

RUSHING REPAIRS ON VESSELS

Russia Will Soon Have Damaged Warships in Use.

Japanese Fleet Has Not Been Sighted Off Port Arthur Since Feb. 25--An Early Spring.

London, Mar. 4.—A Central News dispatch from Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet has not been sighted since February 25. Workmen are rushing repairs on the battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch and the cruiser Pallada. All the other damaged vessels are now ready for sea. The weather is now mild, suggesting an early spring.

St. Petersburg, Mar. 4.—Word received from northern Manchuria states that all is extremely quiet there with no signs of Chinese unrest. Russian officers are keeping the Chinese in close touch with events of the war.

MONTANA TRAINS LOST

Butte, Mont., Mar. 4.—Three Central Montana trains carrying freight and passengers, have been lost somewhere in the snow drifts between Lombard and Lewiston the past two days. Gangs of workmen have been laboring day and night to rescue the missing trains but up to last reports were unsuccessful. The crew of one train has reached Harlowtown to secure provisions. It is believed that the other crews and passengers have reached nearby ranches.

U. S. Torpedo Boat Destroyers. Perim, Mar. 4.—The United States torpedo boat destroyers bound for the Philippines passed here this morning.

Earthquake in Peru. Lima, Peru, Mar. 4.—Earthquake shocks, the worst reported in years, occurred here Thursday, doing great damage. No figures on the losses are yet available.

Jewish Residence Order. Kieff, Russia, Mar. 4.—The order issued several days ago that forbid Jews of Jewish doctors who have gone to the front must live within the "Pale" has been rescinded, the immediate members of such families being permitted to reside at Kishineff.

Gives Up Office. Washington, Mar. 4.—Isaac Stoddard, Secretary of State of Arizona, has resigned to take effect April 1. His successor has not yet been selected. Stoddard had difficulty with the territorial legislature in the matter of fees.

The Sacramento Flood. Stockton, Mar. 4.—All local streams have fallen. Bouldin Island is safe though a strong north wind may cause broken levees to wash away slightly. Rescued stock brought to this city is being driven to the foothills for pasture.

Numerous Political Arrests. Vienna, Mar. 4.—The Arbeiter Zeitung asserts that 300 political arrests have been made at Lodz, Poland. The prisoners are given the alternative of imprisonment or enlistment as volunteers in the Russian army.

Salem a Closed Town. Salem, Or., March 2.—Every gambling game in Salem was closed tonight by order of Chief of Police Gibson, in pursuance of the ordinance passed by the City Council last night. The proprietors were quietly notified that the ordinance will be enforced and as they had no doubt that the Chief meant what he said, they put away the games without a moment's hesitation. Saloon men were notified that their places of business must be closed, front door and back, at midnight Saturday night, and stay closed until midnight Sunday night. Saloon men say they will comply with the requirements.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER

Senator Fairbanks Agrees to Take Second Place on Republican Ticket.

DISASTROUS OKLAHOMA PRAIRIE FIRE

Fort Worth, Texas, Mar. 4.—Dispatches today report the loss from the prairie fire and wind storm in Oklahoma much greater than at first reported. At least twenty lives have been lost in Southwestern Oklahoma. The fire burned many hours in Hobart, Vinson and Lawton counties. Fire is still sweeping the prairie, causing immense loss in livestock.

OHIO BRIDGE COLLAPSED

With a Freight Train--Six Men Were Killed and Several Injured.

Wellsville, Ohio, Mar. 5.—Six men were killed and several injured by a freight train falling into Yellow creek on the Cleveland & Pittsburg railroad this morning. The train and two engines were on the bridge when it collapsed. The floods are the cause.

TOWN BURIED WITH SNOW

Madrid, Mar. 5.—A snow avalanche today buried the village of Beas in the province of Granada. Many people were entombed.

Dean of Watchmakers. Boston, Mar. 5.—Edward Howard, dean of American watch makers, died here this morning.

