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RUSSIA STILL HOLDS THE FORT

CONSPIRACY IS THE CHARGE PREFERRED

Eastern Oregon Cattle King and Others Will Be Indicted For Fraud By the Federal Grand Jury.

Suspicion Fastens Upon Charles Cunningham Because of Testimony in Thomson Case.

TASTES HIS OWN MEDICINE

Should Conviction Follow Trial Last Chapter in Famous Eastern Oregon Land Case Will Be Closed.

Portland, March 22.—The Evening Telegram printed the following tonight:

"On charges of conspiracy, Charles B. Cunningham, the millionaire cattle king of eastern Oregon, together with five other men and one woman, will be indicted by the grand jury, at present deliberating in the federal district court here. The grand jury has made no report as yet on the case, the investigation of which was finished yesterday. Charles B. Cunningham, J. Rayburn, Glen Salling, Shelly J. Mark Shackelford, Dallas O'Hara and Kate James are the persons to be indicted. Judge G. A. Hartman and Joseph Parks will not be concerned in the case, except, possibly, as witnesses at the trial.

"The Cunningham case will come up for trial before the next trial of the jury in the United States court. This will be the closing chapter, providing Cunningham and those concerned with him are convicted, in the celebrated eastern Oregon case, which originated with the arrest of Asa B. Tomson, former receiver in the United States land office at La Grande.

"When Tomson was tried here last year the men now implicated in the alleged land frauds testified in the case. Their own testimony aroused the suspicions of the federal officials

and they were arrested and held for examination before the United States grand jury."

Dick Appears in Senate.

Washington, March 22.—The Senate for part of the day debated on the Indian appropriation bill. Mr. Lodge took exception to the provision exempting candidates for the position of Indian agency farmer from a civilian's examination, and on his suggestion the amendment was passed over without action. Later in the day, Senator-elect Dick, of Ohio, appeared in the senate chamber. He went direct to Senator Foraker's seat and was cordially greeted, but their conference was cut short by the announcement of the executive session.

Free to Guam.

San Francisco, March 22.—Commissioner of Navigation Chamberlain has written to Collector Stratton, including a copy of an opinion rendered by Attorney-General Knox, in which it is said that foreign vessels may carry cargo from a port of the United States to Guam without incurring a penalty. It is decided that until congress legislates the matter the coastwise laws requiring domestic trade to be carried on in vessels of the United States do not apply. By the same reasoning it would seem that foreign vessels may engage in trade with Pago Pago and Tutuila.

Easter Lilies Arrive.

New York, March 22.—The first steamship load of Easter lilies has arrived here from Bermuda. This consignment was mainly for the far west and as soon as the vessel docked express vans transferred the flowers to the railroad stations, and they were started to their destinations. There were thousands of crates in the cargo, requiring the most delicate handling. It is expected that more of the flowers will be brought north this year than ever before. Last year's short crop created scarcity and high prices but this season the blossoms are reported abundant.

Still Signs of Wreck.

Seattle, March 22.—A private telegram received from Victoria says Indians arriving from Bamfield creek, on the west coast of Vancouver island, report that the arms of a ship's figurehead have come ashore at Sechart and also another bundle of letters addressed to Chief Officer Lamorna.

REPEATED ONSLAUGHTS ON PORT ARTHUR ARE UNAVAILING TO THE JAPANESE FLEET

Discovered at Night By Russian Searchlights, the Besieged Open Fire That is Kept up By Both Sides for Twenty Minutes.

During the Day Attacking Force Divides Fleet, Battleships and Torpedo Boats Taking up Different Positions, But in Spite of Maneuvering are Kept Aloof By Shot and Shell From Ships and Fort Batteries.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—The emperor has received the following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff:

"Lieutenant-General Stoessel reports that at midnight of March 21 the Japanese torpedo boats were discovered by our searchlights. Our guardships and fort batteries opened fire upon them, the firing lasting 20 minutes. At 4 o'clock in the morning the attack was renewed. At 6:30 o'clock in the morning four of the enemy's ships appeared from the south, followed by the whole squadron of 11 ships and eight torpedo boats. Our squadron left the roadstead to meet the enemy."

A later telegram from the viceroy to the emperor says:

"According to a supplementary dispatch from Lieutenant-General Stoessel, the enemy's fleet consisted of six battleships and 12 cruisers. About 9 o'clock in the morning the fleet divided, the battleships and torpedo boats taking up a position between Liao Tsin and Golubinal bay, while the cruisers formed to the south and east of Port Arthur. At 9:20 the battleship Retvizan opened fire over the crest of Liao Tsin against the enemy's battleships, which replied by firing on the town. Meanwhile our fleet formed up in line in the outer roadstead.

"About 11 o'clock in the morning the cannonade slackened and the Japanese fleet, reuniting, drew off slowly to the southeast and at 12:30 had disappeared.

"During the bombardment four soldiers were killed and nine were wounded. One soldier on the shore was bruised.

"Our shells, fired at a range of 80 cables, were placed about 10 o'clock. A Japanese battleship was struck by a shell and retired."

When the first official dispatches were received the belief gained ground that Vice-Admiral Makaroff had put to sea and a naval fight had taken place.

Later advices established the fact that the admiral had simply gone with

the undamaged portion of his fleet to the outer roads, where he could more effectively support the batteries and at the same time take advantage of any weakness which might develop in the enemy's attack.

SHELLED AT MIDNIGHT.

Japanese Squadron Returns to Attack After Forced Retirement.

London, March 22.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram Company from St. Petersburg says:

"Japanese torpedo boats appeared off Port Arthur at midnight on the night of March 21 and 22 and the shore batteries and guard ships shelled them for 20 minutes.

