

Downers Grove Reporter.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVETTES

Ninety persons, including thirteen whites, were killed by the tornado at Houston Island, in the Indian Ocean.

The Santiago court has refused to release the corpus writ to ten election inspectors imprisoned on the charge of falsifying returns.

The Amour of Afghanistan, who was erroneously reported to have been imprisoned, is quite well. He is residing near Cabul.

Official advices from Morocco say Bu Hamara, the Moorish pretender, is active again. Several depositions have taken place.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra have left for Copenhagen to attend a family gathering on King Christian's eighty-sixth birthday, April 8.

The foreign office says the report that Germany intends to make a naval demonstration against Venezuela in order to compel the prompt settlement of the rest of her claims is incorrect.

The Pettit Bleu says negotiations are going on between cotton spinners of Belgium, France and Great Britain with a view to forming a syndicate to fight American speculation in raw cotton by restricting the output of manufactured goods.

Charles G. White, a clerk employed in the White House office at Washington, killed his wife and himself at Kensington, Md. He had shown evidence of despondency.

The jury in the case of John Van Fleet, on trial at Aurora, Ill., charged with murder, reported a disagreement after being out sixty-eight hours and was discharged.

The prisoners in the St. Louis jail have contributed \$17 to buy a stone for the grave of George Collins, who was executed at Union for the murder of Detective Schumacker.

The net profits of the recent Whistler picture exhibition at Boston were \$16,000.

The Iowa senate has passed a bill requiring divorcees to wait six months before remarriage.

Foster, 6-year-old son of Sheriff Stout at Fort Wayne, Ind., has smallpox in the resident portion of the jail. The entire sheriff's force has been exposed and many of the prisoners.

Telegrams from Santiago de Cuba report that all the members of the provincial electoral board of scrutiny have been arrested on the charge of falsifying the results of the elections for congressmen.

"Prof. Albert Astrologer," was arrested at Boston charged with using the mails to defraud by sending identical horoscopes at \$3 each.

Thomas Baldorf, a farmer near Wooster, Ohio, his wife and son, were drowned while attempting to ford a swollen stream.

B. S. Bonestell, a lawyer, arrested in Dallas, Tex., under indictment for forgery at Taylorville, Ill., escaped from the police by feigning sickness.

More than 300 Filipino members of savage tribes, arrived in St. Louis almost naked, having thrown their clothing through the car windows. Many are suffering from pneumonia.

Small Pass, formerly conductor of the Boston Symphony orchestra and the New York Philharmonic Society, has been elected conductor of the Pittsburgh orchestra for three years.

Dynamite was used to stay the progress of a conflagration that threatened to wipe out the town of East Brady, Pa. Thirty buildings were burned; loss \$100,000. The insurance may reach \$50,000.

Albert Fisher, recently convicted of the murder of William Marshall, a bartender, at Toledo, O., was sentenced by Judge Taylor to be electrocuted the morning of July 7.

Walter Howe, a full-blood Chickasaw Indian and ex-member of the Indian territory legislature, is dead as the result of an attack made upon him by Monroe Little, a noncitizen, who has so far escaped arrest.

Mark Abrams, proprietor of a concert hall in Cincinnati, was fatally shot by James Tracey. Afterward Tracey was pursued in the street by Isaac Abrams, known as "The English," a brother of the victim, when a street duel was finally stopped by the police arresting Tracey.

Prof. John Underner, widely known as an organist and musical director, died in Cleveland, Ohio, after a long illness. Prof. Underner accompanied Jenny Lind as accompanist during her visit to the United States.

A Frenchman who has just arrived at Vera Cruz, Mexico, from Havana, has been arrested at the request of the Cuban consul on the charge of stealing \$28,000 at Havana.

The Jacob Tome Institute at Port Deposit, Md., has been closed owing to the prevalence of typhoid fever, which has broken out among the boarding school scholars.

Gov. Cummins of Iowa is reported improved, and his physicians say that all danger of pneumonia is past.

In the Botkin murder trial at San Francisco Prof. Price, chemist, testified that there was no arsenic in the vials from copper kettles used by the slayer.

Walter S. Hall, formerly manager of the Boston office of the American Realty company of New York and member of St. Luke's home for convalescents, pleaded guilty at Boston to the larceny of \$225,000 from those convalescents.

LATEST CASH MARKET REPORTS

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep and Lambs, listing prices for various locations like Chicago, New York, St. Louis, etc.

