

FLEETS WITHIN THIRTY MILES

London Dispatches From Singapore Indicate That the Hostile Fleets Are This Afternoon not More Than Thirty Miles Apart and May Be in Touch at Any Moment. The Japanese Squadron of Twenty-Two Ships is Still off Hosturg Light Where it was Reported on March Fourteenth

SEA DOGS ARE FACE TO FACE

Singapore, April 8.—(3 p. m.)—The Russian fleet has just reached the harbor and is now steaming northeast into the China Sea.

London, April 8.—A private telegram from Singapore says that the Russian squadron, numbering 65 vessels, believed to be under the command of Rozhdestvensky, is making for Saigon, the capital of French Cochinchina.

Penang Straits Settlement, April 8.—The steamer Kumsang, which has just arrived here, reports sighting 12 warships, apparently the Japanese scouting the Russian squadron, which was steaming ahead of Singapore. The impression prevails that it is only a matter of a few hours until the two fleets meet, and then a big naval battle will ensue.

St. Petersburg, April 8.—Telegrams received at the war office from Manchuria report that the Japanese have commenced a movement against the Russian left, and it is feared that the Japanese will shortly occupy Kirin. The inhabitants of that place have fled.

St. Petersburg, April 8.—General Linevitch reports that the battle at Tsintsatan, on April 7th, lasted 12 hours. The enemy's losses were heavy from our artillery and rifle fire. Our losses were five killed and 35 wounded.

Gathered a Crowd. A man with a strong arm and a butter making machine drew quite a crowd at the corner of Commercial and State streets yesterday afternoon. The rubber necks were in evidence, but the demonstrator delivered the goods.

Nearly the entire business portion of Lostine was destroyed by fire Thursday morning.

TERRIBLE CONDITIONS PREVAIL

Lahore, April 8.—The first part of the relief expedition sent to this district, where the greatest havoc was wrought by the recent earthquake, has reached Dharmasala and report that they found an awful scene of destruction. It is not believed that any persons buried in the ruins are now alive. Six hundred soldiers and two companies of engineers have been ordered to Dharmasala to exhume the dead. It is now believed that the horrors at Dharmasala have been repeated at Kangra.

Liquor Was Hot. Pekin, Ill., April 8.—While repairing a big vat at the American distillery this morning, the foreman, Jerry Hardy, broke through into a boiling mass of liquid. John Wagner and Joseph Byers went to his assistance, and also fell in. Before help came Hardy and Wagner were scalded to death. Byers was rescued, but will probably die.

Herrick Will Revoke Warrant. Columbus, Ohio, April 8.—Upon reaching home this afternoon Governor Herrick will have laid before him the reports of a personal hearing in the extradition of J. Morgan Smith and wife. It is understood that the governor will consent to hear the motion and revoke the warrant.

Chicago Markets. Chicago, April 8.—Wheat, \$1.15 1/2 @ 1.16 1/2.

SENATOR BOOTH INDICTED

The federal grand jury this afternoon returned indictments against State Senator R. A. Booth, James H. Booth, T. E. Singleton, John Doe, Richard Roe, William Roe, Thomas Roe, officials of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, charging conspiracy with Thomas Agge to defraud the United States out of public land. Also Against Frank Alley, A. R. Downs, E. R. Downs, Stephen W. Tarnell and John Doe, charging conspiracy with John W. Gardner and others to defraud the government of public lands; against Willard N. Jones, Thaddeus S. Potter, H. L. Sissler and Daniel Clark, for conspiracy; against James H. Booth, for furnishing P. A. Kribs advance information to aid him in scripping operations, while Booth was an official at the Rosburg land office; against Coe D. Bernard, Clarence D. Achary and Charles A. Watson for perjury.

John Cordano, ex-District Attorney John Hall, Major Harry L. Rees, A. P.

Caylor, J. H. Hitchings, John Northrup and Charles Lord are reported as having conspired to retard justice, though no indictments were returned against them.

PAPAL DELEGATE INTERFERES

Winnipeg, April 8.—Frank Oliver was today sworn in as minister of the interior to succeed Clifford Sifton. Canada is ablaze with excitement over the interference of the papal delegate in the governmental affairs. It is believed that the Manitoba legislature will be called next week to make a protest.

