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THE DOGS OF WAR ARE LOOSE AGAIN

Siege of Vladivostok to Begin--Oyama Opens Another Big Battle.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Reports received here announce that Vladivostok is being closely blockaded by Admiral Uru's fleet.

The third Russian squadron, after being inspected by Admiral Avelin, received the adieux of the emperor and started today.

It consists of the battleship Nikolai I., the cruisers Admiral Oushakoff, Admiral Senyavine, Admiral Aproxine and Vladimir Monomah and three transports.

Russia Makes Protest.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—The Russian Consulate at Peking complains that the Japanese are compelling Russians to leave Port Arthur without their property, and that many of the Russian sick and wounded, who were detained at Port Arthur, died because of the unsanitary condition of the town. The czar has made a protest through France.

To Patrol Great Belt.

Copenhagen, Feb. 16.—The Russian transport "Petersburg" passed through the great belt this morning, steaming north. Two Danish torpedo boats were ordered to patrol the great belt during the passage of the third Russian Baltic squadron.

Battle Begins.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Along the Hun river the booming of the heavy guns is sounding the overtures of hostilities that are likely to be opened within a short time. Dispatches indicate that cannonading is increasing in intensity.

Dispatches from Mukden report the wiping out of an entire detachment of Japanese cavalry which had destroyed the railway bridge between Mukden and Harbin. Russian cavalry overtook the raiders, who are said to have refused quarter and fought until the last man was killed.

Stoessel Talks.

London, Feb. 16.—The correspondent at Port Said of the Standard gives an interview with General Stoessel, chiefly denying the charges made by the Peking correspondent of the Times concerning the surrender of Port Arthur and its defensive condition. Stoessel attributed the Japanese success in a great measure to the superlative quality of the drilling tools, compared with those of the Russians, which the latter quickly deteriorated when used against hard rock. The general emphatically declared that all the public descriptions of the second line forts were purely imaginary. These forts, he said, were only temporary defenses.

Stoessel further declared the strength of the garrison never amounted to 25,000 men. At the end of April before the investment became general, the Russian force on Kwantung peninsula was 19,688. He adhered to his original reason given for the surrender and throughout the interview appeared to be bitter whenever the navy was referred to.

Japanese Were Burned.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 16.—Advices received today by the steamship Tremont of a dramatic incident during the recent Russian cavalry raid on Yinkow. A Japanese infantry company was surrounded by about 3,000 Cossacks near Anashantien as a commissary depot. The Japanese made a desperate struggle for seven hours. In the night the Russians set fire to the houses, and the defenders were compelled to retreat. Captain Yasuhara and others, who were severely wounded, were unable to escape. They committed har-i-kari and threw themselves into the flames. A surgeon named Namba was wounded and also failed to retreat. In spite of the fact that the red cross band was attached to his arm, the Russian arrested the Japanese surgeon and threw him into the flames of the burning house. Several other wounded Japanese were treated in the same way.

Rumors of Changes.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Many rumors are current of ministerial and military changes, including a report that War Minister Sakharoff may be sent to relieve General Kuropatkin.

Also one to the effect that M. Boulligan, minister of the interior, is not in sympathy with the situation and may retire in favor of Gen. Trepoff, governor of St. Petersburg.

Japan to Enlarge Navy.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 16.—The steamship Tremont, which arrived today from Japanese ports, brought news that fifty vessels will be added to Japanese naval strength as a result of salvage operations now being conducted at Port Arthur. Large salvage crews are working to recover the vessels, some of which will be repaired at Port Arthur docks, which 1,200 workmen are putting in repair to receive the sunken vessels as soon as they are raised.

A recent arrival in Japan from Port Arthur states that the captured guns, artillery, vehicles, locomotives, railroad cars and other trophies had been massed on drill grounds ready for shipment. Considerable coal is being stored at Golden Hill.

208 Factories Resume.

Lodz, Poland, Feb. 16.—Work was resumed today in 280 factories in this district. Some are working with a short complement of men.

Third Squadron Sails.

