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**JAPANESE AT HAND**

**Squadron of Cruisers Ready to  
Pounce on Baltic Fleet.**

**ARE SEEN AT MAURITIUS ISLAND**

**Russia Has Made No Provision for  
Progress Eastward and Fleet  
Must Return to Malta.**

London, Jan. 11.—The correspondent of the London Daily Mail at Port Louis, island of Mauritius, (Ile de France), reports that the British cruiser Forte, which was to have left that port on Thursday last, is still there. The correspondent claims to have learned that the Forte's wireless apparatus copied a number of messages exchanged between foreign warships, presumably Japanese. Mauritius is located to the east of Madagascar.

According to reliable advices received yesterday, one of the squadrons of the Russian Baltic fleet is sheltering in the vicinity of Comoro island, to the northwest of Madagascar.

This dispatch contains the first intimation that the Japanese war vessels sent to intercept the Baltic fleet might have arrived in the vicinity of Madagascar.

**Movements of Fleet.**

Paris, Jan. 11.—The Temps correspondent at Copenhagen telegraphs that he is reliably informed that Admiral Rojstvensky's squadron will return from Madagascar and go to the island of Malta, where it will await the third Russian squadron, which will leave Libau at the end of January, later proceeding to the Far East with Admiral Rojstvensky's ships.

The admiralty, the Temps correspondent further announces, is preparing a fourth squadron, which will depart probably in May.

**GETS DOWN TO WORK.**

**North Sea Commission Elects President and Begins Sessions.**

Paris, Jan. 10.—The International commission appointed to inquire into the North sea incident resumed its sessions at the foreign office yesterday. Admirals von Spaun (Austria) and Doubasoff (Russia) were present. The latter's appointment was officially announced, thus making permanent Admiral Kazanoff's retirement on account of illness. Admiral Fournier (France) was unanimously chosen permanent president.

In the course of his speech of acceptance Admiral Fournier said he hoped the commission would be inspired with the same moderation and wisdom which induced Emperor Nicholas and King Edward to refer the question to arbitration.

The admirals have decided that the proceedings of the commission shall be semi-public.

**DRAWN INTO NET.**

**Land Officials at Roseburg, Oregon, Have Been Suspended.**

Washington, Jan. 11.—By direction of the president, Secretary Hitchcock has suspended Register J. T. Bridges and Receiver J. H. Booth, of the Roseburg land office, at the telegraphic request of Mr. Heney. Heney reported that Booth and Bridges by continuing in office, were able to "thwart the ends of justice."

He said an investigation of that office showed its affairs were in bad shape, and said that further investigation should be had. The suspension of Bridges and Booth virtually closes the Roseburg land office, except for the filing of papers.

This morning Secretary Hitchcock took up the Roseburg case with the president, and it is by the president's order that radical action was taken, as recommended by Heney. It is Heney who will direct further investigation at Roseburg.

**Confident of Success.**

Huanchan, Jan. 11., via Mukden.—The news of the fall of Port Arthur was received here first unofficially from the Japanese, who let loose numerous paper kites bearing letters and triumphal inscriptions. These kites were picked up by Russian soldiers along before the telegraph gave them the news. The army received the announcement doggedly, regret being expressed that the troops had been unable to relieve the garrison, but confidence is felt that ultimately the Russians will be able to push back the Japanese.

**Work Delayed by Storms.**

Tokio, Jan. 11.—The work of removing the mines and other obstructions at the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur and of examining the Russian war vessels is hampered by the storms and cold weather. There is every indication that some of the ships are salvageable.

**SHAH PAYS PRICE.**

**Bountiful Indemnity for Murder of an  
American Missionary.**

Washington, Jan. 11.— Information has reached the State department that, complying with the insistent demands of the United States, the Persian government has made to the widow partial reparation for the murder of the Rev. Benjamin W. Labarree, an American missionary, by a gang of fanatics, and has promised that all the guilty persons involved in the crime will be punished. The following statement regarding the case was made by an official of the State department:

"March 15th last the Department of State received the telegraph intelligence of the murder of Rev. B. W. Labarree, an American missionary, near Ouroma, in Persia, by a gang of fanatic Kurds.

"A demand was immediately made for the arrest and trial of the murderers, whose leader, Seyd Mir Ghafar, was looked upon as a lineal descendant of the prophet. This circumstance and the fear of arousing religious disturbances evidently interfered with the prompt and efficient action on the part of the local authorities. The most pressing and earnest representations of the American legation at Teheran remained fruitless until October 12, when Mr. Ray instructed its minister by cable to make known to the government of the shah the president's concern in the adequate punishment of all the criminals and his intention to lay the matter before congress with appropriate recommendations, with his demands for full justice, were further delayed.

