

There is a persistent rumor abroad that several Japanese warships have been disabled, but so far it is unconfirmed.

Another steamer passing Daini about the same time that the governor Jaeschi was off Port Arthur reports that she heard no firing.

Thirteen Japanese warships are said to have passed Weinalwei today, heading east. There were sixteen ships and thirteen torpedo-boats in the original fleet.

RUSSIAN REPORT OF THE VICTORY.

(By the Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—It is officially announced from Port Arthur that four Japanese battle-ships and two Japanese transports have been sunk in a fresh attack on Port Arthur. The attack was repulsed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—Later.—The report of the Russian victory at Port Arthur announced as official is not official.

REPORT IS RECEIVED FROM PORT ARTHUR.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 24.—A Despatch to the Havas Agency from Port Arthur says that four Japanese cruisers and two Japanese transports have been sunk in a fresh attack on Port Arthur.

The despatch adds that the attack was repulsed and that the Russian battle-ship Retvizan covered herself with glory.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The Foreign Office received late this afternoon the following despatch from the French Consul at Che Foo:

"The Russians have repulsed a Japanese attack upon Port Arthur. Four Japanese battle-ships were damaged and run aground."

The Consul's despatch adds that the attack occurred last night and indicates that the ships stranded near Port Arthur.

JAPANESE OFFICIALS DO NOT CREDIT IT.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Russian Embassy and the Japanese Legation here have so far received no confirmation of the report from St. Petersburg of the sinking of four Japanese battle-ships off Port Arthur.

The Japanese officials entirely discredit it.

BIG JAPANESE FLEET ON THE MOVE.

(By Associated Press.)

WEIHAIWEI, Feb. 24.—Four Japanese battle-ships and nine cruisers passed this port to-day, bound eastward.

This is probably the remnants of the big Japanese fleet that has been blockading Port Arthur since the disaster to the Russian fleet Feb. 8-9, when three of their ships were crippled by Japanese torpedoes. The Retvizan, the Russian battle-ship referred to in the Paris despatch, was one of those crippled in that engagement, but she has been undergoing repairs in the inner harbor of Port Arthur, and apparently is in good fighting trim.

COMPOSITION OF THE FLEETS AT PORT ARTHUR.

On Feb. 8-9, the day of the first naval battle, there were twenty-seven Russian vessels and sixteen Japanese ships at Port Arthur. Of the Russians, thirteen were torpedo boat destroyers. The battle-ships were the Petropavlovsk, Pobeda, Poltava, Peresviet, Retvizan, Sevastopol and the Tzarevitch. The protected cruisers were the Boyarin, Novik, Pallada, Askold, the unprotected cruisers the Naverin and Diana. The Angara is a transport.

Japan had the following battle-ships: Mikasa, the flag ship of Admiral Togo; Asahi, Yamashiro, Shikishima and Hatsuse. The armored cruisers were the Idzumo, Yakumo, Asama, Ozumo, Tatsutu and the Iwate. Protected cruisers were the Chitose, Kasagi, Takasago, Yoshino and one despatch boat.

30,000 JAPANESE ARE LANDED AT CHEMULPO.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 24.—The Japanese army corps landed at Chemulpo, Corea, totalling about 30,000 men, has already been deployed between Seoul and Ping Yang. The advance guards are even northward of the latter place.

Owing to the partial thaw the roads are bad and the transportation of provisions and war munitions is most difficult.

JAPAN EFFECTS A TREATY WITH COREA.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Secretary Hay has received information that Japan has negotiated a treaty with Corea whereby she guarantees the independence and integrity of Corea.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—Information received here, credited in the highest official quarters, leads to the belief that Japan is now seeking to secure the execution of a treaty by the Emperor of Corea, giving Japan a protectorate over Corea. It is the understanding that the prospect of this treaty was the main reason for Russia's protest to the powers against Japan's violating Corea's neutrality, as Russia desires to reserve all rights against a Japanese protectorate over Corea, on the ground that it will be of no effect, being executed while Corea was under duress.

