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RUSSIA HEARS THAT JAPS WILL STORM PORT ARTHUR

The Japanese Fleet Opened Fireworks on the Stronghold Again Monday--A Collision Be- tween Land Forces Near Ping Yang Regarded as a Possibility

London, March 1.—With the exception of the Yinkow dispatch to the Telegraph, which is not confirmed either officially or unofficially, there is no important news from the front. Obviously there is nothing improbable in the story of the rebombardment of Port Arthur, which, if it is accurate, is partially the apprehensions of another attack being made, as already announced from Russian sources. There is no information of the landing of troops on the Liau Tung peninsula, which the predicted attack, it was assumed, would be intended to cover. There has been no further fighting so far as known following the little outport affair at Ping Yang, but there is a virtual consensus of opinion that the rival forces may clash in that neighborhood at any moment.

Another Attack on Port Arthur

London, March 1.—A dispatch to the Telegraph from Yinkow states that fifteen Japanese warships appeared before Port Arthur at ten o'clock yesterday (Monday) morning and opened a furious bombardment. The Russian cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan and four torpedo boats steamed out to meet the attack, but were forced to retire. The Askold was in a sinking condition, and the Novik was badly damaged when the fight ended. One of the Russian torpedo boats was sunk. The cruiser Retvizan, which was torpedoed in the first attack on Port Arthur, was further damaged in Monday's attack. The bombardment lasted two hours. The Japanese fleet then withdrew in perfect order.

The Russian Public Mind Uneasy

St. Petersburg, Feb. 29.—A report current here that the Japanese fleet has been ordered to take Port Arthur by storm today or tomorrow is causing considerable excitement. The enemy's apparent confidence and assurance despite the reiterated assertions that certain important vessels of their fleet had been crippled and towed home, are subjects of uneasy comment and are creating the fear that Russia's plan of pushing troops to certain points without serious fighting while the mass of the main body of the army moves more deliberately behind, will be rudely upset. The attitude of the Chinese is also being more widely discussed in connection with the possibility of their joining the invaders. It is thought

Bassett and Booker Aired in the House

Give and Take on the Sub- ject of Social Equality as Practiced at the White House--Claude Kitch- in as a Ready Debater

Washington, Feb. 29.—Special.—The Bassett incident, after having made the circuit of the country, has at last reached the halls of Congress. Members of the House were awakened this afternoon during an unusually dull session by a discussion of the social aspects of the race question, and the much discussed action of the Trinity professor was one of the features of the debate. Representative Claude Kitchin got in the thick of the fight and he was playing Scott of Kansas with some mighty embarrassing questions when the speaker cut off the westerner, declaring his time had expired and he recognized Dalzell of Pennsylvania.

Reference to Roosevelt's dining with Booker Washington always galls the Republicans, and when Representative Gilbert of Kentucky chided the majority over the fact that their leader believes in social equality, Scott of Kansas jumped up and repeated the old threadbare story to the effect that President Cleveland dined a negro when at the White House. As soon as Roosevelt planted his knees against Booker's, the White House mahogany Republicans began to circulate this story. They have been doing so ever since, despite authentic denials. No one in Washington ever took it seriously, but it does not seem to bother Mr. Scott, who branched off into an eulogy of Booker Washington and cited the Bassett incident as an evidence of the fact

significant that the Chinese near Liao Yang and Simmingting have lately received large supplies of military stores. It is stated that the Russian government has refused the American offer of medical help for the wounded on the ground that the Russians already possess a sufficient ambulance and hospital service. This statement has made a considerable impression, especially as a Dutch sanitary corps started some time ago under exalted auspices to join the Russian field force.

It is stated that Grand Duke Cyril, whose impending departure for the far east was lately announced, has already started for Manchuria.

Grand Duchesse Elizabeth is making arrangements to dispatch a number of churches on wheels for the use of the troops.

Port Arthur May Be Starved Out

London, March 1.—The Paris correspondent of the Times quotes a merchant having business connections with Russia as saying that if communication with Port Arthur is interrupted the provisions there will not last much more than two weeks. Ammunition for the fort was to have arrived by sea, but it can not reach the place that way. His personal experience with the railway confirms the prediction that communication by that means is likely to be cut off, temporarily, at any rate. He also adds his testimony to the statements concerning the insufficiency of the provisions for the army in Manchuria.

It is to be inferred from the Times dispatch that its informant is himself a contractor for the Russian army. The correspondent adds that it is a constant subject of conversation among Russians outside their own country that the internal situation of the empire must to a certain extent be reckoned with. Those contracting for business in Russia undoubtedly will have to take this into account.

