

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER

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Charles Bratton of Red Oak, Iowa, jumped from the Missouri river bridge at Omaha and was drowned.

William Street, a policeman of Madison, Ill., was held by Justice Breece at Edwardsville, Ill., under \$500 for "aiding and abetting" in the operation of the Madison poolroom.

George O'Neill, aged 19, a boiler-maker, died on the operating table at St. Joseph's hospital at Omaha from injuries alleged to have been inflicted by Patrolman Moore while the latter was trying to arrest him.

Mrs. Horace G. Allis, formerly a prominent society leader in Little Rock, Ark., committed suicide by hanging herself with strips of bed sheet. Her husband at one time was president of a bank and was sentenced for wrecking that institution.

As preliminary action toward the preparation of the Chicago Coliseum for the Republican convention, the national committee has approved the architect's plan for seating the delegates.

John W. Merrill, a pioneer Kansas City lumberman, died at his winter home at Tropic, Fla., of hemorrhage of the stomach, aged 77 years.

William Fairfax, a wrecker, was killed by a falling wall at Baltimore while raising the ruined front of a building in the burned district.

The entire graduating class in the college and engineering departments of the Western University of Pennsylvania has been suspended because some of the members played cards in the classroom and decorated walls with cards.

Shop Thierney of Hartford, Conn., has already disposed of the gift of \$1,000 presented by the priests of his diocese on the tenth anniversary of his consecration.

In order to forestall a pardon or parole an additional indictment, charging the embezzlement of \$6,000, has been found against George A. Rose, now serving a ten years' sentence for embezzling \$187,000 of the funds of the Produce Exchange bank of Cleveland, of which he was cashier.

Capt. R. A. Hurt is dead at Yates Center, Kan., aged 83 years. Capt. Hurt was one of the early Kansas settlers, emigrating from Illinois.

The Rev. Father Henry J. Koetting, pastor of the St. Boniface German Catholic church, Milwaukee, and a former secretary to the late Archbishop Heiss of the Milwaukee diocese, is dead, after an illness extending over a period of several weeks. Heart failure was the cause of his death.

Reports at Philadelphia say that John Pitarin and his associates withdrew from the Consolidated Lake Superior underwriting because of the discovery of discrepancies between the statements made to them and the actual facts.

Nearly 200 houses were damaged, some of them being completely wrecked by a cave-in covering an area of forty acres, at West Scranton, Pa., caused by the settling of the surface over the Bellevue colliery of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company.

Lillian Hauvelt Pendleton, soprano singer, has begun suit against the Minneapolis Philharmonic club for \$500, alleging breach of a contract whereunder she was to appear in one of their concerts.

The O'Neil-Grimes murder case went to trial at Cairo, Ill., Saturday after a midnight fight for a jury. Over 150 men were examined before a jury was secured.

William Jennings Bryan called on Secretary Hay to thank him for letters which the secretary gave him on his recent trip to Europe and which proved of great assistance to Mr. Bryan.

In a quarrel near Strasburg, Mo., William Stomaker, aged 25, was shot and killed by George Tywater.

Louis S. Farrell of Denver, Col., temporarily employed at Kewanee, Ill., committed suicide by gas asphyxiation. He was 35 years old and unmarried.

An Iron Mountain freight train was wrecked near Stratton, Mo. Engineer William Mack and Fireman W. J. ...

INTERESTING TO AMERICANS

Western Canada Will Soon Become the Supply Coast for Wheat for Great Britain.

During the past year about 50,000 Americans went from the United States to Canada. Most of these settled upon farm lands, and the writer is informed by agents of the Canadian Government that the greatest success has followed the efforts of nearly all. To their friends on this side of the boundary line the fullest assurance is given of the prosperity that is in store for them.

On the occasion of Sir Wilfred Laurier's visit to the Corn Exchange, London, England, Colonel Montgomery, V. D., made several important statements. "The function," he said, "which you have just been assisting in connection with a kindred association has doubtless shown you the importance of the provision trade of Liverpool in its relationship with the Dominion, and the enormous possibilities of the future development of that trade.

