

When A Battle Has Been Lost

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DERELICTS TO BE DESTROYED.

Twenty-seven Floating Hulks Menace Safety of Shipping.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—Some idea of the severity of the winter season just drawing to a close may be gathered from the fact that the navy department is now confronted with the necessity of seeking out and promptly destroying twenty-seven ocean derelicts which are drifting about in the great ocean lanes from Santiago to Newfoundland and endangering shipping entering and departing from Atlantic ports.

MRS. STANFORD'S DEATH.

Verdict of Murder Will Not Be Accepted as Final.

San Francisco, March 10.—Mountford Wilson, the legal representative of the Stanford estate, in an interview with the Associated Press, has authorized the following: "Although the coroner's jury at Honolulu concluded that Mrs. Stanford died of natural causes, we are as yet unprepared to accept this judgment as final. I do not know as yet, nor do the police or the coroner, investigating the case, but that Mrs. Stanford died from natural causes. We have the opinion of a half dozen physicians to the effect that the symptoms attendant just previous to the death of Mrs. Stanford would indicate that she died of angina pectoris, a disease of the heart causing the most acute agony. This, however, has in no way influenced us in the lines of investigation pursued in the hope of solving the mystery."

AN AUDACIOUS CRIMINAL.

Cottage Grove, March 10.—In the mail of the city marshal of this place yesterday was a letter purporting to be written by John Fletcher, stating that the writer was tired of life and had decided to commit suicide, and telling the marshal where to find the body. Fletcher would in his head, but alive. Development tend to show that he was shot by John Branton who, it is said, wrote the letter, the crime being for the purpose of getting life insurance of \$3,000 payable to Branton on Fletcher's death. Branton is a well-known resident of Cottage Grove. Fletcher is a stranger in the town. It is claimed, borrowed Fletcher's revolver on the pretext of wanting to kill a wild animal. He then, according to the letter, returned the weapon on the latter. After having shot Fletcher, Branton tried to induce the wounded man to accompany him to the coast. This Fletcher refused to do, and later swore to an affidavit charged Branton with the crime.

Defeat Increases Fighting Spirit

Oyama's Victory May Arouse Russians to Highest Pitch of Resistance.

The Japanese fighting spirit will be increased rather than decreased by the defeat at Mukden. The fighting spirit of the Russian nation will be increased rather than decreased by the defeat at Mukden.

Fear of Revolution Would Prevent Czar From Accepting Enemy's Terms.

London, March 11.—The announcement of the fall of Mukden was discounted in London by the reports chronicling the progress of the battle, but the actual occupation of the capital of Manchuria by the Japanese is the subject of comment everywhere, and especially in diplomatic circles.

Its Hour of Agony

has as much bewildering effect as a great catastrophe, all qualities, good and bad, being under the intolerable light of her vast resources and astounding capacity for endurance of heretofore.

All Eyes on Nicholas

This difficulty of predicting that line Emperor Nicholas will take is admitted on all sides; but there is still in some quarters an opinion that peace will ensue.

U. S. Consul at Toronto.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—The U. S. Consul at Toronto, Mr. C. C. Cooper, is to be honored by the appointment of Mr. J. C. O'Neill, of New York, to succeed him.

Explosion in Welsh Mine.

Cardiff, March 10.—A terrible explosion has occurred in the Cambrian colliery at Clydach, in the Rhondda valley. It is feared that twenty or thirty miners have been killed.

Latest News on Situation

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, MARCH 10.—THE RUSSIAN MINISTER TO DENMARK, M. ISWOLSKY, STARTED TONIGHT FOR ST. PETERSBURG. THE AUTHORITIES THERE DESIRE TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HIS KNOWLEDGE OF JAPAN, GAINED WHILE HE WAS MINISTER AT TOKIO.

A BANKER'S SUICIDE.

Richmond, Va., March 10.—Augustus H. Cobb, banker and half owner of the Suffolk knitting mills, committed suicide last night. He shot himself through the head. The cashier of his bank absconded some months ago, but his shortage did not impair its soundness.

FISHERMAN DROWNED.

Captain A. S. Sears, of the steamer Troquois, operating between Sidney and Nanaimo, via the Gulf Islands, reports that on last Sunday night a Japanese fisherman lost his life at the mouth of the Galiano Island. The fisherman was out with his slip, and in some manner fell from the boat. He was unable to regain his craft and was drowned. The body was not recovered.

Fall Out of Sloop Off Graham Island and Mikado Had One Subject Less.

Needly Fairbanks.—Some days ago the Colonist told the awful news that a whiskey famine prevailed at Fairbanks, the central town of the Tanana gold fields, or rather, the Tanana gold fields. The paper alleged gold has been found. But whiskey is not the only article of which there is a shortage at Fairbanks.

THE TACOMA SMELTER SALE.

It is to be regretted that the sale of the Tacoma Smelter to the smelter by the Tacoma Smelter Co. has been taken place. With the trust in possession of this plant, there will probably be little further development of the copper industry in this state and Alaska, until another smelter is established somewhere on the coast.

COMMITTEE WAS NOT PRECIPITATE

The Board of Trade committee which presented the report upon pilotage last night, in its report, recommended that the pilotage be abolished and replaced by a system of tolls.

WINTER SESSION ENDS.

Havana, March 10.—The winter session of Congress has ended in accordance with the policy that has been adopted. There has been no quorum of the House for two days.

PRAIRIE FIRE RAGING.

Elklands, N. D., March 10.—The most destructive prairie fires which have visited this section in years have been raging near here. Many thousands of tons of hay have been destroyed, and thousands of head of stock have been burned to death.

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