

GOOD EVENING.  
The Weather  
Tonight and Friday, occasional rain; high southerly winds.

# Oregon



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## LATEST DISPATCHES SAY THAT JAPAN HAS BEGUN WAR ON HER RUSSIAN ENEMY AND WILL FIGHT TO THE END

### 72 MILES AN HOUR

North Pacific Swept by a Very Furious Storm.

### PARK SCHOOL WRECKED

Ruins Blown Down—Telegraph and Telephone Service Interrupted by the High Winds—Drought in California Broken.

Reports of last night's storm which spanned most of the Pacific coast in its grasp show it to have been the most severe of the winter. Off North Head the gale reached a velocity of 72 miles an hour and boats scurried for shelter to every harbor. The southern coast was also wrapped in the gale, telegraph companies today mourn destroyed lines and locally the wind blew down the ruins of the Park school and twisted telephone wires in the suburbs.

Facing one of the fiercest gales of the season the steamer Prentiss fought her way up the coast yesterday, reaching the mouth of the river about noon. She arrived at Portland last night. Captain Johnson, her commander, reports that the storm was encountered off the Umpqua river and progress was slow during the remainder of the voyage. Rocked by big swells of the sea the vessel had a strenuous time of it. Occasional waves washed her decks, but not to an alarming extent. No damage was done and the small cargo brought arrived in good shape. There were no passengers.

Storm Worst of the Season. District Forecaster Deale reports that the storm is general all along the coast and warnings have been displayed at all important points from the mouth of the Columbia to Cape Flattery.

Off North Head last evening the velocity of the wind was 72 miles an hour. The telegraph line is down and no reports have been received this morning. It is a southeaster and taking into consideration the big territory over which it extends Mr. Deale says it is far the worst storm of the season. He says the influence of the storm will be felt as far south as California, and will probably prove a Godsend to portions of that state which have been suffering from continued droughts.

### Extending North.

While the gale is not so severe on Puget sound as it is farther south, the indications are that it will be very severe there this morning. All that remains of the second story at the northeast corner of the structure went smashing to the ground and the remaining north wall bulged out until it was in danger of collapsing. The authorities examined the damage caused by the wind this morning, but say that there is no further cause for alarm.

### Park School Ruins Blown Down.

What was left of the Park school building after the fire of last week, was almost entirely blown down by the severe wind and rain storm which visited Portland before dawn this morning. All that remained of the second story at the northeast corner of the structure went smashing to the ground and the remaining north wall bulged out until it was in danger of collapsing. The authorities examined the damage caused by the wind this morning, but say that there is no further cause for alarm.

There is still considerable talk about the statement that electrical wires were located in the Park school, but this the authorities deny. J. R. Thompson, electrical engineer for the Portland General Electric company, said this morning: "There are no wires in the Park school building and never have been any. That seems to me to dispose of the theory that defective wiring caused the Park school fire."

Severe storms along the coast cut out all communication with San Francisco last night, and not until late this afternoon were telegraph lines partially restored.

The Southern Pacific reported the lines blown down in southern Oregon canyons, and at the dispatcher's office there was no word received from the south for most of the day. The Postal company had no southern wire and only reached Chicago by an indirect route. The Western Union was the first company in the city to secure service to San Francisco, and late this afternoon one wire was being operated after a fashion. Besides the storm along the coast, the Western Union had difficulty with its Chicago wire, and a blizzard near Cheyenne effectively stopped all eastern communication in that direction.

Messages to the east were sent to Wallula Junction and from there east over the Northern Pacific line. For most of the day communication was established with San Francisco only by sending messages over the Northern wire to Chicago and relaying them by (Continued on Page Two.)



THE OPEN DOOR.

From the Chicago Tribune.

### CALL IT A RUSE

Property Owners Express Dissatisfaction With Insurance Reduction.

The communication of J. C. Stone, surveyor for the board of underwriters, to the city council in regard to the lowering of insurance rates, in which Mr. Stone said that the new proposition would very likely give the waterfront a reduction of 15 per cent in insurance, and between that point and the center line of Third street the reduction would be 10 per cent, is not received by the majority of the property owners and business men of this city with as much joy as the insurance men had evidently expected it would be.

