

THE STAR FORCES ACTION IN THE JOHN KING CASE

THREE RUSSIAN WARSHIPS ARE IN AMERICAN WATERS

THE ALLEGED KIDNAPER IS GIVEN A HEARING AFTER BEING HELD FOR 94 DAYS UNDER DURESS IN THE FILTHY MUNICIPAL DUNGEON

MOVING EVENTS IN THE JOHN KING CASE

From June 13 to September 15, a period of 94 days, John King lay in the filth and vermin of the black hole villainously called the city jail, without a formal charge being filed against him, and deprived of his constitutional rights to prove his innocence during all that period.

As a result of the vigorous steps taken by The Star yesterday John King made his way to his room in the city jail at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Realizing that it would be useless to attempt to hold his prisoner longer without filing a formal charge against him, Chief of Police Delaney consented to turn King over to the federal authorities, and thereupon the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by The Star for King's release were withdrawn.

MURDERED HIS FAMILY

ASHLAND, Ore., Sept. 16.—William Monroe, a young married man employed on the city sewer as a laborer, left his work today about 10 o'clock. Going to his home on Eighth street, he asked to see his baby. He took a look, then whirled around, pulled a revolver and fired at his mother-in-law, Mrs. S. H. Dunlap, the ball making a fatal wound through the head. He then shot Mrs. O. R. Garner, his sister-in-law, through the body, the bullet lodging in the right breast.

FARMERS BUY MACHINERY

COLFAX, Wash., Sept. 16.—More than \$40,000 have been expended with the implement dealers of Colfax alone this year for farming machinery, buggies and wagons. The prospects are of the best for a good fall and winter trade on buggies and hacks.

DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE

HOQUIAM, Sept. 16.—One woman and two men lying dead at the morgue is the net result of the worst tragedy that ever occurred in the city of Hoquiam, all the result of a lovers' quarrel. James Miles shot and killed John Sund and Helen Harrington, then turned the weapon to his own head and blew out his brains. The tragedy occurred in a barn.

JAPS TAKE MORE FORTS

RUSSIANS AT PORT ARTHUR CANNOT DEFEND THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF FAILING POWDER SUPPLY—JAPANESE RUSH RE-ENFORCEMENTS AND HUGE AMOUNT OF PROVISIONS TO LIAO YANG

(By Scripps News Ass'n.) CHEEFOO, Sept. 16.—The Japanese between September 8 and 10 assaulted and captured important fortifications two miles east of Golden Hill, near Port Arthur. The Japanese were able to hold the position, owing to the poor quality of the Russian powder, their shells falling short of the point for which they were aimed. Many shells failed to explode. This indicates that General Stoessel's supply of ammunition is running very low.

The Russians have placed mines under all public buildings, whatever, and stated that if The Star would withdraw its habeas corpus writ he would turn King over to the United States marshal, who had long been holding a warrant for the "yegg" man's arrest.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 16.—General Kuropatkin reports that the Japanese forces before Yental mines and Taiti station are being increased; also those near Benipuzi. The czar telegraphed Kuropatkin the following: "I thank you and our splendid troops for the heroic work and continued self-sacrifice in your return from Liao Yang. Under the circumstances it was excellently carried out in the face of the grave difficulties that confronted you."

IDENTIFICATION NOW SAID TO BE COMPLETE

OFFICIALS FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE KIRKLAND SKELETON IS THAT OF EARL PLUMMER, AND THAT HE WAS MURDERED FOR MONEY

Coroner Hoye has decided to hold an inquest over the skeleton found buried in the deep woods several miles east of Kirkland. It is now believed to be the body of Earl Plummer, who disappeared from his home, 330 Sixteenth avenue, last September. The identification is as complete as possible under the circumstances and the relatives of the unfortunate man are satisfied that it is his body. There is a strong suspicion resting upon a certain young man, last seen in Plummer's company.

BOTH CANDIDATES SUIT LIQUOR DEALERS

OLMPIA, Wash., Sept. 16.—Before adjournment today the State Liquor Dealers' association adopted a resolution declaring both candidates for governor satisfactory to the liquor interests, and declaring the members free to vote according to the dictates of their individual conscience and political faith. The following officers were elected: President, James W. Morrison, Seattle; secretary, A. Gerbet, Seattle; treasurer, John Seibenbaum, Port Townsend; sergeant at arms, Al Barton, Seattle; guard, William McGowan, Olympia. Everett was chosen as the next meeting place.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—It is learned this afternoon that on board the Lena is a high Russian naval officer, whose name is unknown and who has command of the Russian volunteer cruisers Lena, Korea and another auxiliary cruiser, his sole duty being to direct his fleet in the capture of vessels carrying contraband of war.

Admiral Goorich, it has been stated, has been aware of the officer's presence since the vessel's arrival and has communicated the fact to Washington. To this is now ascribed the fact that the authorities here and in Washington have shown so much concern and have displayed so much care in handling the matter.

