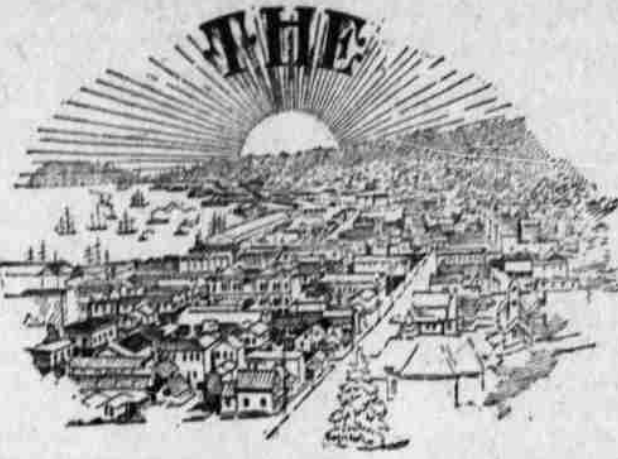


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## MORE VICTORY

### Japanese Have Captured Tie Pass

### TERRIBLE FIGHTING

### War Correspondents Suffer Great Hardships and Privations

### RUSSIANS MAKE HARD FIGHT

### Flanking Tactics of Japanese Again in Progress but are Met With Stubborn Resistance from the Russians Who Win and Then Lose.

New Chwang, March 15.—After a sharp battle in which the Russians fought bravely, the Japanese captured Tie Pass Wednesday at midnight and have taken possession of the city. It is reported that a large number of prisoners and munitions of war were captured.

Santoupi, March 15.—A sanguinary combat occurred March 14 with the centre advanced line of the Russian army eight miles south of Tie Pass. The Russians repulsed the attack and even made small advances through thousands of Japanese corpses, advancing a large flank movement on right of force where Mistchenko, who has taken command of his detachment, is holding the Japanese in check. The Russian troops have regained the normal spirits and fought cheerfully.

It is rumored that the Chinese killed eighty foreigners in Mukden after the Russian evacuation of that place, including, it is said, correspondent Richard H. Little of the Chicago Daily News. The fate of Nadeau, a French newspaper correspondent, who lived with Little, is unknown. A message was sent to Field Marshal Oyama today asking for information as to the fate of the two correspondents. M. Nadeau is reported to have been captured by the Japanese. Practically all newspaper correspondents have left for Harbin. For several nights the Associated Press correspondents slept without covering on the frosty ground and for two days had nothing to eat.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—The flanking tactics of the Japanese is apparently in progress today. An Associated Press correspondent who remained at Tie Pass telegraphing that Rouzenkoff on March 15 engaged the Japanese force on the Russian right. It is possible that the attacking force was the Japanese column which disappeared from observation during the battle of Mukden. The Japanese have not appeared to renew the frontal attack up to noon today, the demonstration Tuesday having shown that the Russians are prepared to make a determined resistance.

Chicago, Mar. 15.—Mr. Little cabled direct from Yinkow yesterday to the Chicago News. Said he had been captured by the Japanese and taken to Kobe. Cablegram contained references which demonstrated that the message was from Little personally and that he was alive and well. Yinkow is a seaport of Niu Chang and is the place where Little would naturally be taken enroute to Japan.

### PETITIONS DENIED.

Suits Against Pacific Mail Steamship Company Set Aside. San Francisco, Mar. 15.—The petitions of several parties who wanted to press suits against the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for deaths and accidents resulting from the sinking of the steamer City of Rio de Janeiro in February, 1901, were denied by United States Judge Dehaven. Catherine Brady was denied her petition to set aside and vacate the decree entered in January, 1903, against all persons who had not then appeared as suitor against the steamship company as a result of

the wrecking of the Rio de Janeiro. Like petitions of Joseph Flinn and Judith Smith were also set aside.

### TACOMA SEIZED.

Steamer Tacoma in the Hands of the Japanese. Tokio, Mar. 15.—2 P. M.—The American steamer Tacoma was seized by the Japanese guardship March 4th. The Tacoma is the iron screw steamer of 2,812 tons register. She is owned by the Northwest Steamship Company of Seattle, from which port she sailed on January 6 with a cargo of beef for Vladivostok. It is said, although ostensibly for Shanghai. When last reported the Tacoma was fast in the ice north of Hokkaido island with Japanese ships lying in wait to pick her up when she worked clear.

