

VICEROY ALEXIEFF IS VIRUALLY FORCED TO TENDER RESIGNATION



ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF. (From his latest photograph.)

ST. PETERSBURG, April 20.—Viceroy Alexieff has telegraphed the czar asking leave to resign his position of viceroy in the Far East. It is expected that the request will be immediately granted, as Alexieff has fallen into disfavor with the emperor, owing to the naval disasters at Port Arthur. For some time past the current has been setting strongly against the viceroy, as shown by the fact that when the czar appointed Admiral Makaroff he gave him absolute authority over the navy, making him independent of control by Alexieff. In the same way, General Kuropatkin was recently accorded complete control of the land forces and has been reporting di-

rectly to the czar. To cap the climax, the newly appointed admiral of the Port Arthur fleet, Skrydloff, is an avowed enemy of Alexieff. Under the circumstances the viceroy had little power left him, and concluded that it would be wise to resign and save trouble. LONDON, April 20.—The Newchwang landing by the Japanese is believed here to be the most important event thus far in the campaign. Newchwang is being fortified strongly by the Russians. Should the port fall into Japanese hands, it would be of immense advantage to the latter, because of its harbor facilities and

PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION PLEASED WITH THEIR INSPECTION

NEW YORK, April 20.—United States Canal Commissioner Parsons arrived from Colon today. He said that after his arrival there April 4 the canal commission examined Colon and proceeded to Panama, where the members were presented to the president. The inspection of canal work already done was then commenced. The commission examined at great length the celebrated Emperor and Culebra cuts, traversed the Chagres river for some miles and made a study of the construction of dams necessary to control this stream. As a result of their investigations, the commission decided that the construction of

the canal is perfectly feasible. Parsons stated that it was too early to speak of details or plans. The climate at Panama was a surprise to him. Although warm, it was not so disagreeable as the extreme summer temperature of New York. He believed the present death rate there is considerably higher than it should be and is confident that a supply of good water and a system of sewers would make Panama and Colon healthful. He left the rest of the members of the commission in good health. After a few weeks' rest the commission will return to Washington to organize the necessary engineer corps.

SICKLES GETS FOUR MONTHS

Lewis Sickles, alias L. B. Smith, who was arrested some time ago for passing a forged check amounting to \$79.85 on Herman A. Buss, a saloon keeper at Electron, was arraigned before Judge Snell this morning and sentenced to four months in the county jail. Sickles did not make the check himself. He had been drinking with a hobo who had worked at Electron, and the latter wrote the check and gave it to Sickles, who had it cashed at the saloon. In order to make the saloon keeper believe that the check was good, Sickles told him that he had been paid off by the Columbia Improvement company and called attention to C. W. White's signature on the check. Mr. White is superintendent of construction at Electron. After cashing the check, Sickles handed over to the tramp all the money except \$10. He kept that amount to redeem a watch which he pawned for liquor. The tramp departed. In passing sentence today, Judge Snell said: "You would be all right if you would quit drinking. In the light of your past life as an honest man and in view

of the fact that you have a wife and children depending on you and your parents are good people, I will give you only four months in the county jail."

HOLDUP IN A SEATTLE JOINT

SEATTLE, April 20.—Armed with revolvers and masked in the regulation style, two highwaymen held up Night Bartender A. B. Taylor, of the Long Horn saloon, in North Seattle, yesterday morning and succeeded in escaping with \$208.55, which they obtained from the till. The place is located at 2000 Western avenue, and at the time the holdup occurred, 3 o'clock in the morning, there are seldom any strangers around. All the detectives on the police force are searching the city thoroughly for the desperadoes, but up to a late hour they had reported no favorable progress. Taylor states that the men entered the back door just as he was locking up. One of them poked a gun in his face and kept him covered, while the other emptied the cash register. It is the general supposition that the men were old hands at the business.

that the Japanese have landed in force near Newchwang.

NAGASAKI, April 20.—Contact mines found floating at sea 40 miles from Cape Chantung, have been destroyed by the Japanese fleet.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 20.—A report in circulation here this evening states that the Russians are strengthening their fortifications at Chudai-Cheng, intending to stubbornly contest the passage of the Yalu.

LONDON, April 20.—A Central News dispatch from Tokio states that a telegram reports that 35 Cossacks arrived at Yong Chin, on the east coast of Korea, yesterday and burned Japanese houses.