The majority of the larger property owners refuse to make a public statement, because they say, they fear the wrath of the insurance men if their remarks do not suit the powers that be. With but few exceptions the property men say that the proposed re-surveying of all property in this city is nothing but a bold attempt to crawl out of giving the proposed reductions, by advancing the rate of risk.

The following opinions were expressed by some of the larger property owners:

W. B. Ayer, president of the Eastern & Western Lumber company—Our mill is properly equipped with automatic sprinklers, and with our own protection added to that given by the new fireboat, we think that we should have a material reduction in insurance rates. It is a well-known fact that the fires in all the sawmills of this city could have been extinguished in short order if we had a fireboat. The sawmill men are among the largest property owners in the city and are the largest employers of labor. We think we ought to get a reduction equal to that given other enterprises, and if we are not it will be rank discrimination against our interests. I think that this re-surveying business is nothing but an attempt of the insurance companies to crawl out of giving us the promised reduction in rates. Henry Weisner—The reduction is all right, if we cannot get any more. I believe in taking all I can get. Fred Page of Page & Son, commission merchants—We ought to have a greater

reduction. The rates at present seem rather high and I think that with the added protection which will be given by the addition of a fireboat the reduction should be more.

Everding & Farrell—We think the reduction in all right. It shows a determination of the underwriters to do the fair thing. It is hard to say anything about this re-surveying. It may mean that the rates will be raised and it may not. We will have to wait and see.

American Can company—We are just having a survey made of our establishment and we therefore cannot tell what the reduction on our place will amount to. With the added protection given by a fireboat we are certainly entitled to a little reduction from the present rates.

Would Cancel Insurance. "If the insurance companies raise the insurance rates on sawmills," says the owner of one of the larger mills in the city, "we will have to cancel our insurance, for the rates as they are are already too high. We have our own fire protection, and if our men cannot put out a blaze before the department arrives it can never be put out. All the men in the mills of this city are trained in fire fighting, and this alone should, without the fireboat, entitle them to some reduction in existing rates instead of an advance, as Mr. Stone's communication seems to say."

Out a Just One. Others say that they think the reduction entirely just and that the insurance men will give even greater reductions when the risks become less. "Give the insurance men a chance," says one of this class, "and they will do the right thing by the city. They realize that the lower the rates are the more insurance people will carry and you cannot get them too low. I believe that Mr. Stone, the surveyor, is doing the very best he can, and when the opportunity comes he will do better. You must not expect to get too much of a reduction at once."

### NATIONAL BANK FOR LAKEVIEW, OREGON

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—The application of A. McCallen, L. L. Mullis, C. H. Vaupel, G. F. Billings and F. J. Farlow to organize the First National Bank of Lakeview, Or., with \$25,000 capital, has been approved by the comptroller of currency.

### BRITT-CORBETT FIGHT DECLARED OFF

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Feb. 4.—The Britt-Corbett fight was definitely declared off this morning by Britt, because Corbett signed to meet Dave Sullivan on February 29, two weeks before the date set for the battle with Britt. The latter quit training today. (Continued on Page Two.)

### \$70,000 FOR FACTORIES

Oregon Furniture Co. to Devote Itself to Manufacturing.

The Oregon Furniture Manufacturing company has purchased eight acres of land on the river front and will in a few days begin the erection of one of the largest furniture manufacturing establishments in the country. An architect is preparing the plans for two large factory buildings, and it is expected to have them fully equipped and in operation in six months. To assist in carrying out these plans the capital stock of the company has been increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000, most of which has been taken up by the present stockholders. The site for the new factories is situated on a comparatively elevated ground by the side of the river in South Portland, between the Jones sawmill and the Zimmerman Packing company's plant. The land was purchased through David S. Stearns and cost about \$11,000. The former owners were J. B. Keller, J. E. Bingham and Mrs. C. G. Smith of Tacoma. The site is a commanding one as well as convenient. The company will also build and operate its own sawmill on the ground.

