

# SHIP IS SINKING

JAPANESE AMEND DISPATCH OF DESTRUCTION OF SEVASTOPOL

## DAMAGED BY TORPEDO BOATS

Assault Made by the Flotilla in Face of a Driving Snowstorm.—Command of the Third Russian Army Meets with a Hearty Reception.

TOKIO—The turret ship Sevastopol is still afloat, but is apparently damaged.

The partially successful torpedo attack on the Sevastopol was made in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles, and writes another inspiring story of the splendid bravery of a number of officers.

The entire crew of the torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats volunteered for the attack, courting death in their efforts to destroy the only floating Russian battleship at Port Arthur.

Facing a driving snow storm and heavy seas, the flotillas separated and, under individual commanders, the vessels attacked independently. The decks of the destroyers and torpedo boats were coated with ice and the men suffered acutely from cold.

The Russians resorted to the most extreme precautions to protect the Sevastopol. They dropped torpedo nets, which shielded the bows of the warship, and the Sevastopol was further protected by a specially constructed wooden boom, the frame work of which was composed of ironbound logs and cables and heavy chains interlaced and entangled. From the surface of this boom hung a deep curtain made of torpedo nets taken from the sunken battleships, the purpose of which was to catch and destroy the torpedoes and their mechanism.

The Japanese probably refrained from attempting to cut or jump the boom, a plan demonstrated by the British, but the torpedo boats and destroyers evidently forced the openings, which the Russians had left so as to allow communication with the harbor.

The commander of the Third Japanese squadron, reporting at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, says:

Commencing at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday night and continuing until 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, six torpedo boats and specially fitted torpedo craft constantly attempted attacks against the Russian battleship Sevastopol, the coast defense vessel Oivashni and the military transports.

Details of the attacks are not yet known. However, according to reports received from the watch tower at 9 o'clock this morning, the Sevastopol had commenced lowering astern and the water was said to reach the torpedo tubes astern.

## DECREASE IN SEEDED AREA.

Acres of Winter Wheat Not Quite Up to 1903.

WASHINGTON—The crop report issued by the department of agriculture says:

Returns to the chief of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture indicate that the newly seeded area of winter wheat is about 31,155,000 acres, a decrease of 1.6 per cent from the area sown in the fall of 1903, as finally estimated. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 82.9, as compared with 86.6 in 1903, 99.7 in 1902 and a ten year average of 92.1. The acreage as compared with last year is 98.4 per cent.

The newly seeded area of winter rye is provisionally estimated at 96.7 per cent of the area sown in the fall of 1903. The condition of winter rye on December 1 was 90.5, as compared with 92.7 on December 1, 1903, 98.1 at the corresponding date in 1902, and 96.2 the mean of the December average of the last ten years.

## WILL CLOSE SOON.

Land Office in McCook, Nebr., to Shut Down.

WASHINGTON—By order of the secretary of the interior the local land office at McCook, Neb., will be closed on January 31, the records on that date to be sent to the land office at the state capitol. The order abandoning the McCook land office was sent out by the general land office Tuesday and will have the effect of terminating the salaries of F. M. Rathbun, register, and C. W. Barnes, receiver. The action taken on the part of Commissioner Richards of the general land office is along the lines of the policy mapped out not only by the interior department, but by statutory amendment as well. The general statutes provide that whenever a land office ceases to be a self-supporting office, by reason of a settlement and taking up of public lands within the prescribed district, that such land office shall be abolished and the records shall be transferred and transmitted to the state capitol for permanent filing.

"This law is just," said Commissioner Richards. "We have just abandoned a land office in Kansas and are contemplating the abandonment of certain of the South Dakota land offices. These abandonments are not so much along the lines of retrenchment, but because the remaining business to be done can much more easily be done from the state capitol when the permanent records are on file. In the case of McCook, it has been some time since that office paid expenses, and it has therefore been deemed advisable to close the office and send the permanent records to Lincoln. The removal of the records from McCook to Lincoln is done by executive order and there is no significance whatever in the case. It will be the policy of the office to cut down land offices wherever they are unnecessary. Personally, I believe that retrenchment is a good thing and if we can accomplish the same results with less offices I believe it ought to be done."

