

### SOME OUTPOST FIGHTING

#### Japanese and Russians Clash Occasionally On Land.

#### Admiral Sprydlhoff, Successor to Makaroff, Organizing His Staff—More Submarine Boats to Be Built.

London, April 19th.—The Central News' correspondent at Liao Yang sends a dispatch via St. Petersburg, reporting that some important fighting between the outposts has occurred on the banks of the Yalu river. Saturday night six Japanese were killed in an exchange of shots with a party of Russian scouts. There was more firing last night, but the results are not known. The Japanese scouts dressed as Korean peasants, and in order to find the exact position of the Russian scouts the Japanese shouted to them in Russian.

St. Petersburg, April 19.—Admiral Skrydlhoff, appointed to succeed Makaroff, arrived here today from the Baltic. It was an occasion for a popular ovation. He will remain here a week to organize a new staff, that of Makaroff having been exterminated.

Two Japanese, one claiming to be an imperial prince, have been arrested along the Siberian railway on the Mongolian frontier and hanged 24 hours after.

Berlin, April 19.—The Lokal Anzeiger learns that Viceroy Alexieff has ordered the erection of twenty-three immense military depots and twenty-two field hospitals capable of accommodating 20,000 wounded, between Mukden and Harbin.

Berlin, April 19.—The Klein Journal announces that an American engineer by the name of Mayer has left St. Petersburg for Port Arthur to supervise the construction of three new submarine torpedo boats.

St. Petersburg, April 19.—Rushing of troops to the front continues. Three thousand men with supplies pass Harbin daily. Prince Khilhoff, minister of railways, left last night for Lake Baikal to personally direct the operations of ferrying troops.

### PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS

#### Delegates to National Convention Uninstructed and Will Vote as a Unit.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 19.—The Democratic state convention today was entirely under control of the state organization. The program agreed upon was carried out. Samuel G. Thompson, of Philadelphia, was nominated supreme court justice. The delegates to the national convention were uninstructed and will vote as a unit. The platform makes no allusion to the silver question, and finds Roosevelt a menace to the constitutional government and international peace. It declares against the centralization of power, opposes paternalism, favors reciprocity, and commends labor unions.

### ENGLAND'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES

London, April 19.—Introducing the budget in the House of Commons today the chancellor appealed for forbearance. The cycle of prosperity prevailing at the time of the last budget seemed to have been exhausted. The commercial depression had been aggravated by that of South Africa, while foreign competition was keener than ever. Exchange receipts fell short of estimates 2,724,000 pounds. The repeal of the corn tax had proved a costly operation. The excise returns also fell short by a million and a half pounds. Expenditures during the year were 141,000,000 pounds, exceeding the estimates three millions.

### THE BUDGET.

The total expenditures for the coming year are estimated at 142,881,000 pounds, the revenue at 139,000,000, a deficit to start with of 3,821,000. The chancellor announced an increase in the income tax of a penny. There will be no extra duties on wines and spirits, but a proposed tax of three shillings and three pence on tobacco stripped before being imported. Other proposals were for an additional six pence on cigars, shilling cigarettes, two pence on ten. The revenue with the new taxation would leave an estimated surplus of 730,000 pounds.

