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READY TO MEET TOGO

Junction of Fleets in Vicinity of Jubill
Expected Within Ten Days.

JAPANESE ARE AHEAD OF RUSSIANS

Linevitch Reports Detachment of Enemy in
Front of His Advance Post.

PEACE PARTY GAINS AT ST. PETERSBURG

Strong Element Within the Government
Urges Car to Yield.

ADVOCATES OF WAR ALSO ENCOURAGED

Successful Retreat of the Army and
Position of Fleet Leads Them
to Hope for Ultimate
Success.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—(U. S. P. M.)—As the admiralty is strongly intimated that Admiral Rojestvensky will effect a junction with Admiral Nebogatov within ten days and then proceed to meet Admiral Togo.

The third division of the Russian Second Pacific Squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Nebogatov, left Vladivostok, island of Crete, yesterday for Port Said.

Japanese Ahead of Russians.
A dispatch from General Linevitch, dated March 21, says:

Yesterday Japanese cavalry detachments appeared in front of our advance posts. Behind the cavalry were infantry who halted at the village of Machantay.

Peace Party Gains Ground.
ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—(U. S. P. M.)—The party within the government, which is urging the emperor to indicate to Japan Russia's willingness to end the war if a reasonable basis can be reached, as related in these dispatches on March 20, has been greatly encouraged the last few days and an actual peace proposal may be just ahead.

The subject has occupied much of the attention of the conferences at Tarskoe Selo, certain grand dukes, supported by General Sakharoff, the minister of war; Admiral Avellan, the head of the admiralty and what is known as the war party, are still in the hands of the idea of peace under present circumstances, but with the exception of the ministers of war and marine, the emperor's ministers, backed by M. Witte, solidly favor this course, and the convincing arguments they are telling. French influences in the same direction are now being supported by German opinion.

The rumor told by the Associated Press last week that Emperor William had tendered his good offices now seems to be confirmed. The Associated Press is in a position to assert, however, that Emperor Nicholas decides to approach Japan. It will be through France, and that negotiations will be conducted, either between M. Delcasse, the French foreign minister, and Dr. Montano, the Japanese minister, or between M. Delcasse, the French minister to Japan, and Count Katsura, the Japanese premier at Tokio.

The Russian government now feels certain that Japan will not make the first move nor disclose its position until overtures are made authoritatively in the Russian emperor's name on the ground that he alone is capable of binding Russia.

Splendid Retreat of Russians.

The retreat of the Russian army, from the latest reports, evidently is being conducted in a splendid fashion. In four days' actual marching, after leaving Tie Pass, the rear guard has fallen back seventy miles and the heads of the columns are already entering Quansu Pass, forty miles further north, keeping up with the Japanese column marching north over the Grand Trade route. With the bridges and railroad destroyed behind the Russians, the Japanese are unable to press the rear and, according to information received from the front, it is believed the bulk of Field Marshal Oyama's army is still at Tie Pass, the flanking column being comparatively weak. This news may, however, prove incorrect. For two days there has been some skirmishing between the Japanese and the Russian army, but the Japanese are in constant contact.

With the crossing of the Sungari river at Chantitui, the Japanese military men here believe that General Linevitch, while prepared to withdraw to Harbin will attempt to hold the line from Kuangchang to Kirin, so as to control the rich Sungari valley as a source of supplies for the army. A Japanese advance to Kirin would be equivalent to the isolation of Vladivostok. The war office policy to the fact that Linevitch was able to give his troops a day of rest as being the best evidence that complete order had been restored and that the stories of demoralized flight are untrue.

The advocates of a continuance of the war are encouraged by the somewhat better outlook for the Manchurian army, the success of the interior loan and the announced departure of the squadron commanded by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky eastward.

Japanese Halt in Pursuit.

GUNSHU PASS, March 22.—The Japanese appear to have given the Russians a temporary respite from pursuit, probably for the purpose of reforming their forces as they did after the pursuit of the Russians north from Liao Yang. The Russian front runs southeast by northwest, with the Russian right much nearer the railroad than the left, while the Japanese position follows a line intersecting Kirian.

