

NIGHT EDITION

RUSSIAN MILITARY UTTERLY DEMORALIZED

Transportation and Commissary Departments in a State of Hopeless Confusion and Army Is Panicky

ST. PETERSBURG, March 1.—(Via the Frontier.)—There is no longer any pretext on the part of the government to deny that the military authorities are in a state of confusion which borders upon panic and chaos.

The transportation department of the government is paralyzed and chaos reigns supreme in the commissary offices.

The almost complete demoralization of the Asiatic squadron by the Japanese has rendered Port Arthur useless as a strategic center.

As for the national attitude, it has changed from disgust to the gravest apprehension. The people realize that the government is unwieldy and altogether incapable of meeting the situation.

VLADIVOSTOK GARRISON DEMORALIZED

LONDON, March 3.—The Express prints a dispatch from Shanghai, in which the correspondent says he has just arrived there from

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF RUSSIAN ARMY



It is likely that when Russia gets all her troops concentrated in Korea, General Saharoff, commander-in-chief of the Russian army, will direct their operations against the Japs.

Kobe, where it is impossible to break through the most rigid censorship ever experienced. The correspondent adds that he had an interview at Kobe with W. J. Lippe, an American furrier, who was forced to quit Vladivostok February 19.

There were pitiable scenes at the railway station when the authorities allowed 110 persons to leave daily by empty troop trains that were going west.

The government offices, bank and hospital have been removed to Nikolisk. All the shops are closed. Prices have risen enormously.

When Lippe left there was still the wildest disorder. Constant false alarms of bombardment added to the terror of the people.

CZAR SUMMONS ALEXIEFF'S ENEMY

ST. PETERSBURG, March 3.—General Dragomiroff, the former governor general of Kieff and one of the best posted Russian military experts, has been summoned to the capital by the czar to take part in the deliberations regarding the conduct of the war.

JAPS AND RUSSIANS ACTIVE

ST. PETERSBURG, March 3.—In a dispatch to the czar Viceroy Alexieff says: "Admiral Stark, telegraphing from Port Arthur, March 2, says the enemy did not appear off Port Arthur on either February 25, February 29 or March 1.

A dispatch from General Pflug, the chief of Alexieff's staff, says: "According to the reports of our patrols to Pingyang and on the road to Gensan (Wonsan) there were no signs of the enemy.

"Between 1,000 and 2,000 Korean troops have been sent to Pingyang from Seoul. Our patrols on February 28 were within 12 versts of Pingyang, and report that the Japanese have fortified the town.

"There have been heavy snowfalls at Port Arthur and in Manchuria recently. At Port Arthur there were 10 degrees of frost, and Vladivostok had a heavy snow storm.

"The presence of our patrols near Pingyang caused great alarm and soon the enemy's sharpshooters manned the wall and towers, expecting an attack.

RUSSIANS FIGHT BANDITS

LONDON, March 3.—An unconfirmed report from Yinkow says that 500 bandits, armed with modern rifles, attacked a Russian port to the west of Hayeng, thirty-two miles northeast of Newchwang; that there was severe fighting, and that both sides lost heavily.

DESTROY PART OF RUSSIAN RAILROAD

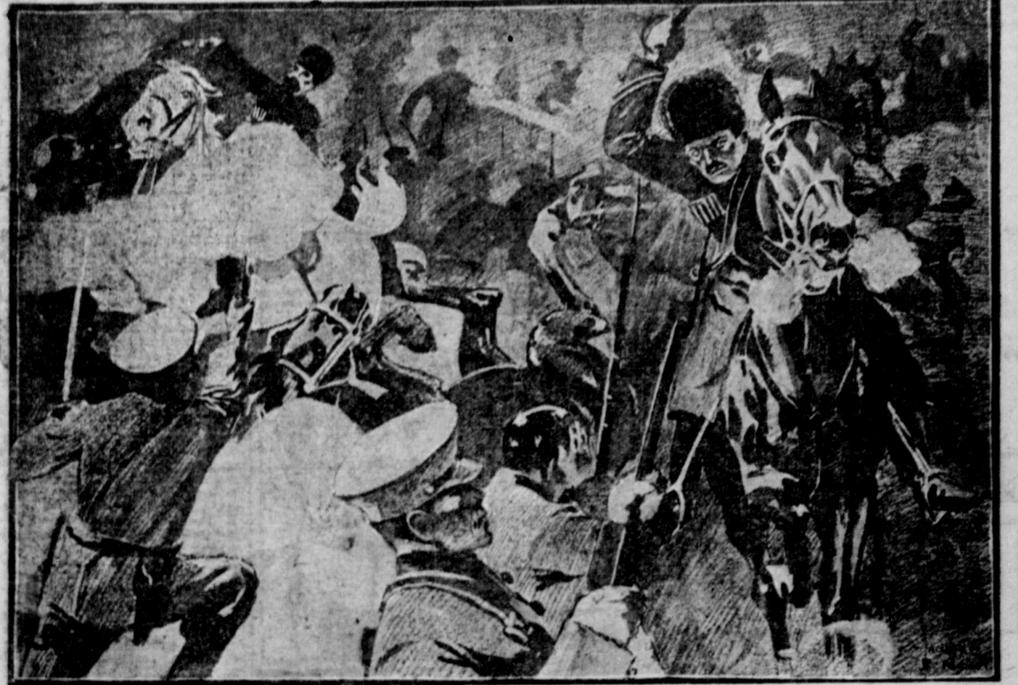
TOKIO, March 3.—It is reported that one mile and a quarter of the branch line of the trans-Siberian railway, connecting Vladivostok and Harbin, has been destroyed at a point outside of Min Gun, a town midway between the two terminals.

