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STOESSEL CALLS NAVY THE "FRIGHTENED FLEET; Attempt to Save Martin BLAMES IT FOR THE FALL OF PORT ARTHUR From Mounting Gallows

Czar's Sailors Say They Will Show General Up at Courtmartial.

Bitter Discord Amongst the Russian Officers Returning to St. Petersburg.

Paris, Feb. 15.—French special correspondents sent to meet the French steamer *Austral*, having on board Gen. Stoessel and others of the survivors of Port Arthur, forward detailed accounts of discord among the Russian officers. The army officers are particularly hostile to the fleet habitually calling it the "frightened fleet." Admiral Lockinsky, who was commander of the torpedo defenses at Port Arthur is lengthily quoted as making a bitter criticism of Gen. Stoessel, Admiral Alexieff and others. The Marine quotes Lockinsky as characterizing Vice-Admiral Stark and Rear-Admiral Witte as "bed-chamber admirals," not acquainted with their duties, and seafish whenever afloat.

The admiral added that Vice-Admiral Skrydloff prudently established himself ashore at Vladivostok, notwithstanding his opportunity to break the ineffective blockade of Port Arthur. Lockinsky declared he would denounce Stoessel, Skrydloff and Alexieff before the courtmartial, as he did not intend

to let himself be made a scapegoat like Rear-Admiral Oukatomsky, "who now trembles with fear in a Chinese hospital." Lockinsky cited many instances of the unpreparedness of the land and naval defenses, and frequent conflicts of authority and demoralization during critical engagements.

Substantially the same account is given by four French newspapers, which describe Gen. Stoessel and Admiral Lockinsky as refusing to speak to or salute each other. The papers say the discord among the officers forebodes grave scenes before the courtmartial.

The Petit Parisien quotes Gen. Stoessel as sarcastically saying: "Rostovsky had better not establish a too secure base along the route or like the naval officers at Port Arthur it will be impossible to let them venture seaward."

The correspondent of the Petit Parisien adds:

"Gen. Stoessel cannot pardon the navy's failure to succor him while the navy fully returns his hatred."

The French special correspondents conclude that the fortress fell largely because of the regrettable quarrels among the officers.

Jap Prizes.

Tokio, Feb. 15.—The British steamer *Apollo* and *Scotian* bound for Vladivostok were captured off Hokkaido yesterday. The *Apollo* was from Cardiff, with coal, and the *Scotian* had a cargo of provisions on board, according to her papers.

WANT KUROPATKIN TRIED

Novoe Vremya Proposes He Be Tried by a Military Commission.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.—In view of the continued attacks on and criticism of Gen. Kuropatkin, which are prejudicial to the Russian army, the *Novoe Vremya*, in an extended editorial, proposes that a commission, composed of retired officers, be appointed to pass judgment on the general.

WILL CANCEL ALLOWANCE

King Threatens It Unless Little Princess Is Given Up.

Florence, Feb. 15.—Dr. Koerner, of Dresden, the legal representative of King Frederick Augustus of Saxony, announces that before beginning proceedings in the courts of Italy to compel the Countess Montignone to relinquish to the King her former husband, the custody of her child, Princess Anna, he will seek to have her examined as to her sanity. Dr. Koerner says also that unless the young princess is given up to her father by March 1, the allowance granted to the countess will be stopped by the King's order.

SPARROW TAKES ACTION

Accuses Theatrical Managers of Conspiring to Ruin His Business.

New York, Feb. 15.—An action has been begun in the United States court again the Eastern Circuit Association, composed of the owners of 39 theaters, playing burlesque shows throughout the east and middle west, by the J. H. Sparrow Amusement Company, Limited, a Canadian corporation, which demands \$100,000 damages for alleged conspiracy, says the Tribune. The defendant company includes, among other well-known managers, George J. Kraus, Timothy Sullivan, Hurlst and Seamon and the Miners.

The Sparrow company owns the Royal and Francaise Theaters in Montreal. Up to Aug. 1 last it contends, it was a member of the defendant association. On and after that date it alleges the managers of the defendant corporation conspired to ruin the plaintiff, and caused all the attractions booked to play at the plaintiff's houses this season, except two, to cancel their engagements. As a result, it is alleged, the plaintiff has been compelled to play inferior attractions, and its theaters have been dark most of the time.

Miss Anthony's Birthday.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Today is the 80th birthday of Susan B. Anthony, and for several days gifts and congratulations have been pouring in on the advocate of woman's suffrage from all parts of the world. Miss Anthony is in excellent health, and carries her years lightly.

