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Believed Polar Explorer Perished in Arctic Ocean.

RUSSIAN EXPEDITION GOING IN SEARCH

Not a Word Received and Fate is Complete Mystery.

REACHED BENNETT ISLAND IN SAFETY

Three Relief Parties Have Made Unsuccessful Search for the Baron.

FIND DOCUMENTS LEFT BY THE EXPLORER

Bourse Gazette Offers a Liberal Reward for Specific Information Establishing the Death of Baron Toll.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 6.—Answering an inquiry concerning the fate of Baron Toll, the explorer who was recently reported to have perished in the Arctic ocean, M. Dubrovin, secretary of the Academy of Sciences, says that he has received not a word of news for some time. Another expedition is now searching for him. The belief now is that the baron has been lost. The Bourse Gazette offers a reward for specific information establishing the explorer's death.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg July 21 of last year said that the Imperial Academy of Sciences was beginning to entertain serious fears for the Polar explorer, Baron Toll, from whom nothing had been heard since he left the yacht Zaria, May 23, 1902, in company with two Yakuts and started for Bennett island.

The Zaria, which left its winter harbor quarters early in June, 1902, to find Baron Toll and his associates, was unsuccessful in its mission and returned to the Lena river. Three relief parties were sent out by the Academy early in 1903, one of them being under the command of Lieutenant Kolchala.

A dispatch from Yakutsk, eastern Siberia, dated January 15 last, said that boatmen of the expedition commanded by Lieutenant Kolchala had arrived there and reported that the effort of the expedition to find Baron Toll had been unsuccessful. Baron Toll left documents on Bennett island showing that he had turned southward November 8, 1902.

"BROTHER" JASPER'S CONVERTS

Some Scientists Not So Certain that the "Earth Does Move."

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PARIS, March 6.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Three learned men of Europe now range themselves on the side of "Brother" Jasper, the Virginia negro preacher who died in Richmond, still declaring "The sun do move." When Pasquier and Flamache, two Belgian scientists, asserted recently that there never had been proof absolute of Galileo's saying, "The earth moves," the laughter in France was as the laughter in America at Jasper.

Now no less a personage than Mr. Poincare, president of the Astronomical Society of France, takes sides with the Belgian deniers of astronomical orthodox.

The thing takes even a more serious aspect. Solemn discussors of grave subjects have taken this up to see whether the accepted notions on the motion of the earth are visionary.

Flammarion, the astronomer, has written a joinder to Poincare, marshaling proofs that the Galileon theory is right and Jasper deluded.

THESE SPIRITS ARE MUSICAL

Make Piano Give Forth Sounds of One of Chopin's Masterpieces.

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MOSCOW, March 6.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Two spiritualists, named Bitroff and Speranska, both mediums, gave a seance at which were present a number of people who say these things happened:

Soon after the circle was formed the table began to tip and the edges glowed with a strange light. Presently Bitroff went into a trance, stood up, took Speranska by the hand and led him to a portrait of Chopin. Suddenly the same strange light, something like an electric glow, illumined the picture a moment. Speranska asked a woman present to place her hand on the piano. She did so. Then he put one hand on her head and the other on the portrait, whereupon the light shone out of the portrait. The piano instantly struck up in a very lively fashion "Scherzo," by Chopin. The woman had nothing to do with the playing for her hand merely rested on the keyboard.

DANGER IN WRITING OF ROYALTY

Not Only May Books Be Destroyed, but Author May Be Sent to Madhouse.

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BASLE, Switzerland, March 6.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The divorced Countess von Wedel Berard, whose book, entitled, "My Relations with His Majesty, Emperor William II," caused a profound sensation in Berlin and was suppressed, even the plates being destroyed, has just been shut upon a sanitorium here.

The Berlin court, it is whispered, was instrumental in having her thus secluded. Once she was very popular in high society in Berlin and Vienna.

PRESIDENT STILLWELL IN MEXICO.

Accompanied by Capitalists to Discuss Railroads with Government.

MEXICO CITY, March 6.—A. E. Stillwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway, accompanied by a party of London and New York capitalists, arrived here today. President Stillwell's main purpose in coming to Mexico at this time is to confer with the government relative to the acceptance of the completed portion from Topolobampo to El Fuerte, a distance of nearly 100 miles. The line is now being operated and as soon as it is formally accepted by the government, the subsidy offered for its construction will be due and payable.

