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LAST HOMAGE TO OHIO'S STATESMAN

Cleveland Today is Again a City of Sincere Mourning for Departed Legislator.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR HANNA.

Scores of Distinguished Men from All Over the Country Gather to Attend the Obsequies.

PRESIDENT'S MARK OF RESPECT.

Federal Buildings in Ohio Closed During Funeral and There Was No Cabinet Meeting.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 19.—The last rites over the body of Senator Marcus A. Hanna were held this afternoon at St. Paul's Episcopal church. During this solemn occasion Cleveland was silent. Nearly all business was suspended. Street railways and steam road traffic on every line in the city was stopped for five minutes from 1 to 1:05 o'clock. People generally in all parts of the city bowed their heads in reverence for a brief space of time at that hour.

Thousands who were unable to view the remains of the dead senator as they lay in state in the chamber of commerce auditorium yesterday and today, flocked to the church doors to witness the conveying of the black casket, bearing the remains of the senator into the church. There they stood with bared heads and moistened eyes as the cortege moved into the edifice where the last earthly tribute was paid the dead.

FUNERAL CORTAGE.

Promptly at noon the funeral cortege left the chamber of commerce building, preceded by a platoon of police for the church.

Following the police came a troop A, as guard of honor. Then came carriages containing the pall-bearers, the Washington delegation, the governor's staff, chamber of commerce committee, loyal legion committee and delegations representing various civic societies.

Prior to the removal of the body from the chamber of commerce to the church the wealth of floral offerings which were heaped about the auditorium were removed to the church. There they were placed near the altar.

Admittance to the services at this church was by card and limited to 500. The capacity of the auditorium.

Reservations on the center aisle were made for the family, governor's staff, Washington delegation and other distinguished guests. The church was filled long before the hour for the service to commence and thousands lined the street about the edifice.

MRS. HANNA.

A few minutes past 1 o'clock, Mrs. Hanna, accompanied by her son, Daniel, entered the church. She was dressed in deep black and was heavily veiled.

Other members of the family followed. After a moment's waiting the light tramp of feet and voices of clergy announced the presence in the building of the body of the dead. The clergy preceded it up the aisle repeated the usual sentences. The pall-bearers who carried the remains were: Governor Hendrick, Judge W. B. Sanders, Andrew S. J. W. Zerbe, C. A. Grasselli, M. H. Hough, W. J. McKinzie and Samuel Mathur.

When the body had been placed upon the bier and the pall-bearers seated, the choir sang the thirtieth and nineteenth psalms. President Pierce of the chamber of commerce, an institution of which Mr. Hanna was a benefactor, read the lesson which was from first Corinthians, fifteenth chapter, from the twentieth verse to the end of the chapter.

The choir, under the direction of Prof. C. E. Clemens, then sang the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light." Bishop Leonard then delivered the eulogy as follows:

BISHOP LEONARD'S EULOGY.

"We are gathered here today in this house of God for the last service of benediction over the body of our distinguished citizen, our kindly neighbor and our beloved friend. The nation has honored him with its civic function at the capital of the United States; the commonwealth of Ohio, by the hands of its governor, has received him back into her care and keeping; the city has stood silently about his bier, reverencing his memory and sorrowing at his departure. And now the holy church would commit his body to the earth from whence it came and his soul unto the righteous Savior, who redeemed him and who loved it with an infinite affection. It is not the time or place for eulogy and praise; such words will be fitly spoken by those well equipped for their noble task. But there are certain qualities and characteristics of this man so highly regarded by all classes of people that ought surely to receive recognition in the midst of his friends and associates and at this solemn hour the testimonies that have been given from many and varied sources blend together in a common strain and harmony as they speak of his high integrity, of his inflexible and dauntless purpose and his tender sympathy for the lowly and the distressed. Their composite results tend to say with unmistakable detail the features of his human service. Those who are assembled here need no inspiration for their love and estimation of this earnest helpful life. We know him well, we loved him well, we mourn for him with undiminished sorrow. But we shall see his face no more. He has gone to his home in the life that had no ending, with added enthusiasm for our tasks and toils, since we have noted how he did his duty for others and how unimpaired the world he served in goodness, nor ungrateful for what he strove after and for what he accomplished."

