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RUSSIANS BURN COREAN TOWNS AS THEY LEAVE

A Bursting Shell at Port Arthur Injures the Colonel's Wife, and Decapitates His Daughter

New Part of Town Is Badly Damaged--- Russians Claim Shell Struck One Jap Cruiser Which Was So Badly In- jured She Had to Withdraw

St. Petersburg, March 12.—During Thursday's bombardment of Port Arthur, says a dispatch this afternoon, the new town sustained the greatest damage. A lawyer named Sidroski, a woman and a Chinaman were killed, and several Chinese wounded. General Stoessel and staff were sprinkled with shell splinters, but received no injury. A Jap ironclad was struck by a Russian shell, and was seen to slowly draw out of range, and is thought to be crippled.

Jap Fleet Has Disappeared.
London, March 12.—The Port Arthur Central News wiring last evening, states the Japanese squadron which disappeared after the bombardment and torpedo flight of the 10th, had not yet returned yesterday morning. The Russian squadron proceeded to sea, returning in the afternoon without sighting the enemy.

Evacuating Corea.
Seoul, Corea, March 12.—It is reported here that the Russians set fire to the town of Wiju on the Korean side of the Yalu, and retreated across the river into Manchuria. Complete Russian evacuation is proceeding, due to the Japanese advance to the north.

Railroad in Bad Shape.
St. Petersburg, March 12.—The chief inspector of the trans-Siberian railway reports the line in bad condition. Trackmen are neglecting duties, snow is piling up, and land-slides are threatened. Other reports reveal the fact that famine is threatened in Tomsokotica, Vercholleski and all intermediate villages on account of the stoppage of ordinary traffic to allow the transportation of troops. Food in

these places has reached prohibitive prices.

Japs Being Removed.
St. Petersburg, March 12.—All Jap residents along the trans-Siberian and those living at Blagovestchensk, have been removed to Irkutsk, as the authorities feared they might injure the railway.

Decapitated the Girl.
St. Petersburg, March 12.—A late Port Arthur dispatch states that during the bombardment a shell burst eight yards from the house of Colonel Baron Frank, injuring wife and decapitating his daughter, both of whom were in the house.

Seoul Is Deserted.
Seoul, Corea, March 12.—The city is almost deserted by Jap soldiers, who have gone north. The streets are patrolled by Korean soldiers, while the foreign legations continue to be guarded by marines. The funeral of the late dowager empress took place Monday. The American minister, Allen, has gone to Chinampo on a Japanese transport.

Russia States Her Case.
St. Petersburg, March 12.—The official rejoinder to Japan's disclaimer of the violation of the Korean neutrality, says the latter's argument is valueless, as Corea in January promulgated her neutrality to the powers, therefore no state of war gave the Japanese a right to violate her neutrality. Japan's contention and defense of her attack on the Russian ships at Chemulpo February 9th is (Continued on Fourth Page.)

CAR BARN MURDERERS MUST PAY THE PENALTY

Jury Finds Them All Guilty of Murder In First Degree and Fixed the Punishment At Death

Chicago, March 12.—The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and set penalty at death for Marx, Vandine and Neidermeir, the carbarbers. The defendants received the verdict in stoical silence. Neidermeir smiled sarcastically. Vandine's mother gasped, but didn't faint. Mrs. Neidermeir apparently didn't realize the situation. The lawyers made the usual new trial motions. The prisoners, surrounded by 20 officers, filed from the room, Vandine leading with his head erect, and a disdainful smile on his lips. The jurors were overwhelmed by the vast crowd with congratulations.

GREEN EYED MONSTER

Hungarian Count Craz- ed by Suspicion and Jealousy

Pops Over His Wife and a Drummer With His Lit- tle Pistol, and Both May Die

Budapest, Hungary, March 12.—Count Csaky, who is related to Kubele, the violinist, by marriage, and secretary of the Hungarian ministry of the interior, shot his wife and a commercial traveler Friday. Both the injured are in a serious condition. They deny that they are acquainted with each other.

May Nominate Hearst.
Detroit, March 12.—Asked if Hearst had arranged to have Bryan nominate him at St. Louis, the latter here today said, "No." As to the nominees he favored, he is simply insisting that Democrats nominate a candidate in sympathy with the Democrats who vote the ticket, and not one in sympathy with bolters.

Costly Prairie Fires.
Fort Worth, Tex., March 12.—Terrific fires are raging in Indian Territory, north of Vanita. The country is completely swept of farm houses and barns; the loss is heavy.

Strike in Colorado.
Cripple Creek, March 12.—All the union miners employed on leases in this district have been ordered to strike. Four hundred have responded.

BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE

Washington, March 12.—The speaker announced the committee to investigate the Bristow charges as follows: McCall, of Massachusetts; chairman; Hitt, of Illinois; Burton, of Ohio; Metcalf, of California; Republicans; McDermott, of New Jersey; Bartlett, of Georgia; Richardson, of Alabama, Democrats. None named on the committee are mentioned in Bristow's report. The chairman says he will call the committee to meet today to organize, and pursue the inquiry without delay.

Judgment for Plaintiff.
Justice Horgan this afternoon decided the case of C. T. Bonney against the city of Woodburn, for the recovery of \$31.52, alleged to be due on account of lumber for a bridge, by giving Mr. Bonney judgment for the amount claimed. The question in dispute was as to whether it was a bridge or a sidewalk, and the judge held that it was a bridge, the walk being on a trestle 12 feet high.

Paid the Freight.
Darius Smith, arrested last evening for being intoxicated, and, while in that condition, taking up his quarters on the porch of a private residence, was this morning fined \$5, which sum he paid.