The impression here is that the Japanese eastern army is marching on Kirin, while the western army is continuing north between the Mongolian border and the railway with the main line from Harbin toward its objective, but period of inactivity is the likeliest outcome after the great exertions of the Japanese on the Shihai at Mukden and at Tie Pass.

Rumors of a probability that Grand Duke Nicholas, Nicholas' youngest son, commander of the army, lately current at Mukden, have been revived here the past two days and are continuing in spite of the nomination of General Linevitch.

Russians Out of Bread.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Prince Ouktomsky, editor of Vladivostok, has declared that peace is imperative because there is no bread for the army, says a Times dispatch from St. Petersburg. All the grain accumulated at Harbin is asserted to have been taken to Mukden or was transported south by Chinese.

Japanese Follow Russians.

TOKIO, March 22.—It is reported that the rear guard of the retreating Russians was twenty miles north of Kalyuan, about twenty miles north of Tie Pass, yesterday.

RUSSIANS BECOME IMPATIENT

Work of Commissions is Making
Little Progress in Way
of Reforms.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—The

impatience at the delay in the realization of the projected reforms is having an exceedingly bad effect. The endless commission's work is making little progress. It is now estimated that the Kobeko press commission will not finish its labors until the fall, and M. Boulgour's receipt commission is not even organized, although it is announced that something will be done at the meeting of the committee of ministers on Friday.

The liberals are working in unison, demanding that half the members of the commission shall be representatives of the zemstvos, doumas and professional bodies, and the demands are being supported by the adoption of resolutions all over the empire.

The adoption of the compulsory use of Russian and imparting instruction in the schools of Poland, one of the features of the government's Polish policy of the last thirty years, was recommended at a special meeting of the committee yesterday with a large majority.

CRISIS IN SANTO DOMINGO

Belgium Demands Share of Customs Receipts.

SANTO DOMINGO, Republic of Santo Domingo, March 22.—The news of the postponement by the United States senate of action on the treaty with Santo Domingo makes the situation here acute and an internal uprising seems to be imminent, based on the cry that President Morales has been discredited in the United States.

President Morales anticipates similar defeat by other foreign powers, which he will be helpless to resist. He says he wants to pay all the republic's debts, but the ruin of the country with every port in the hands of a different foreign power and no revenue for the government.

ASKS FOR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Giolitti Cabinet Will Test Sentiment of Italian Parliament.

ROME, March 22.—The old Giolitti cabinet, without Signor Giolitti, presented itself before Parliament today. Signor Giolitti, holding the premier's portfolio and also that of minister of the interior, saying that the ministerial crisis originated from a fact extraneous to Parliament, namely, the illness of Signor Giolitti. Prominent politicians had suggested to the king Signor Fortis as likely to be able to carry on Signor Giolitti's work, but Signor Fortis, for various reasons, would not undertake the task. Doubt having arisen as to whether the cabinet which supported Signor Giolitti still existed, his cabinet had resigned before Parliament, asking for a vote of confidence not in the men composing it, but its principle, and sent greetings to Signor Giolitti wishing him a speedy recovery.

The discussion of the cabinet's request for a vote of confidence then began.

MINISTER OF GAMBERTA COMMITTS SUICIDE

PARIS, March 22.—(U. S. P. M.)—Antonin Fromet, minister of the fine arts in the Gambetta cabinet, died today as the result of two shots in the head self-inflicted. He had long been a victim of melancholy which is believed to have been intensified by differences with Gaston Maury, the celebrated dancer of the Opera, with whom he was closely associated. She died at his apartment Monday evening, the tragedy following shortly after her departure.

SIX DEAD AND FOUR HURT

Explosion of Blasting Powder in Coal
Mine at Princeton, Ind., Results Fatally.

PRINCETON, Ind., March 22.—Six miners dead and four injured, two of them fatally, is the result of an explosion in the mine of the Princeton Coal and Mining company this afternoon.

The dead are:

HUGHSON W. BATHERLY, aged 30, married.
EDMUND GEISER, aged 23, single.
ALBERT GEISER, aged 23, single.
HARRY TAGGART, aged 46, single.
WILLIAM WIGGS, aged 38, married.
GEORGE DILL, aged 36, married.

