

JAPAN DENIES THAT FLEET IS PREPARING FOR CHINESE WAR

Tokio, March 14.—At the office of the admiralty it is stated there is no foundation for the alarming report of the dispatch from Hong Kong that part of the Japanese naval squadron is preparing for service. It is stated that the activity is due to the announcement two months ago that the squadron was preparing for a series of maneuvers.

rage for the delay of the steamer. Japan agrees to accept and enforce regulations against smuggling arms and ammunition into China from Japan, but refuses to include Macao in this limitation. China must take up the contraband traffic with Macao with Portugal.

Yesterday's Advice.

Pekin, China, March 13.—The Japanese-Chinese war cloud suddenly took on a darker and more ominous shade today, when the dowager empress, Ann, stepped into the controversy and forbade the surrender by the foreign office of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru, held by the Chinese.

The empress is being strongly supported by the strongest members of her personal court, who are urging that China fight rather than submit

to the indignities of Japan's ultimatum. Against the empress is pitted Yuan Hui Kai and the officials of the foreign minister's office, who favor peace at any price at this time, owing to the internal disorders in China, and the activity of the liberal rebels. The foreign office is understood to have asked the British minister to get his government to arbitrate.

ELEVATOR BOY

PREVENTED PANIC

New York, March 14.—The coolness of an elevator boy named Henry Coch, who made five trips during a fire in the candy factory of Arthur Essing at 382 Pearl street, saved a panic among one hundred girls employed in the place. The last trip down the flames shot into the elevator, burning the boy's hands. The fire started in the basement and spread rapidly, practically destroying the five-story building.

TORPEDO FLOTILLA ARRIVES AT PANAMA

Panama, March 14.—The American torpedo flotilla, which left Callao March 9, arrived here unexpectedly today, two days ahead of time. A fine trip is reported.

ANARCHIST ALIA MADE ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

Denver, March 14.—An attempt to escape was made by Alia, the condemned murderer of Father Leo. While a trusty was cleaning his cell Alia suddenly attacked him with a razor, slashing the trusty's neck and then made a rush to get away. The trusty, despite his cut, pursued Alia and pinned him, and with the help of the deputy warden overpowered the murderer.

ANOTHER WAR SCARE COMES FROM EUROPE

St. Petersburg, March 14.—A rumor has reached this city by way of Vienna that two Turkish steamers, with arms and ammunition, have been seized in the Black Sea by Russian warships. There is no confirmation of the report from official quarters.



"IT'S AN ILL WIND"—

—Kessler in St. Louis Republic.

BERT PRESCOTT WINS HONORS FOR U. OF O.

Monmouth, March 13.—Bert W. Prescott, of the University of Oregon, won first place in the state inter-collegiate oratorical contest held here tonight. Mr. Prescott's oration was entitled "Mercy That Condemns."

The decision is a popular one. Joseph G. Richardson, of McMinnville College, was accorded second place, while Clarke B. Belknap, of Willamette University, was judged third best out of the seven contestants.

At the business meeting this afternoon resolutions were adopted endorsing the \$125,000 appropriation for the University of Oregon, and urging a liberal sum for the Monmouth State Normal School, inasmuch as this institution is the oldest and largest of the state's four normal schools.

College Enthusiasm Runs High. As hostess of the Inter-collegiate Oratorical Association of Oregon today, Monmouth gave herself completely to the college spirit, which was everywhere manifested by the enthusiasm of the friends of the competing institutions for the honors of the annual contest. The business houses and numerous residences were gaily decorated with the colors and pennants representing all the competing schools, and across Main street was a banner with the State Normal's welcome to the association. In fact, the town had a holiday appearance.

ASPHALT COMPANY'S BIG FINE STANDS

Caracas, Venezuela, March 14.—The superior court has confirmed the judgment of the lower court, which assessed a fine of \$5,000,000 on the New York & Bermudez Asphalt Company for assisting in a revolution directed against President Castro. The company will appeal to the court of Casation.

