

LAND OPERATIONS

It Is Believed That a Battle Between Land Forces Is Imminent.

PLAN OF JAP CAMPAIGN

Main Army to be Landed at New Chwang Which Is to be Made Base of Operations.

From This Point the War Will be Fought Out on the Plains of Manchuria.

London, March 24.—The stringent Japanese censorship is likely to be relaxed early in April says the Daily Telegraph's Seoul correspondent. This coincides with the numerous indications of the imminence of land operations.

In the meantime the veil has not lifted and not a word has yet issued, either officially from Japan or unofficially from any other source, concerning the last bombardment of Port Arthur. The Times this morning prominently publishes an opinion of a correspondent that Japan will land her main army at New Chwang, which will be formed into a magnificent base and that she also probably will seize Hai-Cheng (15 miles east on the railroad) as an additional base, and that, without seriously attacking either Port Arthur or Vladivostok, the war will be fought out on the plains of central Manchuria. It is almost certain, in the correspondent's opinion, that the war will be a long one and at the worst Japan will retain a way to retreat overland into Korea. If she secures New Chwang, he says, her prestige will be established and, he adds, that the waterways of southern Manchuria will be of inestimable value in somewhat counterbalancing the weakness of Japan in her cavalry.

JAPANESE DIET

Special Session Enters on Business for Which It Was Called.

Tokio, March 24.—The special session of the diet has entered upon the business for which it was called. Premier Katsura and Minister of Foreign Affairs Komura addressed the house. The premier said the diet had been summoned at an unparalleled moment in the annals of the country. He counted it a great honor to share with the members of the diet the duty of upholding the noble policy of the emperor. The maintenance of the permanent peace of the Orient by the confirmation of the position of the emperor and by promoting friendly relations with the great powers respecting the legitimate rights of the powers, he said, was the established policy of Japan. Continuing he said: "Russia not only failed to meet the Japanese proposals but definitely resorted to actions calculated to injure the natural rights of Japan. Japan was compelled, in self-defense, to terminate negotiations and take independent action."

He was confident the world would recognize the justice and patience uniformly exercised by Japan in carrying forward the negotiations. He was anxiously desirous for peace, mindful of the woeful consequences which war brings to mankind. Minister of Foreign Affairs Komura placed before the house the full text of the diplomatic correspondence with Russia, commencing with the opening of negotiations in July last, and ending with instructions to Minister Kurino to withdraw from St. Petersburg. The substance of the correspondence has already been made public.

Helpful Russian Women.

Vladivostok, March 24.—While the situation here remains quiet, it is not expected that Vladivostok will continue to be much longer free from the vigorous operations of the Japanese. In anticipation of the appearance of the enemy and of a possible siege, a ladies' circle has been formed which sits six hours daily at the ministry of marine preparing bandages of linen for sick soldiers and sailors. Most of the women in Vladivostok belong to this circle, including the representatives of the aristocracy, who have determined to share the discomforts of the operations with their husbands.

St. Petersburg Is Complacent.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—As no further dispatches, official or otherwise, have arrived here from Port Arthur, the officials have come to the conclusion that the bombardment by the Japanese fleet on the night of March 21 and the morning of March 22 failed to cause any damage considered worthy to be reported to the emperor. In consequence considerable satisfaction at the continued fruitlessness of the Japanese assaults on Port Arthur prevails in high circles.

An Official Denial.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—The reports printed in Europe and the United States to the effect that a state of siege, such as has been proclaimed in Siberia and in Saratoff province, southeastern Russia (through which the Siberian railroad runs) will be extended to the whole of European Russia, is officially declared to be absolutely false. No

such measure has even been contemplated, it being considered quite unnecessary.

Result Still in the Dark.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—Two belated press dispatches dated Mukden, March 22, have been received. They refer briefly to the last bombardment of Port Arthur, but shed no new light on the result of the combat. The Novosti holds that the failure of this bombardment, despite the different disposition of the enemy's ships from that of the fruitless attack of March 9th, confirms the opinion of the inability of the Japanese to effectively conduct war.

Putting Down the Ton Haks.

Seoul, March 24.—The Ton Haks are giving trouble in the northeastern part of Korea and are making overtures to the Russians. A detachment of Japanese from Gensan engaged a body of Ton Haks near Samung with the result that 24 of the Ton Haks were killed or wounded and 35 were captured.

RACE WAR IN SIGHT

Three Negroes Killed by Posse and Reprisals Are Feared.