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he was fair and just in all his dealings. He was respected by every one in his country. Each man of the hundreds that looked upon him felt that in the master mine there always was the clear, unshakable element of integrity. His field was an open one and his methods were never degrading. And such a course with such an actuating motive invites antagonism of whatever is contemptible, false and selfish. And though the arrows fly swiftly, yet do they fall from such a shield harmlessly, and the champion sustained by his integrity stands forth unscathed and triumphant at last. He is an example to the young men of our country who would achieve success in any department of endeavor. And his advice is a legacy to the ardent youth who are greatly susceptible. "Then, too, he was a purposeful man. He had definite objects in his life. He had aims to achieve, goals to reach, standards to attain. Is he not conspicuous in this?"

The choir sang the hymn, "Forever with the Lord, Amen, So Let It Be." Dr. H. McGraw, rector of St. Paul's church, followed with the creed and prayer. The anthem, "I Heard a Voice From Heaven," was sung by the choir.

THE COMMITTEE SERVICE.

Bishop Leonard then read the committal service and pronounced the benediction. The body, only accompanied by the family and pall-bearers and Bishop Leonard, proceeded slowly out Euclid avenue to Lakeview cemetery, where a final farewell of the dead was taken in Wade memorial chapel. The services consisted simply of a prayer by the bishop. The body was deposited in a crypt in the chapel to await burial at the pleasure of the family.

On the way to the cemetery two striking marks of respect were shown the dead senator. At Adelbert college the students drew up in line in front of Hatch library and stood with uncovered heads as the cortege passed. Again at the Euclid avenue barracks, near the entrance of the cemetery, several hundred employees were drawn up in line and with bared heads paid their last respect to the dead.

Cleveland was a city of mourning today. Business was practically suspended and a large proportion of the population paid homage to the memory of their distinguished fellow citizen, Senator Marcus A. Hanna. Just four weeks ago today Senator Hanna left his home city for the nation's capital, happy in the thought of his triumphant re-election to the highest legislative body in the land. His one ambition then, as he himself stated, was to give to his country a season of uninterrupted service. To a few friends, before his leave-taking, the senator expressed a sentiment that seems to have foreshadowed an event of the future. "I am tired and think I have earned a rest. If I can go to Washington and simply attend to my duties as senator, I shall be happy," he said.

Just as dawn began to break over the city today, the doors of the chamber of commerce auditorium, where the body lay, was reopened to a vast throng of people who desired to view the face of the dead senator. The long lines of people stretched away until they reached the five blocks reached during yesterday afternoon.

The early hour of opening the doors to the chamber brought thousands of men with their dinner pails on their way to their daily work. In such a throng, however, that many were unable to remain in line and consequently were deprived of a last look at the face of the dead statesman. Early morning brought many excursionists from surrounding towns who stood in line waiting their turn were also disappointed when the doors to the chamber were closed at 11 o'clock to prepare for the removal of the body to the church for the funeral service.

At 10 o'clock the members of the state legislature, who recently chose Mr. Hanna to represent the commonwealth of Ohio in the United States senate, succeeded in their effort to have their bodies to the chamber of commerce in a body and looked for the last time upon the face of the dead statesman. Men of the country arrived in Cleveland to attend the funeral services and the early morning hours of today greatly augmented that number. The Washington delegation arrived at 10:30 o'clock and was at once driven to the Hollister hotel. The party comprised Secy. Taft, of the war department; Secy. Wilson, of the agricultural department; Secy. Cortelyou, of the commerce and labor department; Commissioner Garfield, chief of the bureau of corporations in the department of commerce and labor; Senators Foraker, Perkins, Warren, Fairbanks, Scott, Beveridge, Kittredge, Cockrell, Martin and McPherson. They were accompanied by the secretary of the senate, Charles C. Bennett, B. W. Layton, doorkeeper; W. L. Cornelius, secretary to the sergeant-at-arms, and several senate aides.

Other distinguished personages were Gov. Duffell of Indiana and staff; J. Pleasant Morgan and party of New York; George B. Cox and party, of Cincinnati; and a number of business and social friends of the head senator from Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Pittsburg and New York.

