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TEN CENTS A WEEK

JAPANESE CAPTURE BRITISH STEAMER

**Landed With Coal and Bound
For Vladivostok.**

RUSSIAN CAVALRY DAMAGE ROAD

**Japanese Repulse Czar's Men and Cap-
ture a Few Guns and Swords and
Two Horses—Russians Left Nine
Dead Soldiers on the Field.**

Tokio, Jan. 14.—The Japanese cruiser Tokwa captured in the sea of Japan Jan. 11, the British steamer Roseley, Captain Robertson from Barry, Nov. 11, Shanghai, loaded with coal consigned to Vladivostok. The Roseley is 2,833 tons net, was built at Port Glasgow in 1902, and is owned by W. R. Rea, of Belfast.

A report received yesterday at imperial military headquarters from the Japanese army headquarters in Korea says that the Japanese garrison at Chumung recently defeated a detachment of the Ninth Siberian Cossacks near Honon. The date of the engagement is not stated. The Russian left nine men dead on the field. The spoils taken by the Japanese include two horses and a number of rifles and swords.

Tokio, Jan. 12.—3 p. m.—The Russian cavalry raiders have slightly damaged the railways between Anshantien, Hai Ching and Talsihichiao. The above dispatch evidently refers to a previous cablegram to General Ku's headquarters in the field which announced that a raid was made by the Russian cavalry who were repulsed, it is said, by Japanese guards and driven back.

It is announced here that General Stoessel is bidding farewell to the Russian troops at Port Arthur, thanked the officers and men for the heroic defense and said he considered that the Japanese terms were the best it was possible to have offered. He added that he would take all the blame for the premature surrender of the fortress.

CLAIM BREACH OF NEUTRALITY.

**Russia Says She Has Proofs Against
Chinese Government.**

Paris, Jan. 14.—The Associated Press learns authoritatively that Russia's note addressed to the powers relative to China's breaking neutrality gives what Russia claims to be solid proof of Chinese breaches. The three main complaints are: First, that the islands of Miaotai, in straits of Pe Chi Li, opposite Port Arthur, have been constantly used by Japanese without Japanese interference with strategic base and a port for Japanese torpedo boats. Second, that the Chinese army on border has accepted the command of Japanese officer.

Third, that Chinese firms have been constantly working in behalf of the Chinese supplying them with provisions, military accoutrement and gunpowder stores.

The note lengthily sets forth the facts and complains that China has given satisfactory explanation of breaches of neutrality and that, therefore, Russia will ask the powers that she intends to use complete liberty of action in regard to future abuse of neutrality.

LOOKING FOR A SENSATION.

**Interesting Developments Expected in
the Irvine-Talbot Case.**

Reading, Pa., Jan. 11.—Rumors of a separation have been created by the publication of a letter of Rev. Dr. Ingram N. W. Irvine to the boards of inquiry named Bishop Tuttle to consider the presentment filed against Bishop Talbot of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania. None of the members of the board saw the letter until they read it in the newspapers.

None of the men who are charged by Dr. Irvine with being prejudiced against him would discuss his letter for publication. Their friends, however, declare the attack upon them to be entirely unjustifiable.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

**Postal Receipts Show 9 Per cent In-
crease in Large Cities.**

Washington, Jan. 11.—The gross postal receipts for the 50 largest post offices in the country for October, 1904, shows a net increase of about 9 per cent. The highest gain is 12 per cent at Peoria. The only decrease, was 4 per cent at Portland, Me., and 13-100 of 1 per cent at St. Joseph, Mo. Receipts at New York increased almost 6 per cent and at Chicago almost 11 per cent.

General orders issued by the war department announced that by authority of the president a badge with ribbons will be issued to each officer and enlisted man in the service to whom a certificate of merit has been or hereafter be issued and campaign badges with ribbons will be issued as articles of the uniform of officers and enlisted men in the service entitled thereto.

The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for reports of the condition of national banks at the close of business on Wednesday, January 11.

In the House.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Upon convening today the house of representatives non-concurred in the senate amendments to the Philippine government bill and sent the bill to conference. The speaker appointed as conferees on the part of the house Messrs. Cooper, of Wisconsin; Tawney, of Indiana; Crumpacker, of Indiana; Jones, of Virginia, and Maddox, of Georgia. On motion of Mr. Sulloway (N. H.) tomorrow was substituted for today in consideration of the pension bills. A bill was passed amending the revised statutes regarding the competency of witnesses to testify in civil action.

The pending impeachment charges against Judge Swayne of the northern district of Florida, were then taken up, Mr. Littlefield (Me.) resuming his remarks begun yesterday.

In the Senate.

At the reception of Mr. Platt (N. Y.) the senate today took up consideration of the bill amending the law governing the distribution of public documents, but on objection by Mr. Spencer, who said he desired to examine the measure, it was temporarily laid aside.

TO REPAIR BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

**Famous Structure To Be Strengthened
to Avert a Possible Disaster.**

New York, Jan. 14.—Fearful lest the strain to which the Brooklyn Bridge is being subjected will weaken it to such an extent that a great catastrophe might be possible, engineers of the department of Bridges are reported to have determined that the structure must be almost completely rebuilt.

