

CLEAR STATEMENT

Russian General Staff Outlines Scope of Present Operations.

WILL NOT SHOW HAND

The Plan of the Czar's Forces Is to Continually Harrass the Little Brown Men.

Disappointment Is Expressed Over Failure to Receive Details of Operations.

Paris, April 28.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal reports that a Russian submarine has sunk a Japanese transport which was convoying 600 men to Korea and that all the troops were lost.

Liao Yang, April 28.—The Japanese troops which crossed the Yalu north of Tchangdjou charged, during the night of April 26-27, the Russian position near Lizaveta, a village on the Manchurian bank of the Yalu. They were repulsed, but their loss is not known. Two gunboats steamed up the river to the support of the Japanese, when a Russian field battery at Amisan opened upon them, resulting in a duel which lasted for twenty minutes. The Russian fire was too hot and the gunboats were forced to turn and steam out of range. The Japanese were facilitated in crossing by their occupation of the Island of Samalinda.

Irkutsk, Siberia, April 28.—The Japanese have blown up a portion of the railway at Khailar.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—Disappointment prevails in St. Petersburg that no official dispatches giving details of the operations on the Yalu river have yet been made public. The press dispatches are so meager as to becloud rather than enlighten the people, who are hourly awaiting news.

The general staff has given out the following clear statement of the situation:

"Before beginning the passage of the Yalu the Japanese evidently completed the concentration of the armies along the river, commanded by Generals Kuroki and Oku. Each army is composed of three divisions and three reserve brigades. The total force is 100,000. The Russians on the Manchurian bank of the river are inferior in strength.

"Having perfected the essential preparations, the Japanese, without waste of time, commenced the passage of the river and the Russians realized that it would be impossible to prevent their crossing. The Japanese front extended from Wiju as far as Pick Tong, over eighty miles. We faced the possibility that they would cross at a score of places and all we could hope was to harass and impede the crossing, for every day gained enabled us to push our preparations and bring up more men.

"There are only two instances in history where an army was unable to cross a river—that of Napoleon at Aspern and that of Prince Eugene of Savoy at Lech. Both failed because of floods. The Yalu proved no exception to the established rule.

"We know that the Japanese crossed at least two points. Their first attempt to force a passage near Chand Che Kow, twenty miles above Wiju, near Siapoussikhe, on the Poussikhe, a tributary of the Yalu, was unsuccessful. This is important because a road leads from Siapoussikhe, northeast to Kwan Tien, which commands one of the roads to Mukden.

"It is evident that the Japanese devoted most of their attention to crossing near Wiju. The river here is divided into several channels by islands, the largest of which is Samalinda. Above and below Wiju the river was bridged at three points.

"Up the stream near Sindiaqon the Japanese were watched by a small detachment of Cossacks, but the enemy was practically unopposed. At Turenchen, lower down, our outposts directed a fire from field-piece so successfully that they destroyed the moorings and wrecked the pontoons. The enemy was thrown into disorder and suffered considerable loss. Still further down the stream the Japanese proceeded to make a third attempt at crossing.

"We do not think that the Japanese will attempt to land at Takushan or Tating Kau now that they have crossed the Yalu. The object of such landings has been to cause a diversion so as to enable the Japanese to cross the river. Takushan is not a good strategic point. The road leading thereto is bad and troops could only be supplied with great difficulty.

"With regard to future operations, we cannot speak. The Russians will not show their hand at this stage, but will continually harass the enemy, choosing their own time for a battle."

A military expert who is particularly impressed with the Japanese crossing near Siapoussikhe, said that the use of the road thereto would enable the enemy not only to march upon Mukden, but to outflank the Russian position at Feng Huan Cheng.

No definite news has been received regarding the whereabouts of the Vladivostok squadron, but the indications are that it has regained the harbor.

A PROPER RESERVE

Is Maintained by Mr. Knox in Pending Investigations.

