

## EMPEROR OF JAPAN REVIEWS HIS TROOPS

TOKIO, Jan. 9.—Twenty-six thousand troops were reviewed on the Aoyama field today by the emperor. They composed the First division, known as the Imperial Guards, and will constitute the Third division of the Japanese army if war is declared.

An immense crowd witnessed the review, which was regarded as a farewell leave taking.

The emperor went to the field in a state coach, but in the review was mounted upon a handsome horse. A brilliant staff and all of the foreign attaches formed a noteworthy escort.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—News reached here today which indicates that Russia has made Japan some concessions, thus increasing the prospects of an amicable settlement.

HONGKONG, Jan. 8.—Two hundred and fifty British soldiers, members of the Sherwood Foresters, have been suddenly warned to hold themselves in readiness for service.

Troops are being made ready and transports arranged for. Their destination is unknown, but it is presumed that either Peking or Seoul is the objective point.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Central News says that Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, and Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, this afternoon visited the foreign office simultaneously, on an invitation from Lord Lansdowne, who

wished to urge a further *modus vivendi*. The result of the conference has not yet been announced.

## COAL FOR WAR

CARDIFF, Jan. 8.—Immense shipments of coal are being rushed to the Far East,

46,000 tons to Japan, 30,000 tons to Hongkong and 40,000 to the Russian squadron at Port Arthur.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Japanese Minister, Hayashi, today confirmed the report that Russia's reply had been received at Tokio, but declined to disclose the details.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Central News late this afternoon says that it is believed that Lord Lansdowne's first effort to avert the Russian-Japanese war by arranging a new *modus vivendi* has failed.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 8.—Russia has purchased 5,000,000 pounds of beef and bacon from Cudahy. It is a rush order for shipment via San Francisco.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 8.—The steamer Brandon from Norfolk for Richmond, is ashore in the James river. She was caught in the ice with a large list of passengers on board.

## CRASH TOGETHER

SUMBERLAND, Md., Jan. 8.—A Baltimore & Ohio double header crashed into a freight at Eviata creek early this morning. The engines were demolished. Fireman Kefauver was instantly killed and Engineer Roberts died shortly after. Engineer Humphrey was seriously, perhaps fatally, injured. Fireman Conrad was badly hurt.

## ROUGH WEATHER

Local steambot men are figuring on bad weather today. Reports from the Cape give the wind a 60-mile gait there. The barometer here took a lively drop this morning. All vessels loading here are preparing for a stormy time.

## CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE IN IROQUOIS THEATER

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The most sensational testimony secured since the coroner began his inquiry into the Iroquois theater disaster was given today by Robert Mur-

balony and four pairs of iron barred doors closed the downstairs exits. There were no sprinklers above the stage nor any fire alarm box in the house. When asked what he expected to do in case of fire he said that he depended on going to the front office and using the telephone to fire headquarters. He said he never saw the skylights opened.



WILL J. DAVIS.  
Part Owner and Manager of the Iroquois Theater, Chicago.

ray, engineer of the ill-fated building. He said the stage curtains were operated by hand and counterweights. The fire-fighting apparatus consisted of two tubes of kilfyre 18 inches long, and there was no other protection against fire on the stage. The standpipe in the rear of the stage had never been supplied with hose. Under the foyer there was but 50 feet of two-inch hose, this comprising the entire fire-fighting apparatus in that portion of the house.

In the theater there were four small reels of hose which, when used, had to be connected with a water motor and standpipes, whose locations were known only to the workmen who built them. There had never been any drills for fires and no instructions had ever been issued to employees.

The witness admitted that he knew how to use the greater portion of the fire apparatus, but had never instructed his assistants. The exits were draped with red plush curtains, but kept closed outside by heavy iron doors, barred and bolted and operated with levers. The witness admitted that there was no one in the theater familiar with handling this system. There were levers which could unlock the doors, but no signs appeared above the exits. He said there were three locked exits in each

## FIRE AT BALLARD

BALLARD, Jan. 9.—The shingle mill, dry kilns and 3,000,000 shingles of the Nichols Lumber company were totally destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$25,000. A favorable wind alone saved the western half of the city.

## WEAK MACHINERY IS RESPONSIBLE

Since the council has taken up the matter of investigating the cable line methods, excuses have been made by the management of the road for using open dummy cars in winter, while closed and comfortable ones stand idle in the barn. The excuse from the management was that one of the cable strands had been taken out for repairs, thus weakening it so that it would not be advisable to run the heavy cars.

