

TORPEDO DESTROYER DESTROYED

Russian Vessel Skori Blown up by a Floating Mine.

Russia Making Extensive Additions to Forts Along Baltic Sea--Japanese are Over-Confident.

London, March 17.—Reuter's Port Arthur advices report that the Russian torpedo destroyer Skori, was blown up by floating mine today and only four of the crew saved.

London, March 17.—The Skori was a sister ship of the Stereguschchi, which was sunk by a Japanese torpedo boat last Thursday off Port Arthur. The two vessels were among the largest in the Russian destroyer fleet.

Berlin, March 17.—The Lokal Anzeiger reports Russia making extensive additions to its fortifications along the Baltic Sea.

London, March 17.—A St. James Gazette's Tokyo cablegram sent via Shanghai to escape the censor states that since the receipt of the news of Japanese victories, the public has become over-confident with a disposition to regard the war as already over. The officials, however, remain calm and alert.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—Admiral Stackelberg, just from Vladivostok, denies that the Russian squadrons in the far east were not prepared for the outbreak. War had been foreseen a long time. The ships at Port Arthur and Vladivostok were in a perfect state of readiness.

Paris, March 17.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states that a report has reached there from Port Arthur to the effect that Admiral Togo's squadron was again sighted Wednesday morning.

LABOR SITUATION SERIOUS

New York, March 17.—The local labor situation is assuming a serious phase. Twenty thousand men are now idle, and the number may be increased daily. Ten thousand lithographers are likely to be locked out before nightfall. An open shop policy and the arbitration of disagreements are the principal causes of disunion. It is predicted that the disastrous strike of last summer will be completely overshadowed by the forthcoming struggle, which it is expected will culminate in a life and death fight between employers and employees.

A Bullet Through His Brain.

Omaha, March 17.—Asking his wife to play the piano for him, and while she obeyed, Major W. H. Bean, chief commissary of the department of Missouri, sent a bullet through his brain this morning in their hotel, dying instantly. Bad health was the cause of the suicide. Major Bean was recently ordered to the Philippines, and was to have sailed June 1.

Minnesota for Roosevelt.

Minneapolis, March 17.—The Republican state convention today adopted resolutions endorsing Roosevelt, and naming as delegates at large Senators Nelson and Clapp, Gov. Van Sant, Thomas Lowry, and the district delegates named in Wednesday's convention.

Packing Company Insolvent.

Chicago, March 17.—Judge Dunne this morning appointed a receiver for the International Packing Company, alleged to be an insolvent concern, having \$1,500,000 liabilities and \$700,000 assets. It is alleged that the directors lost \$1,000,000 gambling on the board of trade.

Cleveland's Secretary Dead.

Detroit, Mich., March 17.—Henry T. Thurber, ex-President Cleveland's private secretary during his second term, died this morning from appendicitis.

Bishop Fink Dead.

Kansas City, March 17.—Louis M. Fink, Catholic bishop of the Leavenworth diocese, died today from pneumonia. He was aged seventy years.

CHICAGO HAS A SNOWFALL RECORD

The Windy City Again Buried Under a Coat of Congealed Moisture.

Chicago, March 17.—This city is again buried beneath a heavy snowfall which came last night, continuing today. The snow record for the winter now stands at 56 and six-tenths inches, the heaviest ever known.

TERRIBLE FALL OF A MINER

Stockton, Cal., March 17.—Charles Vencke, a bucket loader, dropped 2000 feet in a cage in the Gwyn mine shaft in Calaveras county last night by the slipping of the cable on the drum. His remains were found scattered about the bottom of the shaft. A dozen other miners had just stepped from the cage to the top of the shaft when the accident happened.

Duke of Cambridge Dead.

London, March 17.—The Duke of Cambridge, cousin of the late Queen Victoria, died at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

London, March 17.—In the House of Commons today, Premier Balfour, liberal leader, Campbell and Bannerman spoke eulogistically of the services of the Duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief of the army.

District Attorney Removed.

Washington, March 17.—President Roosevelt has decided to remove from

EX-GOV. TAFT SPEAKS

Of the Cooper Philippine Island Bonds Bill.

Makes Some Valuable Suggestions for the Good of the Islands - Railroad and Shipping Interests.

Washington, March 17.—Secretary Taft was before the House committee on insular affairs today and discussed the Cooper bill authorizing the Philippines commissioners to issue bonds. He approved of the suggestion that the maximum salary for supreme court justices be fixed at \$10,000, and favored a uniformity in the measures made necessary to the enforcement of the mining laws. He suggested an additional section amending the coinage law so that the treasurer may be authorized to issue silver certificates in denominations up to a thousand pesos, the largest denomination now being ten pesos, equivalent to five dollars. The secretary also asked for the authority to repeal or modify the tonnage tax on vessels coming into Manila harbor, to encourage large steamers to come from other ports. The tax is now on the capacity instead of the cargo.

