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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

### GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

An earthquake in New Mexico did much damage to property.

Russia welcomes what it terms the change in American sentiment.

Advices from Port Arthur say the Japanese are again bombarding that place.

The body of a mastodon in a good state of preservation has been found near Dawson.

Japan has completed the landing of a great force in Korea, and a forward movement is expected soon.

President Smith, in the Smoot trial, says Mormons will defend plural marriages if an attack is made.

The Japanese fleet has allowed a number of colliers to proceed to Vladivostok, expecting to seize the fuel and supplies when it takes that port.

A bio has been introduced to allow the Northern Pacific to sell lands along the right of way and quiet title to tracts in Portland and other Western cities.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways have agreed to offer homeseekers excursion rates during March and April. The rate to the west and return will be one fare, plus \$2.00.

The flood situation on the Ohio river at Toledo is serious.

King Edward is confined to his room on account of illness.

Senator Hale thinks the navy is asking for too many new ships.

General Kourapatkin will make Mukden his headquarters.

Chief of engineers recommends against the extension of the Grays Harbor jetty.

A high Russian official says the abandonment of Port Arthur would be disastrous to Russia.

Ex-President Cleveland denies that he ever had a Negro as his guest at luncheon, as reported.

Japanese refugees declare they were treated in a terrible manner by Russians at Port Arthur.

A maniac ran amuck in the war department office, shooting one man and hitting at other clerks.

Fearing the approach of a Japanese fleet, Russians and noncombatants at Yinkow are preparing to retire.

Secretary Shaw has called on the national banks for \$30,000,000 of government deposits to be applied on the price of the Panama canal.

Senator Fulton has introduced a bill strengthening the present salmon fishing law so as to further restrict fishing and extend the closed season.

Corona now fears her fate is sealed, no matter which way the war goes.

Japanese staff leaves for Korea, and troops are expected to advance at once.

General Charles Dick has been elected to succeed the late Senator Hanna.

Premier Balfour effectively used the war as an argument for a greater British navy.

The Frye shipping bill appears sure of modification as requested by Oregon senators.

The senate has passed a bill limiting carrying of government supplies to American ships.

Ambassador Cassin blames the sensational press of America for feeling against this country in Russia.

The house committee has favorably reported a resolution for Cortelyou to inquire into the workings of the beef trust.

Representative Williamson made a half hour speech in the house in the interest of a liberal appropriation for the 1905 fair.

Japan has replied to the Russian contention that she violated laws of neutrality and throws blame for war entirely upon the czar.

Port Arthur forts are running short of ammunition.

Interior department officials seriously object to Roosevelt's new forest reserve order.

Russia will consider the granting of cable concessions by America as a breach of neutrality.

Secretary of State Hay is again ill with the grip.

Contrary to rumors circulating, Ex-President Kruger, of the Transvaal, is in the best of health.

Clarence Mackay proposes to organize a trust to handle the companies originated by his father.

The report of the American commander at Chemulpo shows that Russian criticism was unwarranted.

An Alabama Negro, who shot two mail clerks, has been run down, and is now in jail guarded by state militia to prevent lynching.

A bill has been introduced in congress to allow the Philippines to issue \$10,000,000 of non-taxable bonds for public improvements.

The house has passed a great number of pension bills.

Russia has issued a proclamation setting forth the contrabands of war. France is now satisfied European powers will not be drawn into the war.

Advance guard of the two armies meet near Ping Yang and a slight engagement followed.

## GALE DRIVES FIRE.

Prairie Fire Sweeps Over Oklahoma With Great Damage.

Lawton, Okla., March 5.—Driven by a terrific gale from the north, which at times reached the velocity of 90 miles an hour, a prairie fire swept over thousands of acres of Kiowa and Comanche counties last night, destroying hundreds of farm buildings and much live stock, made 1000 persons homeless, caused the death of several persons, threatened a number of towns and swept away scores of buildings in the outskirts of towns.

The losses from wind and fire reported to date follow: Hobart, \$4000; Vinson, \$8000; Lawton, \$10,000; small country towns, aggregate, \$50,000; farm property, \$100,000.

The country was very dry, no rain having fallen for months. Grass and stubble fires set by farmers, as is customary at this season of the year, were soon driven beyond control by the gale, which raged suddenly.

All estimation of the loss exceed \$200,000. At Hobart, the county seat of Kiowa county, the fire destroyed numerous outlying buildings. The 75 acres of Government military and timber and Indian reservation near Hobart were swept with loss of buildings and cattle.

In the Homestead district near Lawton, occurred the loss of life.

Late at night the fire began moving southward toward the city. At 12 o'clock, midnight, 5000 people of this city were up in battle with the flames. The advance line of the fire was fully two miles in length and moved in a semicircular form.

Two thousand men turned their efforts to checking the grass borders of the reservation at the city limits. Water from every source, carried in every conceivable way, was distributed about the city and carried all around the city limits. This served the purpose of checking the advance lines of the fire, but was of little avail in blinding the continued rolling of the fire into the streets of the city.

More than a hundred places flames arose from dwellings, barns and out-houses, but wherever a blaze grew men were present to quench it with water. As a result of the cool judgment of the fighters, the city's loss was only \$10,000.

Stories are coming in tonight of how families laid out on the barren prairie through the freezing night after the storm had passed with only the thin clothes on their backs as reminders of once prosperous homes.

Hundreds of people are destitute and are suffering intensely in the cold with the excruciating pains caused by Chinese junks. This action is reported to have occurred between Port Arthur and Misao in Laotieshau channel.

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## ENTRANCE CLOSED

### PORT ARTHUR IS NOW BLOCKED TO BIG VESSELS.

Battleship is in the Way—Only Small Cruisers Can Go Out—Japan Forecasts Possibility of Coal Being Held Contraband of War and Has Immense Supply on Hand.

London, March 7.—Little change in the Far Eastern situation is reported this morning. It is apparent that the Japanese are busily engaged in transporting their forces into Korea, and this work is facilitated by the enforced inactivity of the navy.

According to the Sebastopol correspondent of the Daily Graphic, Admiral Skrydoff has learned privately from Port Arthur that the Russian battleship Retzivan lies in such a position as to block effectually the exit of battleships from the harbor.

The passage being practically only the cruisers. The correspondent adds that Russia's new battleships now building on a Baltic will not be ready for active commission before the end of August.

The Japanese officer who has charge of Japan's financial and commercial interests in England declares that the government foresees the possibility of coal being declared contraband of war, and that it had been collecting large stores of Welsh steam coal for years, so that today it had a supply sufficient for the navy for years.

According to a Tokyo correspondent of the Standard, the Mikado has sent a personal message to the Emperor of Korea assuring him that the war was declared solely with the view to securing permanent peace, and expressing the sincere wish that the recently concluded Japanese Korean protocol would increase the intimacy of the two countries.

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## NO TROOPS TO GO.

Cabinet Decides to Let Marines Remain at Panama.

Washington, March 3.—Important matters relating to the Panama canal were under discussion by President Roosevelt and his cabinet today. Attorney-General Knox and other officials of the department of justice have under consideration the title to the canal property, which is to be passed to this country by the Panama Canal Company, but as yet they have reached no conclusion.

It was said after the meeting that no money could be paid by this government until a clear title to the property was obtained, but no intimation was given as to the length of time which might elapse before a decision was reached.

The entire subject of the canal and its construction was discussed in addition to the legal phases of the question.