Libau, Feb. 16.—The Third Pacific squadron sailed at noon yesterday. Grand Duke Alexis and Admiral Birelief inspected the squadron before its departure. The battleship Vladimir Monomah was the first to start. All of the vessels were out at sea by nightfall.

LEXINGTON NEGRO WILL HAVE TO HANG

James Piersall, Fiend Who Assaulted Woman, Convicted.

He Confessed When Arrested, But Denied It All On the Witness Stand.

ELEVEN CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 16.—James Piersall, a negro under indictment for eleven desperate crimes committed Jan. 20, was convicted of criminal assault and given a death sentence.

Piersall was tried on only one of the charges, that of criminally assaulting a woman 68 years old. He confessed soon after being arrested, and had been in jail at Louisville for safe keeping. Numerous crimes have been charged to him, and he confessed to several of them, but when placed on the stand denied them. He is a negro under twenty years of age.

The testimony of the woman for assaulting whom he will swing, was clear. She is Mrs. Lucy Wagoner, and reluctantly told the story of the crime. She said she was sixty-eight years of age and in feeble health.

About half past two o'clock on the night of January 20, she was awakened by some one running a hand under her pillow, and at first thought it was her husband. From his actions she soon realized that some one else was in the house, however. She thought she could not see him at that time, the light which she had left burning before she went to bed, being out. She called out to her husband and jumped out of bed. Mr. Wagoner apparently started to get up when the negro said, "Lay down old man, or I'll shoot you," and directly after did fire a shot. Mr. Wagoner, however, jumped up and attacked the darky with a chair, who replied with another shot.

This took effect, and Mr. Wagoner sank back on the bed. Then followed the terrible struggle with the brute, who beat her over the head with his pistol and dragged her into an adjoining room. The details of the awful tragedy were told by wit-

SEVERAL KILLED ON SUBMARINE BOAT

Explosions Occur While Gasoline Tanks are Being Filled.

Six Lose Their Lives and a Rescuing Party Decimated by Second Accident.

SPAIN TO HAVE A NEW NAVY.

Queentown, Feb. 16.—An explosion this morning on a British submarine boat in the harbor occurred and it is reported that six were killed. After the first explosion a rescuing party was sent aboard, when a second explosion occurred, injuring some of the rescuers.

The total casualties is said to be twenty.

The explosion occurred while officers were filling the gasoline tank. Later information shows that Lieutenant Skinner and two others were killed and fifteen injured, same fatally as a result of the explosion this morning on the Chanute.

Spain After a New Navy.

Madrid, Feb. 16.—Minister of Marine has prepared a scheme for the construction of eight iron clads, ten first-class cruisers, and 50 smaller vessels.

—This morning a depot line street car struck a town cow near the No. 1 fire department on North Fourth street and knocked her off the track. She escaped with slight injuries.

SETTLED AT LAST.

Pitcher Jack Taylor Fined \$300 For Violating Constitution.

New York, Feb. 16.—Pitcher Jack Taylor, of the St. Louis National League Baseball club, was yesterday exonerated by the board of directors of the association of a charge of "throwing" the game between St. Louis and Pittsburg in the latter city July 30, last. On the second charge upon which he was tried, however, that of violating the constitution and his contract with the St. Louis club, he was found guilty and was fined \$300. He was ordered not to play baseball until the fine had been paid.

MULLIGAN CASE.

Continued at Lexington Until March Term of Court.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 16.—The trial of Lewis Mitchell, charged with the attempted poisoning of Mrs. Jas. H. Mulligan, was continued today until the March term on account of the illness of the principal witness for the prosecution, Dr. Alfred Peter, the chemist.

Firm Caught Short.

New York, Feb. 16.—The failure of Ellingwood & Cunningham, stock brokers, was announced on stock exchange this morning. It is reported the firm was caught short on a large line of Union Pacific and was unable to borrow stock to meet the shortage orders.

