

JAPAN'S CRUISERS
HASTE TO CHINA;
TROUBLE FEARED

Dispute Raised Over
Seizure of Smuggler
Still Unsettled.

PEKIN, March 2.—The report that the Chinese government had released the Japanese steamer Tatsui, which originated in Tokyo, is without foundation. The situation between China and Japan is serious, the Chinese having ignored the demand of the Japanese for the release of the vessel, together with an indemnity.

The Chinese government is not disposed to grant these terms, inasmuch as the customs officials have reported that without doubt the vessel was unloading smuggled arms at the time of the seizure. It is said the government is in possession of absolute knowledge that these arms were intended for revolutionists.

Japan has already dispatched four cruisers to Chinese waters and if the Chinese government persists in ignoring or denying the demand, serious measures will result. The victory of Canton is said to be very much embarrassed by the presence of the Japanese cruiser Izumo, recently arrived there.

Details of China's position are not known, but the present dispute, following so closely upon the controversy over the Tsinmintun-Pakumun railroad with other matters in which China has ignored Japan's claims, has aggravated the situation until it is acute. There is a general feeling of unrest which cannot be dispelled except by immediate negotiations looking toward the amicable settlement of the controversies.

William S. Rossiter, who spent a few days at Atlantic City, after sending his report on conditions at the Government Printing Office to the President, Saturday, returned to Washington this morning, was at the printer's today winding up the details of the investigation and attending to some personal correspondence. It is said that he will return to his duties at the Bureau of the Census late this afternoon.

Nothing has been given out at the White House regarding the report, except a statement by Secretary Loeb, that the President has not had an opportunity to give it his attention, and that nothing will be made public for several days.

The contest for the position of Public Printer promises to be one of great activity and much interest. The field of candidates, already large, increased daily.

The latest entry is Stephen W. Bolles, of Ohio, a well-known newspaper man, who was for several years manager of the Woodward & Lothrop Printing Company, of St. Louis, said to be one of the largest establishments of its kind. In addition to being a practical printer and newspaper man, he has been at the head of the publicity department of the Pan-American and Jamestown expositions.

One of the largest sales of the year will be begun tomorrow at the furniture house of Gates & Rich, 1913-1915 Seventh street northwest, when the entire stock recently purchased by that firm from H. Burkhardt's Son will be offered at 60 per cent off the original selling price.

Much interest centers in this sale for many reasons. The new firm has started on its career with every indication of success, and is offering the attractive stock of its predecessor at a remarkably low figure.

Mr. Gates, of the firm of Gates & Rich, was associated with Jackson Bros. for five years. His connections with New York and Pittsburgh firms have given him wide experience and knowledge in selecting high grade furniture.

The stock which will be placed on sale tomorrow includes modern, high grade carpets of every description. There are more than one thousand patterns in carpets and rugs, representing such makers as Biscow, Hardford, Leedom, Dimsh, and others.

The goods were purchased at a sacrifice price, and will be offered to patrons of the new firm at an unusually low price. In order to bring these prices down to an attractive figure, the stores have been closed two days, during which a systematic lowering of prices has been made.

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The Tailor Shop 507 11th St. N. W.
Between B and F Sts.

Suffragettes Beg for Rights
At Committee Hearing Today;
Fur and Feather Arguments

(Continued from Page One.)

"When there are 6,000,000 women earning their living, outside of domestic service, with what face, gentlemen of the committee, do you refuse this prayer of the women? Suffrage is the only thing that would give women a fair compensation for their labor. And one way the State would benefit is the fact that the women's vote, as a rule, would be against corruption."

"Some tell us that only the bad women would vote. I answer this by pointing out to you that there are so many more good women than bad in the world. The statistics prove this. The records of our penitentiaries prove it. And I love the women's cause for the enemies it has made. Its enemies are the keepers of saloons and brothels. The saloon element always fight woman suffrage. It was the saloon element that prevented the women being given the suffrage by the Oklahoma constitutional convention."

Immigrant Women Could Vote.
Representative Alexander of New York interrupted to say that a great objection to woman suffrage would be that the immigrant women coming into the United States would be made voters.

"The immigrant men," replied Mr. Owen, "are educated in the saloon. Their women would neutralize this saloon vote, and this would benefit the state. Besides, they are the women who will bear our future citizens. Shall we bring up the mothers of our citizens in the eternal belief that they are a thing apart from our Government and have no part in it?"

Senator Owen's speech was punctuated with applause from the women. It all sounded good to them, and they wanted everybody to know it.

