

VIVID AC-COUNT OF BATTLE

Bishop Moore Tells of the Chemulpo Naval Engagement.

Was on a Ship in the Harbor When the Fight Occurred-- Terrible Havoc by Japanese Guns.

Cincinnati, March 16.—Bishop Moore, of the Methodist church, who witnessed the naval battle between the Russians and Japanese at Chemulpo, in a letter vividly describes the clash in that port. The bishop left Shanghai on February 6 on a Russian liner which anchored at Chemulpo near the Russian cruisers Variag and Korietz. Then there was not a Japanese ship in sight, but at four o'clock the next day twelve Japanese ships steamed in and anchored. Three thousand troops landed and the six cruisers and torpedo boats withdrew eight miles and formed a line across the channel. The Japanese consul notified the Russians and they left the harbor. The ships stripped for action and at noon sailed out.

"Shortly the roar began," writes Bishop Moore "Fifteen minutes we thought would suffice to end the unequal combat, but the earth and sea shook under the awful thunder of the guns. The Russians swung around and steamed back to the anchorage, flags flying. Sure of their prey, the Japanese resumed their station in the roadstead, blocking the only channel. The four funneled Variag was evidently badly wounded, with a list to port, and the Korietz was apparently uninjured. We hastened to row out in a sampan. We saw no scars on the Korietz, though the sailors were putting paint on the hull as if to conceal the battlemarks. We asked an officer with a bandaged head how they fared, and he replied that they had no chance. The Variag was evidently sinking. The vessel was mortally wounded amidships, with a huge rent in her upper works. Two of her funnels were riddled, and the bridge was a mass of twisted iron. A lieutenant on that bridge was torn to pieces, his right arm being found holding signal flags. Boats of the other warships in the harbor began to remove the wounded. It was a pathetic scene.

"The United States gunboat Vicksburg's lifeboat helped to remove the men. We sailed with the first officer of the steamer Sungari, on which we came. He indicated that all would be lost shortly. We saw men hurrying below as if to scuttle the ship. Now the men are hastening to leave the Korietz. We are now within a few yards of her as the last two boats put off. It is twenty minutes to four, and we recall the captain's words and hasten to our rowers. There is land surmounted by a revolving light six hundred yards away. We land and climb to its summit. The hands of the watch denote four o'clock. Instantly a terrific explosion occurred astern of the Korietz, almost simultaneously another one forward. Two malignant columns of smoke and debris leaped, writhed and twisted upward as if monsters in mortal combat. As their black bodies pull apart a moment the sinking sun, tearful with films of haze, shone through. Now a fierce fire rages in the bunkers of the Variag, which more and more lists to port. She has outlived the sun, but at six o'clock, with a great shudder, the huge leviathan turns on her side and dies. Only Sungari remains, and she too sinks slowly in the burning, roaring furnace. All this in a state of hostility. What shall we see when war is formally declared?"

American Refugees Cared For.

Washington, Mar. 15.—The navy department is advised that the cruiser Cincinnati has returned to Chemulpo from Chinnampo with 23 American refugees.

RUSSIANS CONFIDENT

Say They Will Crush Japan's Navy When Baltic Fleet Arrives.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—The Journal today prints a comparison of the opposition forces of Russia and Japan in the far East, saying that Russia has a superiority in land armament by 76 cannon, but inferior in warships, which, however, is compensated in artillery of the Russian forts, the valor of the Russian sailors and the necessity of the Japanese to set apart a number of warships as transport escorts and to guard communications. There is no doubt as to the issue of the naval warfare. The destruction of the Japanese fleet is only a question of time when the Baltic squadron makes its appearance in eastern waters under the most brilliant of Russia's admirals.

The article was apparently written to calm public opinion.

The Aramac Wreck.

Brisbane, March 15.—All but one of the boats launched from the wrecked steamer Aramac have been picked up by steamers sent in search.

Suppressing American Papers.

Stockholm, March 15.—Thirty-three foreign papers, including five Finnish papers published in America, are prohibited from circulation in Finland or not speaking the truth.

JAPAN HAVING BACKSET

London, March 15.—News of the government defeat has caused Japanese consuls to fall. Seoul newspaper correspondents to Hing Ya and Anju have been ordered to return by Japanese military authorities. No permits to go to the front being issued is regarded as very significant.

