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THE CHEMULPO FIGHT.

Korean Emperor's Advisor Talks in Honolulu.

Honolulu, March 8.—The first man to pass through Honolulu from Korea since the war began is a passenger aboard the transport Thomas. W. F. Sands is his name and he has for the last four years been the chief advisor to the Emperor of Korea. Mr. Sands was previous to that time connected with the diplomatic service of America. He is going to the United States on business. He joined the Thomas at Nagasaki. He did not personally witness the naval fight at Chemulpo, but he has brought a clear account of that affair and is also able to tell much of the conditions in Korea.

"I left Seoul and Chemulpo on February 18," he said this morning. "Up to that time we had not heard much about the operations of the Japanese fleet against Port Arthur, although, of course, we knew all of the details of the naval fight at Chemulpo. Previous to February 8 the Russian cruiser Variag, which was an unprotected vessel, the gunboat Korietz and the Russian commercial steamer Sungaria were in the harbor at Chemulpo. There were the British cruiser Talbot, Italian cruiser Elba, French cruiser Pascal and American gunboat Vicksburg. On the afternoon of the 8th the Korietz started to leave the harbor. She had not gone very far before she saw the Japanese third-class cruiser Chiyoda and five torpedo boats completely encircling the mouth of the harbor so that she could not get past. The Russian vessel at once returned to the harbor. That night the lights from the vessels, evidently of a large fleet, could be seen out at sea reinforcing the Chiyoda and the torpedo flotilla.

On the next morning word was sent by the Japanese commander calling on the Russians to surrender or leave the harbor by noon. The last alternative meant that they would have to come out to be attacked by the blockading fleet. The officers of the other foreign vessels had received word of the situation and the approaching fight was eagerly awaited.

"At 11 o'clock the three Russian vessels formed and started out of the harbor. The Variag went first, under her lea to be protected came the Korietz and then the mail steamer. The Japanese were drawn up at the entrance of the harbor. There were three or four larger vessels in addition to the ones that had been seen the first day, one of the heavy boats being a battleship. There is a dispute as to which vessel discharged the first shot. It is hard to determine. Some claim that the Korietz did, while others assert that the Japanese did. In any event, one of the first shots discharged by the Japanese fleet was a twelve-inch shell and it was fired at the Variag. The shell struck the officer who was on the bridge. The man was shattered into atoms and the shell wrecked the bridge.

"The Japanese had the range, for they were just outside of the mouth of the harbor, and their marksmanship was excellent. Within a short time several shots struck the Variag about the water line and also struck at different places about her. She was soon in a bad way. She began to list to one side and was evidently filling with water. It soon became apparent that there was no possibility of the vessels escaping. There was every prospect that the Variag would sink, so her commander then made a circle, trying to inflict as much damage on the attacking vessels as possible as he made his way back into the harbor. Both the Korietz and the Sungaria returned to the harbor. The firing lasted about fifty minutes and during that time 109 men on the Variag were killed and wounded. The wounded were badly injured and the majority of them died or will probably die of their injuries.

"After the Russian boats returned to the harbor a demand for them to surrender by 4 p. m. came from the Japanese fleet. The Variag was evidently sinking, so her commander ran her aground. All of the wounded and the crew and some of the dead were gotten off her, but about thirty or forty dead were left

aboard the Variag. She was then blown up and sank. It was decided to destroy the Korietz, so her crew was taken off and the vessel blown up. The mail steamer burnt and sank.

"The foreign men-of-war sent their boats out for the purpose of rescuing the Russian sailors from the various ships. The boats from the Vicksburg were sent out, but they did not pick up any of the men. The Russian sailors and officers were distributed about on the other warships that were in port. This action on the part of the foreign commanders later caused considerable of a mix-up, for, after the Russian vessels were destroyed, the commander of the Japanese navy sent in a demand that the men be surrendered as prisoners of war to him. This demand was refused by the foreign vessels. Captain Marshall, the commander of the American vessel, had foreseen that some complication might ensue as the result of the rescue of the men and the attempt to hold them, so he had not been a party to the decision by the other commanders to refuse to surrender the prisoners. The matter was undetermined for some days until the commanders could be advised by their governments.

"It was claimed that the Japanese did wrong in attacking the Russians in a neutral port. The Japanese had probably drawn up their vessels outside of the harbor line of Chemulpo, but they did not let the Russians get out, and the Russian vessels were practically inside the harbor of Chemulpo when the fight occurred. It was subsequently decided by the various governments that they would hold the rescued Russians until the end of the war. Those taken by the Talbot will be sent to the British settlement at Hong Kong, the French to Saigon and the Germans to Kiao-Chow. The German vessel did not arrive, however, until a day or so after the fight."

A Reckless Payment.

According to the Kelly (Kan.) Reporter it does not pay to be facetious. It relates that a lawyer in a Southern Kansas town recently received a note for collection against a wealthy business man. The note was outlawed, because the business man had not always been in a position where the debt could be collected from him. The lawyer wrote him that as he was now able to pay he ought to do so. The business man replied that he refused to pay the note, but if the holder was in need he would contribute, and inclosed a bread check. The lawyer credited the note with the value of the check, which renews the note under the laws of this state, and he will now proceed to collect the note, with interest. It is presumed that the business man has learned something.

