

# CHINA IS RAISING AN ENORMOUS ARMY TO ASSIST JAPAN; RUSSIA WILL CALL OUT EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND RESERVES

## HOUSE BILL WILL CARRY THE "GRAB"

Congress Likely to Vote for Extra Mileage.

National Treasury May Be Mulcted to the Extent of \$145,000.

Lawmakers Want Traveling Expense Fund for Two Sessions, Although Both Merged into One.

## TWO HUNDRED MEN LIE DEAD IN DRIFTS OF WRECKED MINE

PITTSBURG, Jan. 26, 3:15 a. m.—Dr. W. B. McCullough of Cheswick, who has been in the Harwick mine for two hours and has just come to the surface, says that in his opinion not one of the miners in the shaft at the time of the explosion is alive. The rescuers are being brought out coated with ice, drenched to the skin and unable to walk. They report that dead are scattered one above another as thick as pine needles. Water is fast pouring into the mine, covering the corpses with a shroud of ice and making the work of rescue almost impossible. Afterdamp is collecting in quantities. The dead number at least 180.

## Workmen Entombed by Explosion Succumb to Noxious Gases.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 26.—Between 180 and 190 men are lying dead in the headings and passageways of the Harwick mine of the Allegheny Coal Company at Cheswick as the result of a terrific explosion yesterday morning. Cages after cages have gone down into the mine and come up again, but only one miner of all those that went to work in the morning has been brought to the surface. The rescued man is Adolph Gunka, and he is still in a semi-conscious condition at the temporary hospital at the rude schoolhouse on the hillside above the mine.

In addition to the miners who were at work when the explosion occurred, Selwyn M. Taylor, the Pittsburgh mining engineer, who planned the mine and who was the first rescuer to reach the bottom after the explosion, is also among the dead. At 2:25 o'clock this morning his body was brought to the surface. He evidently had been dead several hours.

## ATTEMPTS AT RESCUE FAIL.

The explosion occurred at 8:20 o'clock yesterday morning. The first warning was the sudden rumble under ground and then a sheet of flame followed up the deep shaft. Both mine cages were blown through the tipple twenty feet above the landing stage, and the three men on the tipple were hurled to the ground. The injured men were brought at once to this city, where two of them died later.

As soon as the rumble of the explosion and the crash at the pit mouth startled the little village wives and children of the men below rushed to the scene of the disaster. There was no way to get into the deep workings. The cages that let the men into the mines and brought them up again when the day's work was done were demolished. All day long there was a jam of waiting women and children about the mouth of the pit. There were calls for assistance and for surgical aid from the men in charge of the mine, but it was not until 4 o'clock in the afternoon that the first attempt at rescue was made. This was a failure, as the two men who volunteered were driven back by the foul air.

## BRAVE TAYLOR'S SACRIFICE.

Shortly after 5 o'clock Selwyn M. Taylor and one of his assistants signaled for the engineer to lower them into the shaft. Taylor never returned. Three times efforts were made to reach him, but not until early this morning was his body recovered.

Thomas Wood, one of the first of the rescue party hauled to the surface, said: "I was with Taylor and we clambered over three or four falls. Taylor had laid out the mine and seemed to know the way. There was one man alive at the foot of the shaft. He was sent up and then we took the mule path into the south level. We saw two men who were alive and crawled those back of us and then went on. We passed the third, fourth and fifth heading and then through an overdrift into the air shaft. I began to feel dizzy and sick and then I saw Taylor stagger and fall. His lantern fell. We tried to lift him up, but could not carry him and I made my own way to safety."

## YOUTH DIES AFTER VIEW OF HORROR

Train Passenger Sees a Dead Man and Succumbs.

SANTA CRUZ, Jan. 25.—Harry Chandler, aged 21 years, died at San Jose as a result of the shock he received Saturday afternoon near San Mateo, when he saw the remains of a man who had been run over and killed by a train.

Chandler was taken ill in San Francisco, but his illness was not of a serious nature and he was on the way home. After the man was killed the train stopped and the remains were taken to the side of the track and Chandler looked through. He fainted and was taken to San Jose, but never regained consciousness.

Chandler was formerly assistant city electrician here. Recently he had been employed by a power company at Crockett. He was a member of the Red Men and Maccabees. He was of a sensitive nature and never could bear to see anything which caused people to suffer.

## BRYAN DOING STAGE PLAY, THINKS CLEVELAND

Former President Scoffs at Nebraska's Remarks About Candidates Who Voted Gold Ticket.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 25.—Former President Grover Cleveland, when asked to-night for his opinion of William J. Bryan's statement that no man who voted the Palmer-Buckner ticket can be nominated by the Democrats, smiled and said: "I have not a word to say on the matter except that Bryan has got the stage. Let him go it. I guess that's definite enough."

