[illegible] TELEGRAPHS GIVE THAT HE CANNOT HOLD [illegible]

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KUROPATKIN'S COUNTER ATTACK A FAILURE.

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KUROPATKIN STILL HOLDS INNER DEFENSES

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ADMIT THAT KUROPATKIN IS BEATEN.

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DEFEAT MAY BRING THE WAR TO A CLOSE

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MUKDEN DISPATCHES TELL OF GALLANT DEEDS OF RUSSIANS

[illegible] a shout of "Save our dinner, brothers," fell upon the Japanese like a hurricane and drove them out of the village at the point of the bayonet.

[illegible] TO CAPTURE RUSSIAN [illegible] ON STRONG.

A captured Japanese said they had had nothing to eat since Sunday and that they had been told this morning either to capture the Russians' dinner or starve.

At Erdagou, on the center, a regiment of Chinese made a night attack but the Russians were caught by the Japanese flank and many of them were killed, fifty being captured.

At Bentsiapuse the Japanese advanced as far as the wire entanglement, but were repulsed with great loss.

An attack on the east front early this morning resulted in the capture of several Japanese positions near Oubenpuse and the capture of two Japanese quick-fire guns. The Japanese made a counter attack and a long and desperate struggle ensued, the Russians capturing a third quick-fire gun and holding the positions.

The concentration in the neighborhood of Tatchikiao is now increasing in intensity. The Japanese apparently have brought up reinforcements and are attempting to crush General Gerngross.

The Japanese are bringing up supplies by the Simintin road and apparently are using the railroad as a line of communication.

FIRE IN MADISON SQUARE.

Garden Is Damaged $100,000 by Smoke and Water.

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New York, March 7.—Madison Square Garden caught fire at ten minutes past 11 o'clock tonight and the flames spread rapidly through the northeast corner of the structure.

They had their origin in a section of the building used for storage, which was hedged high with packing boxes and light material and in protecting exhibits which it contained.

Before midnight, although the lower end of the building was considerably damaged, the firemen had the flames under control.

The Sportsmen's Show has been in progress at the Garden for a week. The fire set along the first floor, where there were several cages for exhibits, and crept high in the northern wall.

[illegible] of the show, several bears and other animals among them. The cries of these creatures were mistaken by the firemen at first for the screams of women. The animals, it is believed, will be at least the sufferers, excepting the injury to decorations by water and smoke.

KANSAS CITY CHARTER LOST.

Was Intended to Enlarge Powers of City Government.

Kansas City, Mo., March 7.—The adoption of a new city charter was defeated at an election held here today, at which a light vote was cast.

The adoption of the new charter would have required a four-sevenths vote, but the charter was not supported by even a majority of the votes.

The new charter, which was drawn by various representative freeholders, was intended to enlarge the powers of the city government and in other ways suit the conditions brought by the rapid growth of Kansas City during the past ten years.

The election today was orderly, only one arrest being made for fraudulent voting.

The total vote cast was 21,331, of which 11,649 were against the proposed new charter. The adoption of the charter would have required 2,662 additional votes.

DIED IN HIS BIRTH PLACE.

Samuel Knox, Formerly St. Louis Attorney, Passes Away.

A telegram from Blandford, Mass., announces that Samuel Knox died there last night.

Mr. Knox was born March 31, 1831, in the town in which he died. He came to St. Louis when a young man and entered the practice of law. In the course of his long residence in St. Louis as a lawyer he rose to a high position among local jurists, and was a director of Congress for two terms.

When he retired from active practice he returned to the place of his birth and remained there until his death.

I. C. AND ALTON REDUCE CORN RATES TWO CENTS.

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Chicago, March 7.—Rates on export corn shipments from points in Illinois were reduced nearly 2 cents per 100 pounds by the Illinois Central, on all grain bound for export ports from this State, via Chicago. The new rates go into effect tomorrow.

