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RUSSIANS DENY REPORTS OF EVACUATION

And Abandonment of Port Arthur and Say the Situation There Remains Unchanged--Roosevelt's Proclamation Received With Good Impression.

Recent Bombardment of Port Arthur Resulted in Many Deaths and Nearly 200 Injured. Besides Great Destruction of Property--Dainy Virtually Destroyed by Japanese.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, March 14--Officials here deny the widely circulated rumors of the capture of Port Arthur or its abandonment by the Russians and say the situation there is unchanged.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, March 14--President Roosevelt's recent proclamation regarding the observance of neutrality by all government officials, has produced a good impression here.

By Associated Press. Tien Tsin, March 14--A telegram received here to-day dated Port Arthur, 7.00 p. m., Sunday, shows the reported occupation of Port Arthur by the Japanese to be untrue.

By Associated Press. Yien Kew, March 14--The results of the bombardment of Port Arthur last Thursday by the Japanese fleet were much more destructive than at first reported. Between forty and fifty persons were killed and over 150 wounded. The town was badly damaged from the standpoint of property. The Russian ship, Retvisan was hit five times and twenty of the crew and soldiers were killed. The Japanese are scouting at Lie Tung Ling and Russian reinforcements are nearing this place. Every thing has been placed for an attack, which it is believed will occur as soon as the ice leaves the river.

By Associated Press. London, March 14--A despatch received here from Tokio states that it is asserted there that the Russians have practically abandoned Port Arthur. An unconfirmed report has also been received at Tien Tsin and transmitted to this place saying that Port Arthur has fallen. The rumor of the evacuation of Port Arthur is repeated here this morning from various places, but it is without confirmation.

By Associated Press. London, March 14--Dainy is reported to have been almost entirely destroyed in the recent attack by the Japanese, a number of guns being dismounted and the crews of four torpedo boats are reported as having deserted.

In a despatch from Chee Foo dated March 12, a correspondent of the Daily Mail describes an inspection of Port Arthur made on the 11th instant from a boat. The new city seemed to be on fire, three columns of smoke were ascending from it. The bread hill fort appeared to have suffered terribly, the defenses were shattered and the earth works torn up.

No guns were visible. The line of forts on the Tigers Tail also appeared to have suffered damage. At sunrise no sign of life could be seen anywhere and port Arthur looked like a city of death.

The torpedo boat destroyers inside did not appear to have stein up. Special despatches from Port Arthur say there are rumors among the Chinese population that the projected Japanese descent on the Liao Tung peninsula is imminent.

SALEM YOUNG LADIES WILL GIVE LEAP YEAR BALL

The young ladies of Salem will give a leap year ball March 17th. Preparations are being made for the elaborate affair. The young ladies have to take their friends and stand all "expenses." Any young man that asks a lady for a dance during the night will be fined 50 cents.

CONVICT ELECTROCUTED.

By Associated Press. Ossining, N. Y., March 14--Thomas Tobin was put to death to-day in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison for the murder of Captain James B. Craft, of New York City.

CHICKEN THIEVES

Get in the Work at Adamston, Stealing 22 Fowls--Children's Home Agent Makes An Address.

Special Correspondence. Adamston, W. Va., March 14--The hen house of Frederick Kkain was robbed Friday night. Twenty-two chickens were stolen. He tracked the robbers to the river bank and found out next day that they had peddled all over Point Comfort, but he could not get a chain of evidence to warrant arrests and so the thieves escaped. J. E. Boyles is preparing to build a handsome residence on his lot near his home. Work will begin in a few days. The state agent for the children's home at Charleston, made an address to a large audience in the Methodist church last night in behalf of the institution he represents.

SURRENDERED BIRTHRIGHT

With the Understanding That His Name Was to Be Presented to the Convention, But It Was Not.

Jason M. Kester, who has been one of the leading fighters in the Democratic camp, was a candidate for the nomination for chief of police on the Democratic ticket. He says he surrendered his birthright to another with the understanding that he was to place Mr. Kester's name before the convention. Or in other words Mr. Kester was a delegate, but he gave his proxy to another with the understanding already mentioned. But for some reason or other, Mr. Kester's name did not go before the convention. He says he has one vote and he will cast it as to him seems best.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND IN WELL

Quarrelled With Her Lover and It is Supposed He Killed Her, Threw Her Body in Well and Then Committed Suicide.