Send to any authorized Canadian Government agent for copy of Atlas and information as to railway rates, etc.

Cheap Excursions to the South.

On February 16, March 1 and 15, the Kansas City Southern railway will offer to the public the extremely low rate of \$10.00 for the round trip to all points on the Port Arthur Route, including Beaumont, Port Arthur, Lake Charles, Shreveport, Texarkana, Fort Smith, Mena, De Queen and all intermediate points.

Convict Editor's Grim Wit.

The Star of Hope, a paper published in Sing Sing prison, is edited by someone who at times shows a grim wit. A paragraph in a late issue makes this announcement: "The Star of Hope seeks to review books that deal with justice, punishment, villainy and crime—not because it professes to bring to the task any degree of critical acumen, but for reasons that will suggest themselves to any alert mind."

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Poor Reward for Good Life.

Rev. James Warden has just been admitted at his own request to the Baltimore county almshouse at Texas, Md. He is an unordained Methodist preacher and has labored for more than sixty years in promoting the spread of the gospel.

ST. LOUIS TO CALIFORNIA

THE IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE.

These tickets will be on sale daily during March and April, when Pullman Tourist Sleeping Cars will be operated daily between St. Louis, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Particulars from any agent of the company. H. O. Townsend, G. P. & T. Office, St. Louis.

SHOTS FIRED IN COREA

Outpost Affair of Small Importance Marks the Beginning of Active Land Hostilities--Port Arthur Seems Doomed

London, Feb. 29.—The first shots have been exchanged between the Russians and Japanese land forces in Corea. It was an affair of outposts near Ping-Yang and is claimed by both sides as a success.

Ping-Yang is taken to have been the first objective on both sides, a sort of strategic halfway house between the Korean capital and the Manchurian frontier.

When an experienced correspondent like Bennett Burleigh sends a hint that ever since Feb. 10 transports have been traveling with troops in the direction of Talienwan and tells us further that the transports have re-

which grows deeper with the receipt of every telegram. The irrepressible Togo is reported to be at various points in the Yellow and Japan seas at one and the same time. He has been sighted steaming to the south-east, and again back to the westward.

Japanese Shells Work Havoc With the Russian Battleships. Yinkow, March 1.—Fifteen Japanese warships appeared at Port Arthur at 10 o'clock on the morning of Feb. 29 and opened a furious bombardment.

Their adventures in the harbor were stirring, and most of the time they had to work under the intense glare of the Russian searchlights.

Merchant crews volunteered, and for a time the competition among the regulars was so sharp it seemed likely the merchantmen would have to be accepted.

Admiral Togo, however, finally picked crews from the ships of his fleet.

Russian Military Force Occupies Strong Position.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Gen. Nichtchenko, with a force of Cossacks stated to be 5,000 strong, has established himself near Ping Yang. Gen. Linevitch, with a force of infantry, is following him.

A great attack by the Japanese on Port Arthur is expected soon. There are vague rumors that fighting has already taken place, with further naval losses.

Failure to Close Harbor Keenly Felt by Japanese.

Chefoo, March 1.—The Japanese sailors who manned the merchant vessels which were sunk at Port Arthur, on landing here, shaved their heads as a mark of the disgrace they felt at the failure of the project.

The crew of the Jinsen Maru wrote their name on the foremast flag, which remained above water when the ship went down.

Mountain Passes Seized and Held by Russian Troops.

Yin Kow, March 1.—Twenty-five thousand Russians are on the Manchurian bank of the Yalu, and 4,000 mounted infantry troops and artillery hold the mountain passes twenty-five miles south of Wifu.

China is circulating a rumor to the effect that the Japanese repulsed the Russians at Youm Cheng in Korea, east of Yongampo.

A few thousand Russians remain at Newchwang.

