

Preparing To Strike

Extensive Forward Movements of Japanese Expected to Begin at Once.

Most Reported Clear and Transports Landing in Southern Korea.

Advance Column of All Arms Led by Imperial Guards Now Ready.

Special Cable to the London Times and Victoria Colonist.

Halifax, N. S., March 15.—(By Wireless Telegram from Seoul.)—The extensive forward movements on the part of the Japanese army, may be expected to begin to-day.

The steamer has encountered very heavy seas and is nearly clear. The Japanese transport fleet, which is the leading force selected to move north of Korea.

March 15.—The above report that Japan has received all correspondence from the headquarters of the army at Peking, is an indication that an important movement is being made. The Japanese command-in-chief, General Kuroki, is expected to take the lead in the movement against the Russian forces in the north of the Yalu river.

It is known that the Japanese have decided to land in the southern part of the peninsula, and the members of the staff are working to get the northward movement in progress, but a matter of some importance is the presence of Field Marshal Oyama, who is expected to lead the operations which resulted in the capture of Port Arthur in 1904, and is expected to be in the front of the Russian forces which are expected to be in the north.

The advance will be supported by the 15th division of the Japanese army, commanded by Major-General Tanaka. The government is expected to be in the front of the Russian forces which are expected to be in the north.

Angolians Will Remain Neutral

Port of Symptom to the contrary Leaders Are Against War.

Thousand Chinese Warriors on the Borders of Manchuria.

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Rich Strike in Northern B. C.

Nameless Tributary of Laird River Scene of Latest Excitement.

The Miners Stamping Up the Sticken and From Telegraph Creek.

A promising placer gold strike has been made on a nameless tributary of the Laird river, just below Black or Devil cañon, according to reports brought from the North on the Pacific Coast Steaming company's Ramona, Capt. Norman Nielson, setting at Seattle on Sunday. Laird river is in the interior of Northern British Columbia.

The first news of the Laird strike reached Telegraph creek by a messenger sent out from one of the Hudson Bay Company's Laird river posts. A messenger stated that an Indian had offered for sale along with his catch of gold a quantity of coarse gold, which he said he had taken from the nameless Laird tributary. Some days later a party of twelve left Telegraph creek for the discovery, about 200 miles distant. They were greatly excited over the report.

In this connection two brothers, McLeod by name, led by dog team, started a month ago for some locality, though their mission was not at that time known. The McLeods are sons of a Hudson Bay agent, who years ago was stationed at the Laird post. He is supposed to have given the information which sent them to that remote region.

It is not thought unlikely by those who brought the news of the strike that the Telegraph creek stampede will be overtake the McLeod boys. From the vicinity which they are leaving Wrangell displayed in as soon as the news arrived it is believed that the strike is a very rich one, and that the gold content of the diggings has not been tested.

The report of the find spread rapidly among the miners and led to a number of parties to leave for Laird. For the past month old Canadian miners have been pushing through Wrangell, and the port property which they had taken from the old Canadian miners have been pushing through Wrangell, and the port property which they had taken from the old Canadian miners have been pushing through Wrangell.

There is one hydraulic plant in operation in that section, and the Taylor Creek Hydraulic Mining Company has been operating for some time. The plant is expected to be in the front of the Russian forces which are expected to be in the north.

BOMBARDMENT OF VLADIVOSTOCK

The Japanese Admiral Recounts Action of Last Sunday Afternoon.

Tokio, March 11.—The fall report of Vice Admiral Kamimura, who commanded the second Japanese squadron, says:

As arranged, we reached the east entrance to Vladivostock on the morning of March 10th through a frozen sea. The enemy's ships were in the harbor. We approached the batteries on the northeast coast from a point between the range of hills and the bay. The Russian gunboats and the Russian fleet were in the harbor. We turned toward Posselt bay, but not seeing the enemy's fleet, we returned to the harbor.

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Interesting Find In the Cariboo

Extensive Traces of Petroleum Found in the Horsety Country.

Rock Impregnated With Oil So That It Burns Like Coal.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Mr. E. A. Carow-Gibson, manager of the Cariboo Trading Company at 101 Main Street, Victoria, has just returned from a recent trip to the Cariboo, where he has discovered extensive traces of petroleum in the Horsety country.

In conversation with a *Colonist* reporter last night, Mr. Carow-Gibson stated that the discovery had been made about twenty-five miles from 100-Mile House by Mr. W. Ward, manager of the Horsety Gold Mining Co.

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House Debates

Address in Reply

All Liberals Remain Mute at Chief's Bidding Except Bourassa.

Nephew of the Emperor William Travelling in Cog to the Far East.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, March 15.—The Kettle River Railway Company wants an extension of time and permission to build branches up the north fork of Kettle river, through Pine valley to Vernon and Nicola, Franklin camp, and thence to British Columbia.

The British Columbia Southern seeks authority to construct three different roads from the eastern boundary to their respective spheres of interest in the world's markets, so as to avoid a ruinous competition with each other.

U. S. DECLARATION OF NEUTRALITY

Russian Officials Accept Proclamation As An End to Friction.

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Japan's Strategy Scores Again

Owing to Mystification Russian Army Corps Remains at Harbin.

Uncertain Where the Enemy Will Strike and Must Await Events.

London, March 12.—Although there is some confusion of dates in the official message from the Far East regarding recent attacks on Port Arthur and other engagements, it would appear that no real action took place on Friday.

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FOREIGN RESIDENTS FEAR ABANDONMENT

Precipitate Haste to Leave Tientsin By British and American Gunboats Protested.

Tientsin, March 15.—The haste of the British and American gunboats to leave Tientsin while the intentions of the Japanese are unknown, and while consular jurisdiction and the full treaty port rights of neutrals are unestablished, has provoked indignation among the foreign residents.

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Had to Give up and go to Bed.

Several Doctors Attended But Did No Good.

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