The committee is now considering the matter.

Suffragettes Before Senate.
Headed by the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Suffrage Association, another delegation of the distinguished disciples of the doctrine were educated in the saloon. The committee on Woman Suffrage, in the marble room of the Senate.

Considerable interest in the hearing of the committee was present to listen to the arguments. These were Senator Clay of Georgia, chairman of the committee, and Senator Johnston of Alabama.

The other two members, Senators Beveridge and Burkett, were unable to be present. When the session opened, Senator Clay alone was present. This led Mrs. Belya Lockwood, of Washington, the noted woman suffragist, a member of the bar of the District of Columbia, to inquire: "Can't we have a full bench?"

Senator Clay explained that Senator Johnston would soon be present and that the remarks of the speakers would be prepared and printed for distribution. This, in part, appeased the ladies, but there were many mutterings of discontent under the surface. When Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt spoke she was severe in her comment on the fact but two of the committee were present.

The Rev. Anna Howard Shaw was the opening speaker. Mrs. Belya Lockwood spoke a few minutes, and then asked "leave to file," as you men do.

"I speak advisedly," said Mrs. Lockwood, in her best vein of satire, "when I call you men do." She spoke in a sarcastic fashion of the fact the Indian Affairs Committee had fifteen members, whereas that on women suffrage had not four.

Committee Important.
"Certainly there is not a more important committee on the whole list," said Mrs. Lockwood.

Mrs. Lockwood paid high tribute to Senator Beveridge for his position in favor of suffrage and on other matters. "It stamps him as among the foremost statesmen of his time," said Mrs. Lockwood. Senator Johnston, Senator Clay, and Senator Burkett were also commended as Senators whom the suffragists were willing to trust.

Mrs. Fannie Fernand, president of the Maine Suffrage Association; Mrs. Annie F. Ballard, of New York; Miss Annie F. Miller, granddaughter of Gerrit Smith; Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, president of the Illinois Suffrage Association; Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, daughter of Miss Anthony; Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance; and Mrs. Ella Cressett, State president of New York, were among those who addressed the committee.

TRAIN BLOWS UP
AND TWO MAY DIE

LITCHFIELD, Ill., March 2.—A powder train on the Big Four railroad, going at full speed, exploded two miles from here early today, fatally injuring two men and causing a disastrous wreck.

The explosion shook houses and shattered windows for many miles. Several cars were burned.

R. N. HARPER'S REMEDY
CONSIDERED HARMLESS

None of the ingredients contained in the headache remedy manufactured by Robert N. Harper are of a harmful or poisonous nature, if taken in doses prescribed on the bottle, according to testimony given this morning by Dr. J. Preston Miller, at the trial of Mr. Harper for an alleged violation of the pure food and drug act.

Dr. Miller, who has been a practicing physician for thirty-four years, was called as an expert by the defense to testify as to the physiological effect of certain drugs contained in the preparation known as "Curforheadache."

He is a graduate of the Medical College of Ohio, and has been practicing medicine in Washington for fifteen years.

Cross-examined by District Attorney Baker he said:

"In my opinion acetamide is not a poison. As I would classify poisons I would not include this drug. When the patient ceases to use acetamide the effect is gone, in this respect it is not as bad as quinine."

SLANDER.
"The Hon. Thomas Rott is nothing but a peanut politician, anyhow!"
"Now, hold on there! That is a gross injustice to the peanut!—Exchange.

LABOR UNION RAPS
FIRTH STEEL PLANT

Denounces District's Projectile Plant as a Sweat Shop.

Asks Ministers to Have Works Closed on Sunday.

"The plant of the Firth-Stirling Steel Company is a veritable sweat shop. I know directly of men who have asked time off to go to church on Sunday, who have been met with the reply that they would work on Sunday or not at all."

This charge was made on the floor of the Central Labor Union at its meeting in Typographical Temple last night by Delegate E. L. Tucker. This plant, he said, was the biggest manufactory in Washington, and conditions in it were worse than have ever before prevailed here.

Upon motion of Mr. Tucker, these conditions were called to the attention of the Ministerial Association and the Sunday Rest and Sunday Observance League, with the request that they do all in their power to remedy the alleged conditions and to bring them to the attention of the authorities. It was agreed that most of the work of the Firth-Stirling Company was received from the Navy Department by contract.

Preacher Started Ball.
This attack was brought about by a discussion of Sabbath observance, brought up by the Rev. Dr. Allison, delegate from the Ministerial Association, in reference to a speech made by Secretary Sam De Nedrey, which he highly complimented.