The injured are:

John Dill, son of George Dill, aged 20, badly, seriously burned and will probably die.
William Jones, aged 50, married, seriously injured and will probably die.
Joseph Ward, aged 37, married, will recover.
Gen. Cole, aged 37, married, will recover.

The cause of the disaster is not known, but it is believed to have resulted from a powder explosion.

OUTLAW LEADER ARRESTED

Ben Cravers, for Whom \$10,000 in
Rewards are Offered, Jailed
in New Mexico.

PORT WORTH, Tex., March 22.—A special to the Record from Guthrie, O. T., says: Sheriff McGhee of Noble county left today for Santa Rosa, N. M., where Ben Cravers, the much-wanted Oklahoma outlaw leader and several times murderer, is under arrest. It is claimed Cravers went to Santa Rosa, became intoxicated and revealed his identity. He was immediately arrested by a Santa Rosa detective and held for Oklahoma officers. Rewards aggregating \$10,000 had been offered for Cravers' arrest. He is wanted for breaking out of Lansing penitentiary armed with a tin foil covered wooden revolver; for killing Bateman at Red Hook, during the robbery of a store; and for killing Deputy Sheriff Johnson of Pawnee county, who was attempting to arrest him.

BEEF TRUST JURY READY

Panel is Completed and the Huge Mass of
Testimony is Attacked.

STRONG CHARGE OF JUDGE HUMPHREY

Functions of Grand Jury Clearly and
Forcefully Explained—Strictest Secrecy is Enjoined—List of
Important Witnesses.

CHICAGO, March 22.—The special grand jury to investigate the so-called "Beef Trust" was completed today. Three vacancies left in the panel yesterday were filled and the huge mass of testimony available was immediately attacked.

A. J. Hoffman of Mendota, Ill., was designated by the court as foreman of the jury.

District Judge J. Otis Humphrey charged the jury to "present to me one from envy, hatred or malice, nor to leave any one unprotected for fear, favor, affection, reward or hope of reward."

The charge was delivered in a most impressive manner and was listened to with deep interest.

Functions of the Grand Jury.

In charging the grand jury Judge Humphrey said:

This body stands between the upright and honest citizen and the malicious accuser. You are to be guided by the evidence before you, and you are to be guided by the law. You are to be guided by the law, and you are to be guided by the law.

While you are not to be guided by the law, you are to be guided by the law. You are to be guided by the law, and you are to be guided by the law.

The mere fact that some person's name is before you, as being accused of crime, would not be sufficient to justify you in returning a true bill. No human being is to be accused of crime, unless the evidence is such that you are justified in returning a true bill.

Important Witnesses.

Among the important witnesses who will appear before the Beef Trust grand jury are Miss M. A. Dinck, private secretary to J. Ogden Armour, C. Young, general superintendent of Swift & Co., and George F. Morgan, assistant to Young.

Two witnesses were examined during the afternoon session. The first one testified for almost two hours. When he was asked to do so, he refused to do so.

The other four witnesses who had gathered in the witness room ordered to remain in the witness room until called to the stand for examination in the morning.

Other witnesses are also to report in the morning, and it is hoped that the entire twenty-three will be called before tomorrow night. District Attorney Morrison absolutely refused to discuss what had occurred at today's session. He even refused to divulge along what lines the first hearing of witnesses had developed evidence.

ARKANSAS WITHOUT INSURANCE

Practically All Nonresident Fire Companies Retire from the State.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 22.—The new law of Arkansas, which requires that practically all the nonresident old line fire insurance companies, about seventy in number, ceased doing business in this state today because of the clause in the new law assessing heavy penalties on such companies retaining here. They are members of rating bureaus anywhere, either in or out of Arkansas. Attorney General R. L. Rogers refused to agree to a suspension of penalties and continuance of business on the part of the nonresident old line companies pending a test of the new law in the courts. Companies willing to make affidavit that they are not in rating bureaus here or elsewhere will continue doing business upon filing such affidavits.

