

## RUSSIA ATTACKS JAPANESE FLEET

### Torpedo Boat Flotilla Makes a Sortie This Morning and Meets Japan's Fleet

### One Japanese Torpedo Boat and a Russian Boat Destroyer Reported Sunk

### Complete Change of Tactics on Part of Russians Since Makaroff Commands

### Battle Ship Retzivan Removed From Mouth of Harbor—Better News Service

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Following an arrangement effected by the general manager of the Associated Press all war news collected by the great European news agencies from Japanese, Korean and Chinese territory will, after today, be transmitted to London via the Pacific cable and the United States and will be delivered on route to Associated Press newspapers. Hitherto this matter has been transmitted from the far east via India, and been repeated from London to New York. Under this arrangement the first publication of all this news will be made in the United States.

## SEN. DIETRICH IS AGAIN UNDER FIRE

### Inquiry by the Senate Special Commission Into Charges Against Senator

### THAT HASTINGS POSTOFFICE

Washington, March 11.—Senatorial inquiry into the charges against Senator Dietrich, Neb., was begun today before the special commission. Dietrich was in attendance and repeated his wish that the investigation should be the fullest possible.

## HILL BACK FROM ORIENT.

### Piloted Jap Ship From Genoa to Yokohama.

Victoria, B. C., March 11.—The Northern Pacific liner Olympia, arrived from Yokohama yesterday. Among her passengers was Captain Hill, who brought the Japanese cruiser Nishin, from Genoa to Yokohama. While in the Red sea he had a race with the Russian cruiser Aurora, but both the Nishin and her escort Kasuga, succeeded in escaping possible capture by the Russian squadron.

## T.-R. BULLETIN.

### NOTICEABLE NEWS OF TODAY

### PAYNE ATTACKED IN THE HOUSE

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Regarding the foreign correspondents in Japan, Captain Hill said that the feeling among them was intense. They were in despair at the reticence of the government and people and had found it impossible to obtain even a scrap of authentic news.

### THE WOMEN THERE

### Fresh Contingent Arrive in Washington to Push the Fight Against Alowing Smoot to Retain His Seat in the Senate.

Washington, March 11.—Many women representing organizations interested in the contest against Smoot arrived in Washington today for the purpose of perfecting their plans and to wage a more effective contest. They attended sessions of the committee and before and after the hearing met in committee rooms and discussed the progress made.

### MOTT'S STRANGE CASE

### Former Iowa Boy Who is to Be Hanged at Missoula, Mont., Says He Will Visit a Friend Two Days After Death—To Demonstrate Existence of Life Beyond the Grave.

Butte, Mont., March 11.—L. H. Mott, a wife murderer, who is to be hanged at Missoula on March 18, has sent a letter to Congressman Joseph Dixon at Washington informing him that he will visit him on Sunday, March 20, at 10 o'clock in the evening.

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### WILL STOP AT HARBIN.

### Russian Army to be Detained There Temporarily.

Mukden, March 11.—It is officially announced that in consequence of many conflicting accounts of the landing of the Japanese troops at different points and various reports of the intentions of the Japanese commanders, the Russian army corps which has arrived at Harbin will be detained there. It will be most difficult to find accommodation for this great body of troops and their detention at Harbin will entail much hardship on the soldiers.

### GIVE WATER TO CHRISTEN SHIP.

### Indiana Temperance People Object to Use of Wine.

La Porte, Ind., March 11.—The temperance people of Indiana are bestirring themselves over the christening of the steamer Indianapolis of the Indiana Transportation Company, which will run between Chicago and Michigan City.

### TILLMAN IS WORSE

### South Carolina Senator Reported to Have Failed to Recuperate as Was Expected After His Operation.

Washington, March 11.—Senator Tillman is reported to be not so well this afternoon. The expected recuperation after the operation on his throat has not occurred.

### WILL SUSTAIN SAWYER.

### The cabinet today discussed the press reports that Captain Sawyer of the United States gunboat Helena, now in dock at Nui-Chwang, had protested against the sinking by the Russians of junks at the entrance of Nui-Chwang harbor. This government has received no official advices on the subject, but it is said the discussion by members of the cabinet indicated such attitude, if taken by Sawyer, would be sustained.

### ELUDE RUSSIAN WARSHIPS.

### Japanese Cruisers Have Thrilling Race to Escape Enemy.

Victoria, B. C., March 11.—The story of a thrilling race on the part of the Japanese cruisers Nishin and Kasuga to escape from capture by a Russian squadron in the Red Sea, was related by Captain Hill, who brought the Nishin, from Genoa to Yokohama, on his arrival on the steamship Olympia yesterday.

### PITTSBURG IN DANGER.

### Serious Conditions Brought About by Water-Famine Citizens Fear Fire.

Pittsburg, March 11.—The entire section of the city is suffering from a water famine caused by the sand and gravel washed down by frequent floods of the past few weeks. Hundreds of families are unable to prepare meals today and restaurants and hotels are without water for cooking and washing purposes. Many schools closed during the morning. Should fire break out the large residential district would be at the mercy of the flames.

