

BEAR IS QUI VIVE

Jap Again Fails to Get Past His Guard at Port Arthur.

SENDS IN FOUR GREAT SHIPS

With a Purpose to Bottle Up Makaroff's War Fleet.

Hot Battle of Torpedo Boats—Makaroff Sails Out to Fight, but Japs Decline—Plot at Vladivostok.

Mukden, March 28.—General Kuroptkin arrived here yesterday and proceeded to the headquarters of Viceroy Alexieff.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—A report from Vladivostok says that a mine has been discovered under the houses with wires leading to a Chinese house in the town.

Tien-Tsin, March 28.—The Russians have proclaimed New Chwang under martial law.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—Vice Admiral Makaroff, commanding the Russian naval forces at Port Arthur, has sent the following telegram to the emperor, dated March 27: "I beg most humbly to report that at 2 o'clock this morning the enemy made a second attempt to block the entrance to the inner roadstead. For this purpose they dispatched four large merchant steamers, conveyed by six torpedo boats, to the entrance. The enemy's ships were promptly discovered by the searchlights and were bombarded by the batteries and by the guardships Bolar and Otravny."

Torpedo Boat Blocks the Game.

Fearing the enemy's ships might break through Lieutenant Krinitski, commanding the guard torpedo boat Stilni, attacked the enemy and destroyed the bow of the foremost Japanese steamer with a torpedo. This steamer turned to the right and was followed by two others, with the result that the three were stranded to the right of the entrance. A fourth steamer went to the right of the enemy's ships, and likewise sank to the side of the fairway. The Stilni then battled with the enemy's six torpedo boats. Engineer Artificer Swyceroff and six seamen were killed, and the commander and twelve seamen were wounded.

Jap Attempt Was a Failure.

"At daybreak the enemy's battleship and cruiser squadrons appeared, and I proceeded with the fleet under my charge to meet the enemy. The second attempt of the Japanese to block the entrance to Port Arthur has failed, thanks to the energetic defense by the sea and land forces who acted as they did during the first attempt. The harbor remains perfectly clear.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOAT DAMAGED

But the Cash Loss Seems To Be on the Japs This Time.

"The torpedo boat destroyer Stilni, which stranded on a reef in consequence of damage to her engines by one of the enemy's shells, was floated during the course of the night and entered the harbor, thanks to the energy of her crew. Her commander, Lieutenant Krinitski, who was slightly wounded in the arm, did not quit his post.

"On the fire ships were infernal machines, the wires connected with which were cut by Lieutenant Kedroff and Ensign Plisoudsky, of the irregulars, whom I dispatched on this task. They boarded one of the steamers as soon as it stopped, cut the electric wire and extinguished the fire which would have lit up the entrance of the harbor to the enemy in the roadstead.

"In the morning a floating mine was found bearing an infernal machine but the latter was successfully removed. The inspection made showed that the steamers utilized as fire ships were not old. They were each of about 2,000 tons and they were armed with light caliber guns." These guns fell into the hands of the Russians.

An official dispatch from General Smernoff supplements the foregoing with the following: also dated March 27: "A Hotchits 1-inch caliber quick-firer was found aboard one of the sunken steamers from which a fire had been kept up on our torpedo boats. A boat left each of the sunken ships carrying their crews. One of these is believed to have been picked up. The enemy's torpedo boats reappeared at 5 o'clock this morning. They were sighted south of Port Arthur and the batteries reopened on them. Towards 6 o'clock the enemy's squadron appeared on the horizon and our batteries opened out to meet it. At 6:30 the batteries opened fire. Our ships drawing off to the southeast, evidently declining an engagement. At 10 o'clock they disappeared below the horizon."

PURPOSE OF THE JAP DOINGS

Russia Believe It Is to Cover Landing of Troops Not Far Away.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—In high official circles the new effort to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur is looked upon as meaning only one thing, namely, that the Japanese are preparing for a heavy landing of troops in the gulf of Liao Tung, either at New Chwang or on the west coast of the Manchurian neutral zone, to effect which in safety the immobility of Vice Admiral Makaroff's fleet is absolutely essential while the transports are being conveyed around the southern end of the peninsula.

If the attempt had succeeded it would have required several days at least to blow up the steamers and clear away the wreckage, during which time the Japanese would be assured of non-interference in the carrying out of their purposes. The failure of the

Japanese may seriously hamper their plans, as the ice in the Liao river is going out, and when the river is free from ice its mouth can be easily mined.