Washington, April 28.—Attorney General Knox has transmitted to the house replies to the two resolutions of inquiry introduced by Mr. Williams (Miss.) relative to the trusts. First replying to the question as to whether any criminal prosecutions had been begun by him against persons involved in the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the Northern Securities case as guilty of violating the laws by entering into combinations in restraint of trade, the attorney general says:

"I have the honor to say that no criminal prosecutions have been instituted against the persons referred to in the resolution, and that further than this I do not deem it compatible with the public interest to comply with the resolution.

The other resolutions ask if any investigation ever was made by the department of justice of the so-called anthracite coal trust, consisting of the anthracite coal carrying railroads. The attorney general replies that "several witnesses refused to produce papers and answer questions which the commission considered and ruled to be germane to the inquiry; whereupon, under the direction of the attorney general, proceedings were begun in the United States circuit court in New York for the purpose of compelling the coal companies to produce papers and answer questions.

"The circuit court dismissed the petition of the interstate commerce commission, whereupon an appeal was taken by the United States directly to the supreme court of the United States. This appeal was decided in favor of the power of the committee to compel the production of the testimony, and as I am informed, the commission is about to renew the hearings, which, when completed, will lay before the department of justice, in connection with other evidence it has gathered itself and has been furnished to it by sundry persons, all the available information in relation to the alleged combination.

"Further than this I do not deem it compatible with the public interest to comply with the resolution."

PORTO RICO REPUBLICANS.

Ponce, Porto Rico, April 28.—The Republican convention met here yesterday and selected as delegates to the Republican national convention Joseph Gomez Brozio and Robert Todd, with Manuel H. Rossey and Pedro Besosa as alternates. The delegates were instructed for President Roosevelt.

WANTED TO MAKE DEATH SURE.

Lincoln, Neb., April 28.—George Wilson of Valley Junction, Ia., took strichine and then turned on the gas in his room at the Boyd hotel here. He is about twenty-five years old and probably will die. No reason for his act is known.

MARKET REPORT

Prevailing Prices for Grain and Livestock on April 27.

INDIANAPOLIS GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK.

Wheat—Wagon, \$1.00; No. 2 red, weak, \$1.01. Corn—Steady, No. 2 mixed, 47c. Oats—Steady; No. 3 mixed, 39½c. Hay—Clover, \$8@9; timothy, \$12@14; millet, \$8@9. Cattle—Steady at \$4.00@5.25. Hogs—Strong at \$6.12½. Sheep—Steady at \$3.25@5.50. Lambs—Steady at \$5.50@6.25.

AT CINCINNATI.

Wheat—Firm; No. 2 red, \$1.06. Corn—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 51c. Oats—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 41½c. Cattle—Steady at \$2.25@4.75. Hogs—Active at \$4.15@5.05. Sheep—Strong at \$2.75@4.50. Lambs—Strong at \$4.50@5.50.

LIVESTOCK AT CHICAGO.

Wheat—No. 2 red, 89@93c. Corn—No. 3, 45½@46½. Oats—No. 2, 37c. Cattle—Steady; steers, \$3.00@5.70. stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.25. Hogs—Lower at \$4.80@5.10. Sheep—Steady at \$2.50@5.25. Lambs—Strong at \$4.00@7.00.

AT NEW YORK.

Cattle—Slow at \$4.30@5.25. Hogs—Steady at \$2.75@3.55. Sheep—Firm, \$3.50@5.75. Lambs—Steady at \$5.50@6.40.

EAST BUFFALO LIVESTOCK.

Cattle—Steady at \$3.75@5.35. Hogs—Active at \$4.40@6.30. Sheep—Active at \$3.25@6.00. Lambs—Steady at \$4.00@7.30.

DELEGATE MAY DIE.

Unfortunate Incident Connected With State Convention.

Indianapolis, April 28.—T. L. Harmon, a farmer near Elwood, Ind., who came to the city as a delegate to the Republican state convention from the Eighth district, blew out the gas on retiring at the Princeton hotel in South Illinois street. He was found unconscious and nearly dead in the morning. Physicians were called and after working with him some time took him to the city hospital. Harmon's condition is such that he may die. He is forty-five years old.

Police Refuse to Accept Explanation.