New International Crisis Result of China's Action.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—China's secret moves, the dispatching of troops to a position that threatens to take the Russian armies in the rear, along the Yalu, points to an imminent new international crisis.

The first hostile move of China in assistance of Japan means that France will join Russia and the ac-

Among the Russian generals to have an important command in the Japanese war is Gen. Dragomiroff. Although a rough old soldier, he is a celebrated and sympathetic person.

Reports Prove Russian Fleet Has Been Badly Damaged. London, March 1.—The report of the latest naval engagement at Port Arthur is significant of one thing. The report says that the Russian cruisers Askold, Novik and Bayan came out of the harbor to meet the Japanese fleet, but later retired.



GEN. DRAGOMIROFF

age. In the Turkish war he was severely wounded in the Shipka pass, but, though maimed for life on that occasion, he is accounted one of the first generals in the Russian army.

Union of France must draw Great Britain into the conflict.

If China makes one hostile move—and the secret movement of troops which are marching overland by night and avoiding the railways comes near being a hostile move—the world war will be precipitated.

Military experts here predict that inside of a fortnight France and Great Britain will be forced into the struggle.

German Military Men Look for Land Conflicts in June

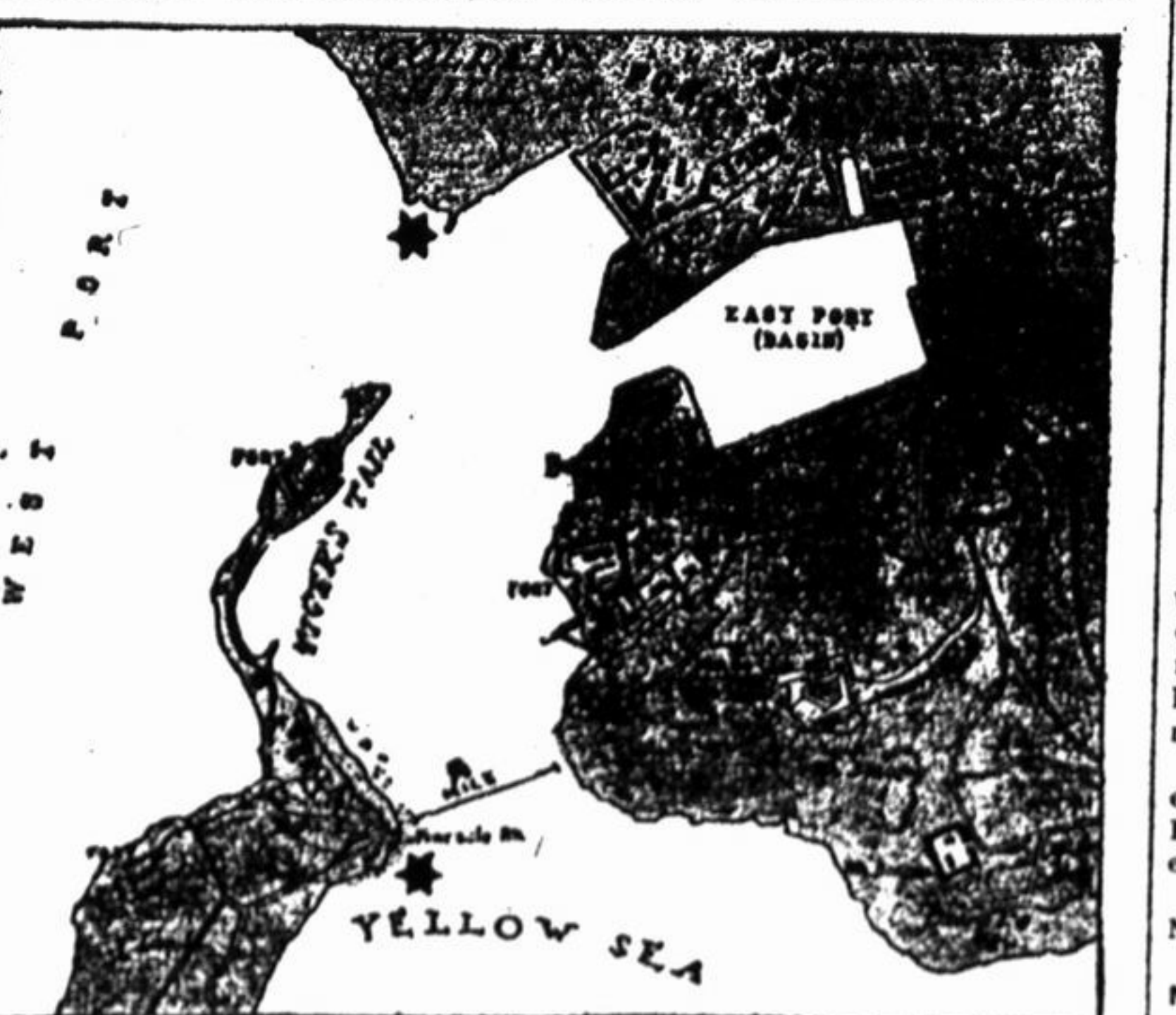
Berlin, Feb. 29.—The announcement that the Russian Baltic fleet will not leave for the far east till June may be regarded as confirming the report that Gen. Kouropatkin will not leave for Manchuria till the mobilization is complete and an army of 400,000 men is assembled there.

