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### THE WEATHER:

In St. Paul and vicinity today:  
Rain and Snow.

## FRESHETS MENACE MANY TOWNS IN MIDDLE WEST

### Hundreds of People Driven From Their Homes by Disastrous Floods in Michigan and Indiana—Property Loss at Grand Rapids Will Reach \$2,000,000 and 15,000 Men Will Be Out of Work Today.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 27.—Conditions in this city and along the Grand river are very grave tonight as a result of the unprecedented flood that has swollen the stream far out of its banks. At 9 o'clock tonight the river gauge here showed a depth of 19.3 feet. This is three feet above the previous high water record, that of 1884. The river has risen six inches since 6 o'clock last evening. It is falling slightly tonight, however, as the drop in temperature checked the small streams and rivers. The inhabitants of flooded houses are suffering greatly from cold and hunger. There has been no loss of life reported yet.

The interurban cars are running only over portions of the roads out of Grand Rapids. The steam railway service is demoralized. Practically no trains are running according to schedule on roads that have their lines open.

The city lighting station is entirely cut off and the city is in darkness again tonight. Many of the West side churches are surrounded by water, and were unable to hold services today. All the schools on the West side must remain closed.

The work of rescuing inhabitants of the flooded houses has continued throughout the day, a squad of local militia assisting the rescuers. It is conservatively estimated that the loss to property and business on account of the flood will exceed \$2,000,000.

Fifteen thousand men will be unable to work tomorrow, owing to factories being compelled to close down by the

high water. Two thousand homes are flooded on the West side. The flood conditions at Ionia, Lowell, Portland and other points along the Grand river are reported to be slightly improved tonight, the water having begun to fall. These towns are practically isolated by reason of the bridges across the Grand river going out, and it will be many days before anything like normal traffic with the outside world will be established. The flood loss at Ionia is established tonight at \$100,000.

Niles reports tonight that no trains have been run today on the Michigan division of the Big Four, as a result of the St. John river flood, that the greater part of the city is flooded and that sandbags are being placed on the dam across the river at that point to keep it from going out.

### SITUATION ALARMING AT INDIANAPOLIS

#### City Officials Appeal to National Guard for Protection.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 27.—White river continued to rise throughout the day until all former high water marks had been passed. At 9 o'clock tonight the water was six inches above the highest previous record, and was still rising.

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## MISSOURI TORNADO DEALS OUT DEATH

### Wires Down, but Many Lives Are Known to Be Lost.

CARRUTHERSVILLE, Mo., March 27.—A tornado swept the country twenty miles north of here last night, causing a great loss of life and destroying thousands of dollars worth of property.

The wires have been down all day and authentic news is hard to get, but as belated reports come it becomes more evident that there has been great loss of life and property. It is now known that lives have been lost. The lives of the Shuemaker family, living near Portageville, four in number, were taken, and their home demolished. Wesley Miller and wife, living two miles north of Mount Pleasant, were killed and their home demolished. Their bodies were found 200 yards away badly mutilated. Mr. Miller was a wealthy mill owner and planter. Fifteen hundred dollars in money belonging to him was found scattered over the ground.

Much stock was killed and wounded. Fence posts were blown from the ground and giant trees were twisted aside like straws. Yesterday was very hot, and just after dark the cyclone broke from a funnel-shaped cloud, sweeping 300 yards wide.

### DOWIE REFUSED USE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

#### Australian Mayor Tells Him He Is Disgrace to His Nationality.

ADELAIDE, Australia, March 27.—In consequence of a speech insulting King Edward, the government has refused the use of public buildings to John Alexander Dowie. The mayor of Adelaide went to Dowie, telling him he was a disgrace to his nationality.

# JAPS REPULSED AT PORT ARTHUR

## IN ATTEMPT TO HOBSONIZE CHANNEL THEY LOSE FIRE SHIPS AND TORPEDO BOATS

### St. Petersburg Has Official Tidings of a Desperate Attempt Made Yesterday Morning to Close Up the Port--Russians Claim to Have Driven Off the Enemy and Rendered the Fire Ships Useless Through the Bravery of Lieut. Krinizki--Failure Costly to the Japs in Men and Money--Fluke May Cause Change of Campaign Plans.

Special Cable to The Globe.