FEDERAL OFFICES CLOSED. Cincinnati, O., Feb. 19.—By direction of President Roosevelt, all the federal offices in Cincinnati closed at 1 o'clock this afternoon as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Hanna. The United States courts, after ordering adjournment in honor of the deceased senator entered upon the journal, adjourned as a further mark of respect. All the local courts adjourned, and the chamber of commerce and the stock exchange adjourned at 1 p. m. The traction companies were shut off for five minutes at 1 o'clock and every street car on the lines stopped for that length of time.

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Russia Has Replied to Secy. Hay's Note

Handed to Ambassador McCormick Today—Germany Secures the Right to Inaugurate a Uniform Police System in Shan Tung—Dowager Empress of China Reported Dead—A Japanese Cruiser Arrives at Wu Sung, near Shanghai.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—Russia's reply to Secy. Hay's note on China was handed to Ambassador McCormick today.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19.—It is reported at Wei Hsien (the most important city in the province of Shan Tung), that Germany has secured the right to inaugurate a uniform police system in all the cities of Shan Tung. The Chinese received the announcement favorably.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A special dispatch from Canton says it is reported in official circles there that the Dowager Empress of China is dead.

The Chinese legation here has heard nothing of the reported death of the dowager empress and discredits it. Neither Canton nor Hong Kong are reliable sources of news.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19.—A large Japanese cruiser arrived at Wu Sung (eleven miles north of Shanghai), today.

MADRID, Feb. 19.—A Russian warship has arrived at a Canary Island port. The authorities have notified her commander that his ship may remain in port for a limited time, but he cannot be provided with coal in quantity more than sufficient to enable him to reach the nearest Russian port.

Premier Mura denies the report that the British government hinted to Spain the necessity for adopting measures to safeguard her neutrality in the Russo-Japanese dispute, asserting that no diplomatic negotiations whatever have been received on the question and that the military measures taken were a step required by a most elementary prudence.

Salt Lake City Seeks to Restrain County.

Municipality Asks Supreme Court for a Writ of Prohibition Against Assessor Eldredge and Other County Officials From Doing What Would Greatly Jeopardise its Revenues.

The matter of the authority of the county assessor to assess the property of railroad, street railway, car, depot, telegraph and telephone companies in this county instead of allowing the state board of equalization to make such assessments, was this morning brought to the attention of the supreme court by the filing of a petition for a writ of prohibition to prevent the assessor from proceeding further with the assessment of such property.

The petition was filed by City Attorney Dey on behalf of the city, and is directed against Benjamin R. Eldredge as assessor, Salt Lake county and the state board of equalization. Several weeks ago County Attorney Westervelt rendered an opinion in which he held that the statute permitting the state board of equalization to assess the above corporations owning property in this county which does not extend outside of the county, is unconstitutional and that that power belongs to the county assessor.

It was stated at that time that the matter would be tested in the courts, so the action of today was not unexpected. In presenting the petition, City

Attorney Dey requested that the court determine the matter at this term of court, as it is a question of great public importance. County Attorney Westervelt also joined in the request that the court give the matter early attention.

The petition, after reciting that Benjamin R. Eldredge is the duly elected county assessor, recites the following facts: That said Benjamin R. Eldredge, as such assessor, under the advice and direction of the county attorney, is about and intends to assess all property and franchises owned by railroad, street railway, car, depot, telegraph and telephone companies, and the net proceeds of mines, in said county for the purpose of having such assessment used as a basis of valuation for the purpose of taxation, for the county and city taxes of Salt Lake county and city for the year 1904; that it is the intention to use such proposed assessment for such purpose by the officers of Salt Lake county, as dependent is informed and believes.

"That exclusively within the boundaries of Salt Lake City, subject to assessment for taxation and revenue of said city and county, there is extensive and valuable property and franchises owned by private corporations, which the said county assessor intends and

about to assess for the purposes aforesaid, in violation of the laws of the State of Utah, by which the aforesaid property is exclusively required to be assessed for the purposes aforesaid by the state board of equalization of the state.

That said county assessor and other county officers, if permitted to make and use such assessment of said property, will exceed his and their jurisdiction and jeopardize and imperil the revenue of Salt Lake City for the year 1904.