TODAY'S MARKETS

	Open.	Closed.
Wheat—		
May	1.20	1.21 1/2
July	1.02 1/2	1.02 3/4
Corn—		
May	47 1/2	46 3/4
July	47 1/2	47 1/2
Outs—		
May	31 1/2	31 1/2
July	31 1/2	31 1/2
Pork—		
May	12.90	12.82
Cotton—		
Mar.	7.34	7.41
May	7.36	7.44
July	7.42	7.49
Stocks—		
I. C.	1.57 1/2	1.57 1/2
L. & N.	1.38 1/2	1.38 1/2

ness in a trembling voice. The description of the pitiful resistance of the feeble old woman as she was being choked and pounded in order that her assailant might accomplish his hellish desires, brought tears to the eyes of the silent throng of spectators. She said that after the negro left her he went back through the room where Mr. Wagoner lay and said that he would send him a doctor.

STABBED HIS WIFE AND CUT THROAT

Double Tragedy in Missouri Over Whiskey Money.

Indiana Man Cut His Wife's Throat and Then Surrendered to the Police.

AN INDIAN MURDERS FOUR

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 16.—Chas. Bieger, aged 57, last night fatally stabbed his invalid wife, Emma Bieger, aged 42, after which he severed his own jugular vein, dying instantly. A few hours previous Bieger threatened his daughter with violence because she refused him money with which to buy liquor and he attacked his wife because he thought she influenced their daughter to refuse him money.

Cut Wife's Throat.

Richmond, Ind., Feb. 16.—William W. Medlin surrendered to the police. Medlin met his wife on the street and without saying a word, drew a revolver and shot at her twice, one bullet entering the woman's head. After she had fallen Medlin drew a jackknife from his pocket and cut a long gash in her throat. The woman's condition is critical, but the chances favor her recovery. They have been living apart for a year.

Drunken Indian Kills Four.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 16.—A drunken Indian today went on the warpath 30 miles south of Topopah and killed three squaws and a fellow Indian and fled to the mountains.

GOODBYE BUGG

ELI MUST HANG AT MOUND CITY TOMORROW.

Sheriff Notified That the Governor Will Not Interfere in the Sentence of the Doomed Man.

Eli Bugg, the Mound City murderer, will pay the penalty of his crime tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock when he will be hanged in the court house yard in that city.

Governor Dineen yesterday on recommendation of the state board of pardons, denied the petition of Bugg's attorneys for commutation of the death sentence to that of life imprisonment.

Sheriff James R. Weaver of Pulaski county, received a message informing him of the action taken and he will have everything in readiness for execution. The scaffold is now ready.

Bugg will be hanged for the murder of Chris Mathis, who was shot and killed by Will Cross at the command of Bugg.

WORTH \$1,025,000.

Will of "Pittsburg Phil" Probated in New York.

New York, Feb. 16.—Letters of administration were granted on the estate of Geo. E. Smith, known in racing circles as "Pittsburg Phil," to his mother, Elizabeth Downing, of Allegheny county, Pa., and to Wal-Keys.

The petition stated that the deceased was possessed of \$1,000,000 in personal property and of \$25,000 worth of real estate and gave as his heirs and next of kin his mother, his brother, William C. Smith; his nephew, James McGill, and his niece Eleanor Ewing.

GIRL STEPS ON TOES.

Escorts Take Up Quarrel at Dance, and One Dies From Wounds. Carmi, Ill., Feb. 16.—Ed. Johnson died last night. Last Thursday night, at a dance in the east part of town, Miss May Sterling, whom Johnson had escorted, was sitting in a chair when, it is alleged, Miss Myrtle Blakeley stepped on her toes and turmoil ensued. Obe Sanders espoused the cause of Miss Blakeley, whom he had escorted to the dance, and Johnson defended Miss Sterling. A fight followed and Johnson was cut in several places.

DOMINICAN AFFAIR WAS THRESHED OUT

Referred to a Special Committee to be Appointed.

President Roosevelt Transmitted a Message On the Subject—The Naval Bill.

