

PANAMA TEN MILLION AND COMPANY FORTY

OMINOUS SILENCE PREVAILS

No Dispatches Received From Port Arthur, Which Indicates That the Fierce Attack Continues

Twenty-Five Hundred Troops Are Landed Ninety Miles South of Vladivostock ---Land Attack Will Be Made on That Point

London, March 2.—A rumor is circulated in the Commons' lobby that Port Arthur has fallen, but no confirmation is obtainable.

No Mediation Proffered.
London, March 2.—It is learned this evening on the highest diplomatic authority that no overtures have yet been made to Japan or Russia relative to mediation. If such overtures should be made it is understood that Japan will give them careful attention, and possibly agree if assured that her vital interests will be sufficiently protected.

Japanese Officials Go Home.
London, March 2.—Twenty-five Japanese officers left for Japan today via America. A large crowd bade them farewell.

Cruisers at Port Said.
Port Said, March 2.—One Russian cruiser sailed today toward Candia, the cruiser Emiri Donakoff being permitted to remain for five days for repairs.

To Get Powers to Intervene.
Paris, March 2.—Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Honatauz has started an agitation in favor of intervention by the powers to stop the war. French officials count much on the new movement.

Turkey Won't Let Her.
Constantinople, March 2.—The Turkish government has resolved to forcibly prevent the Russian Black Sea fleet from passing the Dardanelles. The defenses of the straits are being strengthened, due to England's threat to make a demonstration.

Was Asia Attacking Europe?
Paris, March 2.—M. Jacobson, an advocate of the Paris court of appeals, has published a pamphlet on the sittings of The Hague arbitration tribunal in the Venezuelan matter, to which De Martens, the Russian member of

the tribunal has contributed a preface, in which he touched on the Far Eastern question.

Professor DeMartens says the fact that Japan was a party to The Hague convention of 1899, and that she attacked her opponent without having made a declaration of war, will make many persons ask of what use is the tribunal. He explained that the first Japanese attack at Port Arthur was not merely Japanese ships attacking Russian ships, but Asia attacking Christian Europe. These two civilizations have totally different ideas on the subject of arbitration, the Russian member of the court continues, and although the Port Arthur incident seems to be discouraging, there is no doubt that the future will bring arbitration between nations, if not Asia at least in Europe.

All Quiet on the Yalu.
London, March 2.—Again there is an absolute dearth of news from Port Arthur or the vicinity of the Yalu. Significance is attached to this, indicating a possible fight is in progress at Port Arthur. Several reports are current of Japanese reverses, but there is no confirmation.

Will Wait Two Weeks.
Washington, March 2.—Information received here from Japan states that the Japanese attack on the Port Arthur peninsula will not occur for a fortnight.

Fear Yellow Races.
Moscow, March 2.—Among thoughtful Russians, there is a constantly deepening impression that Russia will yet have to face the combined power of the yellow races, the cunning neutrality proclamations of China and Korea to the contrary notwithstanding. There are serious traces of despondency among the better class of

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READY TO PAY PANAMA ALSO CANAL COMPANY

Knox Tells the President He Has Authority to Pay Both Panama and the Company

Washington, March 2.—Attorney-General Knox gave out the following this afternoon: "I have advised the President that he is authorized to pay immediately to the Republic of Panama the \$10,000,000 stipulated by the treaty, the ratifications of which has just been exchanged; also that he is authorized to pay the new canal company \$40,000,000, which, under agreement between the United States and that company, we are to pay for its property, and have notified the canal company that we are ready to close the transaction. Details in connection with the transfer of the canal company's property should not require more than 30 days."

DRANK WOOD ALCOHOL

Three Connecticut Militiamen Dead Two Dying

Stole Wood Alcohol From the Fort Barber Shop and Went on Their Last Spree

New London, Conn., March 2.—Word from Fort Terry, Plum Island that three members of the the 100th company of the United States Infantry are dead and two are dying as a result of drinking wood alcohol, stolen from the fort barber shop.

Rotten Egged.
An Albany man made arrangements to meet a girl of this city on the bridge at 9 o'clock last night, or thought he had. But the girl was laying a trap for the fellow, and put her brother in charge of affairs. He organized a boys' brigade, with rotten eggs for weapons, and when the man with the indecent proposal arrived he was stormed with eggs, returning to the city, followed by the boys, eggs flying, and some landing well.

He was let off pretty easy. Besides the eggs he should have been washed off in the river. These indecent proposal fellows need to be made an example of, and when let off with eggs they have been treated pretty mildly. The identity of the man egged has not been ascertained, but he is described as tall, smooth faced, and about 30 years of age.

Last Sunday an Albany minister said that if he caught a man even looking at his daughter, with an evil purpose, he would knock him down. There is a big field for action along this line.—Democrat.

Hop Contracts.
Seven hop contracts were filed in the recorder's office at the court house this afternoon. They are
J. A. Pooler and C. H. Lange to A. Magnus Sons Co., 22,000 pounds for Co., 10,000 pounds for three years at 16
E. L. Pooler to A. Magnus Sons Co., 8000 pounds at 15 cents for three years.
H. H. Spalding to A. Magnus Sons Deceased has been ill for some time, cents.
J. R. Coleman and others to Magnus 20,000 pounds at 15 cents.
Theodore Rubens to T. Rosenwald & Co., 6000 pounds at 17 cents.
Joseph Rubens to T. Rosenwald & Co., 10,000 pounds at 17 cents.
J. R. Vanderbeck to T. Rosenwald & Co., 8000 pounds at 17 cents.
L. A. Byrd, Jr., to T. A. Ditmars, 8000 pounds at 17 cents.

