

JAPANESE ON THE ALERT FOR A RUSSIAN ATTACK.

Part of Fleet Zealously Guarding Northern Japan From A Land Force

RUSSIANS DEMORALIZED

Fierce Northeast Gale Creating Sad Havoc With Crippled Vessels

Japanese Blow Up An Important Railway Bridge Killing Thirty

CHEEFOO, Wednesday, Feb. 10.—Upon the withdrawal of the Japanese minister from St. Petersburg, the Japanese fleet and transports proceeded to Masampo, which was occupied and the fleet then sailed for Port Arthur. The rest of the Japanese ships are guarding Northern Japan, fearing that Russia might land a force from Vladivostok and for the purpose of preventing four Russian cruisers from joining the fleet at Port Arthur. The other Japanese war vessels are aiming to intercept the Russian vessels coming from Singapore.

The Russian battleships damaged at Port Arthur are the Petrowsk, Czarnowich or Ritzewin. The cruiser Bojarin, which was beached when the tide was falling, has not been floated, and will be damaged as a northeast gale was blowing today.

The Japanese fleet has probably retired to Masampo and it is not known whether there was another attack on Tuesday night. General Tschickoff took command of the Russian troops in Manchuria today. A northeast gale which is raging here bodes no good to the Russian war ships.

Complete demoralization reigns at Port Arthur.

Japanese Arrive at Seoul.
London, Thursday, Feb. 11.—Special dispatches from Tokio this morning

announces the arrival of the Japanese troops at Seoul, but beyond this the dispatches published in the newspapers add practically nothing to the knowledge of the actual situation.

Japs After the Railroad.
London, Feb. 11.—The Shanghai correspondent says an important bridge on the Manchuria Railway has been blown up and thirty men have been killed.

Some Rich Prizes.
Tokio, Feb. 10.—The Japanese have captured at least five Russian commercial steamers including the Ekaterinoslav, Moulken, Russia, Argun and Alexander. They were captured by the Japanese in Korean and adjacent waters since Saturday by small cruisers. Some of the steamers are rich prizes.

Japanese Occupy Masampo.
Tokio, Feb. 10.—Japan seized Masampo Sunday and despatched a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval military base there. Masampo is an exceedingly important point, as it controls the Korean channel and is an excellent base for future operations.

Formally Declare War.
Tokio, Feb. 10.—A formal declaration of war is expected tonight. The proclamation has been proclaimed and approved by the cabinet.

Russians Distrust America.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The statement that Secretary Hay had issued a note to the powers asking them to join in insisting on the recognition of the integrity of China and Korea, during and after hostilities, created much comment in diplomatic circles here, where any action taken with a view of localizing the theatre of war is welcomed.

At the foreign office here there is some disposition to distrust the purpose of the United States. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, in talking to the diplomats at a reception this afternoon, spoke feelingly of Japan's action, and declared the Czar had done all in his power to avoid a conflict.

Kurino Leaves St. Petersburg.
London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese minister to Russia, and his staff left there for Berlin. A large crowd was at the station when the party boarded the train. There was no demonstration.

Russian Cruiser Captured.
San Francisco, Feb. 10.—A cablegram from Nagasaki states that the Russian cruiser Varing, which was reported to have been sunk yesterday at Chemulpo by the Japanese fleet, was captured and arrived at Sasebo. The dispatch also states that in addition to the Russian vessels damaged in the torpedo attack at Port Arthur, that seven other vessels were captured.

Fear for America Maru.
The agents here of the Japan steamer America Maru which left this port last month on her last trip to the Orient are apprehensive regarding her safe arrival at Yokohama. The vessel with her sister ship, the Nippon Maru, and the Hong Kong Maru have been impressed by the Japanese government as auxiliary cruisers. They fear she is captured by the Russians.

No Coal for Russia.
Cardiff, Feb. 10.—Orders have been received here suspending all shipments of coal for the Russian government and cancelling all charterings in its behalf.

Both Desire Localization.
Washington, Feb. 10.—It is known that both combatants desire the localization of war. In the present period of the negotiations the State Department officials find it inexpedient to discuss the various steps which led up to the issuance of the note.

Is Mobilizing Troops.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—Viceroy Alexeff began today the mobilization of the army corps in East Asia.

America Is Neutral.
Washington, Feb. 10.—The President has decided to issue a note of neutrality.

ets, he carried with him a choice collection of bruises and contusions on his face and head.

When Johnson was confronted by the robber, it was yet early and quite dark. So far as he could see, the highwayman wore no mask, and it is not thought he had a gun. The early car, leaving Oregon City at 6 o'clock passed the scene of the attempted holdup as Johnson had put the finishing touches to his victim, and allowed him to go.

Another Case of Rheumatism Cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.
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DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

DAMAGE BY BALTIMORE FIRE CANNOT YET BE ESTIMATED

THE ADJUSTERS DISAGREE

Some Think \$60,000,000 Will Cover the Losses While Others Claim Much More.

