

TROUBLES NEAR EN

China and Japan... Difficulty, Another

FATES SEEM TO BE BE... WAR

Diplomats of Both Count... Busy with Complication

SITUATION ALARMING TO OTHERS

Latest Complication is the Seizure of Japanese Ship.

WAR IS NOT LOOKED FOR NOW

Unless Continuation of Irritating Complications Can Be Stopped, However, Such May Be the Ultimate Outcome.

TOKIO, March 8.—The fate seems almost resolved to embroil Japan and China by air means or foul. No sooner does one diplomatic issue appear to be on the eve of satisfactory settlement than another one crops up to prolong the agony and keep the Tokio foreign office and the Chinese foreign bureau more or less busy. The Kanto, a boundary, the Tan-Min-Tun-Fukumen railway, the North Manchurian customs and the starting of another one crop up to prolong the agony and keep the Tokio foreign office and the Chinese foreign bureau more or less busy.

Facts in the Controversy

The facts of the case as nearly as can be ascertained from both sides appear to be these: The Japanese contention is that the vessel left Kobe on January 21 with a cargo of munitions consigned by the Ataka Shokai of Osaka to Messrs. Kwong Yo & Company of Macao, who are licensed by the Macao government to deal in arms. It is asserted that the Ataka Shokai has failed to obtain the necessary permit from the Macao authorities with regard to the arms and ammunition and that the usual customs and police formalities had been complied with at Kobe. The fact that the Tatsu Maru anchored outside Macao on January 23 and exploded by the explosion of the cargo is explained by the statement that it entered the harbor in safety and that the intention of the captain and the consignees was to have the cargo discharged into lighters.

Claim Arms for Insurgents.

Further inquiry has elicited the information that the seizure of the Tatsu Maru was brought about through a report sent from Kobe or Osaka to the Chinese authorities to the effect that although the rifles and ammunition were consigned to a firm in Macao, they were really to be smuggled into the hands of insurgents in the interior of China. Acting on this assurance, the Chinese authorities took immediate steps to seize the steamer. It is stated that the information of the Chinese government may have been a Chinese residing in Japan.

Postal Service as Weapon.

Peking, March 8.—China's activity to recover full sovereignty in Manchuria has aroused the Japanese to opposition. Japan has raised the standard of its postal office, increased the effectiveness of its postal system, which is one of the Japanese government's special instruments of aggression in this region. The Japanese postal service has been the subject of a number of articles by such means as the following: Japan refused China certain postal privileges on the South Manchurian railways to which it is entitled, has broken open Chinese mail bags, carried off boxes of the mail, and conducted a parcel post over its railways while refusing to carry the parcels of the Chinese post.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature at Omaha yesterday: Hour, Deg. 8 a.m. 29, 9 a.m. 30, 10 a.m. 31, 11 a.m. 32, 12 p.m. 33, 1 p.m. 34, 2 p.m. 35, 3 p.m. 36, 4 p.m. 37, 5 p.m. 38, 6 p.m. 39, 7 p.m. 40, 8 p.m. 41, 9 p.m. 42

JAPANESE NAVAL STRENGTH

Twenty-Five Armored Ships and Forty-Seven Cruisers on the Register.

TOKIO, March 8.—Some reliable figures are now to hand showing the present strength of the Japanese navy as compared with its strength when the war broke out. Details are appended, but the totals may be briefly stated, viz.: 157 vessels of all descriptions representing a tonnage of 282,742 tons before the war, and 294 vessels and 618,028 tons at the present day.

On the other hand, as against the two battleships, torpedoed by the Russians, the Japanese barged at Port Arthur and in the battle of Japan sent five battleships, representing 62,724 tons. The Great, now named the Iwami, the Potemkin (Sagami), Poltava (Tango), Retvizan (Hizen) and Pobieda (Sue). In addition there were taken eleven unarmored cruisers, 71,276 tons; five destroyers, 1,790 tons; or a total of twenty-one vessels, representing 135,540 tons.