Dewitt, Ark., March 24.—Three negroes were killed in a battle between blacks and whites at St. Charles, this county. A posse of deputy sheriffs was engaged in a search for two white men who had seriously wounded two negroes who had been shot in a fist fight at St. Charles and while passing through a section of woodland they were fired at from a thicket by a party of negroes. The whites returned the fire and instantly killed Garrett Flood, Will Madison and Will Baldwin.

The tragedy has greatly aroused the community and further trouble is feared. A posse has left here for St. Charles.

Hubbard's Death Confirmed.

Williamstown, Mass., March 24.—The report of the death of Leonidas Hubbard, Jr., assistant editor of Outing magazine, while on an exploring expedition in Labrador, has been confirmed in a letter received by relatives of A. Dillon Wallace, a former Williamstown man, who is the surviving white man of the party. The letter was written by Wallace at Northwest river in December, nearly two months after the death of Hubbard, and it tells of his death and of the narrow escape of Wallace.

Ran Into Open Bridge.

Maysville, Ky., March 24.—The bodies of two unknown men were found on the Bentonville pike about twelve miles northeast of this city. Near them was found the wreck of an automobile. Heavy rains had washed out the bridge which was hid by a sharp turn in the road and they evidently ran into the vacant space. One of the men had a bible in his pocket and letters addressed to Joe Day, Maysville, Ky. The other had letters addressed to Dr. Gilligan, New Richmond, O.

Chinaman Wants to Know.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 24—Quong Gong, one of the Chinamen ordered deported by Commissioner Archibald last week, has sued out a writ of habeas corpus before Judge J. W. Locke, of the United States district court. His attorneys argued for his release on the grounds that the act of congress is unconstitutional as it requires a Chinaman being in the United States to establish proof of citizenship and heretofore is contrary to the fourteenth amendment.

Demands Were Rejected.

Brazil, Ind., March 24.—At the joint meeting of the operators and miners of the block coal district, in session here, the miners presented a list of demands embracing their wants for the coming two years. The operators refused to grant the demands. One of them said that all the demands were unreasonable and could not be considered. The miners are still in session. It is believed there will be no trouble, as all demands were unimportant.

Destructive Prairie Fire.

Bassett, Neb., March 24.—A disastrous prairie fire is raging in Rock county. The fire originated in Loup county and driven by a high wind, burned a strip from five to ten miles wide from the south line of the county to the railroad near Newport, a distance of forty miles. Thousands of tons of hay, many residences, outbuildings and stock has been destroyed. The fire is still burning.

TERSE TELEGRAMS

Much damage was caused in Chicago suburbs by spring floods, the worst in years.

Mrs. Miles, wife of Lieutenant General Miles, retired, of the army, is reported to be improving.

About two hundred painters are on strike at the World's Fair grounds to enforce higher wages.

Alaskans have been in Washington all winter pressing the claims of that territory for remedial legislation.

A violent rain and hail storm swept western Kentucky and southern Indiana. The property loss will be very heavy.

Two trainmen were killed and one fatally injured in a wreck near Oakland, Md., on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

PROCEEDING LEISURELY

House Making Slow Progress With the Postoffice Bill.

Washington, March 24.—When the house adjourned last evening some progress had been made in the reading of the postoffice appropriation bill for amendment but only six pages were disposed of. The appropriation for the railway mail service was carefully scrutinized, and in the case of inland mail transportation by star routes the appropriation was scaled down from \$8,100,000 to \$7,850,000. The question as to the length of time a postal car may be used before it becomes unfit for service was settled by the house when an amendment by Mr. Twaney (Minn.) was adopted providing that no part of the appropriation shall be used for the rental of cars which have been in service for more than fifteen years.

The senate spent the greater part of the day considering the Indian appropriation bill. Three hours of the time was given to a discussion of a claim of \$50,000 for services rendered the Choctaw Indians. It finally was eliminated from the Indian bill. The civil service debate was renewed, and there was considerable discussion of the policy to be pursued in securing employees for work on the Panama canal.

District of Columbia's Expenses.

Washington, March 24.—The senate committee on appropriations has reported the District of Columbia appropriation bill. It carries \$11,363,204, an increase of \$1,168,727 over the bill as passed by the house.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Never Has Chicago's Jail Been So Crowded With Murderers.

Chicago, March 24.—Louis Pesant was sentenced to hang on April 15 for the murder of Mrs. Mary Spilka. Pesant last fall strangled the woman to death to procure \$200 which she possessed.