Gehr Returns From Washington.

Honolulu, March 8.—A. C. Gehr of Kohala ditch fame returned from Washington yesterday on the China. Gehr went to the capitol for an order to stop the sale of the Kohala ditch at auction, but the Secretary of Interior refused his request, holding to the former opinion that the Territorial government had the right to dispose of the lease without the interference of the United States. Mr. Gehr said yesterday, "I have been away on the Kohala ditch business and was in Washington on that account. I am not at liberty to disclose the plans made, but I will be present at the advertised sale of the Kohala lease on March 12th. I have not sized up the situation yet as I do not know what I will do, but I have not given up hopes of securing the water rights." It is said that Gehr will make an attempt to prevent the sale when the lease is offered at auction. Whether this will be by legal means or otherwise is not known.

Russians Cheer Their Leaders.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—Admiral Makaroff, who will command the Russian naval forces in the Orient, was the hero of a great popular demonstration.

Tokio, Japan, March 12.—The Japanese war loan bonds have been over-subscribed nearly five times.

LOPEZ COUGHT.

Laupahoehoe Justice Gives Him 11 Months as a Common Vag.

A policeman came in from Laupahoehoe Tuesday with the famous Francisco Lopez, the very much escaped prisoner, the Porto Rican of knife wielding and ball-and-chain-losing fame. There had been an offer of reward standing for the capture of Lopez since his escape in January. How miserable the valiant Lopez must have felt when he was brought into Hilo may be inferred from the following circumstances of his capture:

He was taken by a Porto Rican officer at Waipuna, near Laupahoehoe, last Sunday. He was arraigned before Judge Rickard at Laupahoehoe as a common vag with no visible means of support. Upon this charge he was found guilty and sentenced to eleven months' imprisonment. Whether the police at Laupahoehoe and the judge of that village knew they had Hawaii's finest "gentleman of the road" and that a price was on his head has not been stated. It may be that their ignorance of Lopez's bad qualities made all the proceedings tame. Or it may be that with Solomon-like wisdom they chose to convince the great outlaw that he was nothing more than a harmless vagrant, with occasional uncontrollable impulses to carve his fellow men with cane knives.

A Communication.

Mountain View, Hawaii, March 14, 1904.

Editor TRIBUNE: Generally the people of Hawaii are astonished to find that the Territory is "broke" and begging. It is not hard to account for. The causes which have produced the effect should have been removed at the proper time. Dole should never have been appointed Governor. He was a failure as manager and financier long before the passage of the Organic Act. It is now a question as to whether or not Carter can rise above his surroundings. In my opinion he cannot. You may search the Senate Journals in vain to find a case wherein Carter opposed by voice or vote any one of the many existing evils to which this Territory fell heir at its birth. However, I am willing to give him a chance to redeem himself, and many citizens all over the Territory are, no doubt, watching to see what his policy is before passing judgment upon him.

I have always held that salaries in this Territory are far too high and out of all proportion to everything else. Salaries should be reduced 25 per cent. on general principles and cut to stay. The Governor now recommends that salaries should be reduced 20 per cent. Why did he not so advise when he was a member of the Senate? He now advocates cutting incidentals. Why did he not so advise when he was a member of the Senate? Then he voted for incidentals galore. There should be no such word as incidentals or any synonymous term used in an appropriation bill.

Is Governor Carter now going to advocate what Senator Carter failed to advocate? That's the question. Is he going to advocate that the public lands be turned over to the Federal Government, thereby relieving the Territory of the enormous expense and the obtaining of a better service and legal titles?

Is he going to advocate the turning over of the leper settlement to the Federal Government, thereby relieving the taxpayer of this enormous expense and obtaining better service?

Is he going to advocate that the Federal Government pay the expenses of the Legislature, as is done in other Territories?

As Senator he voted large appropriations for militia and the band. What will he do as Governor? As Senator he voted against county organization. What will he do as Governor? Will he trade 75,000 acres of the public domain on the Island of Hawaii for a town lot in Honolulu? T. J. RYAN.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—A House committee to investigate the Postal frauds was appointed today.

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The squabble in the House when Representative "Birdie" Adams, of Pennsylvania, said the election of Mayor McClellan in New York meant "free rum and free immorality" reminded Leon R. Bailey of New York, who was here at the meeting of the Democratic National Committee, of the Western representative who went home to plead for re-election, says the Washington correspondence of the New York World.

"Fellow citizens," he said, "I have returned to ask again for your suffrages. I know I have been accused of many things. I have been charged with being drunk in the street, with consorting with improper persons, with selling my vote, with lobbying for corrupt measures, with taking money not my own, but, thank God, my fellow-citizens. I have not been charged with immorality!"

Paris, March 12.—The agreement between Turkey and Bulgaria to preserve peace in the Balkans will probably be signed today.

Washington, March 12.—The bill extending the franchise of the Hawaiian Electric Company indefinitely and fixing the price of gas and electricity was favorably reported to the House today by the Committee on Territories. The bill, while not establishing a limit to the franchise, gives the Territorial Legislature and Congress the right to amend.

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