To do this it will require at least two years and meanwhile traffic between New York and Brooklyn will have to be diverted to the Williamsburg bridge, the new Manhattan bridge and to the Brooklyn subway tunnel, now in course of construction.

Four or five years may elapse before this can be accomplished as great traffic problems will have to be solved before hand.

Railroad for Klondike.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 14.—Seattle business men and capitalists to undertake the construction of a railroad from Valdez through the copper river valleys to a point on the American Yukon. Within a few days articles of incorporation with Judge Thomas Burke, Jacob Furth, W. D. Hedius and other business men of this city as incorporators, will be filed at Olympia. The company will have a capitalization of \$5,000,000.

British Steamer Wrecked.

Key West, Fla., Jan. 14.—The British steamer Andania, from Galveston bound to European ports, with a cargo of cotton seed meal and rice, struck a reef off the Bahamas islands, about 10 miles from Elbow Key light, and is probably a total loss. The captain and crew were landed on the Cuban coast. Several vessels from this port have gone to try to save the cargo. Captain C. S. Wheldon, representing the underwriters of the cargo, is here awaiting reports from the wreck.

YOUNG MORMONS OPPOSE POLYGAMY

**Church Does Not Restrict Political
Liberties Of Members.**

FEELING AGAINST PLURAL WIVES

**Judges Who Had Been Active in Pros-
ecuting Mormons for Polygamy, Re-
ceived Large Votes When They
Went Before People for Re-Election**

Washington, Jan. 14.—J. W. N. Whitecotton, a native of Provo, Utah, resumed his interview of political affairs in Utah when the hearing opened today in the Smoot investigation.

No effort was made by the church, he said, to restrict the political liberties of the people generally, or of any individuals, but it claimed the right to receive the time and energies of men who have been elected to important church offices. The deduction he drew was that the church did not try to prevent its members from engaging in politics without the consent of the church, but that when certain members accepted important church offices, the church held a right to prevent such members from accepting other offices which would take their time. Mr. Whitecotton said he never had seen any difference in business between Mormon and Gentiles to their party affiliations.

It was shown by the witness the Gentiles had always held the most important state offices and that Gentile judges who had been active in sentencing Mormons for polygamous cohabitation received as large a vote as other candidates when they came up for re-election.

"I think the decided sentiment of the Mormon people in Utah is hostile to polygamy," said Mr. Whitecotton. "As to the sentiment in the state in regard to the prosecutions for polygamy, Mr. Whitecotton said there had been a great deal said of understanding that there should be no prosecutions, but that he had never heard of such a thing and did not believe it existed. Continuing, he said:

"But I believe the people generally don't want to stir this thing up and start it smoldering again—it is not a good odor. Women went into polygamy—a delusion, probably—because they thought plural marriage a religious duty. The church prescribes that if a plural wife gets a divorce she cannot be married to another husband, and the people realize that if she is cut off by prosecutions from her only protector, she and her children are in a precarious condition. The sympathy of Gentiles and young Mormons opposed to polygamy is all for the women. I never heard of any sympathy for a male polygamist and don't believe there ever has been such sympathy for one unless perhaps he should happen to be married to three or four viragos."

TO ESTABLISH ALL-NIGHT BANK.

**Institution Will Be Strong Financial-
ly and of Great Benefit.**

New York, Jan. 14.—With the acquisition of a \$999,999 site at the corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-fourth street, a district of fashionable restaurants and hotels, the directors of the first night and day bank have completed plans for opening that unique institution probably within a few months. The bank, which will be open together with its safety deposit vaults day and night will have a capital of \$250,000 and surplus of \$500,000.

In connection with the purchase of site for the bank it is related that the property has changed hands twice within a year, netting a profit to the sellers in that short period of \$200,000.

Well Known Actor Dead.

New York, Jan. 14.—Harvey Gross, actor, comedian, a well known character comedian who two years ago married Louise Carter Francis, niece of the late McAlister, is dead at St. Luke's hospital from heart trouble. He had been on the stage 25 years, and had appeared in support of many well known stars.

SEEKING FOR BURIED TREASURE

**Legends Declare that Much Gold Was
Buried on Island.**

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—When the city of Panama arrived here today from Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, the English steam yacht Roe Marine was in the harbor bound for Cocos island to search for the gold that legends say was buried there by ancient buccaneers.

A man named Gray is in charge of the party. His purpose in putting into Punta Arenas, it was reported was to endeavor to obtain concessions for excavations on Cocos island, the place being under the jurisdiction of Costa Rica.

Another steam yacht known as the Veronique and bearing Earl Fitz Williams and ten associates was at Panama when the City of Panama left there, and was also bound for Cocos in search of the gold and plate of the buccaneers. No trace of the wealth was discovered. The Veronique, it is said, will soon come to San Francisco.

STRONG PLEA FOR RECIPROCITY

**Eugene Foss, of Boston, Addresses
Members of Canadian Club.**

Toronto, Canada, Jan. 14.—Eugene Foss, of Boston, in an address to the members of the Empire Club made a strong plea for reciprocity between the United States and Canada.

