

Japs Defeat the Russians in Battle Near Chemulpo

Also Credited With a Success West of the Yalu River.

Mukden at the Mercy of the Mikado's Forces.

No Confirmation of the Rumored Sea Fight in Which the Russian Fleet Was Destroyed.

London, Thursday, March 10. — A dispatch to the Times from Wei Hai Wei, dated March 9, says: "It is reported on good authority that a collision between Japanese and Russian troops has occurred near Hai Ju, Korea (54 miles northwest of Chemulpo), which resulted in the defeat of the Russians."

REPORTS UNCONFIRMED. Up to a late hour last night the Japanese legation here had heard nothing of the reported fighting at Port Arthur or of the Russian Vladivostok squadron, but it is considered significant that none of the Russian official dispatches make any mention of the Japanese forces at Pung Wang Chang is regarded as important.

A JAP SUCCESS. According to the Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, the Japanese advanced from the Yalu River, captured Fung Wang Chang and drove out the Russians in the vicinity of the Ta Ku. The Japanese pass, and are in force 70 miles east of New Chang. The Russians, with 35,000 men are entrenched strongly in the vicinity of the Yalu River, where fighting is imminent. Some small engagement already have been fought, the Russians retiring with losses.

This correspondent says further that the Japanese are using the same tactics and advancing along the Chinese route they followed during the Chinese war.

The Yin Kow correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald also reports the Japanese to be 10 miles northwest of Antung, and well to the westward of the Yalu River. To some of the military critics it is inconceivable that the Japanese can really have executed such an unexpected and successful turning of the Russian position on the Yalu River, which it is thought would have necessitated the employment of a much larger force than it is believed the Japanese can possibly have at this point.

MUKDEN MAY FALL. The Daily Telegraph says that if the news of this advance is true, there is nothing to prevent the Japanese from seizing Mukden, and the railway. There has been no report to compare with his move since Napoleon staggered Europe by his march in the plains of Russia.

EVERYBODY HELPING. Japs in United States and Canada Contribute to War Fund.

Salt Lake, Utah, March 10. — The Japanese in Utah have been asked to contribute \$250 toward the Japanese War Fund, collected in this country by the Fokukoku (patriotic society), a branch of which is being organized here.

AMMONIA ON THE BREAD. An Enraged Cook at Racine Sprinkles Supper of a Fashionable Hotel.

Racine, Wis., March 10. — One hundred guests at the fashionable Hotel Racine will go without breakfast tomorrow morning unless a fresh supply of ammonia is obtained, or they prefer to be cooked with ammonia. The proprietor discharged two employees, a man and a woman, and ordered the fresh supply of bread with liberal quantities of ammonia. Then the fair created a commotion and refused to leave the house. The police were summoned, gave them half an hour to pack their clothing and leave, and saw the order was obeyed.

BACK TO CHINA. Detroit, Mich., March 10. — Judge Swan disposed of four appeals yesterday, and the result was that four Chinamen who were smuggled across the border by a boatman, were sent back to China.

LACK PIG IRON. Walkerville, Ont., March 10. — Kerr Bros. foundry may be compelled to close down on account of being unable to get enough pig iron. The closing down of the plant would throw 20 men out of employment.

AN INCREASE OF 13 MILLIONS; IN EIGHT MONTHS OF TRADE. The Aggregate Was \$313,627,519 — Exports Fall Off Owing to Storms.

Ottawa, March 10. — The trade returns for the eight months which terminated on Feb. 29 show an increase in Canada's foreign trade over the same period of the year previous of over \$13,000,000. The aggregate was \$313,627,519, which includes imports for consumption, exports, and coin and bullion. The exports exhibit a falling off in several lines. This is undoubtedly due to the severe weather and heavy snowstorms which have

WIZARD TESLA'S LATEST SCHEME THE WAR NEWS.

Has Wonderful Plan to Do Away With Newspapers. WILL USE WIRELESS WAVES

Proposes to Girdle the World With Happenings Far and Near—Was Helped by J. P. Morgan.

New York, March 10. — By means of the gigantic tower he is erecting at Wardenclyffe, L. I., Nikola Tesla hopes to put every newspaper in the world out of existence.

In an article in the Electrical World and Engineer, Mr. Tesla explains the system, and adds that "the noble generosity of J. Pierpont Morgan," who furnished the money, enables him to put the system in operation.

If the new system works a man may stand in the middle of the Sahara, and by means of an inexpensive instrument so small that it may be carried in a vest-pocket, receive news of events in New York.

Mr. Tesla says he will magnify the stationary electric waves in the earth to such a degree of power that the globe can easily be girdled.

Discoveries made in Colorado, he says, showed him that the earth is a conductor of limited dimensions, and that it is possible to impress upon the whole globe the faint modulations of the human voice.

The tower which Mr. Tesla is building at Wardenclyffe is almost 200 feet tall, and is surmounted by a big white pole. The tower is in the shape of an eight-sided pyramid, from the top of which will be sent the messages that are to circle the globe.

That Mr. Tesla believes there are great possibilities in the system he is perfecting is shown by the conclusion of his article.

"When the great truth accidentally revealed and experimentally confirmed is fully recognized, that this plan, with all its appalling immensity, is to electric currents virtually no more than a small metal ball, and that by virtue of the fact many 'possibilities' each baffling imagination and of incalculable consequence, are rendered accessible to the human mind."

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A FISCAL VOTE IN THE COMMONS

British House Turns Down Anti-Protection Resolution.

Chamberlain's Compel Premier to Withdraw Amendment Hurtful to Preference.

London, March 10. — During the night session of the House of Commons yesterday, Duncan V. Prie (Liberal), after calling attention to the public utterances of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, on the fiscal question, moved: "That this house, noting the continued agitation in favor of protective or preferential tariffs, which is encouraged by the language used by certain of his majesty's ministers, deems it necessary to express its condemnation of any such policy."

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Shell Fortress From Midnight Until Daylight.

CHAMBERLAIN'S HEALTH. Disquieting Rumors Circulating in the House of Commons.

New York, March 10. — Considerable anxiety regarding Joseph Chamberlain's condition is being manifested on account of the circulation of reports among members of the House of Commons, says a Times dispatch from London. The former colonial secretary is touring Egypt and the rumors find little credence among his friends. Persons opposed to his fiscal policy are regarded by them as chiefly responsible for the circulation of the story.

Joseph Chamberlain is at present on a trip up the Nile. It is therefore impossible to accurately state the condition of his present health, and thus the rumors in the House of Commons are unfounded. "That this house, noting the continued agitation in favor of protective or preferential tariffs, which is encouraged by the language used by certain of his majesty's ministers, deems it necessary to express its condemnation of any such policy."

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