



## Easter Greeting

According to the antics of the Moon, Easter Sunday will arrive on

April 3rd.

Thousands of men will spring their Spring Suits and Spring Toggery on Easter Sunday, for according to custom, which is law—

It's the Time for Doing So.

We are in fine feather for Easter trade.

Our smart and snappy Suits, our swell new Hats and elegant Easter Neckwear, Gloves and other Haberdashery, will make this store headquarters for Men, Boys and Children who want "THE THING" for Easter.

You know about the early bird. Come soon.

### Harrison & Gillespie Bros.

THE BIG STORE

## PORT ARTHUR

### BOMBARDED

Japanese Squadron Made Several Futile Attempts to Invest Port.

THE DAMAGE DONE VERY SLIGHT

Russians Have Five Men Killed and a Number Wounded—Japanese Report No Injuries—Russian Ships Went Out to Meet the Enemy.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—The Emperor has received the following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff:

"At 6:30 o'clock in the morning four of the enemy's ships appeared from the south, followed by the whole squadron of eleven ships and eight torpedo boats. Our squadron left the roadstead to meet the enemy."

"At 9 o'clock the enemy's battleships opened fire on Liaotshin, after which they took a position behind the rocky eminence of Liaotshin and bombarded Port Arthur."

"At 9:20 the battleship Retvizan opened fire over the crest of Liaotshin against the enemy's battleships, which replied by firing on the town. Meanwhile our fleet formed up in line in the outer roadstead."

"About 11 o'clock in the morning the cannonade slackened, and the Japanese fleet reuniting, drew off slowly to the southeast, and at 12:30 had disappeared."

"During the bombardment five soldiers were killed and nine were wounded. One soldier on the shore was bruised."

London, March 22.—A correspondent of the Times at Tokio, under yesterday's date, cables that it is rumored that the Japanese have succeeded in blockading the entrance to Port Arthur.

WIRE BARRICADES AT PORT ARTHUR

Fortress Reported in Desperate Straits Owing to Lack of Provisions—More Than Fifty Shot for Desertion.

Shanghai, March 20.—News from Port Arthur, dated the 17th, states that an elaborate system of barbed wire barricading, based on the South African plan, has been constructed, encircling the land approaches. Dynamite mines have also been laid.

The guns from the disabled battleships have been mounted behind new earthworks.

Arctic weather prevails at Port Arthur and the population is demoralized.

Several officers have committed suicide under the strain caused by reverses and more than fifty soldiers have been shot for desertion in the last two weeks. The total casualties in Port Arthur to date are said to be 265.

A cargo of cattle has been successfully landed, and three more cargoes are anxiously expected.

The Russians have not made any elaborate preparations to hold New Chwang, the plan being to withdraw and burn the town if the Japanese attack it. A few

temporary forts, however, have been erected in the rear of the town.

The first Russian stand will be at Liao Yang, where reinforcements are arriving nightly.

One of the Russians who was captured March 10, when the torpedo boat destroyer Stereguchii was sunk, states that there is a scarcity of food at Port Arthur.

This is due to the squeezing methods of the officers. This man asserts that the supplies cannot support the garrison for more than a month, and all have been put on short rations.

Repairing materials are also scarce, wood being used to block up shot-holes in the vessels. All the wounded are doing well.

JAPANESE ASK AID

This Country's Good Offices for Non-Combatants Sought by Japan

Washington, March 19.—Russia will be asked by the United States to treat kindly the Japanese non-combatants who have been left in Siberia, and to enable them to make their way back to Japan. Mr. Kurogami Takahira, the Japanese minister, called at the State Department today and informed the officials that he had received reports that between forty and fifty Japanese non-combatants were in a suffering condition in several Siberian towns. The minister requested the Washington government to use its good offices to assist the suffering Japanese to reach Berlin, where the Japanese minister will take them in charge. The State Department acted promptly, and a cablegram has been sent to Mr. McCormick, the American ambassador at St. Petersburg, inviting him to call the attention of the Imperial government to the matter in the confident hope that the Russian officials will take immediate steps for the relief of the Japanese.

In an interview Mr. Takahira said he made his request because of a telegram received from the Japanese minister at Berlin, "reporting that two Japanese subjects who arrived at Berlin a few days ago from the interior of Siberia as delegates from a large number of Japanese still living there, reported to him that they were boycotted, and not only had they found it impossible to earn any living, but were in constant danger of life and consequently were suffering great privation. In some towns it was said they were ordered by the police authorities to leave the place at a moment's notice, without time to take their effects with them. We have therefore decided to have them sent to Japan."