"The murders were thereupon arrested, but the Persian government, holding the life of a descendant of the prophet sacred, offered a pecuniary indemnity in lieu of the death penalty for Seyd Mir Ghafar, and promised execution of the accomplices. After consultation with the widow of Rev. Mr. Labarree, the offer was accepted and an indemnity of \$30,000—greatly in excess of the sum named by the widow—was paid to the American legation June 3. Solemn assurance was given that the guilty would receive effective and swift punishment and that no special tax would be levied on Christians in the province to recover the amount of the indemnity."

**MAY BE ABANDONED.**

**New Mexico and Arizona Likely to be  
Left Out of Statehood Bill.**

Washington, Jan. 11.— The joint statehood bill will continue to be the principal topic of discussion in the senate during the present week, but other measures will receive attention each day during the morning hour, including the omnibus bill, for which Senator Warren stands sponsor. The bill comprises more than 200 pages, but the senator already has succeeded in having it read by utilizing odd hours, and this has put a large and important part of the work of consideration to the rear.

An effort will be made to get through the bill providing for the compensation of American fishermen whose vessels were seized previous to the arbitration of 1893. This measure is in the hands of Senator Fulton, who will press it as an act of justice to men who have been discriminated against.

The pure food bill will remain in the background for the present, not because the friends of that measure have abandoned it, but because they consider that its chances will be improved by not pressing for immediate consideration. They have been assured by the Republican leaders that the bill shall have first place on the calendar aside from appropriation bills, after the statehood bill is disposed of and therefore they will not antagonize the statehood bill for the present if at all.

The only real fight is against the uniting of Arizona and New Mexico, and there is talk of eliminating these territories entirely from the statehood proposal. It is believed if this were done the bill for the consolidation of Oklahoma and Indian Territory would pass. Thus far there has been no conference of opposing factions on the subject and probably little will be done to change the present status so long as the leaders are anxious to keep other matters in the background, as appears to be the case at present.

**Krupp Gun Works Visited.**

Berlin, Jan. 11.— Extensive experiments are being made with new guns and projectiles at Messrs. Krupp's range at Meppen, on behalf of a commission of Japanese officers. Should the trials prove satisfactory, large orders will be given by the Japanese government. A deputation of Russian officers has arrived at Essen for a similar purpose. It is reported from Zurich that the Japanese government has ordered large amounts of chocolate from various Swiss manufacturers. Several firms have had to decline the orders.

**Fire Burned for Five Hours.**

Philadelphia, Jan. 11.—A fire which burned for five hours occurred tonight at the plant of the Atlantic refining company in the southwestern section of the city. The loss, it is estimated, will reach \$200,000.

**OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**LEGISLATURE MEETS.**

**Oregon Lawmakers Now in Session  
at Salem.**

Salem, Jan. 10.— The senate was called to order by Brownell, of Clackamas, who was president of the senate at the session of 1903. He was made temporary president and a committee on credentials appointed. The senate then adjourned until 2 p. m.

At the afternoon session the committee on credentials reported and the new members were sworn in. A motion that the senate proceed to elect a president was carried. Kuykendall, Miller and Carter were nominated. On the first ballot the vote stood Kuykendall 14, Carter 9, Miller 4, Pierce 1, blank 2. The vote remained practically the same for 39 ballots, when, at 4:30, the senate adjourned until 7:30.

In the evening 16 ballots were taken with no change except as the Democrats shifted their votes from one to another. Adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The house is organized and ready for business. Mills, of Multnomah was elected speaker over Kay of Marion, the ballot standing 26 to 24.

Salem, Jan. 10.— Nine ballots were taken in the senate for president this morning without material change. At 11:30 adjournment was taken until 2 p. m. Negotiations were commenced by the opposing factions looking toward a final settlement, and at 3 o'clock adjournment was taken until 4 o'clock. At that time negotiations were not complete and a further recess was taken until 5. At that hour the senators took their seats and the first roll call gave Kuykendall the entire Republican vote, electing him. Adjournment was then taken and the Republicans went into caucus to select clerks.

The house was called to order by Chief Clerk Thompson, Speaker Mills being absent. Bailey of Multnomah was elected speaker pro tem. The usual resolutions for supplies of stamps, codes and inspection of state offices and institutions, for printing the calendar and for obtaining newspapers were offered.

Fifty bills were introduced and read the first time. They will be referred after Speaker Mills shall have announced the committees.

Among the bills introduced were: To cede Klamath lake lands to the United States; to create Jefferson county from parts of Crook and Wasco counties; fixing salaries of state officers, and a large number amending town charters.

Salem, Jan. 11.—This was the first day of real work in the senate, and 37 bills were introduced as a starter. The usual resolutions were offered concurring with those of the house for sundry expenses and inspecting various state institutions. Probably the most important of the bills was that by Brownell of Clackamas, providing for a constitutional convention to be held on the second Monday in September, 1905.