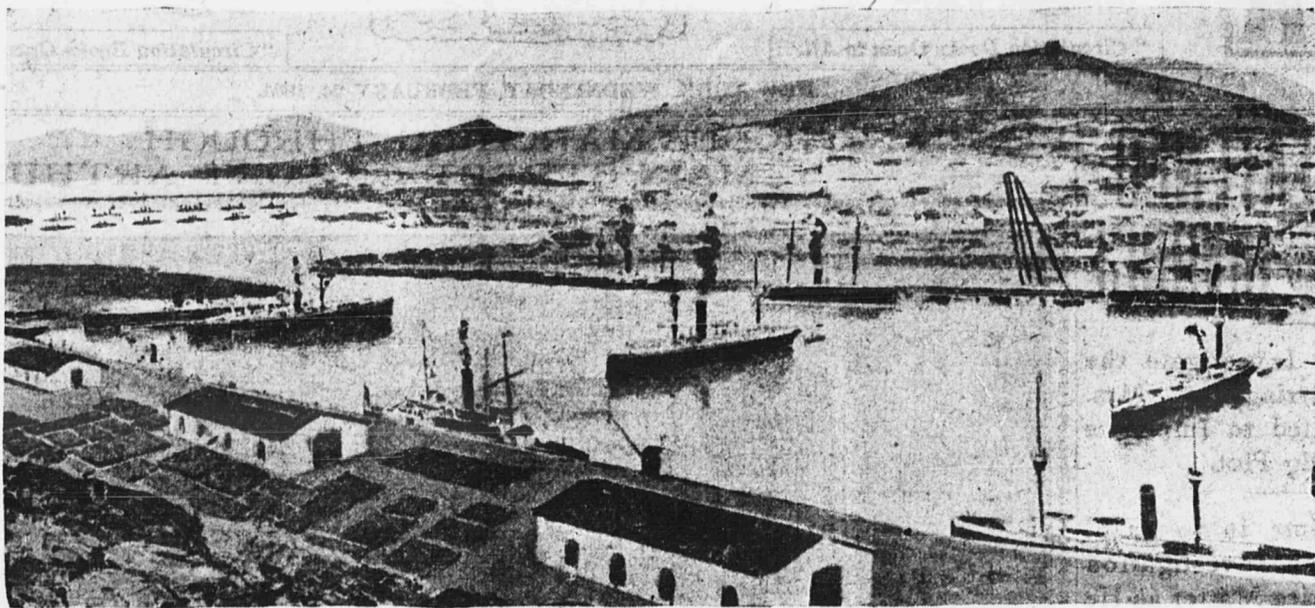
The Emperor of Corea is said to be so completely under the domination of Japan that he is likely to approve of such a treaty through inability to resist. The situation from Russia's standpoint is likened to a man signing a check under duress or fear. It is the expectation that if this main purpose of the Russian protest is accomplished there will not be any joint or separate action by the powers relative to the abstract principle of Japan's having violated the law of nations.

ENGLISH ORDERED OUT OF VLADIVOSTOK.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A special despatch from Kobe, Japan, says the British consular agent at Vladivostok has arrived at Nagasaki and reported

HARBOR AT PORT ARTHUR SHOWING FORTS IN DISTANCE MANNED WITH 1,600 GUNS.



that the commander of the Russian garrison at Vladivostok had ordered all British subjects to leave that port.

About 25,000 tons of British coal are now being loaded on Japanese steamers for Japan. The Bingo-Maru is loading 8,000 tons and the Sado-Maru 5,000 tons at Cardiff, while at Barrow the Kawachi-Maru and another vessel are taking on board the remainder.

The Under Foreign Secretary, Earl Percy, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, said the British Consul-General at Shanghai had taken no part whatever in the demand made for the withdrawal of the Russian gunboat Mandjur from Shanghai, as reported in some European papers.

