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## MAIN ADVANCE CROSSING YALU

An Unconfirmed Report to that Effect Concerning Russians

According to Another Report 20,000 Are Being Concentrated North of that River.

London, Thursday, March 17.—There is much interest manifested in the report that the Russian main advance is crossing the Yalu River, but this is not yet confirmed. According to the Daily Chronicle's Ping Yang correspondent, all the Russian troops have left North Korea, 20,000 of them being concentrated at Kulien-Cheng, north of the Yalu River, in Manchuria.

ABANDONED AS IMPRACTICABLE.

The Daily Telegraph's Sebastopol correspondent says it is semi-officially announced that Russia has abandoned as impracticable the idea of sending her Baltic squadron to the Far East by the way of Behring Straits.

RUSSIAN MILITARY AREA.

A correspondent at Tokio of the Times cables that the latest reports say the Russians are occupying an area having a forty mile base from Wiju to Chang Long, and extending south to the Pakichon River.

CHIEF OF STAFF.

A Port Arthur despatch says that Admiral Witteff, who is appointed chief of Russian Baltic squadron, naval staff, and has gone to Mukden.

JAPANESE MILITARY SITUATION.

The Tokio correspondent of the Paris Matin sends the following information concerning the Japanese military situation up to March 10, which, he says, comes from a sure source: "The first army of 70,000 troops, under General Kuraki, occupies Northern Korea. The brigade landed at German forms part of a second army of similar strength. The mobilization has been completed and the troops will sail shortly for an unknown destination. The mobilization of a third army, began on March 7."

THE BALTIC FLEET.

The Echo de Paris, in a St. Petersburg despatch, which says that the idea of Russian Baltic squadron, going to the Far East by the North-east passage, has been given up as too risky, adds that the fleet will probably start in July and go by way of Cape of Good Hope.

CROSSED THE YALU.

Yin Kow, March 16.—The only reliable reports at the present moment from the chief Manchurian cities show a quiet movement along the railway, and such cities as Mukden, which are off the main line, are undisturbed. The people here are not in possession of definite news of outside events. The chief movements in the forts in the Huang Chien military road is the despatch of riders to and from the Russian advance forces. A creditable native arrived here today bringing a report as late as March 12, from Huang Cheng to the effect that the main body of concentrated Russian forces have compelled the Yalu River, leaving small bodies of troops at Antung and other points to guard the river. A fortnight ago a few spies visited Antung, but since then no Japanese have been seen west of Yalu. The continued attack of Japanese have compelled the Russian occupation of Liao Tung peninsula.

BIG FORCE AT ASHAN SHAN.

It is authentically reported that for a week past there has been only a small and changing military garrison at Hai Cheng, but that a large force has been stationed at the valuable fortified and strategic town of Ashan Shan, where the Japanese army concluded its advance during the war between China and Japan.

ON NORTH BANK OF YALU.

Seoul, March 16.—Two thousand Korean troops now at Seoul will be sent to the north next week. The Japanese have ascertained definitely that a strong force of Russian field artillery is on the north bank of the Yalu River, and that earthworks have been thrown up. Advice from Chon-Ju, a town northwest of Anju, say that the people are in a state of panic owing to the treatment of women and the seizing of grain by the Russians.

DESCENDING TOWARD COREA.

Paris, March 16.—The Temps correspondent at St. Petersburg asserts that a Russian army corps is descending from Vladivostok toward Korea. He adds that Port Arthur has a garrison of 30,000 men and a Russian Ministry of Marine the Temps correspondent further asserts, claims that Japan's losses since the opening of the war are four cruisers and five torpedo boat destroyers, and the machinery of a 12,000 ton battleship seriously injured. The correspondent concludes his despatch with asserting that the concentration of Russian troops at Mukden and Harbin is considered as terminating the danger from a Japanese landing in the northern part of the Bay of Corea.

## SOUTH WEST AFRICAN HORRORS

Over 100 German Settlers Put to Death—Tortured or Killed Outright

Sickening Sights Meet the Gaze of Soldiers of the German Expeditional Force

Berlin, March 16.—Letters from German Southwest Africa have arrived here, giving details of the ghastly treatment of German settlers, 113 of whom were killed outright or tortured to death in the district of Okahandja, alone.

Women, outraged and drenched, and with pieces of their bodies nailed to the doors of houses, and boys mutilated and left to die slowly, were frequent spectacles.

The expeditionary columns on coming in sight of a farmer's house, would see the heads of its former occupants fastened to the roof.

These sights appear to have excited the rage of the soldiers. The letters express longings for revenge and a determination, as one writer says, "to kill everything black."

## VERY BEST IN AMERICA

Mr. Coyne Pays High Eulogy to the Splendid Chatham Mineral Baths

Interesting Interview With an Expert on These Baths—Puts the Maple City in First Place

"Chatham, in one great respect, is a lucky town, and half the people here do not know or appreciate it," said Ben Coyne, the famous Chatham sprinter and athlete.

"I have heard it said that good singers and sometimes professional men are never fully appreciated in their own town," continued he, "and I have recently found out that this saying does not only apply to them but extends towards industries and enterprises. Do you know that you have right here in Chatham the best mineral baths in America? Well, this is an actual fact, and if I have reason to know what I am talking about because I have had them all."