"It is not unnatural that in time of war there exists between the people of the belligerents a degree of severity, but in my opinion it is a notable feature of the present conflict that since its outbreak the Russians have acted in an unbecomingly manner with the non-combatants and prisoners of our people."

The minister pointed out several instances which he regarded as bearing on his opinion, and contrasted them with the treatment of Russians in Japan, as to which he said there had been no complaint. He concluded by expressing the hope that the Russians would "show some moderation" in their treatment of Japanese refugees.

## SULLY MEETS HIS CREDITORS

Ex-Cotton King Makes Proposition for Settlement, But is Turned Down.

CREDITORS MAY ACCEPT IT LATER

Another Conference Expected, at which it is Probable an Agreement Will be Reached—Market Braces Up.

New York, March 21.—After conferences of creditors of the assigned firm of Daniel J. Sully & Co., lasting several hours this afternoon and evening, it was announced tonight that no definite settlement had been arrived at, but that things were in a fair way of arrangement. It was said that Mr. Sully had made a proposition to his creditors to settle, contingent upon the acceptance of which he had offered to give them their choice of as signed, but that this proposal failed of immediate approval, and that another meeting would be held.

Late tonight, Mr. Sully, after a consultation with his counsel, issued the following statement:

"We met a committee of the creditors of Daniel J. Sully & Co. this afternoon and submitted to them a proposition for the settlement of the affairs of that firm, which, if carried out, will, we believe, secure to the creditors payment of their claims in full, and offered, if that settlement should be accepted by the creditors, to co-operate with them in placing the affairs of the firm in the hands of persons admittedly acceptable to all interests. We have heard that this proposition was received in a favorable spirit, and that if certain legal technicalities can be arranged it can probably be accepted. At the moment we are delaying action awaiting a solution of these legal questions by the counsel representing the various interests concerned."

It was understood that at the afternoon meeting of creditors the names of David Miller and Evans R. Dick had been considered as permanent assignees. Mr. Hoadley, Sully's assignee, did not withdraw and was not at his office all day.

At the creditors' meeting fully eighty men were present, among them being Charles G. Gates, John C. Latham, R. J. Solis, W. D. Springs, of J. H. Parker & Co., the latter said to be the largest creditor of Sully's firm, and Henry Hertz and George Bailey. Within a few minutes it was announced that a committee of five had been named to confer with Sully to find out what he had to say to the creditors. When the meeting finally adjourned after the committee had reported, all present declared that they had been pledged to secrecy. President McDougall said that there would be another meeting, but would not say when.

It was understood that the conference had received an offer from Sully for settlement, the terms being reported as 40 per cent. in cash on claims, and 60 per cent. in notes covering two years, and that there was a difference of opinion in regard to the acceptance of the offer. Mr. Sully said that he hoped to resume very shortly. Mr. Catechon, counsel for Sully, said that the statement of the affairs was being prepared by Mr. Sully's office, but that it was doubtful if it could be finished today.

GENERAL WOOD IN HOT ENGAGEMENT

United States Troops Capture Fort; Also Guns and Ammunition—All Escapes.

Manila, March 19.—News of an important military engagement has just been received from Cotabato, capital of the Province of Mindanao.

On March 7th, detachments of the Seventeenth and Twenty-third Infantry, Troop B, of the Fourteenth Cavalry, and Gately's Battery, in all four hundred and fifty strong, under command of General Leonard Wood, attacked and captured the cotta (fort), which was held by the Datto Ali, who resists the anti-slavery law. His defensive works were destroyed and their abandonment forced by the accurate fire of the battery. Two thousand Moros made their retreat with a loss of one hundred. The Americans sustained no losses.

Twenty-four cannon, forty-six lantacas (native artillery) and a large quantity of ammunition were captured and the fortifications reduced.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX BEFORE THE FIRST OF MAY, OR YOU WILL LOSE YOUR VOTE THIS YEAR.

TO BREAK FATHER'S WILL.

Daughter Not Willing to Wait Fifteen Years for Share.