Boers Leave for America.

PRETORIA, March 6.—The Boer contingent which will give exhibitions at the St. Louis exposition left here today for St. Louis.

MANY ASK FOR DECORATIONS

More Claimants for Glory Than There Were Victims Who Were Rescued.

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PARIS, March 6.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—An echo of the recent disastrous fire in Boulevard Sebastopol serves to demonstrate the abnormal desire of the French for heroic decorations. The total number of persons rescued from the flames was five and yet no less than thirty-one citizens are clamoring for the honor of decoration. Sixteen of these noble "rescuers" lay claim to saving the same lodger, a woman, who indignantly declares that she simply saved herself and the "heroes" had nothing to do with carrying her out of the building.

A boy of 15 insists that he alone carried to safety a whole family. The family denies his assertion in toto. Eleven different young men swear they each caught Mlle. Fossetti, who jumped from the fourth floor of the burning building. She declared she has never under any circumstances been in the arms of a single one of them. A rigid investigation of all the heroic tales will be made before any decorations are granted.

NINA SAILS FOR PENSACOLA

Lighthouse Tender Manned by Crew from the Gunboat Gloucester.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 6.—The United States lighthouse tender Nina, the sailors of which recently were charged with mutiny, has sailed for Pensacola for repairs, manned by a crew from the gunboat Gloucester. The members of the crew of the Nina, who were arrested for mutiny, have been discharged and several of them will remain here to swear a complaint against Captain William G. Cutler for false imprisonment.

The crew of the Nina, numbering sixteen, were arrested and placed in jail on the charge of mutiny in refusing to take the vessel to Pensacola for repairs. The prisoners said they were shanghaied in New York last September and that when they recently signed what they believed was the pay roll they learned that they had unwittingly contracted for service on the Nina for a year

KAISER MAY POSTPONE TRIP

Critical Condition in Balkans and the Far East Said to Be the Cause.

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ST. PETERSBURG, March 6.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The postponement of the kaiser's cruise is interpreted to mean that the situation is deemed critical and that he cannot leave Germany or even go a distance of twenty-four hours away.

No official announcement has yet been made at Berlin that the kaiser has postponed his Mediterranean trip, though the critical state of affairs in the near east as well as the far east may make this course advisable.

EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE GREAT

Lima, Peru, Suffers from the Recent Disturbances of the Earth.

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LIMA, Peru, March 6.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—It is calculated the damage to Lima as a result of the earthquake to crockery, glassware and merchandise will reach $500,000, irrespective of the damage to buildings.

EIGHT CARLOADS OF EXHIBITS.

Mexican Commissioners for St. Louis Exposition Start Today.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 6.—The Mexican commissioners for the St. Louis exposition will leave in a special car tomorrow for that city. General Director Nunez will take with him plans for the Mexican conservatory, which has not yet been built, but upon which work will begin immediately upon the arrival of the commissioners in St. Louis. The commissioners have arranged their business here with a view to passing a year in the exposition city. Eight carloads of exhibits have been forwarded and a second lot will be sent forward about the middle of the month.

MEXICAN COTTON MILLS SHUT DOWN.

Increase in the Price of Cotton Makes Action Necessary.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 6.—A number of cotton mills in Mexico have announced their intention of temporarily shutting down, owing to the increased price of cotton. The owners state that the increase which they would have to make in the prices of their goods would place them out of the reach of the poorer classes of Mexico and that the manufacture of cotton goods in this country cannot be continued on the present basis.

STUDENTS RENEW THE RIOTING.

Rival German and Bohemian Factions Severely Injured.

PRAGUE, Bohemia, March 6.—Student rioting was renewed here today on a larger scale than that of last week. Rival German and Czech factions demonstrating for and against Russia came to blows and many persons were injured. The mounted gendarmes was unable to disperse the demonstrators and the military was called out and quelled the rioting.

COUNT VON WALDERSEE'S FUNERAL.

Sovereigns Send Condolence to Widow of German Field Marshal.

BERLIN, March 6.—The funeral of the late Field Marshal Count von Waldersee will be held at noon on Wednesday. Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria, all the members of the house of Hohenzollern and the sovereigns of all the German states and also many eminent persons abroad have telegraphed condolences to Count von Waldersee.