The rates will be used by the Chicago and other road from Illinois points on their line. The reduction is the result of an effort to equalize the rates on export grain shipments and to give Chicago equal opportunity with the east.

Rates are announced on the Illinois Central from Freeport to Baltimore from points in the south as Kankakee. Big rates from points on a line with Lincoln and Decatur and by rail from points south of Decatur.

TO REGULATE INSURANCE.

Senator Brackett Introduces New Bill in New York.

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Albany, N. Y., March 7.—Senator Brackett to-day introduced another bill regulating insurance companies. It provides that the names of all policy holders, with the dates and amounts of the policies, shall be filed with the State Superintendent of Insurance and be open to the inspection of any policy holder.

Senator Brackett explained that it was designed to give policy holders an opportunity to know each other for better co-operation.

INDIAN TERRITORY OIL FIELDS.

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Dallas, Tex., March 7.—Private dispatches from Muskogee, I. T., tonight state that Gulfey has sold all the Indian Territory oil interests to Rockefeller, who is believed to be acting for the Standard Oil Company. If the report is correct the Standard has secured virtual control of the Indian Territory fields.

SEVEN DESERT NIEDRINGHAUS; REPUBLICAN VOTES SCATTER AND PARTY IS DEMORALIZED

One-Third of Majority Is Now Away From Caucus Nominee and More Are Expected to Join Bolters To-Morrow—Warner Fails to Gain on Two Ballots—Conference Committee Again Calls On Kerens and Is Assured That Republican Will Be Elected to Senate, but Fails to Tell How—State Chairman Departs for St. Louis to Meet With Business Associates.

DEPRESSING EFFECT OF BOLT CANCELS PROPOSED CAUCUS

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 7.—At the close of the two ballots on Senator taken to-day, just one-third of the Republican members of the joint Assembly stood in the category of bolters.

There are ninety-three Republicans in the Assembly, and thirty-one of them are voting for candidates other than the caucus nominee. It is expected there will be other changes to-morrow, when the number of bolters will increase even more.

For the first time since the bolting began a Senator joined the recalcitrants. Senator Peck of Atchison, who has always been considered a Kerens man, voted for his favorite to-day. So far no other Senators have indicated that they will change.

Representative Detwiler of Laclede, Hocher and Ossenfort of St. Louis County, Land of Daviess, Moss of Kansas City and Smith of Franklin also bolted to-day, a total of seven.

Among those mentioned as possible bolters to-morrow are Kleinschmidt of Jefferson and Lyons of Kansas City.

Both of the ballots in joint session were the same this morning, with the exception of Wesnoesky's change from Lewis to J. H. Richardson.

The second ballot was taken without discussion, as everyone apparently believed something might develop. The thirty-ninth and fortieth result as follows:

Cockrell, 38, Niedringhaus, 37; McKinley, 3; Burtholdt, 5; Warner, 2; Dyer, 1; scattering, 1.

The votes of the "bolters" divided as follows to-day:

Kerens—Senator Peck, Representatives Bittinger, Branch, Brown, Cook, Elliott, Grace, Hatzfeld, Kelley, Moberly, Mooneyham, Pettijohn, Richardson, Reach, Shaw and Williamson—17.

McKinley—Hooten, Maples, Silverwood, Viles and Whitaker—5.

Bartholdt—Detweiler, Hoeber, Kies, Ossenfort and Smith—5.

Warner—Loud and Moss—2.

Dyer—Casey—1.

Scattering—Walmsley—1.

The Democratic members of the House held a conference at the Courthouse to-night, but did not discuss the senatorship. It is understood they will present a solid minority vote for Cockrell. The date of adjournment, appropriation bills and other matters were taken up.

It is thought that adjournment will be taken about March 17 or 20, owing to the condition of the calendar.

