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RUSSIANS BUSY ON FORTIFICATIONS

PREPARING FOR THE JAPS AT NEUCHWANG

It is Again Rumored That the Entrance
to Port Arthur Has Been
Closed.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—According
to information received here strong fortifi-
cations have been erected for the de-
fence of Harbin and Liao Yang.

The construction of batteries at Neuchwang continues to be feverishly pushed and it is believed that the place will be shortly in a condition to resist even a determined assault by the Japanese.

Eighty-two field engineers have left for the front for service in connection with the erection of fortifications and other works incident to the Russian operations.

Orders have been issued to Admiral Wieruski to keep his squadron at the Pinaux, Greece, until further instructions.

As the squadron sails from its friendly neutrality with France, it is expected that Greece will order it away even should Japan make representations to that government, but that it will give the same friendly neutrality which France displayed when the squadron stayed at Ajaccio, the French port on the Gulf of Aden.

Grand Duke Cyril, cousin of the Czar, has been appointed an aide to Vice-Admiral Makaroff.

The devotion of the young Emperor to the work of the Red Cross Society has caused the admiration of the Russian people. She has thrown herself heart and soul into this duty, even personally assisting in the preparation of bandages.

As an evidence of the interest and activity of the Empress she started to work at 8 o'clock this morning and did not stop until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Recent agents report that there is every indication of an intended landing of Japanese on the west coast of the Gulf of Liao Tung.

The information covered by these agents is in complete agreement with the Japanese plan of campaign or of its entrance into a complete change in the Japanese plan of campaign, practically involving the abandonment of further heavy landings of troops in Korea.

According to advices received by the government there are only about 7000 Japanese troops in the Hermit Kingdom at present. It is considered possible that the Japanese reckoned on a complete mobilization there much sooner, but that the difficulties met with in transporting troops from Japan and over the roads in Korea proved more serious than expected and the Japanese found themselves unable to deliver a frontal attack in Manchuria before the Russian troops arrived in sufficient numbers to check them.

At any event the latest advices indicate that the Japanese will not send many more soldiers to Korea. They may make a diversion at Possiet bay in the direction of Vladivostok, but their main objective point north will be in the Gulf of Liao Tung.

The only two points for landing are Chin Wan Tao and Tien Kian Cheng, which are connected by railway respectively with Shantung and Korea. The landing at either place would give the Japanese possession of splendid strategic line by which to strike the Russian flank, and if so desired, to hold Peking in subjection.

The Russians have little faith in the Chinese generals, Ma and Wu, who might disregard orders from Peking and join forces with Japan. The Russian military authorities have felt themselves obliged to consider the foregoing possibility and take the necessary precautions.

Closed?
London, March 24.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a dispatch from its Tokyo correspondent under yesterday's date, which says: "On the night of March 22nd the Japanese fleet renewed the attempt to bottle up Port Arthur. Sixteen warships escorted seven merchant steamers to the mouth of the harbor, and under cover of the bombardment, the steamers ran in and were sunk or disabled at various points. One thousand Japanese officers and bluejackets volunteered for the duty. An official report is expected this evening."

A special dispatch from Yokohama repeats the report sent from Tokyo that the Japanese made an attack on Port Arthur on March 15th and sank a Russian battleship.

Asks Chinese to Withdraw.
London, March 25.—The Daily Telegraph's circumstantial report from its Tokyo correspondent that the Japanese succeeded in bottling up Port Arthur on the night of March 22nd, is not confirmed from any other quarter. The special dispatches to the other morning papers announce no developments in the situation, but throw a side light on the operations.

The Standard's Tientsin correspondent says that Viceoy Alexieff correspond-

his demand for the withdrawal of all Chinese soldiers from Manchuria on the ground that otherwise it would be impossible to conduct the war properly.

The Daily Mail's correspondent gives from Japanese sources some accounts of the condition of Port Arthur, which was captured during a visit of a Chinese junk there. It is asserted that a boom had been placed across the entrance to the roadstead, which was alive with mines so defective and so carelessly laid as to endanger both Russian and Japanese vessels. The damaged Russian warships there, the report says, were repaired with such haste that it is dangerous for them to leave their anchorage.

Eight battleships and cruisers and ten torpedo boat destroyers are now unharmed, and often leave the harbor, but never go far from the forts. Japanese naval officers praise the quality of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers, which they confess have done excellent work, but they declare that the Russian shells are badly fused and fail to explode except when they strike direct upon armor, and that the charges of gunpowder are insufficient to cause serious damage.