By Associated Press. Georgetown, Ohio, March 13--The body of Isa Matthews, aged 17 years, was found in a well in the eastern part of Brown county to-day. She was a domestic, employed by the family of John Beasley, of Ripley. She quarrelled with her lover, Joseph Keleher, and returned his ring last Thursday. He called to see her Saturday night with a buggy since which time both have disappeared. Blood was found in Keleher's buggy, which was found. He is supposed to have crossed the Ohio river, though he has not been found, indicating that he committed suicide. It appeared that Miss Matthews had been murdered and then thrown in the well.

DICK REFUSES TO TALK

About the Factional Troubles in Ohio, and Believes All Can Live in Harmony.

By Associated Press. Akron, Ohio, March 14--General Dick left for Washington to-day. He will take his seat in the United States Senate Wednesday. He refused to discuss the factional troubles in Ohio and said he was for peace in the party and still believed they can all live in harmony.

BLOOD POISONING RESULTS FROM FALL ON ICE

Miss Ethie Rollins is a patient at the City hospital undergoing treatment for blood poisoning, the result of an accident which she sustained about Christmas. She lives in Marietta, Ohio, and came here to visit her folks. She slipped on the ice one day and injured her arm. Blood poisoning set in and the injured member grew worse. She came back from Marietta where she had returned and her arm grew so bad that she decided to enter the hospital. At present the arm is swelling nicely and from present indications she will recover in a short time.

MOROS DEFEATED IN A BATTLE

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 14--General Wade reports from Manila that General Wood reports that a strong party of Moros were defeated at East Coboato by economitering force. The Moros earth works were taken and a quantity of old Spanish cannon, and other munitions and supplies were captured. There were no casualties on the American side.

BLIZZARD RAGES IN THE WEST

WISCONSIN, MICHIGAN AND ILLINOIS VISITED BY HEAVY SNOW STORM AND BLIZZARD.

HAS SNOWED FOR TWENTY HOURS IN ILLINOIS AND SNOW IS SEVERAL FEET DEEP NOW.

At Milwaukee Severe Blizzard Has Raged Since Mid-Night and It is Furious To-Day at Detroit, Michigan.

By Associated Press. Milwaukee, Wis., March 14--A severe blizzard has been raging here since mid-night. There were seven inches of snow at 8.30 o'clock this morning and it is still snowing.

Detroit, Mich., March 14--There was a furious blizzard here last night and today. Heavily drifted snow is delaying traffic.

Rock Island, Ill., March 14--Snow has fallen here for twenty hours and is now several feet deep. Traffic is badly impeded.

POOLE DENOUNCES CONVENTION

For Deserting the Party and Regular Democrats Who Were Candidates For Nomination.

George W. Poole and his friends are very indignant over the outrageous treatment given him at the Democratic city convention and they are making no bones of it in telling just what they think about it. Mr. Poole has told many Democrats to-day what he has to say about it and they simply stand by with nothing to offer as an excuse for the shabby manner in which he was treated. It will be remembered that Mr. Poole has been an honorable citizen of Clarksburg for thirty years and has been one of the faithful workers in the Democratic ranks. He says he was assured the nomination for chief of police up to within an hour or so of the time for the convention and that, when a few fellows saw that he had it, they went secretly to work and had that petition signed for Harry Brooks. He adds that if it had been necessary to have a petition to get the nomination, he could have gotten one reaching from one end of Clarksburg to the other. He has no hesitancy in denouncing the convention for abandoning Democratic principles and even the party itself, and furthermore he says, that he asked several delegates to place him in nomination but his name was not presented.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES TONIGHT

For the Purpose of Nominating Candidates For Council, Delegates to City Convention and Members of Executive Committee

The Republican primaries will be held to-night at 7.30 o'clock to nominate candidates for council, delegates to the city convention which will be held to-morrow at 8 o'clock in the court house to nominate a general ticket, and to name members of the executive committee. The primary in the first ward will be in the Nutter hotel; in the second ward at Shuttleworth's store; in the third ward at the Walker hotel; in the fourth at Ed. Armstrong's club rooms, and in the fifth at the council chamber.

BROADDUS STUDENT CONDUCTS PROTRACTED MEETINGS

J. J. Laughlin, student at Broaddus College, is conducting a protracted meeting at the Baptist church, at Sago, Upshur county. He has been meeting with much success and the meetings will continue throughout the present week. Mr. Laughlin is studying to enter the Baptist ministry.

NO COUNTY COURT.