Wherefore, dependent prays this court that it will exercise the authority conferred upon it by law and issue a writ of prohibition directed to said Benjamin R. Eldredge, as assessor, and Salt Lake county, prohibiting the assessor and other officers of Salt Lake county from further entertaining or proceeding with the assessment of any or all of said property and franchises in Salt Lake City, owned by railroad, street railway, car, depot, telegraph and telephone companies, and restraining them and each of them from bringing into effect or proceeding upon any assessment or valuation of said property specifically herein mentioned, and for such other and further relief as may be just.

The court took the matter of the hearing on the petition under advisement.

FROSTY CARNIVAL IN ST. PETERSBURG

Closing Days of Annual Event Denotes That There is Little Rejoicing in Russia.

CRITICISM ON HAY PROPOSAL.

The Novoe Vremya in Leading Editorial Says Does Not See Why Russia Cannot Agree.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—Today and tomorrow, the closing days of carnival week, will be observed practically only by a cessation of work. There will be little rejoicing. Such a carnival time is not remembered. There have been no festivities and no gay parties to the festival. Instead, people gathered about the bands playing in the streets or following the troops departing for the front.

None of the reports from abroad of renewed Japanese attacks on Port Arthur has yet been officially confirmed, although private advices continue to reach an attempted landing which was repulsed.

An official confirmation announcing Russia's withdrawal from participation in the St. Louis exposition is published in the following terms:

"The ministry of finance hereby brings to the notice of intending exhibitors at St. Louis that in view of the refusal of merchants and manufacturers owing to existing circumstances, to send exhibits to America, the Russian government has recognized the necessity to decline to participate in the aforesaid exposition."

The Novoe Vremya in a leading editorial on Secy. Hay's proposal in regard to the neutrality of China, says it does not see why Russia cannot agree to it, if it means only Chinese neutrality.

"The document appears to protect Russia from a flank attack, the Novoe Vremya adds, and recognizes her exceptional position north of the great wall, but the note stands or falls with the reality of Chinese neutrality. So long as China honestly and successfully maintains neutrality Russia will be unwilling to violate it."

W. N. Kokovosoff, who yesterday was appointed finance minister in succession to M. Pleske, is considered to be a most

determined opponent of the financial policy of M. Witte, who resigned his position as minister of finance in August last. He has for many years been ambitious to become finance minister and was appointed M. Witte's assistant while the latter held the portfolio, but owing to a disagreement he resigned. M. Witte's resignation is regarded here as being a safe, conservative financial and it is believed under his administration Russian credit abroad will be sustained. In spite of the appointment it is possible that M. Witte will be given supreme control of the finances.

As a means of meeting the extraordinary war expenses, the Bourse Gazette believes the present is a favorable time for an income tax, which will not meet with opposition owing to the general readiness of the nation to share the burden imposed by the war.

W. G. Raoul Will Retire.

New York, Feb. 19.—William G. Raoul, president of the National Railroad company of Mexico has announced to the directors his intention not to accept a re-election in April. His desire is to devote more time to personal affairs.

No formal action on the matter was taken at the meeting of the board at which Mr. Raoul's statement was presented.

Iowa Resolution.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 19.—The house committee on federal relations of the Iowa legislature has received a resolution calling attention to the possible effects of the Russia-Japan war on Christian civilization and commerce in the far east, of the uniform kind during our entire history; their sympathy for our struggle for independence and their great service to us during the war of the rebellion. It urges that as a neutral power we should carefully refrain from expressing a sympathy that would indicate that we are unimpaired of past favors. If the time comes when it is necessary in the interest of the conflict, we should, it says, cast our lot with a power that is friendly rather than commercially unfriendly to us.

LT. MACRAE AND SIX PRIVATES KILLED BY FANATICS

Manila, Feb. 19.—Lieut. Macrae and six privates of the constabulary have been killed by a bold rush of 500 fanatics, while patrolling the east coast of the island of Samar. Private Salomon of the Fourteenth cavalry, stationed at Jolo, has also been killed by bolomen.

SOP FOR BOBS.

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SENSATION IN MURDER CASE.

Attorney for George Levy, Condemned to Death, Says He Has New Evidence.

HIS EXECUTION IS POSTPONED.

Counsel intimates that Another Person Is Guilty of the Murder of Davis Levy.

(Special to the "News.")

Boise, Ida, Feb. 19.—Judge Stewart this morning refused the time for the hanging of George Levy for Friday, April 15. Levy was convicted in February, 1902, of the murder of Davis Levy in this city on Oct. 3, 1901, his case having since been pending before the state supreme court. The judgment of the lower court was recently affirmed and the re-sentencing of the convicted man followed.