The Daily Mail's Shan Hai Kwan correspondent says that the Japanese are secretly engaging Chinese to act as irregular corps.

Chinese Neutrality.
Newchwang, March 24.—Prince Alaisnia, sovereign of Manchuria, en route to his capital, arrived at Kinchow yesterday from Peking, and also from Japan, where he witnessed the manoeuvres and in accordance with the Japanese army. In his official capacity he has commanded the Chinese neutrality through Mongolia, thus rendering illegal the large pony and beef traffic upon which the Russians are depending, but which, notwithstanding his Japanese sympathies, he has found it impossible to suppress.

The maintenance of neutrality by the Chinese in the region between the great wall and the Liao river is said to be complete, thus constituting a serious violation of neutrality by the maintenance of armed patrols and guards half way to Shan Hai Kwan.

Moscow's Contribution.
Moscow, March 24.—The municipality of this city is cutting down the city budget in order to provide \$500,000 voted for the war. Instead of twenty new schools only five will be opened.

Seoul, March 24.—A Korean, accused of being a Russian spy, has been executed at Ping Yang by the Japanese.

Marquis Ito was the guest of honor at a luncheon given to-day by the British minister, J. N. Jordan, and the British colony.

Japanese scouts report that they have discovered that Russian troops are south of the Yalu river in much stronger force than was thought.

GENERAL WELCOMED.
Commander of Russian Forces Is Now at Irkutsk.

Irkutsk, March 25.—The entire population of this place gave Gen. Kourapatkin an enthusiastic welcome when he arrived here on his way to Mukden. The general is accompanied by Col. Khovrat, superintendent of the trans-Siberian railway, with whom he has been conferring regarding the prompt transportation of troops and supplies.

The work of constructing the trans-Siberian railway around Lake Baikal is in such shape that Prince Khilkoff, who is at the head of the system of Russian military railroad communication, feels that he can relinquish immediate personal supervision of it. He leaves to-day for St. Petersburg.

WORK OF FLEET.
Vote of Thanks to Vice-Admiral Togo and His Officers.

Tokio, March 25.—The House of Representatives to-day listened to a significant speech by M. Yamamoto, the minister of marine, and passed with enthusiasm, and without a dissenting voice, a vote of thanks to Vice-Admiral Togo and his officers for their services to the country. When the vote was taken the members of the House cheered the navy.

In the course of his remarks the minister of marine said it was a new thing to be prepared for emergencies in time of peace, but since last October the Japanese navy had been under the necessity of increasing its strength, and had been constantly ready for action on account of the actions of Russia. This the minister regretted. Continuing, he said it had been manifest to every observer that Russia had immensely increased her strength in the Far East, and that if Japan had not purchased the cruisers Nishin and Kasuga from the Argentine, her naval strength would have been below that of Russia.

Referring to the result of the work of Vice-Admiral Togo and his fleet, M. Yamamoto told the House that the blockade of a port successfully the blockaders should be at least twice as strong as the defenders of the port. He said the latest reports showed that the Russians had four battleships, five cruisers and ten torpedo boat destroyers afloat at this time, from which it must be concluded that the work of repairing at Port Arthur was being carried forward efficiently. The latest attack on Port Arthur had enabled the Japanese to observe the actual strength of the enemy there.

Continuing, the minister said that while he hoped for a speedy termination of the war, he must warn the members

of the House not to be over-sanguine. The united efforts of Japanese soldiers and civilians, of high moral degree, he concluded, would surely carry war to a glorious and successful termination.

IN GOOD HEALTH.
Troops Little the Worse of Long Trip to Vladivostok.

Vladivostok, March 25.—The troops arriving here are in good health and spirits, with weather-beaten, and in some cases with frost-bitten faces, and the only other indications of their seven thousand mile journey are their fur coats and felt boots, which they brought with them, though no longer necessary, as spring is setting in with sunny days.

TRANSPORTING TROOPS.
Railway Too Busy to Carry Provisions to Siberia.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—A correspondent on his way to the Far East writes that Chita (Siberia), "which formerly was populated by dogs, is now alive with troops." He saw a mounted battery drawn by tiny Mongolian ponies. Prices are very high, and the supplies cannot last more than four months. The railroad is too busy with troop transportation to haul provisions. The military trains are proceeding with clock-work regularity.