And indeed Mr. Coyne should know what he is talking about, for during the twenty odd years that he has been in training he has visited every place of importance in America where baths are to be obtained, and he says conscientiously that the Chatham baths beat any he has ever had.

"Do you know," said he, "that the Americans would go wild if they had such water over there. I have had treatment with baths in Mt. Clemens, West Boyden, Ind., Hot Springs, Arkansas, Delaware, Ohio, Preston, Ont., St. Catharines, Ont., Salos, Hot Springs, Mexico, Green Cove, Florida, White Rock, Virginia, Aquascentes, Old Mexico, all of them, but the Pennsylvania, including the famous Cambridge baths, in fact I have gone all over America for baths during the winter seasons, for I have been in training every year, and if never had as good baths as I have got right here in Chatham. This winter, you get more here for your money than you can possibly get any other place. I would venture to say that there is not another mineral bath house in America that is as roomy and well ventilated and where you can get such a variety of baths, hot room, vapour, shower, Turkish, fresh water, mineral, in fact you can get anything you want. I prophesy that Chatham will yet become a great health resort, because they have got the best article I have ever seen. I thought ten years ago that there was mineral water in that well, and I am glad to see that good use is being made of it."

Mr. Coyne can talk of baths with authority as an athlete trainer. He is in training every year, and each winter he takes a course of twenty one mineral baths. In 1890 Mr. Coyne beat the world's record in sprinting, going 100 yards in 9.35 seconds. The former record was held at 9.45 by Mr. Johnson. Both records were made in Cleveland, but Mr. Coyne never claimed the record, claiming to be in as good shape now as he ever was.

Re drainage case of Anderson vs. Township of Enniskillen, a motion was made yesterday before Referee Rankin for the purpose of fixing the counsel fees. By consent, an adjournment was made sine die. J. M. Pike for plaintiff, W. G. Richards, contra.

## BALLOT BOXES WERE HIDDEN

Startling Discovery at the Urban Store Sets Tongues Wagging.

Investigation Should Be Made—Circumstances That Make The Find Quite Significant

This morning while the workmen were engaged in tearing down the old stairway at the rear of the Urban Store—while at work on the improvements being made in that establishment—they made a most interesting discovery.

In a hole partially filled with debris, under the joists of the old stairway, they came upon three ballot boxes. They are of regulation shape and size and bear the letters "V. R." in red upon the side. One of them also bears the inscription "T. 2" in black. The boxes were all open and empty.

Henry Primeau, manager of the Urban Store, has taken possession of the ballot boxes and is holding them pending investigation. He says he's looking for a reward from West Elgin—or nearer home.

The circumstances surrounding the discovery are interesting and will bear looking into. The store has had a varied experience from the time it formed a part of the old Garner House to the present time. It has several times been empty and at one time was adjoining an alleged rendezvous of certain local "Liberal" politicians. The block is under the management of John G. Kerr, a local solicitor, who has the renting of it.

How long the ballot boxes have lain in their hiding place is, of course, a matter of mere conjecture. As to whether they are the genuine article or merely useful and perfect imitations is also a matter of speculation.

Crown Attorney Smith says that he has no record of any ballot boxes ever having been missing, nor has there ever been any suggestion of ballot box switching or the like.

Sheriff Gemmill, parliamentary returning officer, says that no boxes have ever been missed during his reign. The boxes are dominion property and are kept and stored at the post office. Mr. Gemmill thought that possibly a country deputy in the long ago might have left them there and forgotten to call for them.

Mayor J. C. Weir, who is acting city clerk during the illness of Mr. Merritt, says none of the city's municipal election boxes were ever lost to his knowledge, and they could not well be municipal boxes.

The find has created a good deal of comment and, in view of the many startling disclosures of election scandals throughout the Province during recent years, a careful and thorough investigation should be instituted. If the boxes came there legitimately the ugly rumors circulating on the streets should be set at rest.

## COAL CASE

Angus Crow appeared this morning at the Police Court to answer a charge of infringement of the city by-law in regard to the selling of coal. A load of coal was weighed by P. C. Dodson, and it was short 110 lbs. on the ton, according to the weight at the city scales.

Chas. Trundell, the driver, was examined this morning. He alleged that the weighmaster had not given him good weight and that as a result he had had a quarrel with Mr. Northwood.

Judge Houston said that the witness was making a direct attack upon the honesty of the weigh clerk, and he enlarged the case to enable Mr. Northwood to be present. Mr. Northwood to be present. Mr. Trundell said that he had weighed the wagon in the morning and it was a slushy day. That probably explained why the wagon was heavier when Mr. Northwood weighed it.

Judge Houston pointed out that unless the horses were unhitched a correct weight could not be secured. Witnesses told the Judge that the horses had not been unhitched.

The Crown Attorney pointed out to Mr. Crow that the by-law compelled him to put the name of the purchaser of the coal upon the weigh ticket.

The case was adjourned till tomorrow. O. L. Lewis appeared for the plaintiff.

## MAKES AN APPEAL

Telluride, Col., March 16.—Mrs. Stuart Forbes, wife of the secretary-treasurer of the Telluride miners' union, who was deported by the Citizens' alliance, has taken the matter of her husband's banishment up with H. V. Pierce, vice-consul of the British consulate at Denver. Should Mr. Pierce fail to guarantee protection to Mr. Forbes upon his return to Telluride, Mrs. Forbes will, she says, appeal to the British ambassador at Washington. Forbes is a British milit.

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