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FATHER GOPON TO THE PEOPLE

Issues Two Letters from Paris, One to the Czar and One to the People.

HE URGES RESISTANCE AND ARMED REVOLUTION.

Heavy Fighting for Two Days Adjacent to Mukden—The Situation in the Far East Is Little Changed—Poland Is Now Under Martial Law Entirely—The Strike Movement in Kursk Has Developed the Proportions of a Revolution—General Stoessel Is Coldly Received in St. Petersburg.

Paris, March 1.—Two letters, signed "George Gapon," were today printed in the socialist newspaper "Humanite." One, addressed to the czar says: "Innocent workmen, wives and children will forever separate their assassin and his heirs from the Russian people. The fury of the people will now be unleashed. It will be useless to offer them promises."

A letter addressed to the Russian people says: "Occupy yourselves unceasingly with propaganda and the organization of an armed insurrection. A plan of general insurrection will be elaborated as soon as possible by your committee for your revenge and your defense. The hour of your delivery and victory is near. Vengeance has already struck Sergius and will soon strike the whole brood of imperial vipers. Arise, then, poor, miserable, oppressed Russian people. Thou hast nothing to lose and everything to gain."

Both letters are dated February 29.

End of Strike in Sigh. Warsaw, March 1.—Prolonged negotiations have been in progress between the authorities and strikers in the Warsaw province. Railway Director Ivanoff informed the railway strikers the czar will concede all their demands except one, and the end of the strike is in sight.

Resolution in Kursk. St. Petersburg, March 1.—The revolutionary strike movements extend to Kursk, in Southern Russia. In fighting between strikers and troops 19 were killed and 40 wounded. A dispatch from Odessa says everything is quiet there.

Poland Under Martial Law. Warsaw, March 1.—The governing general today proclaimed a partial state of siege in the governments of Kalisz, Lublin, Kielce, and Lomza. The proclamation is due to the general disturbed condition of the country. All Poland is now under martial law.

The strike on the Vistula railroad is ended, the strikers having obtained higher wages and other concessions. Train service is renewed.

Stoessel at St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg, March 1.—General Stoessel arrived here at 9:30 this morning. He was warmly greeted by Minister of War Sakaroff and Admiral Zilotti in behalf of the admiralty. Hundreds of people, especially women, crowded the station. Stoessel was loudly cheered and presented with flowers. Mrs. Stoessel accompanied him. It was remarked that Stoessel's hair has turned quite white. The couple were driven to the residence of Lieutenant General Prince Vlasemky, where they will stay. Few military or naval officers were present at the station. Altogether, the reception lacked enthusiasm.

Japanese Were Repulsed. St. Petersburg, March 1.—Kuropakkin reports that the Japanese were repulsed at Gao Tulin on the Russian left. The Russians still hold Kudiatze and Gao Tulin.

Russians Building Works. Tokyo, March 1.—Oyama reports that Russian batteries at Manpo Mountain, Sha Papao and Sufang Tai, occasionally shell his lines. An

Arabia in Revolt.

Constantinople, March 1.—The insurrection in Yemen province, Arabia, shows signs of extension to the province of Asayr. The insurgents have again surrounded Santa, and a stubborn fight has been in progress five days. Many Turkish troops refuse to resist any further, and are deserting. Two thousand troops in the towns of Aab and Hickey are surrounded and on the point of capitulation.

Volume 18 Begins Today.

Today the Daily East Oregonian begins volume 18, the daily having been established by C. S. Jackson on March 1, 1887. The past year has been one of the very best in the history of the paper and the new year opens auspiciously. The local and telegraphic news service is being constantly improved and the circulation is now much larger than that of any other paper in Eastern Oregon. As the business increases in future the proceeds will be applied to better service, new equipment and other facilities for giving the news completely. As an advertising medium it ranks far ahead of any other paper in the Eastern Oregon counties as is demonstrated by its increasing patronage.

infantry attack west of the Mukden road Sunday night was repulsed. The Russians have resumed construction of defensive works in the vicinity of Litajun Tan.

Two Days' Fighting.

Tokio, March 1.—Oyama reports that the Russian batteries on Tung You Mountain and the northern height of Tang Chia Tun commenced bombarding at 4 o'clock Tuesday. Monday night the enemy's field guns at Shu Pang Yai and heavy guns at Wan Chwang Pas concentrated their fire on the Japanese outposts in the vicinity of the railroad bridge. Subsequent infantry attacks were repulsed. The Russians left 60 dead.

SUMPTER NOT ON A DECLINE

THE DISTRICT HAS A PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

This Is the Verdict of a Recent Heavy Investor in Gold Properties—A New Era Inaugurated by More Thorough and Scientific Methods of Mining—All the Small Camps Around Sumpter Will Share in the Recrudescence.

"The bottom has not fallen out of the Sumpter district, as has been currently reported," said R. E. Norton, one of the purchasers of the Golconda mine, who has just returned from a visit to the property.

"Instead of the town declining, there seems to be one of the best eras yet ahead of it. The immense mining properties in that district are practically untouched yet, from a scientific mining standpoint. There has been much superficial work, surface mining and mild promotion of these properties, but when the true development comes and the true era of systematic mining arrives, Sumpter will make a showing that will yet startle mining circles of the Pacific Coast.

"Hidden deep in those mountains are vast deposits of minerals which it will require hundreds of thousands of dollars to reach, but which will surely be uncovered. The boom days seem to have passed in the Sumpter district and the day of actual development work is now at hand.

"The district will furnish employment for thousands of men, afford markets for millions of pounds of produce and will yield enormous returns.

JUSTICE RESERVES DECISION.

Not Able to Secure Bail as Yet for Nan Patterson.

New York, March 1.—Justice Gaynor, of the Brooklyn supreme court, today reserved his decision in the application for bail in the case of Nan Patterson.

Attorney Levy stated that Miss Patterson is suffering from general debility from long confinement in the Tombs, and should be granted an immediate trial, or admitted to bail.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations From All Points Handling Umatilla Products. Chicago, March 1.—May wheat closed at \$1.13 1/2. It reached the highest notch at 10 o'clock, when it sold in small blocks at \$1.15 1/2. July wheat opened at \$1 1/2 and closed at 98 1/2. Corn, 48 1/2. Oats, 21 1/2. Liverpool—May wheat, 7s.

MORMON SHOT AT SENATOR KEARNS.

Salt Lake, City, Utah, March 1.—The Deseret News, official organ of the Mormon church, this afternoon devotes a two-column editorial criticism to Senator Kearns' political career. It concludes: "There is no man living who has tried harder or more repeatedly to gain the ear and influence of the president of the Mormon church in order to reach political office and gain re-election to the senate than Kearns."

MRS. LELAND STANFORD POISONED AT HONOLULU

Dies in Great Agony With Every Symptom of Having Swallowed Strychnine—Post Mortem Ordered.

Mrs. Stanford Believed That She Was the Victim of a Plot to Take Her Life, the First Attempt at Which Failed About Three Weeks Ago—When Death Came She Was En Route to Japan, and Arrived in the Islands Apparently in Her Usual Good Health—A Woman of Great Strength of Character.

San Francisco, March 1.—A cablegram from Honolulu announces the death there of Mrs. Leland Stanford. The first information of the death was in a cablegram to C. G. Lathrop, brother of Mrs. Stanford, who is in Palo Alto. It merely stated that Mrs. Stanford died in a hospital at Honolulu last night.

Mrs. Stanford left San Francisco about three weeks ago, intending to visit Japan. Soon after her departure a story was published to the effect that an attempt had been made to poison her, evidently by a member or former member of the household. Strychnine, according to the story was placed in mineral water, of which she partook liberally, but the quantity of poison was so great as to act as its own emetic, thereby saving her life.

When she left for the islands she was a sick woman, but upon her arrival at Honolulu had apparently recovered.

Indications of Poisoning. Mrs. Stanford went to a picnic yesterday, returning to the hotel at 10 o'clock last night apparently in the best of health. An hour later, after dining, she went to her room, and thereafter she fell to the floor, groaning and shrieking. I have been poisoned. This is a horrible death," and soon expired.

The coroner was immediately notified and gave it as his opinion the woman was a victim of strychnine poisoning, and a post-mortem was ordered.

Soon after her arrival here, Mrs. Stanford told friends she left San Francisco because of an attempt on her life, and was afraid another would be made if she remained here. She said a member of the household was trying to kill her.

Every Indication of Murder.

Honolulu, March 1.—Every circumstance of the tragic and mysterious death points to murder, and the police have instituted a searching investigation. The coroner has ordered an immediate post-mortem, and is confident it will reveal strychnine in the dead woman's stomach.

Mrs. Stanford arrived here about two weeks ago en route to Japan. Her departure from San Francisco was followed by the report that an attempt had been made on her life there. She had been enjoying herself hugely during her stay here, and yesterday went to a picnic given in the environs of Honolulu. She returned to her hotel at 10, apparently in the best of spirits, dined heartily and chatted at table with a number of persons with whom she became acquainted since her arrival here, and after bidding them a friendly good night went to her room.

Shortly before 11, groans were heard and then the sound of a falling body. Several guests and some of the hotel help rushed into her room and found Mrs. Stanford writhing in agony on the floor and shrieking: "I have been poisoned! Oh God! this is a horrible death." Medical aid was quickly summoned, but the great benefactress was beyond help and passed away in terrible convulsions.

The coroner took possession of the body. All the symptoms observed by him in the dying woman's last moments indicated to him death was caused by the administration of strychnine. He has so notified the police, who are watching a number of persons. The room was carefully searched, but no poison was found.

Soon after her arrival here, Mrs. Stanford informed a friend an attempt was made on her life at San Francisco, and that she left that city for fear another and perhaps a successful attempt would be made. She accused a member of her own household of giving her water in which a quantity of strychnine had been placed, but give no names. There

Work for Woodcraft.

If Pendleton business men can bring the headquarters of the Women of Woodcraft to this city by adding 300 members to the order here, it will be the best investment ever made by the city. The headquarters will mean the expenditure of \$140,000 per year in general expenses; it will mean the construction of a three-story, 145,000 building; it will mean the coming of about 40 high-salaried people to the city; it will advertise Pendleton in the nine Pacific coast states by the distribution of about 350,000 pieces of literature per month, to 47,000 members of the order; it will bring the future conventions of the order to this city, and is the biggest proposition in reach of the city today.

OREGON ARRIVES AT EUREKA.

Five Still Smoulders, and She Was Beached.

Eureka, Cal., March 1.—The steamer Oregon, which left Crescent City yesterday afternoon, arrived at this port at 8:30 o'clock this morning. She will be beached on the mud flats during the day. The vessel was able to navigate under her own steam and made the voyage down the coast unassisted. The fire still smoulders in the hold.

Irving Improving.

London, March 1.—Sir Henry Irving continues to make progress toward recovery.

NINE PER CENT OF TAX PAID IN

RECEIPTS ARE SOMEWHAT SLOWER THAN LAST YEAR.

Not so Many Taking Advantage of the Three Per Cent Rebate, Which Expires March 15—On March 1, 1904, \$3,163.30 More Had Been Paid in Than Has Been Paid This Year at This Time—Officials Believe the Records Will Yet "Catch Up."

At the close of business in the sheriff's office last night a total of \$19,879.56 had been paid upon taxes for the purpose of securing the 3 per cent rebate. At that time the period during which the rebate may be secured was just half up, the time being from February 15 to March 15. The total of the taxes to be collected this year is \$22,173.27, and thus it is seen that a trifle less than 9 per cent has so far been paid.

In comparison with the manner in which the payments were made last year, they are coming rather slow this year. At the close of business on the last day of February last year, \$22,060.86 had been paid and the rebate secured, thus beating the present record by \$3,163.30.

According to Deputies Funk and Fowler, there has been less eagerness to secure the rebate this year than last, and payments have been appreciably slower. This same condition is reported from the Multnomah county office, and is doubtless produced by the fact that money is generally tighter this year than last. However, the officials of the office here say that the heavy part of the payments to secure the rebate comes during the 15 days in March, and there is yet a chance for the deficiency to be made up.

IRRIGATES 270,000 ACRES.

Water Turned Into Twin Falls, Idaho, Canals.

Twin Falls City, Idaho, March 1.—Big crowds have gathered here today to witness the ceremony of turning in water to canal irrigating 270,000 acres of arid lands—the biggest irrigated tract on the western hemisphere under one canal. The water is supplied by a Snake River irrigation system which represents an outlay of \$2,250,000. Settlers are taking up the land under the Carey act.

Mills Burn in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 1.—Fire early this morning destroyed the Lakeside Malleable Iron works and badly damaged the Bruce Engine plant and Racine Iron & Steel Works. Loss, \$200,000.

Dismissed the Case.

Justice Fitz Gerald this afternoon dismissed the case of the state against Pat Clearkine and H. Thrush, upon the payment of the costs by the defendants. They were charged with having defaced a homesetad cabin.

News comes from Dawson of the suicide of Charles Bennett, a Peruvian, because he was constantly mistaken for a negro.

MESSAGE URGES A SPECIAL LAW

Senate Passes the House Bill Revising Philopine Tariff Laws.

WILL INVESTIGATE ALL AFFAIRS OF THE Isthmus.

The Canal and the Railroad Will Both Be Subject to Official Scrutiny, and Report Will Be Made Next Fall—Dolliver of Iowa, Favors More Legislation in Relation to Interstate Commerce—Haitian Minister Is Reassured by Secretary Hay—Senate Adds \$4,500,000 to River and Harbor Bill.

Washington, March 1.—The president today sent a special message to congress urging the necessity of supplementing the existing law intended to prevent the spread of contagious diseases by animals from state to state, or from foreign countries.

Amend Philippine Tariff.

Washington, March 1.—The senate has passed the house bill revising the tariff in the Philippines.

Will Investigate Panama Affairs.

Washington, March 1.—Representative Lovering, of Massachusetts, introduced a resolution in the house providing for investigation by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce of the Panama canal commission and railroad and report to the next congress.

Dolliver Favors Investigation.

Washington, March 1.—Dolliver, of Iowa, introduced a resolution in the senate today providing for investigation by a joint committee of seven senators and seven representatives, with a view to the adoption of additional legislation regulating interstate commerce, fixing freight rates, etc. On objection to immediate consideration, the resolution went over.

Reassuring Haiti.

Washington, March 1.—Secretary Hay today formally assured the Haitian minister that the American government has no intention of acquiring by annexation or otherwise, Haiti or Santo Domingo, nor of extending American influence in that direction.

Amends River and Harbor Bill.

Washington, March 1.—The senate this afternoon passed the river and harbor bill, adding \$4,500,000 to the \$30,000,000 bill passed by the house.

OPENING STATEMENTS MADE.

Defendant Charged With Committing Arson in 1882.

Bryan, O., March 1.—Judge Bowerson this morning made the opening statement for the prosecution in the case of George Letcher, the California man on trial here for arson alleged to have been committed in Williams county, 24 years ago.

Attorney Fellows followed for the defense. The refusal of the governor of Michigan to extradite Ira Bryant of Hudson, jointly indicted with Letcher, is a severe blow to the prosecution. The state intended to use Bryant as a witness against Letcher.

The state produced four witnesses whose testimony was to the effect there had been fire in Montpellier at the times specified in the indictments, that Letcher was interested in several stocks in stores in the village, and was seen in the vicinity of the premises at the time of the conflagrations.

CREMATED AT WILKESBARRE.

A Woman Was Fatally Injured by Jumping.

Wilkesbarre, March 1.—Jona Krepka and Joseph Regelar were burned to death in a fire which destroyed several residences this morning. Mrs. Joseph Drasho was fatally injured by jumping, and several were severely burned.

Shot by Hold-up Man.

Chicago, March 1.—A chance remark dropped by James A. Logan, colored, led this morning to his arrest for the murder of a woman found dead in Hyde Park last night. The woman was identified this morning as Mrs. Anna Tracy, a domestic employed in the neighborhood. The police say Logan confessed he attempted to hold up the woman, when she resisted and he shot her dead.