Protection, he said, was not meant as a permanent trade policy for any country but rather as a temporary expedient to build up infant industries until they were in a position to meet world-wide competition. The movement was not consigned to Massachusetts nor to the Democratic party. President Roosevelt and other leaders of the Republican party. Mr. Foss declared, felt the need of cultivating closer trade relations with Canada. With this new spirit in the United States promising a more liberal view of the international relations he hoped that Canada would not adopt an attitude of provincial isolation.

SHIP STILL HARD AND FAST.

**Steamer Indus Remains on Rocks.
Crew Removing Her Cargo.**

New York, Jan. 14.—The steamer Indus, which stuck on Fire Island bar during the fog Wednesday night, was still hard and fast aground today and at half tide this afternoon she had a bad list to starboard.

All night long the wreckers assisted by the steamer's crew, worked steadily removing the cargo of sugar in an effort to lighten her sufficiently to allow her to float at the next high tide and today practically everything movable was being taken off.

In addition to the Wollsey wrecking tug and barge which went down to the revenue cutter Mohawk was standing along side today and during the forenoon the life-saving crews from Fire Island and Point of Woods were called to the steamer by signals.

A moderate sea was running.

MURDERER DIES ON GALLOWES.

**Killed a Woman Two Years Ago in the
Blue Grass State.**

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 14.—J. W. Bess, who murdered Mrs. Martha Quinn Martin two years ago, was hanged here today. At 1 o'clock the condemned man confessed that he intended to commit suicide with a knife blade which he had carried concealed in his mouth, but that he heard a sacred song sung by children near the jail, and has decided not to do so.

He said he intended to cover his head with the bed clothes pretending to the death watch that he was asleep, then open a vein and bleed to death.

Is Tobacco King Insane?

New York, Jan. 14.—Broderick Duke, half brother of the president of the American Tobacco company, whose recent marriage resulted in his commitment to a sanitarium was brought into the supreme court in Brooklyn today on a writ of habeas corpus and after hearing was sent to the Long Island hospital the next day. A committee appointed by Justice Gaynor is to meet to inquire into Mr. Duke's condition and make a report as to whether he is insane.

PRESIDENT'S PLANS HEARTILY ENDORSED

**Commission Men Approve Pro-
posed Railroad Laws.**

WANT UNIFORM DEMURRAGE

**Message Is Sent To President Roose-
velt Pledging Support to His Recom-
mendation to Congress Relating to
Regulation Transportation Matters.**

New Orleans, Jan. 14.—At its session today the national league of commission merchants sent the following dispatch to President Roosevelt:

"We, the National Association of Commission Merchants of the United States, in convention assembled, most heartily approve of the recommendation to congress relating to the regulation of railway and transportation matters as embodied in your message, and pledge ourselves to earnestly support you in your effort to secure needed legislation along these lines."

The special commission to which the report on private car lines was referred recommended an appropriation of \$1,000 to enable the committee on refrigerator car lines to continue its work. John C. Scales, of Chicago; George F. Mead, of Boston, and Geo. W. Bond, of Baltimore, were appointed to a special committee to go to Washington and appear before the proper committees of the house and senate in the effort to get better transportation facilities and cheaper rates than are now being charged by the private car lines and particularly the Armour lines.

George P. Tiffin, of the State Horticultural Society of Missouri, made an address to the convention promising the hearty co-operation of his society in the plans of the commission merchants. R. A. Durkee, president of the St. Paul board of trade, read a paper on reciprocal demurrage, and said the interstate commerce commission would be asked to consider the proposition of a uniform demurrage charge.

BRYAN PRAISES ROOSEVELT.

**Republicans and Democrats Cheer a
Speech to Indiana Legislature.**

Indianapolis, Jan. 14.—Welcomed enthusiastically, William J. Bryan addressed the Indiana general assembly. The legislature is overwhelmingly Republican.

"I shall recommend the defeat of every Democrat who stands for renomination if he opposes President's Roosevelt's efforts to regulate the railroads, and if he does not support the president in his battle against the railroads," declared Mr. Bryan to the cheers of both Republicans and Democrats.

Mr. Bryan said he found many things to commend in President Roosevelt since the election. Before—he provoked laughter by saying so—he did not have so much to say of him. He said he took encouragement from President Roosevelt's recommendation that the interstate commerce commission regulate railroad rates and from the proposition to have corporation contributions to campaign funds made public before the election.

Deny Reports of Massacre.

Brussels, Jan. 14.—State authorities deny the reports circulated Wednesday by the Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin, of the massacre of whites and Catholic missionaries in the upper branches of the Congo river. They suggest that the rumors arose from troubles in the neighborhood of Luebo, where missionaries and traders were threatened as a result of the discontent among the natives.

Falls to End Strike.

Fall River, Mass., Jan. 14.—The conference between Herbert P. Drake, representing Governor Douglas, Mayor Couglin and the secretaries of the cotton mills operatives' unions with reference to a possible settlement of the long-continued strike here, this afternoon was without result. The manufacturers were not represented at the meeting the efforts of Governor Douglas were futile.