PORTO RICO ADOPTS A BLACK FLAG.

House Passes Bill to Prevent Desecration of American Emblem.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 6.—The house has unanimously passed a bill recommended in a message from Governor Hunt, the purpose of which is to prevent the desecration of the United States flag and the use of the black flag in Porto Rico.

King is Much Better.

LONDON, March 6.—King Edward, who is suffering from a cold, is much better today and will preside at a sitting of the privy council at Buckingham palace tomorrow.

HARRISBURG STILL IN DANGER

Ice Gorges Above and Below Town Choke Stream.

RECEDING WATERS REDUCE THE MENACE

Pennsylvania Railroad Makes Ineffectual Effort to Clear Tracks of Ice and People Warned by Mayor.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 6.—The Juniata and Susquehanna rivers have been falling all day and Weather Observer Demain says they will continue to fall for twenty-four hours. The gorge above and below Harrisburg is still intact and there has been no movement in the Susquehanna since the break of yesterday in the gorge at Highspire.

An improvement is shown from yesterday and unless a sudden rise occurs in the river it is thought the worst is over. The Northern Central railway is clear and through trains are being sent east by the Pennsylvania railroad via York and Columbia and fast trains over the Philadelphia & Reading railway.

At Middletown the water is still higher than in the great flood of 1880 and the water supply and the electric light supply of the borough are still cut off. The tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad between Lochiel and Middletown are covered with ice and water and two large locomotives with snow plows were sent there today to try to clear the tracks and failed.

The Central Pennsylvania Traction company's lines are open except from Highspire to Middletown and cars are running as usual.

The iron works in South Harrisburg and the Pennsylvania Steel works at Steelton will not resume operations until the water goes down. Precautions have been taken by Mayor McCormick to warn residents in the lowlands in Harrisburg in time to leave their homes if there should be another flood from above.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 6.—Since 6 o'clock this morning the Susquehanna river here has been slowly receding. The measurement when taken at 10 o'clock tonight showed a drop of one foot today, it being twelve feet over low water mark.

Gorges Are Threatening.

YORK, Pa., March 6.—Flood conditions along the York county shore of the Susquehanna tonight are rather uncertain. The ice is being held by Hartman's island near New Holland, but it is expected to start again at any minute and if it does, great damage is expected. For miles towering gorges present a magnificent spectacle and here and there is devastation and ruin. Sheely's island, near Goldsboro, is partly submerged tonight and on it are John and George Burger, their mother, their wives and eight children. The governor will tomorrow send state officials to the scene in an effort to remove the families from their perilous position.

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., March 6.—The ice gorge in the Susquehanna river at this point has resisted the pressure of the flood for thirty-six hours, but now shows signs of weakening. The tracks of the Port Deposit & Columbia railroad, which follow the east bank of the river, are submerged for a distance of three miles, and North Main street, which parallels the railroad tracks a few yards distant, is the bed of a roaring stream. The dwellings, which stand between the tracks and the street, have been vacated and are filled with water to a depth of several feet.

A line of riprapping which the railroad company constructed for the protection of the tracks has prevented a general movement of the ice shoreward, and so long as the ice is retained within the river bounds the danger is reduced to a minimum.

Reports received late today are encouraging and the indications are that the water will go no higher. The great field of ice at the head of Chesapeake bay has moved off, and this reduced the length of the gorge from ten to four miles in length.

Toledo is Threatened.

TOLEDO, March 6.—This city is in imminent danger tonight. There has been rain during the entire day and the ice gorges up the river have been gradually moving down towards the city. At 10 o'clock the ice had formed a temporary gorge five miles above the city. At the bridge of the Toledo Railway & Terminal company, a mile below the gorge, the water is nineteen feet above the normal stage. The gorges took out three pieces of the Urban & Interurban Railway company's bridge across the river at Maumee City and also did considerable damage to the wagon bridge across the river at that point, but did not take the bridge. In the city the water was about seven feet above the normal stage and was rising at the rate of about six inches an hour. Guards are stationed at points along the river and are keeping the officials in this city informed as to the situation.

Dynamite Ice Packs.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Dynamite was successfully employed today in breaking up the heavy, compact ice in the Potomac river above the Three Sisters, several miles from the city. The work will be continued several days with a view to having the narrow channel reasonably clear so as to avoid a threatened flood at Washington when the thaw in the upper river and mountain streams set in.