The Kaiser May Build Fortress in Far East

Berlin Feb. 15.—The budget committee of the Reichstag spent considerable time yesterday discussing the advisability of building a strong fortress at Kiaochau. Herr von Tirpitz, secretary of the admiralty explained that the appropriation of \$25,000 was merely for completing work already begun for barring the entrance to the harbor of Tsingtau.

A conservative member defended the proposed position of Kiaochau presented a most dangerous for the colony, but it would prove a very costly base for Germany in the far east. Dr. Arendt

The Temiskaming Loan Likely To Be Renewed

Toronto, Feb. 15.—J. G. Colmer, a member of the firm of Coutts & Co., of London, Eng., will confer with Premier Whitney and Hon. A. J. Matheson, Provincial Treasurer, today in connection with the loan of £1,000,000 for the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. From the loan, which was arranged through the company named by the late Administration, the

DES MOINES' HARD CASE

The Western American City at Mercy of a Coal Famine.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 15.—Continued, unrelenting cold and snow, which have practically put an end to business and tied up all trains entering Des Moines and traversing the state, have placed the entire city and its suburbs at the mercy of a coal and fuel famine. But one dealer in Des Moines has hard coal for sale, and that at a price almost above the reach of the consumer. Des Moines is a city of 25,000 people, and the coal fields render almost impossible, thereby cutting off the soft coal supply. In many sections of the state farmers are burning corn for fuel.

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The crew of the *Southard* was rescued by the German steamer *Siberia* and landed at Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

The bark *Elisa Vetromile* had been in service nearly half a century, having been built at Port Glasgow in 1857, and was owned in Naples. The *Ida C. Southard* was built at Valdeboro, Maine, in 1892, but was owned by A. R. Reid, and sailed from New York.

(Free Conservative) expressed the hope that the Government would proceed with all energy to fortify Kiaochau in order to give Germany's naval power an adequate point of support.

Dr. Semler (National Liberal) advised the Government to bring up a special bill for fortifying on a large scale.

Secretary von Tirpitz declared the Government had no idea of making a second Port Arthur of Tsingtau, but only asked the regular appropriation, which was then voted.

Some of the members of the committee advocated keeping the foregoing proceedings secret. Herr Singer (Socialist) and Herr Mueller (Radical), representing Sagen, protested, and the proceedings were ordered published.

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40,000 RUSSIAN SOLDIERS REVOLT

Reservists Refuse to Go to the Front and Are Being Starved Into Submission.

Paris, Feb. 14.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says 40,000 Russian reservists revolted at Bologoy last Sunday.

They have been surrounded in their camp, and an effort is being made to starve them into submission.

A serious disturbance occurred at Kiel on the arrival of 12,000 reservists. On leaving the trains they objected to being left off in batches by an escort sent to meet them.

They mutinied, attacked the troops and killed a number of them.

They occupied the railroad station and pillaged it.

It was covered by a battalion of troops sent to rescue the troops.

They fired two volleys, killing fifty reservists.

The mutineers were eventually surrounded and led off.

CONSERVATIVE WHIPS

Taylor Is Chief, With Ingram and Lancaster for Ontario.

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Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The following whips were elected at the Conservative caucus today: Taylor, chief whip; Ingram and Lancaster, for Ontario;

Worthington and Leonard, for Quebec; Ganong and Letford, for the Maritime Provinces, and Dr. Roche for the west.

A Busted Execution.

Bridgeport, N. J., Feb. 15.—When the attempt was made today to hang Frank Raisingier, the rope broke and Raisingier dropped to the ground. The fall broke the neck of the condemned man, who was pronounced dead in ten minutes.

A Cleveland Tragedy.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Four persons were found dead from suffocation at No. 502 1/2 Central avenue today. The fall broke the neck of the condemned man, who was pronounced dead in ten minutes.

The dead are Mr. and Mrs. George No. 1 and Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Heller.

PART OF CLINTON ORGAN FACTORY BADLY GUTTED THIS MORNING

The Machinery Hall of the Doherty Plant Prey to Flames.

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Clinton, Feb. 15.—Fire was discovered this morning at 6:30 in the building known as the machinery hall, one of the large main solid brick buildings of the Doherty's organ factory. The watchman had made his hourly rounds

and knew nothing of its origin. He blew the whistle, and within a few minutes the company's grand fire equipment was fighting the flames.