Will Meet at Santa Barbara.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger Association was held in the city to-day. The association decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Santa Barbara, Cal. Rates from the Pacific coast to the World's Fair will probably not be decided upon until near the conclusion of the week's meeting.

"No Election" for Senators.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 25.—The sixth day's balloting for United States Senator by the Maryland Legislature was without result.

## RICH MEN'S FEUD LEADS TO ARREST

### Warrant Served Upon E. H. Coe in New York.

### Brother-in-Law Accuses Him of the Wrecking of a Home.

Says His Wife's Affections Were Turned From Him by Means of a False Affidavit.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—With the arrest of E. Holloway Coe in a civil action brought by his brother-in-law, Charles W. Bailey, who demands damages in the sum of \$100,000, alleging defamation of character and alienation of the affections of his wife, there comes to public notice a remarkable case of love and intrigue, touched with tragedy. The case also recalls a romance of the Adirondacks which caused a sensation a little more than three years ago.

Coe was arrested at his office on Front street this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Waigering, who took him to the Sheriff's office, where he was detained an hour while the writ was being arranged. Judge Gildersleeve, in the Supreme Court, issued the order for the arrest and set the amount of Coe's bond at \$25,000. An attempt was made to bring about the arrest of Coe late in the afternoon or in the evening, which would have made it necessary for him to spend one night in the Ludlow street jail.

This is the third suit brought by Bailey against Coe, the previous two, based upon the same conditions that the complainant now alleges as the cause of action, having been discontinued upon the discovery of new evidence. The present suit was begun on January 15, and Coe, having been advised of the action, was expecting arrest.

Charles W. Bailey is vice president and treasurer of the Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company, prominent jewelry and merchant in Philadelphia. He is a man of large fortune and has been well known in society in Philadelphia and New York. He and Coe, though now bitter enemies, were for years buds. What brought about the present feud is known to few besides themselves. It closely followed the marriage of Bailey to Coe's sister.

Now Bailey charges that Coe caused to be drawn and signed a false affidavit in which a notorious woman whom he had never met confessed to having held unlawful relations with Bailey. That affidavit, which, Bailey asserts, was shown to his wife, turning her affections from him, is the basis for his suit for damages.

## COLONIZING COMPANY MAKES FALSE CLAIMS

Advertises Concession From Argentine Government Which It Has Not Been Granted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The State Department has received from Consul Mayer at Buenos Ayres a report dated December 13, 1903, as follows: "I am informed that there exists in the city of Minneapolis a company, with branch offices throughout the United States; that they are issuing a booklet called 'Homes for Our People in Southern South America,' and that they are selling shares of \$500 each, each shareholder being entitled to certain lands and privileges in the Argentine republic."

"At the land office in the capital I have been informed that the Argentine Government does not know the company and has made no arrangements with them whatever."

## FLOOD'S HEAVY DAMAGE.

Two Million Dollars Loss in the Vicinity of Wilkesbarre.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 25.—There was little relief from the flood at Bloomsburg, Catawissa and Espy to-night. The water had fallen thirty inches this morning, but remained stationary all day. The cold weather had added to the discomfort and all the flooded towns are enveloped in a sheet of ice two or three inches thick. The ice is still gorged in the river from Catawissa to Cresay, fifteen miles, and there is much suffering.

At Espy one-half the houses are uninhabitable. The hotels and residences at Bloomsburg and Berwick have been thrown open to the homeless. The Pennsylvania Railroad's Sunbury division is under six feet of water from Catawissa to South Danville, and the Bloomsburg division is out of service between Bloomsburg and Danville. Ice ten feet high is piled on the tracks of the latter road.

The damage is estimated at \$2,000,000.

## American's Studio Robbed.

ROME, Jan. 25.—The studio here of Elihu Vedder, the American artist, has been entered and ransacked by thieves, who stole among other things, two of Vedder's pictures. Vedder's lowest estimate of his loss is \$3000.

HONGKONG, Jan. 25.—The Call correspondent has been informed by a high Chinese officer that an arrangement has been made between China and Japan in Peking, in accordance with which China is raising 200,000 well-equipped troops to place at Japan's disposal. The troops are being raised in different provinces, each province guaranteeing equipment, pay and supplies. Southern Chinese are highly indignant over the Russian occupation of Mukden, which they regard as a sacrilege.



## Japan to Take Over for Military Purposes All Private Railways in the Empire.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Warsaw says that arrangements have been concluded for calling out 86,000 more reserves in Kharkoff, Kieff and Odes districts, if necessary.

The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph has sent in the following cablegram: "The Official Gazette publishes an Imperial ordinance empowering the government to assume control of all private railways, etc., for military purposes. The situation is very grave and developments are hourly expected."