TREATY UNDER WAY WITH FRANCE HALTS

War Between Russia and Japan and the Venezuelan Award at the Hague Act Against Agreement with United States.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—It was confirmed in official circles in Paris to-day that negotiations have been actually in progress between the United States and France for an arbitration treaty. The French Parliamentary group favoring international arbitration is said, however, to be over sanguine in the belief that a treaty will shortly be signed.

It is pointed out here that the Russo-Japanese war and the possibility of complications growing out of that struggle, rather tend to cause hesitation on the part of the negotiators of the arbitration treaty instead of hastening its signature.

Moreover, concern is expressed in this city over the effect in the United States of the decision of The Hague arbitration tribunal upon the question of preferential treatment by the blockading powers in the case of Venezuela.

France as well as the United States has suffered by the decision. This Government having associated itself with the neutral powers in opposing the contention of Great Britain, Italy and Germany. Even supposing that a miscarriage of justice occurred in this particular incident it would not detract from the value of arbitration in settling disputes, and it is further pointed out that the United States and France are the two nations which consistently labored in support of this principle.

With respect to the exchanges between France and the United States the Department of State is reported to be favoring the Parliamentary group favoring arbitration. The French group favoring arbitration is reported to be in the matter by means of letters.

But no official conversations on the subject of arbitration have taken place since the immediate signature of a treaty say the exchanges which have taken place since a treaty at a more favorable opportunity can be consummated.

ACTRESS WANTS DAMAGES.

Miss Brinker Says Her Contract Was Broken.

Miss Una Belle Brinker, a pretty young actress, is suing Corse Payton, the Brooklyn actor-manager, for \$5,000, which she claims she lost through Mr. Payton's failure to make her his leading lady at the Lee Avenue Theatre. Miss Brinker says she signed a contract with Mr. Payton last week for which she was to receive \$150 a week for thirty weeks.

In defense Mr. Payton says that as the contract was not effective until August, 1903, he could not have known that Miss Brinker had signed it until last June when Miss Brinker first filed notice of her suit.

Justice Wright, in Part V. Supreme Court, Brooklyn, is hearing the case.

KAISER'S HEALTH DISCUSSED

Declared Perfect by Correspondent Who Talked with Him.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—With reference to the Manchester Despatch's story that Emperor William's health is critical a representative of the Associated Press talked with the Emperor for an hour within a fortnight and found him apparently in perfect normal health and excellent spirits.

The Emperor starts on his Mediterranean voyage March 5. Joining the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern at Messina, Sicily, on that date. All the best sources of information in Berlin say there is no ground for any of the sensational reports.

DIED IN ROOM IN WHICH HE WAS WED

His Bride Also Passed Away in Same Apartment and Romance Closed by Man's Death.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Funeral services were held for Lewis P. Rollins to-day at No. 107 Highland avenue, Somerville, who died Sunday night in the room where a dozen years ago he was married to a woman who died an hour after the ceremony.

The circumstances of that wedding are being recalled to-day by residents of the city who knew Katherine Norcross, a beautiful young woman and the sole survivor of her family and owner of considerable property.

Pneumonia hastened the wedding at that time. Miss Norcross dying as told. Mr. Rollins was summoned to her deathbed and Miss Norcross expressed in desire to be married.

Robed in her wedding gown, Rev. Dr. A. E. Winsor went through the ceremony a few minutes after midnight.

After the marriage the bride made her home with her father, Mr. Rollins. Mr. Rollins returned to his business in New York remaining until a few months ago, when he was taken ill. He expressed the wish to be brought back to the home of his bride, thus closing the romance.

DOMINICANS FIRE ON GERMAN SHIP

Blank Shot Levelled at Steamer Altenburg by San Domingo Gunboat, but the Captain Refused to Stop.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 24.—The German steamer Altenburg, Capt. Kuhl, from Hamburg and West Indian ports, arrived here to-day and reported that between San Domingo and Sanchez, Santo Domingo, the Dominican gunboat Presidente had in sight and fired a blank shot across her bows.

