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RUSSIAN DESTROYER IS SUNK

SKORI GOES TO THE BOTTOM WITH HER CREW

One of the Best of the Russian Destroyer Fleet is Sub-marined, and Only Four of Her Crew Are Saved

Togo's Fleet is Sighted From Port Arthur This Morning and it is Probable The Japs Are Keeping That Place From Getting Lonesome

London, March 17.—Reuter's Port Arthur correspondent reports the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skori as blown up by a floating mine, and only four of the crew were saved.

The Skori was a sister boat to the Stereguschchi, sunk by a Japanese torpedo boat Thursday last off Port Arthur. The two vessels were among the largest in the Russian destroyer fleet.

Fortifying the Baltic. Berlin, March 17.—The Lokal Anzeiger reports that Russia is making extensive additions to her fortifications along the Baltic.

Germany to Watch Poles. Lember, Austria, March 17.—Newspaper reforms state that well-informed circles in Warsaw declare the kaiser has written the czar that Russia may safely withdraw her troops from the Polish frontier, for use in the war, as Germany is ready to keep watch over the loyalty of the Poles.

Says Russians Were Ready. St. Petersburg, March 17.—Admiral Stackleborg, just from Vladivostock, denies that the Russian squadrons in the Far East were not prepared for the outbreak. War had been foreseen for a long time, and the ships at Port Arthur and Vladivostock were in a perfect state of readiness.

Japs Over Confident. London, March 17.—The St. James Gazette's Tokio advices, via Shanghai, to escape censorship, states that since the receipt of the news of Japanese victories, the public has become over-confident, with a disposition to regard the war as already over. The officials, however, remain calm and are alert.

Jap Fleet Again Visible. Paris, March 17.—The Echo de

Paris, of St. Petersburg, states a report has reached there from Port Arthur to the effect that Togo's squadron was again sighted Wednesday morning.

Stands By Deitrich. Washington, March 17.—The President has decided to remove from office W. S. Summers, United States district attorney at Omaha, on the ground of persecution of Senator Deitrich. It is alleged Summers procured the senator's indictment in regard to the Hastings postoffice matter without sufficient evidence of his guilt, the witnesses failing to substantiate the charges.

No Good in Germany. Berlin, March 17.—The supreme court of appeals has decided that the degree of doctor of dental surgery, from American colleges, cannot be recognized in Germany, on the grounds that they are private institutions, not supervised by the government.

Dead from Heart Disease. Chicago, March 17.—General Horace H. Thomas, aged 70, dropped dead in the office of his attorney this morning of heart disease. He was former speaker of the Illinois house, government appraiser and prominent in the Grand Army.

Free Traders Win. London, March 17.—The election in East Dorset today resulted in a victory for Lyell, liberal free trader. This is taken as a further proof of the hostility of the agriculturists to Chamberlain's preferential policy.

Strike Voted Down. Indianapolis, March 17.—The counting of the miners' vote began at 10 o'clock this morning. As nearly as can possibly be guessed, the vote is about three-fifths against the strike.



Much interest attaches to the little tea pagoda on Lake Biwa, at Okitsu, Japan, shown in the above illustration, for it was here that the present czar was attacked by a fanatic on May 11, 1891. He was then czarawitch, and his life was saved from the would-be assassin by Prince George of Greece, who was his traveling companion. So distressed were the people at Okitsu at this grave violation of hospitality that some of the leading men among them even proposed to change the name of the town, in order that its unenviable reputation might become merged in obscurity.

MINER DROPPED TWO THOUSAND FEET

Stockton, March 17.—Charles Vencke, a bucket-tender, dropped 2000 feet in a cage in the Gwyn mine shaft, in Calveras county, last night, by the slipping of the cable on the drum.

His remains were found scattered about the bottom of the shaft. A dozen miners had just stepped from the cage at the top when the accident happened.

Kuro-Pat Getting There. St. Petersburg, March 17.—Linyang, ten miles west of the railroad, has been selected as Kuropatkin's headquarters, instead of Mukden. It commands several roads. However, Kuropatkin will live on a railroad train, moving his headquarters to suit the needs of the hour and point of attack of the Japanese. Kuropatkin is now at Omak, traveling at the rate of 500 miles per day to the front. Everything is sidetracked to permit his onward rush.

Indorse Roosevelt. Minneapolis, March 17.—The Republican state convention adopted resolutions indorsing Roosevelt; naming as delegates-at-large Senators Nelson and Clapp, Governor Van Sant, Thos. Lowry and the district delegates named in Wednesday's district convention.

Named for Office. Washington, March 17.—The President today nominated William F. Nichols, of Arizona, to be secretary of Arizona, and Hui J. Cole, of Washington, to be registrar of the land office at Spokane.

Texas Oil Fields Burning. Fort Worth, Tex., March 17.—Fire is raging in the oil fields on Batson Prairie. Several tanks have exploded, spreading the flames. The loss thus far is at least a million.