### BIG CAR FERRY BURNS

### Steamer Shenango Destroyed and Two Lives Are Lost Off the Port of Conneaut, Ohio—Loss \$350,000.

Conneaut, Ohio, March 11.—The large car ferry steamer Shenango No. 1 owned by the Pere Marquette and Bessemer Dock and Navigation company, was entirely destroyed by fire off this port today, resulting in the death of fireman Charles McCarter, of Sheboygan, Mich., and probably fatal injury of Engineer John Morrell. The boat was valued at \$350,000.

### PASS ALASKAN BILLS.

### Senate Passes Through a Number of Measures But Fails on Delegate.

Washington, March 11.—The senate today passed a number of bills relating to Alaska but failed to act on the measure authorizing the election of a delegate to congress from that territory. The bill, of Connecticut, opposed the bill, and because of his opposition it was not passed.

### ANGLO-RUSSIAN WAR

### German Military Expert Thinks It is Sure to Follow.

Berlin, March 11.—According to Colonel Gadke, the Berliner-Tagblatt's military correspondent in St. Petersburg, the outlook in military circles in the Russian capital regarding the relations with Great Britain still is pessimistic. The general idea is that war with England will be the natural consequence of the Russo-Japanese conflict, and preparations are already being made for this eventuality, so much so that, by the order of the minister of marine, the learning for the coming summer of villas on the island of Kotlin is strictly prohibited or must be broken off, since the island is required by the admiralty for the erection of fortifications. A similar prohibition also applies to various localities on the Finnish and Baltic coasts.

### GOVERNOR GIVES RELIEF.

### No Obstacle Now Against Speedy Rebuilding of Baltimore's Burned District.

Baltimore, March 11.—Governor Warfield today signed a bill authorizing a special commission bill. There will now be no obstacle in the way of speedy rebuilding of the eighty blocks that were destroyed in the recent conflagration.

### PLATTE DRYING UP

### Irrigators in Colorado and Nebraska Warned That the Platte River is Going Dry—Serious Consequences Apprehended.

Lincoln, Neb., March 11.—The government has issued orders to irrigators in Nebraska and Colorado that the Platte river is going dry, owing to light snows in the mountains and that the water should be used now. It is feared no matter how much water is used now here will be suffering for it later.

### WILL DRAW GOOD PAY.

### Isthmian Canal Commission Will Receive \$12,000,000 Per Year.

Washington, March 11.—President Roosevelt has fixed the salaries of the isthmian canal commissioners at \$15,000 per year and in addition thereto \$15 per day while they are on the isthmus.

### TODAY'S COURT DECISIONS.

### Opinions Handed Down by the Supreme Court of Iowa.

Des Moines, March 11.—The following decisions were handed down by the supreme court today:

### HEADLESS BODY FOUND.

### Two Unidentified Bodies Make Mystery for New Jersey Authorities.

Bridgeport, N. J., March 11.—The police authorities here are endeavoring to unravel the mystery surrounding the finding of the bodies of a man and woman yesterday in Delaware bay op-

### VACATION FOR KAISER.

### Emperor William Will Take a Month's Rest.

Berlin, March 11.—Emperor William's departure tonight for a six or seven weeks' holiday, with intervals of a day or two to be spent in visiting other monarchs, is generally taken to mean the European situation gives him no concern. At scarcely any point in the western Mediterranean will the emperor be further than two days' journey from Berlin.

### GIRL DROWNS WHILE SKATING.

### Daughter of California Junction Man Runs Into a Hole on Lake.

Missouri Valley, March 11.—Maud Buckingham, daughter of Jesse Buckingham, residing near California Junction, was drowned in Cutoff lake, two miles and a half miles from California Junction, Tuesday afternoon. The young woman left her home Tuesday noon with the intention of visiting a relative in the town and started to skate across the lake. This was the last seen of her. Her parents became alarmed when she did not return home the following day and an investigation was instituted. A searching party went out and late Wednesday night found the body in the lake. She had skated into an air hole, where the ice had been cut out, and drowned in fourteen feet of water. She was a young woman of nineteen years of age. The Buckingham family came to Harrison county from Shenandoah two years ago, and lived on the bank of the lake just west of California Junction. The funeral will be held this afternoon.

### RUSSIANS UNABLE TO FATHOM CAUSE OF THE BOMBARDMENT.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Up to this afternoon no further news is obtainable of the bombardment of Port Arthur, which was progressing, according to the latest advices at eight yesterday morning. Whatever later information, if any, the emperor may have is not known. Military and naval circles are mystified at the appearance of the Japanese torpedo boats during the previous night, as it was not accompanied by any serious attempt upon Russian ships.

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### HUNGARY PRACTICES RECRUITING BILL.

Budapest, March 11.—The recruiting bill which had been the subject of long opposition for a long time passed all its stages and the lower house of the Hungarian diet.

### PROMINENT WOODMAN DEAD.

### Head Attorney for M. W. A. Succumbs to Bright's Disease.

Rock Island, Ill., March 11.—John H. White, head attorney of the Modern Woodmen, is dead at his home here, with Bright's disease, aged 61.