Critics of the expansion program are naturally asking why, in the face of these figures, which indicate an advance of fully 80 per cent in the construction of battleships, the government should still persist in making appropriations for the army and navy more than 30 per cent of the total national expenditure for the next fiscal year.

Following figures are given:

Strength when the war commenced: Battleships, six, 84,932 tons; armored cruisers, eight, 72,992 tons; other cruisers, forty, 113,760 tons; destroyers, 1,920 tons; torpedo boats, eighty, 7,119 tons; total, 177,723 tons. At present: Battleships, four, 27,740 tons; the Katarai, Kashima, Furusato, Yarying (Soya), Agata (Okino-shima), Senjavin (Mishima), Novik (Suzuya), to be used as one of the training squadrons at Yokosuka; Majura (Manshu), Angara (Anegawa), Kazan (Kansaki) and Sungari (Matsuyama).

WIRELESS PICKS UP FLEET

Message Received at Point Loma from Battleship Convoy.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 8.—Point Loma wireless station at an early hour this morning was in communication with the battleship Convoy, consisting of Rear Admiral Evans' fleet. It is believed that a message was received for the Navy department at Washington, but absolutely no information will be divulged by the operator at Point Loma wireless station.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—No official advice have been received at the Navy department concerning the battleship fleet since its departure on February 29 from Callao, Peru, for Magdalena bay.

LIMA, March 8.—Rear Admiral Ratagada gave a banquet tonight on the Peruvian cruiser Almirante Grau to the officers of the American torpedo flotilla. The banquet took the form of a farewell to the Americans, who will leave here tomorrow morning to continue their voyage to the north.

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The committee has endorsed strongly the Fowler currency bill and will endeavor to satisfy the leaders in congress that the passage of this bill is demanded by the business men of the country.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

NEW YORK, Pa. Arrived. Sailed. SOUTHERN... BOSTON... GLASGOW... (Continued on Second Page.)

CURB TO SPEAKER'S POWER

Congressman Norris Has Plan for a New Committee on Rules.

ALL AGREE CHANGE IS NEEDED

Autocratic Control of Legislation in Hands of One Man Must Be Checked, Say Members of Congress.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(Special.)—There is a growing group of republican representatives in congress who believe the time is not far distant when the rules of the lower branch of congress may be changed and the speaker's power, by the speaker's abridgment. The agitation which is going on today to broaden the scope of legislation, rather than to limit it, is the result of years of calm and dispassionate discussion looking to a modification of the power now placed in the hands of the speaker and his committee of rules.

Both the stalwart and insurgent republican parties are confident of winning a victory Tuesday's primaries. The new primary law provides that in counties where there is no contest the county central committees may elect the delegates to the state convention. In a number of counties this course was followed and the primaries were dispensed with.

On the face of things it would appear almost certain that the stalwarts will win out, but this is by no means certain, for the reason that the delegates required by them, although smaller in number than the insurgent party, will have to be captured largely in territory which two years ago was strongly insurgent.

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BIG MISSIONARY GATHERING

Twenty-Five Hundred Delegates Are Expected to Attend Pittsburgh Convention.

PITTSBURGH, March 8.—The first international convention under direction of the Young People's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada opens Tuesday morning in Exposition Music hall, and will continue for three days. At least 2,500 delegates from all parts of the world are expected. Nearly half that number are now here.

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BUTTE, Mont., March 8.—In a fight at the state penitentiary at Deer Lodge this morning Guard Robinson had his throat cut from ear to ear by several convicts, dying almost instantly. Warden Frank Conley had his throat cut and was stabbed in the body several times, but not before he had emptied his revolver at the convicts and wounded three of them, all seriously. None of the convicts escaped.

JEROME HAS ANSWER READY

Goes to Albany Today to Present the Document to Governor Hughes.

NEW YORK, March 8.—District Attorney Jerome will leave for Albany tomorrow to tender to Governor Hughes his answer to the charges filed with the governor by W. F. King, former president of the Merchants' association.