CHIFU, March 27.—The Japanese in their latest attempt to block Port Arthur harbor were favored by a thick mist. After the steamers were sunk the Japanese torpedo boats, which attempted to steal into the outer harbor, where the Russian fleet lay at anchor, had a narrow escape in getting back to the Japanese squadron. This consisted of sixteen battleships and cruisers, and remained well out to sea while it bombarded the town at long range.

At daylight Makaroff's fleet quitted the harbor and proceeded some distance out to sea. It did not, however, leave the protection of the shore batteries. The Japanese fleet then retired in the direction of Blonde island. It is evident no decisive naval engagement will be fought during the war. There is no doubt that Russian authorities knew that the Japanese would make another attempt to block the harbor, particularly in view of increased activity of the fleet under Makaroff. As the result a very sharp lookout is kept now.

SLEDGES WILL BE USED UNTIL ICE IS GONE.

Special Cable to The Globe.

PARIS, March 27.—Echo de Paris has a dispatch from St. Petersburg stating that rails have been removed from ice of Lake Baikal and that sledges will be used until ferry goes into operation, which will not be before the end of April. It is not considered likely that the czar will go to the front. He will pass holy week at Moscow.

KUROPATKIN AND MAKAROFF IN COMMAND.

Special Cable to The Globe.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 27.—The czar's order, issued to Viceroy Alexieff at the beginning of the war, has been published. The czar notifies him that Gen. Kuropatkin and Admiral Makaroff are to have independent chief commands, on land and sea. Admiral Alexieff is, therefore, directed to transfer his residence to a suitable place. The order declares that the struggle must make secure Russia's position on the coast of the Pacific.

FAIL TO BLOCK THE PORT.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 27.—Under cover of darkness this morning Vice Admiral Togo made another desperate attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet in Port Arthur, but he failed again, and when after daylight Vice Admiral Makaroff steamed out to give battle the Japanese commander refused the challenge and sailed away.

The Japanese practically repeated the tactics of Feb. 24, by sending in five fire ships, accompanied by a torpedo boat flotilla, with the exception that the fire boats this time were armed with Hotchkiss guns for the purpose of keeping off Russian torpedo boat destroyers.

The enemy's intention was discovered by means of shore searchlights, and a heavy fire was maintained by the batteries and two gunboats, which guard the entrance of the harbor. The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Stini was outside on scouting duty, and to the dash and nerve of her commander, Lieut. Krinizki, is chiefly due the complete defeat of the plans of the Japanese. He at once made straight for the oncoming ships under a hail of fire from the Hotchkiss guns and torpedoed the leading ship, which sheered off, followed by the others, three of them being piled up on the shore under Golden Hill and one under the lighthouse. The Stini then engaged the entire six torpedo boats of the enemy, coming out from a terrific fight with seven killed and her commander and twelve of her complement wounded, but on the Japanese side only one boat's crew was saved.

In addition, according to unofficial reports, it is believed the Japanese lost two torpedo boats.

The Japanese cruisers which supported the attack, exchanged shots with the battery and then drew off, after which Admiral Makaroff took a steam launch and examined the fire ships.

An hour later the Japanese torpedo flotilla, followed by Admiral Togo's fleet, came up from a southerly direction. Just at daybreak Admiral Makaroff with his fleet sailed out to engage the enemy, but after the ships and batteries had fired a few long-distance shots Vice Admiral Togo decided to decline the issue and disappeared to the southward.

ST. PETERSBURG REJOICES.

The news of the repulse of Vice Admiral Togo's second attempt to block Port Arthur created much rejoicing in the Russian capital, and among all classes the gallantry of the Stini and her commander is the subject of high praise, but above all the moral effect of Vice Admiral Makaroff's willingness to engage the enemy, showing that he considers himself strong enough to fight, produced a splendid impression.

In high official circles this new effort to bottle up the Russian fleet is looked upon as meaning only one thing, namely, that the Japanese, as stated by the Associated Press on March 24, are preparing for a heavy landing of troops in the Gulf of Liaotung, either at New-chwang or on the west coast of the Manchuria neutral zone, to effect which in safety the immobility of Vice Admiral Makaroff's fleet is absolutely essential while the transports are being conveyed around the southern end of the peninsula. If the attempt had succeeded it would have required several days at least to blow up the steamers and clear away the wreckage, during which time the Japanese would be assured of non-interference in the carrying out of their purposes.