The conviction continues to grow here that the Japanese have concluded that it would be inadvisable to make a direct frontal attack on Manchuria from Korea against the whole Russian army, and that it will be necessary to land a flanking column in the gulf of Liao Tung to divide the attention of the Russians and if possible to seize the railroad and cut off Port Arthur. The ground above New Chwang is perfectly familiar to the Japanese, who occupied it for a year during the China Japan war.

Some experts even go so far as to express the belief that Vice Admiral Togo was covering the movement of transports in the gulf of Liao Tung yesterday morning, and that therefore he was compelled to exercise great caution and to decline the Russian offer of an engagement.

GETTING CLOSE INTO CONTACT

Preliminary Skirmishing Seems to Have Begun Between the Outposts.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—That fighting in the zone of the land forces has at last been reached is shown by a skirmish, insignificant in itself, which General Mishtchenko has reported. The engagement, in which two platoons of Russians and a Cossack sotnia and the advance guard of the Japanese participated, occurred March 23, near Pak-Chieng, and resulted in the retirement of the Russians without loss, after killing one Japanese officer and one private.

The enemy's forces continue to advance along the route of the projected railroad near the western coast of Korea, which should bring them to the Yalu at Wu Lin and across the river. Near there lies Antung, and the route of the railroad connecting with Liao Yang, where the Russian headquarters have been established. By following this route the Japanese have made the transportation question easier of solution.

From now until the Yalu is reached it is expected that there will be a constant succession of skirmishes, but fighting by large forces, it is reiterated, will not occur until the Japanese have reached the river.

MAKAROFF TAKES A FLEET TO SEA

Reconnaissance to Discover a Jap Base—Report of a Capture.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—For the first time since the war commenced the Russian squadron Saturday left Port Arthur and the protection of its guns. Upon the safe return of the ships Vice Admiral Makaroff sent a dispatch to the emperor in explanation of the reason for the cruise. Vice Admiral Makaroff having repaired the warship Rizvian and the cruisers Pallada and Boyarin, considered the squadron sufficiently strong to run the risk of an encounter with the Japanese ships, which were not in sight when he steamed out of Port Arthur.

The object of Vice Admiral Makaroff was to examine several neighboring islands to ascertain where the Japanese fleet maintained its base. This was not accomplished, apparently.

It is stated on apparently reliable authority, however, that Vice Admiral Makaroff's report of his reconnaissance contained the startling statement that he captured a junk filled with Chinese regular troops which was being towed by a Japanese gunboat.

HOOSIER STATE IS UNDER WATER

Indianapolis Has None to Drink, However—Country for Miles Is Flooded.

Indianapolis, March 28.—The city street railway and interurban system are without power because of the flooding of the power houses, near White river. Communication with North and West Indianapolis is cut off by the flood, which has swept away bridges. The city is without water, owing to the flooding of the waterworks pumping station. Many houses have been carried down White river and shattered against the stonebridges which connect the city proper with the suburbs.

Detachments of troops have been sent to the flooded districts. The militia was provided with shot cartridges in case of necessity of firing upon robbers and headquarters were established, and headquarters were established at the West Washington street bridge.

Vincennes, Ind., March 28.—One hundred and eighty feet of the levee along the Wabash river near Oaktown has broken, and the water is rushing through, covering thousands of acres and driving the people from their homes. Many left just in time to save their lives, and considerable live stock was destroyed.

Only the Stockholders to Lose.

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And They All Whittled.

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Flood Victim's Body Recovered.

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Fatally Hurt by a Train.

Manchester, Ind., March 29.—John Bell, 17 years old, residing near Proctorville, O., was caught by a train near Weisburg, mauling both legs and his shoulder. He was removed to Guilford, where his legs were amputated. He is fatally hurt.

Flood Victim to Indianapolis.

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If troubled with weak digestion, shooting or sour stomach, use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets you will get quick relief. For sale by all druggists.

WATER WORKS HAVOC

Michigan and Indiana Are Afflicted with a Damp Devastation.

PROPERTY LOSS IS MILLIONS

Indianapolis and Grand Rapids Suffer Heavily—Rivers Miles Out of Their Banks—Loss of Life.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 28.—Conditions in this city and nearby towns along the Grand river are very grave as a result of the unprecedented flood that has swollen the streams far out of its banks for the past three days. The river is three feet above the previous high water record, that of 1844. It is falling slightly, however, the drop in temperature having checked the small streams and surface drainage. The inhabitants of flooded houses are suffering greatly from cold and lack of food. There has been no loss of life thus far, but there is great suffering, and a vast amount of sickness will, it is feared, follow the exposure sustained by many of the flood victims.