SOUTH DAKOTA TEST TUESDAY

Primaries Then May Decide Which Faction Has Control of that State.

PRESTON STILL AN ENIGMA

Man with Many Bullets Smiles as He Sees Both Shores.

BUT STICKS TO FOOLISH STORY

Finally Says He is Only a Teamster from Higgins, Texas, with a Secondhand Denver Hat from Kawtown.

Still a mystery to the police and hospital authorities, J. H. Preston, who walked into the police station Saturday with three dangerous bullet wounds in his body, only smiles as he contemplates the possibility of his life being withdrawn from the sum of human existence.

The mysterious stranger has given up some more information, but there is little to indicate that he is more than a private with the powers that prey and drift without a compass on the ocean of human life.

Between the smiles and the glimpses which Preston takes at both shores, he sticks firmly to the story that he first told, that he was shot on a 3 a. m. Thursday morning by a negro, near North and Douglas streets. Then he goes on to tell how he took several rummer glasses of whiskey at the request of his pals, and walked almost a mile to some house near Twenty-sixth and Farnam streets.

ONE BULLET EXTRACTED.

But Captain Savage has another idea of the man. Dr. F. J. Scheller clipped a bullet out of Preston's hip Sunday morning, where he felt it just under the skin. It was discovered that the lead was fired from a .6-caliber gun. It is an unusual sized bullet. To detectives it would appear that such bullets are used further west than Omaha, where the same sized cartridges are used in revolvers and rifles.

Preston's hands do not appear to be those of a man who ever took violent exercise as pulling a pair of bull cords over the back of the police station.

SECONDHAND HAT STORY.

"I bought this hat in a second-hand store in Kansas City," said Preston. "Were you working in Kansas City?" "No; I just came through there."

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Alia's conflicting statements regarding the shooting have led many people to believe he must be insane. However, four of the eight attorneys appointed to represent him are equally confident that this city have given it as their opinion that Alia is perfectly sane, and this after observing him since his return to this city from Colorado Springs, whither he was taken to avoid possible mob violence.

RAILROADS WANT MORE PAY

Short Lines Say They Do Not Receive Adequate Compensation for Carrying Mails.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—An effort is being made before congress to secure a just apportionment of the compensation now given by the government for the transportation of United States mails by rail. More than 20 "short line" railroads have joined in a petition to congress for a readjustment of the pay for carrying mails. These short line roads are independent lines and most of them reach remote towns, villages and hamlets not readily accessible by any other route.

SAFEGUARDS AROUND KING

Every Precaution Being Taken at Barcelona to Prevent Any Violence to His Majesty.

BARCELONA, March 8.—The city is being extensively decorated and no official efforts will be spared to give King Alfonso a creditable and enthusiastic reception on his arrival here on Tuesday. Nevertheless the greatest concern is felt as to the king's safety, owing to the activity of the Barcelona revolutionists and anarchists, who recently have created almost a reign of terror in this city. There have been five bomb explosions here since January 1, and a few days ago placards were pasted throughout Barcelona stating that an attempt would be made upon the life of the king should he carry out his determination of visiting this city.

DEATH RECORD.

David Waldo. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 8.—David Waldo, a wealthy horseman well known throughout the United States and who formerly owned race tracks here, was killed near Independence, Mo., in a runaway accident last night. His body was found late at night lying in the road, where it had been thrown from a wrecked buggy which lay nearby. He was a graduate of Washington and Lee university in Virginia and in 1883 in New York state, where he was famous jockey a few years ago.

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SEVERE BREAK IN THE SLATE

Failure to Send Hanks to Denver Disrupts Plans of Bryan.

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LINCOLN, March 8.—(Special.)—In falling to send H. H. Hanks of the First district to the national democratic convention as a delegate the district convention of the First district has seriously interfered with the plans of the Bryan leaders, if not with the presidential candidate himself. Mr. Hanks had practically been decided upon to make a speech for Bryan in the Denver convention.

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