

THE LAST PORT ARTHUR BATTLE WAS A SPLENDID JAP VICTORY

ADMIRAL TOGO SUBMITS HIS REPORT OF THE RECENT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO TORPEDO BOAT FLEETS

TOKIO, March 21.—Vice Admiral Togo has submitted to the government the report of the recent conflict between the Japanese destroyer fleet and the Russian flotilla of torpedo boats at Port Arthur. The report is from Captain Tsuchiya, commander of the Third division of the destroyer fleet, and shows that the Japanese success was even greater than the early meager accounts of the battle indicated.

Tsuchiya says that at one time during the battle the ships were so close together that the Russians threw explosives onto the decks of one of the Japanese destroyers, but the charges failed to detonate and no damage was done. Every vessel engaged was more or less damaged, but none seriously. The Japanese lost six killed and eight wounded, while the Russian losses were much greater owing to the sinking of the Stereguschich with all on board.

The Japanese victory, according to the report, was due in the main to the superior marksmanship of the Japanese gunners whose aim was almost perfect in spite of the heavy sea running during the encounter. The Russian losses were much greater owing to the sinking of the Stereguschich with all on board.

The Japanese opened the attack with a raking fire which swept the deck of the nearest Russian destroyer and killed her captain and three seamen. The lieutenant fell mortally wounded next, and the second lieutenant, who took his place on the bridge, was picked off by a Japanese sharpshooter who pierced his heart with a rifle ball. The coxswain was next in command, and another sharpshooter picked him off. The Japanese then closed in on the

THE STAR'S WAR SERVICE

Just another word about the splendid war service which The Star is giving its readers.

TWO WEEKS AGO TODAY, this newspaper printed the first pictures taken at the seat of war that have yet appeared or that had up to that time been printed in this city. And since that day, March 7, THE STAR HAS PRINTED A MOST DAILY, other pictures, all taken since the Japanese-Russian struggle began by a staff photographer of the Newspaper Enterprise Association.

Readers of The Star need not be told that NOT ONE OF THE OTHER TWO NEWSPAPERS IN THIS CITY has had up to the present time published a solitary war picture showing that a state of war actually exists in the far east.

TO BEAT ITS RIVAL BY TWO WHOLE WEEKS IS A FEAT THAT IS RARELY ACCOMPLISHED BY A NEWSPAPER, BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE STAR HAS DONE, AND ITS SPECIAL IMPORTANCE LIES IN THE universal interest in the far eastern events which The Star has been illustrating so long in advance of its contemporaries.

A concrete example of the unequalled service The Star is giving its readers lies in the publication of the news of the big celebration in Tokio attending the safe arrival of the two new cruisers, the Kasuga and the Nishim from Genoa. The Star published this story by the gifted pen of Special Commissioner W. B. Colver, now in the far east, as early as last Thursday.

Yesterday morning the P-I had the story, written by the New York Herald correspondent, Oscar King Davis, one of the most brilliant war correspondents in the east. THE STAR BEAT THE P-I AND THE NEW YORK HERALD THREE DAYS, and, besides, THE STAR PUBLISHED PICTURES TAKEN AT THE SCENE SHOWING JUST WHAT FORM THE CELEBRATION TOOK, AND THE P-I DID NOT.

IF YOU WANT THE BEST WAR NEWS AND PICTURES YOU MUST GET THE STAR!

BATTERIES DESERTED

NEWCHWANG, March 21.—According to information received here, the reason the Vladivostok forts did not

not provided with guns. Since the bombardment parties have been working night and day to place guns in position, the bombardment destroyed the Vladivostok battery. The Russian losses were slight because the batteries were deserted. The same conditions prevail at Vladivostok as at Port Arthur. The supply of provisions there is running short, and the population is panic-stricken. The ice is considered the only real protection.

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FOREIGNERS KEPT CLOSELY CONFINED AT NEWCHWANG

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The Russian order particularly forbids visiting the forts on the Liao river, and also Wutaishan, a village two miles south of the fort.

Foreigners still have access to the west and north shores of the Liao, and use the railway and telegraph, although the Chinese managers of the telegraph line have instructed their employes to withdraw to Thien Shu Ang Tai in the event of hostilities.