Taking up the railroad question, Secretary Taft said that Secretary

WILL NOT RECOGNIZE AMERICAN COLLEGES

Berlin, March 17.—The supreme court of appeals decided that the degree of doctor of dental surgery in American colleges cannot be recognized in Germany on the ground that the American colleges are private institutions and not supervised by the government.

A Texas Cyclone.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 17.—A cyclone swept Neyland, ninety miles northeast of here, last night. Meager reports show much damage. All wires are down in the storm-swept region.

A Sacramento Strike.

Sacramento, March 16.—All employees in the building trades council walked out today except the carpenters, electrical workers and mill hands. Union men say it is a lock-out. The employers deny it. A citizens' alliance was formed last night and has taken a hand in behalf of the employers.

CONVICT MURDERER SENTENCED

Placerville, Cal., March 16.—A verdict of murder in the first degree was rendered in the Wood case this morning. John Wood is one of the convicts who escaped from Folsom pen-

RUSSIAN GENERAL RUSHING

Kuropatkin Getting to the Front at Lively Speed.

Everything Sidetracked to Allow His Getting to Far East in Shortest Possible Time.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—Lino-yang, ten miles west of Mukden, on the railroad, has been selected as General Kuropatkin's headquarters instead of Mukden. The place commands several roads. However, General Kuropatkin will live on a railway train, moving his headquarters to suit the needs of the war and points of attack by the Japanese. Kuropatkin now is at Omsk, traveling eastward at the rate of five hundred miles a day to the front. Everything is being sidetracked to permit his onward rush.

IMPROVE THE LONDON SPRINGS

(Guard Special Service)
Cottage Grove, Or., March 17.—Levi Geer the genial proprietor of the Oregon Mineral Springs, located at Cottage Grove, Or., is planning to make some extended improvements to handle his fast increasing business for the coming season. He informs the writer that he intends adding an up-to-date bottling works at once which will do a great deal in the way of advertising Lane county, as the mineralized health-giving waters of the spring are excellent.

FORMER BELLBOY GETS FIVE YEAR

San Francisco, March 17. James Walters, formerly bellboy of the Hotel Colonial, who was found guilty of stealing ten thousand dollar worth of jewelry from the rooms of Baron and Baroness Van Horst, was today sentenced to five years in San Quentin penitentiary. He was caught in Minneapolis a few weeks ago. Walters is said to have been at the head of a gang of bellboys who operated all over the country.

STATE NOTES.

J. C. Conn, a prominent merchant of Silver Lake, has mysteriously disappeared and it is suspected has committed suicide.

A railroad is to be built between The Dalles, or a point near that city, to DuRoi. Some time it will doubtless be extended southward.

Reform has struck Sumpter. A dance hall has been refused a license, and an ordinance has been passed forbidding women in saloons.

Several brick buildings are to be built in Pendleton this spring. The east Oregonian predicts 15,000 inhabitants for that town in five years.

Bully creek, in Malheur county, went on a rampage and washed out several bridges. But other creeks with less lively names did the same.

A Milton preacher having engaged in a street fist fight, as well as hot language, has resigned his ministry, so as to be free to whip whom he pleases.

Portland Wins

The Portland team of the Pacific Coast League defeated the Chicago National team at Bakersfield, Cal., yesterday by the score of 3 to 2 in a ten-inning game. The Portlands seem to be pennant winners this year. The Chicago team defeated Morley's champions, of Los Angeles, three times in succession during the last few days.

Simon Forces Defeated.

Portland, March 17.—The Republican primaries in Multnomah county yesterday resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Mitchell forces. It was a tidal wave. The defeat of ex-Senator Simon and his followers was so overwhelming that they will be able to make but a meager showing in the county convention next Saturday.

JAPAN WILL BUY OREGON HORSES.

Ten Thousand Mounts for the Army Want--A Nelson Man has Contract.

Vancouver, B. C., March 17.—Ten thousand horses for the Japanese army will be purchased within the next ten months in Eastern Oregon and Washington. The contract for the supply of these mounts has been awarded to Dr. Armstrong, of Nelson, B. C., through the consulate in this city. The agreement specifies that 1000 animals per month be delivered, and this will take ten months before its expiration. The price is not mentioned, but it is needless to state the quality of the horses will be of the best. In fact, announcement has been made here that none other will be accepted. Some of the horses will be procured from the ranches near Kamloops, B. C., and other points in the interior of the province, but by far the greater majority will be purchased from the breeders in Eastern Oregon and Washington, where the strain is better, and where good horses have been bred with great care for many years past.

