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ROJESTVENSKY PLANS TO CRIPPLE JAP FLEET

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AMERICAN WAR SHIPS SENT

To Island of Palaman to Preserve Neutrality in Philippines.

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By Associated Press.

Paris, April 10.—The authorities here are satisfied that the Russian Pacific squadron will not seek to put into Saigon French Cochinchina, as the shallow harbor does not permit the entrance of deep draught warships.

The imminence of a naval battle arouses the keenest interest. M. Bernot, Naval Critic of Temps, is of the opinion, previously expressed in other quarters, that Admiral Rojestvensky plans to inflict losses equal to his own and thus reduce the Japanese naval effectiveness so that the remaining Russian ships, reinforced by Admiral Nakhimov's division of the Second Pacific Squadron from Kibuti (French Siam) will permit Russia to present equal if not greater sea power than Japan.

AMERICAN VESSELS TO PRESERVE NEUTRALITY.

Washington, April 10.—Admiral Train, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic Station, has cabled the navy department that he has dispatched the cruiser Raleigh, which has been at Manila, and several torpedo boats, to the island of Palawan to observe the movements of the hostile fleets, which must pass through those waters. This step was taken to guard against any violation of neutrality by either belligerent in the Philippines. Three other destroyers are preparing to sail.

REPORTED CLASH OF RIVAL FLEETS.

Chicago, April 10.—A special to the Daily News from Hong Kong, says: It is reported here that two sections of the rival fleets clashed near Singapore this morning and that Togo lost five ships. The report is not given any credence here.

FLEET SIGHTED BY BRITISH STEAMER.

Singapore, April 10.—The latest information in regard to the Russian squadron, which passed here Saturday afternoon, was brought here today by the British steamer Gregory Apsar.

The latter yesterday sighted the Russian ships twenty miles northeast of Manak, one of the islands of the Annamite group, about 150 miles northeast of Singapore. The Russians were at anchor when the Gregory Apsar passed them.

Information has also been received here to the effect that four warships apparently Japanese, were off Cape St. James, near Saigon, April 7.

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN AT JAPANESE CAPITAL.

Tokio, April 7.—Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's second Pacific Squadron has not been reported here since it passed Singapore. Its whereabouts and the plans of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky are subjects of general speculation.

It is quite generally assumed that Vice Admiral Rojestvensky does not desire immediate battle and that he will attempt to reach Vladivostok where there are docks and shops for a base. The latter opposition course seems satisfactory on account of political complications and the danger of political complications. Many believe that the Russian naval commander has a second rendezvous in the Pacific ocean, and that he will quit the China Sea and go eastward of the Philippines. If Vladivostok is his objective, the Pacific is considered to be more favorable to the accomplishment of his purpose, although it largely depends on Rojestvensky himself.

The Japanese newspapers and public express relief and pleasure over the approach of the Russian second

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Desperate Posses Search for Trio of Whites Brutes

By Associated Press. Bristol, Va., April 10.—A special to the Herald from Butler, Tenn., says: Lucy Bunton, a white girl fourteen years old was criminally assaulted by three white men well known in that section on last Friday, in the woods three miles from that town. The men

1st Pan-Russian Congress Dispersed by the Police

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, April 10.—The first Pan-Russian congress of attorneys was held today, one hundred and eighty delegates being present. The police entered the hall and dispersed the meeting as it had not been authorized to assemble.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING

SON OF PROSPEROUS FARMER STRUCK AT VICKSBURG DURING HEAVY STORM.

By Associated Press. Vicksburg, Miss., April 10.—During a heavy thunder storm this afternoon W. M. Alverson, 22 years old, son of a prosperous farmer, was instantly killed by lightning. The horse on which he was riding was also killed.

ELECTROCUTION IN SING SING

MARTIN EBELT LEGALLY PUT TO DEATH FOR WIFE MURDER.

By Associated Press. Ossining, N. Y., April 10.—Martin Ebelt, who murdered his young wife at Mt. Vernon, paid the penalty for his crime in the electric chair in Sing Sing today. Ebelt strangled his wife to death July 24, 1903. The young woman was 19 years old and Ebelt 22. Jealousy was the motive for the murder.

are said to have been drinking. Their victim is unconscious and the men are hiding in the woods and defying arrest. Posses headed by the well known and desperate mountain character, Nat Gordon, have been on the trail of the men since Sunday morning.

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READY FOR ROOSEVELT'S BLAR HUNT IN COLORADO

Big Pack Train Left New Castle Yesterday for Site of First Camp Twenty Miles South of There.

OPPOSES REBATES

Comptroller of Treasury Criticises Proposed Action of Government.

