

Progress of the War

LONDON, Mar. 4—Central News publishes a Port Arthur dispatch stating that the Japanese fleet has not been sighted since February 25th. Workmen are rushing repairs on the battleships, Retvizan and Carevitch and the cruiser Palada. All other damaged vessels are now ready for sea.

It is Reported that General Kuropatki's headquarters will be at Laoyong, Manchuria.

The weather is now milder, suggesting an early Spring.

Quiet in Manchuria

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

Enlistment or Prison.

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

Residence Blown Up.

Seoul, Mar. 4—The residence of the Korean Secretary of Foreign Affairs was blown up Wednesday. Five suspects of the Peabody Guild have been arrested. The Guild objects to an Alliance between Korea and Japan.

Restrictive Order Rescinded

Kieff, March 4—An order issued several days ago, that the families of Jewish doctors who have gone to the front must live within pale, has been rescinded, the immediate members of such families being permitted to stay at Kippenef.

Irritated at America

St. Petersburg, March 4—Newspaper Sviet discussing the sending of American Consuls to Manchuria, says the American attitude in requesting Chinese exequaturs will cause unpleasantness with Russia, and adds "It is now stated that America has promised to give Japan assistance with her ships."

Courteous Japanese

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

Reserves Called Out

St Petersburg, March 4—The reserve subalterns and first-class reserve men of European Russia have been summoned to join their colors, and a similar order has been issued for the naval reserve. Each arm is to undergo six weeks training.

A Vladivostok dispatch says that all is quiet there with no signs of Japanese warships, but the inhabitants continue to leave.

Paris, Mar. 4—St. Petersburg advises say that a decisive move at Port Arthur by the Russian squadron is anticipated, now that Admiral Makarov has arrived. Torpedo boats will be brought into play.

Reports from Corea confirms the advices that Japan is embarking troops at Chemulpo and landing soldiers at Chinampo where the harbor is free from ice.

St Petersburg March 5—An officer of the Russian cruiser Palada describing the first Japanese attack on Port Arthur writes a denial of the story that the Russian officers were ashore, and asserts that the Japanese used false lights. At eleven that night, a practice drill to repel torpedo attack was executed, and at midnight the four Russian torpedo boats that simulated the enemy were headed back toward Dalney, and the crews of the fleet retired.

Captain Palada had descended from the bridge for a last look, when ships lights white above red, the Russian method, were observed. The captain supposed they were carried by the Russian boats returning to practice a different style of attack. The crews were then called to quarters, the guns loaded with grape and fire opened.

A terrific explosion under the Palada, submerged the cruiser to the deck, but she did not stop firing or maneuvering, and measures were taken to close the breach.

Soon after, torpedoes exploded under the Retvizan and Carevitch, and this ended the attack.

Privateers Offered

St. Petersburg, March 5—The Novoe Vremya asserts that American ship officers 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 Transba Bakall district, and there are fears that the scourge will spread to the troops.

Jews in Russian Army

St. Petersburg, Mar. 5—The number of Jews being sent to the front by the government is entirely disproportionate to the percentage of Hebrews in the population, it being estimated that fully twelve per cent of the reinforcements to the ranks are Jews. Hence thirty thousand are now proceeding to the scene of operations against Japan. This proof of loyalty, however, is not sufficient to suppress popular anti-Semitism, and fears are entertained that a massacre of Jews will occur at the Easter holidays.

Inhabitants Driven Out

St Petersburg, March 5—Commandant at Vladivostok has proclaimed a warning to the inhabitants within a

seventeen mile radius to leave immediately, taking their personal effects but not feed, stores or cattle.

Vladivostok Squadron Sails North

Hakodate Mar. 6—An Austrian steamer from Vladivostok reports that the Russian squadron got free of ice at that port last Saturday and sailed northward presumably in the hope of capturing Japanese merchantmen. No attacks on northern Japanese ports are so far heard of.

SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE SHOT

Fiendish Utah Murderer Chooses Mode of Death

Salt Lake, March 7—Frank Rose, convicted of murder, in answer to the question of the court as to mode of death penalty, burst out laughing and said: "It's all right, judge, I'll take the shot." Accordingly the Judge sentenced him to be shot April 22.

Rose murdered his wife at Christmas day leaving their infant child beside its dead mother for two days until it was discovered by the police. He was utterly callous and declined to plead or defend and said he wanted to be executed quickly.