Grand Rapids in Darkness.

Interurban cars are running on over portions of the roads out of Grand Rapids. Steam railway traffic is demoralized. Practically no trains are adhering to schedules on the roads that have their lines open. The city lighting station is entirely cut off and out of commission. The city is in darkness at night. Many of the west side churches are surrounded by water and were unable to hold services yesterday. All schools on the west side are closed until further notice.

Loss Is More Than \$2,000,000.

It is conservatively estimated that the loss to property and business on account of the flood will exceed \$2,000,000. Fifteen thousand men are unable to work today, owing to factories being compelled to close by the high water. Two thousand homes are flooded on the west side. The flood conditions at Ionia, Lowell, Portland and other points along the Grand river are reported to be slightly improved, the water having begun to fall. These towns are practically isolated by reason of the bridges across the Grand river going out. The flood loss at Ionia is estimated at \$100,000.

Best That Can Be Said.

Detroit, March 28.—About the best that can be said of the flood situation is that at many of the affected points conditions are no worse than they were Saturday. This is not true, however, of Bay City and Saginaw. The neighborhood of these two cities supplants Grand Rapids and the Grand river as the center of greatest danger. A large portion of the business district of Saginaw is flooded and thousands of dollars' damage has been done.

It will include the researches of these institutions in the fields of science, technology and agriculture. There will also be a special exhibit from Purdue relating to electrical engineering in the Electricity building. The university will also contribute to the educational exhibit from Indiana.

Lemonds' Death Was Accidental.

Princeton, Ind., March 28.—Coroner Hollingshead, who was called to Huntingburg because of a discovery of marks on the neck of the late George Lemonds, which indicated that he might have been strangled at the time of meeting death in this city, made an examination and found that the marks were due to rolling in the fenders in the railway yards at the time he was struck by a train, and that there was no reason to think he was a victim of foul play.

Deaths Caused by Flood.

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BLOCK COAL MINERS

Tell Operators They Must Force the Hoisting Engineers into the U. M. W.

OR THERE WILL BE A STRIKE

Joint Conference Again Thursday—Exhibit of the Purdue University at the Fair.

Brazil, Ind., March 28.—The joint committee of the operators and miners of the block coal district will meet Thursday to reconsider the demands of the miners which provide for a low coal scale for machine work; that the operators should employ day men to take up the "bug-dust" or refuse, and that blacksmiths who are used as extra men should be paid blacksmiths wages for their full time. At a three days' conference ending last Thursday the operators refused the demands, contending that they could not afford the increase.

WILL FORCE THE ENGINEERS IN.

In addition to these differences the miners have notified the hoisting engineers' organization and the operators that unless the hoisting engineers abandon their union and join the United Mine Workers by April 1 they will go on strike on that date. Mack Taylor, the chief of the Hoisting Engineers' National union, made a proposition to the United Mine Workers to turn his organization over in a body if the miners would allow the engineers to select one of their number as a member of the district executive board.

COULD NOT DELIVER THE GOODS.

The miners were willing to accept the proposition, but the hoisting engineers of the district rejected it. Today the engineers' scale committee is in session with the operators' scale committee to make a contract. The engineers demand the present scale, while the operators propose a reduction of 5.55 per cent. Both sides assert that they will stand firm.

MAKES THE TOWN VERY DRY.

Saturday night every house in town was compelled to close at 11 o'clock and not a drop of liquor could be obtained in Crawfordsville Sunday on any pretext. A gambling room was also raided by Patton Saturday night, and several players were arrested. The other gambling rooms in the city were also invaded, but as the word had gone out, the subsequent raids were futile.

MAKES THE TOWN VERY DRY.

It is desired that the children learn something about the actual workings of mines, a trip through the great mining gulch on the Exposition Grounds will furnish the information. Here the pupils may see gold, silver, copper, lead and coal mines in operation, all the processes of taking out and reducing the ores being shown.

A considerable knowledge of history and a taste for historical reading may be imparted to the school children by slight effort upon the part of their teachers in visiting the Government building and examining the precious documents to be shown there. Here also the science of civil government may be taught to much better advantage than from text books, for each department of the National Government will have its separate exhibit showing the workings of the departments, its methods and aims.