

GOOD EVENING
The Weather:
Tonight, showers; clearing Friday; high southwest winds this afternoon.

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BIG RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOAT SKORI BLOWN UP BY MINE AND ONLY FOUR OF HER CREW ARE SAVED FROM DEATH

Only Bare Details Received but Report Is Considered Reliable—Story That Russians Mined Harbor Denied.

Japs Are Expected to Make New Move to Destroy Railway Communication Between Niu Chwang and Port Arthur.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, March 17.—Reuter's Choofo correspondent reports that the Russian torpedo destroyer Skori has been blown up by a floating mine. Only four of the crew were saved.
No other details have been received, but the report is considered reliable.
The Skori was a sister boat of the Stereguschich, which was sunk by the Japanese torpedo boat Thursday last off Port Arthur. The two vessels were among the largest in the Russian destroyer fleet.

(By Edwin H. Clough, by Pacific Cable, Exclusively to Hearst Syndicate. Published in The Journal by Special Arrangement.)
Niu Chwang, March 17.—Lloyd's agent at Niu Chwang has telegraphed his office in London as follows:
"Lloyd's, London.—This port will be open some time between the 15th and 30th of March. Steamers have been chartered for spring shipments. The reports that this port will be attacked shortly are untrue. There is no truth in the report that the Russians are trying to lay mines in the harbor abreast of the fort. Business is going on as usual. Grasse, Russian civil administrator at Niu Chwang, is doing all in his power to further trade interests. Chinese and other foreigners and Americans insist that a man-of-war be stationed here." BUSH BROTHERS.
Here is another cablegram that has been sent by the Lloyd's agent to London headquarters from Niu Chwang.

SAYS SHIPS ARE READY.

Admiral of Russian Squadron Asserts Can Meet Any Foo.
(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, March 17.—Admiral Stekelberg, who just arrived here from Vladivostok, denies the report that the Russian squadrons in the far east are not prepared for an outbreak. The war had been foreseen for a long time, and the ships at Port Arthur and Vladivostok are in a perfect state of readiness for emergency.
Liaoning, ten miles west of the railroad, has been selected as General Kouropatkin's headquarters, instead of Mukden. This point commands several roads. However, General Kouropatkin will live on a railway train, moving his quarters to suit the needs of the hour and the point of attack by the Japanese. Kouropatkin is now at Omsk, traveling at the rate of 500 miles a day on the Trans-Siberian. Everything is sidetracked to permit his onward rush.

RETAIVAN IS USELESS.

Will Require Year to Make Her Fit for Further Action.
(Journal Special Service.)
Chefoo, March 17.—The damage to Port Arthur by Japanese fire was due principally to four shells going over the hill and not landing in the fortifications. The lower forts are damaged and the Retaiwan is no longer of any value except through repairs that will take a year's time to make. The explosion on Golden Hill was caused by the premature bursting of a Russian shell setting off one of the battery magazines. A number were killed and wounded.

TOGO AGAIN SIGHTED.

Paris, March 17.—The Echo de Paris has received a St. Petersburg special which states that a report reached there from Port Arthur to the effect that Admiral Togo's squadron was again sighted Wednesday morning.

FAIR BILL NOW UP TO FULL COMMITTEE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, March 17.—The sub-committee considering the Lewis and Clark bill reported to the full committee this morning as follows:
Two hundred thousand dollars for the Philippine exhibit.
Twenty-five thousand dollars for the Alaska exhibit.
The bill also authorized the treasury department to coin 250,000 gold souvenir dollars, which will be sold to the exposition at par.

ARE HOSTILE TO CHAMBERLAIN POLICY

(Journal Special Service.)
London, March 17.—A by-election held in East Dorset today resulted in a victory for Lyell, Liberal free-trader. It is taken as a further proof of the hostility of the agriculturists against Chamberlain's preferential policy.

CHICAGO SNOW-GLAZ.

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, March 17.—Chicago is again buried beneath a heavy snowfall, bringing the record for the winter to 55.6 inches, which is the heaviest known fall of snow in this city.

"THIS IS THE DAY WE CELEBRATE"



The Harp of Tara

THE harp that once through Tara's halls
The soul of music shed,
Now hangs as mute on Tara's walls
As if that soul were fled.
So sleeps the pride of former days,
So glory's thrill is o'er;
And hearts that once beat high for praise
Now feel that pulse no more.
No more to chiefs and ladies bright
That harp of Tara swells;
The chord alone that breaks at night
Its tale of ruin tells.
Thus freedom now so seldom wakes;
The only throb she gives
Is when some heart indignant breaks,
To show that still she lives.

