

THE JAPS RETIRED.

They Bombarded Port Arthur and the Forts on the Morning of March 21.

RUSSIANS RETURNED THE FIRE.

The Attacking Fleet Consisted of Six Battleships, Twelve Cruisers and Several Torpedo Boats.

After Firing 100 12-inch Shells at Port Arthur and 108 Shells at the Environments of the Town the Japanese Retired.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—The emperor has received the following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff:

"Lieut. Gen. Stoessel reports that at midnight of March 21 Japanese torpedo boats were discovered by our searchlights. Our guard ships and fort batteries opened fire upon them, the firing lasting for 20 minutes. At 4 o'clock in the morning the attack was renewed.

"At 6:30 o'clock in the morning four of the enemy's ships appeared from the south, followed by the whole squadron of 11 ships and eight torpedo boats. Our squadron left the roadstead to meet the enemy.

"At 9 o'clock the enemy's battleships opened fire on Laotishin, after which they took up a position behind the rock eminence of Laotishin and bombarded Port Arthur."

Viceroy Alexieff adds that he is waiting for details.

A later dispatch from the viceroy to the emperor says:

"According to a supplementary report from Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, the enemy's fleet consisted of six battleships and 12 cruisers. About 9 o'clock in the morning the fleet divided the battleships and torpedo boats, taking up a position between Laotishin and Golubinala bay (Pigeon bay) while cruisers formed up in two divisions to the south and southeast of Port Arthur.

"At 9:20 the battleship Retvizan opened fire over the crest of Laotishin against the enemy's battleships, which replied by firing on the town. Meanwhile our fleet formed up in line in the outer roadstead.

"About 11 o'clock in the morning the cannonade slackened and Japanese fleet, reuniting, drew off slowly to the southeast and, at 12:30, had disappeared.

"During the bombardment five soldiers were killed and nine were wounded. One soldier on the shore was bruised."

Another telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the emperor gives Vice Adm. Makaroff's report as follows:

"At midnight of March 21 two of the enemy's torpedo boats approached the outer roadstead but were discovered by the searchlights of the batteries and fired upon by the forts and by the gunboats Bohr and Otvazuy. They were obliged to retire.

"A second attack was made at 4 o'clock in the morning by three torpedo boats, which also were repulsed.

At daybreak three detachments of the enemy's fleet, consisting of six battleships, six armored cruisers, six second and third class cruisers and eight torpedo boats approached from all sides. At 7 o'clock our squadron commenced to leave the inner harbor, the cruisers leading with the Askold flying my flag at their head, and the battleships following.

"The enemy's battleships approached Laotishin and fired 100 shells from their 12-inch guns at Port Arthur and 108 shells at the environs of the town.

"Our shells, fired at a range of 80 cables, were well placed. About 10 o'clock a Japanese battleship was struck by a shell and retired.

"We lost no man during the bombardment, which ceased at 11 o'clock, when the enemy's ships reassembled and after passing along the outer roadstead drew off without attacking our fleet."

London, March 23.—A correspondent of the Times at Tokio under Tuesday's date cables that it is rumored that the Japanese have succeeded in blockading the entrance to Port Arthur.

MILITARY CAMP GROUNDS.

Bill Introduced Making Appropriations For Their Establishment.

Washington, March 23.—Senator Proctor introduced a bill Tuesday making appropriations for the establishment of four military camp grounds as follows: Near Fort Sam Houston, Tex., \$125,000; Camp Douglas, Wis., \$400,000; Conewago Valley, Pa., \$900,000, and San Luis Obispo county, Cal., \$500,000. The bill appropriates also \$100,000 for the purchase of 10,000 acres of land for the enlargement of the Chattanooga and Chickamauga national park. It has received favorable action by the house committee on military affairs.

FOUGHT ON THE TRACK.

Both Belligerents Were Killed By a Freight Engine.

Covington, Ky., March 23.—Engaged in a fist fight, standing on the track leading from the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad bridge into the yards at Park street, two men Tuesday night gave up their lives and were crushed by a locomotive before either would give the other an inch of vantage ground. William Rogers, foreman of a switching crew in the C. & O. yards, and Geo. Dawn, a helper, were the men engaged in the remarkable battle. Both lived in Covington, Dawn at 17th and Grant streets, and Rogers at 1702 Banklick street. The men were killed just at the end of the incline leading from the bridge into the yard.

It is surmised that both men saw the approaching train, realized their danger and faced a terrible death under the engine rather than give way to each other.

A NEW PRODUCT.

Cow Corn Will Be Exhibited at the World's Fair.

