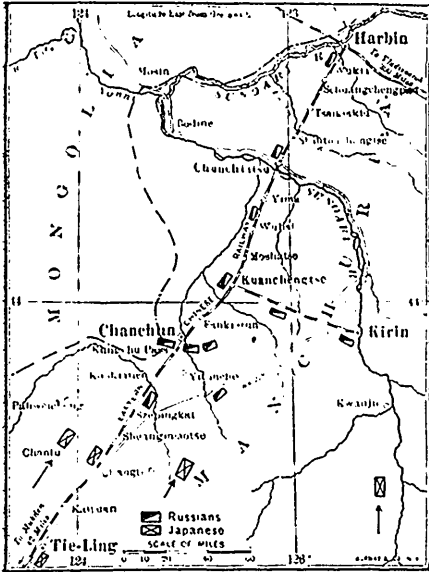


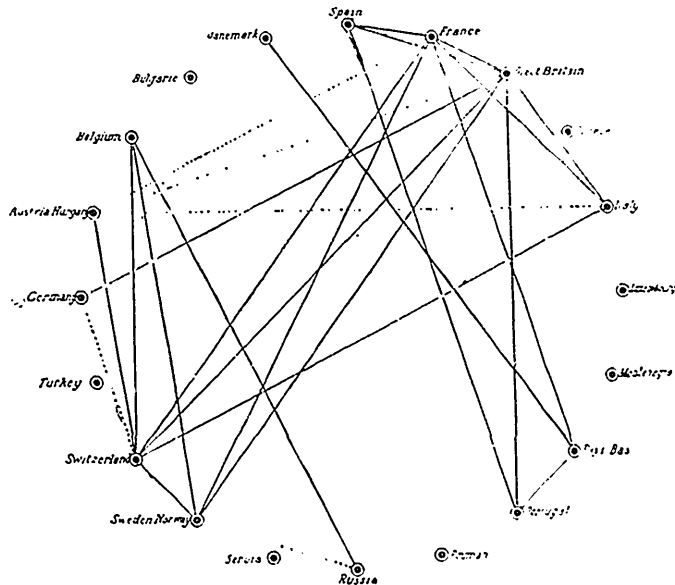
Current Topics and Events.



Map showing the Russian retreat from Tie-Ling toward Harbin and Kirin.

"EAT GRASS."

A lull in the storm has followed the disasters at Mukden, but Oyama seems planning another flanking movement which may turn the Russians out of Kirin and Harbin and isolate Vladivostok preparatory to its siege and capture. At home things have gone from bad to worse. In every part of the empire anarchy, confusion and unrest are manifest. In the Caucasus the condition is that of civil war, and in Poland the rigors of martial law only partially prevent the outburst of the seething volcano. The economic condition of the people is desperate. Famine stares multitudes in the face. The widows, wives and families of the soldiers at the front are starving and begging in the street. At Nizhni Novgorod the palace of the governor was besieged by a crowd of hungry women, with babes in their arms, asking for bread. The governor informed the women he would appoint a commission to investigate the situation. His reply aroused the bitter anger of the people. Instead of bread they got a stone. It recalls the situation when the hungry



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