The Bourse Gazette, in a leading article on Japophilism, maintains that the pro-Japanese sympathy among the commercial nations at the outbreak of the war is not being sustained owing to the fuller realization of the necessities of Japan into a commercial country will

the government to-day, but the actual date of the opening has not been determined.

THE NEGOTIATIONS.
Russia Invented Frivolous Pretence for Delaying Settlement.

London, March 25.—The Tokyo correspondent of the Times, commenting on the white book recently issued, says that the signal concession in Japan's last note during the negotiations with Russia, offering to recognize Manchuria as outside Japanese political sphere, instead of pleaching the Russians, seemed to lead them to imagine that Japan would sacrifice anything rather than fight. The entire correspondence, according to the report of the Times, shows that Russia was inventing frivolous pretence for delay, and that the government at St. Petersburg subordinated itself to Viceoy Alexieff throughout the negotiations.

LIVING ON HORSE FLESH.
Strong Fortresses Being Built Near Antung—Captain of Pleiades Tells of Experiences.

Tokio, March 26.—A private telegram from Korea states that the Russians are establishing a strong position in the vicinity of Antung. They are said to have seven fortresses completed, and to be engaged in erecting six additional ones.

It is also reported that four batteries of artillery have been established at Chiyong Syong.

The Russians are reported to be experiencing great difficulty in transporting army supplies, particularly from

Shells were flying everywhere. The bombardment lasted 45 minutes.

Twenty-three Russian soldiers and sailors were killed and 50 wounded. A number of residents were also wounded by flying shells. Shells dropped all around the Pleiades, and one shattered a piece of her deck.

The Pleiades did not sneak out of the harbor, as has been previously reported. She had permission before leaving.

The steamer proceeded to Tacoma direct at 8 o'clock. Yokohama was the last port at which she called.

TWO JAPANESE KILLED.
Conflict Between Patrols—The Movement in Korea.

Liao Yang, March 26.—General Mishchenko has been informed that the Japanese have suspended their advance on the Ping Yang-Anju line. Three thousand Japanese troops are stationed at Anju and one thousand at Pak Chai, and exchanged shots. While retreating, the Cosacks met a Japanese patrol, and opened fire with the result that one Japanese officer and one man and one horse were killed. The Russian force suffered no casualties.

DOUBLE MURDER BY AN ITALIAN STOKER
Tragedy at Sea on a British Steamer—He Shot a Number of Officers.

New York, March 26.—From Bahia city in March a cablegram announced that the British steamship Arabistan, from New York for Montevideo, had put in at that port on account of mutiny on the part of the crew, and that the captain and some of the officers had been injured.

Details, which came by mail yesterday, show that the vessel was diverted from her regular route by one of the most extraordinary crimes on record. It took the shape of a maddest stoker residing on board, after half killing a fellow-worker, then turning his revolver on the ship's officers, and after killing or maiming all of these, seeking refuge below and with recharged weapon there defying arrest.

The man who did all this is G. Galanducci, an Italian, and described as a giant in physical strength. One day he had a quarrel with a fellow-stoker and felled him with a blow, from which the victim has not yet recovered. Galanducci was brought before the captain for this offence, and drawing a revolver, emptied the five chambers as rapidly as he could pull the trigger.

The captain staggered back with a bullet through the neck, the first officer fell shot through the shoulder, the second officer received a scalp wound, and his eyes were blinded with powder, and the chief engineer was badly wounded in the arm.

As the last cartridge exploded the Italian dashed forward, sending to the deck two men who tried to check his flight, and plunging below, fang open his chest, took from it a box of cartridges, and making his way into the forward hold, defied anyone to take him.

No one was inclined to undertake the work. The hatch was battened down, and Galanducci was a prisoner.

The vessel reached Bahia on March 3rd, and the circumstances being reported to the authorities on shore, a squad of soldiers put off to the ship and arrested the Italian, took him ashore, and lodged him in jail, where he is now awaiting trial on a charge of murder, two of his victims having died.

ONE MILLION DOLLARS.
Estimated Value of Ore Shipped From the Boundary Mines This Year.

Phoenix, March 26.—With the two old standbys, the Granby and Mother Lode, shipping their usual quota regularly to the local smelters, Boundary mines have so far this year sent out over 200,000 tons of ore, the value of which is estimated to be not less than a million dollars.