Delegate McCracken announced that the Building Trades had received assurance from the Marine Engineers' International Union that none of its men would be permitted to work as hostlers on strike jobs. This was in reply to a complaint that a marine engineer of Washington had acted as a strikebreaker.

Representative Jesse Overstreet of Indiana also came in for a share of criticism and censure. It was reported by the legislative committee of the C. L. U. that it had been denied a hearing before the House Committee on Post-offices and Post Roads, of which Mr. Overstreet is chairman, on the Carr bill, providing for Government ownership of the telegraph. Mr. Overstreet did not have time to give the labor men a hearing.

Insisted on Hearing.
The committee insisted on a hearing, even before a subcommittee, but this Mr. Overstreet also denied, it is said, on the plea that he wanted to be present. A letter was ordered addressed to each member of the committee requesting the hearing.

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BUSINESS PROPERTY SOLD;
DEAL AT CHEVY CHASE

Joseph J. Weller has purchased the three-story and cellar business property 425-426 New Jersey avenue northwest, for \$17,500. The house was sold at auction yesterday afternoon by Thomas Dowling & Co. It fronts forty-two feet on New Jersey avenue. Mr. Weller will hold the property as an investment.

George B. Sudworth has just purchased from Thomas J. Fisher & Co. a house to be erected on Patterson street, just east of Chevy Chase Circle, in the subdivision of Chevy Chase, D. C., for \$9,200. The house was sold from the plans and will not be completed until May 1. It will be two stories, cellar, and attic, and contain ten rooms and bath. The plans were prepared by A. H. Sonnemann.

CABINET MEMBERS SUE.
The Benitt Construction Company entered suit in the District Supreme Court this morning to restrain Secretaries Taft and Cortelyou, and Gen. Alexander McKenzie, chief of engineers, U. S. A., from carrying out a contract with the Sea Breakwater Engineering Company.

WILD CAT CONCERNS
WILL BE FOUGHT

Macfarland Would Bring Fiduciary Organizations Under Comptroller.

Commissioner Macfarland, with the assistance of a number of officers of the local building associations, has drafted a bill to bring the building associations of the District of Columbia under the supervision of the Comptroller of the Treasury. The Commissioner said today that the measure will strengthen the legitimate building associations and prevent the formation of "wild cat" organizations. He will submit the bill to the Commissioners with the recommendation that it be forwarded to Congress for enactment.

The Comptroller is given authority, in addition to the powers conferred upon him for the examination of national banks, to cause examination to be made into any building association incorporated under the provision of this act, as well as any other building or loan association located in the District of Columbia. It is provided that every such association shall make to the Comptroller at least one report a year, verified by the oath or affirmation of the president or secretary, and attested by the signatures of at least three directors.

The Comptroller shall have power to take possession of any company or association whenever in his judgment it is insolvent or is knowingly violating the laws under which the company is incorporated.

Violations of the terms of the act by an agent or officer of the association is made punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

False swearing in regard to any certificate, or report, or public notice required by the provisions of this act shall be perjury, and shall be punished as such according to the laws of the District of Columbia. Any misappropriation of any of the money of any corporation or company, formed under or availing itself of the privileges of this act, or of any building or loan association located or doing business in the District of Columbia, or any money, funds, or property entrusted to any such corporation, company or association, shall be held to be larceny and shall be punished as such under the laws of said District.

Adverse action is recommended by the Commissioners in their report on the bill authorizing an extension of Rock Creek drive, in the District of Columbia, which was forwarded to Congress today.

The object of the bill is to furnish an extension of T street to Massachusetts avenue, along lines coinciding closely with the private road now largely used by the public in going to and from Georgetown and East River.

At the last session of Congress the Commissioners were empowered to report on the advisability of the open or closed treatment of Rock Creek and they say it is believed that the improvement of T street should not be undertaken until action is taken on this report, which will be brought to Congress in the near future.

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GEORGE COHAN'S PARTNER
MARRIES CHORUS GIRL

NEW YORK, March 2.—A telegram bearing the signature of every member of the company now playing "Fifty Miles From Boston" at the Grand Opera House, was sent last night to San H. Harris, partner of George M. Cohan, congratulating him on his marriage to Miss Alice Merrill, a former member of the "Honeymooners." Everybody signed it, from the leading lady down to the carpenter.