A CITIZEN TALKS Prefers a New Hotel to Baseball

EDITOR COAST MAIL:

Dear Sir,
I understand there is a movement on foot, in Marshfield to organize a baseball team for the coming season. Such being the case, it becomes necessary for the business men of Marshfield to put up the coin to support the team. Now in the beginning I am a lover of our national game, and would like to see Marshfield have a good team—but the question arises can we afford to support a baseball team at this time? Could not the money necessary to support a baseball team be used to better advantage to further the interest of Marshfield? For instance, would it not be better to take that same money and form the nucleus for a modern hotel. To one familiar with the hotel facilities of other towns of similar size on the Pacific coast the fact is plainly apparent, that we are sadly deficient in the matter of hotel accommodation. If we expect people to come into our town and aid in its development, we must first of all provide hotel accommodations. This, I believe is a matter which demands the prompt and serious attention of not only our board of trade, but the entire business community and property owner of Marshfield. Can we afford to sit idly by, with all our natural advantages and see what rightly belongs to us go elsewhere? While we content ourselves with baseball? Or will we rise in our might and put forth a legitimate effort to make our town, what it should be, the commercial center and metropolis of Coos county.

Yours for Marshfield.

CITIZEN.

Marshfield, Or. Mar. 7, 04.

Scientific Whist

Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. B. H. Hazard, about a dozen lovers of the scientific card game, whist, enjoyed themselves in a short bout for supremacy. After the game Coffee and Cake were served and a social hour was spent and highly enjoyed. Mrs. J. T. McCormac won the first J. H. Taylor was awarded the consolation prize and Mrs. F. H. Hoyer playing in unusual luck, being minus 28 was awarded a special consolation.

Late general News

Lima, Peru, Mar. 4—Earthquake shocks, the worst reported in years did great damage Thursday. No figures of losses have yet been made.

Lima, Mar. 4—The shocks continue this morning and are the most severe in a quarter of a century.

Paris, Mar. 4—Madagascar advices state that the Comoro island craters have been in continual eruption for two weeks, with loss of life among the natives.

New York, March 4—A two this morning, the workman in removing the body of Alexander Johnson, an iron worker, from the wrecked hotel Darlington, uncovered Chas. Lasek, a plasterer, who was alive with an immense beam across his chest.

He had lain thirty six hours under tons of debris. The man died as he reached the door of the hospital. The known dead now number fifteen. Fourteen bodies have been removed.

Stockton, Mar. 4—All local streams are falling. The flood is receding and Boulding island is safe. A strong north wind may cause the levees to wash away slightly. Rescued stock is being brought to this city by boat, to be driven to the foothills for pasture.

Hanover, Mar. 4—Field Marshal Von Waldersee's condition is worse.

Washington, Mar. 4—President Roosevelt has suggested and Senator Fairbanks of Indiana has agreed to accept the vice presidential nomination on the Republican ticket if tendered him.

This comes from the close, lifelong personal and political friendship, and may be considered to be a vital concession on the part of the Senator, who has bowed to the wishes of the President.

Fort Worth, March 4—Despatches today say that the prairie fires and wind storm in Oklahoma are greater than at first reported, and at least twenty lives have been lost in south western Oklahoma.

The fire burned many houses at Hobart, Vinson and Lawton. The fire is still sweeping the prairie causing immense losses of livestock.

Redding Cal, March 4—A land slide at Castle Crag delayed the south bound passenger train this morning for three hours. If it had occurred ten minutes later, the slide would have caught the train.

Alexandria, La, March 4—Clem Rax, a negro was hanged here today for the murder of another negro.

San Francisco, March 3—Geo. Pinney, noted in the United States and Europe as a mining broker and stock speculator filed a petition in bankruptcy this morning.

The liabilities are \$92,028.02, with only nominal assets of \$1100 worth of mining stocks. The principal creditors are English brokers who lent Pinney money on promissory notes.

Los Angeles, March 3—Jos. Stark, an alleged lunatic, is detained in the county hospital, pending an investigation as to his sanity.

The police charge that he plotted to blow up the shops of the Los Angeles railway to kill Henry Huntington and his son Howard as he had a grievance against one of the burglars were

against the Huntingtons because he was struck by a car at Los Angeles and injured.

Butt, Mont., Mar. 4—Three Central Montana trains carrying freight and passengers have been lost somewhere in the snow drifts between Lombard and Lewistown for the past two weeks.

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 Harlow town and secured provisions. It is believed the other crew and passengers have reached the nearest ranches.