Joseph Smith of Lamoni, Ia., direct descendant of the original Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon faith and revelator of the Book of Mormon, head of the Josephites, is in Washington for the purpose of securing an intervention of the United States in behalf of his brethren in Tahiti, where, according to French rule, Mormons of the Josephite faith, who are anti-polygamists, are prohibited from seeking converts on that island in the south seas. He asks fair treatment for his brethren who are seeking to make converts to the Mormon faith as represented by the society in Iowa.

## BRYAN DEMOCRACY'S LEADER

Senator Newlands Quotes Him In Preference to Judge Parker.

WASHINGTON—The senate had under consideration the pure food and Philippine government bills. Debate on the former was confined to calling attention to the inadequacy of the protection accorded the people of the United States against impure food and drugs.

The discussion of the Philippine bill related solely to the question of the guarantee by the Philippine government of the income or interest on bonds in those islands. Mr. Spooner of Wisconsin leading in the criticism. The suggestion was made by Mr. Newlands of Nevada, that the Philippine government should construct the system of railroad proposed. The debate brought out the first reference in the senate this session to Judge Parker's attitude on the Philippine question, caused by Mr. Newlands quoting from certain utterances of William J. Bryan and President Roosevelt. Mr. Foraker inquired why he had ignored Judge Parker, and Mr. Newlands replied that Mr. Bryan for eight years stood as the leader of the democratic party.

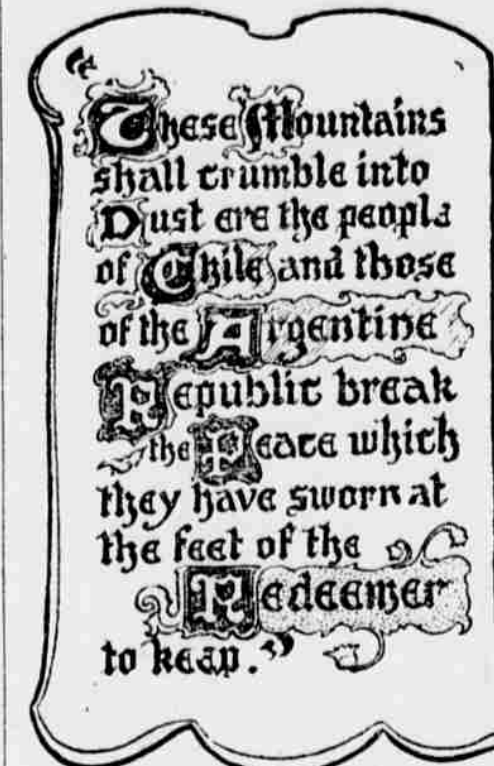
## NATIONS VOWED TO PEACE.

South American Republics Commemorate Arbitration Treaty.

On a pinnacle of the Andes mountains, 14,000 feet above the level of the sea, on the boundary line between Chile and the Argentine Republic, stands an heroic statue of the Christ. The erection of this statue is to commemorate the signing of a treaty between the two countries by which it is agreed to settle all disputes arising from any cause by the process of arbitration. The inscription at the base of the pedestal tells the story.

The pedestal is of granite, symbolizing the world. The gigantic bronze figure of the Christ rises 26 feet above it and is visible in all directions for many miles.

Both the people of Chile and those of the Argentine Republic want no



more war. Both countries are again prosperous. The armies of each nation are being reduced almost to the limits of a police force. Some of the great warships have been sold; others have been turned into merchant vessels for the carrying trade between South America and South Africa.

Peace reigns, and as the people look up at the great statue of the Redeemer they see the outstretched hand which seems to be imparting the benediction of heaven, and vow that that peace shall never be broken.

## Proud of Their "Dry List."

The towns and cities of New Hampshire have come to vie with each other to see which shall have the most names entered on the famous "dry list" in vogue in that state under the provision of its liquor law. Somersworth is now out with the claim that two recent additions give her a total of 139 names and the leadership.

## Economical Doggie.



## Fan Made From Slate.

J. S. Roberts of Charlotte, Vt., has a slate fan made from a piece of slate from a quarry in Wales, that was 2 1/4 by 7 1/4 inches, and that opened into sixty perfect leaves composing the fan.

## HOPE FOR THE SICK.



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