In the state senate today Senator Amis introduced a bill providing that after January 1, 1906, no fire insurance company not organized under the laws of Arkansas shall be allowed to issue any policy on property in the state for any amount less than \$2,500. It also provides that any stock company organized under Arkansas laws may commence business when an indemnity bond shall have been given as required by law and when 10 per cent of the stock subscribed shall have been paid up.

LIVES OF GIRLS IN DANGER

Fire in Upper Stories of New York
Skyscraper Causes Panic Among
Young Women.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Many lives were endangered and damage to the extent of \$50,000 was done by a fire in the nine-story Empire State building at Broadway and Bleecker streets today. Scores of girls employed in the upper portion of the building were thrown into a panic when the fire swept up from the seventh floor, where the fire started, and it was only by the greatest good fortune that all escaped. As it was many were more or less bruised in the crush which followed the rush down the stairways. It was believed for a time that many of the girls had been cut off from escape on the upper floors so quickly did the flames spread, but all finally were accounted for. The fire was confined to the three upper stories and was subdued after about an hour's hard work.

DELAWARE DEADLOCK STILL ON

Legislature Agrees to Adjourn Since
Die at Six O'clock This
Evening.

DOVER, Del., March 22.—The joint ballot for United States senator today resulted as follows: Addicks, 15; Henry A. DuPont, 14; Saulsbury, 13; James H. Hughes, 8; T. Coleman Dupont, 2. Total vote, 52; necessary to a choice, 27.

The time for final adjournment tomorrow has been extended from 12:30 o'clock to 6 p. m.

MINISTERS CHARGE BRIBERY

Grand Jury to Look into Allegation
that Officers Accepted Money
from Pool Room Men.

CINCINNATI, March 22.—Charges made by the local ministers that certain officers in Covington, Ky., had been bribed by the operators of various pool rooms in that city are to be investigated by a special grand jury, which was ordered today by Circuit Judge Shaw.

MAY SOON SOLVE MYSTERY

San Francisco Police Announce De-
velopments in the Stan-
ford Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—The

Call says today that it is announced at police headquarters that within the next forty-eight hours the mystery surrounding the presence of strychnine poison in the bottle of Poland water with which Mrs. Stanford quenched her thirst on the evening of January 14, at her California street home, will have been completely solved and that possibly one or two persons toward whom the strongest suspicion is directed will be arrested. As to whether the poison was placed in the bottle after the water was drunk by Mrs. Stanford for the purpose of ending her life, or injected into the bottle after she had drunk from it with malicious intent toward Miss Berner, the police refuse to say.

The report of the local detectives just returned from Honolulu has been filed with the acting chief of police and the captain of detectives, giving the result of their investigation into the death of Mrs. Stanford at Honolulu. This report shows that the detectives made Dr. Humphreys of Honolulu, who was in charge of the case, contradict himself on points so material that the detectives are unable to arrive at a conclusion. This was the most important of his findings are to the effect that an overloaded stomach, a weak heart, excited by overindulgence in exercise attending the aged woman's outing on the day of her death, and the use of a canister with strychnine improperly prepared, combined to bring about her death.

STORY OF ONE CONSPIRACY

Witness Before Kentucky Grand Jury
Tells of Plot to Kill
Mc.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 22.—Dr. Cox, J. Cockrell, Mark Cockrell, Attorney Vaughan and Marcus were to have been brought by Anderson White in the court house during the trial of Tom Cockrell for killing Ben Hargis in obedience to orders by James Hargis, according to a sensational story told today by White in a hearing on a motion for bail for the Hargises and Callahan.

Anderson White is the brother of Tom White, who is under life sentence for the murder of James B. Marcus. White said that prior to the killing of Cockrell, James Hargis took him to the Hargis store and gave him a pistol and told him he wanted him to return to the court house, where the trial of Tom Cockrell for killing Ben Hargis was in progress, and be ready to do as Judge Hargis told him to do.

White declared that Hargis wanted him to shoot five men, White being ordered to shoot in the event that any trouble started. The men he was to shoot were Dr. Cox, Jim Cockrell, Mark Cockrell, Attorney Vaughan and Marcus. "Kill all of these or any damned one of them," is what White said Hargis told him to do.