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP SOUTH.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The President's message transmitting to the senate the new San Domingan protocol was read at the executive session yesterday, following the passage of a mass of unobjectionable pension bills. Not more than six or seven senators were present. The leading feature of the message was that in order to maintain the Monroe Doctrine it was necessary for the United States to see that just claims, contracted by the South and Central American republics and those of the West Indies should be paid, and that, therefore, it was in the interest of peace for this government to take over the control of the revenues in San Domingo. This subject of the Monroe doctrine is discussed at some length, especially as regards the relations of the United States to the republic of the south. In protecting these republics and guaranteeing their territorial integrity, it is said in a measure to be necessary to see also that all just debts and obligations contracted by these republics are paid, so that foreign intervention in the affairs of such republics may be avoided.

The protocol was not read at the executive session, but was at once referred to the committee on foreign relations.

The question of what the policy of the government should be with respect to the upbuilding of the navy was again threshed out in the house yesterday, during consideration of the naval appropriation bill, the debate developing much opposition to the proposed addition of two battleships to the naval establishment. Defense of the Philippines played an important part in the discussion while events of the war in the far east from a naval point of view were given prominence by the advocates of an increased navy.

The house met an hour earlier than usual, and with the exception of a brief period the entire time was consumed with the naval bill.

The President's Trip.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Arrangements are practically complete for President Roosevelt's trip to Texas next month. He expects to leave Washington about March 25th and not return until nearly the middle of May. A jack rabbit hunt will follow the reunion of the Rough Riders at San Antonio.

Protocol Agreement.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Bacon's resolution asking that the senate committee on foreign relations investigate and report to the senate whether the protocol of an agreement, under which the United States authorities undertook to administer certain customs offices of the Dominican government in order to satisfy the claims of a San Domingo improvement company, is valid, having been made without the consent of the senate, was ordered referred to a sub-committee to be appointed by Chairman Cullom.

The motion to refer the resolution was made by Senator Bacon who stated that there were many questions of law involved and that it was his desire that a non-partisan report be made.

The conference report on the omnibus claims bill agreed to today carries \$2,321,810 direct appropriations for 1,759 claimants. It refers to court of claims bills amounting to from one-half to three-quarters of a million dollars.

VERY NERVOUS

Wheat Market Affected—Reported Gates Has a Corner.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The wheat market was nervous today in apprehension of a crash that may send many shorts to the wall. It is rumored that private settlements are to be made with the longs. If this occurs the market will go to pieces. It has been reported for several days that John W. Gates has a corner on wheat.

LIFE'S TRAGEDIES TOLD IN FEW WORDS

Aged Woman Burned to Death in Illinois.

Four Colored Children Left Locked in Their Home By Their Mother Burned to Death.

WELL KNOWN HORSEMAN DEAD

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Elizabeth Dudding, aged 60, was burned to death today. Her gown accidentally caught fire. Her daughter and granddaughter, Miss Darline Bradford, daughter of Rev. Dr. Bradford, chaplain of the Illinois senate, ran out of the house and escaped.

Four Children Burn.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 16.—Four negro children were burned to death in Kansas City, Kas., today. The mothers of the children locked them in the cabin and went shopping. It is presumed the children found some matches and started the fire. They were dead when firemen arrived.

Went By the Gas Route.

Boston, Feb. 16.—Chas. M. Phillips a well known judge of light harness and road horses, and a familiar character in sporting circles, committed suicide in his apartments last night by inhaling gas.

Superintendent Resigns.

Columbus, O., Feb. 16.—Supt. Ohlmacher, of the State Epileptic hospital, whose mysterious disappearance last week caused so much comment, resigned today.

A Horrible Deed.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 16.—Returning to his home near Shiner this morning, Jos. Stelka found his wife and infant dead. Their heads were shot off, and his wife had been outraged. It is believed Stelka committed the murder. He is in jail and there are threats of lynching.

ANOTHER CHANCE

THAT MRS. EDWARDS WILL NOT BE HANGED.