Williamstown, Ky., March 23.—Among the agricultural products of Grant county that will be on display at the World's fair in the Kentucky exhibit is what is known as cow corn. It is quite a curiosity and many farmers in this section raise it. The ears grow to the length of eight or ten inches, and each grain of corn on the cob is incased in a thin shuck of perfect formation. The claim for its superiority over ordinary corn is based on the fact that it serves a double purpose, the shucks proving nutritious for cattle.

THE SPRING SALE.

Forty-Nine Horses Were Disposed of the Opening Day.

Lexington, Ky., March 23.—Forty-nine horses were sold on the opening day of the Tranter-Kenny spring sale at an average of \$200. Neva Simmons brought the top price at \$2,100. Add Day Black Bell, blk c, 3, by Adbell out of Ida France, to Powell Bros., Shadeland, Pa., \$500. Larabee Girl b, m., 5, by Larabee the Great out of Quody Girl, to M. J. White, Hartford, N. C., \$320. Col. Patrick b, stallion, 5, by the Conqueror out of Godeila, to M. J. White, \$985.

Noted Preacher Is Dead.

Owensboro, Ky., March 23.—Dr. J. S. Coleman, one of the most noted Baptist preachers of the south, died Tuesday at his home in Ohio county, aged 87 years. During his 50 years in the ministry he baptized 5,013 people, married 1,002 couples, dedicated 63 churches, assisted in ordaining 67 ministers and witnessed 32,000 conversions.

Smallpox Appears.

Petersburg, Ky., March 23.—Much uneasiness is experienced at Burlington on account of the appearance of smallpox. Robert Wilson, a lineman for the Boone County Telephone Co., and his wife are ill with the disease, and a good portion of the population of the town has been exposed.

Used the Veto Power.

Frankfort, Ky., March 23.—Gov. Beckham exercised the veto power unsparingly Tuesday, and four bills were put out of business and a fifth had its most important sections vetoed. He also approved 25 bills, among the number being the McInerney bill.

Lightning Hit the Barn.

Benton, Ky., March 23.—The tobacco barn of Levi Brian was struck by lightning early Tuesday morning, and the owner is dying from the shock. Joe Maddox, a neighbor, was also in the barn, and is in a serious condition, but may recover.

State Banks to Organize.

Frankfort, Ky., March 23.—A meeting of the representatives of a number of state banks will be held here next Friday to organize for the purpose of fighting the suits filed by Auditor's Agent Lucas, to tax the deposits of all such banks.

Houses Demolished By the Storm.

Franklin, Ky., March 23.—The most destructive storm in years swept this section of the country Tuesday afternoon. It raged with great fury for over an hour, demolishing barns and fences, and in some instances houses. Details are meager.

Bought By the Stockholders.

Dawson Springs, Ky., March 23.—The New Century hotel was sold here at assignee's sale for \$28,750. Drs. Hayden and Thriekeld, the principal stockholders, bought it. The amount of indebtedness is said to be \$35,000.

Duluth, Minn., March 23.—Billy Edwards, who took such a prominent part in the Minneapolis municipal scandal, was Tuesday sentenced to an indeterminate term in the state reformatory.

DOCTOR OF LAWS.

The Degree Conferred Upon the German Ambassador by the University of Chicago.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EMPEROR.

Congratulatory Letter From President Roosevelt Was Read During the Interesting Ceremonies.

Degrees Also Conferred on Profs. Delbruck, Hermann, Kohler, Meyer and Charlemagne Tower, Ambassador to Germany.

Chicago, March 23.—The feature of the 50th convocation of the University of Chicago were a letter from President Roosevelt, a message from Emperor William of Germany and the conferring of the degree of doctor of laws upon the German ambassador to the United States, Baron Speck von Sternburg, and upon five professors of German universities invited to visit the university by President Harper. The ceremonies took place in Leon Mandel hall on the university campus in the presence of an immense audience. On the platform, in addition to the German ambassador and the professors from Germany, were a large number of professors from other universities throughout the United States. After the conferring of the usual collegiate degrees upon the graduates from the different schools an address was delivered on behalf of the university by Prof. John Merle Coulter, which was followed by an address on behalf of the German guests by Prof. Eduard Meyer.

