



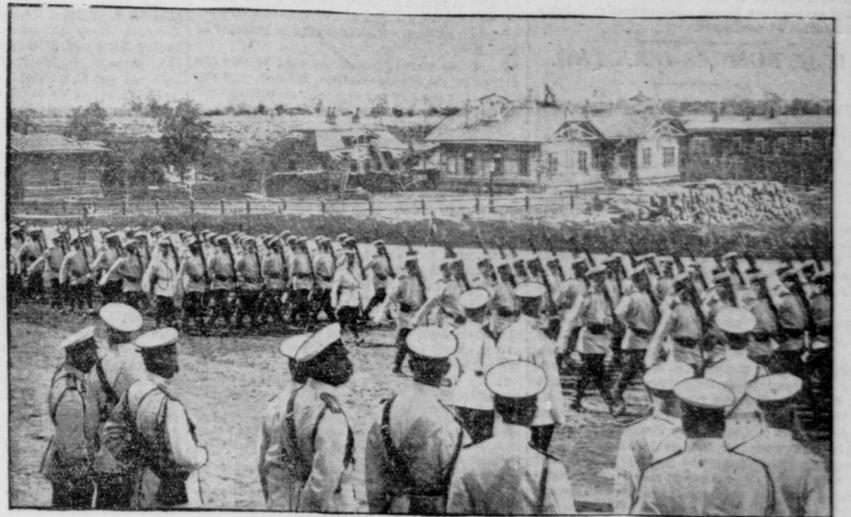
SCENES AT PORT ARTHUR, RUSSIA'S GREAT NAVAL BASE IN THE FAR EAST.



RUSSIAN GENERAL-STAFF INSPECTING THE FORTIFICATIONS OF PORT ARTHUR. Admiral Alexieff in the foreground.



GENERAL KURUPATKINE, Russian Minister of War.



TROOPS OF THE GARRISON OF PORT ARTHUR MANŒUVRING OUTSIDE THE ZONE OF FORTIFICATIONS.

FIGHT THIEF IN CHURCH.

Intruder Jumps Through Window, but Is Caught in Yard.

TRUSTEES KNOCKED DOWN.

Two trustees of the Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, at No. 1,031 Park-ave., had a fight with a burglar in the church last night.

Mr. McGovern and his wife were walking toward their home when, in passing the church, they noticed a light flickering in it.

There was only one light, but the two men peered into corners, into pews, into the dark sanctuary and behind the altar.

He called to Mr. McGovern, who was about to walk toward him when he noticed something dark in one of the pews.

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"Oh, I got you," said McCarthy, and he had made his prisoner get over the fence again.

The trustees and the policeman found the corner of the coalhole in front of the church door, and it is believed the intruder got into the cellar that way, afterward getting up to the nave, as the doors from the cellar were open.

"TIGHE HAS COLD SWIM." The Magistrate Goes to Sheepshead Bay and Wins That Wager.

For several weeks a swimming match in the "icy waters of Sheepshead Bay" between Magistrate James G. Tighe, of the Butler-st. court, Brooklyn, and William Du Bois, the owner of a racing stable, had been hanging fire.

Magistrate Tighe did go in yesterday, and won the bet. Then it turned out that the forfeit was only a suit of clothes.

Accompanying Magistrate Tighe when he took his plunge from the float of his rowing club at Sheepshead Bay at 2 p. m. yesterday were George R. Rogan, William Shea and Frank Shea.

They swam twenty-five feet and back again, losing no time on the way. The younger men held back, however, in order that the laurels of winning the race might go to Magistrate Tighe, who is the commodore of the club.

After dressing he put on the gloves for three rounds with Rogan, in order to get up the circulation, and then invited the party over to the Bay View House for dinner.

COL. LYNCH LIBERATED.

Royal Pardon, However, Not Yet Granted.

London, Jan. 25.—"The Daily Telegraph" this morning says it understands that Colonel Lynch, who commanded the Irish Brigade against the British forces in the war in South Africa, and who was afterward convicted of treason, sentence of death being commuted to imprisonment for life, was liberated yesterday morning on license.

It is learned that the liberation of Colonel Lynch is the outcome of an interesting series of events. When Michael Davitt was last in the United States he saw President Roosevelt, who mentioned Colonel Lynch to him, saying he had once entertained him at Albany.

Colonel Lynch, who completed a year in prison last Saturday, was the only political offender in prison in Ireland. Patrick A. McHugh, ex-member of the House of Commons, who recently shared this distinction with Colonel Lynch, was only released from jail through the mediation of Sir Thomas Lipton with King Edward.

Colonel Lynch will enjoy personal liberty, and may even leave the country should he care to do so, but not having received the royal pardon, he is disqualified from sitting in Parliament or from holding any other public office.