FIRE IS STILL BURNING

Apaches and Soldiers Busy Fighting Flames on the Oklahoma Indian Reservation Near Lawton.

LAWTON, Okl., March 6.—The fire which broke out in the military reservation north of Fort Sill last night is still burning tonight. The soldiers and Indians have been busy all day fighting the fire. All the cities in the territory are sending aid to the sufferers in the stricken district.

Office Building in Ruins.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The general office building of the New York Central railroad was destroyed by fire today, involving a loss of more than $100,000. The building contained, in addition to the general offices, the American Express company's office, four stores and the Lake Shore hotel, which was recently vacated.

Movements of Ocean Vessels March 6.

At New York—Arrived: Hekla, from Copenhagen, Christiania and Christiansand; Italia, from Genoa, Leghorn and Naples; Vincenzo Florio, from Genoa, Naples and Azores.

At Naples—Arrived: Republic, from Alexandria, for Gibraltar and Boston.

At Southampton—Arrived: Philadelphia, from New York, via Plymouth and Cherbourg.

At Liverpool—Arrived: Cevic, from New York.

At Glasgow—Sailed: Astoria, for New York, via Moville.

At Queenstown—Sailed: Umbria, from Liverpool, for New York.

At Southampton—Sailed: Bluecher, from Hamburg, for New York, via Cherbourg.

POISON VICTIM IS SINKING

Doctors Express No Hope of the Final Recovery of Miss Rena Nilson.

PIERRE, S. D., March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—While Miss Rena Nelson, the victim of the package of poisoned candy, was yet living at noon today, she was growing weaker, with the extremities becoming numb, and the attending physicians consider that her death cannot be prevented within a few hours.

The case is one which attracts intense interest, and while it is hoped that the young woman will yet rally from the effects of the poison, after holding out so long, the indications are all that she is gradually losing her hold on life.

State's Attorney Goodner has been confronted with a case without a legal precedent in the opening efforts to secure custody of Mrs. Dye, the accused party, and if he can secure her for trial will be securing a precedent for any such cases in the future. A telegram was received from Sheriff Laughlin of this county this afternoon dated at Boone, Ia., saying that Mrs. Dye had been arrested but that habeas corpus proceedings had been commenced and set for hearing at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. This fixes the hearing at a time when it will be impossible for State's Attorney Goodner to be present to represent this suite, but he will probably leave for Boone on an early train tomorrow to see what can be done toward securing the presence of Mrs. Dye here. The case is one which will no doubt be vigorously fought in the Iowa courts before it ever gets to South Dakota. If that is ever accomplished, and every effort will be used to this end. If it is held that Mrs. Dye cannot be extradited it leaves the matter of murder by such means one which can be committed with safety by any one so long as the person is sent across a state line, which fact gives the case interest far above the ordinary.

The hearing on the application for the requisition of Mrs. Dye will be held before Governor Cummins of Des Moines Tuesday morning. Sheriff Laughlin will ask that the hearing on the habeas corpus be postponed until after the hearing on the requisition.

BOONE, Ia., March 6.—Sheriff Laughlin arrived here from Pierre, S. D., this morning with the warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Sherman Dye, who is charged with sending poisoned candy to Miss Nelson at Pierre and who it is expected will die from the effects of eating it. He left for Des Moines this afternoon to get requisition papers from Governor Cummins. Mrs. Dye's attorneys are preparing to fight the extradition.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT EMMET

Irish Societies Observe the Anniversary of the Martyr's Death.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Sympathy for the people of Ireland and a declaration of hope that it would soon be free were the keynotes of addresses made by the speakers at the celebration tonight of the 126th anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmet by the United Irish societies of the District of Columbia. Among those who made speeches were Representatives Kehoe (Ky.), Dovenor (W. Va.) and Wiley (Ala.) and Delegate Rodey of New Mexico.

Resolutions were adppted appealing to the liberty loving people of the United States to take steps in aiding to restore to the Irish people "allied to them by so many glorious associations in the revolutionary and civil wars the God-given right of nationhood" and for the erection of statues to General John S. Sullivan and Commodore John Barry of revolutionary war fame.