Fletcher Linn, president of the Oregon Furniture Manufacturing company, said today: "Plans are now being prepared for two factory buildings of three stories each. We have not decided as yet whether to build of brick or entirely of wood. We expect to put from \$60,000 to \$70,000 into the buildings and grounds. We found we could get the land at the present time at a satisfactory price, and decided to go ahead with the buildings at once. We have considerable machinery in our present factory on Front street, which will be moved out to the new factories, but we will need more. The company retired some time ago from the retail business, and will in the future give its attention to manufacturing furniture on an extensive scale. We expect to employ about 300 workmen. Possibly we may buy some timber land, though we find we can get at satisfactory prices oak, maple and other hard woods from people clearing lands in the valleys. There is a large quantity of fine, hard pine in the mountains." (Continued on Page Two.)

### Czar's War Fleets Have Left Port Arthur and Their Destination Is Now Known to Be the Expected Scene of Action off Southern Korea Where Japs Are Strong.

Mikado Tired of Waiting on Russia, Believing That the Latter Power Is Delaying in Order to Gain Time in Landing Troops and for the Purpose of Bluffing Japan by Overawing Methods.

London, Feb. 4.—5 p. m.—The special agent's cable to the Evening News from Peking has just been received and is as follows: "Official information has been received in Peking that the Japanese government has decided to refuse any further negotiations with Russia and will take action immediately." This is interpreted here to mean that war in the far east has begun. It is natural that legations at Peking would get the first news as much depends, so far as the Japanese believe, on the attitude of the Chinese. Here in London there seems no doubt that the last hope for peace vanished at the conclusion of the morning cabinet meeting at Tokio today.

### (Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Feb. 4.—Advices received here late this afternoon from the far east are of the most serious character and the belief is uppermost that in all likelihood Japan has determined to wait no longer. It is reported officially that the morning session of the cabinet of Japan at Tokio today culminated in practically a declaration of war.

That Russia knew of Japan's determination so early as last night is shown by the fact that orders were given to move the immense fleet of Russia from Port Arthur to a point near Massampo, off Southern Korea, the expected scene of the first hostilities.

No information will be given out at the war department here but it is known this afternoon that great activity is occasioned by the latest dispatches. Advice from London are clothed with caution and it is evident that England is yet strenuously urgent in her efforts to bring about peace, knowing the danger to her interests in case of a prolonged strife.

### LONDON OPINIONS.

(Journal Special Service.) London, Feb. 4.—Despite the warlike rumors by wire from Tokio received here this afternoon, an interviewer of the Times quotes a high government official as saying that war can yet be averted and while the situation is strained now, it has been so for the past fortnight.

Other officials say they will be much surprised if Russia's reply doesn't recognize Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria and an absolute concession to all of Japan's demands regarding Korea. Russia's delay in answering Japan is not accounted for by the officials.

### CABINET IN SESSION.

London, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio states that a special meeting of the cabinet was held this morning and will meet again this afternoon, when Mr. Kado will be present. News received at Tokio says that all Russian warships left Port Arthur last night and their destination is unknown.

### BLUFF COMES TOO LATE.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—The Lokal Anzeiger, which is in close touch with official circles, today says that Russia's movement in the far east has mobilized troops in the belief to be a bluff to overawe Japan into a conciliatory attitude.

### MRS. MAYBRICK WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO

London, Feb. 4.—In the house of commons this afternoon the home secretary announced that Mrs. Maybrick had been granted a license under the penal servitude law, but she is at present in a home which she will be allowed to leave towards the end of summer. He said in accordance with Mrs. Maybrick's wishes, as well as the authorities' wishes, he will furnish further information as to her whereabouts.

### ELECTRICAL WORKERS HAVE A NEW NAME

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Feb. 4.—The western conference of electrical workers went out of existence this morning and a new organization known as the Pacific Council of Electrical Workers of the Seventh District took its place at this morning's session of the conference. The new organization will include the Pacific coast states, British Columbia and Arizona. The change was made according to the plans devised by the International Brotherhood at its last national convention. The following officers were elected today: President, H. L. Worthington; secretary-treasurer, J. L. Cook; organizer, E. A. Holden.