THE BLACK BUTTE MINES

Smelter Will Resume Operation in the Near Future.

(Guard Special Service)
Black Butte, Or., March 17.—The Black Butte quicksilver mines will resume operations soon on a large scale. As soon as W. B. Dennis, the owner of the mines, returns from California some changes will be made in the smelter and it will be in operation again.

They have ten or twelve men developing and blocking out ore and have enough in sight for a long continuous run. The ledge which is 60 feet wide is showing high grade values.

A feeling of prosperity prevails in the camp.

CAPT. MAHONE HAS STRENUOUS TIME

Lebanon, Or., March 15.—Captain Mahone, of the National Prohibition League, arrived in Lebanon Sunday and found the saloon of J. K. Blyden wide open and the bartender playing cards with some men. It being contrary to law to keep a saloon open on Sunday here, Captain Mahone says they must not go unpunished, and this case will be taken to the Circuit Court.

Monday Justice of the Peace Lovely attempted to arrest Mr. Mahone for carrying concealed weapons, but failed, and there promises to be a lively time in prospect for the citizens of Lebanon.

Straub and Shanahan.

Charley Straub and Tim Shanahan, third baseman and centre fielder of last year's Eugene baseball team, have signed with the San Francisco team of the California State League for this season. They are both good and reliable players.

Lemberg, March 17.—Reform newspapers state that well informed circles at Warsaw declare that the Kaiser of Russia that he may safely withdraw his troops from the Polish frontier for use in the war, as Germany is ready to keep watch over the loyalty of the Poles.

Sacramento Building Troubles.

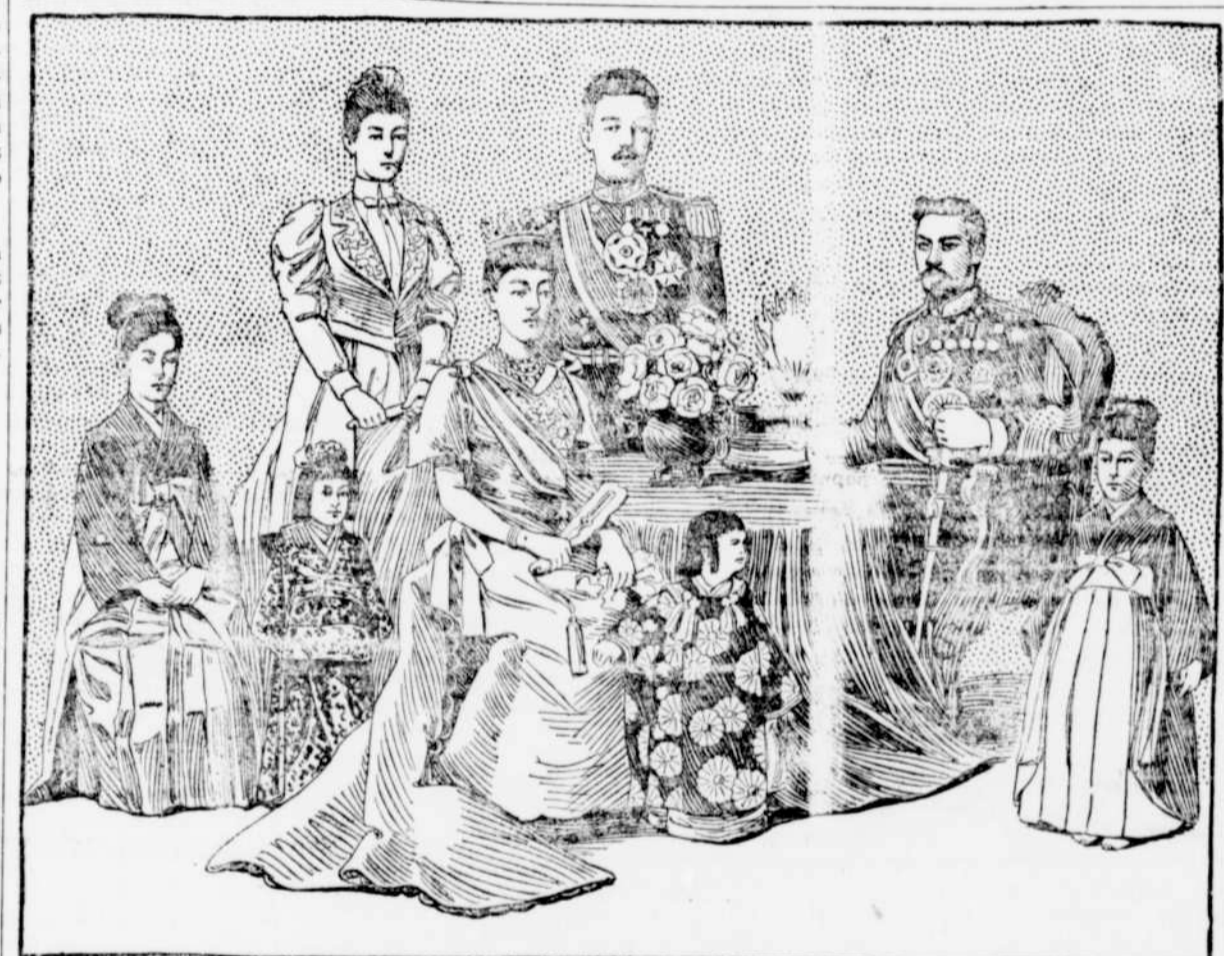
Sacramento, March 17.—The situation in the building trades trouble is practically unchanged today. Carpenters are the only men at work. The contractors last night decided to discharge all union men today and to employ non-union men and protect them if necessary. The Builders' Association announces their determination to stand by the contractors and make Sacramento an open-shop town.