White declared that he returned the pistol. Hargis told him then that he would be needed probably as a witness and told him to return when sent for.

NEW RAILROADS PROJECTED

Seven Thousand Five Hundred Miles
Under Contract for Construction
This Year.

CHICAGO, March 22.—The Railway Age tomorrow will say that 1905 is to witness great activity in railroad building. A tabulated statement shows 7,500 miles under contract of construction and 9,332 miles of projected road which may reasonably be expected to materialize.

The following are some of the companies which have important extensions under construction: Missouri Pacific, 300 miles in Arkansas and Missouri; St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico, 143 miles in Texas; Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe, 135 miles in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Arizona and California; Illinois Central, 124 miles in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin; Midland Valley, 110 miles in Indian Territory; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, 107 miles in Arkansas.

In Canada, also, the year will witness wonderful activity in railway construction, including the inauguration at several points of new lines, and the completion of lines, which is to add 350 miles to the system operated by the Grand Trunk.

WYOMING ELK ARE TAME.

Senator C. Clark left today for his home at Evanston, Wyo. Before leaving he called upon President Roosevelt and awakened the spirit of the huntsman in him by presenting him with a photograph of a band of elk taken by a constituent in Wyoming. The photograph evidently had been very close to the elk, but there was no evidence of fright among them, and on the president remarking upon this Senator Clark told him that in some seasons elk are very tame and that he had seen a band of them go through the streets of a small settlement in Wyoming.

General Bliss to Philippines.

Brigadier General Tanker H. Bliss, now with the general staff and president of the war college, has been ordered to the Philippines. He will leave the United States about July 1, sailing on the same vessel with Secretary Taft. It is expected that General Bliss will take command of one of the departments in the Philippines.

Polygamy in Hawaii.

Although the officials of the Department of Justice are noncommittal on the subject, it is known that reports have reached the department that polygamy is being practiced in some parts of the Hawaiian Islands, and United States Attorney Breckons, at Honolulu, has been instructed to make an investigation of the subject.

NEW NEGRO ARMY OFFICER

Lieutenant in Made Second
Washington, March 22.—The president has appointed Sergeant George S. Thompson of the Twenty-fifth infantry to be a second lieutenant in the Philippine scouts, thus adding one more negro to the command of the army.

Reappoints Judge Wickersham.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The commission of James Wickersham as United States district judge of the Third judicial district of Alaska has been signed by President Roosevelt. Judge Wickersham's reappointment was sent to the senate by the president during the recess session but it failed of confirmation. He is a judge in the district to which he is reappointed.

Dr. Counsellman Not Chosen.

BOSTON, March 22.—Dr. William T. Counsellman of the Harvard medical school had today lost the absolute majority in the report from Baltimore that he had been chosen to succeed Dr. William Osler at the Johns Hopkins university in that city. He said that Dr. William Welsh of Johns Hopkins called on him recently, but that nothing was said with regard to Dr. Counsellman going to Baltimore. In any event, he said, he could not be chosen as Dr. Osler's successor, as he was a specialist in an entirely different line.

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MACHEN TO BE TRIED AGAIN

Adoption of Imitation of Leather Pouches
for Carriers Basis of Charge.

YOUNG MAN NAMED CRAWFORD IMPLICATED

Friends of Latter, Who Stand High,
Seek to Induce President to Call
the Case Off, but With-
out Avail.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(Special.)—August W. Machen is soon to be brought back for trial on another charge of conspiracy. This time it is to be in connection with the manufacture of imitation leather pouches for carriers.

It is charged that in connection with a young man named Crawford he recommended the substitution of imitation leather pouches, claimed that the imitation had been tested and found far superior to the genuine leather and that the government could save a large sum of money by the change. The young man Crawford is said to have acted as the agent for a well known banking firm of New York and is a member of the most important club in Washington and is, besides, highly connected socially.

Strenuous efforts have been made by his friends to induce the president to order an abandonment of the prosecution, but these efforts have proved absolutely futile.

In their efforts to shield Crawford, his friends have simply brought the administration to a determination to push the case vigorously. It is not that Mr. Roosevelt desired to prosecute Machen further, but without bringing him in the case with Crawford, but it is impossible to convict the latter of conspiracy.