ACTOR TOOK HIS LIFE

"BOB" LEELAND GOT TIRED OF LIFE AND TURNED ON THE GAS

DETROIT, Mich., March 21.—Robert Leeland, an actor and writer of several melodramas, was found dead in his room yesterday. He had committed suicide by turning on the gas. Leeland, who was 30 years of age, is said by one of his friends, to be the son of a wealthy banker in Salt Lake City named Smedley. Leeland was last seen alive last Thursday morning, and it is believed he turned on the gas and died Thursday afternoon. His preparation had been most careful, and he even removed the tip of the gas jet to insure a more rapid flow. On the table he left a note, reading:

"My only regret is that I be buried here at the expense of the city. I spent hundreds of dollars while here as a member of various theatrical companies. Don't notify my parents. It is unnecessary." On the back of this note he had written that weakness and illness as the result of an operation for appendicitis and an attack of typhoid fever had incapacitated him for work.

"I am very well connected," he wrote; "probably better than anyone in the theatrical profession. Last season I played a leading role in 'The Chaperone'."

Leeland's real name is William Burns Smedley. He is the son of William E. Smedley, a wealthy banker and insurance man of Salt Lake City. Smedley was known both as an actor and playwright. During the past year he has been starring in "Her Fatal Sin," a play written by himself.

MAYOR BALLINGER AND NEW CITY COUNCIL IN OFFICE

CHANGE WAS MADE WITH SCANT FORMALITY AT NOON—MEMBERS OF OLD LEGISLATIVE BODY ADJOURN SINE DAY AFTER PRESENTING PRESIDENT PARRY WITH A DIAMOND STUD—GILL ELECTED TO PRESIDE OVER NEW COUNCIL—EX-MAYOR HUMES GIVEN A SUBSTANTIAL TESTIMONIAL

At noon today Judge H. A. Ballinger became mayor of Seattle and the new city council came into official being. Mayor T. J. Humes became a private citizen and all but five of the 13 members of the old council looked upon the reorganization of the body from reserved seats in the lobby.

H. C. Gill, of the Third ward, was chosen president of the new council by unanimous vote. As soon as Humes moved that the election of a president be taken up, Dr. J. E. Crichton, of the Eighth ward, had been Gill's only opponent for presidential honors, made a motion that the clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the council for Gill. The motion was passed without dissent.

Comptroller Ripinger called the meeting to order and Councilman Hume was made temporary chairman. Gill, on taking the chair, named Dr. Crichton, Bowen, Mullen, Daulton and himself as a committee on rules and order of business. He thanked the members for electing him and said that he had made no pledges or promises to secure the honor. He will announce the committee which it is his duty to choose at the meeting of the council next Monday.

The council adjourned until this evening, when it will take up some ordinances relating to street work, which need to be passed as quickly as possible. All the new members of the council were present at the meeting. They are James Conway of the First ward, Irving T. Cole of the Fourth, J. S. Johnston of the Second, Scott Benjamin of the Fifth, Arnold Zbinden of the Sixth, T. M. Daulton of the Seventh, Charles H. Burnett and David W. Bowen, commission-at-large.

Five minutes previous to the meeting of the new council the old one had met and passed a resolution that it adjourn sine die. All members were present except Morrison. All the new councilmen, nearly every city official, and a crowd of prominent politicians and citizens filled the lobby. To add sunshine to the occasion the janitor had varnished all the furniture in the chamber.

After the routine work had been disposed of Mayor Parry presented President Parry with a beautiful diamond stud from his fellow members.

SEPARATION FROM WORTHLESS HUSBAND DROVE HER INSANE

MRS. SARAH BROWN INSISTED THAT HER MISSING PUWELL WAS LOCKED UP IN NEIGHBOR'S WOODSHED—PITIFUL STORY TOLD IN PROBATE COURT—JUDGE SUSPENDS JUDGMENT

Mrs. Sarah Brown, a Norwegian woman who lives at 1122 Tenth avenue, who with her three little children, was brought before an insanity commission in the probate court this morning on a complaint sworn to by her frightened neighbors, some of whom she recently threatened to kill.

Her case is a most peculiar one, and Dr. J. B. Leach, the insanity expert who examined the woman, says it is one of the most puzzling he has met with.

When Deputy Sheriff Quilter went to her house to bring her to court he found her bathing and dressing her little tow-headed youngsters.

She brought them with her, and the little ones were delighted at riding in a hack for the first time in their lives. They thought that Deputy Quilter had planned a lovely picnic for them.

ous five years. Nearly 10,000 petitions have been referred to us; 4,000 ordinances, the major portion of which passed, have been introduced by the members; there have been 300 committee meetings and 128 meetings of the council. The records take up 1800 closely typewritten pages.

Resolutions were passed thanking everybody, from the janitor and newspaper reporters to the highest city officials, for their considerate treatment of the council.

A petition signed by 125 residents of Beacon hill, asking that the Seattle Electric company be compelled to comply with Ordinance 2241, requiring it to extend its Beacon hill line, was referred to the incoming council. An extension of two blocks along the Cedar river water main right-of-way from Landon street is desired.

The building ordinance was amended so that it would conform to changing conditions. The ordinance stipulated certain requirements for six-story buildings which cannot be constructed in the new Schwabacher building, which is going to be eight stories high.

The opening of Thirty-fourth avenue through Washington Heights addition was indefinitely postponed.

Mayor Humes came to his office as usual this morning, after buying a block of chewing tobacco. During the morning he assisted his private secretary in clearing out his belongings in the office, and at noon Mayor Ballinger and his private secretary, John H. Ballinger, took possession.

Mayor Humes sauntered into the police station during the morning.

"Say, John," he said, speaking to Jailer Corbett, "let me have a couple of 'trusses,' will you?"

"Sure!" answered the veteran jailer. "But what do you want 'em for?"

"I'm going to move."

"How much have you got to move?"

"The mayor ran his fingers through his mat of curly white hair and thought for a minute.

"Well," he remarked with a hearty laugh, "I've got a city directory and a city charter."

This afternoon the new mayor filed his official reappointment of John Chief Cook and Port Warden M. C. Jensen and his appointment of John Sullivan as police captain and acting chief.

From now on until April 1, Sullivan will be acting chief of the police department with the rank of captain. On that date Tom Delaney will be made chief and Sullivan will be reduced to the rank of detective, with charge of the detective force. This action was taken by the civil service commission at a meeting Saturday afternoon, upon the recommendation of Mayor Ballinger and ex-Mayor Humes.

The new year's office hours at the city hall will be from 10 to 12 o'clock in the morning and from 1 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, during which time either himself or secretary will be present. Much of the routine work he will turn over to his secretary, so that he can devote more time to important matters. He will make a close investigation of city affairs and as soon as possible make a trip to the Cedar river water and lighting plants with City Engineer Thomson.

At 12:30 o'clock this afternoon, at his private office in the Bailey block, the city officials and employees, through City Engineer Thomson, presented ex-Mayor Humes with a \$200 office desk and chair. The mayor thanked them for their present in a characteristic speech.

YESTERDAY'S FIRE PROVED THE VALUE OF STAR'S FIGHT

The great good of The Star's fight for better fire protection in the 10-cent vaudeville houses was demonstrated yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock when fire broke out in the Gem theater, on First avenue. The blaze originated in the moving picture machine, which previous to the time The Star's crusade were left almost entirely without safeguards.

Fire Marshal Kellogg's statement that it would be next to impossible for fire to gain any headway from that source proved to be wrong. The operator did not succeed in putting out the blaze until he had burned himself and the audience had become panic stricken. One woman fainted. Had not the theater been smaller than most of its kind, without a balcony and with wide aisles, some one would undoubtedly have been injured. The damage was \$75.

Only three weeks ago, when the blaze opened, Building Inspector Place insisted that the box in which the machine is placed be double-lined, as required by ordinance, so that it would be difficult for the fire to break through it. Three days ago Fire Marshal Kellogg had told the operator that he must fix up a little door in the box. THE HEAD NOT BEEN DONE. This should have closed easily. As it was not altered as asked by the fire marshal the operator had to burn himself to

close it. Had it been quickly closed the fire would have been smothered before the audience saw it. But instead the fire belched through the hole over the heads of the audience and produced a panic. The crowd had no difficulty in getting through the doors, which occupied the whole front of the theater. Previous to The Star's crusade the doors to these theaters had been narrow, the seats movable, the aisles dangerously small, so that in such a fire as occurred yesterday many women would have been killed and injured in the wild scramble for the door. Few precautions were taken prior to that time to enclose the moving picture machines.

A spark from the machine ignited the celluloid film in yesterday's fire. The film is so combustible as to be practically explosive. The slide that Fire Marshal Kellogg had lauded so much when he went around with the council committee failed to shut off the blaze. The flames burst through the hole in the box and filled the entire upper portion of the hall. Some one yells fire and half the audience composed chiefly of women and children, rushed headlong for the door. The rest, assured by the ushers and performers that there was no danger, remained in their seats.

