

GOOD EVENING.

The Weather: Tonight and Friday, occasional rain; brisk southerly winds.

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DESPOTIC RUSSIAN MONARCHY MAY SOON END ITS DAYS IF THE SIGNS IN FAR EAST TELL THE TRUTH

So Persistent Are the Japanese and So Seemingly Weak the Czar, that It Is Believed Russia Is Without Naval Resources to Contend in the Furious Situation.

France the Menacing Power, and With Her Wealth and Credit No Slur Is Passed Upon Her Capabilities—England Aroused and Dispatches Give Reason for National Excitement.

London, March 3.—So apparently authentic is the news from Port Arthur via Chefoo today that there seems no doubt that the Japanese are in control of the situation at the former port and in all probability are so in touch with the conditions at Vladivostok that the ice-bound place is, and is taking by the milkado's forces.

JAPANESE BRIDE TRUE TO HER FATHERLAND



From a photograph of George Dalton Morgan, nephew of J. Pierpont Morgan, with his Japanese bride, entering the fashionable St. Bartholomew church on Madison avenue. The little bride has now begun soliciting among the exclusive set for moral support of the Japanese in their fight with the absolute monarch, Czar Nicholas.

PEACEFUL POLITICS

Second District Republicans Select Convention Place Per Program.

APRIL 13 THE DATE

Socialist-State and District Conventions in Session With 70 Delegates Present—Adopt Reports.

The proceedings of the Republican congressional committee of the Second district, which met this morning at the office of the secretary, F. L. Willis, for the purpose of fixing the time and place of the congressional convention and the apportionment of delegates, were as calm and unruffled as a summer sea, and gave no suggestion of the storm which is expected to break forth when the time arrives for nominating the district's representative in congress.

RUSSIA'S RAILROAD.

Czar Gives All Attention to His Great Siberian Road.

French government agents are detailed for duty in the United States, and that it is shown for duty in England.

TAX ON SALT AND SILK.

Japanese Diet Will Convene on March 18 to Make War Levy.

TORTURING MINERS TO BREAK STRIKE

Denver, Colo., March 3.—According to a telegram received here from Telluride, by Secretary W. D. Haywood of the Western Federation of Miners, the striking miners in the San Juan country are being subjected to the most harrowing abuses by the civil authorities aided by the militia.

DETECTIVES IN ASSAULT.

Starting Report Says That America Is Being Watched.

SUFFERING FOR WATER.

Port Arthur Residents Have Awful Hardships From Thirst.

A SLAUGHTER PEN AMONG CHINESE

(By Edwin H. Clough.) Peking, March 3.—The city of Tien Tsin is again a slaughter pen. Headless bodies are everywhere and decapitation continues, with sickening frequency.

modern weapons and represent the flower of the Chinese army. In this formidable army are many leaders who urge a speedy advance on the Russian line of communication, despite all efforts of their government to the contrary.

FRANCE MUST NOT MIX IN DIFFICULTY

(Hearst Special Service.) New York, March 3.—Baron Sueymatsu, the brother-in-law of Marquis Ito and at one time Japanese minister of the interior, talked at the Waldorf-Astoria today on the situation in the far east and sounded a stern warning to France to keep out of the struggle.

we ask no more. We don't wish them to become entangled. It seems France is speaking rather badly about us, and I consider it ill-advised if she continues in any such mood as that, and especially if she goes still further and makes us her enemy.

RUSSIANS SIEZE MANCHURIA OUTPOST

(By Jack London, Special Correspondent of the Hearst Newspapers.) Ping Yang, March 3.—Three hundred Russians have seized Anju, 45 miles from Wiju, its port having been declared open by Korea.

as yet by the Japanese to dislodge the Russian advance. Fleeing Koreans declare the Russians are in great force and the Koreans are seeking shelter in Japanese lines, fearing the forces of the czar on account of the stories told of Russian cruelties.

THIRTEEN DEAD IN FIRE.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, March 3.—Three hundred men worked all night at the Hotel Darlington. At 10 o'clock this morning five bodies had been recovered.

PREPARING FOR CANAL PAYMENT.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., March 3.—The treasury is preparing a call ordering the national banks throughout the country to pay in 20 per cent by March 25.

A FATAL WRECK.

(Journal Special Service.) Chamberland, Me., March 3.—The Baltimore and Ohio express was wrecked at Rowlesburg this morning. Fireman McKenzie was killed and the engineer probably fatally hurt.

EIGHT MEN PERISHED.

(Journal Special Service.) Breslau, March 3.—Eight men perished in the coal pit owned by Prince Donnermarck at Gletwitz, Silesia, today by the ignition of coal dust.

LA GRANDE FAILURE.

M. J. and M. E. Mullins, who have been carrying on a grocery business at La Grande under the style of Ormand Co., today filed a voluntary petition in the United States district court, asking that they be adjudged bankrupts.

SKELETON OF POLYGAMY A GHOST IN THE HOUSE

Smoot of Utah Striving to Retain His Seat in the Noble Senate of the United States and Others Arraign Him in No Unmeaning Terms.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 3.—The august senate committee met again this morning and listened to the details of the investigation of the Smoot case.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew of New York City, not content with his position as exponent of Christian social laws, took occasion to interpose many remarks during the taking of testimony.

case increased this morning and the senate committee room was filled with witnesses' counsel, newspaper men and spectators and Chairman Burrows announced that in view of the charge that the 12 apostles, of whom Smoot was one, convived at and taught polygamy, the committee decided it would inquire into the teachings and practices of the apostles since September 26, 1890.

The taking of testimony began with the examination of President Smith who touched upon his personal affairs, his polygamous marriages to five wives and his family of 42 children. The interest in the investigation into the Smoot case increased this morning and the senate committee room was filled with witnesses' counsel, newspaper men and spectators.

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Edward H. Butler is well known in Portland, having attended Portland academy for several years, where he was graduated with the class of 1890.

playing with a shotgun. Johnnie Tyne accidentally killed his cousin, Mabel Miller, aged 10. A year ago, while playing, sheriff, Johnnie shot and killed a playmate.

MR. MEYER STILL IN CITY.

(Journal Special Service.) Oregon City, March 3.—The article in reference to Henry Meyer, formerly of the Royal restaurant of this city, was found to be incorrect, as Mr. Meyer is still in the city.

SMOOTH OF UTAH STRIVING TO RETAIN HIS SEAT IN THE NOBLE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHERS ARRANG HIM IN NO UNMEANING TERMS.

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