NO CONCESSIONS TO CONTRACTORS

SHOULD BE GRANTED BECAUSE THEY ARE WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT—INTERIOR DEPARTMENT JUMPED UPON FOR BEING PARTY TO VIOLATION OF LAW.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 10.—The comptroller of the treasury has rendered a decision in which he criticises the proposed action of the secretary of the interior in accepting rebates from the Southern Pacific railroad on the freight of contractors engaged in work in the west under the irrigation and reclamation act.

The secretary of the interior addressed a communication to the comptroller on March 20 last, in which he told of the approval by the department of the interior of a contract with the Southern Pacific providing for certain concessions to contractors under the reclamation act in freight rates on their plant and materials shipped to and from the work. The communication said the concessions were brought to the attention of all bidders on work of reclamation in order that they could make due allowance for such concession in their bids. The communication goes on to say that the railroad company is willing to make concessions to help along work on the project as much as possible.

In his reply the comptroller says: "I am extremely doubtful of the legality of accepting such concessions. By what authority the government can contract with a railroad that the contractors plant should receive a rebate in freight not applicable to other shipments is beyond my comprehension. If this right exists it might as well extend to flour, hay and other commodities and vehicles used by contractors in making delivery to the government. The government should not be party to a violation of either the letter or the spirit of the interstate commerce act as regards the question of rebating." The comptroller advised the secretary of the interior to consult the attorney general before acceptance.

KENTUCKIAN MURDERED

REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD SHOT AND INSTANTLY KILLED NEAR HIS HOME.

By Associated Press. Louisville, April 10.—A special from London, Ky., says: Representative J. R. C. Howard, of the Seventy-first district, was shot and killed today in a saloon near his home by Tilford Bengt. The men had quarreled but had made up and the trouble was thought to be over. Howard was walking away when Bengt drew his pistol and fired five shots, killing Howard instantly. Bengt then surrendered.

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BIG BROWN BEAR WILL BE RELEASED

And Followed by Dogs After Being Given One Hours Start.

COUNTRY TO BE SCoured FOR BEAR TRAILS TO PREVENT DELAY WHEN PRESIDENT ARRIVES—SECRETARY LOEB NOT WORRIED ABOUT SAFETY OF PARTY.

By Associated Press. New Castle, Colo., April 10.—The big pack train and camp outfit for the president's party received hurry-up orders to move to-day and the guides, "Jake" Borah and John Goff, headed the procession of nearly a hundred horses and sixty dogs bound for Johnson's ranch about twenty miles south of New Castle where the camp will be pitched for a week or ten days.

As soon as the camp is well established extra men and several ranchmen and trappers will scour the country in search of bear trails. They will carefully note all signs and locations so that when the president starts out there will be no delay in looking for trails.

The official start of the hunt, as planned by the citizens of New Castle, will be with a monster brown bear which was recently captured and is now at the residence of Frank Hilliard, where he has succeeded in killing at least a dozen dogs and injuring several men who ventured too near him.

With the president's consent Goff and Borah will put their pack of hounds in a corral and the bear will be given an hour's start for the hills; then the pack will be put on the trail and President Roosevelt, Dr. Lambert, P. B. Steward and a guard will follow in hot pursuit.

NOT WORRIED ABOUT SAFETY OF PRESIDENT.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 10.—Secretary Loeb and his assistant are confident that President Roosevelt and his party are enjoying to the fullest extent their wolf and jack rabbit hunt in Oklahoma. No communication has been had between the president and his secretary since they parted on Saturday, but no concern is entertained here because the report that a wind storm has passed over Oklahoma. Secretary Loeb was told that one of the president's tents had been blown down. "Well, I guess he has it up by this time," the secretary replied.

There has been no alteration in the plans for the Colorado trip which will begin on Thursday. The White House staff in charge of the temporary seat of government in this city will arrive in Frederick, Oklahoma, Thursday night and join the president and those of his hunting companions who are to be members of the Colorado party.

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GOVERNOR, CABINET AND THE LEGISLATURE MAY VISIT PENSACOLA

Resolution Introduced by Senator Blount Providing for Joint Committee to Report on Matter Passed by Senate

CHINESE BANDITS LED BY JAPANESE

OPERATING WITH THE OBJECT OF RETRIEVING RAILROAD COMMUNICATIONS.

By Associated Press. Harbin, April 10.—Information received at the Russian headquarters seems to definitely establish the fact that only Chinese bandits under the lead of Japanese officers, together with some Japanese cavalry, are operating westward toward Tsitsihar, their object evidently being to retrieve railroad communications. There is, however, a real turning movement eastward of Kiril, said to be under the command of General Oku.

The roadbeds have grown desperately bad. On the flat ground there are seas of mud. Japanese proclamations have been issued giving the state of the roads as an excuse for the date of their entry into Harbin having been changed from April 10 to April 30.

CRIMES DUE TO EXHAUSTION

PRESIDENT OF OBERLIN COLLEGE ADVANCES NEW THEORY FOR SATURDAY NIGHT LAWLESSNESS.