Over Sixteen Hundred Soldiers and Policemen Now Stationed Within the Fire Area on Guard Duty—Numerous Fires Continue to Burn in the Ruins—Big Starch Factory Burned.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10.—A company of troops is patrolling within the fire district tonight and forty policemen are guarding the various burned bank buildings. Along the entire boundary of the burned area 1600 soldiers and policemen are pacing to and fro. The sky is still aglow with numerous fires that continue to burn in the ruins.

There is still a wide difference of opinion among the insurance men in regard to the total loss. The minority express belief that when all adjustments have been made the insurance companies will not have to pay more than sixty millions, while others think that one hundred millions will not more than cover the insurance.

Largest in the World.

Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The huge starch factory of the Corn Products Company, the largest in the world, was damaged to the extent of one million by fire which started in the chemical room tonight.

PUYALLUP VALLEY BERRY SHIP-PING.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
The Puyallup and Sumner Fruit Growers' Association (Washington) did a large business last season. J. E. Olinger, the manager, states that the total net receipts for 1903 are \$62,341.64, which has been divided up as follows: Currants, \$1,062.82; black caps, \$268; strawberries, \$1,026.72; cherries, \$86.83; apples, \$84.45; gooseberries, \$85.56; plums, \$6.17; pears, \$7.45; rental on Stuart's refrigerator, \$12.25; reduced cannery indebtedness, \$846.58; express, telephone and telegraph paid at this end, \$1,143.78. This makes \$5,785.53 and leaves \$56,556.11 for raspberries and blackberries.

Out of this sum the raspberries netted the association \$1.25 per crate and the blackberries \$1.10 per crate. Deducting the association's charge of 6 cents per crate for handling the business, the grower will receive \$1.04 per crate for blackberries and \$1.19 per crate for raspberries.

At the beginning of the season the association's indebtedness to the bank for money borrowed on account of the cannery, was \$2,800. This debt has been reduced \$846.58, leaving it but \$2,000. A dividend of 10 per cent will be paid on the stock and still leave some \$500 to \$600 of accounts due the association.

There has been what appears to be quite a little delay in closing up the accounts, but when one takes into consideration the volume of business handled, it cannot be done in a week. In round numbers the business handled was: Net sum received by association, \$62,000; paid Northern Pacific Railroad Co., \$26,000; paid commission to agents, \$8,000; total, \$96,000.

MORE TROUBLE FOR SPRINGER

Will Be Arrested Charged With Letting Down Fences Belonging to J. W. La Follett.
(From Thursday's Daily.)
A criminal action was begun yesterday in Justice of the Peace E. D. Horgan's court when J. W. La Follett, who resides about nine miles north of this city in Marion county, appeared before Justice Horgan and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Mathias Springer, one of his near neighbors, on a charge of throwing down and leaving down a fence belonging to or enclosing lands not his own.

The warrant was placed in the hands of Constable John H. Lewis, who will serve it today, and the defendant will be arraigned in the justice court this afternoon. The crime charged is so grave as to take the case out of the hands of the justice court and if sufficient reason is found for binding him over to the circuit court, the trial will be before Judge Burnett at the next term of court. The penalty for the offense charged is imprisonment in the county jail for not less than three months nor more than one year, or by fine of not more than \$500.

This is a revival of the old case which occupied the attention of the courts for so long last summer at which time Springer was arrested on the charge of threatening to kill J. W. La Follett. The private prosecutor claims that the offense with which Springer is now charged was not simply done once, but has been repeatedly performed, and he desires the nuisance to be abated.

GEO. HOWELL WAS OUSTED

PENNSYLVANIA MEMBER OF THE HOUSE IS UNSEATED.

REPUBLICAN IS ELECTED

The Connell-Howell Election Contest Is Settled by Lower Branch of Congress.

Senator Daniel Opposes the Panama Canal Treaty on the Ground That National Honor Can Only be Maintained in Accepting the Nicaragua Route—McCumber Favors Panama

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The House today declared George Howell, Democrat, a sitting member from the Tenth Pennsylvania district, in the Connell-Howell contest, was not elected, and declared William Connell, Republican, elected. The oath was administered to Connell.

Favors Nicaragua Route.

Washington, Feb. 10.—In the executive session of the Senate today Senator Daniel spoke in opposition to the ratification of the Panama canal treaty. He was answered by Senator Fairbanks and Senator Spooner. Daniels did not criticize the administration, but advised that the government accept the Nicaragua route, which is the only one to which title can be had without national dishonor.

Upholds the Administration.
Washington, Feb. 10.—The major portion of the time of the Senate in open session today was devoted to a speech by Mr. McCumber, who supported the Panama canal treaty and justified all the acts of the administration in connection with the recent revolt. A number of private pension bills were passed.

IS FORCED TO EXPAND.