A. A. Fraser, attorney for the condemned man, stated in the Deseret News correspondent that he had discovered new evidence, which has never been brought out in any of the proceedings, which he will present to the court in a final effort to save his client. He intimated very strongly that his evidence involves some entirely new person in the crime of which George Levy is convicted, saying he shall apply for a secret session of the pardon board in which to present this new evidence.

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the public to such an extent that it threatened to lead to a serious attack on the government in parliament. The king's first intimation of his disapproval of the war office treatment was to invite Lord Roberts to Buckingham palace, where another attempt was shown to the field marshal. This has now been followed by a general army order, which was sent out by the king personally.

GENEVA CONVENTION.

Conference to Revise It Indefinitely Postponed. Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 19.—In consequence of the war between Russia and Japan, the federal council has postponed indefinitely the conference summoned to meet at Geneva May 16, to revise the Geneva convention with the view of improving the treatment of wounded men.

Victim of the War.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—Max H. Meyer, a well known broker on the bourse, shot and killed himself with a revolver at his villa last night. His mind had become disordered owing to the loss of \$100,000 by the fall in Russian securities. Herr Meyer had, however, a fortune several times larger than his liabilities.

MALCOM FORBES DEAD.

Was a Patron of Light Harness Racing and Yachting.

Millon, Mass., Feb. 19.—Malcolm Forbes, widely known as a patron of harness racing and as a yachtsman, died today at his residence here. Mr. Forbes had been suffering from an internal ailment for about a week. Two operations performed as a last resort failed. Mr. Forbes was nearly 60 years of age. He was very wealthy. For many years was a heavy shareholder in the American Bell Telephone company and other properties. As a horse owner and promoter both as an owner and breeder of famous racing stock and as a yachtsman he had actively participated in international cup races.

Chas. W. Graves Indicted.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 19.—Charles W. Graves, under arrest charged with putting his wife to death and burning the body, was indicted today for murder in the first degree. The charged remains of Mrs. Graves was found in December last, locked in their home. A daughter of Mrs. Graves, Miss Winifred Reeder, of the Grand Opera company, arrived home a week after her mother's body was found, to spend the holidays, and was then first informed of the tragedy. She was the principal witness for the state against her step-father.

MONTANA MURDER.

Body of Unknown Man Riddled With Bullets Near Stockett.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 19.—The body of an unknown man was found on the prairie near Stockett. There were five bullet holes in the body and the victim's pockets were turned inside out. A companion of this man has disappeared. The victim is known to have had \$50.

TWO GAS VICTIMS.

Jos. B. Canfield and Hired Girl Asphyxiated.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 19.—Asphyxiation by coal gas from a coal stove is said to have been the cause of death of Joseph B. Canfield, superintendent of the Canfield Rubber company, and his Swedish maid servant whose bodies were discovered in their sleeping rooms in the Canfield residence, this city today. Mrs. Canfield apparently is suffering from the effects of gas inhalation.

FRENCH NEUTRALITY.

Government Issues Instructions Relative to Its Observance.

Paris, Feb. 19.—It is announced officially that the French government has issued instructions relative to the observance of neutrality and that, practically, they are the same as those issued concerning the observance of neutrality during the Spanish-American war but it is pointed out that the French navigation law contains a positive requirement that belligerent ships shall leave a neutral port within 24 hours, and that, therefore, this matter is one of regulation by custom, instead of being a legal requirement, as under the British navigation laws.

No change has yet been announced relative to permitting the Russian squadron to remain at Jibuti, French Somaliland, the authorities evidently being desirous to follow the observance of neutrality without unnecessarily causing offense or embarrassment to a power with which France is closely allied.

RUSSIA'S REPLY RECEIVED.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Secy. Hay received by cable from Ambassador McCormick the reply of the Russian government to the proposal relating to Chinese neutrality. It is considered by the department to be responsive to our note and its substance has been communicated to the governments of Japan and China.

DOMINICAN REBELS.

FINALLY FIRED ON.