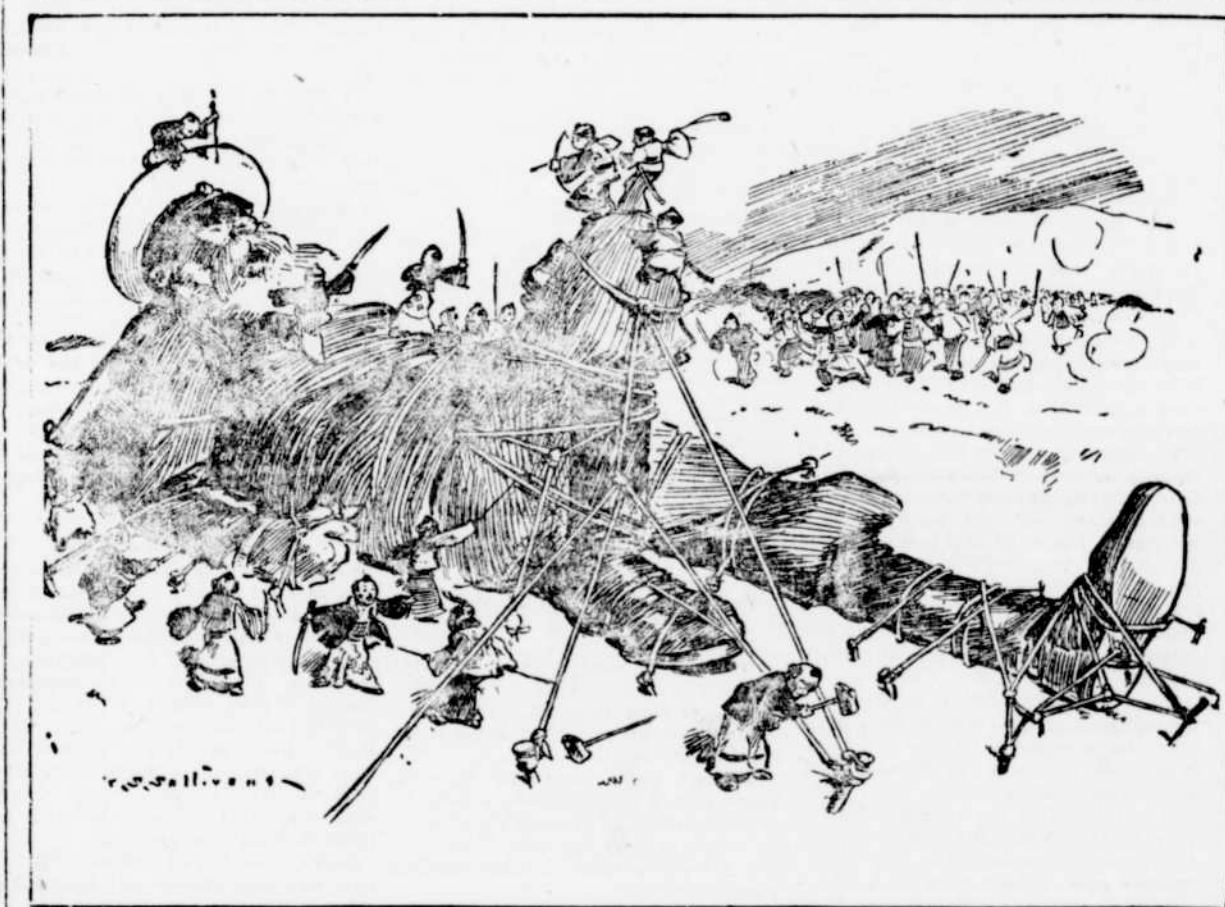
#### The Mrs. Ames Case.

San Francisco, April 19.—The jury in the case of Thomas Davis, charged with assault on Mrs. A. Ames, of Marshfield, Ore., on the high seas, failed to agree today and were ordered discharged.

### ATTIRED IN NIGHT CLOTHES

#### Abner McKinley Creates Consternation at a Concert at Tampa, Florida.

Tampa, Fla., April 19.—In a semi-delirious state, as the result of recent illness, Abner McKinley, brother of the late President McKinley, walked from his room into the corridor of Tampa Bay Hotel last night while a



A MODERN GULLIVER AMONG THE LILLIPIUTIANS.

—New York Journal.

concert was in progress, attired only in his night clothes, calling for Mrs. McKinley. An attendant took him back to his room. Today his condition is causing his friends much concern.

### VIRGINIA ATTEMPTED DROWNING

#### Girl Accused of Swindling Jumped Into River.

#### A Hundred-Foot Jump but Her Clothes Acted as a Parachute.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 19.—Because she was accused of being in a conspiracy to swindle her employers, the Stifle Dry Goods Co. Mabel Fulton, aged nineteen, ran weeping from the store, and in full view of hundreds climbed to the highest point on the new steel bridge and threw herself into the Ohio river. The girl's clothing acted as a parachute and she struck the water a hundred feet below so gently that she suffered no injuries. Men in a boat rescued her.

### A HOT FIGHT FOR HEARST

#### Oregon Democrats Disagree in Convention Today.

#### Governor Chamberlain Heads Those Opposed to the Endorsement of the Millionaire Newspaper Man.

Portland, Ore., April 19.—There was a hot fight in the Democratic state convention this afternoon over Hearst. Gov. Chamberlain is leading those who are opposed to the endorsement of Hearst or instruction of the national delegates. The matter will be fought out on the floor instead of through committees, as per true agreement reached this morning.