TIBETANS TO FIGHT.

Threat Follows British Refusal of Offer to Retire.

Chumbi, British India, Jan. 24.—Colonel Youngusband, the commander of the British expedition to Tibet, has had a friendly interview with a general from Lhasa and a number of lamas, who came out to meet the British mission.

MANY KILLED IN FIJI.

Hurricane Sweeps Islands—Great Loss of Property.

Melbourne, Jan. 24.—A disastrous hurricane has blown over the Fiji Islands, resulting in great loss of life and property.

BEHEADS HIS SISTER.

Farmer Says He Obeyed a Divine Command.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Miss Hannah Hall, thirty years old, was murdered early to-day at her home, in Van Buren, west of Dunkirk, by her brother, Isaac Hall, thirty-three years old. He is in jail at Fredonia, having given himself up after the murder.

PRIESTS FIGHT MADMAN.

Was Looking for Clergyman Accused of Cursing Him.

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 24.—Terrence Hylen, a metal polisher, was taken into custody by the police to-day and will be arraigned in the District Court to-morrow, when an inquiry into his sanity will be instituted.

MINERS DESERT THE UNION.

The Membership Off a Half—Mitchell to Try to Work Up Enthusiasm.

Lansford, Penn., Jan. 24.—Labor journals in this section are deploring the rapid decrease in the membership of the United Mine Workers in the southern part of the anthracite field.

SOUND STEAMER AGROUND

Joy Liner, with 200 Passengers, on Bar Near Newport.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 24.—The steamer Larchmont, of the Joy Line, bound from New-York to Providence, with two hundred passengers, went ashore in an unusually thick fog on a sandbar off Dyer Island, near Newport, at 6:45 a. m. to-day.

The Larchmont, a side wheel steamer, cleared from New-York City shortly after 6 p. m. yesterday. In Long Island Sound the weather was found to be thick and hazy.

About an hour after the steamer had struck the bar the fog lifted and Captain Wilcox found that the steamer was lying across a sandbar, which runs out from Dyer Island, between Prudence Island and Portsmouth.

Soon after 10 o'clock the tug Solicitor, bound from Wickford to Newport, sighted the Larchmont and bore down on her.

The Larchmont formerly was the steamer Cumberland, of the International Steamship Company, sailing between Boston and St. John, N. E. Two years ago she was purchased by the Joy Line, repaired, and renamed the Larchmont.

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The Annual Presentation to the Graduating Class.

APRIL 24, 1904.—At the services in the Naval Academy chapel this morning the annual presentation of Bibles to the members of the graduating class of midshipmen took place.

The presentation was made by the Rev. Charles Augustus Stoddard, president of the society and Editor of "The New-York Observer," who also preached a sermon to the class.

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THE SUSQUEHANNA UP.

FLOODS FOR MANY MILES.

People Driven from Homes—Stock Drowned—Bridges Shaking.

Wilkesbarre, Penn., Jan. 24.—Telephone advice received here to-night says that an ice gorge has formed in the Susquehanna River, and that from Sunbury to Cresay, thirty miles, the river is blocked, and the water is backed up as far as Nescopeck.

At Bloomsburg the ice is jammed up forty feet high. A report received here to-night says that the large bridge over the Susquehanna at that place has been moved five feet and is expected to collapse at any moment.

The trouble is caused by the ice from the upper reaches of the river being stopped by ice gorges that have blocked the river between Danville and Sunbury for the last six weeks.

The river here to-night registered 17.8 feet, a fall of four feet from its highest stage, and there is every indication that the flood danger has passed at this point for the time being, the river being clear of ice.

OUT OF THE FLOOD'S GRIP.

Now Pittsburg Has a Big Job of Cleaning Up to Do.

Pittsburg, Jan. 24.—The flood of yesterday has in a great measure passed this point, but parts of the two cities are still submerged and will not be freed from the water until to-morrow.

The blinding cold weather that has prevailed all day augmented the distress in the flooded sections. In Allegheny the gas supply was erratic and the distribution of coal by the city authorities in the poorer neighborhoods almost brought to a standstill.

Much excitement was caused by a fire to-day, which destroyed the packet Elizabeth, the tow-boat Olivette and two bathhouses.

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WILL BE FOR ROOSEVELT.

Mr. Odell on Coming Action of State and Congress Conventions.

Governor Odell spent yesterday in the city, meeting a number of politicians. He will return to Albany to-day. He said that he was resting and hearing what the leaders had to say.

"I have no idea that the convention will deviate from the action of the last State Convention, which declared for the President."

"That is something for the conventions to decide," he said. "From what I hear I should say the leaders favor Roosevelt."

LONG MAY BE DELEGATE.

Republicans Sore Because He Was Not Urged for Vice-President.

