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JAPANESE DESTROY 7 RUSSIAN VESSELS OFF PORT ARTHUR

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DOSE FOR THE SICK MAN.
War Probable Soon With Bulgaria and Macedonia.
Paris, Feb. 11.—La Patrie today received a telegram from Bucharest that Bulgaria has commenced the mobilization of her forces, and all officers have been ordered to hasten to their posts.
Thirty million cartridges have been ordered from France. War with Turkey is expected in March.
A dispatch from Lyons says word is received there that Turkey is making important purchases of artillery in view of the imminence of war in Macedonia.

DIPHTHERIA CLOSES SCHOOL.
Island City, in Union County, experiencing a Serious Epidemic.
La Grande, Feb. 11.—The public schools at Island City have been closed on account of an epidemic of sickness, principally diphtheria, although there are several cases of scarlet fever and many severe cases of grip.
There have been three deaths in this vicinity from diphtheria within the past week, and while there is no probability that the school here will close on that account, the gravest fears are entertained for the spread of the disease.

LAND OFFICE RUSH.
La Grande Office Has Been Overwhelmed With Work Since the Opening.
La Grande, Feb. 11.—Since the opening of the land office here, there has been one continuous chain of applicants for homestead filings, proofs and other land routine and the office force has been worked to fullest capacity.
Many homestead proofs have been held in abeyance since the close of the office, three months ago, and the applicants are now making the second trip here to complete title.

"PUBLIC OFFICE A PRIVATE SNAP"

FINE FINANCIERING ON \$3,500 PER YEAR.

Owed \$30,000 Twelve Years Ago and During That Time Banked \$70,000—'Padded' Purchase Price for Lands in His Earlier Testimony.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The cross-examination of Machen was continued this morning by Mr. Conrad. It elicited the information that although he owed \$30,000 when he arrived here in 1891, he nevertheless, from 1891 till removed from office, deposited in the Westminister (M.-A. National Bank, \$77,000. His salary during that period was \$3,500 per year.
Machen "Over a Barrel."
An attempt was made in the cross-examination to impeach his statement that the \$25,000 note was paid him by Lorenz for oil lands. He admitted he only paid \$2,200 for the lands, and also admitted he owed \$30,000 when he came to Washington from Toledo.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Questions Are Much More Difficult Than in Former Examinations.
The general expression from teachers and examiners is that the questions in the present teachers' examination are much more difficult than former ordeals.

So far as the examinations have progressed, it is very evident that all the teachers will pass, notwithstanding the severe tests of the questions.
The examinations for county certificates will close at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and the state examinations will close on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.
There are about 30 teachers present. Professors J. E. Cherry, of Adams, and Frank K. Wells, of Ferndale, are assisting Superintendent Nowlin on the examining board.

Marriage License Issued.
A marriage license was issued this morning to Miss Etta Dill and Peter Harris, both of whom are residents of the vicinity of Pendleton, and well known.

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London, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to Reuter's from Tokio, dated 7:10 yesterday, says a non-official report is current there that the Russian fleet has been destroyed, four battleships and three cruisers being sunk, and that two Japanese warships were damaged in an engagement yesterday off Port Arthur.

The Japanese got between the Russians and the entrance to the harbor before the fight commenced.

Che Foo, Feb. 11.—No further attack will be made on the fortifications at Port Arthur by the Japanese, as they are content to wait for the Russian fleet to come out from the harbor, when it will be an easy matter to conquer it.

Another Warship Damaged.
Word was received here today that the Russian battleship Porosviet, not mentioned in previous dispatches, was also damaged in the Port Arthur fight Tuesday.

Russian Finances in Bad Shape.
Che Foo, Feb. 11.—Russian finances here are in bad shape, the Russian bank being unable to honor its own notes.

The America-Maru.
San Francisco, Feb. 11.—The alarm for the safety of the Japanese liner, America-Maru, which sailed from San Francisco for Yokohama, January 25, is not felt by local officials of the line, despite a dispatch to the contrary, printed by Eastern newspapers today.

At no time has it been feared the vessel, which has on board many Americans, would fall into the hands of the Russians. However, if that should be its fate, the passengers will not be seriously discommoded, because the Russians are bound by international laws of war to safely convey them to the nearest neutral point, which is Chee Foo.

The America-Maru, running on schedule time, would arrive at Yokohama Saturday, but as she departed with orders to make the journey at top speed, she may arrive tomorrow.

Damage to Russian Vessels.
London, Feb. 11.—Lloyd's Shanghai agent cables that it is generally believed Japanese warships have sunk the Russian steamer Mongolia, bound for Shanghai. A Dainy dispatch adds that the three Russian warships, damaged by torpedoes at Port Arthur, have sunk.

A dispatch from Paris says information comes from Port Arthur that the Czarovitch was not seriously damaged and will be in commission again within a short time.

Calling Out Reserves.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—An order

GIRL RIDES 75 MILES ON HORSEBACK TO TAKE TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

Miss Retta Andrews, a teacher now attending the examination at the courthouse, rode 75 miles on horseback through a blinding snowstorm, for two days, to reach this city, in time to take the examination, and be enabled to teach school the coming year.
She is a resident of Umatilla county, near Dale, and should have taken the examination at Prairie City, having taught in Grant county, but the mountain roads were almost impassable, and as she was determined not to be defeated in her purpose to teach, she saddled up her horse and started for Pendleton in a driving snowstorm, traveled two days over the rough roads of the interior and reached this city in time to begin at the first of the examination.
She has been teaching at Ritter, in Grant county, 80 miles south of

tors are under promise of a \$1,500 per day bonus for each day gained, and are rushing work on the temporary railroad by ice across Lake Baikal.