Dean Hudson read the following greeting from President Roosevelt:

"Washington, March 18, 1904.—My Dear Mr. Harper: All Americans should welcome the chance to join in an advent which happily honors the achievements of German scholarship. To the great scholars known throughout the world for their learning, who have come to your university on this occasion, I offer a cordial greeting. Our debt as a nation to Germany is weighty and of long standing. The existence among us of free self-government has drawn to our shores adventurous and liberty-loving men from many lands; so that in a true sense we have become a world nation, with ties of friendship which must bind us in peace to all the great peoples of mankind. Germany's share in the up-building of our composite nationality has been marked. German blood was freely shed for our liberty in the revolutionary war. In our second great period of national trial, our citizens of German birth and origin were a unit in support of the cause of union and freedom. To our citizenship the German element contributes a peculiar degree of business, thrift and industry, and of the power of joyous living. Finally, German ideals and German science have given the inspiration in our universities for the existing developments of research and investigation. To the mother of modern science and learning we now offer an affectionate greeting.

"It is especially gratifying to me to have a share in this demonstration of the strong friendship which binds together the scholars and the men of high ideals in Germany and the United States. The gain to the higher life of both countries from such friendship can not easily be exaggerated; and I am glad to be able, on such an occasion, to wish you well with all my heart. Sincerely yours, Theodore Roosevelt."

The honorary degrees of doctor of laws was also conferred upon the German professors, Barthold, Delbruck, Paul Ehrlich, Wilhelm Hermann, Joseph Kohler and Eduard Meyer, and Charlemagne Tower, ambassador to Germany.

SPANISH ORDNANCE.

Those in the Porto Rican Forts to Be Turned Over to Spain.

Washington, March 23.—At the suggestion of Secretary Hay the war department has sent instructions to its officers in Porto Rico to turn over to such officers as may be designated by the Spanish government the ordnance in the fortifications which remained after the Spanish evacuation. The value in money of the ordnance is not great, the whole stock being appraised by Gen. Crozier, the chief of ordnance, at about 200,000 pesetas. The agents of the Spanish government appointed to take charge of the property already have sailed from Spain for Porto Rico. It is not known here whether they propose to pack up the guns and ship them to Spain or whether they will offer them for sale to the highest bidder in Porto Rico.

Boston is pleased to note that the period of intense frigeration has passed. In other words, the beans have thawed.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Appropriation Measures Considered in Both Branches.

Washington, March 23.—Senate—The senate spent the greater part of the day on the Indian appropriation bill. Mr. Lodge took exception to the provision exempting candidates for the position of Indian agency farmer from civil service examination and on his suggestion the amendment was passed over without action. Other features arousing discussion were those relating to the designation of Indian school superintendents as Indian agents and authorizing the payment of claims made by Indian tribes on account of the difference between the value of payments made them in greenbacks and coin payments as required by treaties. Later in the day Senator-elect Dick, of Ohio, appeared in the senate chamber, the first time since his election. He went direct to Senator Foraker's seat and was cordially greeted.

House—Outside of a few routine matters, the house of representatives devoted the entire day to further discussion of the post office appropriation bill, but disposed of only one page of the bill. Mr. Butler (Pa.), endeavored unsuccessfully to have passed an amendment designed to transfer back to the office of the first assistant postmaster general jurisdiction of the free delivery and rural delivery services. An amendment by Mr. Tawney (Minn.), which was agreed to, prohibits the postmaster general from ordering out of post offices telephone companies other than the Bell Co. An amendment by Mr. C. B. Landis (Ind.) prohibiting the further rental of cancelling machines, was adopted after a spirited debate.

ARKANSAS TORNADO.

Great Damage to Property and at Least One Life Was Lost.

Little Rock, Ark., March 22.—A tornado did great damage to property and caused at least one death in Central Arkansas.

At Fourche Dam, four miles from Little Rock, a Negro school house was blown down and one of the pupils, Nellie Bogan, was killed. Several other pupils were injured.

At the confederates soldiers' home, five miles from Little Rock, the chimneys were blown down, the slate roof torn up and the interior deluged with rain. None of the old soldiers was hurt. Frame houses, fences and trees were leveled in many directions and the property damage is extensive. In the section 20 miles north of Little Rock great destruction of property is reported, but wires are down and it can not be learned whether there was any loss of life. The storm did much damage to property in this city.

COLORADO MILITIA.

Entire Force Ordered to Prepare For Service at Three Hours' Notice.

Denver, Col., March 23.—Orders were issued by Gov. Peabody for the entire national guard of the state, numbering approximately 2,000, to be prepared for service at three hours' notice. No information was given out as to what service will be required of the troops, but it is unofficially announced that 300 men under command of Maj. Hill will be sent to the southern coal fields to protect Negroes who have been hired to take the places of the striking miners. It is also reported that the governor has determined to send troops to San Juan county to prevent the exiled Telluride union miners from mobilizing and marching back to the place in a body.

THE COLLAPSED HOTEL.

Three Men Held to Be Guilty of Criminal Negligence.