SIX ST. PAUL GIRLS SUICIDE IN NEW YORK

New York, March 14.—A startling story of how five or six young girls came to New York from St. Paul a little over a year ago, and had committed suicide, was related today by Helen Baxter, aged 17, whose attempt last night to commit suicide with gas was frustrated. She said that after graduating at the business college in St. Paul they came to New York to make their way in the world. One by one her companions had committed

suicide, and when the doctors worked over her today she begged that she be permitted to join them. She would not give the names of her companions, nor admit the formation of a suicide pact. Two of the girls, including Helen, were the victims of the wives of men.

CAPITOL GRAFT CONDEMNED BY JURY'S VERDICT

Harrisburg, March 13.—The jury in the first of the capitol conspiracy cases tonight gave a verdict of guilty as to every one of the fear men who have been on trial here for the last seven weeks, after six hours' deliberation. Two ballots were taken, but the jury did not come into court until two hours after reaching a conclusion. The men found guilty are John

HORSE, BUGGY AND DRIVER PLUNGE OFF BRIDGE

Accident at Springfield on Thursday night—Neither the horse or the driver badly hurt.

Thursday night about 10:30 o'clock an Arthur Scott was coming down the west approach of the wagon bridge at Springfield in a buggy. The horse fell off the approach to the ground, a distance of about six feet down, badly damaging the buggy but not injuring either the horse or the young man to any extent. Young Scott had stopped on the approach to talk to some young people on the bridge, and in starting the horse again he touched it with the whip, frightening the animal, which reared and plunged and fell against the railing of the approach, breaking it down. The horse in its struggles to arise rolled off the bridge and to the ground, dragging the buggy and driver with it. Mrs. A. E. Churchill, who resides at that point, was on her way home from a lecture, and was near the horse when it started. It came near running over her, but fell before reaching her. Mrs. Churchill's son helped Scott to get the animal to its feet after it had fallen and it was found that the animal had suffered no injuries to speak of. The young man was bruised up and one of his shoulders sprained, but not badly.



JOHN M. SANDERSON. Found guilty by the jury of grafting in connection with the building and furnishing of Pennsylvania's new state capitol building.

RUEF WAS PROMISED MILLION DOLLAR GRAFT

San Francisco, March 13.—The second week of the trial of R. A. Ruef and Fremont Older, proprietor and managing editor, respectively, of the Bulletin, on the charge of criminally libelling William S. Tevis, president of the Bay Cities Water Company, ended today with William S. Burns relating the confessions made to him by Abraham Ruef. Mr. Burns testified that Ruef, among other things, stated to him that Tevis explained to him (Ruef) his plan of selling the Bay Cities water supply to the city, the profit of which was estimated at \$3,000,000. One-third of this was promised to Ruef to put the deal through. It was upon this information, given by Mr. Burns to Fremont Older, that the Bulletin published the alleged libelous article. Judge Duelling ruled that the declarations of Ruef to Mr. Burns could not be considered by the jury as substantiating the truth of the article, but held that the defendants were entitled to show the source of their information and that it might be considered in respect to whether or not malice was intended and whether the article was justifiable and for good motives.

Hoppe Defeats Schaefer.

Cincinnati, March 13.—Willie Hoppe defeated Jake Schaefer here tonight in 18.1 halftime billiards, by a score of 100 to 105. Hoppe's high run was 110 and Schaefer's 49.

PINCHOT TALK OF GREAT WAR SURE TO COME

New York, March 14.—Declaring that it is only from the forest rangers in the service of the United States that scouts can be recruited for service "in the war that is coming," Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the department of agriculture, startled his hearers at a dinner last evening.



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by discussing a future war as if the conflict were unavoidable. "In the great war which this country will fight, but which I hope with all my heart it will not have to fight soon, the only quarter to which this government could look for scouts is the bureau of forestry. There and there only are men trained in such a fashion as would be of service."

Pinchot also said that there was only timber enough in this country to last for thirty years.

Smithson Wins Again.

Philadelphia, March 13.—At the indoor meet tonight F. S. Smithson of Portland broke the world's record for 50-yard three hurdles in 6 2-5 seconds.

OFFICIAL FORECAST FOR NORTHWEST

Portland, March 14.—Western Oregon and Western Washington—Showers tonight and Sunday; southerly winds.

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