Capt. Kuhl, however, refused to stop and no further interference with the steamer was attempted. The Altenburg went there and landed cargo.

Mr. Struss was asked to express an opinion on the revolution the steamer did not land anything at San Domingo City.

DR. STRAUSS ARRIVES.

Says America Is Far Ahead of Germany in Production of Paraffin.

Dr. Richard Strauss arrived in this city to-day accompanied by his wife and manager, Hugo Goetz. It was the first trip across the ocean that either Dr. Strauss or his wife had taken and Mr. Strauss said it was a very rough trip. While he was not under the weather, he says his wife was sick several days during the voyage. On this account neither did any practicing on board.

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MAYOR SAYS LID WILL STAY ON

McClellan Determined to Stop Gambling, and Says Places Where Evidence Warrants Will Be Proceeded Against.

Mayor McClellan will suppress gambling in the city whether it be in gilded parlor or pool-room. He said so to-day and added that the "lid would not come off."

"If the lid is off anywhere in the city we propose to put it on again and fasten it down in copper-riveted fashion," said the Mayor to-day.

He had been informed that alleged revelations had been made about gambling-houses and pool-rooms in Harlem. "Most assuredly will I suppress gambling whenever possible," the Mayor said. "Whenever the adequate evidence is obtained we will proceed legally. I have had several conferences with Police Commissioner McAdoo and he is giving me his fullest co-operation. There will be no lifting of the lid. Of that the public may be assured."

BRADY A \$10,000 POKER LOSER?

Rialto Hears of a Game in Which He Is Said to Have Been Behind \$85,000 at One Time.

The Rialto was somewhat startled to-day by a report that William A. Brady, the theatrical manager, had been the principal loser in a game of poker, played at the Green Room Club, in which thousands of dollars was wagered. According to the report, Brady was at one time \$85,000 behind the game, but that he quit only \$10,000 loser.

The Green Room Club membership is composed principally of actors and men connected with the profession. According to some of the members, some of the poker players have become accustomed to speaking in thousands when really meaning dollars, so that a man thinking well of his cards will say, "I'll open for \$5,000" when he really means only \$5. Brady is president of the Green Room Club. One version of the big poker story is that he lost \$85,000 and settled for \$10,000.

NEW HAMMERSTEIN THEATRE

Plans Filed for a Playhouse in West Forty-second Street

Plans have been filed with Building Superintendent Hopper for another new theatre to be built for Oscar Hammerstein adjoining the American Theatre at No. 24 to 28 West Forty-second street. The building is to be equipped with terra cotta, 68 feet front and 89 feet deep, with a facade much resembling the Balasco Theatre, originally built by Hammerstein after he finished the Victoria and before he began the big Drury Lane now in course of construction in West Thirty-fourth street.

The building will have a large exterior staircase like the Balasco, and the front will be decorated with four engaged columns. There are to be two balconies and the building is to be equipped with fire-escapes and complete fire protection to conform to present Building Department requirements.

Queen's Trunks "Held Up." Queen Alexandra, in her recent journey to Denmark and back, made her first real acquaintance with travellers' troubles. Even the "sea King's daughter" could not avoid rough weather on the voyage to her old home, but she might reasonably have expected to be able to return unimpeded by land.

However, it comes out that when the Belgian frontier Her Majesty's luggage, amounting to nearly thirty trunks, was detained by the customs officers, "Some one had blundered," and it will be interesting to learn who was responsible for such an unprecedented act of international discourtesy.

18 YEARS IN JAIL FOR MRS. LUPO

Woman Who Killed Her Husband and Pleaded Guilty to Manslaughter Gets Almost the Legal Limit.