BREMERTON, Wash., Sept. 16.—Orders have been received by Admiral Barclay, commandant of the Puget Sound navy yard, from the navy department at Washington in reference to the arrival of the Russian cruiser Lena at San Francisco, with a high naval official in command of the Lena, Korea and another volunteer cruiser, aboard.

FOUND NO WARSHIPS SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—The cruiser Boston returned this morning from a cruise around the Farallones. She found no trace of a foreign war craft. Late last night she sighted a large vessel about 15 miles off the entrance of the harbor. The discovery caused some excitement, but it was soon learned the ship was the transport Sherman from Manila with 200 troops, \$2,000,000 in Mexican money for coinage.

MUKDEN, Sept. 16.—Twenty-six wounded men belonging to General Klitschenko's division were brought into Mukden today. Particulars of the skirmish are not available. It may mean the beginning of the Japanese advance on Mukden.

COST HIM JUST \$10

HERMAN BLANKENSHIP FINED FOR ASSAULT AT GARDEN CITY

Herman Blankenship, of Garden station, was fined \$10 for an alleged assault upon Sophia Kropochies, of the same place, in the latter part of August. It took the greater part of the morning for Police Judge George to sift the matter down to a decision. Garden station was well represented, but Blankenship maintained that the greater part of them were his enemies, and pointed them out from the witness stand, much to their discomfort.

PRINCE BORN

ROME, Sept. 16.—All Italy is in a fever because of the birth of an heir to the throne last night. All business is practically suspended. The Vatican is especially gratified. The new prince has been called the Prince of Piedmont and not the Prince of Rome or of Naples.

BURGLARY CHARGED

A. I. McDonald, a well known saloonkeeper at Ballard, was arrested last night by Deputy Marshal Nelson for burglary. The charge is made by the Seattle Breeding and Mating company, claiming that McDonald has been taking beer from the storeroom of the company under the name of selling it in the saloon.

JURY OUT

Shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon the jury which has been hearing the trial of Mrs. Susan Rumbaugh, on the charge of murder in the first degree for fatally shooting her husband at Walsh lake in August, 1903, retired to deliberate upon a verdict. The entire morning was occupied with arguments to the jury by attorneys for the state and the defense.

GOVERNMENT HAS PROOF THAT LENA WAS BUT ONE OF A TRIO OF VOLUNTEER CRUISERS IN NORTH PACIFIC WATERS—HIGH NAVAL OFFICER IN COMMAND OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET IS ABOARD THE LENA

and several passengers aboard. VICTORIA, Sept. 16.—The naval authorities here deny any knowledge of the presence of any Russian warships in these waters. They claim the story that the Korea was sighted Sunday is without foundation. VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 16.—Blue-jackets and petty officers from H. M. S. Grafton gave out the story last night that the Russian volunteer cruiser Korea had been sighted by a scouting destroyer of the British navy about 100 miles northwest of

Her tonnage is registered as 3,857 and her horse-power as 567. She was built in 1899 at Flensburg, Denmark. The Korea formerly belonged to the Danish-Russian East Asiatic Steamship company and was, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen, on August 31, together with the same company's steamer Kitala, equipped as a Russian auxiliary steamer.

TACOMA, Sept. 16.—In local shipping it is believed the sailing of the Boston Steamship company's steamer Hyades for Yokohama and other Japanese and Oriental ports may be delayed on account of the reports of the presence of the Russian volunteer cruiser Korea off Vancouver island. The Hyades is scheduled to sail on September 21 with a full cargo, including flour, railroad machinery and other articles such as were confiscated by the Russian's prize court before which the Calchas was tried.



VIEW OF MAIN DECK, SHOWING SOME OF THE LENA'S GUNS.



THE LENA GUARDED BY UNCLE SAM'S NAVAL LAUNCHES, MANNED BY ARMED MARINES.

TO RAISE TOPEKA

Work preparatory to raising the steamer Topeka was commenced this morning, when the construction of the bulkhead on the afterpart of the vessel was begun. The boats which are to hold the bulkhead together will be driven by compressed air, the apparatus for which was set up last night. The dynamo which will furnish the divers with light are also in working order, and this difficulty overcome.

BRITISH WARSHIP IS ASHORE ON THE ROCKS

H. M. S. SHEARWATER, PATROL BOAT, WAS WRECKED OFF THE ALASKAN PENINSULA SIX OR SEVEN DAYS AGO—ALL EFFORTS TO SAVE HER HAVE BEEN FUTILE

JAPANESE KILLED

O. Mari Iku, a Japanese section hand in the employ of the Columbia & Puget Sound railway, was instantly killed by being run over by a Northern Pacific passenger train at Van Asselt station shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. The body was badly mangled. You got rattled and stepped out of the way of one train directly in front of the other, and not hearing the warning shouts of his fellow workmen, was ground to death under the drivers of engine No. 100, which could not be controlled in time to avert the accident.

identical one. You was 28 years of age and had been in the employ of the company for some time.

JAPS USE AMERICAN MADE CARS

MUKDEN, Sept. 16.—The Chinese report that the Japs are running regular trains between Dalny and Newchwang with rolling stock, according to their statements, that came from San Francisco.