Boston, Jan. 24.—There is a strong feeling among prominent Republicans that ex-Secretary John D. Long of the Navy Department should have a place on the Massachusetts delegation to the national convention, and he will probably be elected a delegate at the State convention in April.

It was only four years ago that the Massachusetts convention instructed its delegates to vote for John D. Long as Vice-President, and there are many Republicans in the State who have never forgiven the leaders for not urging Mr. Long more strongly.

MICHIGAN FOR ROOSEVELT.

Dispute in Delegation from That State Over Invitation to Mr. Hanna.

Several of the one hundred Michigan committeemen who waited on President Roosevelt last week with an invitation to attend the celebration at Jackson, on July 4, of the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Republican party, spent yesterday in this city, and will return home to-day.

An incident occurred at the capital which caused some talk among the delegates. It was the disagreement by the delegation of the suggestion made by Representative Smith to extend to Senator Hanna also an invitation to be present at Jackson at the celebration.

Class S. Osborn, president of the Courier-Herald Committee at the Hotel Empire, really this incident does not deserve any importance.

WILEY, OF OHIO, FOR HEARST.

He Is Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee.

Springfield, Ohio, Jan. 24.—Chairman W. L. Wiley of the Democratic State Central Committee, talking to-day on his choice for President, cut out Wiley, Gorman and Parker Olney, he said, raised himself by declaring for Cleveland. Gorman did not save Maryland for Bryan and killed the Wilson bill, and Wiley did not know who Parker was.

I have no candidate, but the process of elimination leaves me the single choice. As matters stand I am for William Randolph Hearst. He measures up to my conception of a Democrat.

But, remember, I am a Democrat ready at all times to submit to the majority. I am now for Hearst, as the case stands. I shall be for the nominee at St. Louis. Second choice, John W. Bookwalter, of Springfield, Ohio.

MR. BRYAN'S QUIET DAY.

William J. Bryan spent the day quietly in this city yesterday. He denied himself to all newspaper men. Messages were sent to him asking him about the newspaper interviews from various parts of the country saying that the free silver plank was being dropped.

Joseph C. Hendrix, ex-president of the Bank of Commerce, one of the prominent Eastern Democrats, expressed disappointment yesterday at the attitude Bryan had taken on the reaffirmation of the Kansas City and Chicago platforms.

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U.S. MEN STOP SEOUL MOB.

MARINES PUT DOWN RIOT.

No Firearms Used—Populace Attack American Car Line.

Seoul, Jan. 24.—An accident here to-day on the electric street railway, owned by Americans, resulted in the killing of a Korean, and this led to rioting on the part of the populace.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The State Department to-day received the following dispatch from Minister Allen, at Seoul:

This morning, on the electric railway, which is the property of American citizens, a Korean was accidentally and unavoidably killed.

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The Korean government has informed its legation here that it has issued a formal declaration of neutrality between Russia and Japan in the event of war, and Minister Min Hui Cho has formally advised the State Department of this action.

JAPAN TO ISSUE LOAN.

A Hundred Million Yen—Siberian Troops Mobilized.

London, Jan. 25.—Special dispatches from Tokio published here this morning report that the Japanese Minister of Finance has had a conference with the leading Japanese bankers and has decided to issue a loan of 100,000,000 yen.

The Japanese newspapers assert that at the New Year reception the Czar reminded Minister Kurino that the Japanese ought to remember that Russia is a great power.

"The Daily Telegraph" this morning says it learns from a Russian correspondent that Vice-roy Alexieff recently advised the mobilization of the Siberian troops.

The government, the correspondent continues, has placed an embargo upon all horses at Port Arthur, and has forbidden the sale of provisions without the consent of the authorities.

Troops are pouring into Port Arthur from the north, and the entire garrison has been employed in manœuvres.

Viceroy Alexieff is suffering from angina pectoris, and was unable to attend the military conference held Sunday.

ASSAULT ON JAPANESE.

Russian Marines Severely Maltreated Vladivostok Residents.

London, Jan. 25.—The Tokio correspondent of "The Times" says letters received there from Vladivostok declare a party of Russian marines landed at Vladivostok on January 9 and subjected the Japanese residents to great violence.

They wrecked twenty-four houses, maltreated women and inflicted wounds upon aged persons and children. The rioting lasted for twenty hours.

The rioters were accompanied by their officers, according to the letters from Vladivostok, and were not restrained by the civil authorities.

Japanese newspapers advocate the withdrawal of all Japanese from Siberia, and ask what may be expected in the event of hostilities if such things occur in time of peace.

A NEW COREAN MINISTER.

London, Jan. 25.—Special dispatches from Seoul, published in London this morning, report the resignation of Yi Yon Gik from the post of Minister of War, owing to his unpopularity with the army.

The same dispatches say Yi