Gov. Pennypacker of Pennsylvania has honored a requisition for the extradition of William E. Church, a marine recently arrested at the League Island navy yard, charged with the murder of his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Yeater, at Warrentown, Mo.

Eugene Debs says he is making it known to socialists that he is not a candidate for renomination for president and if nominated will not accept.

Ex-Senator John L. Mitchell of Wisconsin is seriously ill at his country home, Meadow Mere, west of Milwaukee. Rumors have been circulated that his case is hopeless, but close friends of the senator deny this.

James L. Norris is the property accredited member of the national Democratic committee from the district of Columbia, according to the findings of a subcommittee of which John T. McGraw, national committeeman from West Virginia, is chairman, which has been investigating the matter. The controversy was the outcome of factional differences in the local Democratic ranks.

Santos Dumont will sail for the United States in ten weeks with his No. 7 dirigible balloon.

Charles W. Smith shot his wife at Danville, Ill., and later committed suicide to escape pursuers who had surrounded him in a creek bottom near Oak Lawn.

Henry H. Reeves of Cleveland, O., is revived after death apparently had set in by an injection of adrenal chloride. Although nearly lifeless the patient sat up within ten minutes after the administration of the drug and is recovering.

Justice Greathouse of Madison, Ill., has discharged John Beal, William Hildebrand and Supervisor Pat Croely of Madison township, and Charles Heinsman, supervisor of Venice township, arrested on charges of participating in the riot which followed a pool-room raid at Madison, Feb. 19.

Two women and two children were injured severely and a dozen others slightly by a stampede in an Italian church at New Haven, Conn., caused by groundless cry of fire.

University of Missouri students, aroused by the announcement that several Egyptian students propose to enter next year, have circulated a petition that foreigners be excluded from the men's dormitory.

The Tennessee Supreme Court has affirmed the three years sentence of Rev. B. A. Cherry, convicted at Nashville of procuring false affidavits to support a claim of indemnity against a life insurance company. The prisoner caused such a disturbance in court that it was necessary to handcuff and remove him.

Indictments have been returned against fourteen members of the St. Louis police force, charging neglect of duty at the recent Democratic primaries. Indictments charging intimidation of voters were returned against Central Committeemen J. J. Lavin, his brother, Timothy Lavin, and James Holmes.

The Hanna Memorial Chair association at Cleveland has elected these trustees: Gov. Herrick, Secretary of State Hay, Senator Dick, Gov. Durbin of Indiana, John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, F. M. Attelhorst of Akron and Rev. J. S. Rutledge, State Senator J. W. Stewart, F. A. Henry, W. R. Hopkins, J. B. Zerbe, Judge T. K. Dissette, Elmer Doyer, W. G. Oswald, H. S. Hatch, L. E. Holden, Harris Creech, Samuel W. Meek, U. S. Marshal Chandler and F. H. Haserot, all of Cleveland.

Berea College of Kentucky is to bring suit to test the constitutionality of the recent legislation by that state prohibiting co-education of the races.

The Cuyamaca Mines company, capitalized at \$2,500,000, has been incorporated at Dover, Del., by New York parties.

Louis Jones, 20 years old, shot his stepfather, Carl Yates, with a shotgun at Okaloosa, Iowa. The boy was defending his mother, whom Yates assaulted with a revolver. Yates was wounded in the hip and may die.

Three negroes, Garrett Flood, William Madison and William Baldwin, were shot and killed by a posse of deputy sheriffs at St. Charles, Ark., who were searching for two negroes who had wounded two white men. The blacks fled on the officers from an ambush.

JAPS GET A SETBACK

Admiral Togo's Attempt to Sink Ships of Port Arthur Meets with Failure.

Cheoo-foo, March 28.—The Japanese fleet made another bold attempt to bottle up the Russian warships in the harbor of Port Arthur and once more failed to accomplish it.

In the fierce fight that followed the Japanese attempt Chief Engineer Swyreff of the Russian torpedo boat Silni and six marines were killed and Lieut. Kriniski, commanding the boat, and twelve men were badly wounded. It is reported that a Russian torpedo-boat was sunk, but it is believed it can be recovered. The Russians claim that the Japanese lost two torpedo-boats.

At 3 o'clock in the morning four big merchant steamers loaded with stone were sent toward the harbor under guard of eight torpedo-boats, the intention being to sink them across the narrow mouth of the harbor.

As the stone-laden steamers approached they were discovered by the lookout at the searchlight station and a heavy fire was opened on them by the batteries. The Japanese steamers kept boldly on their course, although struck many times.