—THOMAS MOORE.

HEARST IS FAVORITE

Wins Victory in a South Dakota Contest Which Is Significant.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pukwana, S. D., March 17.—After a contest involving the leadership in Brule county upon the candidacy of William Randolph Hearst for president, the Hearst forces won out yesterday by the decisive vote of 41 to 32 at the county convention.
J. A. Stransky of Pukwana and J. W. Sanford of Chamberlain were rival candidates for the support of Brule county delegates to the national Democratic convention. Stransky championed Hearst for president and Sanford was understood to be either opposed to Hearst or opposed to instruction for him at the state convention.
A vote resulted in a victory for Stransky by two to one. The county delegation to the state convention was instructed for Stransky for delegate, and will be for Hearst for all time.

PENDLETON HAS A NEW NATIONAL BANK

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, March 17.—The application of W. L. Thompson of Lewiston, Idaho, R. C. Beach, C. J. Smith, T. G. Halley and W. F. Temple to organize the Commercial National Bank of Pendleton, Or., with a capitalization of \$50,000, has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.

CANDIDATES FOR REPUBLICAN VOTES

Chances of Some Men Who Will Present Their Claims Before the Convention Which Will Assemble in Portland Next Saturday.

The Republican county convention which will meet next Saturday for the purpose of nominating county officers and members of the legislature, and electing delegates to the state convention, will be absolutely controlled by the Mitchell Republicans, and all of the nominees will be chosen from that wing of the party. The most important county offices to be filled are those of sheriff and assessor, and the competition for each of these nominations is keen. Candidates are working like beavers to line up delegates in their own behalf and to enlist the support of the party leaders.
The fight for sheriff seems to have narrowed to four candidates, although there are several others mentioned from time to time as aspirants for the nomination who may possibly secure some votes in the convention. The conspicuous candidates are Charles E. McDonnell, the present county assessor, James M. Stott, H. C. Smith and W. A. Storey, the present sheriff.
Opinions are divided as to the chances of these candidates. The most confident of them is Sheriff Storey, who says that he has the nomination "in his pocket," but this confidence is not generally shared by those who have canvassed the situation. Storey expects to receive support from the Mitchell machine in return for his services in the campaign before the primaries. The patronage of his office was placed at the disposal of Judge Carey's committee, and Storey looks for a return of the assistance thus given. But there is a strong impression among the party leaders that he would prove a weak candidate and might be defeated at the polls. Storey has frequently intimated that if he does not get the regular nomination he will run as an independent, and this threat has not commended him to strict party men who believe that even a defeated candidate must remain loyal to the ticket.
Major McDonnell derives strength from his administration of the assessor's office, as well as from his popularity among the younger Republicans. He has many strong personal friends who are working actively in his behalf, and they express much confidence that he will be the choice of the convention for sheriff. One of his warmest advocates is County Judge Webster, who has repeatedly declared that McDonnell should be the nominee.
James Stott has had considerable experience as chief deputy in the sheriff's office, a position which he held under Storey until two or three months ago. He has some influential support and is regarded in some quarters as rather a formidable candidate.
H. C. Smith, the fourth of the candidates mentioned, is the present circuit court clerk. He has been county clerk and county commissioner. How much strength he will develop cannot yet be determined, but he has some earnest supporters.
Five candidates for assessor are in the field. They are L. H. Maxwell, C. R. Straus, Councilman B. D. Sigler, George Lamberson and Richard Clinton. The fight appears to lie between Maxwell and Straus. Clinton has not yet developed much strength and Sigler and Lamberson have entered the lists at the eleventh hour.
Maxwell has had long experience in the assessor's office and is chief deputy under McDonnell. He is thoroughly familiar with the work of the office and with property valuations in the city and county. Straus is at present cashier in the postoffice. He has been active in party politics and some of the Mitchell leaders are reported to be very friendly