U. S. Cruisers Newark and Columbia Forced to Fire on Them Because of Their Insolence.

New York, Feb. 19.—A French mail steamship which has arrived here reports that the United States cruisers Newark and Columbia have, says a Herald dispatch from St. Thomas, D. W. I., been forced to fire on the Dominican rebels outside of the city of San Domingo because the insurgents fired upon an American mail steamship. The American commander has forbidden either party fighting within the city limits. Great distress and starvation prevail in San Domingo and the town of Hayti, has been declared in a state of siege.

Ships Ashore and in Collision.

London, Feb. 19.—The Belgian steamer Phillipeville, which left Antwerp yesterday for the Congo, with 100 passengers on board, went ashore off Dougeness, Kent, in a fog today. Lifeboats and tugs are in attendance upon her. She was subsequently floated and proceeded for her destination.

The British steamer Lake Michigan, from St. John, N. B., and Halifax for London, has been in collision and is anchored near Dougeness awaiting tugs. She is seriously damaged amidships. Her engine room and smokestack became full of water, the captain signalled that the water was gaining on the cargo, and the steamer was finally beached in a sinking condition.

The vessel with which the Lake Michigan collided was the British bark Mattheron from San Francisco, Sept. 18, for Antwerp. She has passed Dover in tow, with her head gear gone and her bows damaged.

RUSSIA'S BASE OF OPERATIONS.

It Will be Harbin and There She Will Concentrate Her Troops.

400,000 MEN IN MANCHURIA.

Before Twelve Days Have Elapsed They Will be Distributed Over That Province.

MAY RETREAT FROM PORT ARTHUR

It Might be a Wise Move—Russians Are Massing in the Yalu Valley—Also Marching on Seoul.

Paris, Feb. 19.—A representative of the Matin who has reached the center of the Russian military concentration at Harbin after great hardships, due to the Trans-Siberian railway trains being crowded with thousands of soldiers, in a dispatch from Harbin yesterday, confirms the announcement that that place will be the main base of the Russian operations. Thus far the base has succeeded in maintaining its communication with Port Arthur. The concentration of troops, the correspondent says, proceeds systematically and provision has been made for the speedy arrival of 12,000 men from the divisions of Moscow, Kieff and Varsovie. Before 12 days shall have elapsed the Russians will have disposed of an army of 400,000 men through Manchuria. Intense demoralization exists among the populace and the people of the surrounding villages are flocking into the town, seeking to reach western Russia. The railroad trains, however, are blocked and over 2,000 voyagers are thus held up. The intense cold prevailing increases the suffering and adds to the difficulties of bringing forward troops.

MAY RETREAT FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Paris, Feb. 19.—Significance is attached to the Figaro's discussing the possible retreat of the Russian forces from Port Arthur toward the north. The Figaro, which is intensely pro-Russian and enjoys the favor of the Russian court, says:

"The Russian note explaining the delays in the military operations has had the effect of confirming Viceroy Alexieff's plan to withdraw northward to Mukden and Harbin."

The military council of the Figaro declares this would be a wise and tactful movement as the Russian troops are better able to make a stand further north.

RUSSIANS CONCENTRATING.

Harbin, Manchuria, Thursday, Feb. 19.—The Russian troops are concentrated in the lower Yalu river valley. Everybody is in high spirits and daily expecting reinforcements.

The Russian families leaving Manchuria owing to the dearth of provisions, of which all are required for the troops.

The Manchurian and especially the Trans-Siberian railroads cannot cope with the demands for transportation. Women and children are unable to get trains and many are waiting at the stations suffering from cold and hunger.

The rise in prices is due to some extent to the fall in the value of paper money, which in some places has gathered refused. It is expected that there will be sufficient supplies of bread, meat, butter, petroleum and fodder, but not enough sugar, preserved meats and linen, and there will be a great scarcity of boots. It is not to be expected that such stores can arrive for some time.

The Manchurian railroad officials have applied for extra allowances of pay.

RUSSIANS MARCH ON SEOUL.

New York, Feb. 19.—Reports received here from Korea state that Russian troops are advancing toward Seoul and that a strong position at Ping Yang has been occupied by them, says a Herald dispatch from Tokyo.

While present movements, however, do not indicate any immediate intention of attacking the Korean capital, the Japanese legation in Seoul has been greatly strengthened during the last few days.

JAPANESE VOLUNTEERS.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Speaking of the war the Japan Mail, which has just reached this city says: