

WHERE WILL THE NEXT BLOW FALL?

Uncertain Whether Japanese Will Strike First or Russians Take The Initiative.

SILENCE REIGNS IN FAR EAST.

No News from Any Source—Japs Will Use a New and Powerful Explosive.

London, Feb. 12.—When and where will Japan strike next, or will the Russians take the initiative? This is the question being discussed in naval circles here. There is considerable mystery, too, in connection with the whereabouts of the Japanese fleet which attacked at Port Arthur Tuesday. When last reported the ships were heading across the Straits of Korea. One theory of experts trained in the art of sea fighting is that some of the vessels have been sent north with a view of engaging the czar's fleet at Vladivostok, which is the most important base Russia has in Siberia.

If, it is argued, the Japanese can entice the Russians to the outer harbor and engage them they will have an opportunity of securing a greater victory than that at Port Arthur.

Another theory is that the mikado's strategists have withdrawn the fleet while mapping out a new campaign against Port Arthur.

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brunt of the enemy's fire and after the attack had, for the most part, rejoined the main fleet. All the imperial prizes on board the ships are unharm.

The conduct of all our officers during the action was cool, not unlike that during ordinary maneuvers. Since the battle their spirits have been high, but their conduct was very calm. This morning, owing to a heavy south wind, there has been no communication between ships and no detailed report has been received from each vessel, so I report merely the above facts. TOGO.

Japanese Vessels Shelled.

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The Nakanoura Maru was sunk, but the Zensho Maru escaped and arrived safely at Fukuyama (Island of Hokkaido).

Washington, Feb. 12.—The Japanese legation tonight received the following dispatch under date of Tokyo, Feb. 11:

"Two small Japanese merchant ships, the Zensho Maru and Nakanoura Maru, while on their way to Ataru, a port on the western coast of Yezo island from Sakata (a port on the northern coast of the main island of Japan) were fired on Feb. 11 by four Russian men of war off the coast of Amomori prefecture, and the latter merchantman was sunk, while the former had a narrow escape.

"The Russian men of war are still seen off the western coast of Yezo island. They are supposed to be the first class cruisers which have been shut up at Vladivostok and which tried some time ago to join the main squadron at Port Arthur."

Russian Students Ordered Home.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—The Russian students attending the technical institute at Karlsruhe, who are subject to military duty, have received orders to return home and join the colors.

British Steamer Fired On.

Chefoo, Feb. 11, (delayed in transit).—The British steamer Fusing, when leaving Port Arthur, was fired upon by Russians. Three Chinese members of the crew were wounded. The Russians, afterwards apologized for firing on the vessel. The Fusing upon its arrival at Wei Hai Wei filed a protest with the British commission. The American consul has reported to United States minister at Port Arthur that the Russians have refused to allow the American steamer Pelades to leave Port Arthur. The Pelades sailed from Seattle Feb. 2, with a cargo of flour.

Torpedo Boat Blown Up.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13, 4 a. m.—A report has been received from Viceroy Alexieff saying that the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei has been blown up as the result of accidentally striking a mine at Port Arthur. The Yenisei was a 1,000-ton vessel, three officers and 91 men were lost.

The Yenisei was built at the Baltic works in 1899. She was of 2,500 tons displacement and could make 16 knots. Her armament consisted of five 12-pounders and six 3-pound quick-firing guns.

STOLEN TREASURE.

Two Boys Arrested While Digging Up Silver Bullion.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—The Inter-Ocean today says:

While digging for their stolen treasure on the shore of Lake Michigan, Henry Gernur, 15 years old, and George Jensen, 15 years old, have been arrested by South Chicago police, for stealing 1,000 pounds of silver bullion from the National Smelting & Refining company.

A foot below the surface seven ingots of silver, each weighing 100 pounds, were found. Confessed by the boys, Gernur and Jensen confessed that they had broken into the strong room and said that they had stolen ten ingots in all, but had sold three of them.

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Supts. of Insurance A. I. Voris of Ohio and James V. Barry of Michigan. The attorneys declared that legislation detrimental to fraternal organizations is contemplated in several states and said that united action ought to be taken against.

Addresses were made by John Haskell Butler, Boston; Malsom G. Jeffris, Jamesville, Wis.; W. B. Risse, D. D. Alken, Flint, Mich.; G. S. Harney, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Benjamin D. Smith, Mankato, Minn.; George W. Seiber, Akron, Ohio; Charles C. Linthicum, Chicago; David Overmyer, Topeka, Kan.; James E. McConnell, Fitchburg, Mass.; Elliott G. Stevenson, Detroit, Mich.; and D. Vere Hall, Bay City, Mich.

The next convention will meet at St. Louis.

OBARRIO RESIGNS.

Panama Convention Abolishes Office of Minister of War.

New York, Feb. 13.—Following the resignation of Nicanor Obarrio, minister of war, all the employees of the department have given up their positions, says a Herald dispatch from Panama. The resignation of Obarrio resulted from the action of the constitutional convention in abolishing his office. A meeting was called at the Plaza Santa Ana in the evening to eulogize the retiring minister.

This movement by the convention is one of the first to reduce expenses.

The government will only have four ministers and reduce the army to 100 men, while some of the soldiers will be transformed into national police.

Obarrio's resignation is the first of a series of resignations which are being made by the government.

The republic has spent more than \$700,000 since its existence, which is more than twice as much as the income.

The constitution has not wholly been completed. Dr. Amador will be elected president probably on Monday. The date of the inauguration has not been chosen.

The fight for the vice presidency has been practically settled. There will be three designados succeeding in event of presidential vacancies. The slate consists of Pablo Arosemena as the first designado, Obarrio as the second and Charles Mendosa as the third.

Addresses to the Czar.

New York, Feb. 13.—Following the example of the St. Petersburg municipal council, similar bodies in Odessa, Keiff and elsewhere have voted telegraphic addresses of loyalty to the czar and have taken part in specially appointed religious services, at which prayers were offered for Russia's success, says a dispatch the Times from Odessa.

On receipt of the emperor's manifesto at Keiff there was great enthusiasm, groups of inhabitants parading the streets until after midnight, singing patriotic songs.

The czar's portrait was displayed on a balcony of the municipal building, and there were friendly demonstrations before the French consulate.

Chief Put Up a Plucky Fight.

Weatherly, Pa., Feb. 13.—In a battle with two men who were trying to break into the Weatherly bank, Chief of Police McLean was seriously wounded.

McLean attacked the robbers single-handed. They drove knives and bladed him several times, but he put up a strong fight and escaped mortal injury. The men kept him from shooting until an opportunity for flight presented itself. Then they got away in the darkness without effecting an entrance to the bank.

Experimentor Loses His Eyes.

New York, Feb. 13.—While experimenting with gasoline and volatile chemicals an endeavor to perfect an invention, A. J. Brunson, president of the First National bank of Plainfield, N. J., has lost the sight of both eyes.

Brunson, one of the wealthiest citizens of Plainfield, has devoted much time to inventing and while experimenting in a small building where his work was carried on he combined several chemicals in such proportion as to cause an explosion. His face and eyes were badly seared and the doctors say the sight has been permanently destroyed.

Automobiles to Replace Wagons.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—"Automobiles will soon be taking the place of wagons on many farms in the United States and Canada," declared Isaac B. Potter, president of the American Motor League at the Victoria hotel last night. He said that soon thousands of the vehicles will be speeding "to town" with the farmers' produce.

The speaker said that already a large number of tillers of the soil had invested in automobiles. The toastmaster was Frederick W. Carberry. Other speakers were Sidney S. Gorham, John Parson and W. K. McKay.

PHENIX BALTIMORE LOSSES.

It Escapes With a Loss of \$250,000—Chicago and Boston Record.

(Special to the "News.")

New York, Feb. 11th, 1904.—The Phoenix insurance company of this city loses but about \$250,000 by the Baltimore fire, while its monthly income is nearly \$500,000. Its surplus is \$1,700,000, capital \$1,000,000, gross assets \$1,500,000. The Phoenix, though one of the oldest, is one of the most progressive, largest and most solid of the fire insurance companies. Its losses of \$440,000 in the Chicago fire in 1871, and of nearly \$500,000 in the Boston fire in 1872, were paid promptly and without inconvenience, though at that time the Phoenix was comparatively small to what it is now.

Rain in Northern California.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—A heavy rainstorm has prevailed over northern California for the past 48 hours and has extended into the San Joaquin valley. The season's rainfall is still behind that of last year, but both farmers and stockraisers are hopeful that the spring show will be sufficient to bring them against much loss.

The gloomy feeling which for some time has prevailed is changing into a belief that the cereal and fruit in California will prove to be almost equal to the average, inasmuch as, however, considerable more rain is needed.

NOTORIOUS OUTLAW SHOT AND KILLED.

Frank James of Montana Hunted Down and Slain by the Sheriff's Posse.

A LEADER OF DESPERADOES.

Their Raids on Ranchmen Were Frequent and Daring, Spreading Terror.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 12.—Frank Jones, a notorious outlaw, was shot and killed by two members of a sheriff's posse last evening at the ranch of A. N. Lande, North Poplar, in the northwestern part of the state. Jones was the leader of a gang of desperadoes who for 10 years have terrorized the cattlemen and stockmen of that valley. Their headquarters were in a bunch of willows in a wild country near the international boundary line. Their raids on ranches were frequent and daring, and they carried away thousands of head of stock, burned ranch buildings and destroyed other property.