### ROOSEVELT SAYS NO.

Will Not Allow Japanese Cruiser to Be Repaired. Vallejo, Cal., Mar. 15.—The plans of the Russian government to have the Russian cruiser Lena, which has been lying at the Mare Island navy yard for months, repaired at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, have been abandoned, as President Roosevelt would not give the desired permission. The work will be done at Mare Island by the regular yard employees. The boilers of the Lena are to be retubed and the pumps repaired, and there is a great deal of other work. Two months' time will be required to complete the repairs.

No More 16 to 1. Philadelphia, March 15.—With the entire available supply of silver bullion completely disposed of 125 employees of the counting and weighing rooms at the mint, mostly women, have been indefinitely suspended.

Sam Berger Wins. San Francisco, March 15.—After one minute and thirty seconds fighting, heavyweight amateur champion Sam Berger, of San Francisco, knocked out Bill Richards, of Chicago.

## CHARLES E. RAYMOND

### Arrested in Chicago on Charge of Swindling

### IS CAPTURED BY A WOMAN

Notorious Swindler Held up By a Woman He Had Robbed Until the Police Assistance Arrived When He Was Arrested and Locked up in Jail.

Chicago, Mar. 15.—Despite his struggles, Mrs. Minnie Rounds has held until the arrival of the police, a man believed to be wanted in several states on the charge of swindling. The captive gave the name of Charles E. Raymond.

Within the last few months frequent complaints have been made by persons who said they had been swindled by a man declaring he represented an advertising agency at Milwaukee. Mrs. Rounds was approached by Raymond, who wanted to advertise her property for sale. She recognized the man as one to whom she paid \$4.85 two months ago. She attacked him with an umbrella and prevented him from escaping.

The police found in the man's possession letters from many firms and a list of more than 800 supposed victims. There was also a note signed "Miss Agnes Bransky, Winona, Minn.," accusing the man of swindling the writer, and taking her watch, ring and other jewelry.

### Russian Pheasants Continue to Cause Disturbances.

St. Petersburg, Mar. 15.—The peasant movement is spreading to the Northwest provinces. Serious disturbances are reported in the provinces of Vilna and Kovno, where the estates and property of government officials and others have been sacked and burned necessitating the employment of the military to suppress the revolt.

## MRS. STANFORD

### Claimed That She Was Murdered

### IS BEING INVESTIGATED

### Detectives Doubt the Theory of Dr. Jordan Cause of Death

### NOT STRYCHNINE POISONING

Reported that Some Action will be Taken at San Francisco and that Persons are Suspected of Putting in Poison in Bicarbonate of Soda.

Honolulu, March 14, 10:10 P. M.—It was learned tonight that some action will probably be taken at San Francisco, after the arrival of the detectives detailed to investigate the recent death of Mrs. Stanford in this city.

Captain Callundun, when asked tonight if this action would be along criminal lines, replied that all of the work of the detectives was along criminal lines.

Both of the detectives now here when interviewed tonight stated that they had positive instructions not to talk about the case. This caution was probably received from San Francisco today, a statement from the detectives having been promised for today.

Both refused to discuss Professor Jordan's opinion that Mrs. Stanford's death was not due to strychnine poisoning. It is now believed that if the death had been natural this conclusion would have been announced in due course by the detectives and their attitude and replies to questions indicate strongly possibilities that a murder charge will be made against some one.

The detectives today cabled a long message to San Francisco.

Honolulu, March 15.—The following statement, signed by Dr. Jordan and Mr. Hopkins was left with Judge Smith, with instructions to release it after the two gentlemen had departed for San Francisco on the steamer Alameda.

"In our judgment, after careful consideration of all facts brought to our knowledge, we are fully convinced that the death of Mrs. Stanford was not due to strychnine poisoning, nor to the intentional wrong doing on the part of anyone. We find from the statements of those who were with Mrs. Stanford in her last moments, that there was no evidence of any characteristic symptoms of strychnine poisoning present. We think it probable that death was due to a combination of conditions and circumstances. Among those we note in connection with her advanced age, unaccustomed exertion, a surfeit of unsuitable food and unusual exposures during the picnic to which she went on the day of her death. The occurrence of strychnine in bicarbonate of soda is not yet explained. The fact is, that it was not in excess of the usual medical proportions suggested that its presence was due either to an error of the pharmacist or a combination prepared for tonic purposes."