Finally Admiral Makaroff, fearing that they would succeed in reaching the mouth of the harbor, dispatched

difficulty in taking his fleet out to meet the Japanese.

Tien-Tsin, March 28.—It is officially announced here that the Russians have proclaimed New-Chwang under martial law.

Vladivostok, March 28.—A mine has been discovered under the fortress, with wires leading to a Chinese house in the town.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—Vice Admiral Makaroff's report of his reconnaissance of the Elliot Islands contains the startling statement that he captured a junk filled with Chinese regular troops which was being towed by a Japanese gunboat.

Cheo-foo, March 28.—Chinese junks which arrived here last night, report that they passed the Japanese fleet yesterday midway between here and Port Arthur. The Japanese fleet was going in an easterly direction.

Cossacks and Japanese Infantry Have Battle.

London, March 29.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail, dated at Seoul, on March 27, says an engagement occurred on March 23 between Japanese infantry and Cossacks at a place between Anju and Chongju. It resulted

the subject of much criticism in St. Petersburg, and it will be no surprise in the far east if Alexieff is ordered to return to the capital at once.

Report That Vladivostok Squadron Makes Captures.

Paris, March 29.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien says it is reported that the Vladivostok squadron under the command of Capt. Reitzenstein, has returned to Port Arthur with several prizes, including a Japanese warship.

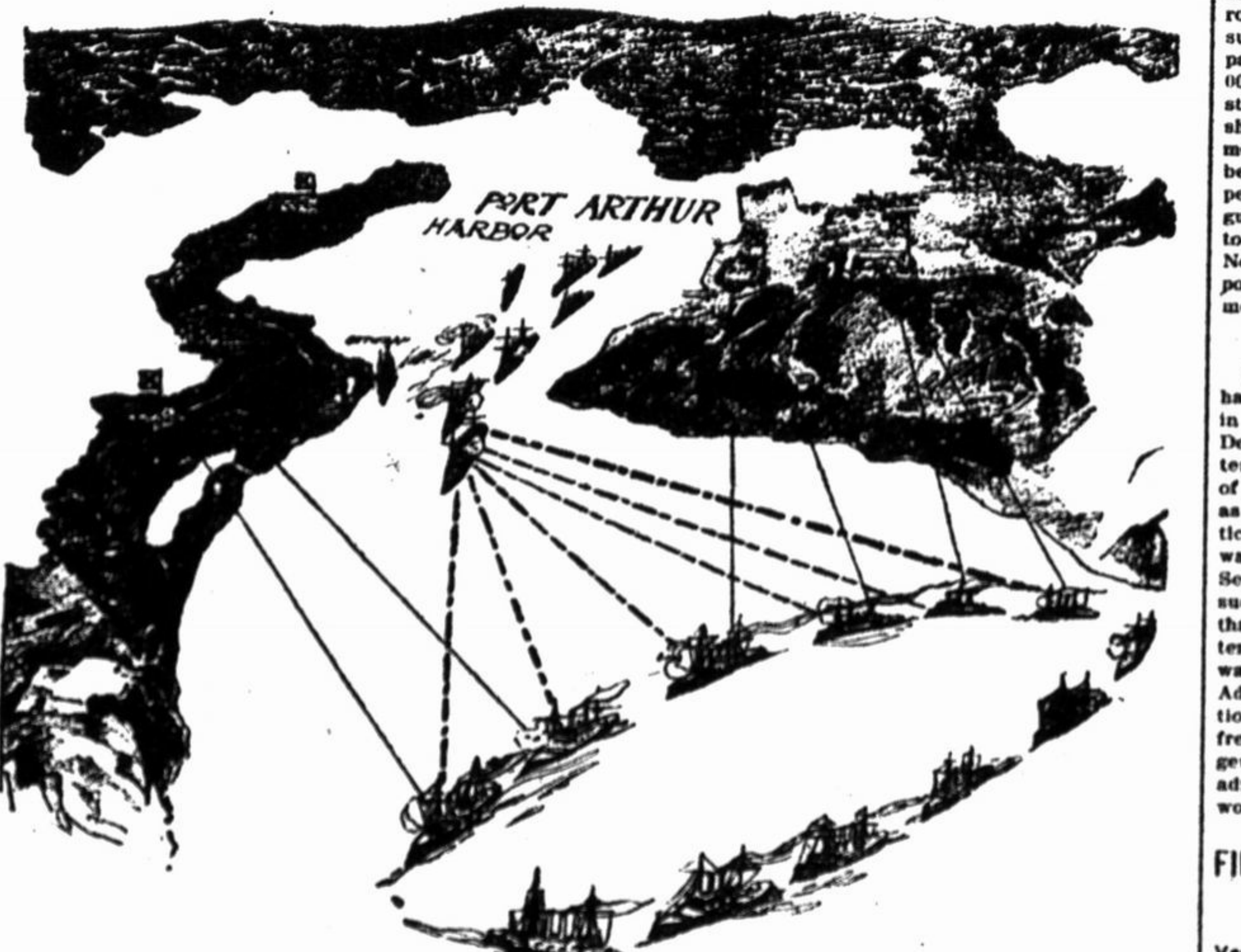
Rival Fleets Maneuver Within Striking Distance.