Now however, comes another explanation, from an employe who knows of the real trouble and has no scruples about telling what it is. According to his statement, the cable is not in as good condition as it should be, but the cable is not the cause of the trouble. He says that one of the large wheels in the power house, around which the cable has to pass, is minus several spokes, which have been broken. This weakens the wheel so that it would be dangerous to haul the big cars up the hill with the wheel in its present condition. The damage, it is said, cannot be repaired until a new wheel is cast, drilled and bored.

## DIETRICH IS SET FREE

OMAHA, Jan. 8.—Judge Vandeventer, in the circuit court, this morning instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty on the indictment against Senator Dietrich charging him with receiving bribes in connection with the postoffice at Hastings.

The judge ruled that Dietrich was not a senator until sworn into the senate and that the charges of bribery relate to post-office rentals prior to that time.

The last case against Senator Dietrich was called this afternoon, the charge being holding a government contract, although a senator. This case was nolleed by Prosecuting Attorney Summers, who said that the records showed that a few days after the election Senator Dietrich transferred the property as a free gift to his daughter, who has since received the benefits.

The case against Postmaster Fischer of Hastings was also dismissed, since he could not have given a bribe if Dietrich was not guilty of receiving one.

The only case left is the one against Elliott Low, who is alleged to have acted as go-between in the sale of the postoffice property.

They will begin wholesale arrests of unionists today. The strikers will be thrown into the bull pen of Camp Garfield before any legal steps can be taken. They will then be loaded on special trains and deported from the county. The wives and children of strikers who call strike breakers scabs or other insulting epithets will also be arrested and deported. Civil officers who attempt to serve papers will be treated likewise.

## DIDN'T WORK

The scheme to load the steamship Onfa at Elevator B and the Tacoma Grain company's warehouse, taking cargo from the two places at the same time, did not work as well as expected. The big steamer is too long by several feet when across both piers, and her hatches do not come in line. The big steamer is taking on cargo in the hatch opposite the grain company's wharf.

## CHANGED HIS MIND

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 8.—The sultan, on reconsideration, has decided to place a Turkish exhibit at the St. Louis fair.

## SENSATIONAL SUIT FILED

W. G. Andrews, a local railroad man, who lives at 1508 South D street, commenced suit for divorce this afternoon in the superior court.

In his complaint he alleges his wife had committed adultery. He sets up that last July he came home and found his wife locked in a room with a man whom he alleges was Fred Barton. He attempted to get into the room, but it was barred. He asks for complete separation.

## BABY RUTH'S FUNERAL

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 8.—Ruth Cleveland's funeral was held today. But few were present on account of fear of contagion.

## NEW BRIDGE WILL BE GREAT BENEFIT

Clinton A. Snowden, commissioner of the Puyallup reservation, is much interested in the new Puyallup river bridge, because of the great benefit it will be to Tacoma. He says: "It will pay for itself every 30 days, and if it had been built four years ago we would have added \$1,000,000 worth of factories to the tide flats." The bridge will be opened about April 1.

## WARRIORS TO GET MORE GOLD LACE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—President Roosevelt today sent the following nominations to the senate: Major General Chaffee to be lieutenant general, vice Young, retired. Brigadiers to be major generals—Kobbe, Sanger, Bates, Randolph, Gillespie. All but the last named are to be immediately retired.

Colonel Dodge, assistant paymaster general, to be paymaster general with the rank of brigadier general, vice Bates, retired. Colonel McKenzie to be chief of engineers, with rank of brigadier general, vice Gillespie.

Colonel Storey to be chief of artillery, with the rank of brigadier, vice Randolph. The following colonels and lieutenant colonels to be brigadiers: Mordecai, Haskell, Hathaway, Taylor, Butler, Allen, Trua, Cox, Line, Dougherty, McCahey and Mills, who is now superintendent at West Point. All but the last two will be immediately retired.

The president also sent in the nomination of Joseph McCarthy of Minnesota to be auditor of the postoffice department.

## STOPPED THEIR LITTLE GAME

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—Commander Dillingham of the cruiser Detroit sent the following cablegram today from Puerto Plata, San Domingo: "The Morales, gunboat, delivered an ultimatum and threatened to bombard Puerto Plata after 24 hours' notice. With the concurrence of Captain Robertson of the English cruiser Palas, I made such representations to both sides that the gunboat agreed not to bombard, and the other side will not fire on the gunboat. All of the fighting will be confined to the land side of the future. United States interests are secure. I have small parties landed at Soson and the American consulate here."

## TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM THE PEN

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 8.—Prisoner Brooks is dead and Keepers Fitzgerald and Harney wounded as the result of a riot in the state's prison today, caused by Brooks, who attempted to escape. He knocked Harney down with an iron bar, seized his pistol and shot right and left. He was finally overpowered and taken to the dungeon, where later he committed suicide by hanging himself with his suspenders.

