

GOOD EVENING.

The Weather: Tonight and Wednesday, partly cloudy and threatening; probably light frost tonight; variable winds.

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FAMOUS MINISTER WITTE SAYS RUSSIA IS NOT IN FEAR OF OTHER NATIONS BECOMING INVOLVED IN FAR EAST

MOB AT TELLURIDE EXILES UNION MINERS

Telluride, Col., March 15.—After months of more or less stormy scenes this city was last night given a further surprise in the election from the camp of entire families of union miners and their sympathizers.

Declares War Will Be Fought to Bitter End and That Russia Stands Unitedly Behind the Government—Expects Only Fair Play From America.

Transportation Official Denies That Any Difficulty Is Being Experienced in Transporting Troops Over Trans-Siberian Railway—Says it Is Impossible for Japanese to Even Temporarily Disable the Line.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—The famous leader, Mr. Witte, president of the council of the ministers' committee, received your correspondent in audience today.

JAPAN CAN READILY RAISE MANY MILLIONS

(By D. E. F. Knight, Special Correspondent.) Tokyo, March 15.—Leading Japanese financiers estimate the cost of the war at \$265,000,000 a year; also that even now Japan is in a position to maintain war for a year and a half without being driven to the necessity of borrowing money abroad.

UNCLE JOE TO DECIDE AS USUAL ON STRIKE

Republicans Renominate Cannon—Socialists in South Dakota. 200,000 Soft Coal Miners Cast Ballots in the Wage Dispute.

Danville, Ill., March 15.—Republicans of the 13th district of Illinois held their congressional convention here today.

South Dakota Socialists. Sioux Falls, S. D., March 15.—The socialists are the first of the political parties in the field in South Dakota this year.

Nebraska Democrats. Lincoln, Neb., March 15.—Members of the Democratic state committee and other party leaders of Nebraska are rounding up in Lincoln in anticipation of the committee meeting to be held at the Lindell hotel tonight in response to the call of Chairman Hall.

More Delegates for Roosevelt. St. Paul, Minn., March 15.—The most of the congressional conventions to select delegates to the Republican national convention are to be held in Minnesota this week.

STEAMERS RESCUE ALL BUT ONE BOAT

Brisbane, N. Z., March 15.—Steamers which were dispatched to cruise in the vicinity of the wreck of the steamer Aramac, in search of four boats loaded with nearly 100 passengers, have returned here bringing all but one boat.

Nettie Fair Improves. St. Louis, March 15.—Nettie Crayens Fair is slightly improved and there are now hopes for her recovery.

DENY SINKING OF FOUR RUSSIAN SHIPS

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, March 15.—All day there have been rumors circulated here telling of battles on the peninsula, which were late in the evening set at rest by a telegram from the front which gives no news whatever of fighting.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS GO TO VLADIVOSTOK

(Journal Special Service.) London, March 15.—Reuter's London agency has repeatedly received reports today from Tokyo where rumors are current and believed reliable in source, that the Russian fleet left Port Arthur after the attack on February 10, and is now endeavoring to reach Vladivostok.

REPORTS ANOTHER NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

(Journal Special Service.) Yinkow, March 15.—A foreigner from Port Arthur reports that in a short engagement off that place Sunday the Russian cruiser Diana was damaged.

JAPANESE DELAY LAND OPERATIONS

(Journal Special Service.) Chefoo, Nov. 15.—It is reported that the Japanese land forces are still in Japan, despite contrary statements.

SECURITIES WILL AWAIT ITS COUNSEL

(Journal Special Service.) New York, March 15.—James J. Hill, before going into a conference today with his lawyers and the bankers interested in the Northern Securities company, said: "The company will obey the law, no matter at what inconvenience and discomfort."

OREGON SENATORS ASKED TO HUSTLE

The chamber of commerce today acted with vigor in regard to the hung-up improvement of the lower Columbia river and the bar, and through Secretary Daniel Connell the following telegram was sent to Senators Mitchell and Fulton at the national capital.

COSSACKS DEFEAT JAPANESE CAVALRY

(Journal Special Service.) London, March 15.—A dispatch through the Central News agency from Port Arthur reports a skirmish between a party of Cossacks and a detachment of Japanese cavalry on the Yalu river, in which the Japanese had their horses killed and were compelled to flee afoot.

REDMOND WINS A VOTE IN COMMONS

(Journal Special Service.) London, March 15.—The government was defeated in the house of commons today by a vote of 141 to 139 on a motion by Redmond against a reduction in the Irish educational estimates.

NO TAX REBATES AFTER THIS DATE

This is the last day on which rebates will be allowed those paying county taxes. Up to noon today the payments aggregated almost \$1,500,000.

FOUR DIE IN BLAST

Toy Torpedoes Dropped in Chicago Plant Cause Big Explosion.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, March 15.—Through the accidental dropping of a box of toy torpedoes in the plant of the Chicago Toy Novelty company this morning three, and probably four, lives were lost, a building was wrecked and a fire started.

SCHOONER ANTELOPE ARRIVES

(Journal Special Service.) Port Townsend, Wash., March 15.—The schooner Antelope, 58 days from San Francisco for Coquille river, Oregon, arrived here today in a badly battered condition.

SECURE FOUR JURORS

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, March 15.—Four additional jurors were chosen in the Botkin case today, making a total of nine.

BRYAN TO NAME HIM

Will Present Hearst to St. Louis Democratic Convention.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., March 15.—The newest development in the Hearst boom in Washington today is that of an alliance between Hearst and Bryan, and that the latter will present Mr. Hearst's name to the St. Louis convention.

(Journal Special Service.) Mr. Hearst, recognizing the antagonism of the Tammany organization in New York, has declared that both the nomination and the election of a president will be determined by the western and southern states.

NERVY HELL GATE OFFICER PROMOTED

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., March 15.—Two important naval bureau changes were made today consequent upon the retirement for age of Rear-Admiral Charles O'Neil, who has for seven years been chief of the naval bureau of ordnance.

MOTHER LYING ILL DOES NOT KNOW THAT HER BABY BOY IS KILLED

Little Peter Vranizan, just a baby, five years of age, crushed and mangled by a cable car, died this morning at the Good Samaritan hospital. Car No. 19 on the Portland Heights line mangled him yesterday afternoon.