Mrs. Della Luppo, who was convicted of murder in the second degree in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court a week ago, just after Assistant District-Attorney Ely and Justice Kenesick had agreed to accept a plea of manslaughter in the first degree, was today sentenced to the woman's prison at Auburn for a term of eighteen years.

The extreme penalty under the plea accepted is twenty years, but the Court decided not to inflict it, although, in a scathing arraignment of the prisoner before sentence, he declared that there wasn't the shadow of an excuse for her crime. Mrs. Luppo, dressed all in black, was brought in for sentence shortly before noon. Asked if she had anything to say, her counsel, Charles Le Barbier, said that there was nothing to be said. The Court then ordered Mrs. Luppo to stand up and addressed her as follows:

"The evidence in your case established in the mind of the Court no question but what you inflicted the injuries which resulted in the death of your husband. Your plea of guilty simply confirms the impression made by the evidence in the case.

"The Court can only describe your crime as insane jealousy, and the Court only believes on the testimony that your jealousy was unfounded. In regard to your testimony as to your husband's appearance at the apartments of Mrs. Hunt the Court can only describe that as a hallucination. As to the immature practices which you charged against your husband the Court does not believe it substantiated by the evidence. The Court has the right to give the extreme penalty of twenty years. I am not going to give you the extreme penalty. The sentence of the Court is that you be confined in a State prison for eighteen years."

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY. Sun ris. 6.42 Sun sets. 5.45 Moon sets. 12.45 THE TIDES. High Water. Low Water. Sandy Hook. 12.45 1.02 7.10 7.21 Governor's Island. 12.58 1.12 7.10 7.20 Hell Gate Ferry. 2.11 8.05 8.12 8.22

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED. HULL. San Marco. Mobile. Salvia. Baracca. S. Maria. Palermo. S. Maria. Palermo. S. Maria. Palermo.

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.

DUE TO-DAY. Carpathia. Naples. Princess Irene. Genoa. Rona. Naples. Marseilles. Liverpool. Numidian. Glasgow. Brooklyn City. Swansea. Regentian Prince.

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

SAILED TO-DAY. Catania. Brazil. Venuesio. Hull. Hilarv. North Brazil. Segurama. Colon. Chacabuco. Buenos Aires. New Orleans. Cedric. Liverpool. Princess Anne. Norfolk.

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ADMITTS ROBBING WORLD'S FAIR MAIL

Superintendent of Station on St. Louis Exposition Grounds Confesses Saying He Sought Tips on Concessions.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—Frank C. Hostetter, Superintendent of the World's Fair Post-Office station, was arrested today charged with opening, detaining and embezzling mail matter, letters and packages, covering a period of more than two months.

He was taken before United States Commissioner Babbitt, made a full confession and was admitted to bond to await action by the next Federal Grand Jury.

His purpose, according to his confession, was merely to secure inside information as to concessions, and to either use it himself or to give it as tips to certain friends.

BRIDE OF THREE WEEKS A SUICIDE

Young Russian Woman First Secures a Rabbinical Divorce, Then in a Fit of Homesickness Takes Her Life.

Three weeks ago Rebecca Mansfield, who came to this country from Russia about a year ago, married Harris Rabinowitz, a peddler, of No. 71 Prince street, Newark, N. J. A few days ago she obtained a rabbinical divorce from him. To-day she is dead—a suicide.

The girl has a brother, who lives at No. 140 Madison street, and a sister, who lives at No. 23 Suffolk street. She went to her brother and told him her reasons for getting a divorce from her husband and asked him to let her have enough money to go back to Russia.

From her brother's house, she went to her sister's home. To her sister she told her story, and how disappointed she was with her life in America and of her homesickness. Then she borrowed ten cents, on some pretext, and went out.

With the money she had borrowed she purchased ten cents' worth of carbolic acid and in the hallway drank it. Returning to her sister's room she was found by her sister, who called her name, and she threw up her hands, screamed and sank unconscious to the floor.

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