"The Japanese retreated, but reappeared four hours later, when they met with the same reception, and they retired again.

"At 6 o'clock a Japanese squadron of two divisions, composed of four and 11 ships and accompanied by eight torpedo boats, appeared and the Russian squadron sailed out into the outer roadstead to meet them.

"No further details regarding the action are obtainable. At 9 a. m. the Japanese battleships, having fired several shots at Liao Tsin and sheltered behind a promontory, commenced the bombardment of Port Arthur."

After New Vessels.

Paris, March 22.—The Echo de Paris correspondent at St. Petersburg says it is rumored in naval circles that the Vladivostok squadron has been ordered to overtake at a certain point in the Pacific a battleship and two cruisers bought from Chile by Japan and to return with them to Vladivostok.

Japs Block Entrance.

London, March 22.—The correspondent of the Times at Tokio, under yesterday's date, cables that it is rumored that the Japanese have succeeded in blocking the entrance to Port Arthur.

is to be general manager of the entire Southern Pacific system. All are to be under the jurisdiction of Julius Kruttschnitt.

SEARCHING FOR QUEEN CITY.

Story of Indians That Vessel is Stranded is Discredited.

Victoria, B. C., March 22.—It was reported here this afternoon that the missing steamer Queen City was on the rocks at Hesquoit bay, on the west coast of Vancouver island. Indians were said to have seen the vessel there, but this report is not accepted by shipping men. The government steamer Quadra passed Clayoquot this morning north-bound in search.

CAPITAL STOCK REDUCED.

Plan Set Forth by Hill Interests to Comply With Law.

New York, March 22.—Following a day of great excitement in the stock market and numerous conferences among leading financial interests, the new plan of the Northern Securities was made public this evening in a circular letter to the Northern Securities stockholders, signed by President Hill. The letter says in part:

"The Northern Securities Company's acquisition of the Northern Pacific and

Great Northern shares was made in full belief that such purchases were in no wise obnoxious to any law of the United States, an opinion which has received the approval of four justices of the supreme court of the United States. However, a majority of the court was of the opinion that, as a matter of law, your company's holdings constituted a restraint of interstate commerce. Accordingly the railway companies have been forbidden to permit your company to vote or collect a dividend on the shares held by you.

"Therefore, we have, under the advice of counsel, decided that in order to fully comply with the decree in this suit, it is necessary to reduce the capital stock of the company and to distribute to its shareholders the share of stock of said railway companies now held by you.

"To this end they recommend the stockholders:

"First, capital stock be reduced from 3,954,000 shares to 39,540, a reduction of 99 per cent.

"Second, said 99 per cent is to be called in and cancelled.

"Third, against each share so surrendered there will be delivered \$39.27 stock of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and \$30.17 stock of the Great Northern Railway Company. The assets of the company remaining in its treasury will consist of property in no way involved in the suit, producing an income and conservatively valued at more than \$3,954,000, to which it is proposed to reduce the stock of the company."

RIVERSIDE BANK SUSPENDS.

Warrant for Arrest of Former Cashier Causes Run by Depositors.

Riverside, Cal., March 22.—The Orange Growers' National bank suspended business today. The closing of the bank was preceded by a run, precipitated by the issuance last night of a warrant for the arrest of H. T. Hays, former cashier of the bank, who is accused of having embezzled about \$100,000.

Hays left the city last night in a buggy, going, it is said, in the direction of the Mexican border.

Gaylor Rouse, president of the bank, announces that the bank is perfectly solvent and that the depositors will receive every dollar due them.

TELLS OF THE BURNING OF THE SHIP

Captain G. G. Grant, of the Hume Ship Clarence S. Bement, Reaches San Francisco on Steamer.

Accompanied By First Mate and Carpenter—Others En Route to Montevideo.

DESTROYED OFF CAPE HORN

Men Barely Save Themselves After Running Blazing Ship Into Bight—Cargo of Coal for Newport News.

San Francisco, March 22.—(Special.)—Captain G. G. Grant, who commanded the American ship Clarence S. Bement, which was burned at sea December 23, near Cape Horn, arrived here today on the steamer City of Sidney. With Captain Grant arrived First Mate Gridley and Carpenter Truby. When the other 21 members of the crew were last heard of they were on their way from Port Stanley, Falkland islands, to Montevideo.

Captain Grant said the Bement had a cargo of Baltimore coal for Newport News.

On December 21 fire was discovered coming from a ventilator in the amid-ship house. The fire was fought unavailingly and it was decided the safest course lay in heading the ship for the Falkland islands, 200 miles distant. The ship was run into Bight, near Fox bay, and the crew took to the boats just as the flames began to make their way up the masts. Twelve hours later the boats made land and a schooner carried all hands to Port Stanley.

Irkutsk, March 22.—General Kurapatkin, commanding the Russian troops in the far east, who arrived here last evening, left for Lake Balkal this morning.

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is at Stokes; Reason, superior goods and lowest prices.

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QUEEN CITY SAFE.

Victoria, B. C., March 22.—A telegram from Skeena river states that the steamer Queen City is anchored in Quatsino sound, with her tailstaff broken.

GENERAL SHAKE UP.

Announcement to Be Made Today Concerning Railroads Uniting.

Salt Lake, March 22.—The Herald tomorrow will say: "The Union Pacific between Reno and Green river is to be added to the Oregon Short Line. The announcement will probably be made today or tomorrow.

"General Manager Bancroft, of the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line, retains his headquarters at Salt Lake, having charge of the enlarged Short Line. It is understood that General Manager Calvin, of the Short Line, will go to Portland to take charge of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company. A. L. Mohler, now president of that company, is slated for a position at Omaha on the Union Pacific. It is stated.

"General Manager Markham, of the Texas lines of the Southern Pacific

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