EQUITABLE TROUBLES MULTIPLY

New York, April 8.—The argument of the petition for the injunction to prevent the Equitable Life Assurance Society from mutualizing was adjourned by the supreme court today by Justice Maddox until 2 o'clock Monday. Counsel Hornblower, for the Equitable, said that he had not had time to examine the papers in the case. The petition for the injunction was made by Franklin B. Lord, who was represented in court by Edward M. Shepard. Lord is the owner of a few shares of the Equitable. The suit is against both the Hyde and Alexander factions, but common report is that one of the factions is behind the suit. Shepard said that Lord had received no notice of any change in the society's charter, which was in derogation of his client's rights. Should the temporary injunction be granted, the whole matter of mutualizing the society will be thrown into the court.

POLICE FILL JAILS

Warsaw, April 8.—The police have begun making indiscriminate arrests of persons belonging to political societies as a means of suppressing agitation. All prisons and citadels are filled with prisoners. There are persistent rumors that the authorities have hanged many prisoners, after farcical trials. The Socialists have issued a proclamation calling on their followers to revenge the action of the authorities.

Minnesota Launched. Newport News, Va., April 8.—The battleship Minnesota was successfully launched in the yards of the Newport Shipbuilding and Drydock Company this morning.

Reservoir Collapses. Madrid, April 8.—A large reservoir, which is in course of construction in the outskirts, collapsed today. So far 180 dead and wounded workmen have been taken from the ruins.

KILLED THROUGH JEALOUSY

San Francisco, April 8.—The mystery surrounding the murder and mutilation on Wednesday night of the young man who was identified last night as Biaggio Vilardo, was cleared today by the confession of Mrs. Pietro Torchirito. She directly accuses her husband of the horrible crime, and there is sufficient substantiation of her story secured to no longer leave a doubt in the minds of the police of the identity of the murderer. Torchirito is missing, but the detectives are on his trail, and hope to have him behind the bars within a few hours. Late last night, through information given Vilardo's brother, Mrs. Torchirito, who is a handsome young matron, with a 5-months-old child, was placed under arrest. When taken into custody she seemed anxious to tell her story, which was forthwith coming as soon as placed in the sweatbox.

On Wednesday night Vilardo, who roomed with the Torchirito's and the murderer quarreled. While the quarrel was at its height, Mrs. Torchirito went out for a walk. When she returned Vilardo was missing. She asked her husband where he was, but was told to mind her own business. Fearing her husband might do her harm, she retired to her room, her husband going into Vilardo's room, where he worked for some time, and then went out. After his return he again went to Vilardo's room, where he worked until past midnight. The next morning she saw that the floor of Vilardo's room was scrubbed and the walls whitewashed, but it is covered in a number of places with blood spots, overlooked by the murderer. Torchirito disappeared on Thursday morning, and he has not been seen since. A detective went to the Torchirito home this morning, and scraped off the fresh whitewash in Vilardo's room. He found great splashes of blood. The deed was committed with a cleaver. The woman advanced no reason for the crime, but the officers are satisfied that jealousy was the motive.

In his haste to clear away the evidences of his crime, Torchirito overlooked a number of scraps of flesh and bone that became detached through the vicious chopping to which the boy was subjected. With the bloody cleaver he

flung the scraps under the kitchen sink, evidently intending to take them away when he had removed the dismembered body, but failed to do so, and they were found under the sink today by the detectives. Three of Torchirito's most intimate friends are in jail, pending further developments. One of them is known to have looked at the body early Thursday morning, and could have identified it then, but it is believed that he hesitated to do so until the murderer could get away. This is the man who later told the police that he thought the victim was his brother, and who finally identified the remains.

Patrol Domingo's Waters. Washington, April 8.—The navy department is informed that the cruisers Brooklyn and Dixie have arrived at Monte Cristo, Santo Domingo, to assist in patrolling the waters of the republic during the administration of the customs service by agents of the United States.

SOLONS AFTER WOMEN

Madison, Wis., April 8.—Senator Whitehead today introduced a resolution in the legislature calling on congress to suppress polygamy, and requesting the Wisconsin senators to vote to unseat Reed Smoot.

The First of the Season. The first straw hat to make its appearance in the city this spring was worn on State street yesterday afternoon. The weather man wouldn't stand for punching the season ahead a few days, so he pulled out the chilly weather plug last evening, and the straw hat man has sent his headgear in to be lathed and plastered.

Silverton has passed an ordinance against gambling, with a penalty of not less than \$200 nor more than \$250.

A tailor at Silverton skipped out and left his creditors to mourn over a number of unpaid bills.

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