### JAPANESE FLEET.

Russian Squadron Still Off Coast of Madagascar. The appearance of Togo's fleet in

the track that would be used in any attempt by Rojestvensky to make for Vladivostok is the most interesting news of the day. It is not known whether Togo himself is with the fleet. The presumption is that Rojestvensky's squadron is still off the coast of Madagascar, but as there is ice in the harbor at Vladivostok which is probably beginning to give away, the Russian admiral must soon make a decision whether he will make a dash for Vladivostok or return to Russia. Naval experts here believe Togo did not come further in quest of the Baltic squadron, on the ground that he can not afford to run any unnecessary risks.

### WILL CONTROL THE OUTPUT

Lobster Promoters Organizing a Gigantic Trust but Claim There Will Be No Advance in Prices, not Even For the Lobster Salad of Commerce.

Portland, Me., Mar. 15.—Four of the largest wholesale lobster dealers here said to control half of the output of the country, are reported to have agreed on entering a combine for which an agent has been canvassing the New England coast towns during the past three weeks. He is said to have made an agreement with practically every big dealer in Maine and the success of the plan is believed to be assured.

Promoters of the combine assert that no advance in prices is contemplated, but the local dealers contradict this statement and predict an advance. The output will undoubtedly be increased rather than diminished by the company which is expected to keep the coast stocked with seed lobsters. The present method of handling will be greatly improved.

## RUSSIANS BUCKING

### Reserve Troops Objects to Going to Manchuria

### MOBILIZATION COMMENCED

Reservists in Different Provinces have Formed a Conspiracy to Foment Trouble and Organized Disturbances Among the Troops and Reserves.

Warsaw, March 15.—The Reservists waiting at Wolkowisk in the Government of Gronde have formed a conspiracy for the purpose of fomenting organized disturbances among the troops in order to avoid being sent to Manchuria. Several offenders were arrested and court-martialed and five of them were condemned to death and executed on March 13, and four were sentenced to life and eight to twenty years penal servitude.

The mobilization of the fifteenth and nineteenth army corps stationed in Poland is expected shortly. An attempt to call out the reserves in the government of Sledice which is the present center of the agitation, meets with violent opposition. It is doubtful even if the soldiers are sent, that they can be depended upon to fight the Japanese. They are bitter against the Russian government as are more willing to fight Russia than Japan.

### Desperado Arrested.

Victoria, B. C., March 15.—John Lee Kirk, said to have been a member of the Soapy Smith gang which terrorized Skagway in 1897, was arrested here today at the instance of the United States marshal who left San Francisco today for Victoria to take charge of him. Kirk is wanted for safe cracking at Nome.

### Witnesses Summoned.

Omaha, March 14.—Twenty persons connected with the Omaha packing plants have been summoned before the federal grand jury which meets in Chicago March 20 to testify in the beef trust investigation.

## MAKING LOAN

### Russia is Borrowing More Money

### TO CARRY ON THE WAR

### French Financiers Negotiating With Emperor New War Loan

### FRANCE WILL FAVOR PEACE

French Financiers While They May Make Loan, Regard it as Dangerous in View of Kuropatkin's Defeat in Manchuria and Interest Will Increase.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—At the ministry of finance it is said today that negotiations for a new Russian loan of \$150,000,000 in France is expected to be concluded and signed in Paris within ten days.

The representatives of credit of Lyons and Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, who were connected with the negotiations left for St. Petersburg yesterday. It was pointed out, however, that this does not mean that the negotiations are broken off, as the same procedure was observed in the case of the \$150,000,000 loan to Russia last spring, when, after negotiations at St. Petersburg the representatives returned to Paris, where the contracts were signed within a fortnight.