It is assumed in military circles that the arrival of the Baltic fleet in the far eastern waters will coincide with the commencement of active operations by the Russian army.

The object will be to regain command of the sea and cut off the Japanese army from its base. With Russia commanding the sea provisioning the Japanese army will be difficult.

It means the fleet must be accompanied by colliers, and to coal on the high seas, though such an operation is not impossible, is surrounded by difficulties which will greatly delay the progress of the ships.

STARS SHOW WHERE JAPANESE "HOBSON" STEAMERS GROUNDED.



The Japanese attempted to send a number of steamers loaded with inflammables through the channel at Port Arthur, with the intention either of exploding them in the narrow passage and bottling up the Russian

squadron or of setting fire to whatever the ships might come in contact with. Viceroy Alexieff reports to St. Petersburg that one of these ships grounded near the lighthouse on the Tiger's Tail peninsula and the other on the shore of Golden Hill.

turned, having discharged their original cargo and come back for more, it is obvious what has been going on.

The transports could not have come back for more troops unless those first sent had been landed. Where they can have been landed and now be without the Russians knowing anything about their presence is a question which almost gives its own answer, seeing that the Japanese fleet completely commands the sea and keeps edging around Port Arthur almost like a lark watching to distract attention from its eggs.

"I believe that on both shores of the Liaotung peninsula the process of landing troops, stores, artillery, and ammunition has been steadily going on, and that as soon as the weather permits the peninsula north of the neck will be seized by an overwhelming force from both sides.

"For the actual investment of Port Arthur 50,000 men ought to be ample whenever the attempt is made, and there can, I think, be no question that it will be pressed home at all costs till the Japanese army is securely entrenched astride the peninsula."

Vladivostok is menaced is the report that comes in a Daily Mail dispatch from Hakodate, where it is stated that Russia's northern naval

The Russian cruisers Askold, Novik and Bayan, with four torpedo boats, steamed out to meet the attack, but were forced to retire.

The Askold was in a sinking condition and the Novik badly damaged. One Russian torpedo boat was sunk and the battleship Retvizan was again damaged.

The bombardment continued for two hours and the Japanese fleet then withdrew in perfect order. Some Russian artillery has proceeded to Pigeon bay.

Every report of naval operations at Port Arthur for the last ten days refers to these cruisers. No mention is made of the battleships Pobeda, Petropavlovsk and Sevastopol, known to be at Port Arthur and not known to have been injured in any of the five engagements.

This fact leads naval experts here to suspect that perhaps the Japanese succeeded in partly blockading the narrow entrance to the harbor.