SPOKANE, Feb. 10.—Representatives of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana responded to the call of the Inland Empire Retail Lumbermen's Association today in sufficient numbers to make it apparent that a new name and a larger organization is needed. About 125 are present and a committee on organization on broader lines appointed report tomorrow.

Miss May Phelps, of San Jose, has arrived in the city to join her sister, Miss Ruby Phelps, an evangelist of this city, and will attend Willamette University for the remainder of the year.

ON THE BIBLE

REV. ERRETT'S SERIES OF BIBLICAL SERMONS IS CREATING UNUSUAL INTEREST.

Three of the Series Have Been Delivered to Large Audiences and the Fourth, and Last, Will Be Given Tonight—Evangelical Meetings Will Continue Throughout the Week.

The evangelistic services which were scheduled for the First Christian church this week, opened on Monday evening, and have been progressing very encouragingly ever since. These meetings have so far been largely attended, and Rev. D. Errett, who is delivering a series of biblical sermons, is being accorded the undivided attention of his hearers and is reaping much good as a result. The meetings are opened by a praise service at 7:30 in the evening and at 7:45 the regular service begins.

Rev. Errett's sermon on Monday evening, the first of the series was upon the subject "Reason and Revelation" on Tuesday evening, "Why I Believe the Bible," and last evening, "The Bible." The song service as led by Dr. H. C. Epley is very interesting and especially the solo with which he favored the audience last evening, entitled "Put on the Brakes, My Brother." The text from which Rev. Errett took his sermon last night was in Peter, 1st chapter; 23-25 verses: "But the Word of the Lord Abideth Forever." Mr. Errett said, in part: "God did not make man a mere machine; He made him to think. The conflict has ever been going on between good and evil, and the contest of the 20th century is no less severe now than in the past.

"The Bible today must stand as every other great book or work must stand. What is the peculiar attitude of infidelity to this book? Infidelity has never antagonized any religion of the world not only against the word of God, the Bible of the Christian. The infidel has never gone to the heathen and enlightened them, but the Bible has brought the greatest civilization of the age. All things are known by the fruits borne. What fruit has the Bible produced? What fruit has infidelity produced? Is the Bible losing ground? In 1890 the Bible was translated into 360 dialects, now it is read in over 400 dialects. There are more Bibles sold now than ever before. The Bible produces unity where it is studied by the people together. Many have rejected the Bible because it requires righteousness; many do not take time to read and study it, and so repudiate it.

Rev. Errett amplified each of these heads here above. He will speak again tonight on "The Bible," and the rest of the week will be devoted to evidences of Christianity. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and enjoy these excellent sermons by Rev. Errett.

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FOR THE UNION

J. W. BAKER TAKES ISSUE WITH HARRISON GRAY OTIS ON LABOR QUESTION.

Admits the Laborer Has Right to Demand His Own Wages or Employer to Conduct His Own Business But Not to the Detriment of Society—Why Did Labor Organize?

"Why Did Labor Organize?"
Editor Statesman—
In Sunday's Oregonian is an interview of Frank Carpenter with Harrison G. Otis, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, on the labor question. Mr. Otis goes on to say what a curse organized labor is to the world, and then a few lines further on says "Of course it is proper for employers to form mutual protective societies," or words to this effect. In other words it is right for the employer to have unions, but not the laborer. Then he goes on in a very nice and humane way to say that he believes the wage earner should have fair wages—enough to properly educate his family and for recreation purposes—and he should have a suitable home. All this is very fine, theoretically speaking, but who is to be the judge about his "fair wages?" Mr. Otis? Is he to say how many hours a man shall work; or how many days recreation a man should have; or how his family should be educated? This is the very thing which forced wage-earners to organize. For the sake of argument I will admit that Mr. Otis pays his men as much as do union officers, but he has to do it, for they would leave him in a moment if he did not. But were it not for organized labor the laborer of today would be working for just what Mr. Otis and his kind would deem sufficient for them to live on, and no more. To be sure, here and there are to be found a few men who pay their employees fair wages from a humane standpoint. But take large corporations, for instance, have they any conscientious scruples? They are soulless, and would treat their employees just as they would do a car when it is worn out, throw it away.

DRUNKEN MAN ON TRACK.

OREGON CITY, Feb. 10.—A drunken man on the track was the cause of Sheriff Shaver and Nightwatchman Shaw making a trip to Park Place late Monday night. A crawfish merchant from Salem, named Silvey, came down on the overland at 6:10 Monday night but being too drunk to realize that he had reached his destination here, was carried past to Park Place. With the fondness which drunken men always show for railroad tracks, he started to walk to this city on the ties. After going part way he lay down for a rest beside the track, and when the 9:20 train reached here from Portland the conductor reported a man beside the track who had been run over. Messrs. Shaver and Shaw made a trip down there and brought the man into town, who never realized his narrow escape from instant death by being run over.

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