The Hearst leaders last night decided to ignore the state central committee, which is opposed to Hearst's endorsement. They threatened for a time to make the convention a veritable battlefield.

Governor Chamberlain and his followers make the fight not because they are personally opposed to Hearst but they want uninstructed delegates.

### Money for Crater Lake Roads.

Washington, April 20.—Senator Fulton has secured an amendment to sundry civil bills increasing the appropriation for roads in Crater Lake National Park from \$3000 to \$4000.

### Mines Destroyed.

Nagasaki, Japan, April 20.—Several contact mines found floating at sea forty miles from Cape Chantung have been destroyed by the Japanese fleet.

### FROM THE PANAMA CANAL

#### Commissioner Parsons Tells of Conditions as He Found Them on the Isthmus.

New York, April 20.—United States Canal Commissioner Parsons arrived from Colon today. He said that after its arrival on April 4th the canal commission examined Colon and proceeded to Panama and were presented to the president inspection work was then commenced. They examined at great length the celebrated Emperor and Culbra cuts, and traversed the Chagres river some miles in study of construction necessary to control this stream.

Mr. Parsons said that the climate was a surprise to him. Although it was warm, it was not so disagreeable as the extreme summer heat of New York and Washington. While the present death rate is considerably higher than it should be, he is confident that with a supply of good water

### THE STATE DEMOCRATS NOMINATE

#### Lane County Gets a Number of Nominations

#### Veatch, for Congress Bilyeu, for Joint Senator, Travis, for District Attorney, Douglas, for Food and Dairy Commissioner.

(Guard Special Service.)

Portland, April 20.—At the Democratic state convention here yesterday afternoon Lane county captured almost everything in sight, securing the nominations for congressman from the first district, state dairy and food commissioner, joint senator from Lane, Douglas and Josephine counties, district attorney for the second judicial district, and one of the delegates to the national convention. The nominations were as follows: For supreme judge—Thos. O'Day, of Portland.

For state dairy and food commissioner—S. M. Douglas, of Eugene.

For congressman from first district—R. M. Veatch, of Cottage Grove.

For congressman from second district—J. E. Simmons, of Portland.

For presidential electors—John A. Jeffrey, of Marion; T. H. Crawford, of Union; W. B. Diller, of Columbia; J. H. Smith, of Clatsop.

For joint senator from Lane, Douglas and Josephine counties—L. Bilyeu, of Eugene.

For circuit judge, second judicial district—J. W. Hamilton, of Roseburg.

For prosecuting attorney, second district—L. M. Travis, of Eugene.

Delegates to the national convention were chosen as follows:

Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain, Portland; W. F. Butcher, Baker City; J. D. Matlock, Eugene; F. V. Holman, Portland; C. E. Redfield, Heppner; James Gleason, Portland; T. R. Sheridan, Roseburg; Samuel M. Garland, Linn county.

The delegates will go to the convention uninstructed.

R. M. Veatch, the nominee for congressman, is one of the solid war horses of the Democratic party. He is well known all over the district and will make a hard race against Hermann L. Bilyeu, nominee for joint senator, is the well-known Eugene attorney. His election over K. A. Booth is a foregone conclusion. S. M. Douglas, for state dairy and food commissioner is the owner of one of the finest dairies in the state above Springfield, but makes his residence in Eugene. L. M. Travis, for district attorney, is one of Eugene's popular young lawyers, and has the ability to fill the office with great credit.

The ticket as a whole is a splendid one, and will give a good account of itself at the polls in June.

### Snow Stop! Ball Game.

Chicago, April 20.—A snow storm at St. Louis caused the postponement of the American League ball game today. The games at Brooklyn and Philadelphia were also called off on account of freezing weather.

### Life Imprisonment.

Chicago, April 20.—Emil Roeski was found guilty of the murder of Bauder this morning and sentenced to life imprisonment. He is the fourth member of the carnival gang to be sentenced.

### GREAT FIRE AT TORONTO

Toronto, April 20.—At eight o'clock this morning the great fire which raged all night was under control. The flames laid waste more than a hundred and fifty buildings, with a property loss estimated between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000. A high wind fanned the flames with fearful intensity. The fire department was unable to cope with it. Montreal and Buffalo sent engines and men shortly after midnight this morning. The fire had changed to the residential portion and many homes were burned.

It is probable that the delegates will be for Hearst, but that neither the resolutions or instructions will pass.

