

THE CHINEE UP IN ARMS

China Ready at a Moment's Notice to Fly to the Aid of Japan.

Port Arthur Terror Stricken and on Verge of a Famine.

Japan Overruns Yalu District and Menaces Harbin City.

London, March 4.—Despatches to the Chronicle state that China is on the very verge of an uprising and it needs but little encouragement to induce the whole of Manchuria to rise against the Russians. Heavy re-inforcements of Chinese troops are arriving at Chang-Hai-Hwan. The first Japanese success on land will make it impossible for China to longer remain neutral.

The Foo, March 4.—Advices from Port Arthur this morning say that the population continues in a state of terror. Lawlessness is increasing and the prospect of

famine has caused a renewed hegra. Railroad men declare that the congestion on the railroad line is due to the transportation of troops which prevents bringing in provisions. The Foo is filling up with refugees. Japanese destroyers put into port nightly. Officers are sent ashore to the consulate and the destroyers steam out before dawn.

London, March 4.—Japanese troops are overrunning Manchuria and invading the upper Yalu district. They now practically have control of the upper Yalu district along the Tumen river and are menacing Harbin city.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Japanese association, an organization composed of the leading Japanese in Seattle, it was decided to start immediately in the work of raising \$25,000 to be sent to their government to aid the war with Russia.

The New York Central lines, with an aggregate mileage of 12,000 miles, have selected St. Paul as the Northwestern passenger headquarters of their lines, and will open one of the finest city ticket offices in St. Paul March 15.

REED SMOOT INQUIRY

SENATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE BEGINS HEARING IN CASE OF UTAH SENATOR.

PRESIDENT SMITH THE FIRST WITNESS

HEAD OF MORMON CHURCH GIVES EVIDENCE IN FAVOR OF THE DEFENDANT.

Washington, March 3.—The investigation which is to decide whether Reed Smoot of Utah is to retain his seat in the United States senate and incidentally define the political status of the Mormon church was formally begun during the day before the senate committee on privileges and elections. Great interest attaches to the hearings because of the dual purpose of the inquiry. Other investigations have been directed at the rights of certain contestants to seats in congress, but never before has there been inaugurated an inquiry into credits or political factors to determine whether an unlawful influence is being exerted in the political affairs of the nation. Such is the nature of the Smoot inquiry and at the opening session it was conceded the hearings would extend over several weeks and precipitate a contest in which noted legal talent will fight every inch of the way. Interest increased with the announcement that Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, would be the first witness and, in all probability, occupy the attention of the committee for two or three days. The attorneys for the defense, A. S. Worthington of this city and Waldemar van Cott of Salt Lake, arrived early and engaged in consultation with their client. J. G. Carlisle, former secretary of the treasury, and R. W. Taylor, former representative in congress and the attorney who prosecuted the successful contest against Brigham Roberts retaining his seat in congress on the ground of his having violated the anti-polygamy law, are the counsel for the protestants. Half a dozen witnesses, nearly all of them officials of the Mormon church, occupied seats in the rear of the large committee room. Quite a number of ladies were in attendance and watched the proceedings with interest. Chairman Burrows, after ascertaining by roll call that a quorum of the committee was

STRANGE TALE OF FORTUNE

Romantic Story of a Fortune Thrust Upon a Brainerd Man.

A Tale of the Cuban War of a Castle In Spain.

Brainerd, March 4.—J. H. Koop, a prominent business man of this city, has received notice of a fortune which has fallen to him in a most peculiar manner.

Several years ago Mr. Koop's brother's widow married a Spanish gentleman, who upon the outbreak of the war was over he ventured to return to Spain in disguise to remove his wife and her daughter to England. He found that his wife was dead and before he could escape from the country with the child he was arrested and sentenced to imprisonment in a dungeon in one of the prison castles at Cartago, Spain.

Thereupon the condemned man wrote these facts to Mr. Koop at Brainerd and asked him to assume charge of the fortune and to care for the girl, the prisoner himself being afflicted with an incurable disease and expecting death shortly.

Mr. Koop has just now received a second letter from the head of the convent at Cartago telling of the prisoner's death February 2, and that a priest would soon leave to accompany the girl to Mr. Koop's home at Brainerd. The fortune left by the unfortunate man is worth \$30,000 and of this Mr. Koop is to receive one fourth for his services as guardian.

Mr. Taylor proceeded to proceed with the case.

President Smith Called.

Mr. Taylor announced his readiness to proceed and asked that President Joseph Smith be sworn. After that had been done Franklin S. Richards, a Salt Lake attorney, stated that he was present as an adviser of the witnesses in the event any improper questions were asked.

The first questions asked brought out that Mr. Smith is president of the church. He was born in Missouri in 1838 and went to Utah in 1848. He has always been in the Mormon church.

Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Smith if he was a prophet, seer and revelator. The witness said he was "so sustained."

Further questions along the same line brought out the statement that

he received his powers by reason of the postior he holds in the church. He said the apostles of the church were "sustained" in the same way as prophets, seers and revelators. He was asked to name his predecessors as president of the church and gave them in order back to the first president, Joseph Smith, Jr. The witness said he sustains the same powers as his predecessors.

A list of first presidents or the twelve apostles governing the church was read by Mr. Taylor and identified by Mr. Smith. This list included the name of Reed Smoot.

After further questioning the committee adjourned until 2 p. m. and Mr. Burrows announced that the further hearings would be held every day until concluded, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

An executive session of the committee was ordered to determine on certain lines of conducting the case.

During the progress of the hearing in the afternoon President Smith stated that notwithstanding the second revelation stopping polygamy he believed the first revelation, permitting it, was correct.

"I cannot help my belief," he said.

TO CONFER WITH CASTRO.

Venezuelan Minister at Washington Summoned Home.

Washington, March 3.—General Hernandez, the Venezuelan minister to this country, has received a brief communication from his foreign office informing him that President Castro desires him to return home for a conference upon certain matters which it is easier to talk about than to write about.

The minister expects to leave Washington shortly.

The minister also has received a communication from the banking house of Venezuela in New York informing him that his salary is suspended. The minister's son in Philadelphia, who was the acting consul at the legation, also had his salary suspended. The salary of Senator Pulido, who will act as charge d'affaires, has been diminished.

ASHLAND IS CUT OFF

Heavy Fall of Snow Blocks All Trains for More Than 24 Hours.

Ashland, Wis., March 4.—The fall of snow is heavy and has drifted so high that not a passenger train has been sent out of this city for 24 hours. This is the first time in the history of this city that all the railroads, The Northwestern, The Northern Pacific, Wisconsin Central and Omaha, were forced to cancel their trains. Schools were suspended today.

GIRLS CHASE EMPLOYER

Minneapolis, March 4.—H. G. Curtis, superintendent of the Robblehek, Frank & Heller company, was chased through the business district last night by an angry mob of girls, the garment workers now on a strike. At closing time last night, the strikers as usual congregated near the factory and began to taunt the girls who have taken their places, as they came out to follow him, yelling at the top of their voices. He started to run with the girls after him, hooting and yelling. Several men joined in the chase, Curtis finally running into a buffet to escape the pursuing crowd.

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