trunk lines that run south through the empire. The exactions of the censorship and the difficulties of intercommunication have served largely to obscure the view of the correspondents, and probably has resulted in much conflicting news from various points. It is anticipated that when the corps of newspaper reporters who are now at Tokio are finally allowed to go to the front a serious condition of telegraphic service will result, as the land lines are not adequate to the service they will be called upon to perform.

Well informed newspaper men who have reached here express the opinion that there will be no extensive land operations until the naval operations are conclusively decided, unless the Russians should cross the Yalu and start south, thus forcing the hands of the Japanese. From the best information obtainable, however, the Russians are not in shape to make such a move in force. It is generally held by the experts that should the Japanese sweep the sea three large forces will be put in operation, one against Port Arthur, one through Corea and across the Yalu to cut the Russian center to the railway, and the third against Vladivostok.

The regulations for the government of foreign newspaper correspondents have been promulgated, and are iron-clad. One article provides that if a war correspondent violates the criminal law, military criminal law, or law for the preservation of military secrets, he may be punished according to military law by court-martial.

THINK THEY HAVE HIM.

Expert Crackmen Supposed to Be in Hands of Seattle Police.

Seattle, March 8.—John Sayrs, who will be tried for having in his possession burglar's tools, is believed by the police to be the man who has been trying to open richly laden safes in Seattle for several weeks past by a clever and noiseless method. In addition to the evidence found on the man's person when they arrested him Saturday afternoon Detectives Kennedy and Byrnes found a complete burglar's outfit in his room yesterday.

The following articles taken from Sayrs are now in the possession of the police: Appliance for adjusting combination disks of safe lock, black revolver, pair of "sneaks" or rubber-soled shoes, slouch hat, crushed soap (used by crackmen in safe work) and black shirt.

Sayrs roomed on Columbia street in a respectable place. He is thought to have worked entirely alone. Kennedy and Byrnes are positive that he is the man who tried to open the Grand opera house, Merchants saloon and Tom Williams' saloon safes.

The tools with which all these attempts were made are a "drag" and the sort of key arrangement. The "drag" was placed in each instance beneath the lever which throws back the bolts. This was drawn out by screw leverage, and with it the long rod which runs from the handle into the lock. Into the cylindrical aperture through which this rod ran the tool was inserted.

This tool consists of a rod, in whose end is a slot. In this slot a short blade is hung free on a screw. When the tool is shoved into the lock the blade folds back into the slot. Entering the lock it drops out and hangs at right angles to the rod. This rod is then

manipulated much after the fashion of a skeleton key.

In one of the safes attacked this tool has broken and the blade with a part of the rod were left inside the lock. Sayrs had a new tool made when the detectives came across him. When asked what the appliance was the man replied that it was used to open faucets.

PORTE IS OBDURATE.

Berlin, March 8.—The porte has thus far met the request of the Russian ambassador to Turkey, M. Zinovieff, to permit the Black sea fleet to pass the Dardanelles by naming conditions wholly unacceptable to Russia. One of these conditions naturally is that Russia shall break off or evade the fulfillment of her agreement with Austria respecting the Balkans, give the sultan leave to settle the controversy by his own methods and assist Turkey should Austria or other powers dispute the sultan's decision. Russia rejected these proposals as preposterous, but she renewed her request, to which there seems little likelihood of the sultan yielding, as British diplomacy is active at Constantinople in urging on the porte a strict observance of the Berlin treaty.

France, so far as can be perceived here has not seconded Russia in this move. Such a step as permitting the Black sea fleet to pass through the Dardanelles would be regarded diplomatically as a breach of neutrality on the part of Turkey, though Great Britain's opposition to it being aimed at the maintenance of the status quo, is not so considered.

Russia's diplomatic weight at Constantinople has been somewhat reduced by the occurrences in the far east. The porte will give nothing without a heavy price. Germany expresses no opinion on the subject. The most that Germany will do in the presence of a bargain between Russia and Turkey for the release of the Black sea fleet would be to maintain silence, neither advising nor assisting either party.

The government here is looking ahead. It can conceive of a time when it will be to Germany's advantage to have a portion of the Russian navy locked up. Austria and Italy are not moving at Constantinople where all the powers therefore except Russia and Great Britain are quiescent.

Russia would not use the Dardanelles now if she could, in the opinion of experts here, because her Black sea fleet is not ready for a far eastern campaign.

RED BEARDED SAINT TELLS SECRETS

Francis M. Lyman, President of Twelve Apostles, Proves to Be Outspoken Witness at Smoot Hearing.

Likely Successor to Smith Shocks His Associates Who Shake Heads at Him.

CONSIDER HIM INDISCREET

Several Witnesses Talk, and Protestants' Case Generally Beginning to Be Looked Upon as Strong One.

Washington, March 8.—The senate committee today in the investigation of the protests against Senator Smoot, brought out a variety of testimony, of which the most sensational was that given by Francis M. Lyman, president of Twelve Apostles of the Mormon church, and the man chosen to be the successor of President Smith. His admissions were similar to those previously made by Smith pertaining to the church government. He is more free of speech than the president of the church and his testimony, though not differing, caused several apostles present to shake their heads at the witness for the purpose of compelling more discretion in answering questions.

Lyman is an elderly man, his face is covered with a growth of bushy red whiskers and his speech is blunt. Four witnesses were on the stand today. They were Mrs. Kennedy, her mother, Mrs. Matthews; Chas. Merrill, son of Apostle Merrill and Lyman.

BALLINGER'S ELECTION SURE.

Republican Candidate for Mayor Gets There by Very Close Margin.

Seattle, March 8.—Complete returns at midnight from 35 of 52 precincts give Ballinger, republican, for mayor, 4409; Tucker, democrat, 3445. Ballinger will be elected by from 500 to 800 plurality.

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