Chicago Markets. Chicago, March 17.—May wheat 95 1/2 @ 94 1/2; old July, 91 1/2 @ 91; new 90 1/2 @ 89 1/2; July corn, 50 1/2 @ 50.

TOOK THE PISTOL ROUTE. While His Wife Played the Piano Major Bean Sends a Pistol Bullet into His Brain.

Omaha, March 17.—Asking his wife to play the piano for him, and while she was doing so Major W. H. Bean, chief commissary of the department of Missouri, sent a bullet into his brain this morning, at their hotel, dying instantly; he was in bad health. He had been recently ordered to the Philippines, and was to have sailed June 1st.

RANIER GIVES PUGET SOUND HARD SHAKING

Undulations Show the Mountain Was the Center of the Disturbance and an Eruption is Feared

Shake the Worst Felt in the Northwest in Many Years--Tall Buildings in Seattle Swayed Dangerously, and People Fled to the Streets

Seattle, March 17.—The direction of the undulations in different Northwestern points, where last night's earthquake shock was felt, show it was caused by some subterranean disturbance, with Mount Rainier as the center. People fear Rainier may become an active volcano.

Seattle, Wash., March 17.—The most severe earthquake shock ever experienced in the Northwest rocked buildings in Seattle tonight, and drove frightened women and children into the streets.

Patients in the hospitals leaped from their cots in terror. On the upper floors of the taller business blocks bookcases swayed to and fro, crashing

into the walls with a report that could be heard in adjoining rooms. Business men working late rushed from their offices along floors that rose and fell with the motion of a vessel at sea in a storm.

The disturbance was felt in other Northwestern towns, with practically the same violence. At Tacoma, Everett, Bellingham, Victoria, Port Townsend, Port Angeles and the smaller towns of the Northwest, buildings were shaken, windows rattled, doors burst open and frightened people impelled to flee from their homes. The shipping on the Sound felt the disturbance and people on the boats were disturbed.

A second shock was heavier.

Up Against the Stock Market. Chicago, March 17.—Judge Dunne this morning appointed a receiver for the International Packing Company, alleged to be insolvent, the concern having \$1,500,000 liabilities and \$700,000 assets. The petition alleged the directors lost \$1,000,000 gambling on the board of trade. Since 1899 the plant has not been operated.

Lincoln, Neb., March 17.—David Carroll, a rejected suitor for the hand of Annie Maxwell, daughter of a wealthy farmer, shot the girl dead this morning, and then killed himself.

The Horse Got Gay. One of the delivery horses of the E. C. Cross meat market ran away from the State street market at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and, in turning the corner at State and Commercial streets, the cart caught on the track and upset, when the horse was quickly caught. There was no damage done.

Big Blaze in Texas. San Angelo, Tex., March 17.—Fire this morning destroyed \$250,000 worth of business property, including the San Angelo hotel.

New Suits Today

Jos. Meyers & Sons
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE
THE WHITE CORNER

New Skirts Today

Just Arrived

Another lot of new spring suits and jackets received by express yesterday. They are the famous "WOOLTEX" brand; dainty and elegant garments, made in the newest styles, of fine materials, and beautifully trimmed, are what you see in our ready-to-wear section. Have you secured your Easter costume yet? If not, don't fail to see these new garments.

Spring Shoes and Oxfords

We are ready with a fine showing of the new and nobby **QUEEN QUALITY STYLES.**

They Fit

as a Paris-made glove fits the hand, so does Queen Quality **FIT THE FOOT.**

The only eyelets used in Queen Quality lace boots and oxfords are **FAST COLORED EYELETS** and will not wear brassy.

Men's Clothing

It is quite easy to get a ready-made suit that looks well at first, but fine tailor-made on the inside is what counts in the long run. Perfect tailoring means honest work all the way through, whether it is in sight or not. Such is our spring clothing, made by those famous makers, Hart, Schaffner & Marx. The best dressers come early and get the pick. It doesn't cost any more.

1904 Spring Styles Shoes For Men

We are now ready with our spring line of men's shoes and oxfords in all the new shapes, including the **CRITIC, TSAR, TRAMP, M. C., ETC.** in vic, calf skin and patent colt. This is the finest line of spring shoes shown in the city and must be seen to be appreciated. May we fit you? We can do it.

New 1904 Go-Carts

Spring Line Just Received

If baby had its own way it would be out in the fresh air and sunlight almost every hour of the day in one of these comfortable go-carts enjoying those helpful gifts of nature that put color in the cheeks and lustre in the eye. We have a fine assortment of new vehicles for the little folk at prices that will certainly please you.

Spring Dress Goes For Easter

Here's a wonderful variety of handsome dress goods for Easter gowns. Your taste can be suited to exactness in this almost bewildering assortment. Every fabric and every hue for spring wear, such as **FRENCH VOILES, TWINES, ETAMINE, BOUTONNE, MISTRALS, MOHAIRS, GRANITE, SICILLIANE, ETC.**

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