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FEAR THE SPIES OF JAPAN

Russians Give Reason for Making Many Arrests at Warbi. MEMBERS OF GENERAL STAFF AT WORK

Little Horns Escape. CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Confirmation of the report that two Russian warships were torpedoed in an attack by Japanese torpedoes upon the Russian fleet at Port Arthur last Sunday was received today by Spetraburo Shimida, Imperial Japanese consul in Chicago.

The first fleet of torpedo boat destroyers left for Port Arthur on Feb. 13 in spite of a heavy storm on Wednesday and Thursday. The fleet consisted of the (1) the fleet attacked the Russian ships and was fired upon, in spite of the destroyer Akashi, torpedoed, Russian man-of-war and escaped safely. At 5 o'clock the same morning another destroyer, Hayakawa, went close to the entrance of the port, where two Russian warships were stationed. One of them was torpedoed and a safe return was made.

RUSSIA REPLIES TO HAY'S NOTE

Makes Reservation Regarding Manchuria Where Railroad Runs. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—Russia's reply to Secretary Hay's note on China probably will be first dispatched to the power in accordance in principle, but with certain reservations regarding Chinese administrative control over the region in Manchuria leased to Russia or covered by the Chinese Eastern railroad, in connection with safeguarding existing Russian interests.

Germany Discredit Report. BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The German admiralty discredits the reports that the Japanese fired on the German gunboats Hansa, Thetis or any other German war vessel in the Chinese or other waters.

RUSSIA STOPS CABLE BUSINESS. Trade at Sunderland in Odessa and Troops Start. NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Western Union Cable company has received a message from the Russian government to the effect that Vladivostok-Nagasaki cables are closed for an indefinite period to correspondence of every nature.

Warship for Far East. COPENHAGEN, Feb. 17.—A dispatch has been received here from Viborg, island of Gotland, saying that six Russian warships passed the island February 15, going south.

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WOMEN'S CLUBS AT TECUMSEH. First District Convention to Be Held Friday and Saturday. TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—A convention of the women's clubs of the First district of Nebraska will be held here Friday evening and Saturday morning, at which women representing clubs from all over the district will be present.

INVALIDATES WAGE ACT. Supreme Court Renders Important Ruling on Rents System. WENT IN FORCE IN ILLINOIS LAST JULY. Provided for the Payment of Wages in Money and Prohibited Deductions Except for Money Advanced.

MISSIONARIES ARE SAFE. American Teachers in Corea Are Unmolested, According to Dispatch from Disturbed District. NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—All the Presbyterian missionaries in Corea are reported as unmolested in a cablegram received today from Seoul by Rev. Dr. Auster Juedon Brown, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

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WITNESSES FOR BOTKIN TRIAL. Efforts Being Made to Get Evidence from Delaware for California Case. WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 17.—Attorney General Ward today received a letter from District Attorney Byington of San Francisco, relative to the attendance of the Delaware witnesses at the second trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin of that city on the charge of causing the death of Mrs. John B. Botkin.

MORE TROUBLE FOR STONE. Charged with Neglecting to Prosecute a Case Concerning the Renting of a Building. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 17.—The case of Prosecuting Attorney R. P. Stone, in which he is charged with neglecting his official duty in failing to prosecute a case concerning the renting of a building for untoward purposes, went to trial today in the circuit court.

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CHARIOT MAY BE IN NEW YORK. Purchased by Millionaire Locomotive Maker and Given to Metropolitan Museum. NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Although not specifically mentioned, it is supposed the Greek archaic chariot, the chariot which has been the subject of investigation in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in this city, was unearthed by peasants digging a foundation for a farm house at the foot of Mt. Athos, Greece, in 1878.

DISEASE RAVAGES CHICAGO. Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Influenza Fill Hospitals to Overflowing in Town on Lake. CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Pneumonia, influenza and bronchitis are keeping Chicago physicians busy. Nearly every hospital in the city has one or more cases of pneumonia, while the less serious diseases are even more prevalent.

DOWIE MOBBED AT SYDNEY. Compelled to Flee to Hotel from Meeting by Rowdies of Australia. NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—John Alexander Dowie of Zion, Ill., has been compelled to flee in a cab to escape a mob, according to a dispatch from the Sydney, N. S. W., correspondent of the American.

WANT IMPERISHABLE STEEL. Recent Baltimore Fire Interests Expert Engineers at Annual Convention in Atlantic City. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 17.—Expert building engineers from all parts of the United States gathered here today in annual convention. There was an informal

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