The minister of finance has issued a bulletin warning the people against a panic. He says events may create temporary difficulties, but cannot shake Russia's economic power.

Russia and the Dardanelles.
London, Feb. 11.—A report is current here this afternoon that Russia is negotiating with Turkey for permission to send her Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles and Turkey is trying to gain British consent to the procedure.

INTEREST ON WARRANTS.
Approximately \$1,300 for July and August, 1902.

County Treasurer Sommerville is busy figuring up the interest on the warrants for July and August for 1902, which it is his intention to call in sometime during the latter part of this month.

There are \$13,495 worth of warrants out for July of that year, and \$1,065 for the following month, or a total of \$14,560, and the interest on this amount will be approximately \$1,300.

As soon as the first tax payments are made to the treasurer he will have money on hand to meet the call, but at the present time there are no funds for that purpose. The taxes will begin to come in towards the latter part of the month, and the interest accumulation will be stopped as soon as possible.

Six Cars of Sheep.
Six cars, or about 1,200 head of mutton sheep were shipped out for the O. R. & N. this afternoon for the firm of William Taaffe & Company, of San Francisco. The sheep were bought by E. Harrington, from the Rugg Brothers, and are all in the best of condition for the trip and market.

GROCERYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZATION WILL BENEFIT THE PUBLIC.

Will Enable the Provision Dealers to Buy Stocks Cheaper and in Much Larger Quantities, Which Will Also Save Freight Charges.

The new Grocerymen's association just organized in this city, will effect a great saving to the members by enabling them to purchase goods in carload lots from the east, if they cannot do so well in Portland.

Heretofore the grocers have ordered independently from Portland jobbers, paying the jobbers commission and the freight both ways and the consequence has been that groceries have been higher than necessary. If the grocers stand together, as they now seem determined to do, they can wait until later in the season, club together and order by the car load lot, from the house offering the lowest prices on goods in that quantity, and the effect will be that a saving will be made to the consumers in the city.

The grocers are all enthusiastic over the prospects before the organization and seem determined to reap all the benefits possible from organization.

Another benefit to be derived from the organization, is in avoiding losses through bad customers. No one outside of the grocery stores knows the great loss sustained by every man in the business, every year, through bad customers.

This will be avoided in the future as the organization will keep members posted on all those who have a reputation for beating bills. In this saving alone, members of the organization hope to gain enough from the usual losses, to maintain the association.

President, R. L. Oliver; vice-president, William Ingram; secretary, D. P. Smythe; treasurer, Luke Hawley. The members of the managing board are M. Miller, Dayton Barnhart and F. S. Younger.

A man who leaves his pocketbook at home does not always save money thereby. His wife may find it.

CRAZED ACTOR KILLS HIMSELF

Infatuated With Florence Roberts, a Discharged "Villain" Suicides.

PLAYED WITH PAUL GILMORE AT THE FRAZER.

George A. Yielding Becomes Desperate Because He Could Not Be Near His Idol, and Blows Out His Brains at Spokane—Florence Roberts, Who Had Caused His Dismissal at Seattle, Fainted When She Heard the Shot That Killed Him—Left His Company at Portland.

George A. Yielding, the actor who played the part of the villain in the "Mummy and the Humming Bird" at the Frazer last Friday night, committed suicide at Spokane yesterday evening, by blowing out his brains with a pistol.

Yielding was infatuated with Florence Roberts, and left the Paul Gilmore company, which he was with in this city, at Portland Tuesday night just before the performance, causing a serious hitch at the time, owing to the absence of anyone in the city who could take his part.

Yesterday morning he made his appearance in Spokane and impudently Miss Roberts to give him work with her company. This she refused to do, as her manager had discharged Yielding at Seattle about two months ago for lack of ability.

Yielding became desperate and threatened to kill himself, and fearing for her life, Miss Roberts hired a Pinkerton detective to watch him.

While the detective was keeping watch over Yielding in the corridors of the Hotel Spokane, the crazed man took a pistol from an overcoat pocket, placed the muzzle in his mouth, and before the detective could reach him, had fired, the ball penetrating the brain and killing him instantly.

Miss Roberts, who was in an adjoining room, heard the shot and fainted, saying that she had caused him to kill himself.

NO COUNCIL MEETING.

Illness of Recorder Fitz Gerald Prevented Regular Session.

Owing to the illness of City Recorder Thomas Fitz Gerald, there was no council meeting last night. All of the aldermen were on hand at the appointed time, but adjourned after listening to Miss Douthit, of Portland, who had an advertising proposition to submit to them.

She will publish a book commemorative of the work of the women of the state in upbuilding the Northwest, and Oregon, and is gathering historical data for the volume. She wished to sell the city a page written in the forthcoming book and the matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the council.

Three Days in the Calaboose.

Charles Casey, a wanderer on the face of the earth, was arrested this morning at an early hour and had a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct booked against him. He was arraigned this afternoon before Judge Fitz Gerald and was given a fine of \$5, but will spend the regulation three days in jail.

W. W. Copeland Killed.

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—W. W. Copeland, president of the San Francisco Typographical Union, fell down a sidewalk elevator shaft last night, receiving injuries that caused his death early this morning. He was one of the most prominent labor leaders on the coast.