Her Life Prolonged That She May Testify For Greason.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 16.—On recommendation of the board of pardons as stated yesterday, Gov. Pennypacker withdrew the death warrant in the case of Mrs. Kate Edwards, the white woman, and Samuel Greason, the negro, who were under sentence to hang together in the Berks county jail at Reading tomorrow morning for the murder of Mrs. Edwards' husband in 1901.

The case of Greason will now be again taken to the Pennsylvania supreme court and if that tribunal refuses to reopen the case the attorneys for Mrs. Edwards and Greason will have to appear before the board of pardons next month.

She Hears News.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 16.—When the news of the rehearing in the Greason case and a continuance for Mrs. Edwards was sent to the jail Mrs. Edwards was lying on her cot, moaning and sobbing and giving full sway to her feelings. It was a long time before she could be made to realize that she would not have to hang today. She said that it appeared to her as if her life was only spared to prolong her misery. She apparently realizes that she was only saved from the gallows to enable her to testify in favor of Greason.

The latter when told of the board's decision said:

"I know it could not be otherwise." The death watch which was set on Mrs. Kate Edwards reports that she did not sleep Tuesday night. She laid on her cot all-night moaning and crying piteously. She did not touch a morsel of food yesterday. If the execution had taken place the officials realize that she would have had to be carried to the scaffold and probably strapped to a board.

Greason slept soundly. He had not given up hope of being pardoned.

KANSAS OIL BILL PASSED FINALLY

Governor Signs it at Once—Refinery to be Built.

The Oil Producers Send to President Roosevelt a Statement Relative to the Situation.

STATE TO USE CONVICT LABOR

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 16.—The bill providing for the establishment of a state oil refinery passed the house yesterday 91 to 30. Gov. Hoch will sign the bill at once. Under its provisions, a refinery will be erected at Peru, Kas., and another penitentiary will be built there to provide convict labor for the refinery. An appropriation of \$110,000 is made for the building and maintaining of the refinery and penitentiary.

Appeals to President.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 16.—The Kansas Oil Producers' Association has sent a telegram to President Roosevelt appealing to him and to congress for assistance in protecting the oil industry of Kansas.

The telegram says:

"Because the legislature presumes to exercise its natural function of government by legislating for the welfare and protection of the industries within the borders of the state against the oppression of all monopolies; and because the legislature proposes to try an experiment on public oil refinery, as a means of preserving and making profitable the oil industry, the general manager of the Standard Oil company has declared a boycott upon Kansas oil, and one of his subordinates has insulted our people by expressing in public a groundless fear that they will destroy the company's property.

"We further represent to you that a menace to the crude oil market is a continued ownership by the Standard Oil company of what is known as the Foster lease of Osage Indian reservation. This reservation includes one and one-half million acres of land which contains a reservoir of petroleum so rich that if the Standard continues to own and develop it that company will have a supply of oil that will make it independent of private production, not only in the west, but all over the United States.

"The lease is nominally held by 'straw men,' but it really is in the grip of the Standard Oil company and oil producers appeal to the president, secretary of the interior and congress to refuse application now pending for its extension. It is too much for the government to give to the Standard Oil company or its agents, an organization which already is so powerful that it presumes to be greater than the people or government whose courts give it protection."

President Orders Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt today ordered a special investigation of the Standard Oil Co. at the hands of the bureau of corporations, department of commerce and labor, with especial reference to the company's recent operations in Kansas.

Will Be Pushed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—The Standard Oil inquiry will be begun and pressed as rapidly as possible by Commissioner Garfield and will extend from Kansas fields to other large oil producing localities throughout the country where the Standard's manipulations resulted in the annihilation of competition, the impoverishment of small dealers and the corruption of public servants.

Expect Resumption.

Kansas City, Feb. 16.—There is no resumption of work in this oil field by the Standard but producers believe it is only a matter of a few days when the trust will begin buying again. The producers believe it is the Standard's desire to bluff the legislature, and having failed, will begin operations again, especially in view of the prospective federal investigation.

Umbrellas keep some men dry and others remain dry because they are not invited to take something.

Even when a woman has clocks in her stockings she can generally manage to miss a train.