ST. LOUIS, March 6.—The Irish nationalists of St. Louis, at their celebration of the birth of Robert Emmet, tonight adopted resolutions upholding Russia in its war with Japan and expressing "sympathy with Christian Russia against this pagan horde." The resolutions concluded:

"The special thanks of the exiled children of the 'Scattered Gael' be extended to the Russian government for its work done in the interests of humanity by its opposition to the designs of England in Persia, Turkestan, Thibet and other Asiatic countries, thereby preventing the extension of England's tyranny over helpless people."

A copy of the resolutions will be sent to the Russian minister at Washington.

WORDS OF PRAISE FOR SMITH

Brigham H. Roberts Rejoices that Senate Has Brought Out His Testimony.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 6.—Brigham H. Roberts, who was expelled from congress because of his polygamous practices a few years ago, declared in an address here today that he rejoiced in the testimony given by President Smith before the senate committee because in this way a larger audience was reached than could be by any other means.

"I see the finger of God in taking this means of putting the truth of Mormonism before the whole world," said Mr. Roberts. The subject of Mr. Roberts was "Witnesses to the Book of Mormon."

NEGROES DRIVEN OUT OF TOWN

Twenty Shots Fired in an Encounter Between Whites and Blacks in Indian Territory Town.

GUTHRIE, Okl., March 6.—It is reported here that the negroes and whites at Bokoshe, I. T., engaged in another fight last night. The negroes were driven out of the town and about twenty shots were fired. The negroes were recently sent from Guthrie for employment on the Midland Valley railroad, now being constructed in the Indian Territory.

ROCK ISLAND'S NEW LINE

Tracklayers Sixty-Five Miles from Kansas City and Grading Complete Within Ten Miles.

KANSAS CITY, March 6.—The Rock Island's St. Louis-Kansas City line will be completed May 1. The track layers, moving westward, are sixty-five miles from Kansas City and the grading is completed to a point ten miles east of Kansas City. Their connection will be made with the 'Frisco track for an entrance into this city.

VICTIMS NOW NUMBER TWENTY

Three More Bodies Recovered from the Wreck of the Darlington Hotel in New York City.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Three more bodies were recovered today from the wreck of the Darlington hotel, making the total number of fatalities twenty. They are believed to be bodies of workmen em-

BLYTHE DENIES ONE RUMOR

Says He Has Not Been Asked to Manage Campaign in the Northwest.

DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT HE WILL BE

Expresses His Opinion of the Significance of Action of the Polk County Republican Convention.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—J. W. Blythe, general counsel of the Burlington road, said to The Bee correspondent today that there was no truth in the rumor emanating from St. Louis that he was to manage the campaign in the western and northwestern states for the republican national committee. He stated that he had not been approached by any one in regard to the matter and that the president had never intimated to him that he would like him to direct the campaign in the section mentioned. Mr. Blythe does not believe he will be asked to give attention to the western section of the country, although he would not refuse if requested to do so by the president.

The action of the republican convention of Polk county, Ia., in coming out boldly for protection and endorsing J. W. Blythe for delegate-at-large from that state is taken to be the beginning of a square fight between the Cummins and Blythe forces. Mr. Blythe said today:

"Polk county serves notice that the republicans are awake; that the republican party in our state is going to be run by republicans and that the farmers of our state are going to take a hand in politics for their own protection. The fight in Iowa is not a fight between men. Great principles are at stake and as republicans we propose to see to it that men representative of the best in the party shall be sent to Chicago. Polk county is to be congratulated for the courage of its convictions. The people, through their representatives, are beginning to assert their republicanism and they are standing by the party."

W. I. Malone of Omaha is in Washington to take an examination for entrance into the pay corps of the navy.

NO EVIDENCE OF WEAKENING

Kansas City Truck Drivers' Strike Promises Not to Be Abadoned While Funds Hold Out.

KANSAS CITY, March 6.—There were no important developments in the truck drivers' strike today. Each side is confident of ultimate victory and neither side gives any evidence of weakening. The employers say they have a strike fund which is ample to meet all the expense incident to the strike and that if this fund should be exhausted they have assurances that they may depend upon the Employers' association for all the aid they might need.

The transfer companies declare that they will appeal to the national organization of the Employers' association rather than make any concessions to the strikers. The employers say that they have all the men needed to carry on their business. Tomorrow they expect to run 250 wagons, or about three-fourths of the number in use before the strike began.