RUSSIANS TRY TO KEEP RAILROAD OPEN

ST. PETERSBURG, March 3.—Unusual energy on the part of the authorities is being directed for the prevention of a Transiberian railway blockade. Twenty new sidings have been built, and it is hoped that these will clear the line and keep eleven trains moving in each direction daily.

JAPAN RAISES TAXES

LONDON, March 3.—The Central News Agency wires from Tokio that an extraordinary session of the Japanese diet has been summoned to meet March 18. It is not expected that the session will last more than ten days. The customs are not to be touched, but new taxes on salt and silk will probably be imposed.



A HAND TO HAND CONFLICT. An attack of the Cossacks upon a Japanese redoubt, defended by infantry.

MOULTON EXPLAINS

President of Labor Temple Association Makes Financial Statement in Court

Interesting facts regarding the Seattle Labor Temple association were brought out in the superior court yesterday in course of the examination of Robert W. Moulton, president of the association, as a witness for the plaintiffs in the injunction-receivership suits brought by the Clerks' union and the Seattle Brewing & Malt Company.

Moulton testified that but little more than \$5,000 of the association's authorized \$50,000 of capital stock had been actually sold to bona fide subscribers.

The hearing of the application of the Seattle Brewing & Malt Company, and the Retail Clerks' association and intervenors to have a receiver appointed for the Labor Temple association and an injunction issued restraining the sale of the site for the proposed labor temple, was begun before Superior Judge Hatch yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Moulton was the first witness called by the plaintiffs. He was on the stand during the entire hearing. In regard to the point made by the complainants that nearly all the stock was held by active managers who had paid nothing for it, Moulton said that they had been informed by lawyers that unsold stock could not be voted.

He stated that it was never the intention of the trustees to convert the proceeds of the sale of the labor temple site to their own use, but that arrangements had been made for the purchase of a cheaper site and the immediate erection of the temple, as soon as the sale could be consummated.

TOMMY'S DOSE

TACOMA, Mar. 3.—Tommy Santiago Howard, the Indian who was convicted sometime ago of the murder of General Spot's wife, has been sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary, the supreme court having sent down its remittitur affirming the judgment of the superior court.

The steamer City of Puebla will sail for San Francisco March 5, at 9 o'clock. The vessel will have a full passenger list and a cargo of general merchandise.

The steamer Humboldt, formerly operated by the Alaska Steamship company, and which will hereafter be operated by the Pacific Coast Steamship company, will sail for the North March 10.

QUEEN INVESTIGATION DEVELOPS NO NEW FACTS

CAPTAIN COUSINS TOLD INSPECTORS THAT MACHINERY WORKED PERFECTLY AND THAT CREW DID ENTIRE DUTY

The official investigation of the Queen disaster was commenced at 10 o'clock this morning before local United States inspectors of Hulls and Boilers Whitney and Turner.

Nothing was brought out that did not in every detail practically corroborate the stories of the disaster already printed. Up to noon nine witnesses had been called, all of whom were questioned, chiefly in regard to the fire equipment of the vessel and the conduct of the officers and crew, and as to whether adverse criticism of any kind had been heard during or after the fire.

The first witness called was Captain N. E. Cousins, commander of the Queen. He made a brief statement of his actions from the time the fire started until it was put out.

"I was awakened at about 4:30 a. m. by the second officer," he said. "I immediately ordered the sounding of the fire alarm, after which I went up on deck and superintended the work of getting the boats in readiness to launch.

"When it seemed to me that the fire was likely to reach the after lifeboats and that it would get beyond the control of the men, I ordered the boats lowered away, telling Captain I. N. Hibbard, who was standing near at the time, to see

his actions during the fire. He briefly related the incidents of the conflagration. When asked by the inspectors as to whether in his mind, and in view of the fact that fourteen lives were lost, Captain Cousins acted wisely in lowering the boats, he replied: "That was the best thing he could have done, for the fire was getting awfully close to them."

He was then cross-questioned in regard to the working of the fire apparatus and in regard to the conduct of the men under him. He had no complaint to make.

The other witnesses were then called. All corroborated the statements of those previously called. The investigation will end this evening.

REDPATH ENTERS RACE

Spokane Man Modestly Admits He'd Like to Be Governor

SPokane, Mar. 3.—Col. W. M. Riddpath formally announced himself a candidate for governor yesterday. Col. Riddpath made a fortune some years ago through his holdings in the Le Roi mines, at Roseland, B. C. He is a popular Republican and is widely known throughout the state.

W. S. Bishop, arrested last night on the charge of stealing carpenter's tools, is believed by the police to be responsible for much of the tool stealing that has been going on lately. He has admitted stealing some tools and the police hope to recover through him a large amount of such stolen property.



UNCLE SAM:— In the matter of eating, I'm on both sides.