Big Texas Fire.

San Angelo, Texas, March 17.—Fire this morning destroyed a quarter of a million dollars' worth of business property, including the San Angelo Hotel.

A Double Tragedy.

Lincoln, Neb., March 17.—David Carroll, a rejected suitor of the hand of Annie Maxwell, a daughter of a wealthy farmer, shot the girl dead this morning, then killed himself.



THE IMPERIAL FAMILY OF JAPAN.

In the center of the picture are the crown prince Yoshihito, son of one of the women of the imperial harem, and his wife, the Princess Harako is childless, and the four little girls standing are daughters of another of the concubines of the emperor.

office W. S. Summers, United States district attorney at Omaha, on the ground of persecution of Senator Dietrich. It is alleged that Summers procured the Senator's indictment in regard to the Hastings postoffice matter without sufficient evidence of guilt, the witnesses failing to substantiate his charges.

St. Patrick Day Greetings.

Rome, March 17.—The Pope today sent St. Patrick's Day greetings to the Irish college, saying that he will remember the Irish people in his prayers today.

Child Burns to Death.

Lebanon, Or., March 16.—Laura, the 6-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Middlestadt, was burned to death at the family home yesterday while playing with a bed of live embers from a brush fire. Her father attempted to rescue her and was severely burned around the face and hands.

Coast Baseball Schedule.

San Francisco, March 16.—The schedule adopted by the Pacific Coast Baseball League last night is being prepared for publication, which will be made Sunday. Owing to frequent complaints of discrimination in the matter of making schedules public, the magnates adopted a resolution looking to simultaneous publication in all league cities. No inkling of the makeup of the schedule has been given out.

Root tried to interest Van Horne, of the Canadian Pacific, who built the Cuban road, but the latter was too much occupied in Cuba, so government engineers were sent to look into the report that he submitted. His opinion was, however, that a private enterprise can manage railroads much more economically than the government.

RAIROADS SUBMIT TO THE LAW

New York, March 15.—J. J. Hill, before going into conference today with the lawyers and bankers interested in the Northern Securities, said: "The company will obey the law, no matter what the inconvenience and discomfort. As I understand the situation, the decision acts as a finality. I don't think we shall have a rehearing. What plans we shall pursue depend entirely upon the advice of our counsel. After only the calmest deliberation will our line of conduct be determined."

You need a tonic, tissue builder, strength producer, flesh creator, this spring? Hollister's Rock Mountain Tea will revitalize your entire system. 35 cents, tea or tablets. Ask your druggist.

penitentiary last July and who engaged in a battle with a sheriff's posse at Grand Victory mine, this country, soon after, in which two members of the militia were killed. Wood was tried for the murder of one of these men, Festus Rutherford. The death penalty was imposed by the jury.

Texas Oil-Field Fire.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 17.—Fire is raging in the oil fields at Batson Prairie. Several tanks exploded, spreading the flames. The loss thus far will reach a million.

Counting the Vote.

Indianapolis, March 17.—Counting the miners' vote began at ten o'clock this morning. As near as possible to guess the vote is about three-fifths against a strike.

Presidential Appointments.

Washington, March 17.—The President has nominated William F. Nichols, of Arizona, to be secretary of Arizona. Also Hal J. Cole, of Washington, to be register of the land office at Spokane.

Died Suddenly.

Chicago, March 17.—General Horace H. Thomas, aged seventy years, dropped dead in the office of his attorney this morning. Heart disease was the cause. He was former speaker of the Illinois house, and was a prominent Grant Army man.