## FRATERNAL NEWS

J. M. Martin, deputy supreme president of the Fraternal Brotherhood, assisted by a degree team from Latona lodge of Seattle, will publicly install the newly elected officers of Amethyst lodge No. 245 on Tuesday, January 19, at Foresters' hall. Arrangements are being made for an elaborate entertainment for members and their friends, many of whom will come by special train from Seattle. Written invitations will be issued by the following committees: Dr. Annie Reynolds, Mrs. H. R. Maybin, Dr. H. E. Osary and Mrs. Mary F. Bean.

## CHINAMEN ARE SHIVERING BETWEEN CHING WO'S DECKS

Huddled together between the steel decks of the steamship Ching Wo, Chinese passengers are shivering with the cold that is so strange to them. Poorly clad and most of them aged, the miserable travelers are only just living. All the Chinamen on the big steamship want is to get back to the graves of their forefathers before they die, so that they can be buried where no shadow will fall across their graves.

Three of the Chinamen on the Ching Wo have died while the vessel has been in Tacoma harbor, from ailments brought on by exposure to the cold. The three bodies will be shipped to China and buried there.

Captain Parkinson of the Ching Wo, speaking of his Chinese passengers this morning, said that he was taking the best care of them in his power, but that a freight steamer was no place to attempt to carry passengers, even Chinese. They can stand anything but cold weather.

The Ching Wo's passengers for the most part have been in the United States for many years and are now taking advantage of the \$15 rate to get home.

Their quarters are close and cold, down between decks, though more light and heat

has been provided. On deck heavy awnings have been slung and on warm days the Chinamen take advantage of this and sit out in the sunshine. They are all inveterate gamblers and each has a little hard-earned money with which he is willing to take a chance. Those who die on the ship are looked after by the Chinese Six Companies, who pay well to see that the natives are transported to the Celestial Empire for burial.

## BENJAMIN DOES NOT SHOW UP

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 8.—The Rock Island engineer, Benjamin, who is wanted as the principal witness in the Willard wreck inquiry, is still absent. The coroner's inquiry has been indefinitely postponed.

recent burglaries here or the hold-up at the smelter.

The police department is leaving no stone unturned to get to the bottom of the smelter hold-up, and every suspicious looking character will be picked up as soon after their arrival in the city as possible.

The police department and the county officers have thoroughly covered the territory in the vicinity of the smelter, but not the slightest clue has been discovered that would lead to the identity of the trio of robbers.

## DELEGATES TO SPOKANE

Delegates representing the different labor organizations of Tacoma will attend the annual convention of the Washington State Federation of Labor in Spokane next Monday. It has been arranged that all the delegates shall assemble in Labor hall on Commerce street Sunday at 10 o'clock and march in a body to the depot, where they will board the train for Spokane.

Those who were elected delegates are: M. A. West and N. M. Wheeler, building

laborers; George Berlin, barbers; William Schick, brewers; J. Menzies, clerks; J. J. Hicks and P. V. Copeland, Tacoma Trades council; W. A. Gibson, tailors; J. H. Johnson and A. Weber, plumbers; J. M. Peters and Gus Lincoln, sheet metal workers; R. S. Fuller and J. J. E. Brink, shingle weavers; N. Klobeg and H. F. Rowland, steam engineers; D. A. Maulsby and C. P. Taylor, typographical union; W. A. Walker, warehousemen; William Maitland, electricians; W. E. Davis and C. Remington, teamsters; L. J. Bruner and Charles Hall, machinists No. 297; G. P. White, bakers; O. L. Tuel, P. W. Dowler, G. W. Dykeman and W. S. Snyder, carpenters; George Herbert, railway conductors; J. B. Parker, machinists No. 102; George Humphreys, cooks and waiters; William Adams and Jack Steele, newsboys.

## JEWES WERE LET ALONE

LONDON, Jan. 8.—No news has been received from Kishineff today indicating any disturbance there. A letter received from Russian Minister Plevne scoffs at the idea of a recurrence of the anti-Semitic riots.

## RETAIL GROCERS ANNUAL MEETING

The Retail Grocers' Protective association held its annual meeting last night and elected officers for the ensuing year. J. H. McDonald was elected president; C. H. Buelow, vice-president; C. F. W. Bachman, treasurer; Gustav Beulich, secretary; C. H. Plass, C. T. Stewart, R. McLean, R. S. Bennetts and J. W. Fiddes, members of the board of directors. The committee of the association having in charge the matter of securing a city market and dock reported that the project had been given favorable action by the city council and that the market and dock were assured.

The Tacoma cracker factory soon to be established here will be represented in the association by C. Ebert, who was elected a trustee last night. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual banquet of the association, which will be held soon.