A two-story building on Eighth avenue south and Denny street, near South Seattle, was burned to the ground this morning. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, partially covered by insurance. Gill Burdic owned the property.

The fire department was notified by telephone at 2:30 o'clock and truck No. 3, Engine Company No. 3 and Hose Company No. 4 were sent out with Assistant Chief Clark. When they arrived the building was a mass of flames and there was no hope of saving it.

Surrounding property was in great danger, however, and there was plenty of work for the firemen. The fire was kept away from all buildings except the home of Hugo Graff, who lives just across the street. It was slightly damaged.

No explanation of the start of the fire is given. At the time of the fire two of the storekeepers on the ground floor were sleeping. Ben Atkins had a cigar store in one room and another was occupied by a photograph gallery. The upper part of the building was occupied by the Woodmen of the World hall and by George Parsons, who had living rooms there.

WOOTEN IS CAUGHT
Patrolman Potter arrested John N. Wooten, an advertising solicitor, yesterday morning. It is alleged that Wooten is wanted in Bellingham for misappropriation of funds. He formerly worked in this city

JAPAN SEASONED HER TROOPS BY LONG PRACTICE MARCHES IN THE NORTH



The Japanese, anticipating a winter campaign in Korea and Manchuria, have been preparing for it. For two years troops have been seasoned by practice marches in the snow of the secluded highlands in the north of Japan.

STEAMER HAD TWO SERIOUS MISHAPS

LINER NEW YORK RAN AGROUND AND THEN COLLIDED WITH ANOTHER SHIP

SOUTHAMPTON, March 21.—The American Steamship Company liner New York arrived here and was dry-docked at noon to have repaired the serious injuries she suffered during her strenuous trip from New York to Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton. She was found to be badly damaged below the water line, and part of her cargo was injured.

Her first mishap occurred off Cape La Hague, early yesterday, where she went aground, and for a time it was feared she would be beaten to pieces by the heavy surf. Later in the day she came into collision with the Peninsular & Oriental liner Assaye bound for Bombay with 500 troops aboard.

She grounded at 2:30 o'clock in the morning during a heavy fog while approaching Cherbourg, and was floated again after an hour and a half.

When proceeding to this port and off Hurst Castle, her bow crashed into the Assaye's starboard bow and tore a great hole in that vessel.

The collision threw the crews and passengers of both steamers into a panic, but it was found that the ships were not in danger of sinking

side Mission hospital. Hordum had talked considerably about killing himself rather than go back to the Stettacom asylum, where he had once been confined.

UNITED IN DEATH
While the body of his wife, who died a few days ago, lay in Butterworth's morgue in this city awaiting burial, C. J. Carlson of Seattle died in Phoenix, Ariz. The body of the husband will be shipped to Seattle and a double funeral held.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS

FIRE TOTALLY DESTROYS A RUSSIAN TOWN—MANY LIVES REPORTED LOST

BERLIN, March 21.—The Tageblatt reports that a disastrous fire has completely wiped out the town of Kievan in Russia, destroying over 1,000 homes, churches, synagogues and schools, and other public buildings.

Many lives are said to have been lost, and over 5,000 people rendered homeless.

ROCKFORD, Ill., March 21.—Members of the Illinois Laundrymen's Association assembled in Rockford today for their annual convention. The session will continue two days and will be devoted to the discussion of methods in the various branches of the laundry business. The presiding officer of the convention is W. H. White of Joliet,

and recently disappeared, taking with him a rig he had hired at a local livery stable.

DISGRACED HER WHITENED HEAD
Mrs. J. D. Price, 70 years of age, was arrested by Patrolman Le Count on upper Second avenue, this afternoon, on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. The old woman is gray headed and is said to be the mother of a large family. She was hopelessly intoxicated and hilarious when the officer arrested her.

TWO INJURED IN A COLLISION
REDDING, Cal., March 21.—The southbound Southern Pacific overland No. 15 crashed into a wrecking train at Cantara last night. John Pansvik and George Kulkson were badly injured. Fireman Bert Mount of the passenger engine is missing.

METAL TRADES' ASSOCIATION
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 21.—Representatives of the 80,000 workmen throughout the country who are under the jurisdiction of the National Metal Trades' Association were present today at the opening of the annual convention of the association. The gathering will be in session three days and will be devoted to the discussion of various questions affecting the interests of the association and its members.

E. S. Rose, a rancher, was arrested this afternoon by Humane Officer Clark for fast driving.