Of Grant's Wife's Family.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—The president has nominated Louis Dent, of the District of Columbia, to be consul at Dawson, Yukon.

Broke Shot Putting Record.

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 14.—A University of Michigan freshman named Rose broke the world's 16-pound shot putting record by throwing 47 feet 3 1/2 inches Saturday in a contest with the First Regiment of Chicago.

Voting on a Strike.

Indianapolis, March 15.—From noon today until six this evening two hundred thousand miners will vote on the proposition to strike in the bituminous sections of the Middle West. President Mitchell today declared that he had given his best effort to avert trouble, and now it is up to the men themselves. The returns will probably be canvassed Thursday.

A Good Way From Port.

Port Townsend, Wash., Mar. 15.—The Schooner Antelope, 58 days from San Francisco for Coquille River, Oregon, has arrived here in a badly battered condition. She had been given up for lost. The schooner had been caught in a storm and blown several hundred miles out of her course.

Salem Secures Calif.

Oregon City, March 16.—Evelyn Calif, an Oregon City baseball player, has been signed by Manager Edmondson of the Salem baseball team to do pitching duty for that team during the coming season. He will report the first of April.

Calif is a well known ball player, having won a reputation for himself in many games. For three years he made the team he pitched for the best stick men in this part of the country.

VICTORY FOR RUSSIAN TROOPS

Defeated Japanese Cavalry on Banks of Yalu.

Main Japanese Army Still at Home--Another Russian Cruiser Reported Damaged-- Coal Steamer Ashore.

London, Mar. 15.—The Central News Port Arthur correspondent reports a skirmish between Russian Cossacks and Japanese cavalry on the banks of the Yalu. The Japanese horses were killed and the Japanese were forced to flee afoot. A second skirmish is reported near Anju, Korea, in which the Japanese were repulsed. Grand Duke Vladimirovitch, the czar's cousin, is expected at Port Arthur tomorrow.

Chefoo, Mar. 15.—It is reported that the Japanese land forces are still in Japan despite contrary statements. Those in Korea are merely for garrison purposes to hold the Russians in check along the Yalu. The main army is destined for some point along the Liao Tung gulf, but is waiting th

A RUSSIAN WAR LOAN

Financiers Will Advance Russia \$200,000,000 If She So Desires.

Cologne, March 15.—The Gazette quotes a St. Petersburg financial paper as stating that a group of international financiers have undertaken to advance Russia a war loan of forty million pounds sterling, should she so desire.

Berlin, March 15.—The Koelnische Zeitung reports that Japan has organized a most complete espionage in Russia. Twenty-five hundred patriotic Japanese have volunteered to perform the dangerous service.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN TOY WORKS

Chicago, Mar. 15. Three and probably four persons were killed this morning by an explosion in the Chicago Toy Novelty Company's plant. Foreman Gordon dropped a box of toy torpedoes. Its detonation set off other explosives and the building was wrecked. His body and those of two boys were found burned beyond recognition.

Intense Patriotism.

New York, March 16.—A Japanese woman at Takasaki, on learning that

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR SUICIDES

The Third in Ohio State University in 18 Months.

The Professor Whose Place He Expected Promotion to Went the Same Way.

Columbus, Ohio, March 15.—Charles Walter Masloh, assistant professor in Germanic language at the state university, killed himself this morning by poisoning. Masloh is the third professor to suicide in eighteen months. He had expected to get the place of Professor Eggers, who killed himself with a pistol.

KING WOULDN'T DECORATE

Populace Celebrated Hungarian Revolution Then Smashed Palace Windows.

Budapest, Hungary, March 16.—During the celebration of the Hunga-

FLAMES CLAIM CRIPPLE'S LIFE

Miss Rosina Smith Burns to Death Near Oregon City.

Oregon City, Or., March 14.—Terrible was the suffering of Miss Rosina Smith, who was burned to death at the home of Gus Brady, about three miles south of this city, last night. Helpless, the woman, who had been a cripple for years, slowly roasted to a crisp, and her torture can never be imagined.

Gus Brady and family, who are relatives of the cripple, had left her alone during the evening while paying a visit to some neighbors, and in some manner she set fire to her clothing. Only by most miraculous circumstances did the flames fail to spread to the furniture and set fire to the entire structure.