### RECEIVED \$60,000 FOR HIS INTEREST

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Feb. 4.—Lorenz of Toledo, a witness in the postoffice conspiracy case, today testified he had received as his share from a half interest in the Groff fasteners \$60,000. He denied ever having discussed the matter with Machen until after he had acquired a half interest in the business and was then told by Machen that the government had already adopted it.

### FIRE DRILL SAVES CHILDREN'S LIVES

(Journal Special Service.) Norfolk, Va., Feb. 4.—The new school building here was destroyed by fire this morning. Five hundred children answered the fire drill and marched out through the dense smoke without panic or the slightest injury to any one of them.

### GRAVEST OF FEARS

Hanna's Condition Serious and Brothers and Sisters May Be Called.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Feb. 4.—Grave fears are expressed over the condition of Senator Mark Hanna, and it is expected that his brothers and sisters will be called to Washington tonight. At 12:30 o'clock this afternoon the physicians posted the following bulletin: "At the consultation held this morning no new feature was found in Senator Hanna's condition. He is suffering from a recurrent attack of la grippe, with an unusual amount of physical depression. There are no alarming conditions at this time and there is no reason to believe his recovery may not be expected."

Dr. Brewer returned to New York on the afternoon train. Drs. Risley and Magruder will hold another consultation at 7 o'clock tonight, at which time it is expected the results of the analysis of Hanna's blood will be known. The consultation lasted an hour. It was held by Drs. Risley and Brewer of New York and Magruder of Washington. Dr. Brewer treated Senator Hanna during his recent illness in New York. A sample of his blood was taken this morning for analysis and the doctors hope to arrive at a definite diagnosis soon. Up to this time Hanna's malady is believed to be la grippe. They fear now, however, that it is typhoid. The physicians admit they are puzzled over the fact that, notwithstanding the nervousness and irritability his temperature today was but a half degree above normal. He slept last night only through the heavy administration of opiates. Senator Hanna realizes his grave condition and submits unreservedly to his physicians' orders. A further consultation of the physicians will be held later in the day and full report made, so if it is necessary his brothers and sisters may be summoned.

### WANT STOP-OVER PRIVILEGES.

(Journal Special Service.) Pendleton, Or., Feb. 4.—The Pendleton Commercial association has adopted a resolution asking the various railroads to grant stop-over privileges in the states of Oregon and Washington to the visitors of the Lewis and Clark centennial in Portland during 1904. Other cities will be asked to join in the movement.

### RAYTOR IS ELECTED.

(Journal Special Service.) Annapolis, Md., Feb. 4.—Nathan Raytor was formally elected senator to succeed McComas by a solid Democratic vote of 35. McComas, Republican, secured 35 votes.

### NEGRO MURDERERS PURSUED BY HOUNDS

(Journal Special Service.) Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 4.—Dispatches from Dodsboro, Miss., this afternoon state that another of the negro murderers of James Eastland has been captured and lynched by a mob of 500 men. The details are few. A posse is still pursuing Luther Holbert, the leader of the conspirators, with fresh blood.

### RUSSIANS AT SEOUL.

London, Feb. 4.—A dispatch from Seoul to the Central News today says 6,000 Russian troops have sailed from Port Arthur and will endeavor to land at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul tomorrow.

### REPORT AUTHENTICATED.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—A Port Arthur dispatch received this morning authenticates the report that the "Russian fleet has left Port Arthur," and that its destination is probably points off Southern Korea.

### A DANGEROUS FACTOR.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The general opinion here today is that the situation in the Far East is less reassuring. All advice shows increasing impatience which diplomats here regard as a dangerous factor.

### WAR VESSELS SAIL.

Suez, Nov. 4.—The Russian battleship Orel, one transport and three torpedo destroyers sailed today for the far east.

### UNSAFE THEATRES.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Feb. 4.—Because of their neglect to remedy their unsafe conditions, Mayor McClellan today ordered the Grand Opera House, the Hurtigs, Madison Square, Elbers, Princess and Vaudeville theatres closed.

### SERVIAN CABINET DESERT KING PETER

(Journal Special Service.) Belgrade, Feb. 4.—The members of the Servian cabinet today handed their resignations to King Peter.

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