WANTED TO SHOW THEM

Hunt Says He Can Lick the Missouri Delegation

Small Section of Far East Situation Mixed up in the Lobby

Washington, March 2.—The "show me" state was much in evidence in the house cloak rooms this morning when Representatives Cochran and Hunt, of Missouri, nearly came to blows in discussing the gubernatorial candidacy of Circuit Attorney Joe Folk. Hunt is anti-Folk and expressed his contempt for his colleagues who come from outside the St. Louis limits. Cochran hotly stated that only fraud could defeat Folk, whereupon Hunt started to show Cochran. Champ Clark broke in and literally lifted Cochran from his feet and carried him out of the danger zone. Hunt then announced that he could lick the whole Missouri delegation, but hostilities gradually ceased.

Snow Stalls Trains for Hours.
Syracuse, N. Y., March 2.—Seven eastbound passenger trains on the New York Central were unable to proceed, owing to deep snow between this city and Utica and were tied up here for several hours yesterday. Morning trains on the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg and Auburn road were all annulled. No trains were running on the Syracuse division of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. Snow plows have been sent out.

Floods Cause Great Damage.
Toledo, O., March 2.—The upper Maumee river floods today caused great damage in the towns of Defiance, Napoleon and Grand Rapids. Ice gorges that have filled the river have broken at various places, and at some points the water is higher than ever known. Small houses have been washed away at Napoleon, and the business section of Grand Rapids is almost entirely under water, and trade is suspended.

Judge Boise has granted a divorce in the case of Geo. E. Day against Matie E. Day, which has been in the courts for a month.

Joe Meyer & Sons
INTERESTING NEWS in Our Ad. See Page 3.

CARRIED DOWN IN THE WRECK

Immense Steel Building Collapses on Which Fifty Men Were at Work---Ten Accounted for

Others Believed to Be In the Ruins, Though Some May Have Escaped---It Is Supposed the Steel Girders Buckled

New York, March 2.—The Hotel Darlington, an uncompleted structure of 13 stories on 46th street, near Sixth collapsed this afternoon. The police report eight men killed and a dozen injured.

Fifty men were at work at the time, and of these only 10 are accounted for up to 3 p. m. The others are in the ruins. The workmen who escaped be-

lieve all the others are dead. The rescue work proceeds rapidly. The cause of the collapse is not known, but it is believed the immense steel girders buckled.

In falling, the wreckage packed in the rear of the Patterson apartment house, damaging it considerably. Mrs. Dodge and a waiter are reported killed.

GIRLS CHASED BY COYOTES.
Good Shot Brings Down the Leader, and Band is Put to Flight.

Oregon City, March 2.—Maud Russell and Clara Sherman, two young ladies residing near Wilhoit Springs, were attacked one evening recently near their homes by a band of half-starved coyotes, and narrowly escaped. Miss Russell, was, fortunately, armed with a rifle, with which she dispatched the leader of the animals, and the other quadrupeds were put to flight by the noise of the explosion.

The coyotes in the interior of the country have become unusually troublesome of late, the excessive snow in the mountains having deprived them of their source of food supply, and they are now foraging to a considerable extent on the flocks and herds of the farmers, but this is the first instance reported in which they have attacked human beings.

Stricken With Paralysis.
John Barton, one of Linn county's best known pioneer citizens, was stricken with paralysis last evening at his home near Oakville. This is his second attack, and is on the opposite side from the first one. Dr. Davis and Will Barton, of this city, was sent for and went to the bedside last night. He is lying in a critical condition, with chances against his recovery.—Albany Democrat.

Albert Tozier has returned from an extended trip to New York and other Eastern points, and is at the state house.

ENDED LIFE WITH REVOLVER.
Rancher's Wife's Mind Was Affected by Continued Illness.

La Grande, Or., March 2.—Mrs. Nellie Hindman, wife of W. B. Hindman, residing eight miles from Elgin, on what is known as Cricket Flat, about 20 miles from La Grande, committed suicide Tuesday morning, by placing a 44-caliber Colt's revolver in her mouth and shooting. She had been very ill for some time, and was delirious for two days, and no doubt out of her mind when she committed the rash act.

Her mother and husband were in the kitchen after breakfast, when they heard the shot in her bedroom, and upon entering the room they found her dead. She was 42 years of age, and left her mother, husband and two daughters, aged 16 and 13 years. No other cause is assigned for the act than her sickness. The funeral will take place in Elgin Thursday.

Dick is Elected.
Columbus, O., March 2.—The legislature today elected General Charles Dick to succeed the late Senator Hanna in the United States senate, both for the long and short terms.

After discussion extending over a period of many months, the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs has taken definite action toward the establishment of a club house for women. It is to have all the accoutrements of a men's club, and will cost \$500,000.

New Spring Shipment of UMBRELLAS Has Arrived

We have a fine assortment of handles for you to select from, in natural wood, pearl, horn and fancy metal. You're likely to need one before spring, if the weather doesn't change. They're lower priced than you can find at "regular stores" for the same quality. We stick to the spot cash plan, that's why.

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JAPANESE FLEET OFF VLADIVOSTOCK

Russians Think It Only Part of the Squadron, and Too Weak to Blockade the Port

St. Petersburg, March 2.—A Vladivostock telegram states the Japanese fleet recently seen off that port is believed to have been reserve vessels, and not powerful enough to blockade the port. Private advices received at Vladivostock, says the telegram, are that 2400 Japanese have landed at Chung Chang, 200 versts north of Gensan, Korea. The object is believed to be the threatening of Hunchun, a short distance southwest of Vladivostock.