Last December they kidnapped a witness named King, who was to appear against one of them, and held him a prisoner for two weeks. After the time set for the trial had passed he was turned adrift on the prairie without food and with only a blanket for clothing. In January a constable of Culbertson, Nicholas Moore, arrested Jack Traller, one of the gang, near the border. The officer was bringing his prisoner to Culbertson when Jones swept down on him, rescued the prisoner, set the constable free, took Moore's clothing and left him on the plains. For two weeks a posse has been in search of Jones.

Last evening John Moran and Geo. Bird, two members of the pursuing party, found Jones in the Lande ranch, eating his supper. Bird leveled his rifle at him and commanded him to surrender. As Jones turned, Moran also covered him with his revolver.

Jones, with a cry that he would never surrender, reached for his weapon, but he was shot by both officers before he could draw his gun. The body was brought to Poplar and taken thence to Glasgow, the county seat of Valley county.

Jones lived six hours after he was shot but failed to give the names of the other members of his gang.

The state offered a reward of \$500 and the county \$1,000 for Jones, dead or alive.

M'OWEN SENTENCED.

Defaulting Secretary of University of California Gets Six Years.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 13.—W. A. MacCowan, the defaulting secretary of the University of California, has been sentenced to serve six years and eleven months in San Quentin prison.

Dr. John Mercer Alder Dead.

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—Dr. John Mercer Alder is dead, from apoplexy. He was 75 years old, and was prominent in medical and literary circles.

Dr. Alder was born in Georgetown, D. C., and was educated in Georgetown college and Princeton university. He was graduated in medicine in 1847. During the entire Civil war he was chief physician of the military hospital at Davenport, Ia.

McLane, Under Sentence, Arrives.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—Second Lieut. Paul McLane arrived here on the transport Logan under sentence of one year's imprisonment in Fort Leavenworth for embezzling the funds of the United States government. He was tried and convicted by a court-martial at Manila. He will be detained at Alcatraz and will be sent under guard to Fort Leavenworth to serve out his sentence.

Big Haul by Burglars.

Woodstock, Ont., Feb. 12.—Burglars blew open the safe of the Moisons bank at Aylemer last night and stole \$15,000. They also blew open the safe of the private bank of James Monro, at Embro, securing a large sum of money.

Ordered to Shanghai.

Manila, Feb. 12.—Rear Admiral Cooper, in command of the squadron of the New Orleans, Raleigh, Frolic and Annapolis, is under orders to sail for Shanghai. The ships will probably sail on Monday next.

Loyal Address to Nicholas.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—A loyal address from the council of the empire was presented to Emperor Nicholas yesterday. His majesty replying to the deputation presenting the document said: "I thank you for the expression of your sentiments and hope, with you, that God's help will be with us in these times so serious to us. I count now, as always, upon your devotion to myself and to the fatherland, and long Russia will, as heretofore in her history, emerge from her grievous trial with honor and strengthened both at home and abroad, and again devote herself to the arts of peace so dear to my heart and so necessary to the fatherland."

The emperor has accepted the offer of the chief officers of court and Lavonia and Eshthera to equip a medical corps for service at the front.

No Arrest in Schaefer Case.

Bedford, Ind., Feb. 13.—Officials here deny that an arrest has been made in the Schaefer murder case and they indicate that no arrest is probable until several clues have been investigated. A stranger who is now under surveillance will be given a hearing before Mayor Smith, but the latter intimates that he places little credence in the story now circulating to the effect that this man has guilty knowledge of the murder.

Ammunition Seized.

New York, Feb. 13.—Cases containing 15,000 cartridges and 57 revolvers and rifles have been seized by the customs officials here, says a Herald dispatch from Salonica. Ottoman postal authorities have intercepted a large package of blank passports, alleged to have been addressed to a Bulgarian merchant residing at Serres.

CATTLEMEN APPEAL.

Gov. Wells Receives Communication on Behalf of California Stockmen.

Gov. Wells has been appealed to by Gov. Pardee of California to permit the cattle men of southern California to ship their stock into this state for grazing to prevent them from starving to death. A long drouth in lower California has rendered the grazing lands of that state very barren, with the result that cattle have been dying of starvation there during the winter. Gov. Pardee at first appealed to the

interior department for permission to ship the cattle to Utah, and that department directed him to make an appeal to Gov. Wells. The latter has given his consent upon certain conditions relative to the quarantine regulations.