WEATHER RETARDS THE TROOPS.

Freezing and Thawing Renders Corean Roads Impassable.

LONDON, March 7.—The Daily Mail's Ping Yang correspondent, under date of March 3, describes the great difficulties met with on the road from Seoul. He says that recent thaws broke up the roads, which again have become frozen over, while from time to time there are severe snowstorms. One pass which the correspondent traversed was covered with sheets of sloping ice. The country as far as Hwangju is mountainous and impregnable from the north, but afterward it becomes more open. He says it is piteous to see the terror of the Corean refugees fleeing through the snow with their household goods.

Cabling under yesterday's date the same correspondent says that the missionaries are averse to leaving Ping Yang and are not likely to accept the offer of United States Minister Allen to allow refugees to go aboard the United States cruiser Cincinnati, as they believe they will be able to escape later should the situation become acute.

The Daily Mail's Che Foo correspondent describes a visit he made to Chinampo. He says the country thence to Ping Yang is impassable, owing to the thaw. The villages are deserted and horses and provisions cannot be obtained, everything having been bought up by the Japanese. I am informed, says the correspondent, that there will be no advance until 100,000 men have been concentrated at Ping Yang. It is thawing inland and the waterways have greatly helped the transportation arrangements. The Japanese are busy at every landing place and are buying all suitable craft along the coast.

At noon Friday transport steamers convoyed by the cruiser Takao and two torpedo boats, landed men and stores ten miles below Hwangju.

Cossacks are keeping a sharp watch on the Japanese movements.

PEDDLERS' GUILD MAKES TROUBLE.

Fomenting Demonstrations Against the Japanese.

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SEOUL, March 6.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—There are dangerous symptoms portending anti-Japanese demonstrations by the powerful Corean Peddlers' guild, who strongly opposed the recently signed Japanese-Corean protocol. It is probable that the attempted dynamiting last week was perpetrated by them. No trouble to other foreigners is anticipated, as the Japanese are taking active police measures to prevent a possible uprising. Kil Yung Soo, chief of the Peddlers' guild, has been deposed as governor of Seoul and relegated to an obscure magistracy in an interior district.

Week of Sacrifice.

VORONESH, Russia, March 6.—The fourth week in Lent will be observed here as a week of self-sacrifice and the proceeds will be devoted to the purposes of the Red Cross society.

Four Jap Spies Arrested.

KRONSTADT, March 6.—Four Japanese spies are said to have been arrested here.

Admiral Birilef has inspected the ships which are here preparing to be put in commission.

May Cut Off Export Coal.

RIGA, Russia, March 6.—Several mills have been notified by British coal purveyors that they must hurry their orders, as the export of coal may be forbidden.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and Colder Monday; Tuesday Fair and Warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	28	1 p. m.	47
6 a. m.	28	2 p. m.	49
7 a. m.	27	3 p. m.	50
8 a. m.	27	4 p. m.	49
9 a. m.	31	5 p. m.	50
10 a. m.	34	6 p. m.	49
11 a. m.	41	7 p. m.	47
12 m	44	8 p. m.	44
		9 p. m.	42

QUIET PREVAILS AT TOKIO

Indications Are, However, that Important Land Movements Are Pending.

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TOKIO, March 6.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Affairs have been very quiet here after the excitement consequent upon the opening victories of the war. The Japanese do not give way to emotion in the same manner as Europeans when engaged in war. People are going about their business as if nothing in particular were afoot. There is little news from Corea or Port Arthur. The newspapers have ceased to issue special editions. The present situation, however, is only a lull before a storm.

Preparations are going rapidly forward for the commencement of the land operations. I expect important events will be heard of in the course of a few days. The Japanese government is not anxious to begin its land campaign prematurely and is organizing its forces with marvelous foresight and completeness for every possible contingency. The opening of hostilities, therefore, is likely to furnish Russia with as great a surprise as did the naval actions.

It is impossible for one, of course, to give the details, but events will soon show the capacity of the men who are directing Japanese affairs and the quality of the troops at their disposal.

The Foreign office here has issued passes to war correspondents, but the correspondents are not yet permitted to leave Tokio for Corea, as events are not yet sufficiently developed.

According to reports received here the Russians are moving large masses of troops toward the Chinese frontier. The population is in a state of unrest and is leaving large towns.