New York, March 23.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the collapse of the Darlington hotel by which 21 persons lost their lives, Tuesday night returned a verdict in which Eugene F. Allison, one of the owners of the building, and the contracting firm of Pole & Schwandtner are held to have been guilty of criminal negligence. Warrants for the arrest of the three men have been issued.

Governor Signed the Bill.

Annapolis, Md., March 23.—Gov. Warfield signed the bill passed by the legislature appropriating \$250,000 for the relief of destitution in Baltimore, though \$40,000 of this amount will be used in paying the militiamen for their services.

Second Bunch of Indictments.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 23.—A second bunch of indictments were returned late Tuesday afternoon by the new grand jury which has been investigating alleged irregularities in city and county governments for nearly two months.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 23.—Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, former chief of the Filipino insurrection party, will visit the United States next July.

ELECTRIC STORMS.

Serious Damage Throughout Indiana and Kentucky From Heavy Rain and Hail.

THERE WAS SOME LOSS OF LIFE.

A Dozen or More Tobacco Barns and Drying Houses and Contents Were Destroyed in Kentucky.

Two Houses at Lafayette, Ind., Were Struck By Lightning and Almost Completely Demolished and Inmates Injured.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 23.—Telegrams from Indiana towns tell of serious damage resulting from the electric storms and heavy rains. At Lafayette two houses were struck by lightning and almost completely demolished. Mrs. Anna Mack and her two sons, and John and George Caine were badly injured by flying timbers and flames. At Madison, a rain storm destroyed bridges, carried away fences and small stores and thousands of bushels of grain. Several people narrowly escaped drowning. The town of Friendship, in Ripley county, is covered with water. A part of Bedford is inundated and traffic on the Monon is delayed several hours.

Louisville, Ky., March 23.—A violent rain and hail storm swept Western Kentucky and Southern Indiana Tuesday. The property loss will be very heavy. In and around Hopkinsville, Ky., the damage amounted to many thousands of dollars. A dozen or more tobacco barns and drying houses were demolished and the contents ruined. One church was unroofed, a Negro school house wrecked and scores of dwellings damaged. One Negro woman was killed and one white man injured. At Benton, Ky., one man will die from the effects of a lightning bolt and another was injured. At Brownstown, Ind., the Baltimore & Ohio railroad track was washed out. The Monon tracks near Bedford, Ind., were damaged but the train schedule was not seriously interfered with. At Paris, Ky., the hail killed many lambs and young hogs. Telephone and telegraph wires in all directions from Louisville suffered.

Evansville, Ind., March 23.—A heavy rain storm accompanied by terrific lightning passed over this city Tuesday and did considerable damage. The rain extended to points within a radius of 50 miles of Evansville. The river has been falling rapidly here for several days, but it is expected the rain of Tuesday will bring another rise.

BY FIRE AND FLOOD.

Property in Beloit, Wis., Damaged to the Amount of \$250,000.

Beloit, Wis., March 23.—Beloit was fire and flood swept Tuesday and a large tract of country is still under water, but the worst is over. The total damage is over \$250,000.

Clanging fire bells and shrieking whistles awakened the people, to the day of the greatest terror ever known in the city. Shortly after 3 o'clock treacherous Turtle creek began to rise rapidly and it was only a half hour until the water flooded the valley. Fifteen minutes later the water rose over the St. Paul railroad tracks and swept down St. Paul avenue and Broad street and the residents called from their slumbers found their houses surrounded by a seething torrent.

South Beloit was entirely submerged and the water continued to rise until 10 o'clock, when the flood reached the depth of three feet at Broad and State streets, and extended almost to the corner of Grand avenue. The heavy thunder storms that raged far into the night brought a heavy rainfall and as the creek was already high, the flood was expected by old residents.

With South Beloit cut off by flood a most dramatic incident occurred in the breaking out of a fire in that district which destroyed the gas engine plant of John Thompson & Sons, entailing a loss of \$150,000, with \$40,000 insurance. N. M. Wood, a watchman, was burned to death and James Ward and Bentley Dadman were seriously burned. The cause of the fire was an explosion of gasoline. Five hundred persons were driven from their homes, many of them having been taken from their windows in boats.

Suicided By Shooting.

Norfolk, Va., March 23.—D. Paul Hughes, secretary of the Duquesne Mining Co., and prominent in financial matters, shot himself through the head on the shore of Mahone Lake after writing a note in which he bequeathed his body to a medical school.

Mayking, Ky., March 23.—James Robinson, a real estate dealer, who formerly lived in Cincinnati, fell from a ladder Tuesday and was instantly killed. His neck was broken.