

helped the transportation arrangements. The Japanese are busy at every suitable landing place and are buying all suitable craft along the coast."

RUSSIAN SENTIMENT FAVORS ENGLISH WAR

MANCHESTER, March 7.—The London correspondent of the "Guardian" quotes a private letter from St. Petersburg, in which it is said that the English residents of the Russian capital think the situation there highly alarming for England. The British embassy staff, says the writer, has been practically boycotted. The letter adds: "War with England would be highly popular in Russia. The war party desires it as one feasible way of distracting attention from the disasters in the East, and making a fresh start by means of alliances with other countries against Britain."

SCORE FINNISH SENATE FOR MESSAGE TO CZAR

STOCKHOLM, March 7.—A big meeting of Finns, held here last night, was attended by great excitement. Those present registered a vigorous protest against the act of the Finnish senate in sending a message of sympathy to the czar. Trouble is likely to result, as two Russian agents were present at the meeting and were given the names of those in the audience.

RUSSIANS FORTIFY ANTUNG AS A BASE

TOKYO, March 7.—The Russians are bristling fortifying Antung, which it is believed they will make a base for resistance. Scouts near Anlu are being withdrawn because of the Russian government, in behalf of the holders of the concession, has made any objection to Japan completing the Seoul-Wiju railway.

INFLAMMATORY CIRCULARS SEIZED BY RUSSIANS

MOSCOW, March 7.—The police are seizing a quantity of proclamations circulated among the students at the higher schools and factory hands by unknown agencies. These circulars attack the Government and exhort the public not to distribute to the patriots. The circulars, they say, never reach the sick and wounded, but enrich officials and lady patrons. The readers are urged to refrain from the front, and to promote popular feelings.

MAY CUT OFF COAL SUPPLY.

RIGA, Russia, March 7.—Several mills have been notified by British coal officials that they must hurry their orders, as the export of coal may be forbidden.

Fire Destroys Block In the City of Elmira

Lyceum and Auditorium Theaters Go Up in Smoke With Business Houses Valued at \$200,000—Of Incendiary Origin.

ELMIRA, N. Y., March 7.—One city block, including two theaters and several business houses, was destroyed by a fire which broke out at midnight. The fire is still burning this morning, but is under control. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. The fire caught in a cigar factory under the Lyceum Theater, and spread rapidly, enveloping the entire block. The flames communicated to the nearby building, in which is the Auditorium Theater. The building and theater were burned.

SIGNAL BOOK TAKEN FROM BRITISH SHIP

Four Arrests Are Made in Consequence and the Loss Causes Much Uneasiness.

LONDON, March 7.—The "Daily Mail" says that one of the British signal books carried by the British navy has been discovered to be missing from the Prince George, one of the ships of the channel fleet. One lieutenant, one warrant officer, and two seamen have been placed under arrest. It is believed that the book is the most important supplied to the navy, and would be of inestimable value to a foreign power. This is the third disappearance of an important naval document in the past few years, and excites much uneasiness.

STUPID AND FATAL JOKE.

VIENNA, March 7.—At the municipal banquet at Jozwin, Hungary, recently, a neighbor took away the chair of a councillor named Nikls while the councillor was making a speech. When Nikls attempted to sit down he fell and fractured his spine, death following instantly.

JAPANESE SPIES CAUGHT.

CRONSTADT, March 7.—Four Japanese spies are said to have been arrested here. Admiral Birfield has inspected the ships which are here preparing to be put in commission.

BIRD LOVERS TO MEET.

The Audubon Society of the District of Columbia will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Carnegie library tomorrow evening. Dr. T. S. Palmer, a recognized authority on bird legislation, will speak. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT.

A prominent newspaper correspondent recommended and obtained for a post-office an increase which was \$540 in excess of what was warranted. The Hon. Park Agnew, Republican national committee man for Virginia, recommended several increases which were in excess of what was warranted. Even Mr. Bristow himself recommended an increase for Erie, Kan., which was \$130 in excess of the amount warranted, and for Kingman, Kan., \$440 in excess of what was warranted.

Several Cases Charged.

Some of them have several cases charged against them. A large number of others are set down as questionable. All the other accounts allowed upon recommendation of members of the House included in the list of 700 have been cut down since April 1, 1903, when the Postoffice investigation began. Mr. Bristow makes explanation of the circumstances in connection with these cases. In the list of 700 members and ex-members of the Senate and House who recommend and obtain increases for allowance of clerk hire which since April 1, has either been reduced or discontinued entirely.

At New Britain.

The lease on a building at New Britain, Conn., for \$1,200 to be expired July 1, 1904. Included in the lease, was equipment, heat and light. The Russwin Corporation offered a room with equipment, heat and light at \$2,400. Superintendent White was sent to investigate. He was instructed to offer \$2,000. He reported the corporation would not reduce the price, but increase old location by 800 square feet and lease for \$1,600. Another offer of available room was made for \$1,800, but was not accepted.

At Lawrence, Kan.

Lawrence, Kan.—The postoffice premises at this place were leased from J. D. Bowersock, at an annual rental of \$1,800. That lease expired April 1, 1903. On December 13, 1903, Mr. Bowersock submitted a proposal to renew the lease for a term of five years at the same annual rental. After conference with officials of the First Assistant Postmaster General's office Mr. Bowersock withdrew his proposal, submitting one from his daughter, Mrs. Hortense B. Hill, and the lease was executed in her name on terms before mentioned. The record shows the title to premises in question was vested in Mr. Bowersock. The annual rental is the same that it was for many years before Mr. Bowersock was elected to Congress, and the postoffice is the same where it was for about thirty years.

DR. MCGEE'S TRIP EXCITES RED CROSS

National Society Officers "Up in Arms." Assure Her of Their Undying Esteem.

Deny That Government Is Paying Expenses of Nurses—Clara Barton's Offer Ignored.

Officers of the National Red Cross Society are "up in arms" over Japan's acceptance of the offer made by a private party of nurses, and her refusal of that tendered by the national society.

"What right," they say, "had the Japanese government to recognize an independent organization which is in reality bound by no conventions to observe neutrality? Those nurses who did go, to Japan are most of them in reality army nurses. They are not Red Cross workers, and our organization is the only one universally recognized as being qualified to serve on battlefields where the strife is international. We can very well regard this as a slight to our organization and a very peculiar action on the part of the Japanese government, which, indeed, we make it hard for even our own National Government to shake its skirts entirely clear of the transaction in view of the President's proclamation of neutrality."

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"I sincerely trust for the good of our country, and we think such nobility of character and fearlessness of character worthy of record in the history of our people, and believing that the Lord will bless you in standing for right, even though you should stand alone."

Resolutions Passed. This declaration was accompanied by a resolution in similar language from the local branch of the organization at Hyrum, Utah. The word "stake" is a Mormon term for one of the smaller subdivisions of the church. The resolution is as follows: "We, the Relief Society of Hyrum Stake, in conference assembled, together with leading brethren, feel to tender the following resolutions to the honorable and noble Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, who has labored for the benefit of our people and our lives and principles assailed by misinformed and prejudiced women."

Resolved, That we publicly and bravely stand as a body to declare to the world that Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood has given us the benefit of her knowledge of us and our lives, as she found us; and we, therefore, we have patiently and meekly borne all the wrongs which should be our friends, but who have cast odium upon us and our children, have inflicted upon us, and we have purified the even tenor of our ways as honored wives and mothers.

"Now in honor and pride, we bow to our citizen and sister, Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, and send her the thanks and deep gratitude of our hearts for standing with us in the midst of our trials as declared by her in our defense."

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