

BATTLE MAY BE EXPECTED SOON.

Ching-Ching River the Only Thing That Now Separates Russian And Japanese Scouts.

KUROPATKIN LIVES IN A TRAIN.

Will Maintain Headquarters There—Correspondents Moving to The Front.

London, March 18.—A correspondent of the Times at Tokio says that the Russian and Japanese scouts are now separated only by the Ching-cheng river, just north of Anju. The dispatch adds that the foreign correspondents will leave for the front on either March 22 or March 23, but their destination is still unknown.

A correspondent of the Times at Wei-Hai-Wei cables under yesterday's date: "I arrived at Pingyang inlet on March 15 and proceeded to Chiam-po. Navigation was difficult, owing to the drift ice. I found anchored there both war vessels and transports. Disembarkation has been difficult, but the Japanese have brought all necessary appliances. Pontoon jetties have been built and extend for hundreds of yards, and the transports brought their own landing barges."

The correspondent describes the landing movements and the disposal of the forces with some detail, and says: "Despite the terrible weather, the infantry march 25 miles a day, each man carrying nearly 100 pounds. It was a severe test, but they did well. Covered by this force, a larger force is now disembarking within easier distance of the Japanese objective, while preparations are reported proceeding at the only practical port on the east coast of Korea. The Japanese are now holding Anju and the line of the Ching-cheng river. The actual land front points to a further retirement of the Russian forces."

KUROPATKIN'S HEADQUARTERS.

London, March 17.—Aside from brief cablegrams announcing the loss of another Russian torpedo boat destroyed by firing a mine at Port Arthur and scattering dispatches telling of the movement of the land forces of the belligerents, there is little in the way of war news.

The torpedo vessel destroyed was the Skorok. The disaster occurred yesterday, and was attended by heavy loss of life, only four of the crew, numbering about 60 men, escaping.

Reports of the great damage and heavy loss of life at Port Arthur during the bombardment by the Japanese on Sunday last are confirmed in a dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff. A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that Gen. Kuropatkin is now near Omak, Siberia. He is making very fast time, averaging over 532 miles per day, everything being aided to get him to Mukden in March, the only stops, except to change engineers, being occasionally to inspect passing troop trains. Regarding the campaign plans of the Russians, the same dispatch says:

"While the Russians are mobilizing for the purpose of working out an offensive military program, they will be compared to moving heavy forces in any direction to meet the Japanese, whose command of the sea gives them great freedom in selecting their points of attack."

"Gen. Kuropatkin will live on a train with his staff and be prepared to move anywhere his presence is required."

"If the Japanese land in force on the coast of Northern Korea, Gen. Kuropatkin will move his headquarters further north, along the railroad. If there is fighting along the Yalu, which now seems probable, he will go forward to Feng Huan Cheng."

"Great precautions are being taken to guard against surprises. The Japanese have always shown a preference for night attacks, and most rigorous orders have been issued to keep up a continuous advance of scouting parties and to have heavy pickets out at night."

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chefoo, who has just visited Chiam-po, Korea, says:

"On the way to Chiam-po was passed a constant succession of Japanese transports. Three thousand Japanese landed at Chiam-po at the end of last week."

The correspondent adds that the Russians are retreating across the Yalu river before the advance of the Japanese outposts, and that their forces in this district number 30,000.

Price of Iron Bars Advanced.

New York, March 18.—Leading east-side manufacturers of bar iron at a protracted meeting here, have fallen in line with the recent rise in soft steel bars at the west and decided unanimously to advance prices \$1 per ton. In other words, these manufacturers who compete with the iron known as the eastern bar iron association agreed to fix prices at \$1.35 per 100 pounds Pittsburgh, and \$1.45 per 100 pounds New York.

Trade conditions were discussed at length at the meeting and the statement was made that most of the leading bar iron interests are inclined to take a hopeful view of the future. All the mills east of Pittsburgh were represented.

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The States of the Good Shepherd, at their convention, "Our Lady of the Woods," Carthage, Ohio, under the leadership of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, just tell him, "There's nothing just as good." He says so because he hopes to make a better profit but his own mixture have not stood the test of experience without complete success, the proprietors of that medicine would like to hear from such person—and it will be to her advantage to write them as they offer, in perfect good faith, a reward of \$500 for any case of the above maladies which they cannot cure. No other medicine for woman's ills is possessed of the unparalleled curative properties that would warrant its makers in making such an offer.