NEWCHWANG, April 20.—The newspaper war correspondents will proceed to Mukden today.

PARIS, April 20.—A Nationalist politician claims authority for the statement that the battleship Petropavlovsk was sunk by a Japanese submarine boat, said to have been the "Famous," which Goubet sold to the Japanese after Russia had refused to purchase the vessel.

TIENTSIN, April 20.—It is reported that Russian forces have withdrawn from the Yalu, leaving only four regiments on the river bank.

LONDON, April 20.—The Central News' St. Petersburg correspondent wires that a report is current in the Russian capital

SEATTLE'S NEW MAYOR PUSHES HIS VICE CRUSADE WITH VIGOR

SEATTLE, April 20.—The reform wave is on in earnest under the administration of Mayor Ballinger. The new executive and his chief of police, Dalaney, are outlining a vigorous policy against the gamblers, crooks and other undesirable characters who infested this city for years under Mayor Humes' lax administration. The results have been noticeable. Alarmed by seeing real live policemen at work, scores of well-dressed loafers—law-breakers, if not criminals of a deeper dye—have shaken the mud of Seattle from their shoes and decamped. A respectable number of others, less timid, have been hauled up to the police court, and there promptly and sternly dealt with by Judge George, who has given them orders to leave town forthwith, and imposed the limit of fine and imprisonment as a penalty for remaining. As a consequence, crime shows a marked decrease. There are, however, still many hundreds of the vagrant class in the city. They are not confined, either, to the Blackchapel district. Washington street swarms with them day and night. The lodging houses of the old tenderloin district are infested by them and by the women who support

them. They crowd the pool rooms of that quarter and often stray farther up town. Hundreds of hobos make the saloons of the old tenderloin district their homes. The beer saloons of that section are a magnet for the tramps who commit most of the annoying burglaries and petty thefts, and occasionally aspire to highway robbery and murder.

The "stew bum" is the product of the soup kitchen feature of the old tenderloin dives, and there is no place for him in Seattle under a mayor who does not need him as material for the creation of a corrupt political machine.

The cheap dives will be closed as the first move toward clearing up the old tenderloin district and rendering it fit for business occupation and safe for respectable citizens to traverse.

With Seattle no longer bidding for the privilege of relieving the transient visitor of his money by pandering to his vices, the old tenderloin dives are distinctly not wanted.

Saloon boxes and wine rooms so constructed as to aid the street walker in her vocation will be abolished and the scarlet woman driven from the business and residence districts.

Window shades; Menzies Manufacturing company, window shades; H. F. Sharp & Co., photograph supplies; Crown hotel; Office Specialty company.

The Evening Telegram office and Brooke & Co.'s warehouse were badly jammed.

From the Currie warehouse on Wellington street, where it originated, the fire spread with astounding rapidity to the west, destroying buildings occupied by the Eckhardt Casket company and Warwick Brothers & Ritter, and the Gage company, and then made a clean sweep up Wellington street to the Queen's hotel. The thick fire walls of the hotel and the concentrated efforts of the fire fighters stopped the flames there, but in the meantime the fire had swept across the street and the block of buildings from Bay street west to the National club was wiped out.

Other fire sufferers were: Wise & Darling, Westwood & Co., Guley & Co., Bond & Co., Ashborn & Sherwin, Ainslee & Co., and Buckling company.

The warehouses of W. H. Brock & Co., Mackay & Co., Pugsley, King & Co., Cockshutt & Co. and Brown Bros. were destroyed.

TORONTO, Ont., April 20.—A conflagration extending through the wholesale district of this city last night destroyed property valued at \$10,000,000. Starting in a neckwear factory on Wellington street, the flames spread in all directions and were soon beyond control. Appeals for help were sent to Montreal, London, Hamilton and Buffalo, all of which responded by sending engines and apparatus. The losers are: Gillespie, Angley & Co., hats and furs; Dignum & Money Penny, importers; Comfort Soap Works; Davis & Henderson, wholesale stationers; Jessup Steel company's building, occupied by R. B. Hutchinson & Co., wholesale woollens; Alcott, Sargent & Westwood, fishing tackle; Doods' Medicine company; Western Steamship company; Richard L. Baker company, agents; B. T. Corset company; C. H. Westwood & Co., fishing tackle; Garland Manufacturing company, F. H. Cragg agent; Rothschild Bros. & Co., manufacturers; C. W. Bangard & Co., brokers; Richie & Ramsey company, paper manufacturers; Thomas Hopkins, manufacturers' agent; Kinloch Paper company; Andrew Moorhead, wholesale paints; E. W. Gilmour & Brother, silverware; W. H. Payne & Co., commission agents; B. M. Slater & Co., wholesale dry goods; International Brokers, Ltd.; Gale Manufacturing company; Whitman & Brown Bros., wholesale stationers; Ralph Smith & Co., lithographers; George N. Hess, Son & Co.,