Bluefield, W. Va., March 21.—Mrs. James K. Shanklin, one of the daughters of the late John Cooper, the millionaire coal operator, has instituted suit to break her father's will. Under the will the magnificent estate is worth about \$1,500,000, and consists of coal properties in this field. Edward and Thomas Cooper are executors, and have retained R. C. McLaugherty, Dr. J. W. Hale and Judge David E. Johnston to represent them in the suit.

Mrs. Shanklin, whose interest is one-seventh, has retained Attorneys Guy Gore and Edgar W. Grist, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

An Unfortunate Homicide

On last Thursday afternoon a very unfortunate homicide occurred at McGuire's store, in Crockett's Cove, in this county. Mr. Thomas L. Sayers shot and killed Hoge Crockett. It seems that Crockett, who was about eighteen years old, had a fight in the morning with a son of Sayers. That evening Sayers went to McGuire's store and he and Crockett got into a quarrel, when Sayers drew a pistol and shot Crockett.

We have been unable to get the particulars of the affair and prefer not to undertake to furnish them until they are related in court, as we have no doubt they will be. The affair is one that is greatly to be deplored. We have the deepest sympathy for the relatives of the young man, and also for Mr. Sayers who committed the unfortunate deed. At this time he has not given himself up for trial, but has given assurances that he will do so.

After Many Years.

Last week Mrs. Maria Jones, of Montreal, Canada, arrived at Tazewell to visit her sister, Mrs. George Boston. These ladies were born and raised in the northern part of England. About thirty years ago they separated in that country, when Mr. and Mrs. Boston moved with their family to the United States. Afterwards Mrs. Jones and her husband, the latter now deceased, came across the ocean and took up their residence at Montreal. Though both are residents of America, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Boston had not met since they separated in England, thirty years ago, until Mrs. Jones arrived at Tazewell. It can well be imagined that this meeting was a joyous one indeed, and that the ladies in question will have a pleasant time talking over their girlhood days and the many events that have occurred during the long period of separation. Mrs. Jones will pay an extended visit to her sister.

John Kennedy Seen Near Hinton.

Hinton, W. Va., March 21.—John Kennedy, the Staunton train wrecker, it is believed, is in the mountains near here. A traveling man by the name of Roles, in walking between two stations twelve miles east of here, was overtaken by a man having the appearance of a hobnob. He engaged in conversation with him, and he claimed to be a laborer from Chicago, and Roles was so impressed with the resemblance of the man to that of the picture of Kennedy that he began to make a note of his features and to endeavor to ascertain if his hand bore a scar. But he could not find the scar, where he seemed to be holding something in each hand. On arriving at the station he procured a picture of Kennedy, and was convinced of the correctness of his surmise.

Paymaster Hancock, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, was at this station, and saw the man, and he asserts that he is confident he was Kennedy. While this investigation as to his identity was in progress the man left the railroad and went off into the woodland.

Hearth Starts a New Paper.

Boston, March 21.—The first edition of a daily newspaper established by William R. Hearst appeared in this city today under the name "Hearst's Boston American and New York Journal." Today's editions comprised 24 pages of advertising and reading matter presented in a style similar to that of Mr. Hearst's New York paper. The press of the new paper were started by Governor Bates, of Massachusetts, and congratulatory letters from Governor Bates, Governor Hill, of Maine; Governor Garvin, of Rhode Island, and Mayor Collins, of Boston, occupied prominent places in the paper.

Sealing Steamer a Total Wreck.

Halifax, March 22.—The sealing steamer Elliott has been ashore on St. Paul's Island for a week past. She is a total wreck, as her back is broken.

VERDICT AGAINST RUSSELL SAGE

New York Millionaire Called Upon by Friends to Pay Nearly Fifteen Thousand.

New York, March 19.—Russell Sage will have to pay his long-time friend and associate, Robert D. Vroom, the sum of \$14,603.50 and all the costs in Vroom's suit in the Supreme Court to recover \$25,000, which he said the aged financier owed him for a little deal in "puts," "calls" and "spreads." The juryman gave the appearance of being hopelessly in the dark as to the meaning of these Wall Street phrases, but nevertheless it took them only about ten minutes to arrive at a verdict adverse to Mr. Sage, says today's World.

Pleading that he was ill, Mr. Sage did not appear at the trial, but sent his family physician, John P. Munn, in his stead. Dr. Munn told Justice Gildersleeve that in his opinion it would not be advisable for his patient to attend court and be subjected to the strain of cross-examination.