London March 5—King Edward's cold is better today.

Hanover, March 5—Count Von Waldersee is dead.

London, March 5—Belgian steamer Handel foundered in the channel today. The crew were saved.

Madrid, March 5—A snow avalanche today buried the village of Bease in the province of Granada, and many inhabitants are entombed.

Oakland Cal., March 5—Unknown man was burned to death by a fire in F. M. Baker, city hall stables, and 50 head of horses with thirty buggies were consumed. The loss is \$10,000.

Paris, March 5—The Court of Cassation today granted the Dreyfus appeal for a revision of his trial at Rennes.

Redding Cal. March 5—The adopted daughter of Pierce Fowler of Ashland Oregon, has mysteriously disappeared. Papers for her adoption are also missing. It is believed she has been kidnapped.

Indianapolis, Mar. 5—The miners late this afternoon rejected the compromise offered by the operators.

Washington, March 5—The River and Harbor committee of the House this afternoon agreed to recommend no legislation for new surveys, this year.

New York, March 5—Jealous of attentions shown to Mina Frieslicht, who lived with him as his wife, Charles Miller, the enamel letter manufacturer, attempted to kill her and then committed suicide this morning.

Lincoln, Neb. March 5—The Platte river valley for twenty miles in either direction from Fremont is flooded. Thousands of acres of farm lands are inundated and residents are forced to flee. The stock losses will be heavy.

San Francisco, March 5—Mrs. Edith Madden, whose name figured in the sensational scandal at the Presidio which caused Lieutenant Rubichon's dismissal from the army, filed an answer today to the complaint for divorce made against her by Captain John Madden U. S. A.

She first makes a general denial of the charge of adultery with Lieut. Rubichon, and then devotes eleven type-written pages to reciting the alleged cruelty and misdeeds of her husband. She also charges him with intimacy with white and native women in the Philippines.

Albany, New York, Mar. 5—It is understood that the Democratic state convention will be held in Albany April 18th. The Hill forces are in supreme control.

Hill and Murphy are in conference, which will probably result in the endorsement of Judge Parker's presidential candidacy.

Cleveland, Mar. 5—Three burglars were captured here last night by Mrs. Fannie Blackburn, a widow of 35, fair and muscular. She used a lacy club on the men as they emerged from the

dazed and unable to get away before help arrived.

New York, Mar. 5—Rev Father Ernet, and two domestics, Mary and Margaret Brady, were burned to death, and Father Kearny Hennegan was injured, in a fire that destroyed St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church and the adjoining rectory this morning in Long Island City.

The fire caught in the church and spread to the rectory, and escape was cut off by the flames. The cause is unknown.

Washington, March 5—Justice Pitcheard this morning over-ruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Samuel Groff, the inventor of the patent letter box fastener on which the government was jobbed, and sentenced him to two years in the Moundville, W. Va. prison, and to pay a fine often of ten thousand dollars, the same as the other codefendants in the post-office conspiracy trial. Groff was subsequently released on twenty thousand dollar bonds, pending an appeal.

Santa Cruz, Mar. 4—A masked highwayman about ten this morning at the point of a pistol held up two men on their way down town.

The first one encountered was Otis Hammond, a salvationist, and the bandit threatened to blow out his brains. God bless you, shoot! said the salvationist. The bandit then lowered his weapon and walked away. Hammond was hardly out of sight when Frank Dann, of Mountain View ranch, was accosted in a similar manner and relieved of his watch.

San Francisco, March 4—Augustus Heinze has lost his battle against the Butte & Boston Mining Company.

A decision was handed down by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today, upholding the circuit court of Montana on the decision recently made, Heinze had appealed from the decision to the higher court. The Montana judge found Heinze guilty of contempt, in having interfered with the surveying of certain mines, the Judge having directed that officials of the mining company be allowed to survey their mines, which would necessitate the inspecting of a mine belonging to Heinze. Heinze will now appear before the judge in Montana and receive his punishment for contempt.

Redding, Cal., Mar. 4—William Clements and daughter, while crossing Weaver creek, near Douglas city, last evening in a buggy, had a thrilling experience. The creek was high and the water raging. The buggy struck a hole and capsized, the occupants being thrown out and the entire outfit carried down stream.

Clements caught the girl and with a superhuman effort strapped her to the horse and then swam ashore. The buggy was wrecked. Clements fainted when shore was reached. The horse started off with the girl, but she managed to free herself and walked to Douglas, two miles away, where she was cared for.

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