Mr. Niedringhaus went to St. Louis this evening to meet with some business associates. It is not improbable that he may advise some of his friends about the mayoralty situation, though he did not admit as much before he left. Alex Niedringhaus and Mrs. Niedringhaus are here. Mr. Niedringhaus will return to-morrow evening.

The Conference Committee of Republicans appointed last week, consisting of Senator Gilmore and Representatives Gilmore, Lyons, Harrington, Self and Wilson, called upon Kerens to-night and had a talk with him about the situation.

They received no more encouragement than others who have talked with him. They asked him to aid in solving the question.

Kerens told them that he was not yet ready to concede that he could not be elected, but that a Republican Senator would be elected. They asked him to repeat the latter part of his statement again and he did so.

That was the best they could get from him. They afterwards came back to the Madison House to see Mr. Niedringhaus, but found that he was on his way to St. Louis.

Mr. Kerens said that if he ever found a solution he would send word to the committee after conferring with his supporters.

CEDAR RAPIDS FIRE LOSS IS $1,500,000

American Cereal Company Mills, Largest in World, Burn to Ground—Two Lives Known to Have Been Lost.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., March 7.—The plant of the American Cereal Company, the largest of its kind in the world, comprising two entire blocks of brick and iron structures, was destroyed by fire to-night with the exception of a small group of cooper shops, storage and packing rooms.

The loss is estimated at $1,500,000, with insurance at nearly $1,000,000. Two persons are known to have lost their lives in the fire.

Joe Hollingsworth of Parnell, Ia., and an unknown man, lost their lives. Hollingsworth was blown out of the building to the street by an explosion.

It is feared that several others lost their lives, but this fact is not definitely known. A man who was seen at a window fell back into the flames.

For a time it appeared as if the flames would spread to surrounding property and invade the heart of the city. A call for assistance was sent to all nearby cities.

At midnight, however, the flames were placed under control after a hard fight by the firemen.

A portion of the mill group of buildings was saved and the fire was confined to the cereal plant. The surrounding buildings were on fire several times, but the fire was extinguished.

TRANSIT STRIKE CRIPPLES NEW YORK.

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ade Street Railway Company, and Tincher came from the P., C., C. & St. L. system.

ST. LOUIS MAN HURT.

Edward Dain of No. 1821 Jefferson avenue, St. Louis, was attacked and brutally beaten by six men while waiting for a train at the One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street station on the Third avenue elevated line.

Dain was a guard on one of the trains which was being held pending the arrival of a full crew. The men got into an argument with Dain. In a few moments blows were struck. Dain fell and was trampled on by the men. He was removed, in a serious condition, to the Fordham Hospital. The men disappeared before the arrival of the police.

About 200 Columbia College students applied for work on the Subway and elevated roads to-day. Some wanted to work half time, while others agreed to work a full day. The latter were immediately employed, while the former were told they were not needed.

The collegians attracted much attention by their husky appearance and enthusiasm as they marched along lower Broadway. They were greeted by catcalls and the cry of "scabs" by some of the strikers who were loitering about the Bureau in Dey street. It only put ginger into their enthusiasm, and they jeered back at the strikers.

Colmers Wood Jr., a leader in the younger New York social set, who recently led the last of the university cotillions, was an applicant for a position as ticket-seller, and Seth Low Pierrepont applied for appointment as ticket-chopper. John Winslow, Hamlin Hatch, Henry H. Sneath, Edward R. Chase and H. E. Evans were some of the other members of prominent New York families who were applicants for places as motormen.

GOTHAM CLUB MAN ASSIGNS.

Harrison B. Moore Jr. Married St. Louis Woman in 1904.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 7.—Placing his liabilities at $41,018 and his assets at nothing, Harrison B. Moore Jr., well known in club circles, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Being a member of the New York Yacht Club, the Manhattan Club and the New York Athletic Club, he has always been a conspicuous figure in society and has often entertained lavishly at his home, No. 83 Riverside drive.