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 25.—The exchange of communications between the Foreign Office, the members of the committee of the Far East, Viceroy Alexieff and Baron de Rosen, the Russian Minister in Tokio, is still going on. There is no official indication of when a conclusion will be reached, but a diplomat who is close to such negotiations expresses the opinion that the Russian reply will be ready this week.

An authoritative denial is given of the report that Russia ever contemplated requesting the United States to explain the attitude attributed to the United States.

The Korean Minister has received advice that his Government will soon open the port of Wiji, on the Yalu River, at the request of the United States, to the commerce of the world.

TOKIO, Jan. 25.—The first meeting of the recently created Supreme Military Council took place in the palace to-day. Subsequently the Ministers had an audience with the Emperor, who exhorted them to co-operate in giving effect to the important financial programme which had been drawn up to deal with any contingency that might arise.

The new Korean Cabinet is friendly to Japan.

It is said officially that the recent press reports of disturbances in the Chongchun province of Korea are exaggerated, but it is not denied that that country is far from tranquil.

PEKING, Jan. 25.—The Chinese authorities have approached the Ministers here of several powers with proposals directed toward attempting mediation with Russia and Japan. China is exceedingly anxious that war be avoided.

The American Government is arranging to dispatch the senior student interpreters here to Mukden, Port Dainy and Antung to act as American vice consuls.

A small detachment of Russian cavalry has passed through Kaopangtu on their way to Ichou. This region was retroceded to China long ago.

Advice received here from Port Ar-

thur are to the effect that a battalion of Russian troops is moving from that point toward the Korean frontier.

GENERAL MA ON WARPATH.

Goes With Twenty Chinese Regiments to Occupy Frontier Points.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 25.—A dispatch from Port Arthur says that according to a Chinese native paper General Ma with twenty regiments of Chinese troops has proceeded from Shanhaikwan, Chih province, to occupy strategic points on the border of that province.

In November General Ma was quoted as having said that, in the event of war, he would join forces with those of Japan.

RUSSIA RAISES NEW ISSUE.

Opposes Japanese Control of the Strait of Korea.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—Considerable tension is observable in Governmental quarters concerning the Russo-Japanese situation. This is due principally to the fact that the efforts toward a pacific adjustment have not made the progress which the officials hoped and expected. The general view of those highest in authority is summed up in the statement that negotiations have now reached a point where practically no progress is being made in any direction. Whether this means that Russia's latest answer does not make concessions which are likely to bring about a settlement it is impossible to say, as the delicate stage of the negotiations prompts the officials to withhold precise details. The only statement is that the negotiations are virtually at a standstill.

It appears that one of the most difficult features is the mutual distrust and hatred which have grown up between the parties. It is said that every statement of the present exchanges develops Japan's suspicion of Russia's good faith and Russia's indignation at Japan. Owing to this bitterness diplomatic efforts to secure a middle ground are proving unusually difficult.

It is understood that Russia is now seeking to obtain the neutralization of the strait of Korea. The Russian view, as made known here, is that Japan's fortification of Masampo and Fusan constitutes a menace to the world's commerce, since it gives Japan control over the narrow strait. It is pointed out, in support of this view,

that Japan already has a strongly fortified island (Tsushima) in the middle of the strait and that this is distant fifty miles from Masampo and Fusan, so that the fortification of the latter point will constitute another Gibraltar. The strait of Korea is claimed to be a vital outlet for the commerce of Northwest China and it is therefore asserted that it would be in the interest of Europe and America to obtain the neutralization of the strait.

NOT HOSTILE TO AMERICA.

Russian Officials Repudiate Misstatements From Port Arthur.

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 25.—The highest officials here repudiate the published accusations of Russian hostility to the United States because of its Manchurian policy and the appointment of American Consuls under the new treaty with China.

It is officially asserted that no large reinforcement of the Eastern forces is expected at present. The military authorities, however, add that otherwise arrangements are making for a large supply of ponies from the province of Chih for the Cossacks and mounted infantry.

The demoralization of the passenger and freight traffic on the Manchurian Railway continues in consequence of the military activity and there is a great blockade of freight at Port Dainy.

Russia's Scheme to Avert War.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—As the German Government understands the present situation, the feeling is such in Tokio that Japan will declare war unless Russia answers her demands favorably. Russia recognizes this and accordingly intends to accept enough of Japan's points to make the Tokio Cabinet feel that a sufficient cause for war no longer exists, and while the forthcoming note will not fully satisfy Japan, it will prevent the serious possibility of a declaration of war.

Japanese Have Not Landed in Korea.

SEOUL, Jan. 25.—The report of the landing of a Japanese army at Masampo has been found to be untrue.

Alekief's Illness Is Serious.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Chetu correspondent of the Daily Mail says that Viceroy Alexieff's illness is graver than has been supposed and that his