In speaking of the matter Gov. Wells said: "The protracted drouth in southern California has already caused the death of many cattle, so I am told, and the condition of most of the herds is very precarious, owing to the lack of feed. Both the interior department at Washington and Gov. Pardee of California have wired me asking if southern California cattle men could ship their stock to this state. I replied they could

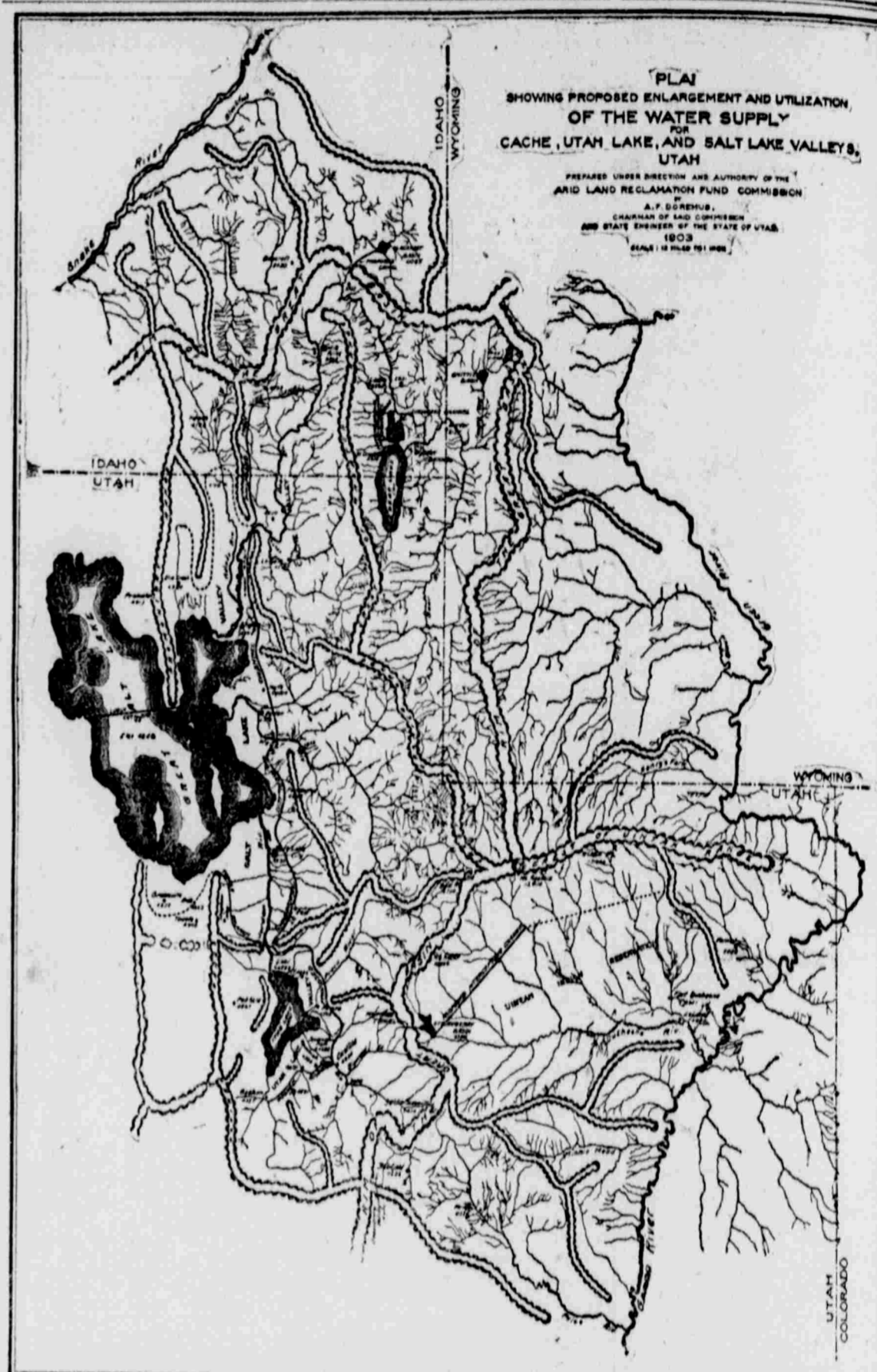
under certain conditions. "I demanded that the cattle from the fever district must be examined by federal inspectors at the point where they leave the infected district, and be provided with a clean bill of health when they reach the Utah state line. They would be permitted to remain in the state 30 days, when they would be subjected to any other requirements which we might see fit to impose under the existing conditions.

"I am at a loss to understand just what is meant by the requests from the interior department and Gov. Pardee. There are no ranges in Utah along the railroads. I cannot see the object in shipping the cattle here unless it is to get them through the state

into Wyoming and Nebraska, where they will be nearer the markets. The stockmen most certainly do not intend to ship cattle here to feed them, for it would be just as cheap, perhaps less expensive, and not any trouble, to ship the hay from here to the stock.

"Inasmuch as there is no feed here on the ranges along the railroads for the cattle, and there would not be some in shipping stock to Utah to feed them on purchased hay, I am inclined to believe the cattle men only intend shipping their cattle through Utah to points nearer the markets where there is feed."

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GREENSBURG, Pa., June