The county court did not hold a session Monday, owing to the illness of the father of Samuel S. Faris, the president of the court, and because Guinn Minter, a member of the court, could not be present on account of sickness. J. D. Basel and Mr. Faris came to the city but after a consultation it was decided to postpone the session until Tuesday.

GOT UGLY ON STREET CAR

And Coppers Had to Pull in Two Men, One of Whom Tried to Stab Policeman Rogers With Jack Knife--Police Court News.

C. Way came in on the Wilsonburg car Saturday night with the evident intention of "painting the town red." He had filled up on bad booze and Officers White and Rodgers were called on the car to arrest him. The coppers had some little trouble in persuading the man to go to the city lock up with them but their persuasive powers finally prevailed and Way was taken up. Charley Sandy, a companion of Way's, also became obstreperous and the officers had to pull him in. Sandy tried to bury his jack-knife in Policeman Rodgers, but the copper was too quick for him and would not give him a chance to do so. After they had sobered up the men put up fines on the amount of \$5 and costs for the former and \$3 and costs for the latter for their appearance at Monday morning's session of police court. They did not appear at the specified time and the fines were forfeited to the city.

At Monday morning's session of police court Mayor Crile found five prisoners before him ready for trial. They were all charged with being drunk and disorderly. Two were sent over the roads for three days apiece; one went over for ten days and one paid a fine of three dollars and costs to get his liberty. The other one was sent back to await the night policemen's turn.

INDIGNITY PERPETRATED

On Lemuel Alexander By the Alleged Citizens' Party and He Tells What He Thinks About It.

Lemuel Alexander is very indignant over the fact that parties presented his name at the Democratic convention as a candidate for water works commissioner. He informs the Telegram that he was not a candidate on that or any other ticket for the place and that he did not authorize any one to place his name on the alleged Citizens' ticket. He states that he expressly informed Samuel W. Jordan that he did not want it done and that he went to Squire Gordon's office Monday of last week and told Mr. Gordon that he did not want his name used as a candidate under any circumstances after he told Harry Brooks the same thing. He added that he did not authorize any one to carry a paper around town to get subscribers on it with him as a candidate.

INVESTIGATION

If the Cases of the Rioters and Lynchers Will Be Made By Special Grand Jury, Now Sitting.

By Associated Press. Springfield, Ohio, March 14--The special grand jury to investigate the riot here last week began its session to-day. Judge Mower gave a vigorous charge and the prosecuting attorney announced the transcript of the cases to be taken up first, so that the riot cases can be reached for a week. Saloon keepers who defied the mayor's order to close were released in police court, there being no penalty provided by law. All the troops have been withdrawn.

STATUTE LIMITATION BILL

Was Not Intended to Apply to Cases Exempt Under Previous Law and It Will Be Revised.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 14--The House of Representatives ordered recommitted to the judiciary committee the House Bill, extending the time of statute limitations in cases of offenses by government officials to five years. It was explained that originally the bill was not intended to apply to those cases exempt under the previous law and the amendment changing this provision was made under a misapprehension.

BIG CAR BARN DESTROYED.

By Associated Press. Chicago, March 14--The car barn of the Chicago Union Traction Company, at Blue Island and Leavett avenues, was burned to-day and five hundred summer cars destroyed. The loss is \$150,000. The fire was caused by crossed wires.

THE FRAIN MARKET.

By Associated Press. Chicago, March 14--Wheat, 96 1/2 cts. 4 1/2 cts. May.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WAS PLAIN FARCE

Principles of the Party Abandoned and Party Itself Openly Deserted by Schemers Who are in Collusion With Outsiders.

Regular Democrats Who Were Candidates for Nomination Were Given Cold Shoulder and Shabby Treatment and Slate Prepared by Collusionists Was Nominated--Much Democratic Dissatisfaction Follows

DECISION

Of United States Supreme Court in Northern Securities Merger Cases in Favor of Government.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 14--Justice Harlan to-day read the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Northern Securities merger cases which was in favor of the government. The Supreme court affirmed the opinion of the lower court in effect, it being held that the proposed merger of two railroad companies was a clear violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The case is regarded by the bench and government as equal in importance to the insular cases. The argument in December occupied two days. The decision announced was concurred in by Justices Brown, Brewer, McKenna and Day, while Chief Justice Fuller and Justice White, Peckham and Holmes dissented. President Roosevelt expressed great satisfaction over the decision.

SOLDIERS' TOMBSTONES

Will Be Furnished Free to Relatives of Deceased Union Veterans--Sens Information to Jacob M. Swartz.