Russian troops have occupied Denshodu, Chimincho and Kchochi, but they are said to be evacuating Kenchau. It is reported that 20,000 Russian troops are south of the Yalu river. No serious encounter, however, is anticipated for some time.

FORTIFICATIONS BADLY DAMAGED.

Reported also that New Chwang is Being Evacuated.

YIN KOW, March 6.—Russian private letters disclose the fact that in recent engagements between the Yalu river and Ping Yang the Russians, with superior numbers, defeated the Japanese, but lost heavily.

Refugees arriving here say that Port Arthur has not been attacked since February 26, but stores and ammunition are still arriving. Work on the mud dock, in which it is expected to repair the Czarewitch, has been abandoned for the past three days, the foreign engineer being unable to raise the Retvizan, quitting Port Arthur together with the only other Anglo-Saxons there. That considerable damage within the fortifications has been caused by the Japanese fire from Pigeon bay has been corroborated and the defenses on that side are being strengthened by barbed wire entanglements and additional artillery.

Street traffic in Port Arthur, the refugees say, is largely confined to the ammunition carts. All the forts have been provided with naval signal officers for the purpose of identifying Russian ships and preventing the forts from firing on them when they arrive.

The derailment of one car yesterday north of Dalny by an obstacle on the track delayed trains for fifteen hours and a serious accident was only averted by the low speed at which the train was running.

The removal of the furniture of the police and military quarters at New Chwang, the withdrawal of unnecessary rolling stock and equipment from the New Chwang railway terminus and the removal of silver from the bank indicates an intended evacuation of New Chwang. The bank authorities have arranged to leave French and German agents in charge of their interests.

A large force of cavalry is reported going to New Chwang before the river opens for the purpose of reconnoitering.

RUSSIAN INTENTIONS ARE VEILED.

Movements at New Chwang Difficult to Understand.

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TIEN TSIN, March 6.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The Russian intentions at New Chwang are impossible to divine. They are sending off all movable property and railway material and are promising to pull up the branch lines to Tsai Chow, where they are preparing entrenchments.

Five thousand new soldiers arrived at Yin Kow today. The soldiers themselves say they will leave tomorrow but others will take their places.

Nangolin and the other stations are now defended by Maxims and entrenchments, but in many places near no soldiers are visible.

The rumor of a heavy bombardment of Port Arthur was exaggerated. The Japanese fire was ineffective. On Friday Cossacks captured a transport train of 180 horses, with baggage, south of Kaia.

JAPANESE SHIPS ARE OUT OF WAY.

Viceroy Alexieff Makes Official Report of Vladivostok Bombardment.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 6.—A communication from Viceroy Alexieff to the czar from Mukden bearing today's date says:

I most humbly inform your majesty that the commandant at the fortress at Vladivostok reports that at 8:50 this morning seven vessels were sighted south of Askold island. At 9:45 they were seen to be warships making for Askold island. About noon the enemy's squadron was midway between the coast and Askold island, making for Usauri bay. They were out of reach of the shore batteries. At 1:20 the enemy opened fire. Two vessels in the squadron were probably the first-class cruisers Idzuma and Yakumo, but the names of the other vessels are unknown.

MAY SHUT OFF SUPPLY OF COAL.

Intimation from Cardiff that Dealers Better Start Up.

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ST. PETERSBURG, March 6.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—Coal dealers at Riga have received an intimation from Cardiff that they better hurry orders for coal, the indications being that shortly all deliveries will be stopped.

FIRE AT LONG RANGE

Japanese Shell Vladivostok, but Do Very Little Damage.

FIRE OF THE SHIPS WAS NOT RETURNED

Enemy Did Not Approach Within Reach of Shore Batteries.

MANY LYDDITE BOMBS FAIL TO EXPLODE

Fleet Approaches Town from the Direction of Askold Island.

SIX AND TWELVE-INCH SHELLS WERE USED

Estimated that the Two Hundred Rounds of Ammunition Used Cost the Enemy One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

VLADIVOSTOK, March 6.—A fleet of five Japanese battleships and two cruisers appeared off this place at 1:25 o'clock this afternoon and bombarded the town and shore batteries for forty-five minutes.