Woman Captures Burglars. Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 5.—Three burglars were captured last night by Mrs. Fannie Blackburn, a widow aged 35 years. She is fair but muscular and used a hickory club on the men as they emerged from the cellar. One by one of the burglars were dazed and were unable to get away before the police arrived.

New York Tragedy. New York, Mar. 5.—Charles F. Muhlback, an enamel letter manufacturer, suicided this morning after attempting to kill his niece, Lena Freshlicht, who persisted in receiving attentions from a suitor objectionable to Muhlback. The woman is in a critical condition with two wounds.

The Presidio Army Scandal. San Francisco, Mar. 5.—Mrs. Edith Madden whose name figured in a sensational scandal at the Presidio which caused Lieutenant Rubiechon's dismissal from the army, filed her answer today to the complaint for divorce made against her. She first makes general denial of charges of adultery with Rubiechon, then alleges to typewritten pages to reciting alleged cruelty and misdeeds of her husband. She also charges him with intimacy with white and native women in the Philippines.

Russian Squadron Free. Hakodate, Japan, Mar. 5.—The Austrian steamer from Vladivostok reports that the Russian squadron got free of ice at that port last Saturday and sailed northward presumably in hope of capturing Japanese merchantmen. No attacks have been made on northern Japanese ports so far as heard from.

Compromise Rejected. Indianapolis, Mar. 5.—The striking miners late this afternoon rejected the operators' compromise.

UNPLEASANTNESS WITH RUSSIA

Russian Newspaper Says May Have Trouble With America.

Says That it is Stated That America Has Promised to Give Japan Aid.

St. Petersburg, Mar. 4.—The newspaper Vriet today in discussing the sending of American consuls to Manchuria says the American attitude requesting Chinese exequators will cause an unpleasantness with Russia and adds: "It is now stated that America has promised to give Japan assistance with her warships."

Seoul, Mar. 4.—The residence of the Korean secretary of foreign affairs was blown up on Wednesday. Five suspects were arrested.

Tokio, Mar. 4.—Buddhist and Shinto priests have been warned by the government against an exhibition of hatred against individual Russians.

CRUEL RUSSIAN MILITARY OFFICER

Vladivostok Inhabitants Ordered to Leave Homes But to Carry Away No Food.

St Petersburg, Mar. 5.—The commandant of Vladivostok has proclaimed a warning to the inhabitants

PRIEST BURNED TO DEATH

ire in Long Island Rectory--Two Domestic Also Burned.

New York, March 5.—Rev. Father Ernst and two domestics, Mary and Margaret Brady, were burned to death, and Fathers Kenney and Hennegan injured in a fire which destroyed St. Patrick's rectory this morning at Long Island City. The fire caught in the church and spread to the rectory. Escape was cut off by the flames.

THE PARKER PRESIDENTIAL CANVASS

Hill Forces Central New York Democratic Politics.

Hill and Murphy Likely to Indorse Judge Parker For Democratic Nominee.

Albany, N. Y. Mar 5.—It is understood that at the Democratic state convention to be held at Albany, April 15th, the Hill forces will have supreme control. Hill and Murphy are in conference, which will probably result in the endorsement of Judge Parker's presidential candidacy.

Nebraska Flood. Lincoln, Neb., Mar. 5.—The Platte River valley, twenty miles in either direction from Fremont is flooded.

AMERICANS MAY ASSIST RUSSIA

Offer of Ship Owners to Fit Out Privateers.

Smallpox Epidemic Raging in Trans-Baikal District--Many Jewish Soldiers Sent to the Front.

St. Petersburg Mar. 5.—Novoo Vremya newspaper today asserts that American ship owners have offered to fit out a large number of fast steamships to act as privateers in the Russian service.

A smallpox epidemic is raging in the Trans-Baikal district. There are fears that a scourge will spread among the troops.