When found the woolen wearing apparel was still smoldering and the body was a heap of black and charred flesh. The coroner was called, and upon investigation he found that no one was to blame for the awful accident and so decided to hold no inquest.

The unfortunate woman was well along in years.

TO IMPROVE THE SIUSLAW

Washington, March 14.—Senator Fulton today offered three amendments to the sundry civil bill, making appropriations as follows: To continue the improvement of the entrance to Tillamook Bay, \$500,000; to further improve the channel over the bar at Yaquina Bay, \$250,000; to improve the mouth of the Siuslaw river, \$100,000. These amendments are intended to provide funds for carrying on work during the fiscal year.

Royalty Lunched Together.

Vigo, Spain, March 16.—Emperor William, of Germany, and King Alfonso took lunch together at noon today, after which the emperor sailed for Gibraltar.

SETTLED LABOR QUESTION

Telluride, Colo., March 15.—One hundred members of the Citizens' Alliance armed last night and raided the homes of union miners and their sympathizers and forced them to march to the depot, when they were placed aboard a train at two o'clock this morning and again deported. They were warned not to return under pain of death. Resistance in several cases brought severe beatings. A number of the mob were well known business men.

Pleased by Merger Decision.

Washington, March 15.—The cabinet meeting today resolved itself into a jollification over the merger decision. Secretary Knox received the personal congratulations of the members present. Outside of this feature the meeting was barren of matters of general interest.

Buying Torpedoes.

Vienna, March 16.—The French government has just ordered 150 torpedoes from the Whitehead works at Fiume.

Ex-Pugilist Dropped Dead.

New York, March 16.—John Flood, a pugilist who once fought Sullivan and lost in eight rounds, dropped dead here this morning.

Labor Leader Operated Upon.

Portland, March 16.—Edward Boyce of Butte, ex-president of the Western Federation of Miners, underwent an operation for appendicitis in a local hospital today.



THE IMPERIAL FAMILY OF RUSSIA.

Sitting in front of the czar and czarinas in the picture are their four children. Reading from the left, they are Olga, Tatiana, Maria, and Anastasia.

Final disposition of the Port Arthur Russian fleet, which is a threatening factor in transport matters. As Admiral Togo's second attempt to bottle up the fleet apparently failed, further delay in Japanese landing is believed will occur.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—A dispatch today states that Viceroy Alexieff has ordered the immediate liberation and arming of all convicts on the island of Saghalien, just north of Yezo, who are willing to enroll and help defend the island against the Japanese attack which is thought imminent.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—There are denials today of the report of the sinking of four steamers at the mouth of Port Arthur harbor by the Russian commander. An official telegram reports no news of fighting.

Yinkow, March 15.—A foreigner from Port Arthur reports a short engagement off that place Sunday in which the Russian cruiser Diana was damaged.

her only son had been exempted from active service on the ground that she was dependent on his earnings, has committed suicide, says a World dispatch from Tokio. In a letter she stated that she was about to kill herself in order that her son might be free to fight for her fatherland. Then she plunged a dagger into her heart. Withdrawing the weapon she handed it to her son, who immediately volunteered for active service.

Chinese Neutrality.

Washington, March 15.—Besides her general proclamation of neutrality, China has sent a special declaration to the United States, called forth probably by Secretary Hay's circular note, to the effect that it is its set purpose to remain entirely neutral throughout the war.

Duke of Cambridge.

London, March 16.—The Duke of Cambridge, Victoria's aged cousin was seized with hemorrhages of the stomach this morning and it is feared the end is near.

rian revolution of 1848 Tuesday, a crowd of students and workmen smashed the windows of the palaces of the King and Arch-duchess Clothilde because they were not decorated. The police charged the mob, injuring several of the participants.

Steamer is Safe.

Halifax, March 16.—St. Pierre, Miquelon, cablegram announces the safe arrival this morning of the steamer Propatria, many days overdue with sixty passengers and crew.

Senator Mitchell's Daughter Died.

New York, March 15.—Mrs. Griffin, daughter of Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, died this morning.

Good Weather for War.

Mukden, Manchuria, Mar. 15.—The severely cold weather has given place to fine days. Passenger trains have resumed carrying Russian families homeward, while Russian military forces continue to work southward from Harbin.