Corea Sympathizes With Japan

London, March 1.—A dispatch to the Times from Wei-Hai-Wei says that Min Mong Chul, the new Korean minister to China, has arrived at Wei-Hai-Wei en route to Peking. He is visiting British Commander Lockhart. He has been given a cordial reception. He says that the new treaty between Corea and Japan will strengthen Corea and give the country new life. The Koreans recognize the Japanese.

MARTYR TO IGNORANCE

Mrs. Post Takes Her Medi- cine With Becoming Meekness

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 29.—Mrs. Helen Williams Post, the famous science thought treatment healer, who was convicted three weeks ago in the United States court here of using the mails with fraudulent intent, was sentenced today by Judge J. W. Locks to imprisonment in the Nashville penitentiary for one year and a day. When asked if she had anything to say she replied that the judge could not pronounce a sentence of guilty against her but that the sentence was against the ignorance of the age, and that the sentence would not condemn her, but "would exonerate her from all participation in such ignorance." Her attorneys filed notice of appeal.

Law Agent Transferred

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 29.—Special. J. L. Parker has been transferred to Norfolk, Va., as assistant general law agent for the Southern Railway. He is succeeded here by Mr. Cummins, formerly of Columbia, S. C., who has been in this city from time to time on special work.

Datto Stronghold Captured

Manila, Feb. 29.—General Wood reports that Major Scott's cavalry expedition assisted by the troops of the friendly sultan, engaged the recalcitrant datto Pangliman Hassan, the last of the hostile leaders, near Siet Lake, Jolo, on the 10th, capturing the stronghold of his defiant kinsman, Laksamana. Lieutenant West and seven men were wounded. At last reports Hassan was surrounded by the sultan's troops.

TROLLEY CARS SMASH

Every Man in a Work Car Was Injured

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 29.—Limited car No. 269, on the Union Traction line, collided with a special car in a dense fog near Tipton early this morning and 29 persons were injured, several so seriously that they may die. The limited was late and was making fast time to Tipton. The special car was bringing workmen from the Monon crossing. The special car ran on a switch and out at the other end, the motor man thinking he could get to Tipton before the limited caught him. As the special left the switch its headlight became out of order and a stop was made to fix it. The limited struck the special and sent it 1,000 feet up the track. Every seat in the special was torn from its fastenings and every man in the car was injured.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 29.—Special.—At the first Baptist church Sunday morning Rev. W. M. Vines, the pastor, announced to his congregation that he had decided to accept the call recently tendered him by the Freemason street Baptist church of Norfolk, Va. Mr. Vines did not say when he would remove to Norfolk.

New Bern, N. C., Feb. 29.—Special.

Today marked the beginning of what will prove to be the making of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, if true statistics amount to anything. In order that the road may be able to pay the wages of its employees an imperative reduction of men was necessary. It is intended to reduce the expenses here now between \$1,500 and \$2,000 per month. No doubt the decrease will be extended if the receivership holds good. It is said on good authority that the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad has not the funds on hand to meet the pay roll that will be due March 1.

The Post correspondent was also informed today by a gentleman who is well posted on the affairs of the road that the taxes for year 1903, due last October, have not been paid. Continuing, he said furthermore, that out of twenty agents of the road eleven of them were short in their accounts and have been for months. Notice has already been served on their bondsmen to make their shortage good. Several agents have not been checked up yet.

It is also said that the road lost \$10,000 last season on the Atlantic Hotel.

REVELATION REGARDING A. AND N. C. AFFAIRS

No Money to Pay Employees--Agents Short in Accounts--Taxes Unpaid--Money Lost on the Atlantic Hotel

ary) I went over the roll of employees in the shops with Master Mechanic Green with a view to cutting down the number of men employed, and found that in order to carry on the work absolutely necessary for the needs of the road we were able to make a reduction of but ten dollars a day, and that if any more men are discharged from the shops it will be done at the expense of the rolling stock and equipment of the road.

"Furthermore, I ordered the road master to take off the gravel train, working at the time from twenty to thirty men and to keep only the captain of the working train and eight men, and to work them as an additional section force on those parts of the road which the terrible winter had rendered it impossible for the regular section hands to keep up, and to further employ them in laying the new iron that has been recently purchased.

"A further reduction of force in any departments of the road could not and cannot be made without a sacrifice of the safety of the road-way and the efficiency of its rolling stock and equipment, and without great inconvenience to its shippers and patrons, involving a loss of business.

"Of course the expenses of the road can be temporarily cut to any amount that the man in charge may see fit to reduce them, but if any such amount as \$1,500 to \$2,000 per month are cut from the present expenses of the road, it will not be a great while before the property of the road will be in the dilapidated condition in which it was when I assumed its management.

"The pay-roll, said to be due the first of March, is not actually due until March 15th, at which time, judging from past experience, there should be on hand from \$10,000 to \$15,000, which is largely more than ample to meet it.

"As to the taxes for 1903, said to be due and not paid, it has not been the custom to pay them until later in the year, as is the general custom in that county.

"As to the shortage reported, it is true that several of the agents, but not as I am informed, eleven, have been behind in their settlements, but since they have been checked up, several have settled with the company and the others were prepared to settle at the time of my removal, and there is not a particle of danger of loss to the company from any of them, and there was not the slightest necessity for notification to their bondsmen.

"As to the failure of the Atlantic Hotel to pay expenses last year, it is true, but it is not true that it lost \$10,000. It was put upon a first class basis and run with a view to establish a reputation for the future, as the house had been badly run down, and it was not expected that during the first season of the operation it would make any money. For the electric plant, which was put in at a cost of between \$10,000 and \$12,000, the entire sum has been paid except \$1,575. The road's business is ample, not only to pay its debts, but to yield a surplus."

BRUISERS MATCHED

Jeffries and Munroe Will Fight in San Francisco in May

New York, Feb. 29.—A match for the heavy weight championship of the world between Jim Jeffries and Jack Munroe was arranged this afternoon at a down town office. Neither Jeffries nor Munroe, however, was present. Billy Delany acted for the champion, while Harry Pollock talked for the miner. As a result of the confab, the rivals have agreed to come together before Yosemite Athletic Club, San Francisco, some time during May next for a purse of \$25,000. This money is to be divided on a basis of 65 per cent to the victor and 35 per cent to the defeated man. The loser in the mill, under these conditions, will be liberally taken care of, for his end will amount to something like \$8,750.

The club is to post \$5,000 as a guarantee that the combat will be held under its auspices on a date that it may select. The fighters are to do the same. Half of the forfeit is to be deposited

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Coast Line Telegraph Opera- tors Confer With Gen- eral Manager Kenly

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 29.—Special. The general committee representing the telegraph operators of the entire Atlantic Coast Line system met General Manager Jno. T. Kenly here this afternoon. The conference was called for the purpose of representing certain claims of the operators looking to the establishment of a more satisfactory operating basis. While no general advance in wages is asked for, the company is called upon to increase the pay of operators at certain offices of the system. Instead of asking for a per centual increase in the salaries of all operators, the telegraph men seek only to better regulate the wage scale. While the result of the conference this afternoon has not been given out, it is understood that a satisfactory agreement was reached and both sides are pleased at the outcome. The operators did not come in a spirit of antagonism and with unjust claims. The Coast Line management will give them practically what they ask for.

Relief for Baltimore

Washington, Feb. 29.—Representative Williams of Mississippi introduced a bill today extending the same relief to the Baltimore fire sufferers that was extended to Chicago after the great conflagration in that city. The measure provides for a rebate of all duties on imported building materials and remits all internal revenue taxes now due in the burned district.

All Day Debate

Washington, Feb. 29.—The Senate today took up the bill providing for the construction of a building for the departments of state, justice and commerce and labor. The debate on the bill continued all day, developing strong opposition on both sides of the chamber. At 5:30, with the measure still pending, the Senate went into executive session, and at 6:40 adjourned until tomorrow.

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Young Corbett Wins From Dave Sullivan

Eleven Bloody Rounds and Then the Referee Gave the Decision to the Champion--Fast and Furious While It Lasted

San Francisco, Feb. 29.—When Young Corbett and Dave Sullivan stepped into the ring at Mechanics Pavilion tonight they appeared to be in about as perfect physical condition as men can be brought to by hard training. Sullivan bet \$50 against \$1,700 on himself. The attendance was not as large as expected. Crush of war news prevented the papers from giving the event the space usually accorded to contests for the championship. The galleries alone were crowded.

The first round was tame, the men apparently trying to size each other up and doing no real work to speak of. The second round was lively. Corbett feinted with his left and landed a stiff right under the heart. Corbett then knocked Sullivan down with his left to the face, and Sullivan's face bled. They mixed it fiercely at the going. This round was decidedly Corbett's, his work being clean and his blows landed hard and effectively.

In the third Sullivan upper-cut Corbett with right and left in the body without return. A moment later Corbett caught Sullivan on the jaw and with a left hook on the head. Sullivan staggered Corbett with a left to the head, and before Corbett got away landed two stiff upper-cuts on the body.

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