When the druggist says he has something that is as good as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, just tell him, "There's nothing just as good." He says so because he hopes to make a better profit but his own mixture have not stood the test of experience without complete success, the proprietors of that medicine would like to hear from such person—and it will be to her advantage to write them as they offer, in perfect good faith, a reward of \$500 for any case of the above maladies which they cannot cure. No other medicine for woman's ills is possessed of the unparalleled curative properties that would warrant its makers in making such an offer.

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Advice—sent on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps for a copy in paper, at stamps in cloth binding. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. Pleasant Pellets in the house. One Pellet is a laxative, two a mild cathartic.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS PROMISING.

Labor Troubles in New York Offset By Action of the Soft Coal Miners.

MONEY MARKET QUITE EASY. Unusual Accumulation of Funds at New York Counterbalanced by Less Mercantile Demand.

New York, March 18.—Special trade advice from correspondents of the International Mercantile agency throughout the United States chronicle interruptions and chances incidental to breaking from snow storms, into a semblance of spring weather and the usual season's increase of labor disturbances. The latter, despite their seriousness at New York are offset by the conservative action of 100,000 soft coal miners who have decided to accept a reduction in wages.

Prices for wheat and cotton dropped further than many bears expected. Over a considerable period wheat should range relatively high on 10,000,000 bushels decline in domestic visible and invisible supplies within three years. The long predicted freer movement of cotton from the interior with growing short sentiment has had the natural effect.

The unusual accumulation of funds at New York by which banks are strengthened against the day of Panama settlements and possible needs by banks at European centers and in part to checked demands for mercantile accommodation. In Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago and St. Louis there is a slackening in demands from banks also. On the other hand, Boston bank report no such check. Except at Chicago, among these cities, railway shipping facilities have vastly improved since last week but Pittsburgh reports many cars needed, which have been sent to New York Central, Lake Shore and Canadian points.

General trade is quiet. St. Louis takes the brightest returns, with business well ahead of last year in dry goods and agricultural implements, and swelling volumes of sales of clothing, drugs and groceries.

The entry of Pennsylvania railroad as a buyer in the steel rail market leaves no doubt that the steel and iron industries will take on renewed activity at an early day, and that prices in some varieties will be still further advanced. The sentiment in New York financial circles has improved greatly since the merger decision, and standard stocks which fell 5 per cent with long time money at 4 1/2 per cent are now beginning to have their natural incline.

In the Canadian Dominion congested traffic has been relieved by milder weather. There is considerable activity in the distribution of spring goods, particularly cottons, millinery and footwear. Retailing at larger Canadian centers promises to be quite active. The increase at Toronto will probably be 25 per cent as compared with last year. The prospect is for heavy immigration.

Very Cold in Korea.

New York, March 18.—Although the ice in Ping Yang inlet is broken, there is much drifting, says a Times dispatch from Chiam-po, Korea. The weather is intensely cold, but such Japanese troops as are not immediately pushed forward after landing from the transports are bivouacking with their animals in the open and agricultural implements and swells volumes of sales of clothing, drugs and groceries.

Negroes Boycot Kerbin.

Snow Hill, Md., March 18.—Delegate William G. Kerbin of Worcester county who has been pushing the "Jim Crow" bill in the state legislature, has been boycotted by negroes. Kerbin boards at a hotel here. When he returned from Annapolis and entered the dining room he was informed that the colored cook had refused to prepare another meal for him. Hungry and angry, he traveled to Baltimore before obtaining food. His colored landlady also has joined the movement.

CONSTRUCTION OF PANAMA CANAL.

Admiral Walker Favors Beginning It at the Earliest Possible Moment.

AS TO LETTING OF CONTRACTS.

No General One Will be Awarded—A Problem to be Solved is That of Labor.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, March 13.—The Panama canal commission, with Admiral Walker at its head, will sail for the isthmus on the 23rd. In the meantime William Nelson Cromwell, agent of the French company, has gone to Paris to secure the final papers necessary for the transfer and representatives of the United States will check up the property which is to be turned over with the stock and deeds when the formal possession is assumed. Admiral Walker is determined that there shall be no delay or possible in beginning operations. One thing has already been settled. It is that no general contract will be awarded for the entire work. Instead the route of the canal will be divided into sections and contracts to such firms, corporations or individuals as have the necessary machinery and tools. There are already a large number of such persons and firms in the field attempting to secure the contracts.