Jacob M. Swartz is in receipt of a letter from the War department calling his attention to the fact that the government furnishes tombstones free for all deceased Civil war veterans. They will be delivered to the Clarksburg depot free of all charge to those who receive them. Mr. Swartz desires to inform the relatives of all such deceased soldiers in Harrison county, that they should send the names of the deceased veteran and the number of the company and regiment they served in and he will forward the same to the War department. Several or eight years ago Mr. Swartz obtained thirty or more tombstones from the government and there are now about one hundred deceased Union soldiers in the county, who have nothing of the sort to mark their final resting place. Mr. Swartz's address is Clarksburg, W. Va. This matter should not be overlooked but attended to at once.

THEATRICAL TROUPE ORGANIZED AT SALEM

Russell and Mason have organized a theatrical troupe at Salem, known as the Russell Comedians. They will open a three night's engagement at the Auditorium theatre there to-night.

LOOKING AFTER CITIZENSHIP.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 14--The Senate to-day passed a bill to correct irregularities in the admission of foreigners to citizenship in the United States.

DEATH OF CHILD.

Cecil, four-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Matheny, of the Reynolds addition, died Saturday evening from spinal meningitis. Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon at three o'clock and the remains taken to Wilsonburg where they were buried in the Fittro cemetery.

C. & O. TRAIN CRASHES INTO COVINGTON STREET

By Associated Press. Covington, Ky., March 14--A Chesapeake & Ohio train struck a Covington Street Railway car at Rosedale to-day, seriously injuring Motorman Edward Porter, Conductor George S. Eismore, Mrs. Huffnagle and Mrs. Vanhorne.

The so-called Democratic city convention was held in the court house Saturday night, beginning shortly after eight o'clock and lasting possibly an hour and a half. The term, "so-called," is here used, owing to the apparent fact that there had been collusion between two or three, or possibly a half dozen Democrats, and less than half a dozen other persons, who are sailing under false colors, so far as politics are concerned and who seem to have dictated the action of the convention in most particulars. As a result of this collusion the ticket, with an exception or two, that these four or five fellows had hatched up in star-chamber meetings was nominated by the convention. The slate they had fixed up for the convention was scarcely broken after it was presented to the convention, although there was an attempt studiously made to deceive some of the legitimate Democratic aspirants for office who had worked in the ranks for years and been most faithful followers of the faith and the party. It was well known that they were candidates, but some of them had to undergo the humiliation of not even being presented to the convention, notwithstanding the open declaration that every Democrat who was a candidate for nomination had the right to have his name before the convention and his claims duly considered. These candidates themselves and their friends not only saw the deception and the sugar-coating, but the disinterested spectator also saw it plainly. It was really so flagrant and so plainly shown, in every act, that none could fail to see it and those engaged in it could not cover it up.

The convention was called to order by Charles F. Holden, chairman of the executive committee, who announced the objects of the convention and called Mildard F. Snyder to the chair as temporary chairman. A motion was then made to appoint committees on order of business and resolutions; but another delegate thought it was proper first to have a temporary secretary, and the motion to appoint committees was withdrawn, until after R. G. Altizer had been named as secretary. The other motion then prevailed and the convention decided to have committees on order of business and resolutions. Committeemen on order of business were appointed as follows: First ward--T. M. Donahue; second ward, Charles E. Brooks; third ward, J. C. Vance; fourth ward, Osmond Swartz; fifth ward, John Davis.

On resolutions the committee was as follows: First ward, A. C. Rector; second ward, Harvey F. Smith; third ward, Robert B. Phillips; fourth ward, J. W. Robinson; fifth ward, D. W. Jacobs. The committee then retired to separate jury rooms and during their absence there was nothing doing in the convention, but the appearance of the order of business committee revived hope that they would get through before midnight, but that hope soon died out as the committee on resolutions had to sander long over an abusive tirade that had in all probability been prepared before the convention hour, as it bore several ear-marks. So impatient did the delegates and the officers of the convention become that it was deemed expedient for the secretary to wait on the committee a time or two to apprise it of the long delay. Finally the committee made its appearance and the only out-break of the evening occurred at that juncture.

The committee on order of business recommended that the temporary organization be made permanent and that the nominations be as follows: Mayor, chief of police, commissioner of water works, clerk, superintendent of streets, collector and treasurer, assessor and school commissioner. The committee's report was adopted although it did not say anything about how many votes it would take to nominate and that never was fixed. The committee on resolutions then had one of its members attempt to re-

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