By Associated Press. Chicago, April 10.—Bodily and mental exhaustion after a week's work, is the reason ascribed by President H. C. King, of Oberlin College, for the fact that more crimes are committed Saturday night than on other nights.

President King has occupied the pulpit of the Union Park Congregational church and preached on "How to make a rational fight for character." "No man," said he, "has a right to ignore his bodily health, for at times of fatigue all the weakest points of the body and mind tend to come to the surface. It is therefore a matter of character that we have a surplus of nervous energy."

"In times of mental fatigue the higher brain centers are the first to give way. The man who is fatigued is not so able to withstand temptation as the man who has an abundance of nervous energy in store. "The fatigued man cannot be what he ought to be. At times of fatigue, therefore, the man who desires to preserve his character must be doubly on his guard."

Other safeguards against evil suggested by the distinguished educator and writer were, Control of the emotion; Diversification of attention from temptation to moral principles; Clearness of thought and statement.

PATTERSON TRIAL POSTPONED A WEEK

By Associated Press. New York, April 10.—The trial of Nan Patterson on the charge of killing Caesar Young, which was to have begun before Recorder Goff in the court of general sessions to-day, was postponed to-day for one week upon request of the prosecution.

"GENERAL" JOHNSON CUT BY JAKE WILLIAMS.

"General" Johnson, colored, was badly cut last night in a house near Wright's mill, by Jake Williams, also colored. The difficulty was caused by some family troubles, in which Johnson figured prominently. The wound, which was evidently inflicted with a razor, extended for about three inches on the left side of the neck, and the loss of blood was such that Johnson fainted several times.

The city physician after stopping the flow of blood ordered that he be sent to the hospital for treatment.

Meeting To-Night of Joppa Lodge. Joppa Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., meets to-night and will have work in the second degree. All Odd Fellows are invited to attend.

CASE OF BROUN COMES UP J-DAY

Legislature is Making Slow Progress in the Enactment of Needed Laws.

GREAT CHANGE FOR BETTER IN THE MATTER OF COMMITTEE CLERKS—SENATORIAL ELECTION TAKES PLACE TO-MORROW IN JOINT ASSEMBLY. PURE FOOD BILL TO BE INTRODUCED.

Special to The Journal. Tallahassee, April 10.—In the senate this afternoon Mr. Blount, of Escambia, offered a resolution for a joint committee to report on the possibility of the governor, cabinet and legislature accepting the invitation of the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce to visit that city while the fleet was there. The resolution was adopted under a suspension of the rules.

The case of Senator C. M. Brown comes up tomorrow in committee.

Both houses after short sessions adjourned. "The mills of the gods are said to grind slowly," but they can never hope to compete with this legislative outfit of ours, and, at the present rate of progress, the session will be half gone before we realize it—before anything of any consequence has been accomplished.

At the rate the bills are now being poured in, the committees will soon have their hands full; and many a pet measure, the pride and hope of some budding statesman will be quietly done to death in the seclusion of some committee room.

Talking of committees, a great change for the better in this direction may be noted here. There was a time, not so many years ago, that every committee had its clerk, while few, if any, of these functionaries had anything to do. Now all this is changed. The day of the Tallahassee "soft thing" is over. The committees now get together in groups of 3 or 4 and appoint one clerk to do the work of the entire bunch. The "boys" sea little to admire in this Spartan-like system, but as these committee clerks generally receive \$5 a day, the treasury is considerably less depleted at the end of the session.

The senatorial election takes place on Wednesday, the 19th. On that day the staid and dignified senators will file into Representative Hall in solemn procession. On the stroke of 12 President Trammell will raise his little gavel and call the joint assembly to order. The election of Hon. James P. Tallafiero to the United States senate will then be in order. The entire business ought not to consume over an hour of the legislature's valuable time.

It is understood that a "pure food" bill will soon be introduced, and some of the revelations as to adulteration that are hinted at are likely to surprise some people. If half that is said of these adulterations be true, the rules should be waived, and the bill passed without a dissenting voice.

NEW YORK PLAGUE IS DYING OUT

BALMY WEATHER ACCOMPLISHING MORE THAN MEDICAL SKILL.

By Associated Press. New York, April 10.—Like the first plague of cerebro spinal meningitis which prevailed here in 1872, the present run of the mysterious disease is dying out. Physicians express the belief that it will have disappeared by May 1. The only explanation obtainable is that a little sunshine and a few days of balmy weather have accomplished that which baffled the skill of the medical fraternity.

The figures in the office of the registrar of vital statistics show that 330 persons, the majority of them children, have fallen victims so far. The number of deaths last week was about twenty less than the week before.

At various large hospitals it is said that all patients show more improvement than at any time since the epidemic began.

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