Among the measures were: To create a state mining bureau; to fix fees of county recorders and clerks; amending act of 1903, and to regulate use of water from Oregon streams.

In the house legislation was asked for the protection of forests against fire; for new irrigation code; fixing riparian rights on the Columbia, and amending general school laws. Altogether 25 bills were introduced in the house today.

The two houses will meet in joint convention tomorrow at 11 o'clock to listen to the reading of Governor Chamberlain's message.

Salem, Jan. 12.— Governor Chamberlain read his biennial message to the legislature today, before the two houses in joint assembly.

Eighteen new bills were introduced in the senate and 19 in the house.

Among those of the senate were: Making eight hours a day's work; to provide corporal punishment for wife-beaters; authorizing employees to bring action against either the employer or an insurance company insuring the employer against loss, and to raise the limit of damages for taking human life from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Among the house bills were: To create state tax commission; for girls' annex to state reform school; to raise marriage license fee to \$5.

After calling attention to the general prosperity of the state, the governor in his message called the attention of the legislature to the need of a state tax

**New Phone Line in Field.**

Silverton.—An independent telephone company has been formed to connect Silverton with the adjoining towns. P. L. Brown is the company's local representative. The old company is working hard to keep the new one from getting a start, but more than 20 phones have already been subscribed for in Silverton. Many advantages are claimed by the new company, among which are large exchanges and free service between towns. The new company will be known as the Inter-urban Telephone company.

commission; to the many thousand acres of land in the state on which no taxes are being paid; recommends taxation of franchises for state purposes; improvement of schools in rural districts; favors single board for normal schools; more money for state game warden; an appropriation for enforcement of child labor law; further improvement of roads by convict labor; reduction of expenses of state printing office; placing state officers on fixed salaries; a juvenile court. He dealt at length on the proper protection against forest fires; gave much praise to those who worked for the right of way for the portage road and asked that the United States government be appealed to to purchase the canal and locks at Willamette falls. He favors whatever legislation is necessary to help the government in the reclamation of arid lands and closed with the hope that the legislature would see the advisability of an early adjournment and not to put off to the last the passage of important measures.

Both branches of the legislature adjourned until Monday.

**MORE CONTROL OVER ROADS**

**Purpose of Law Proposed by Vari-  
County Courts of State.**

Oregon City.—"The Clackamas county court, through the legislative delegation from this county, will seek to have enacted at the present session of the legislature laws that will prove of material aid to the various county courts of the state in the building and repairing of roads," remarked County Judge Ryan.

"I have great faith in the eminent domain theory which is being endorsed by the different counties of the state," continued the Clackamas county judge. "The enacting of such a law will give to the county court of each county the right to condemn property for the establishment of a new road, or the appropriation of additional property for the improvement of roads already established, the rights conferred being identical to those already enjoyed by railroad corporations." It is also the purpose of the Clackamas county court to have passed a law regulating the use to which all roads shall be placed in the matter of heavy traffic, and still another measure that will place some restrictions as to the use of automobiles on the public highways.

**Douglas Men Demand Good Roads.**

Roseburg.—A delegation of representative men from a majority of the road districts in Douglas county called upon the county court in a body and presented their petition and resolutions asking that the court take the necessary steps to provide this county with three sets of modern roadbuilding machinery, including that number of rock crushers, rollers, engines, etc. Enthusiastic good roads arguments were presented, and the matter was then taken under advisement by the court. It is believed, however, that the court will act favorably upon the matter and that a large amount of good road building will be done in this county this year.

**Gets Lower Rates.**

Dallas.—A promise from the board of underwriters at San Francisco that it will immediately make a new rating for Dallas patrons, and allow rebates on the old premiums dating from the acceptance of the new city water works last June, has caused the Dallas council to suspend for two weeks its purpose of charging all insurance companies doing business here a license fee. The license ordinance resulted from a failure of the companies to make a reduction in rates promised when the new water works should be completed.

**To Freeze Rogue River Fish.**

Astoria.— The schooner Chetco has gone to Rogue river fitted with a cold storage plant of a capacity of 225 tons, to collect Chinook salmon for German shipment for delivery frozen. This is the first of a fleet being equipped by Captain E. B. Burns and a Seattle company, and the first time fish frozen on leaving water will be delivered fresh to European breakfast tables.

**PORTLAND MARKETS.**

Wheat—Walla Walla, 85c; blue-stem, 88@90c; valley, 87c.  
Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.32½@2.35; gray, \$1.35@1.40 per cental.  
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, \$12@18.  
Potatoes—Oregon fancy, 85c@1.10; common, 60@65c.  
Apples—Baldwins, \$1.25; Spitzenbergs, \$1.75@2 per box.  
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 29@30c.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@27½c.  
Hops—Choice, 29@30c; prime, 27@28c per pound.  
Wool—Valley, 19@20c; Eastern Oregon, 10@17c; mohair, 25@26c per pound.