The fleet approached from the direction of Askold island, at the extreme entrance to Ussuri bay and about thirty-two miles south of Vladivostok. Entering Ussuri bay the enemy formed a line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than a mile and one-third. They directed their fire against the shore batteries and the town, but no damage resulted, as most of their 200 lyddite shells failed to burst.

The Russian batteries, commanded by Generals Veronetz and Artamonoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the enemy. The Japanese fire ceased at 2:20 p. m., and the enemy receded in the direction of Askold island. Simultaneously two torpedo boat destroyers appeared near Askold island and two more near Cape Maidel. The Japanese ships were covered with ice.

The attack resulted in no loss to the Russians, but cost the enemy 200,000 roubles ($100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were six and twelve-inch shells.

The population of Vladivostok was warned this morning of the presence on the horizon of a hostile fleet and the prospect of attack during the day, but everything remained tranquil.

Five Russians Killed.

Official dispatches received here concerning the bombardment of Vladivostok by a Japanese fleet this afternoon do not mention any Russian losses, but private advices say that five were killed. It is apparent the Japanese were afraid to risk their ships to the fire of the land batteries and it is considered here that the attack was really for the purpose of drawing the fire of the Russian forts, compelling the Russians to disclose the position and caliber of their guns and for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Russian squadron is in port. If this was the object of the Japanese it is believed to have failed signally, as the batteries did not fire a shot and if the squadron is in port it could not be seen from the Japanese in the bay of Ussuri on account of the high coast on that side obstructing the view of the harbor.

Fleet Probably Gone.

LONDON, March 7.—Only Russian reports on the bombardment of Vladivostok have yet been received and these give no indications as to whether the Russian squadron is still there. According to a report from Tokio the squadron was seen off Gensan, Corea, last Thursday, but on this point there is no reliable information. Speculation, however, mostly inclines to the belief that the Russian squadron is not in port at Vladivostok, as neither the official nor the other reports of the bombardment mention Russian battleships.

Port Arthur dispatches of Saturday and Sunday say that everything is quiet there and on the Lia Tung peninsular. The Japanese fleet was seen scouting off Port Arthur Friday night during a heavy snowstorm.

The Daily Telegraph's Che Foo dispatch says the Russians are employing thousands of coolies at Port Arthur and Dalny on entrenchments and new forts and that they are also mounting over 100 guns to protect the neck of the isthmus.

The correspondent of the Standard at Tien Tsin gives a rumor that thirty Russian sailors were caught in an attempt to escape from Port Arthur and that they were shot the same day.

The Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs under reserve a story to the effect that a party of Japanese, disguised as Tartars, were arrested by a guard of the Siberian railroad bridge at Syzran on the river Volga, having packages of dynamite in their possession.

A special dispatch from Tien Tsin estimates that there are 30,000 Tungese regulars in Southern Manchuria, largely led by patriotic Japanese who volunteered for the dangerous work.

The Russian cruiser Aurora has arrived at Suda bay, Turkey.

Japs Fail in Purpose.

PARIS, March 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo De Paris says concerning the bombardment of Vladivostok yesterday afternoon that the opinion of competent men is that the Japanese wished to find out whether or not the Russian squadron was in the port of Vladivostok, in the belief that should it prove to be absent it would be necessary for the vessels to return and defend the place.

The correspondent adds: "These tactics are useless, as the general staff here knows Reitzenstein's exact destination and that he has succeeded perfectly in carrying out the plan confided to him despite the constant vigilance of the Japanese."

JAPANESE ADVANCE ON HUNCHUN.

Believe They Are Trying to Reach the Russian Flank.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 6.—Advices from Vladivostok say that the 2,500 Japanese troops who landed at Plaksin bay (on the east coast of northern Corea) are advancing toward Musan (218 miles from Gensan) with the intention of ultimately reaching Hunchun (on the left bank of the Tumen river, about 100 miles west of Vladivostok) and threatening the Russian flank.

In order to checkmate this move the Russian outpost, 1,500 strong, which recently crossed the Tumen is advancing to occupy Koyryong, on the Tumen river, a walled city commanding the trails along which the Japanese must pass.

The naval mobilization foreshadowed in these dispatches was partially decided upon today.

Three eastern provinces of European Russia, Vyatka, Perm and Ura, are included in the plan, the purpose stated being the strengthening of the crews of the Pacific squadron.

The Novosti prints a significant editorial article which is very conciliatory toward