For the last week the following mines have contributed to the shipment of ore as follows: Granby mines, to Granby smelter, 1,970 tons; Mother Lode, to Greenwood smelter, 3,488 tons; Emma, to Greenwood, and Nelson smelters, 396 tons; Oro Duro, to Granby smelter, 924 tons; total tonnage for the week, 16,778 tons; total for the year to date, 209,127 tons.

This week the Granby smelter treated 12,575 tons of ore, or a total of 153,964 tons this year.

MISS B. DELMONICO DEAD.
New York, March 26.—The Tribune says: "Miss Rosa Delmonico, the last of the older generation of the well known Delmonico family, died yesterday at her home in this city. She died came suddenly from heart failure. She was 65 years old, and was the daughter of John Delmonico, one of the founders of the famous Delmonico restaurant. Miss Delmonico has been the owner of the restaurant since the death of her brother Charles in 1881."

Swept Away By Ice.
Schenectady, N. Y., March 26.—The iron bridge across the Mohawk and Vicher's ferry, six miles east of the city, was swept away when the ice passed out this morning.

Using Boats.
Grand Rapids, Mich., March 26.—On the west side of Grand Rapids, 2,500

CAMBRIDGE WON THE BOAT RACE

LED AT FINISH BY OVER FOUR LENGTHS

Long Training of Light Bines Told in Their Favor Near End of Course.

Putney, March 26.—The sixty-first annual race between crews from the universities of Oxford and Cambridge was towed yesterday over the Putney to Mortlake course, about four and a quarter miles, and was won by Cambridge, who crossed the finish line at 8:19, four and a half lengths in front of their opponents.

The morning broke dull and misty, with rain threatening. There was scarcely any breeze and the water was smooth. Few spectators were present when the boats started. Cambridge was the touse, those of the Surrey side of the river, though there seemed to be little choice. There was every prospect for a good race.

The wind was very light from the northeast, and was behind the crews over a fair part of the course.

The boats were sent away in a slight drizzling rain, and very hazy weather, Oxford striking a 30 stroke and Cambridge pulling 35.

At Crabtree wharf Oxford was leading by one length.

At Hammesmith bridge, Oxford was still leading, but by only a quarter length, rowing a 32 stroke, with Cambridge also pulling 32 and luckily drawing up.

When Thorneycroft was reached at ten minutes past eight, Cambridge, favored by the bend, had assumed the lead. Devonshire Meadows were passed at 8:20, with Cambridge half a length in the lead and both crews going well, making a fine race.

At Barnes railroad bridge, which was reached at fourteen minutes after eight, the Cambridge crew had increased its lead to two and a half lengths, which was further increased to four and a half lengths at the half-mile.

Oxford men were well within themselves, but the Oxonians looked to be done.

The Oxford men began strong and steady and gained the lead, but the Cambridge stroke would not allow himself to be hustled, rowing with great judgment, and the boatmen responded gallantly. Thereafter the long training told in their favor. Amid tremendous cheering by the spectators the Oxford crew worked manfully, and a fine race ensued until Thorneycroft was reached, when the Oxonians' form became ragged, thereafter the result was never in doubt, though the defeated crew rowed a dogged stern race.

According to the official announcement the time of the winners was 21 minutes and 34 seconds, and is one foot higher than the record of 1893, which was maintained a velocity of 60 miles, and the rain fell in torrents. The entire city was for a time flooded. Many houses were unroofed and 150 were damaged.

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THE FLOODS.
Several Persons Have Been Injured and Much Property Destroyed.

(Associated Press.)
Louisville, Ky., March 26.—Seldom if ever since the civil war has the South been so completely isolated from the North as it is to-day. Communication was absolutely cut off by every telegraph route available to the Western Union Company. Not a wire was working on either side of the Alleghenies, from the Atlantic westward, far beyond the Mississippi. Anxiety was felt as to the inevitable rumors of great loss of life and property.

Communication Restored.
Louisville, Ky., March 26.—By great exertion a circuit was finally established south from Louisville, penetrating the vast territory which for hours had been thoroughly shut off from the rest of the world. Eight persons were injured and extensive damage was done to city and suburban property by a storm which swept over Louisville. The wind attained a velocity of 60 miles, and the rain fell in torrents. The entire city was for a time flooded. Many houses were unroofed and 150 were damaged.