The news that Mr. Harris had married Miss Merrill came as a surprise along the Great White Way. It had been known for some time that Mr. Harris was engaged to marry Miss Merrill, but it was understood the wedding wouldn't take place until the latter part of the summer.

The marriage took place last night, shortly after 8 o'clock, at Long Branch, N. J., and Justice of the Peace James S. White presided. He also performed George M. Cohan's ceremony.

The bride is a sister of Mr. Cohan's wife. The best man and bridesmaid were George M. Cohan and his pretty young wife. After the ceremony a banquet was held at a hotel, and the young couple journeyed to Lakewood, N. J., where they intend to spend their honeymoon.

It was while Miss Merrill was playing in the "Honeymooners" at the New Amsterdam theater that Mr. Harris met her. It is said that it was a case of love at first sight. The bride is described as a handsome young woman with jet black hair and large black eyes.

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PENNSY EARNED
\$16,500,000 MORE

Surplus for Year Is \$24,700,000, While Mail Earnings Decreased.

Securities of Other Corporations Paid 4.75 Per Cent on Investment.

Notwithstanding business depression during the last year there was an increase of \$16,572,942.20 in the freight, passenger, mail, and miscellaneous earnings of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. After a dividend of 7 per cent had been paid there remained on December 31, 1907, \$24,725,481.35 to the credit of the road.

This information and a list of expenditures and deductions from the \$164,812,825.64 net earnings of the road for the year is contained in the sixty-first annual report made public today.

As against \$109,999,888.19 earned by the freight department in 1906, President McCrea reports that \$126,526,165.14 resulted from the traffic last year. This shows an increase of \$16,526,276.94 in freight alone. The income of \$22,823,388.92 in the passenger department represented an increase of \$1,395,551.14. The only branch showing a decrease was the mail transportation department. Because of keen competition for the contract from the Government the earnings of the Pennsylvania on this traffic fell off \$120,062.98 during the year.

The amount of funded debt, including real estate mortgages and ground rents was \$20,874,645.12, being an increase of \$2,413,374.31. This was due to the issue of \$50,000,000 of three-year collateral of Philadelphia and Eastern Railway.

The cost of the securities of other corporations held by the company was \$23,989,827.17 and the direct revenue received therefrom during the year was \$10,440,562.21, being 4.75 per cent upon the total cost. The increase in cost is due to the acquisition of stock in other lines and holdings in the Car and Water Trusts.

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ROCK CREEK DRIVEWAY

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FAILURES IN FEBRUARY
AMOUNT TO \$27,064,571

NEW YORK, March 2.—Commercial failures in February, according to statistics compiled by R. G. Dun & Co., were 1,821 in number, and \$27,064,571 in amount of liabilities. The figures for February of last year were 324 failures and \$10,283,770 liabilities.

While there appears a large increase over the corresponding month of last year, the amount of defaulted indebtedness is slightly reduced, and an improvement of \$9,000,000 in comparison with liabilities in December, 1907, is shown.

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WAGE MEETINGS
START SATURDAY

Southern Railway and Employees to Go Before Mediators.

Labor Commissioner Neill has announced Saturday morning as the date for the first conference between Southern railway officials and the road's mechanical forces, who will, with the assistance of Dr. Neill and the chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce Commission, attempt to reach an agreement regarding the proposed wage reduction by the Southern.

The Government officials were appealed to last week by the Southern, the company averring that it had been unable to make any agreement after numerous conferences with representatives of the various labor brotherhoods. In event the mediation board is equally unsuccessful and the Southern insists upon its reduction of 10 per cent, indications are that a strike all over the line will result. It is understood that the preliminary conference has been delayed on account of the inability of the various shops to get representatives here any sooner and also from the fact that the Commissioner has been interested in the adjustment of the nine-hour law question.

The Atlantic Coast Line, the L and N, and other Southern roads that have not yet presented today to the city Friday with similar obstacles, it is said will await the action of the mediation board appealed to by the Southern before taking decisive action.

James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists, will probably be one of the chief representatives of that branch of the mechanical service on the Southern. He said this morning that representatives from all the brotherhoods and a number of officials would reach the city Friday for conferences among themselves. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has named Grand Chief W. S. Stone as its representative.

NEW STAR TOO EARLY,
FLAG GOES TO OKLAHOMA

The flag with forty-six stars on it which floated over the Capitol yesterday was presented today to the Oklahoma Historical Society by a resolution passed in the House.

The forty-sixth star was by mistake put in the flag to represent the State of Oklahoma, when as a matter of fact, it should not have been added until July next.

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