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TIMBER AND STONE ACT MAY NOW BE REPEALED

Senate Committee Ends Two-year Controversy by Reporting Favorably Quarles' Bill Stript of Drastic Features—Measure Is Identical With Hansbrough's Bill—North Dakotan and Nelson Uphold Homestead Law.

Globe Special Washington Service, 1417 G Street. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—The bill to amend the forestry law by providing that timber on public lands shall in future be sold as stumpage and at public auction, without cessation of lands, was reported today by the senate committee on public lands.

the desert land act and the commutation clause of the homestead law. The heated contests in committee have been so frequent that they threatened many times to break the personal regard in which the members of the committee always had held one another.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—The senate committee on public lands, after a contest extending over two years, in which an attempt was made to repeal all of the general land laws of the country, today authorized a favorable report on Senator Quarles' bill to repeal the timber and stone act.

LAWYERS CONFER WITH MR. HILL. No Definite Plans in Northern Securities Case Under Consideration.

GROUND IS SHAKEN AGAINST PARKHURST

Violent Earthquake Shocks on Pacific Coast.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 16.—Two earthquake shocks were felt here at 8:13 o'clock tonight, the first of five seconds' duration and the second of fifteen seconds' duration.

AGAINST PARKHURST

Jury Says Preacher Labeled Dr. Schell.

BOSTON, Mass., March 16.—A superior court jury today returned a verdict in favor of Rev. Dr. E. A. Schell, of Chicago, formerly general secretary of the Epworth league, in his libel suit against Dr. Charles Parkhurst, editor, and the Boston Wesleyan association, publishers, of Zion's Herald.

FALSE IMPRISONMENT ENRICHES SERVANT GIRL

Mrs. McMullin Was Too Hasty in Accusing Bertha of Theft.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 16.—At 8:15 tonight the sharpest shock of earthquake felt in Victoria for twenty years shook the city. Clocks were stopped and invalids screamed with terror.

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Now Watch Out for the Pet Bogie.

LAWYERS CONFER WITH MR. HILL

No Definite Plans in Northern Securities Case Under Consideration.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Lawyers representing the various interests in the Northern Securities company were in conference with President Hill and other officials until late in the day.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES UNITE

Uniform Rates Will Be Fixed and Work Done by a Central Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 16.—The Inquirer tomorrow will say that the national board of fire insurance underwriters at a meeting held in New York today came to an agreement with a committee of twenty representing various insurance companies by which all fire insurance companies in this country and all foreign companies represented here will form a combination.

ARMOUR GATHERS IN FOUR MILLIONS

Big Packer and Lieutenants Close Out Immense Line of May Wheat.

CHICAGO, March 16.—With the closing out of a line of 20,000,000 bushels of May wheat today the Armour people brought to a close the most remarkable wheat deal on record.

JAPANESE READY TO GO TO THE FRONT



Review of Troops at Chemulpo, Korea, After Landing, and Previous to Departing to Meet the Russians.

RUSSIANS TAKE NEW POSITION

SANGUINARY LAND FIGHT SEEMS NEAR AT HAND

Details of the Latest Bombardment of Port Arthur Show Much Damage Was Wrought, Hardly a Residence Escaping and Many People Being Killed—Unconfirmed Report Has Russians Crossing the Yalu.

MAIN MOVEMENT BEGINS.

Special Cable to The Globe. TOKYO, March 16.—In all probability the main movement of the Japanese army has begun. The army building was ablaze with electric lights all last night. There was expectancy today, and while no bulletin has been made public by Gen. Ishimota, there is no doubt that a report of important moves is expected any moment from Northeastern Manchuria, which point, it is now agreed here, will mark the first attack in force against the Russians.

COMPENDIUM OF THE CONFLICT.

From the far East come indications that the great armies are slowly but surely advancing, and that the first decisive land battle is not far distant. The Port Arthur situation continues to be serious, but the rumors of Russia's alleged intention to abandon her stronghold are again denied. The St. Petersburg newspapers being particularly bitter in denouncing those with whom the reports originated and attributing stock-jobbing motives to the fabrication.

Special Cable to The Globe.

SHANGHAI, March 16.—Three Norwegian steamers, the Frandack, Argo and Sierstad, arrived here today direct from Port Arthur. Members of the crew give authentic particulars of the last bombardment. The Argo lay alongside the Retzivan in the harbor.

FIRE VERY ACCURATE.

The Japanese fire was marvelously accurate. The inhabitants were terror-stricken. Many attempted to construct bombardment-proof cellars. A shell fell among a crowd of sightseers. It killed twenty-five of them. Three government clerks were killed while on their way from the port admiral's office. The most elevated fort at the entrance of the harbor was most seriously damaged. There was one tremendous explosion which civilians attributed to the blowing up of a magazine, but whether their surmise was correct or not is not known, as the Russian authorities forbade that any inquiries be answered.

AMERICAN REFUGEES EN ROUTE.

Special Cable to The Globe. (Copyright, 1904, New York Herald.) CHINAMPO, Wednesday.—The Cincinnati has arrived, received twenty-three American refugees from the mines and missions and immediately proceeded to Chemulpo, where some will remain and others will go to the United States.

Special Cable to The Globe.

CHIFU, Wednesday.—A well known Russian naval engineer from Port Arthur, who is passing here incognito for Shanghai, tells of the purchase of sundry parts necessary for repairs of the damaged vessels. No details were obtained. The Russians are buying secretly all the available hay and salt, the latter for curing purposes.

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PORT SAID, Wednesday.—Thirty-two wounded Russians from the Variag and the Korietz, which were sunk at Chemulpo, landed here tonight from the steamer Yarra. After two days they will proceed to Odessa. Local French families were anxious to provide entertainment for the sailors, but arrangements have been made to house them at a boarding establishment and a hospital.

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SHANGHAI, March 16.—Incoming vessels report no sign of the evacuation of Port Arthur by the Russians. It is not believed the Russian ships have left for Vladivostok. The re-

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