

# JAPAN-CHINA DIFFICULTY BECOMES MORE SERIOUS

## MINISTER WU SCENTS TROUBLE

### Declares Mikado's Action Is Drastic, but Hints That the Chinese Will Not Back Down—Roosevelt May Act as Mediator.

Washington, March 7.—That the relations between Japan and China have been strained to such a degree that further straining might easily precipitate war between these two was shown this evening by the manner in which Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States who arrived in Washington this afternoon after an absence of five years, received the news of the action of the mikado in sending his demands to the Chinese government. "This news is a great surprise to me," he said. "It seems almost incredible that the Japanese government should have taken such a step at this time. This is a serious matter, a very serious matter and if it is true matters have changed very much since I last received official news from my government. "War is a terrible thing, you know, and I hope it can be avoided. We certainly wish to avoid it and yet the reported action of the Japanese government seems quite drastic. "Of course, I am not in a position to go into this matter at any great length. I have received no confirmation of unwelcome news and so must be quite careful about it."

## PORTLAND BOY BREAKS RECORD

### Forrest Smithson Captures Championship in 50-Yard Indoor Hurdles.

Smithson is a Portland boy, a member of the Multnomah club, who opened his career while a student at the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

## MRS. MORSE IS SELLING CLOTHES

### Wife of Ice King Helps Spouse by Disposing of \$15,000 Sable Fur Cape.

Wu comes at a moment when there is serious danger of armed conflict between his country and Japan. The fact that the relations between the United States and Japan are somewhat strained would not prevent the president from acting as mediator if the question should be put up to him by a nation friendly to China.

## AUTHORESS ELOPES WITH MARRIED MAN

Lexington, Ky., March 7.—A sensation was caused today at Corinth, Grant county, when it became known that Miss Nannie Holmes Taylor, a well-known magazine writer and a teacher in the Corinth high school, had eloped with Ailie Martin, a wealthy young merchant who has a wife and several children. The couple, it is believed, have gone to California, whence Miss Taylor came to Kentucky.

## WOMAN SHOTS HER ADOPTED DAUGHTER

Rapid City, S. D., March 7.—While increased over some trivial thing this afternoon, Mrs. Charles Barbour shot and killed her 17-year-old adopted daughter, Rose. Mrs. Barbour was arrested, insane from grief.

# CHINESE MERCHANT MURDERED

### Lee Hoy Shot Down in Door- way of His Residence by Highbinders—Chinaman Had Been Marked for Slaughter.

### Crime Planned by Jue Mee, Sent Here From Frisco to Execute Crime—Mee Es- capes—Police Arrest As- sociates.

## STEAMER TURNS TURTLE; 3 DIE

### Engineer Crushed and Two Men Drowned in Monon- gahela River.

As a result of a Tong war that broke out in the Chinese quarter last evening, Lee Dai Hoy, a wealthy merchant, was shot and fatally wounded by three men of his own race. He died at the Good Samaritan hospital at 11:30 o'clock.

## SEARCH HIGHBINDER'S ROOMS

Soon after the shooting the police were informed that two of the men who had engaged in the shooting had sought sanctuary in the highbinder headquarters on the third floor of the building on the southwest corner of Second and Oak streets, just across the street from the police headquarters.

## COURT DOESN'T REALIZE

"We can hardly believe that the supreme court itself realizes the evil consequences which may follow the decision under its construction of the Sherman anti-trust law—a construction never intended by the American congress.

## ASKS MEN TO REDUCE WAGES

### Head of Boston and Maine Railroad Wants Employes to Vote on Question.

Mr. Tuttle suggested the reduction, promising it would be restored July 1, if the schedules are to go back into effect. Tuttle made his suggestion to a committee representing the organized bodies of conductors, firemen and others, opposed to the reduction of wages of the men, thousands of whom are now marking ballots sent them.

## NEW PRESIDENT FOR MORGAN'S RAILROADS

Hartford, Conn., March 7.—Rumor is current tonight that the president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad will shortly retire to become executive head of one of the J. Pierpont Morgan great Pacific systems.

# TOTTERING TO A FALL

## POOR BALANCE FOR A LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE

"The executive council has asked me to, and I do hereby respectfully notify and invite the executive officers of the International Trades Unions of America to meet with the executive council at 10 o'clock sharp Wednesday morning, March 18, at Washington City, and then to consult and take such action as the independence and merit herein dealt with may be considered and determined, as setting forth the positions and demands of labor."

## TWO LITTLE GIRLS, TWO SMALL BOYS, A REVOLVER AND, WOW!

Something new in the holdup line was reported to the juvenile court yesterday from Lents. Two boys with masks over their faces intercepted two little girls, 6 and 8 years of age, and commanded them to throw up their hands.

## MERLIN'S BAR TABOO, SAYS HONEST JOHN THE OIL MAGNATE

Mr. Rockefeller several times endeavored to purchase the property and grounds owned by Mr. Merlin. He has sent his agent to the inn keeper with offers to buy the place for \$100,000.

## THE JOHN F. MILLER IS BROKEN IN TWAIN ON REEF OFF UNIMAK ISLAND IN THE ALEUTIAN ARCHIPELAGO IN JANUARY LAST.

Schooner John F. Miller Is Broken in Twain on Reef Off Unimak Island in the Aleutian Archipelago in January Last.

## Sudden Storm Turns Men Into Cakes of Ice—Cap- tain Compelled to Chop Mate Loose With Ax—De- tails Are Meagre.

News of this tragedy came down today from Alaska in the schooner Czarina, first to come out of the frozen north with the story. Captain Koehler and his crew of the Czarina heard the tale from men who fought their way over the mountain to the rocks of the desolate coast when land and sea were in the grasp of icy death.

## THE JOHN F. MILLER LEFT ON BOARD A TOTAL OF 21 MEN ON BOARD AND A CARGO OF SALT FOR THE FISHERIES. THE FIRST PRIZE WAS TO TAKE ABOARD THE CARGO OF COD FISH THAT WAS CARRIED BY THE SCHOONER GLEN WHEN THAT VESSEL WAS WRECKED ON THE ROCKS OF BEAR HARBOR, ON SEPTEMBER 30 LAST, AND TO LEAVE ABOUT 25 OF HER MEN AT THE COD-FISHING STATIONS. THE PASSAGE UP THE COAST WAS MADE IN GOOD TIME AND THE MILLER WAS AT ANCHOR A FEW HUNDRED YARDS OFF SHORE, AT WHAT IS KNOWN AS BEAR HARBOR, WHEN A SUD- DEN STORM SWEEPED DOWN UPON HER. IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW MANY MEN WERE ABOARD THE JOHN F. MILLER AT THIS TIME. THE ONLY REPORT IS THAT CAPTAIN MILLER AND EVERY MAN ON HER DECK WAS STRUCK DOWN BY THE BLAST. UNABLE TO MAN THE SCHOONER, CAPTAIN MILLER BEFORE THE ANCHOR COULD BE WEIGHED, THE SKIPPER AND HIS CREW WERE FROZEN FAST IN THEIR TRACKS. 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