In his petition he says his debts were incurred between 1902 and 1905. The principal creditor is Samuel Taylor Jr., a grain broker, to whom Moore owes $20,000 for losses in a joint venture. He owes Jesse Lewisohn $1,000 borrowed money and various smaller amounts to tradesmen.

In October, 1902, Mr. Moore's first wife, who was Miss Nellie King of Brooklyn, obtained a divorce from him. In May, 1904, he married Mrs. Grace P. Meyrick, a wealthy widow of St. Louis. Moore was at one time freight manager for the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

C. P. A. Meeting.

At a meeting of the Central Passenger Association in Chicago to-day, important subjects will come up for consideration, though it is not expected that any formal action will be taken.

JUDGE REAGAN TO BE BURIED TO-DAY

Mrs. Reagan Refuses Request of Legislature to Hold Services at Austin—Eight Hundred Visitors in Palestine.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Palestine, Tex., March 7.—Mrs. John H. Reagan has declined to assent to the request of the Texas Legislature that the State Senate be permitted to conduct the funeral of Judge John H. Reagan and to have the body lie in state at Austin, with interment in the State Cemetery.

Mrs. Reagan said that her husband had expressed a desire to be buried at Palestine and that she could not consent to burial at any other place.

Five members of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate, composing a committee appointed at the joint session of the Assembly, arrived here to-night for the funeral, which will take place to-morrow afternoon.

Both the Senate and House adjourned to-day to allow the members to attend the funeral, and it is believed that almost the whole of the Assembly will be present.

All arrangements for the funeral have been completed. Henry Bates Stoddard, past eminent commander of the Knights Templars of the United States, will have charge of the ceremonies. All shops, offices and business houses will be closed to-morrow at noon, and will remain closed throughout the afternoon.

The Reverend Doctor Willis, assisted by the local pastor of the Methodist Church, will conduct the services at the residence. From 2 until 4 o'clock the public will be permitted to view the body.

OTTOKAR MALEK GIVES PLEASING PERFORMANCE.

Young Bohemian Pianist Plays Varied Programme and Delights Audience at Central Y. M. C. A.

Ottokar Malek, the Bohemian pianist, gave a recital at the Y. M. C. A. last night. The young Bohemian played an interesting and varied programme with much discrimination.

Tall, slender, with an intelligent, mobile countenance, he impresses his listeners as a man without the queer characteristics many artists seem to think necessary to success.

He has that rare natural technique which seems to be a product of the brain rather than of the fingers. Add to this his tremendous strength, which is used without ostentation, a most delightful legato touch and intelligent analysis.

PRESIDENT CHANGES PLANS.

Will Depart From Washington on Pleasure Trip April 4.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Antonio, Tex., March 7.—A telegram was received here to-day announcing that at the request of President Roosevelt, the Rough Riders' reunion had been postponed until April. The President will come to San Antonio April 7, instead of March 31, leaving Washington on April 4. This changes his entire itinerary.

His party will consist of Lieutenant General Young, Doctor Lambert of New York and Secretary Loeb. There will be no women in the party.

TERMINAL MATTER PASSED.

Bartley Fails to Call Up Resolution in Illinois Senate.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., March 7.—Senator Bartley stated last night that he would call up in the Senate to-day his resolution providing for an investigation of the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis in reference to its alleged failure to report all of its mileage to the Auditor of Public Accounts for the purpose of assessment by the State Board of Equalization.

The Senator was not in his seat, however, and the matter was not brought up.

An Attempt at Suicide.

James Hogan of No. 2907 Papin street attempted to commit suicide last night at 9 o'clock by taking carbolic acid.

Hogan is a clerk in a large manufacturing concern in St. Louis and has always been considered a reliable and trustworthy employe. At the rooming-house where he boards with his father, he has a good reputation and is well liked by all the tenants.

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GRAND JURY HEARS COMERFORD'S STORY

Evidence Given Before Legislative Investigating Body Repeated to Inquisitorial Body—Lurton Testifies.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., March 7.—Frank D. Comerford, two members of the General Assembly and a Springfield attorney were examined before the Sangamon County Grand Jury to-day, opening the investigation of alleged legislative corruption.

No other witnesses were examined along this line, and, after the third witness was questioned, the inquisitors turned their attention to local matters. Nothing will be done in the legislative investigation to-morrow, but the inquiry will be resumed Thursday. Probably ten more witnesses are to be examined.

In spite of the strict secrecy that was observed by State Attorney Hatch, and his instructions to witnesses to remain discreetly silent, what developed in the Grand Jury room is pretty generally public knowledge to-night.

The witnesses examined in the matter of legislative corruption were Representatives William S. Lurton of Morgan County and George B. McCaskrin of Rock Island County, and Attorney Harry B. Harris of Springfield.

"THE CHARITY BALL" IS REVIVED AT THE ODEON.

"The Charity Ball" was presented at the Odeon last night before a large audience. It was the first interesting revival of this excellent old comedy since the days of the Imperial stock company. Victory Bateman, Lawrence Hanley and Eloise French were the favorites of the Imperial production. The hit of last night's performance was Robert Rogers's portrayal of Judge Peter Gurney Knox. He made the genial old barrister a picturesque principal. Hardee Kirkland as Dick Van Buren, W. P. Carleton as John Van Buren, and Miss Vaughan as Ann Cruger limned these familiar parts better than well.

Maude Love, who was cast as Phyllis Lee, the unhappy young woman, should be given characters better suited to her talents. This is not to say that she did not play the part well; she did. But Miss Love is for laughter rather than for tears, for mirth instead of melancholy, and in the lighter vein she can excel.

Miss Marion Pollock Johnson charmed and cheered as Bess Van Buren, the ingenue.

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There is to be an extra matinee performance of "Parsifal" Friday afternoon at the Olympic Theater.

REPORTS DOWNTOWN HOLD-UP

Albert Holley Says He Was Robbed on Broadway.

Albert Holley of No. 2002 South Jefferson avenue reported to the police early this morning that he had been "strong-armed" about midnight at Broadway and Clark avenue and robbed of $5.62 and a pocket knife.

He said that he was passing the corner when two men approached him and before he divined their intention had seized him and robbed him.

UNCONSCIOUS WOMAN FOUND.

Ticket From Arkansas and Ring May Identify Her.

An unidentified woman was found in an unconscious condition in the women's waiting-room of Union Station last night by Matron Kenney.

In her possession was found a baggage check from Success, Ark., and a plain band ring containing the initials "K. E. A." She was taken to the City Hospital, where it was discovered that she was suffering from syncope. Her condition is serious.

President's Nominations.

Washington, March 7.—The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations:

Treasurer of the United States—Charles H. Treat, New York.

Collector of Internal Revenue—Charles W. Anderson for the Second District of New York.

Secretary of Embassy—John Ridgly Carter, Maryland, at London.

Second Secretary of Embassy—Craig W. Wadsworth, New York, at London; William Blumenthal, New York, at Paris.

Third Secretaries of Embassy—Louis Einstein, New York, at London; William Blumenthal, New York, at Paris.

Secretaries of Legation—Charles S. Wilson, Maine, Greece and Montenegro, and the diplomatic agency in Bulgaria; Henry P. Fletcher, Pennsylvania, at Lisbon.

Secretary of Legation and Consul General—Thomas Exting Moore, District of Columbia, Roumania and Servia.

Second Secretary of Legation—William Phillips, Massachusetts, at Rome.

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FATAL WRECK AT HERRIN.

George Raymond Killed Because Switch Was Open.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Herrin, Ill., March 7.—In a bad wreck on the Frisco Line south of this city this morning, George Raymond of White Ash was killed and Conductor William Bastine fatally injured.

The switch flew open while a freight train was passing over it, causing the wreck.

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