One of the greatest difficulties to be encountered is in connection with the labor problem. At first negro labor will be employed almost exclusively, the negroes of Jamaica, Guiana and the jorjy of the workmen. But difficulty is expected with the contract labor laws of the United States. It is feared that the authorities may hold that the American law relative to alien labor applies to the canal zone of the isthmus, in which event it will be impossible to import labor from Jamaica. The experiences of the French company have shown that the Jamaica negro can handle the miasmatic climate of the isthmus better than any other. The natives themselves are useless and even the Jamaica negro will not work after pay day until he has succeeded in exchanging every dollar of his wages for rum.

Some of the men best posted as to climate and labor conditions predict that before the canal is completed it will be necessary to employ Chinese coolies. But here again the exclusion of such a people creates a difficulty. Congress may be called upon to enact laws to make up as a possible obstacle and upon the importation of labor to the isthmus.

It is believed that when the work is under full swing at least 25,000 and possibly 25,000 men will be under employment upon the great ditch.

SAN DOMINGO TO BE OCCUPIED.

San Domingo will be occupied by the United States forces within the next 60 days unless there is a change in the administration program. All advice received from the republic indicates that a state of anarchy exists which threatens the interests of every nation having commercial relations with San Domingo. The United States will not permit England, France or Germany to interfere with the domestic affairs of the republic, and as this country has assumed the role of protector of all the independent countries of Central America and adjacent islands, there is nothing left but to establish a government which shall afford protection to all persons alike.

Asst. Secy. Loomis is expected back from his mission to San Domingo within 10 days, and upon his report the administration will act promptly. No clash of arms is expected as the de facto government is anxious and willing that the United States shall interfere and that happens to be exactly what the numerous revolutionary leaders desire.

A COLORED CONSUL.

It is not generally known that the United States is represented in the far east by a colored man. The American consul at Vladivostok is Richard T. Greener, the first man with negro blood in his veins to be graduated from Harvard. Greener was born in South Carolina, and after receiving his degree at Harvard he came to Washington and was for several years the law clerk in the office of the comptroller of the treasury. Later he practiced law in Washington and was factotum for John D. Rockefeller. When before the court of inquiry when that unfortunate colored cadet was accused of slitting his own ears in his dormitory at West Point, Greener left Washington to become secretary of the Montgomery Ward store and at the same time acted in like capacity for the civil service board of the city of New York.

The consulate at Vladivostok was

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virtually created for him some four or five years ago. President McKinley regarded Greener as one of the very best colored men in the country, and it was due to the president's suggestions that what had formerly been a small consular or commercial agency was elevated to the rank of a consulate with a salary of \$2,500 per annum. Mr. Greener is a man of wide reading and great intelligence. His reports from Russia's far eastern port have furnished the state department with invaluable data. In fact, so much information has been received from this source that the greater part of the archives of the intelligence offices of the war and state departments was obtained from this source. The nature of the communications from the consul is of such a character that it cannot be published but it is nevertheless fully appreciated by the war and navy as well as the state department.

There will be no haste over the selection of a chairman for the National Republican committee. This statement is authorized in the last few days the subject of a national chairman has been broached to President Roosevelt. In reply he has stated emphatically that he has not considered the question of a national chairman nor would he until the proper time came about. He has stated to friends who have visited him in the last week and representing all sections of the country that he believed the national committee should be authorized to select a chairman to direct the coming campaign, and that he would not in any wise interfere with the rights and prerogatives of that committee in the naming of a chairman. However, those who believe as the president's mind is made up as to the person whom he would like to see at the head of the committee. If his mind is made up he has kept the name of the person religiously to himself for his closest advisers state that they know the president's mind is not fixed upon any particular individual. It is true that a number of distinguished Republicans have been suggested for the place but as yet no one has been selected as a possible candidate to perform the exacting duties of national chairman. But beyond the mere suggestion nothing substantial has been mentioned as a very likely candidate for the place but the governor of New York has put a quietus on the use of his name by emphatically stating that he is not only not a candidate, but that he could not take the position if nominated. He has stated that he believes in the president's mind is made up as to the person whom he would like to see at the head of the committee. 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