MAY HAMPER JAPANESE PLANS.

The failure of the Japanese this morning may seriously hamper their plans, as the ice in the Liao river is going out, and when the river is free its mouth can be easily mined.

The conviction continues to grow here that the Japanese have concluded that it would be inadvisable to make a direct frontal attack on Manchuria from Korea against the whole Russian army, and that it will be necessary to land a flanking column in the Gulf of Liaotung to divide the attention of the Russians and, if possible, to seize the railway and cut off Port

Arthur. The ground about New-chwang is perfectly familiar to the Japanese, who occupied it for a year during the Chino-Japanese war.

Some experts even go so far as to express the belief that Vice Admiral Togo was covering the movement of transports in the Gulf of Liaotung this morning and that, therefore, he was compelled to exercise great caution and to decline the Russian offer of an engagement.

Another view of the Japanese admiral's purpose which is not so generally entertained is that he believed that bombardments from Pigeon Bay would be disastrous to the Russian fleet if it were compelled to remain in the harbor, he having ascertained from observation that the Russian ships always pass out during the high angle bombardments and that a big shell dropped on a battleship could easily pierce the deck and exploding might completely destroy it.

A further telegram to the emperor from Vice Admiral Makaroff says:

THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

"I respectfully report that the enemy having withdrawn, I returned to the harbor with the fleet.

"The torpedo boat destroyer Stini, which stranded on a reef in consequence of damage caused to her engines by one of the enemy's shells, was floated during the course of the night and entered the harbor, thanks to the energy of her crew. Her commander, Lieut. Krinizki, who was slightly wounded in the arm, did not quit his post.

"On the fire ships were infernal machines, the wires connected with which were cut by Lieut. Kedroff and Ensign Pilsoudsky, of the Irregulars, whom I dispatched on this task. They boarded one of the steamers as soon as it stopped, cut the electric wire and extinguished the fire, which would have lit up the entrance of the harbor to the enemy in the roadstead.

"In the morning a floating mine was found bearing an infernal machine, but the latter was successfully removed.

"The inspection made showed that the steamers utilized as fire ships were not old. They were each of about 2,000 tons, and they were armed with light caliber guns."

TRY TO BLOW UP VLADIVOSTOK.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 27.—A report from Vladivostok says that a mine has been discovered under the fortress with wires leading to a Chinese house in the town.

IS CHINA HELPING JAPAN?

ST. PETERSBURG, March 27.—It is stated on apparently reliable authority that Vice Admiral Makaroff's report of his reconnaissance of the Elliott islands yesterday, contained the startling statement that he captured a junk filled with Chinese regular troops, which was being towed by a Japanese gunboat.

SAYS NEUTRALITY MUST BE OBSERVED.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 28.—A proclamation issued by the Chinese governor of Manchuria has been received here. It directs that all Chinese in Manchuria shall observe neutrality and attend strictly to business and particularly to refrain from damaging railroad and telegraph lines. They are also ordered to report any such attempts immediately. Gen. Tshitshagoff, commanding the railroad guard in Manchuria, has forbidden people to carry arms within a strip sixty versts

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## RACE WAR STILL ON

### Two More Negroes Killed at St. Charles, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 27.—A special to the Gazette from Dewitt, Ark., says: Two more negroes have been killed in the clash between whites and blacks at St. Charles, fifteen miles from here, in Arkansas county.

This brings the total of dead negroes up to thirteen, all of them being killed within the past week. The last two negroes killed were the Griffin brothers, Henry and Walker, who were responsible for the outbreak of hostilities between whites and blacks. It had been reported that they escaped, but it is known now that they are dead, and it is believed they were killed yesterday.

Owing to the remoteness of St. Charles and to the fact that the news of the result of the riot is not given out freely, it is difficult to obtain details. In the St. Charles neighborhood the negroes largely outnumber the whites, and trouble has been brewing for a long time. It is now believed that the leaders of the unruly element have been killed and that further trouble will be averted.

Yesterday was election day and usually on such a day St. Charles is crowded with negroes, but during the entire day only two negroes were seen in town, and these two appeared in the morning and stayed in the village but a short time. Near St. Charles negroes are quiet and are attending strictly to their work.