South Bend, Ind., April 28.—Miss Ethel Warner, formerly an operator in the local telephone exchange, reports that she was thrown from a bridge into the water, twenty feet below, by a heavily bearded man who attacked her, but she managed to reach the bank. The police think it was a case of attempted suicide because she lost her place, and that she changed her mind after striking the water.

TOOK FINAL TILT

House on Its Last Legs Indulged In a Bit of Campaign Debate.

TO CROWDED GALLERIES

Messrs. Littlefield and Williams Engage in a Verbal Tilt Without Any Hard Feelings.

The Two Speakers Were Wildly Applauded By Their Respective Sides.

Washington, April 28.—In the presence of crowded galleries and of almost a full membership, Messrs. Littlefield of Maine and Williams of Mississippi in the house yesterday made speeches intended for the coming presidential campaign. The two speakers were wildly applauded by their respective sides, but there was an absence of personalities such as characterized the clash between Messrs. Dallzell and Cockran. Indeed, the best of humor prevailed.

Mr. Littlefield continually taunted the Democrats with the utterances of Mr. Cockran, and by name called on several of the prominent members of that party in the house to answer "yes" or "no" whether they approved Mr. Cockran's views, and whether they intended going before the people on the issue of free trade. He defended the protective tariff system from every point of view.

Mr. Williams, adopting the tactics of Mr. Littlefield, endeavored to force from the Republicans and from Mr. Littlefield in particular, categorical answers to several questions which he deemed pertinent. Mr. Littlefield answered "yes" when asked if he approved of everything in the McKinley administration, which enabled Mr. Williams to remind him that he (Littlefield) and Mr. Williams had stood together in opposition to colonialism.

Mr. Williams asserted that the Republicans were going before the people "on the issue borrowed from the gamblers' table of standing pat." The house sat until late in the afternoon and then recessed until 9 o'clock at night.

When the house reconvened Mr. Burton (Rep., O.) presented the conference report on the emergency river and harbor bill. It was adopted without debate.

IN THE SENATE.

The attention of the senate was devoted to consideration of reports of conference committees, set speeches, passage of bills to which there was little or no objection, and an executive session.

Final conference reports on the sundry civil, general deficiency, postoffice and the military academy appropriation bills were agreed to, practically without opposition. Speeches were made by Mr. Cullom on the conduct of foreign affairs by Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt. By Mr. Teller on the public land question, and by Mr. McLaurin on the old-age pension order and trusts. A resolution authorizing the continuation during the recess of the inquiry into the right of Mr. Smoot to his seat in the senate was favorably considered.

PANAMA QUESTION SETTLED.

Washington, April 28.—The conference on the Panama canal bill reached an agreement last night by accepting the first section of the senate bill providing for the payment of \$10,000,000 to Panama and the house provision placing the canal zone under the control of the president. No provision was made regarding the bonds for construction.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

Current Scores Made in the Big Leagues Given Here.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Chicago, 5; Cincinnati, 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Detroit, 5; Chicago, 3.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
At Indianapolis, 9; Milwaukee, 6.

Second game—Indianapolis, 8; Milwaukee, 9.

At Louisville, 5; Kansas City, 7.

At Toledo-St. Paul—Rain.

At Columbus-Minneapolis—Rain.

RELIEF FOR JAPANESE REFUGEES.

Washington, April 28.—Ambassador McCormick cables the state department from St. Petersburg that the United States commercial agent at Vladivostok reports that navigation is open to Korsakov, the town on the island of Saghalin where the Japanese refugees were ordered to be collected for transportation from Siberia. The Japanese minister already has informed the state department that his government has chartered a British steamer to bring away these Japanese. It will sail from Shanghai on the 28th inst.

NO GROUND FOR HIS DEMAND.

New York, April 28.—Former Chief of Police William S. Devery is not entitled to \$2,000 back pay from the time he was legislated out of office up to the present, for which amount he recently made a formal demand on the police department. This is the gist of an opinion issued by Corporation Counsel Delaney. The opinion says that Devery has no ground for making the application.

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