Nevertheless, the Associated Press is in a position to assert that the Paris financiers have been pressing for peace, justifying their attitude on the grounds of enormous French commitments in Russian funds and these representations have been renewed since the news of Kuropatkin's defeat. Their attitude might exercise great influence in the ultimate decision of the government.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—It is believed that the French government has used the financial lever to convey to Russia her views, that it is Russia's proper course to seek and arrange terms. Rumors persist that Russia has acquainted France with her willingness to discuss terms, but not on a basis of paying an indemnity, which Russia contends will ruin her prestige, claiming she would rather continue the war than submit to such a demand. Reports as to the progress of loan negotiations are conflicting. It is asserted that the French syndicate offered to take the loan at 90 instead of 95 per cent, the price at which the previous loan was taken, but Russia refused to consider anything under 94. It is also rumored that Russia has threatened to remove the cash balance of \$100,000,000 standing in Paris as a means of influencing French syndicate to make the loan.

### JAPANESE NAVY.

### Twenty-Two Japanese Warships at Straits of Malacca.

London, March 15.—A dispatch to Lloyds dated Singapore says, that the British steamer Hongwan I reports having passed 22 Japanese warships at Horsburgh, 20 miles east of Singapore near the entrance to the straits of Malacca.

### Jumped From a Car.

Honolulu, Mar. 14, 11 P. M.—Rear Admiral Whiting, U. S. N., received a severe injury tonight by a fall while alighting from a moving electric car. He sustained a scalp wound and was unconscious for two hours, but recovered after being taken to the Queen's hospital. His injuries are not likely to prove fatal.

### TURF ASSOCIATION.

### Dates Set For Races in Various Cities For Season.

Chicago, Mar. 15.—The American Turf Association, the controlling body

of the race tracks which seceded from the Western Jockey Club, has allotted racing dates to four tracks, Nashville, Lexington, Louisville, and Kansas City. Besides the adoption of a racing schedule, the association ratified a set of rules to govern the organization and granted licenses to 19 jockeys and 54 racers and owners. Among those who were given licenses to ride was Tod Sloan, who was ruled off the English turf several years ago.

### STRIKE A FAILURE.

### Men Resume Work at Reduced Rate of Wages.

New York, March 14.—The traffic conditions on the elevated railroads and subway today were slightly improved over those of yesterday. No more trains were run, but a little better speed was maintained.

All the employees of the interborough company who went on strike and whose wages had been previously advanced because of the length of their service, secured re-employment only at the sacrifice of whatever advance in wages they had obtained. Experienced motor-men were reduced from \$3.50 to \$3 a day. Gate-men, from \$1.53 to \$1.40; guards, from \$1.90 to \$1.55, and conductors from \$2.40 to \$2.10. So crushed was the strike spirit that the men accepted the reductions without protest.

### Tom Jenkins.

New York, March 15.—Tom Jenkins defeated Frank Gotch in a wrestling match tonight. Contest was catch-as-catch-can. Jenkins won first and third falls.

### Pioneer Killed.

Tacoma, March 14.—A special to the Ledger from Orting says: Urban E. Hicks, aged 77, who crossed the plains when a boy and fought the Indians in the early days of Washington territory, was almost instantly killed at Orting today by falling under a train. He leaves a widow and two sons, Gwin Hicks of Olympia, formerly state printer, and Dr. Frank T. Hicks of Tacoma.

## SAN DOMINGO FIGHT

### United States Senate up Against a Hard Proposition

### TREATY CANNOT BE MADE

Democrats are Opposed to it and Control more than One-Third of the Votes Required to Ratify the Treaty and Cannot be Passed.

Washington, March 15.—The republican leaders of the United States senate are all at sea respecting what action is advisable to take in regard to the Santo Domingo treaty. Recognizing that the democrats control more than one-third of the votes in opposition to the treaty and two-thirds are required to ratify it, the sentiment of the republican leaders is that the treaty will have to be withdrawn by the president. On this subject the president and senate do not agree, and the idea prevails that after one or two more days of inconsequential discussion the special session of the senate will be allowed to adjourn, without date and the treaty will lapse. But this plan is not popular in the senate and a way to avoid it is being sought.

### Gambling Seats.

New York, March 15.—Two seats on the New York stock exchange were sold today for \$23,000 each. This is a new high record in price exceeding the previous highest price paid a few days ago by \$500.

### Police Captain Dead.

Denver, Mar. 15.—Police Captain Bohanna, who was shot by George Schlaster last Sunday, died at 1 o'clock this morning. Including Schlaster, himself, Bohanna is the fifth to die as the result of the fury of a mad man.