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SMOOT INQUIRY IS RESUMED WITH BRIGHAM ROBERTS AS A WITNESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—Brigham Roberts, one of the seven first presidents of the Mormon church, who was elected to congress but was prevented from taking his seat, was the first witness this morning at the resumption of the Smoot inquiry by the senate committee. He said that he had been married three times, the first time in 1877, the second time in 1886, and the third time in 1890. By his second wife, Cecil Dibble, who was his first plural wife, he had eight children, some of whom had been born since his election to congress in 1898. He was married to this third wife by Daniel H. Wells, counselor to the apostles, in Salt Lake City. There were no witnesses, nor was either of his previous wives present. Counsellor Wells made no objection to

his marriage to Mrs. Shipp, his third wife; neither did the other two wives. However, they did not know of the marriage at the time. They did not learn of it for two or three years. He concealed the marriage chiefly for the purpose of relieving them of embarrassment. The witness remarked: "Of course, we know that the marriage was illegal." "This third wife was formerly the wife of Dr. Shipp," admitted Roberts. "I knew he had a first wife." Asked for the reasons which led him to contract this third marriage when he knew it was against the law, Roberts said that from boyhood he had been taught the rightfulness of plural marriages, and believed they were according to the law of God. He preferred to accept God's law to man's law. He believed polygamy was

and is a divine institution. He admitted living in polygamous cohabitation, "in defiance of the laws of man."

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A graphic story of the collapse of the big steel bridge spanning the Snake river near Huntington, Ore., on the line of the Oregon Short Line railroad, and the averting of a heavy loss of life through the presence of mind of the engineer of the train, is told by the passengers on the second section of train No. 1 on the Northern Pacific railroad, which reached Tacoma yesterday morning.

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LATE TELEGRAPH

ROME, April 20.—Nearly 100 miners were overwhelmed by the cave-in of a shaft in the Commune of Proscato today. Of these 25 afterwards escaped. The remainder are buried.

OGDEN, Utah, April 20.—A big storm on the Great Salt lake during the past three days damaged the grade of the Lucin cut-off of the Southern Pacific, waves dashing over the roadbed. There is a rumor that a gang of men in a steam launch gathering up timbers have perished.

LONDON, April 20.—The City Suburban Handicap, of 2,000 sovereigns, run at the Downs today, was won by Lord Carnarvon's Robert Le Diable. Twenty-one horses ran. The favorites were all in the rear. The winner was a 40 to 1 shot.

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was addressed by Rev. Miller on "The Responsibility of a Summer Assembly." The president announced that the Orchard Beach Baptist assembly has been duly organized and incorporated, with a capital stock of \$5,000, divided into 500 shares of \$10 each. A number of those present subscribed for stock. Dr. William Beckman, district secretary of the National Baptist convention, with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., spoke of the work of the negro Baptists in America and in foreign fields. By invitation of Dr. Smith, Dr. Beckman will deliver the same lecture at the First Baptist church, Ninth and South D streets, tonight, commencing at 8:30 o'clock. The district banner was awarded to the South Tacoma Baptist church.

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BAPTIST RALLY AT SOUTH TACOMA The District Baptist Young People's union held its quarterly rally at the south Tacoma Baptist church last night. Papers were read by Mr. Gibson of Puyallup and Professor Mark Bailey, jr., and the meeting

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"Should the hotel ruins be utilized for a high school building, the 98 feet of the wing on the corner of First and E streets will be torn down, the southeast and the northwest corners made four stories high, while the rest will be made three stories high. This will give some light upon the source where so much of the brick will come from."

EH! HOW IS THIS?

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The senate today adopted a resolution offered by Senator Dubois, calling on the postmaster general to ascertain whether any postmasters in Idaho are living in polygamy.

SNOW STOPS BASEBALL

CHICAGO, April 20.—A snowstorm caused the postponement of the baseball game here today. CHICAGO, April 20.—It is reported that six inches of snow has fallen in Southern Illinois and Missouri.