

RUSSIA THREATENED WITH REVOLUTION

Maddened Peasants Rioting and Martial Law Has Been Declared in Fifty-three Provinces

BERLIN, March 2.—The Taegliche Rundschau reports that Russia is on the verge of revolution and that Minister of the Interior Plevie is regarding the peasantry as in a most dangerous condition.

RUSSIANS WERE THE AGGRESSORS

(Special to The Star) VICTORIA, B. C., March 2.—The Shanghai Mercury, which was received on the steamship Empress of India, which arrived last night from the Orient, puts an entirely different aspect on the battle of Chemulpo, proving that the Russians and not the Japanese were the aggressors.

RUSSIA'S LAND FORCES

VIENNA, March 2.—Reliable information indicates that by March 20 the Russian army in the far east will consist of 175,000 men in all, divided as follows among the various branches of the service: Infantry, 123,000; mounted Cossacks, 16,000; artillery corps, 5,000; engineers, 8,000; railway guards (mostly mounted), 25,000.

SILENCE AT PORT ARTHUR

LONDON, March 2.—No confirmation of the report published that the Japanese had bombarded Port Arthur has been received from any point. The wires from the scene of war have been practically silent the past 24 hours, and in some quarters this silence is supposed to indicate that Japan's great attack on Port Arthur is actually in progress and that consequently the use of the wires has been discontinued.

CHINA'S QUIET PREPARATIONS

SHANGHAI, March 2.—The belief is growing here that the war will shortly involve China. The principal Chinese arsenals are declared to be taxed to the limit, preparing munitions of war, while the troops

RUSSIAN CRUISERS SAIL TO THE EAST

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) PORT SAID, March 2.—The Russian cruiser Aurora sailed today toward Candia. The cruiser Dimitri Donaski has been permitted to remain five days for repairs.

YELLOW PERIL THREATENS RUSSIA

MOSCOW, March 2.—Among thoughtful Russians there is constantly deepening apprehension that Russia will yet have to face the combined power of the yellow races, the cunning neutrality proclamation of China and Korea to the contrary notwithstanding.

FRANCE HOPES FOR INTERVENTION

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) PARIS, March 2.—The former minister of foreign affairs, Hon. Taub, has started an agitation in favor of intervention by the powers to stop the war. French officials count much on the new movement.

BLACK SEA FLEET BOTTLED UP

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) CONSTANTINOPLE, March 2.—The Turkish government is resolved to forcibly prevent the Russian Black Sea fleet from passing the Dardanelles. The defense of the straits has been strengthened, due to England's threat to make a demonstration.

VICTORIOUS JAPAN WOULD MEDIATE

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) LONDON, March 2.—It was learned this evening on the highest diplomatic authority that no overtures have been made to Japan or Russia relative to mediation. If such overtures should be made it is understood that Japan will give them careful attention and possibly agree if assured that her vital interests will be sufficiently protected.

VLADIVOSTOK MAY BE CUT OFF

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) ST. PETERSBURG, March 2.—A Vladivostok telegram states that the Japanese fleet recently sent off that port is believed to have been the reserve vessels and not powerful enough to blockade the port. Private advices received from Vladivostok say that 2,400 Japanese have landed at Chung-Chang, 200 verth north of Gensan, Korea.

BIDS WERE TOO HIGH

PLANS FOR NEW CARNEGIE LIBRARY MAY HAVE TO BE MODIFIED

The plans for the Carnegie library are to be modified by Architect P. J. Weber of Chicago, so that the limit of cost will fall under \$200,000. When bids for the construction of the building were opened yesterday by the library board it was found that Cassey & Carney's bid, the lowest, was \$229,361.

SEATTLE GROWING

Births Exceeded Deaths Two to One Last Month—Vital Statistics

There were nearly twice as many births as deaths last month, according to the report of Health Officer Ludlow. The deaths numbered 90 and the births 174. Of the latter, 81 were male and 93 females.

QUICKLY RESCUED

Ole Dean, a sailor, narrowly escaped death by drowning shortly after 5:30 o'clock last evening. He was rescued by the crew of the steamer Port Orchard. Dean in some manner fell from the wharf at Pier 2. Capt. Mitchell, of the Port Orchard, which was nearing the wharf on her last trip for the day, saw the man fall and at once sounded the fire alarm, which brought all hands to his posts.

NEW HOME OF RAINIER CLUB GUTTED BY FIRE

INTERIOR OF NEW AND YET UNOCCUPIED \$80,000 BUILDING ON FOURTH AVENUE RAVAGED BY FLAMES—LOSS \$30,000, FULLY INSURED—OUTER WALLS NOT INJURED

The new and yet unoccupied home of the Rainier Club, at the corner of Fourth avenue and Marion street, was gutted by fire early this morning. The ground floor was completely destroyed and the heat and smoke damaged the three upper floors of the building considerably.

Interior of new and yet unoccupied \$80,000 building on Fourth Avenue ravaged by flames—Loss \$30,000, fully insured—Outer walls not injured

eral hours the flames must have smoldered there in order to have burned through the three-inch hardwood floor. They could have done so unnoticed. At first Fire Chief Cook, who was investigating the fire this morning, believed that the blaze was of incendiary origin. He came to the conclusion, however, that it started from the electric wires. Electricians yesterday and were testing the wires. Chief Cook says that the insulation might have burned off and made a short circuit.

MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN ENGLAND IS A BRIDE



NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION. LONDON, Eng.—The prettiest bride and the swellest wedding of the London season have just delighted London society. The bride is Lady Marjorie Greville, only daughter of the earl and countess of Warwick, one of the oldest and most aristocratic families in England.

COULDN'T PROVE IT

FRANK JOHNSON FAILED TO ESTABLISH INTEREST IN TENDERLOIN SALOON

GETS SIX-SEVENTHS

J. S. Williams, a stockholder in the Gold Hill Mining Company, today won a lawsuit against A. James, the manager of the company, to obtain possession of \$10,000 in a Seattle bank, which he claimed as a portion of the money he should have received from the sale of mining property near Dawson.

MORE DELAY

On account of the illness of one of the attorneys for the Seattle Brewing & Malting company, applications for the appointment of a receiver for the labor temple association and for an order restraining the association from selling the site of the proposed labor temple, were not argued last evening, as was intended.

J. C. Jensen, a Danish sailor about 20 years of age, was committed to the insane asylum by Superior Judge Bell yesterday afternoon. He came to Seattle recently, having just ended a long cruise. Jensen has been insane only a few weeks and it is thought that his dementia is of a temporary nature.

UNCLE SAM CAN NOW PAY THE PIPER

THE PRESIDENT CAN FORK OVER THE FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE PANAMA CANAL

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—Attorney General Knox gave out the following statement this afternoon: "I have advised the president that he is authorized to pay immediately the republic of Panama \$10,000,000, stipulated by the terms of the treaty, ratification of which have just been exchanged. Also that he is authorized to pay to the new canal company \$40,000,000 as per agreement and notify the canal company that we are ready to close the transaction. Details in connection with the transfer of the canal company property should not require more than 30 days."

TWO OF JAPAN'S GENERALS



These two men will invade Korea.



JAPANESE SKIRMISHERS ADVANCING ON RUSSIAN POSITION UNDER FIRE