The fire broke out in the machinery hall, which was completely gutted. Being heavily stocked with organ cases in the process of manufacture, it burned fiercely. The loss, which is considerable, is fully covered by insurance. We understand it is the company's purpose to rebuild as soon as the fire loss is adjusted.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Cold

London, Wednesday, Feb. 15. Sun rises, 7:16 a.m. Moon rises, 1:36 p.m. Sun sets, 5:47 p.m. Moon sets, 3:42 a.m.

Extremely cold weather, with high winds, has prevailed today from Manitoba eastward to the Maritime Provinces. Local snowfalls have occurred in Ontario, while elsewhere the weather has been fair. More moderate conditions prevail in the Territories, and are likely to spread eastward after tomorrow.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, zero-12; Port Simpson, 24-40; Victoria, 39-42; Kamloops, 4-24; Calgary, 10-40; Qu'Appelle, 4-18; Winnipeg, 22 below-5 below; Port Arthur, 12 below-2 below; Pelly Sound, 10 below-4; Toronto, 8 below-12; Ottawa, 10 below-10; Montreal, 6 below-8; Quebec, 8 below-6; St. John, 4-18; Halifax, 15-24.

TRADE RETURNS

Figures for Seven Months Indicate Revival in Imports.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The trade figures for the past seven months are not as encouraging as one could wish, nevertheless, indications of a revival are not wanting. The total imports for consumption were \$17,916,422, an increase of \$2,789,902 as compared with the same period of the previous year. The schedules in which the increases are shown are coin and bullion, \$4,685,829, and free goods, \$2,324,747.

The increase in the value of free goods brought in denotes that manufacturing is brisk. Imports of dutiable goods show a diminution of \$1,068,874. Taking the figures for the month of January, the imports were \$15,065,708, as against \$17,472,930 for the same four weeks of 1904. Imports of dutiable goods fell off, but there was a gain of over \$1,000,000 in free goods. The export of domestic goods for the seven months aggregated \$15,240,000, being an increase of over \$10,000,000 contrasted with the same period of the year preceding. For the month of January only the decrease of exports is just \$233,147. Business has begun to pick up again. That is shown by the gain of \$43,321 in the exports of manufactures last month. The farmers and fishermen share the increase with the manufacturers. This is evident from the gain of \$16,006 in the value of animals and their produce, and \$2,000 in the fisheries, exports. Lumber and agricultural products exhibit a decrease.

Fairs and Exhibitions.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—At the meeting this morning of the Ontario Fairs and Exhibitions Association, papers were read by Mr. F. W. Hodgson, Dominion live stock commissioner; A. W. Cowie, of South Woodville, and John Farrell, of Forest. They were followed by interesting discussions. The revision of the agricultural and arts act, which has been creating considerable interest, will not come up until this afternoon.

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"WHERE DID THE MONEY COME FROM?"

Kingston Conservatives Want the Gamey Case Reopened—Rumors of New Evidence.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—In connection with the resolution passed by the Kingston Conservative Association yesterday, asking that the Gamey case be reopened, with a view to a further effort to discover where the money came from, there was a rumor around the Parliament buildings this morning that some important new evidence had come to light. Mr. R. R. Gamey, who was at the buildings, as he has been every day for over a week, said when asked concerning the rumor, "I do not know of any new evidence. I may throw some light on one or two points in my own way."

RESPIRE FOR MURDERESS

Death Warrant in Mrs. Edwards' Case Temporarily Withdrawn.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 15.—On recommendation of the board of pardons today Governor Pennypacker withdrew death warrants in the case of Mrs. Kate Edwards, the white woman, and Samuel Greason, the negro, who were under sentence to hang together in the Berk County jail at Reading tomorrow morning for the murder of Mrs. Edwards' husband in 1901. The case of Greason will be again taken to the Pennsylvania supreme court, and if that tribunal refuses to reopen the case, the attorneys for Mrs. Edwards and Greason will have to appear before the board of pardons next month.

Torpedo Boats for Sale.

Victoria, Feb. 15.—By instructions of the lords of the admiralty, torpedo boats No. 39 and 40 on this station, are to be sold by tender, together with all fittings, as they lie at the naval yard, Esquimalt. They are 100 feet long, 12 feet beam, and 6½ and 10 draft, have compound surface condensing engines, etc. The vessels have been rendered unfit for naval purposes, and the purchasers will be required to satisfy the naval authorities that they will not be resold to belligerents.

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