The number of Jews being sent to the front by the government is entirely disproportionate to the percentage of the Hebrew population. It is estimated that fully twelve per cent of the reinforcements to the ranks are Jews, hence 30,000 are now proceeding to the scene of operations against Japan. This proves loyalty, however not sufficient to suppress the popular anti-semitism. Fears are entertained that a massacre of Jews will occur during the Easter holidays.

GOOD TAX COLLECTIONS

Over \$40,000 Collected by Sheriff Fisk Since Rolls Were Opened.

Sheriff Fred Fisk and his deputies are kept busy these days collecting taxes which are coming in at a lively rate, the average amount collected per day being about \$5000.

On last Wednesday, March 2d, Sheriff Fisk turned \$21,716.85 over to the county treasurer, the total number of receipts issued up to that date being 800. There has been over \$40,000 collected up to date.

The rolls were opened and collections commenced on February 23rd.

Soldiers Defeat Students.

Last evening an exciting and hard fought game of basket ball was played in the armory between teams from the High School and Company C. Team work on both sides was poor but the individual work was good and made the game interesting. The soldiers were too much for the school boys and won by a score of 14 to 9. The teams lineup was as follows:

High School: Paine and Booth c. Davis Bean f. Ford Kestley f. Gray Stapleton, Smith g. Farrington Moore g. Callison

Bon Marche Moving.

W. L. Souders is moving his Bon Marche store from the McClung block to the Warner block formerly occupied by J. V. Kauffman's store. He will be ready for business in his new quarters Monday.

Ferry Boat Running.

The free ferry across the Willamette river at Lowell which broke from its moorings the other day is in operation again after having been cut a week. It is quite a convenience to travel.

Newberg Graphic: James Duncan left here Wednesday for Eugene where he has secured a good position in a hardware and bicycle store.

Cottage Grove Leader: Sheriff Fred Fisk was looking after various matters pertaining to his office in this city Tuesday. He has filed the unexpired term of the late lamented Sheriff Withers most acceptably and efficiently and will no doubt be the unanimous choice of his party for the nomination for sheriff in the coming campaign, and, by the way, the Republican who enters the race against him will find out that the "fat boy's" legs have not been sclerosed, no such thing.

ANNUAL TREBLE CLEF CONCERT

To Be Given in Villard Hall Saturday March 12--Other Society Notes.

The annual Treble Clef concert will given in Villard hall next Saturday evening, March 12. From all indications the affair promises to be a complete musical success and is looked forward to with considerable interest in University circles. More care than usual has been taken in the selection of the songs and the members of the club have put in more conscientious practice than ever before. The program will consist not only of club songs, but will be varied with monologue work, vocal and piano solos and promises to be the most interesting ever given by the club. Florence De Bar is piano soloist; Cora Shaver, leader; Eva Stinson, soprano soloist, and Ella McAllister, piano accompanist for the club. The concert will be given under the football management and the proceeds turned over to that organization.

The membership is as follows: Grace Mount, Mary Gray, Cora Wold, Daisy Gilbert, Louise Jones, Elsie Orent, Mary Warfield, Norma Hendricks, Camille Carroll, Edna Prescott, Jess Woods, Cora Shaver, Rosa Dodge, Lulu McClain.

Committees for the St. Patrick's concert and dance to be given on the evening of March 17th by the band have been appointed as follows: On program, M. H. Coffman, F. N. McAllister, J. J. Hughes. On decoration, Frank Hayes, R. R. Knox, Leonard Gross, Lloyd Bellman, Wm. Gross. The decorations will be entirely in green. The admission to the entertainment will be 35 cents which includes everything.

The Thimble Club was charmingly entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Geo. H. Smith at her apartments in the Schneider block. A delightful afternoon was spent at needlework and the usual luncheon was served. Mrs. M. Schneider was the guest of the club.

Cottage Grove Notes.