TAFT HAS HEARING

Gives Insular Committee Views on Philippine Situation.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, March 17.—Secretary of War Taft was before the house committee on insular affairs today and discussed the Cooper bill, authorizing the Philippine commissioners to issue bonds.
Taft approved the suggestion that the maximum supreme court justices' salaries be fixed at \$10,000, and favored uniformity of measurements necessary in the enforcement of the mining laws. He suggested an additional section amending the coinage law so that the treasurer may be authorized to issue silver certificates in denominations up to 1,000 pesos, the largest denomination now being 10 pesos, which is equivalent to \$5.
The secretary also asked for the authorization to repeal or modify the tonnage tax on vessels coming into Manila harbor so as to encourage large steamers to come in from other ports. The tax is now on the capacity instead of on the cargo.
Taking up the railroad question, Taft said that Secretary Root tried to interest Mr. Van Horn of the Canadian Pacific, who built the Cuban road, but the latter was too much occupied in Cuba, so government engineers were accordingly sent to look into the matter and report. He submitted it as his opinion, however, that a private enterprise can manage railroads much more economically than can a government.

MITCHELL IS VICTOR

Simon Gets but 15 Delegates to His Opponent's 114.

THE VOTE COMPLETE

Judge Carey Proud of the Result—Simon Says Fraud Did It—Open Buying of Votes at Polls in North End Precincts.

The Mitchell faction of the Republican party won overwhelmingly the Multnomah county primaries yesterday. In the county convention which will convene in Portland next Saturday the Mitchell faction will have 115 delegates, the Simon faction but 14.
There was much fraudulent voting, particularly in some of the north and precincts, but the sentiment of the county was so overwhelmingly in favor of the Mitchell faction that it is doubtful whether the frauds, which are charged chiefly against Mitchell workers, influenced the results materially.
"Since the primary law went into effect in Oregon not a large percentage of those registering have cast their votes. In city and county, 18,708 persons registered. To this number should be added those in country precincts who are not required to signify their intention of voting by registering before every primary. Of the number registering, 13,678 polled their votes.
In the campaign of two years ago, when George W. Chamberlain defeated Furness for governor, there were registered 15,735 in city precincts and 1,337 in the country districts. Of this number more than 80 per cent cast votes.
At Mitchell Republican headquarters this afternoon it was stated that the official returns might show a slight increase of Simon delegates. As so far figured, there are 115 delegates for Mitchell and 14 for Simon, but it was said that Simon may have two more delegates, making the total results 117 for the Mitchell faction and 17 for the Simon followers.
"While not crying my opinions from house-tops, I never for a moment had fear of the results of the primaries," said Judge Charles H. Carey, chairman of the county central committee. "Let me tell you this which I believe will express the sentiment of nearly every Republican in this county: The Republican party is so great and so well organized that factional fights and splits will never live in its company.
"A hundred oppressive vexations may assail us as the result of a campaign, but they melt away as snows will do when the sun comes out.
"I began late yesterday to transmit a message to the Oregon delegation in Washington. A crowd had assembled at the Sheraton hotel, among whom were Senators Mitchell and Fulton, also Harvey Scott and Commissioner Boise. They received returns of the primaries up to midnight. Finally, and when victory had been assured, Mr. Boise wired that the majority had gone home and he was delegated to send congratulations. I expect to hear from other Oregonians who are at this time at the National capital.
"I am satisfied that the victory scored yesterday will have the effect of uniting the Republican party in Multnomah county for a long time to come. It may also bear beneficial results to the Democratic party as its followers will see the uselessness of attempting to disrupt their neighbors."
At the regular Republican headquarters today there was lack of work except that of verifying the returns reported late last night. Judge Carey, however, was at his office early and devoted at least two hours in replying to congratulations made by persons, phone and telegraph.
One of the most important came from Commissioner Boise of the Lewis and Clark Exposition association, who is in Washington. It said that the Oregon delegation received the news of the Simon overthrow with much pleasure.
"I am very grateful for the loyal support of the friends who stood by me, and I appreciate keenly the spirit which actuated them. But I want it distinctly understood that I was not making the fight for myself, but in the interest of decency and better government and for the purpose of rooting out the evils which have flourished under the present administration, such as the Portland club, the Paris house, the dives and the gambling-places. I thought that the best element of the people, what is commonly called the church element, would stand by us in our attempt to rid the city of these evils, but in this I was disappointed. Our efforts to purify the city and to wipe out the evils that disgrace it have proved unavailing."
"The victory of the Matthews-Carey people was brought about by the lavish use of money, unbusinesslike spending and the collection of votes, none of which methods did the Independent Republicans resort to. For they relied upon the interest and support of the decent element of the community."

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