The suspicion is encouraged by a Tokio dispatch to the Times, stating that the steamers sunk by the Japanese on either side of the Russian battleship Retvizan partly obstruct the entrance to the harbor.

Admiral Togo reports that his call for men to take in the old steamers in the attempt to block the entrance to Port Arthur harbor was instantly responded to by 2,000 officers and men, some of whom, following the time-honored Samurai custom, wrote their applications with their own blood.

The Tientsin correspondent of the Express says that the repeated attacks on Port Arthur have created a condition approaching demoralization among the troops. There is little hope that the place will be able to make a long defense.

Rations there already are exceedingly short, and it is expected that when the town is invested hunger will soon compel its capitulation.

Story of Daring Deed by Japanese at Port Arthur. Tokio, Feb. 29.—Every Japanese sailor who took part in the attempt to blockade the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur has been accounted for. Not a life was lost on any of the five Japanese merchantmen which went in, loaded full of explosives, and braved the Russians' heavy guns.

Several of the volunteers, however, had narrow escapes from death from Russian shells, both while on the ships and later in trying to rejoin the torpedo boats.

Some failed to find the flotilla and drifted about on the open sea in the intense cold until late the next afternoon.

According to one of the morning papers there is a mystery in connection with Admiral Togo's main base.

NEW MAN GIVEN PRIVILEGES

Convict Millionaire Conducts Business From Sing Sing.

Al Adams, the millionaire policy king of New York, has been in Sing Sing for eight months, but in conducting his immense real estate business from that home of vocal culture without interruption. Adams is said to be worth \$6,000,000, and the lowest estimate placed on his fortune is \$4,000,000. He was convicted after one of the most bitter legal struggles in the history of the state and finally landed in the state penitentiary for three years.

The charge against him was that he was conducting policy games throughout New York and the evidence was overwhelming. Adams, it seems, is permitted by the prison authorities to superintend his big real estate operations and this work takes up most of his time.

He is confined in the hospital ward as a patient, but although he cannot break stone or make overalls, he finds that his health permits him to do a pretty good day's work in attending to his private affairs.

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Devoted to Science at 62.

The intellectual activity of the octogenarian prince of science Lord Kelvin shows no signs of abatement. He recently read before the Royal Society of Edinburgh, of which he is president, his solution of the problems raised by a "Free Procession of Waves in Deep Water," in continuation of a communication read by him seventeen years ago. He hopes to return to the subject again, but "at a much shorter interval."

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LOST TIME BY HURRYING.

President Hadley of Yale Tells of A Sentimentedness.

"A few years ago I was requested to lecture in an up-State town and agreed to do so," said President Hadley of Yale. "The theme was one that had received my best thoughts. When I arrived at the station my mind was concentrated upon the prepared address. I realized that my train was half an hour late and that I must hurry, but beyond the mere fact of hurrying I did not grasp a detail.

"Drive fast!" I shouted to the driver of a dingy looking vehicle as I sprang in and handed to him a two-dollar bill.

"Away we went with a plunge. The carriage rolled like a ship in the trough of a sea. Street lights seemed as a torchlight procession moving rapidly the other way. Boys shouted, dogs barked and chased us and business ceased that people might stand on the sidewalks and gaze at us. Up one street and down another we dashed madly. We took corners on two wheels, grazed telegraph poles and knocked over such movables as barrels and dry goods boxes.

"After half an hour of this bewildering experience I stuck my head out of the window and shouted 'Are we nearly there?'"

"Darned if I know, sir. Where the blazes do you want to go, anyhow?" came the edifying answer."

DOCTOR'S COFFEE

And His Daughter Matched Him.

Coffee drinking troubled the family of a physician of Grafton, W. Va., who describes the situation briefly: "Having suffered quite a while from vertigo, palpitation of the heart and many other derangements of the nervous system and finding no relief from usual methods of treatment, I thought to see how much there was in the Postum argument against coffee.

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