From the Leader: Mrs. Lee Henry came up from Portland Thursday to enjoy a brief visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Jas. Ostrander, the barber, and Fate Long, returned home from a month's visit to Los Angeles, California, late last week.

Chas. McFarland and wife are spending the winter at Woodland, California, returned home Sunday, greatly improved in health.

The lumber was placed on the ground for J. H. McFarland's fine new two-story business house on Main street adjoining his residence near the east end of the bridge this week.

Mrs. Carrie Holsinger, of Salem, stopped over in this city on her return home from San Francisco to enjoy a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. Harry Wynne.

Clint Branstetter and family of Junction, arrived in this city Wednesday to enjoy a few days visit with relatives and old friends, this being Mrs. Branstetter's old home, and by the way, Clint is not a stranger here—we all know him.

Mrs. Dr. Wall, returned home from Los Angeles California Sunday where she accompanied the doctor from a Portland hospital some weeks ago to regain his health and strength. She reports that the doctor is recovering rapidly, being able to walk several blocks daily.

Died—At the family home in this city, Sunday, Feb. 28, 1904, Georgia Ermine, the bright little daughter of Drs. H. C. and Katherine Schleefer, aged one year and six days, of pneumonia.

Saloon at Blue River.

M. E. Blair of Blue River City was granted a saloon license for the period of three months by the commissioners' court yesterday morning. There were two other petitioners for saloon license but one withdrew his petition for fear so many saloons would not pay and the other man did not have his bonds ready, but his petition will be acted upon next Tuesday morning.

Civil Service Exams.

Secretary Livermore of the local civil service examining board announces more examinations as follows: On April 6, 7, and 8 for engineer draftsmen in the supervising architect's office. Salary \$1400 and \$1800. On April 19 for matron in the Indian service.

MR. ROCKEFELLER'S NEW HEALTH FOOD.



John D. Rockefeller is taking the cheese cure for indigestion.—News Item.—New York Evening Journal.

BIG STABLE FIRE AT OAKLAND

Unknown Man Burned to Death--Fifty Horses Burned.

Oakland, Cal., Mar. 5.—An unknown man was burned to death by fire in F. M. Baker's City Hall stables this afternoon. Fifty head of horses and thirty buggies were consumed. The loss is \$10,000.

A Congressional Scandal.

Washington, Mar. 5.—The house committee on postoffices by an unanimous vote has decided to report to the House the Hay resolution calling upon the postmaster general for information bearing on charges that members of congress have violated the laws or regulations by renting buildings to the department or by influencing the allowance of higher clerk salaries, with a recommendation that it lie on the table, also the communications from the postmaster general on the subject, which had already been received and which, really, are responsible for the inquiry. All this will be made public Monday.

Girl Disappearance.

Redding, Cal., Mar. 5.—Rose Fowler, aged 14, the adopted daughter of Price Fowler, of Ashland, Oregon, has mysteriously disappeared. The papers of adoption are also missing. It is believed she has been kidnapped.

COUNT VON WALTERSEE DEAD

Hanover, Germany, Mar. 5.—Count Von Waltersee, field marshal, died here this afternoon. He was born April 8, 1832, and entered the army in 1850. In August 1900, Count Waltersee was in command of the allied army in China during the Boxer movement.

Steamer Foundered.

London, Mar. 5.—The Belgian steamer Hazel foundered in the English channel today. The crew was saved.

Polar Expedition Returned.

Stockholm, Mar. 5.—The Russian Polar expedition sailing in 1901 in the yacht Zaria, arrived here today. Baron Toll, the commander, was drowned with several companions in November, 1902, while making a trip in a small boat from the Island of Bennett to New Siberia.

Swallows Are Here.

The pretty little swallows have arrived from the south, quite a number of them being seen flying about the streets today. A sure sign of approaching spring.

Dr. H. F. Ong, of Wendling, who was taken to the Salem hospital on a special train the other day for severe throat trouble came up from that city last night much improved.