THE MAD MULLAH IS TIRED

Not Nearly So Mad as He Was When He First Broke Out

Offered to Surrender to the Italians, but Wants no Truck With Johnny Bull

Paris, March 12.—Rappel today asserts that the "Mad Mullah" of Somaliland finds he is unable to continue the campaign against the British, and has offered to surrender to the Italian government, on condition that he is not handed over to England. The Italian authorities have refused his offer.

Democratic Love Feast.
Kansas City, Mo., March 12.—A split in the local Democratic party is the result of police interference at the primaries, and two separate mayoralty conventions were held. Bad blood between the factions caused Cass Welsh, deputy marshal, and a follower of Candidate Shelley, to shoot Martin Crowe, sergeant-at-arms of the Kemp convention, wounding him twice.

IN SOME WAYS POLYGAMY IS PREFERABLE

Critchton the Witness Testifying Against Smoot Was a Mem- ber of the Convention That Nominated Him

Dr. Mary Walker Was the First One to Appear This Morning--Probably In- vestigating Polygamy as the Very Last Chance

Washington, March 12.—Dr. Mary Walker was the first to reach the senate committee room this morning to hear the testimony in the Smoot case. VanCott, for the defense, resuming the examination of Critchlow, asked whether he expected to receive pay for his services in preparing the case against Smoot, and received a negative reply. He did not believe it was fair to say his opposition to the Mormon church had the slightest bitterness in it. He admitted that he knew of no general conditions existing in Utah today not fully disclosed to congress prior to the passage of the act admitting Utah as a state. Smoot examined him as to which he held to be the more serious offense in Utah, polygamy or unlawful cohabitation? Critchlow gave his opinion that, among the people, unlawful cohabitation was more serious, because it touched them more closely and flaunted polygamy more openly. It was shown, however, that in all the laws passed polygamy was the more severely punished. Discussing Smoot's candidacy for the senate, he said he himself was a member of the convention that chose Smoot, and moved, as a matter of courtesy, to make the nomination unanimous, after having fought it. He admitted that if Smoot were a non-Mormon, or even though a member of the church, if he were

not one of its general authorities he would be thoroughly acceptable to the witness as a senator.

As to the control of the church over Smoot's actions he said, Smoot being one of the members of the highest councils would be so imbued with a desire for harmony, that if they decided to do a certain thing, he would have to do it or get out of the apostolate. Witness declared there was a reserve force maintained by the church, which enables it to affect political elections as it pleases.

End of Eventful Career.

St. Louis, March 12.—Mrs. Nettie Robertson, Craven Fair contract widow of the late Senator from California, from whom she inherited three million dollars is believed to be dying at the Southern Hotel, the result of injuries received in a street car collision Tuesday. She came to St. Louis ten days ago, and registered under an assumed name, expecting to surprise her daughter, Mrs. Koehler, but found her dangerously ill, and fearing the shock would be harmful, decided to wait a few days, and in the meantime the accident occurred.

They All Chase Him.

Omaha, Neb., March 12.—President Smith, the big Mormon, arrived here today, en route west. His presence caused a rush of women to the depot.

New
Suits
Today

Jos. Meyers & Sons
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE "WHITE CORNER" (FRANK MANN)
REPRESENTATIVE

New
Silks
Today

It Would Be a Difficult Task

to adequately describe the great possibilities for advantageous buying that awaits you in this store. Every item, even to the smallest detail that goes to make our stock complete and our store service perfect, has received the most careful attention. Nothing useful has been omitted; nothing superfluous has been included. The newest and best spring goods are here in the widest varieties, at the lowest prices possible.

Perfectly Gowned Woman

is a delight to the eye, and the garments of our store are especially designed with a view to producing pleasing effects.

When a lady comes to the real purchasing of a garment there must be more in its favor than the mere price. The price must be right—that's important—but in the estimation of the discriminating no price is alluring if the proper style and artistic effect is lacking. All the pretty new styles in all the new weaves are shown in this great suit display on our second floor. Every suit that goes out from here is a living advertisement of the popularity of this section.

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\$2 to \$37.50



Spring Shirt Waists

They are the finest creations we have ever shown—the fresh, new waists. The styles and materials are of every conceivable effect and design, representing the best ideas. Pure white linen waists, white granite cloth waists, white damask waists, etc. The styles and prices will please you.

50c to \$15

Shirt Waist Suits

In a great variety, from cotton to silk. Fine assortment of colors.

\$3.50 to \$35.00

Men's Spring Clothing

If ever a man wants smart, prim, handsome clothes it's when the first warm days appear. Nowhere can the most particular man find a finer, fresher, or more satisfying stock to choose from than is here at this moment. Yet, with all the character and style which our good clothing possesses prices are low as a careful man could wish. Have you been in to see the new spring styles? If not, you are invited to inspect this great assortment. We are sure we can please you. New things arriving daily.

Men's Shirts

Just step into our men's furnishing section if you need new shirts or collars; our assortment is great; our prices low. New spring styles are now ready.



There's Something About the Summit Shirts

That makes you want the same kind again. They're made to fit. The fabrics are the newest, and they give satisfactory wear. It is time you were looking over our

New Spring Styles

If you've traded with us you know that the quality and prices are both right.

Hats Hats Hats

Dozens of new styles just in. You want the right shape, and you want the quality that will keep that shape. That is the kind you'll find at

The New York Racket

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Our prices are always lower than at "regular stores" for the same quality. It is because we stick to the spot cash plan.