The number of condemned prisoners now in the county jail is seven, a number that has been equaled only at the time of the anarchist trials. There are twenty-nine men in the jail awaiting trial for murder which is a greater number than has ever been in the jail for this crime, since the foundation of the city.

Samuel A. Groff's Case.

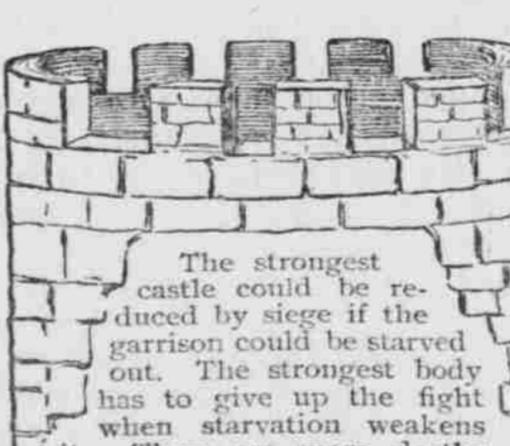
Washington, March 24.—The police trial board has decided to recommend that a fine of \$40 a month, pending an appeal of the case in the courts, be imposed on Policeman Samuel A. Groff, who was recently convicted and sentenced for conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the postal frauds. Since the indictment of Groff last summer he has been under suspension on full pay of \$90 a month.

Made Injudicious Investments.

Holdenville, I. T., March 24.—The National Bank of Holdenville, capitalized at \$50,000, one of the largest banks in the Creek nation, has suspended payment. It is now in the hands of the comptroller of the currency. The condition of the bank is fairly good. Injudicious investment is given as the cause of the trouble. The other local banks are not affected.

Proposition to Settle Strike.

Chicago, March 24.—It is probable that the strike of the painters and decorators will come to an end today. The employers have decided to offer to submit the demands of the men for an increase of wages to arbitration, and it is expected that the men will accept the proposition, and return to work. About 5,000 men are now out, for an increase of five cents an hour.



The strongest castle could be reduced by siege if the garrison could be starved out. The strongest body has to give up the fight when starvation weakens it. There are more deaths from starvation than the world dreams of. When the stomach is diseased and the food eaten is not digested and assimilated, then the strength of the body begins to fail because of lack of nutrition, and the weak body falls an easy victim to the microbes of disease.

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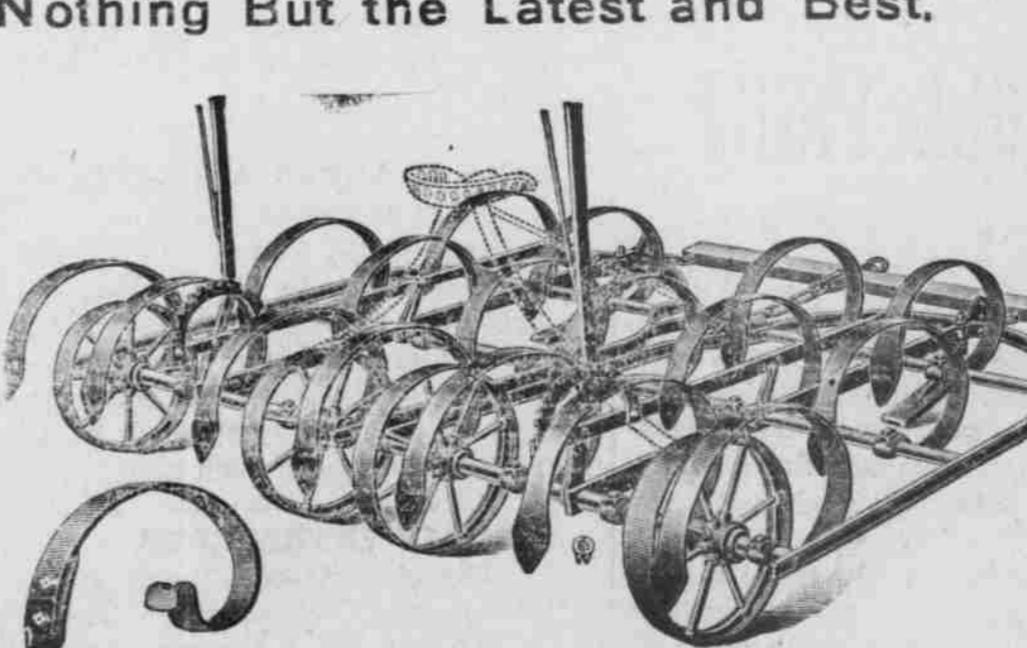
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