In behalf of Mr. Sage it was contended that the whole matter was merely a gambling transaction on the part of Vroom, who had lost. Charles W. Osborne and Frank J. Menzies were called in Mr. Sage's behalf. Osborne has been his cashier for twenty-seven years, and Menzies is one of the clerks. They testified that on May 9, 1901, the date on which the transaction between Sage and Vroom is alleged to have taken place, the market was in a state of panic, and that there was much confusion in the matter of orders. They didn't affect the jurors and they dismissed Sage's counter claim against Vroom for \$3,500.

It is understood that Mr. Sage's lawyers will take an appeal.

## What Makes Good Value?

Is it price or quality that makes good value? Neither one alone—both together. Trash is trash, though a gift. And good goods are NOT good value except at

## Fair Prices

There is a lot of sheer cant afloat on the question of quality. Many people with axes to grind are shouting quality all the time to simply justify their too high prices. For ourselves we aim to carry all grades of Merchandise, from cheap to good and good to fine, asking only these two questions: Is it worth using? Is the price fair? There is only one satisfactory test of value and that is

## Comparison

Be your own judge. Take no one's word for it. Give careful heed to the man whose boast is quality. The chances are that he is charging you too much. Get his prices, look around, make comparison of goods and prices and we think we won't have any trouble to sell you your goods, i. e., if you pay cash, or for your store is a "pay down" store. That's one secret of our GOOD VALUES.

Hankins & Son, RACKET STORE.

## SAVING ON PAINT.

If you intend doing any painting this season we feel sure that we can do you good.

The whole matter of painting economically depends on getting the right paint at the right price. Some paint lasts twice as long as others. Who wouldn't pay more to be sure of such paint? Our intention is to furnish you that quality without its costing you more than poor—perhaps less.

Everything in the Paint Line.

No matter what you wish to paint or how you wish to paint it, we have what you need. When you are ready to paint we want to see you. We are glad to give quotations at any time.

JACKSON, THE DRUGGIST.

## IT WILL PAY YOU

To examine our line of Men and Boy's Clothing.

SHOES AND SLIPPERS, Dry Goods and Notions, Hats, Stoves, Hardware and Furniture.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CAR LOAD OF FURNITURE.

HARMAN BROTHERS & PEERY,

NORTH TAZEWELL VIRGINIA.

## SEVERE BLOW AT GAMBLING

Judge Price Practically Closes Saloons With Gambling Additions.

Bristol, Va., March 19.—Recently Goldberg and Glass and M. R. Dyer, conducting saloons in Bristol, Va., were tried before Judge John W. Price, of the corporation court, on the charge of permitting gambling in connection with their respective places of business. Judge Price's decision handed down today amounts to a revocation of the license under which they do business. Their places will be allowed to remain open until May 1st. The men were also fined \$100 each and are required to give bond for good behavior for one year. In default of such bond, the decree would provide for a jail sentence of four months. This is the most positive blow to gambling ever recorded here.

They are hereby notified that one lot of land situated in the county of Tazewell, Virginia, in Maiden Spring District, in the town of Richlands, designated as lot No. 4, section 3, was sold on the 21st day of November, 1903, for delinquent taxes, levies interest and costs to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and application for the purchase thereof has been filed in this office, and it appearing from the records of this office that you are interested in said lands, you are further notified to appear in four months from the date of this notice and do what may be necessary to protect your interests.

Given under my hand this 21st day of March, 1904. T. E. GEORGE, Clerk Tazewell County m2514

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR POLL TAX? IF NOT PAY IT AT ONCE, SO YOU CAN VOTE AT THE NEXT ELECTION.

To Joseph Hyman & Son (Jacob S.)

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## GARDEN SEEDS.

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A. M. BLACK, Photographer.

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Nice Clean Onion Sets, Yellow Danvers, Silver Skin and Potato Onions. Special prices by the bushel. BEANS Burpee's Stringless, Red Valentine and Ferry's Golden Wax are unsurpassed for Early Snaps. SWEET CORN Early Adams, Early Minnesota, Stowell's Evergreen, Extra Early White Cob Cory.

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Sweet Peas, Asters, Nasturtiums, Scarlet Sage, Morning Glory, Candy Tuft, Sunflower, Phlox, Pansy, Poppy and Sweet Alyssum

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