

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. (Copyright, 1904, by W. R. Hearst.)

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 untroubled 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. (Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, March 3.—Most unusual energy on the part of the authorities are now directed for the prevention of the Siberian railway blockade.

French government agents are detailed for duty in the United States, and that 11 are shown for duty in England. No expression will be given out by the state department in view of this, but it is understood this evening that every man of the foreign service will be covered so soon as he lands on the shores of America.

TAX ON SALT AND SILK. Japanese Diet Will Convene on March 18 to Make War Levy. (Journal Special Service.) London, March 3.—The Central News of Tokyo says: An extraordinary session of the Japanese diet is summoned for March 18. It is not expected the session will last more than 10 days. The customs will not be touched, but new taxes on salt and silk are likely to be levied.

DETROITERS IN ASSAULT. Starting Report Says That America Is Being Watched. (Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., March 3.—The state department received a dispatch late this afternoon which speaks of more than ordinary interest. In the context there is understood that in secret

SUFFERING FOR WATER. Port Arthur Residents Have Awful Hardships From Thirst. (Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, March 3.—A late Port Arthur dispatch states the inhabitants are suffering from a serious shortage of water supplies. Owing to the severe cold weather, the pipes freeze and burst. The condenser in the town is insufficient to supply the needs of even the garrison inhabitants.

TORTURING MINERS TO BREAK STRIKE. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) 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. The telegram of today follows: "See Governor Peabody. One of our men is shackled to a telephone pole. All the arrests are by civil authorities."

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. This wanton killing is the result of the effort of the viceroy of Pechili to prevent an outbreak of the Chinese army. An outbreak directed at the Russians is set on foot by agitators, which, if not put down, would be disastrous to all foreigners. Troops and people have been incited by placards exaggerating Japanese successes and calling on the Chinese to rise and wipe out the Russians.

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. The neutrality of China cannot be long maintained. Foreigners at Tien Tsin and Peking are warned that there will be no distinction as to the nationality of those massacred if the war agitators get the upper hand. Consequently all nations are preparing for emergencies. There are 2,000 American and European troops at Tien Tsin and 1,500 more guarding the legations at Peking, but on a general uprising these would be but a handful. Minister Conger says China is trying to preserve neutrality but is having great difficulty to control her troops and populace. He thinks trouble is possible with the slightest provocation.

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. The rescuers reported eight more in sight. One is cut entirely in two. The list of dead will not exceed 13. Sixteen injured are in the hospitals.

FRANCE MUST NOT MIX IN DIFFICULTY

(Hearst Special Service.) New York, March 3.—Baron Sueyematsu, 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. He went further and said in so many words that Japan could take care of herself even if France should mix in. "We have no desire to drag other nations into this war," he said, "and we don't wish other lands to be troubled because of it. Good feeling and moral support is what we entreat Americans as well as of other nations to lend, but

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. We have not forgotten what part France took along with Russia at the close of the war with China. "We mean to keep on friendly relations with France, but if she should go on and consider us her enemy on account of Russia, we cannot help it. Our army and navy can combat with any nation in the east. Now that we have virtually no enemy on sea, we don't mind fighting France on the sea."

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. The sum required, \$20,000,000, together with \$20,000,000 from the treasury itself, will be devoted to the payment for the Panama canal property concessions.

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. No passengers were injured. The engine of No. 2 express, mail and the baggage cars were derailed.

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. Wiju is 25 miles from Ping Yang, where the first battle of the war between Japan and China was fought. There has been no attempt

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. Telegraph communication to northern Korea has been cut off.

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. Their liabilities are placed at \$2,359.15.

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 and in one instance, probably forgetting himself, said: "This democratic form of government has been too liberal under past administrations in questions of our social laws. Politics as a business ruins communities, republics and empires."

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 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 date of the Woodruff manifesto. When Smith took the stand Attorney Taylor asked whether to take a plural wife would be a violation of the rules of the church. He replied that it would. That cohabitation with a plural wife is contrary to the rules of the church as well as the law of the land.

The witness then asked permission of the senate committee to make a statement, and Smith said: "In regard to the attacks of polygamists at the time of the manifesto it was understood they would abstain from association with their families. I think the rule is observed, but at the time of the passage of the enabling act for the admission of Utah as a state the only provision made was that plural marriages should cease as there was no prohibition against cohabitation with plural wives who had been married before then."

POEM PRIZE WINNER WELL KNOWN HERE (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Princeton, N. J., March 3.—The announcement has been made that the Baird prize of \$50, offered annually to the members of the senior class in Princeton college for the best poem, has

been awarded to Edward H. Butler of Tacoma, Wash. Edward H. Butler is well known in Portland, having attended Portland academy for several years, where he was graduated with the class of 1900. At the academy he showed marked literary ability, and during the four years that he has been at Princeton he has been awarded a number of honors, both by the college authorities and by the students' literary publications.

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

HAS KILLED TWO PLAYMATES. Bloomfield, Mo., March 3.—While

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.

Table listing names and counties of delegates to the Second District Republican Convention, including Baker, Clatsop, Columbia, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Multnomah, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Wheeler.