Wei-Hai-Wei, March 29.—A Chinese junk which arrived this afternoon reports having seen eleven Russian seaworthy vessels maneuvering in the vicinity of the Japanese fleet, which was also maneuvering. No firing was heard here.

Cossack Cavalry Sent to Capture or Slay Japanese.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—Two divisions of Cossack cavalry have been sent to intercept 8,000 Japanese infantry between Chasan, thirty miles southeast of Anju and Yangtok, in

DEADLY FIRE RUSSIAN SHIPS FACE TRYING TO LEAVE PORT ARTHUR.



This diagram and map shows how the big guns of the Japanese blockading fleet are trained on the entrance to Port Arthur harbor, through which

the Russian ships must pass to escape from the place. The large dotted lines indicate this. The smaller lines from the Russian forts on the hills

about Port Arthur, to the Japanese squadron, show how the attacking ships pass within range of the big land batteries.—From Chicago American.

a number of torpedo-boats to intercept them.

Lieut. Kriniski with the Silni succeeded in blowing up the scow of the first of the merchant ships, but found himself at once in the midst of a hot battle with the Japanese torpedo boats.

The quick-firing guns working at close range brought prompt results and within a few minutes the gallant commander of the little Russian craft lay stretched upon the deck with what will probably prove a mortal wound. Chief Engineer Swyreff and six marines were killed and a dozen others badly wounded. Having to contend with such odds, the Silni put about and escaped into the harbor.

In the meantime the merchant steamer which had been attacked by the Silni, now in a sinking condition, turned to the right, her commander making a desperate effort to sink her across the entrance to the harbor. She was closely followed by two others, the batteries of the Russian ships and the forts along the shore playing mercilessly upon them all the while. Riddled with shot and shell, they became unmanageable and were stranded to the right of the entrance. The fourth steamer passed on the other side and was soon sunk.

Not until it became clear that the steamers could not be guided into the desired positions did the little crews of Japanese sailors desert them. Only a minute before the steamers sank a small boat filled with sailors put off from each and in the rain of shells from the Russian guns rowed out toward the Japanese fleet.

It is reported that one boat load was picked up by a Russian torpedo boat. The fate of the others is uncertain.

At daybreak the Japanese fleet appeared before Port Arthur and Admiral Makaroff moved out with his fleet to give battle, though keeping all the time within the protection of the shore batteries. At 6 o'clock the big guns of both fleets began a terrific cannonading, but at such long range that little damage was inflicted. Finally the Japanese fleet drew off toward the southwest and disappeared.

That the plan to block the harbor was not successful is clear from the fact that Admiral Makaroff had no

hope of capturing them before they can join the main army at Pingyang. Russian outposts near Chasan captured a party of Japanese scouts with a Korean guide. They extracted from the guide the statement that 8,000 Japanese infantry and several field guns had arrived at Yangtok from Gensan after crossing the five mountain passes with the greatest difficulty.

The passes were covered with snow, the surface of which was alternately thawed and frozen. Frequently avalanches added to the trials of the passage of Massulion pass, which is 2,700 feet high. The worst difficulty, however, was met in Aobinich pass.

The Japanese, who marched in four columns, arrived at Yangtok in an exhausted condition. Many of them were on the sick list.

Immediately the news reached headquarters Gen. Linievitch sent two Cossack divisions from Sunchon and Syukchyon to operate along the road from Pingyang to Yangtek. They occupied the town of Soutchen and Pouriougan pass, west of town. Three soldiers were sent across the mountains to stop the Japanese advance.

The Cossacks expect to intercept and attack the Japanese as they leave Mamounjan pass. The country thereabouts is difficult, and it is hoped, owing to this fact, and the probable exhaustion of the Japanese, that the latter will be unable to make serious resistance.

Sea-Going Steam Vessels.