### Snow in Middle West.

Sioux City, April 20.—Five inches of snow fell last night in South Dakota and northwest Iowa.

### Sunk by Submarine Boat.

Paris, April 20.—A Nationalist politician claims authority for the statement that the battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk by a Japanese submarine boat, said to have been the famous Goubet boat, sold to Japan after Russia had refused to purchase the vessel.

### Alexieff's Resignation.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—Nothing official is obtainable regarding Alexieff's reported resignation, though rumor is persistent. A report this evening states that the Russians are strengthening their fortifications at Chienlin Cheng, intending to stubbornly contest the passage of the Yalu.

### A Great Strike.

Vienna, April 20.—The majority of the railway men of Hungary have struck because the ministry prohibited them holding a meeting to discuss their alleged wrongs. Sixty thousand men, principally of western divisions, are out. It is feared the strike will become general today. All trains are blocked through the strike.

and sewers Panama and Colon would be made healthful. He left the commission in good health. In a few weeks the rest of the commission will return to Washington to organize the necessary engineer corps.

### FAMILY SHOOTING AFFAIR

#### Twelve-Year-Old Boy Confesses to Shooting His Father.

#### The Family Kept Silent and the Mother Was Convicted of Murder.

Stuebenville, Ohio, April 19.—Melvin Owens, aged twelve years, confessed in an affidavit that he accidentally shot his father October last during a scuffle with his sister, who attempted to prevent him going out after chicken thieves in the night. The family agreed to keep the shooting quiet. Mrs. Owens was charged with the murder and convicted rather than admit the crime on the boy. The verdict will be set aside.

Several people who are reported missing are thought to have lost their lives.

The blaze started in a factory on Washington street. While working on a top of a six-story building the flames cut off the escape of Chie Thompson and V. Treman Dowkes. Thompson leaped to the ground, his fall being broken by wires, and he suffered a broken leg. Dowkes is missing, and is believed to have perished. A final stand was made by the fire department at the Bank of Montreal, and with a shift of the wind at seven o'clock the flames were controlled.

### UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL

Portland, April 20.—Seventeen members of the class of 1904 of the University of Oregon medical department Monday night received their diplomas and became full-fledged doctors. The graduation exercises were held in the high school assembly hall, with all the members of the faculty present.

Judge Fellinger presided and conferred the degrees, while the address of the evening was delivered by W. W. Cotton, who gave the young doctors the advice of a lawyer.

The Saylor medal given by Dr. W. H. Saylor for the highest average for the course was presented to O. A. Thornton. The members of the class are:

Oscar De Vaul, Theodore Fessler, Ph. G.; Herbert M. Greene, Robert Eugene Golden, B.M. E.; James Crossup Hayes, Chester Garfield Hall, Harry L. Houston, Mary MacLachlan, Richard Neubauer, Gail Simpson Newsom, Garwood Henry Ostrander, B. S.; Harjiro Seki, Walter Valentine Spencer, A. B.; Olive M. Slate, Orville Arthur Thornton, B. S.; George Arthur Torgler, R. Iph Coffyn Walker.

### ATLANTIC COAST SNOW STORM

#### Ten Inches Has Fallen in Vermont and Still Snowing.

Barre, Vermont, April 20.—The heaviest snow storm of the season raged all last night, ten inches falling, and still snowing.

Roseton, April 20.—An inch of snow fell here last night.

### JAPS AT NEW CHWANG

#### Report That They Have Landed There.

#### Russian Cossacks Have Fight With Chunchuses and Kill Seventy Four—Russians Withdraw From the Yalu.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—Russian Cossacks and Chunchuses fought thirty versts from Imyanpo on the eastern railway. Seventy-four brigands were bayoneted and the Cossacks had two wounded.

Tien Tsin, April 20.—It is reported that the Russian forces have withdrawn from the Yalu, leaving only four regiments on the river bank.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—The war excitement is somewhat obscured by the discovery of rich gold bearing sand in the Caucasus. A railway is being built to the locality.

London, April 20.—A Central News St. Petersburg correspondent wires a report is current in the Russian capital that the Japanese have landed in force near New Chwang.

London, April 20.—The landing of troops near New Chwang is believed here to be the most important event thus far in the campaign. New Chwang is being fortified strongly by the Russians. Should the port fall into Japanese hands it will be of immense advantage to the latter in harbor facilities and approach to inland cities.