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residences are surrounded by water to-day, and the occupants are getting about in boats, if at all. The total loss to date is \$1,000,000, and 8,000 men are out of employment.

May Check Water.
Detroit, Mich., March 26.—The temperature to-day is below the freezing line throughout lower Michigan, and it is expected that this will check the floods very materially. Lower temperature is predicted which will greatly relieve the situation.

ATTACKS CLEGGYMAN.
English Member of Parliament Criticizes Recent Action of Minister of City Temple.

London, March 24.—Consternation has been caused in British Non-Conformist circles by a speech of Robert W. Parks, Liberal member of parliament for the South division of Lincolnshire, delivered yesterday at the opening of a Methodist bazaar at Louth, in which he vigorously criticized Rev. Reginald John Campbell, minister of the City Temple here. The men are pillars of the Non-Conformists. The two main points of Mr. Parks's attack were the Rev. Mr. Campbell's recent presentation at court by the Bishop of London, and the projected surplusing of Mr. Campbell's church choir of the City Temple.

Mr. Campbell would have been far better advised if he had asked the veteran leader of Non-Conformity, Rev. James Guinness Rogers, to introduce him to King Edward instead of going to a levee hanging to the apron strings of an Anglican bishop, said Mr. Parks.

Referring to the surplusing of the men and women of the choir in gowns and velvet caps, Mr. Parks said: "Possibly the next thing we shall see is Mr. Campbell marching round the aisles of the City Temple followed by his surplused choir chanting a processional hymn, with the reluctant deacons behind."

Rev. Mr. Campbell declines to discuss Mr. Parks's remarks.

MANY BUILDINGS WRECKED.
Storekeeper Killed—More Than Twenty-Five People Injured.

Chicago, March 24.—One of the severest storms this city has known in many years passed over Chicago to-night. Great damage was done in the center of the city, a number of considerable losses was sustained south of the city proper.

Twenty of Hellman Harbor, 20 miles from Chicago, was the heaviest gale. Barber, the proprietor of a dry goods store, was killed and 15 persons who were in his store when the storm struck were injured. The store was totally demolished. Eighteen residences were blown down and several persons were injured in the ruins of their homes. The number of people injured will reach 25. All three of the hotels in the place were damaged.

The storm created havoc in the town of Hammond, Ind. A number of residences were damaged and two people were injured.

In Grand Crossing, eight miles south of the center of the city, a number of buildings were wrecked.

In the suburban town of Thornton the frame dwelling of E. Gardner was blown into a quarry and was reduced to kindling wood. Gardner was fatally hurt and his wife seriously injured. The Lutheran church was blown down and a number of residences damaged.

TO FIGHT BEEF TRUST.
Stockmen of the West Will Establish an Independent Packing Plant.

Denver, Colo., March 24.—The News to-day says that the stockmen of the West, backed by the powerful National Livestock association, mean to carry out their project of re-establishing an independent packing plant to fight the so-called beef trust, which is evidenced by the option that has been taken up on the packing plant of Jacob Dold, of Kansas City. The Dold packing house has been one of the strongest competitors of the trust. Its capacity is sufficient for 2,000 head of cattle, 4,000 hogs and as many sheep daily. According to Secretary Charles F. Martin, of the livestock men, the capacity is great enough to answer the business of the stockmen.

THE KAISER AT NAPLES.
Warmly Welcomed by the Italians—Letter From King Victor Emmanuel.

Naples, Italy, March 24.—Emperor William arrived here to-day aboard of the Koenig Albert, escorted by a cruiser, and was assailed by the whole Italian Mediterranean fleet. The members of the German colony here met to greet the Kaiser. The first message received by Emperor William was a telegram from King Victor Emmanuel bidding him welcome, and signing himself "Your affectionate friend and loyal ally."

An immense crowd of people witnessed the Emperor's arrival and cheered, while the cannons boomed. The ladies of Naples sent many beautiful floral decorations to the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, which the Emperor boarded soon after his arrival here.

DRILL INSTRUCTOR.
Winnipeg, March 26.—Staff-Sergeant Morrison, Royal Garrison Artillery, 2nd Battalion, arrived here yesterday on his way through to Victoria as drill instructor to the artillery company. His superior officer, Lieut. G. Using Boats, have gone through on Thursday, stopped over for a few days in Montreal.