There are afloat 13,381 sea-going steam vessels of over 100 tons. Of these Great Britain has 5,929, aggregating about 14,000,000 gross tons, while the United States has 846, aggregating little more than one and one-half million tons. The merchant fleet of Germany is one-fifth that of Great Britain, and that of France one-eleventh that of Great Britain. The United States ranks third among the nations in amount of steamer tonnage and second in sailing vessels.

Ireland's Picture Exhibit.

The Dublin Freeman's Journal says that Ireland's exhibit at St. Louis will include not only Irish pictures by great Irish painters, but portraits of Irish celebrities and Irish beauties by the great masters of portrait painting.

Think Alexieff Will Be Removed From Command.

Yin Kow, March 29.—Viceroy Alexieff, the czar's personal representative in the far east and in supreme command of the forces now opposed to Japan, will, it is said here, leave within a short time for home under orders.

PLAN TO BUILD INSULAR ROADS

Secretary Taft Submits Scheme Secure Rail Lines for Philippines.

AUTHORIZES ISSUE OF BONDS

Proposes to Allow the Island Government to Guarantee an Income of 5 Per Cent or Under on Capital Invested or to Construct the Roadways.

Washington dispatch: A new plan for obtaining railroads in the Philippines, authorizing the Philippine government to guarantee an income not exceeding 5 per cent on capital invested, or to issue bonds for \$30,000,000 and construct the road itself, was presented to the house committee on insular affairs by Secretary Taft. He submitted an entirely new section for the bill under consideration. It authorizes the Philippine government to guarantee 5 per cent interest on bonds or income on preferred or common stock, as it may decide, the total liability not to exceed \$1,500,000 annually. It provides that the act shall contain proper rules for ascertaining the capital invested and the actual net income and for government supervision, with two or more government directors on the board.

In case the Philippine government cannot secure the construction of the roads desired, it is authorized to issue 5 per cent bonds at not less than par to an amount not exceeding \$30,000,000 and with the proceeds construct the needed roads. The bonds shall run for not less than ten nor more than forty years. The roads may be leased to responsible lessees for a period not exceeding fifty years. The guarantee provision is made to apply to electric as well as steam roads. No duty is to be paid on material imported for the construction and equipment of the roads.

Did Not Draw Color Lines.

Washington, D. C., special: Some harsh criticism has been indulged in in certain quarters because Admiral Dewey, while in Santo Domingo waters recently, did not return the visit of the American minister, Mr. Powell, as demanded by etiquette and practice, it being charged that the reason was because the minister is a negro. Secretary of the Navy Moody has issued an official explanation declaring that all customary courtesies were extended Minister Powell, and that it was at the latter's own suggestion that Admiral Dewey did not go to the legation, because it was feared that in the frequent meetings between the admirals and the government troops the admiral or some of his staff might be wounded.

FINDS SENATOR BURTON GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS

Verdict Against Bolton From Kansas Renders Him Liable to Heavy Fine and Imprisonment.

St. Louis, dispatch: United States Senator Joseph Ralph Burton of Kansas was found guilty of using his influence to preserve to the Rialto Grain and Securities company the right to use the mails. A verdict of guilty was rendered on each of the three counts, and on any one of the counts the senator may receive a penitentiary sentence of two years or a fine of \$10,000. If the jury finding is upheld Senator Burton will be impeached in the senate and forever prohibited from holding any public office of trust. The jury that returned the verdict was out forty-one hours. Eleven of the jurors had voted for conviction, but were hung by the twelfth man.

Anticipating a disagreement, Judge Adams brought the jurors before him and quoted from opinions of the Missouri supreme court to show that in jury decisions a majority might rule. Within a short time the men had agreed on one count. They were sent back again to consider the other two, and returned immediately with an agreement.

Senator Burton and his counsel were in court, but showed no emotion at the outcome of the case. A motion for a new trial was at once placed before the court and will be heard later. The senator was released on his recognizance pending the arguments on the new hearing.

Lawyers are divided upon the question of whether the conviction immediately makes Burton's seat in the senate vacant or whether the senate cannot act until the highest courts have passed upon the case. Formal action will probably be taken in the senate on recommendation from the committee on privileges and membership. This committee is likely to await further action in the courts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEN IN ATHENS

Convention Delegates Hold Services on Mars Hill.

Athens cable: The Rev. John Potts of Toronto, Ontario, preached on Mars Hill Sunday to the delegates to the world's Sunday school convention. The ministers and delegates repeated St. Paul's address to the Athenians. All the members of the party from the United States are well, and will proceed to Jerusalem, where the meeting of the convention is to be held.