## PANIC IN A CHURCH

### Cry of "Fire" During Prayer Caused a Stampede.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 27.—A panic occurred at the morning service of St. Michael's Italian Roman Catholic church today, in which a score of persons were injured. Four most seriously injured, two women and two children, were taken to the hospital.

Someone in the congregation shouted "Fire" during a prayer and immediately the worshippers arose and rushed for the door at the rear of the church, the only exit. Women and children were trampled upon and dragged along the floor by the others in their endeavor to get out of the building, and during the confusion someone sent in a fire alarm. With great difficulty the firemen succeeded in forcing back the struggling mass that had become wedged in the doorway.

Finally, when the building was freed of people, two women and two girls were found on the floor badly hurt. The injuries of the others were attended by ambulance surgeons and physicians.

The police and members of the church have made an investigation, but no reason for an alarm of fire has been discovered.

Becoming Americanized.

HAVANA, March 27.—Telegrams from Santiago de Cuba report that all the members of the provincial electoral board of scrutiny have been arrested on the charge of falsifying the results of the elections for congressmen.

## TWO BURN TO DEATH

### Hotel Fire at Quincy Attended by Fatal Results.

QUINCY, Ill., March 27.—Fire today in the Hotel Newcomb resulted in the death of Rose McDonald and Antoinette Bronski, two employees of the house. Flames were discovered in the annex occupied by the servants. The guests were aroused and poured out in their night robes, but the flames were chiefly confined to the section in which the fire originated. Rose McDonald, formerly an actress and recently from Chicago, was suffocated in her room, and her body was afterwards found burned in her bed.

Antoinette Bronski, a waitress, pined in by the flames, was compelled to jump from a third story window. Her skull was crushed on the brick pavement and she died in the hospital an hour later.

Margaret Connell, Josie Myers and Josephine Lover, all waitresses, were badly burned, but not fatally. The total financial loss will not exceed \$20,000.

### AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT RESULTS IN DEATH

#### Jerome Yeager's Machine Overturns and Miss Florence Mass Is Killed.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Four persons in an automobile, owned and driven by Jerome Yeager, were thrown out while the car was swinging around a sharp curve in Central park today. Miss Florence Mass, of the Hotel Marlborough, was picked up unconscious and died soon after being taken home, and Solomon Strook was seriously injured. The rest escaped unhurt.

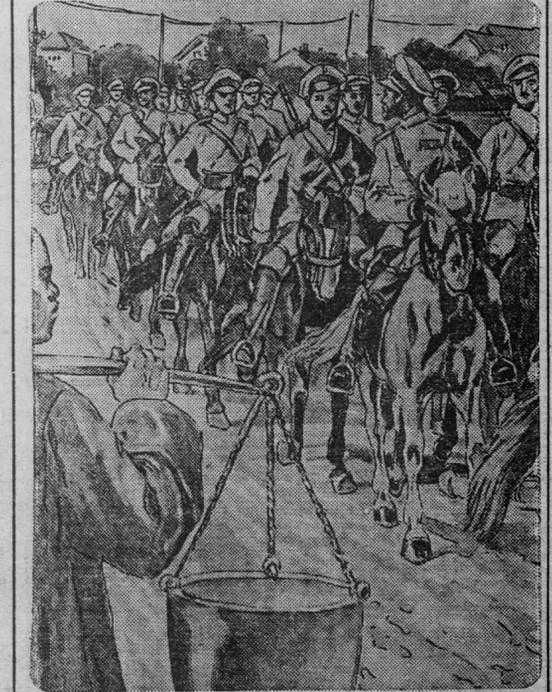
### MISSOURI STUDENTS OPPOSE FOREIGNERS

COLUMBIA, Mo., March 27.—The students of the University of Missouri have circulated a petition asking that foreigners be excluded from the men's dormitory. The petition followed the announcement that an Egyptian student at the university had prevailed upon several of his countrymen to enter the university next year, and the students claim that the dormitory should be for the use of Missouri students alone.

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## MARCHING THROUGH MANCHURIA



Russian Cavalry, Defying the Weather and Bad Roads, is Moving Rapidly to Occupy the Towns.

## WILD WEST IN THE FAR EAST.



Cossacks Swimming Their Horses Through Broken Ice of the Yalu.