Hence the prisoner now in the Moundsville penitentiary will again be arraigned before the bar of justice.

This trial may have a decided effect upon the American commerce general in the form of a postmaster General R. J. Wynne, who has just been appointed to that place, intends to sail for his post next week, but it is thought that he may be needed here as a witness, in which event his departure will have to be postponed for some time.

It is the intention of the United States district attorney and the special counsel of the government to push all these cases against the men accused of postoffice frauds at the earliest possible moment.

The most prominent people who are reported in this connection are former State Senator Greene of New York and George W. Beavers.

Rural Free Delivery Headquarters.

Postmaster General Cortelyou has not yet signed the order locating the western division of the rural free delivery at Omaha, but there is no doubt that the order will be issued in the near future.

In a conference with the postmaster general in relation to the removal of the clerks now at Kansas City to Omaha in event the latter city is made division headquarters. There are only three clerks at Kansas City.

Senator Clark is not likely to be realized. Before former Postmaster General Wynne left the office he placed on file a memorandum for his successor that Omaha be made headquarters for the western division of the rural free delivery. Had he remained the memorandum would have been adopted as an order. But Mr. Cortelyou, desiring to review the matter, he directed the memorandum to be held up until such time as he could examine into the merits of the case. There is no apprehension that Omaha will lose the headquarters, for the postmaster general has told the Nebraska delegation that "everything would be all right," but the delay is what irritates.

It is expected that Mr. Cortelyou will not only promulgate the order establishing the headquarters at Omaha, but at the same time will appoint C. E. Llewellyn as superintendent.

President Wolf Declines Another Term and Adolph Kraus Chosen to Succeed Him.

NEW ORLEANS, March 22.—The constitution grand lodge, Independent Order B'nai B'rith, in executive session today decided in favor of the retention of the secret work of the lodge.

Simon Wolf was unanimously re-elected president, but declined. The officers were then elected as follows:

President, Adolph Kraus, Chicago; vice president, J. B. Klein, Bridgeport, Conn.; executive committee, Solomon, California.

Executive committee, Solomon, California; No. 2, Jacob Purth; No. 3, Jacob Singer; No. 4, Rev. E. N. Calbeck; No. 6, Judge Philip Stein; No. 7, Joseph Hirsch.

The concluding session will be held tomorrow.

FLOOD IN OHIO SUBSIDING

Twenty Thousand Men Idle at Wheel-
ing—Damage at Pittsburgh
Over a Million.

PITTSBURGH, March 22.—The crest of the flood was reached this morning and the rivers are rapidly receding. It is estimated that the loss to local industries since the flood began will exceed \$5,000,000.

BELLEVILLE, O., March 22.—The river reached 42 feet here today and is still rising. The lower portion of the city is inundated and hundreds of families were forced to abandon their homes. Many manufacturing plants have been forced to suspend operations by the high water.

MRS. CHADWICK WILL TELL ALL

She Will Testify Today at Bankruptcy
Proceedings Against
Her.

CLEVELAND, O., March 22.—Mrs. Cassio L. Chadwick stated tonight that she would go to the witness stand in the bankruptcy proceedings against her tomorrow and make known all the facts in her possession that will aid her creditors. Some of her disclosures, she says, may not be pleasant, but she will not say anything that cannot be backed up by documentary evidence.

Movements of Ocean Vessels March 22.

At New York—Arrived: Stadenham, from Rotterdam; Princess Irene, from Geneva; Vadorland, from Antwerp; Balled: Liguria, for Naples; Ultonia, for Trieste.

At Liverpool—Arrived: Oceanic, from New York; Bavaria, from Halifax; Cor. At Dover—Arrived: Pennsylvania, from New York.

At London—Arrived: Ammon, from San Francisco.

At Greenock—Arrived: Carthage, from Philadelphia.

At Yokohama—Arrived: Coptic, from San Francisco.

At Naples—Sailed: Prinz Adalbert, for New York.

At Cherbourg—Arrived: Baskonia, from Boston.

At Genoa—Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, for New York.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and Colder Thursday and
Friday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: