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London, March 16.—War cables today deal principally with the movement of Russian land forces. They indicate that the principal body of the Russian force has crossed the Yalu and must soon come upon the advance of the Japanese, when a great battle is expected.

A Yinkow dispatch, under today's date, says:

The only reliable reports at the present moment from the main Manchurian cities show a quiet movement along the railway, and such cities as Mukden, which are off the main line, are undisturbed. The people here are not in possession of definite news of outside events.

The chief movement on the Feng Huang Cheng military road is the dispatch of riders to and from the Russian advance forces.

A credible native arrived here today bringing a report, as late as March 12, from Feng Hunang Cheng to the effect that the main body of the concentrated Russian forces had crossed the Yalu, leaving small bodies of troops at Antung and other points to guard the river.

A fortnight ago a few spies visited Antung, but since then no Japanese have been seen west of the Yalu.

The continuous attacks of the Japanese have compelled the steady occupation of the Liao Tung peninsula. The last bombardment of Port Arthur rendered every part of the fortress of Port Arthur unsafe. Residents assert that fragments of Japanese shells fell everywhere, and that some coaches and buildings were destroyed, though most of the damage on shore was unimportant.

Foreigners choosing to remain in the interior must now sign an agreement restricting their movements and stipulating that a special pass is necessary when leaving their bounds.

It is authentically reported that for a week past there has been only a small and change in the military garrison at Haicheng, but that a large force has been stationed at the invaluable fortified and strategical town of Ashan-Shan, where the Japanese army concluded its advance during the war between China and Japan.

A dispatch from Paris says the Tokio correspondent of the Matin sends this information, which, he says, comes from a reliable authority, concerning the Japanese military situation up to March 10:

"The first army of 70,000 troops, under Gen. Kurokin, occupies northern Korea. The brigade landed at Gensan forms part of a second army of similar strength. The mobilization of the latter has been completed and the troops will sail shortly for an unknown destination. The mobilization of a third army began on March 7."

ADMIRAL STARK RELIEVED.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—Official orders were published today relieving Vice Admiral Stark from command of the Port Arthur division of the navy, ostensibly on account of ill-health. No successor will be appointed, Vice Admiral Makaroff having determined to serve as squadron commander as well as commander-in-chief of the entire Russian naval forces in the far east.

Capt. Shtchensnovitch, commander of the battleship Retvizan, has been decorated with the cross of St. George for repelling the last Japanese torpedo attack and sinking the Japanese fireships.

The talk of "pyroxiline" (poisoned) swords having been left behind by the Japanese is based on the mistranslation of a Russian technical term.

Gen. Zilinski, chief of staff to Viceroy Alexieff, in a telegram said that pyroxiline had been found in the form of disc-shaped torpedoes, six inches in diameter, which the Japanese intended to use in bestrewing the road over which the Russians were expected to pass, in order that the explosions resulting from the impact of the horses' hoofs might cause a stampede.

WHERE IS RUSSIAN FLEET?

Tokio, March 16.—Tokio is unadvised regarding the naval plans and movements of the Russians and is in doubt whether the remnant of their fleet still is at Port Arthur or is en route to Vladivostok.

Late this afternoon a telegram received at the navy department says that seven Russian ships have been reported as having passed Fort Lazareff. The report was not circumstantial. It did not give the character of the ships or the direction in which they were sailing. It is anticipated that the Japanese, by their activity, will speedily determine the whereabouts and intentions of the Russians.

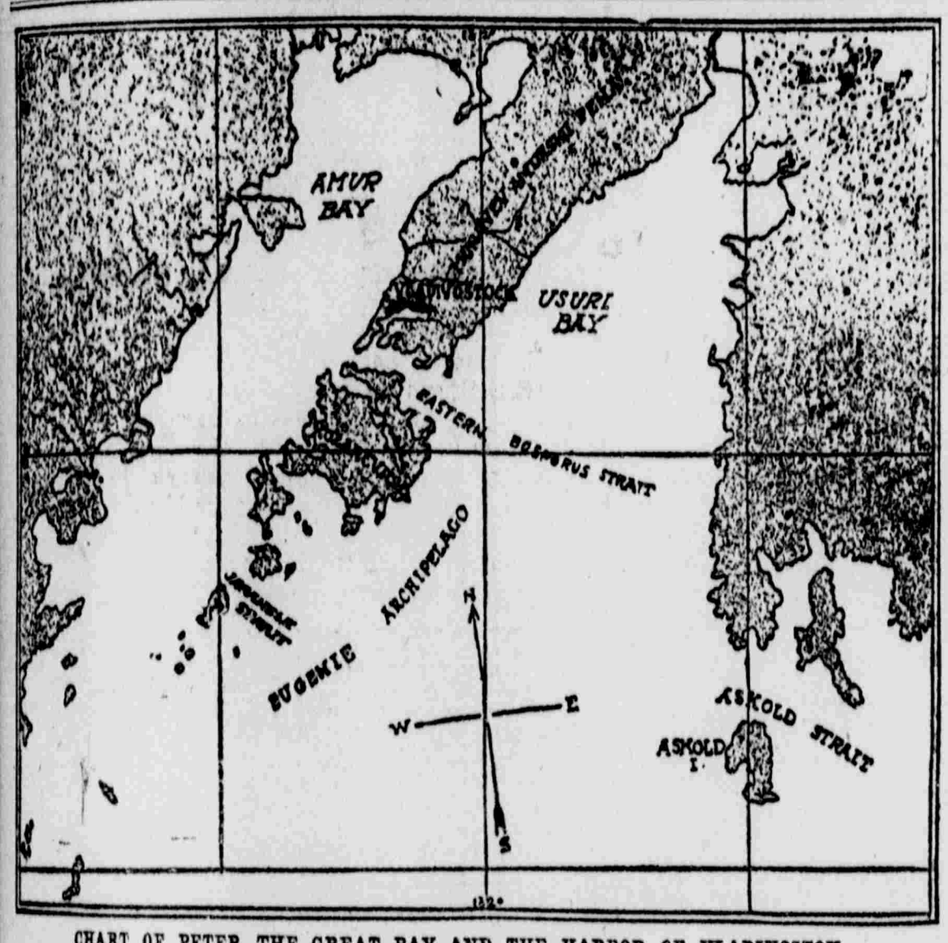

CHART OF PETER THE GREAT BAY AND THE HARBOR OF VLADIVOSTOK.

The present immediate plan of the Japanese is evidently to reduce Vladivostok by a combined sea and land attack. The "feelers" already thrown out by the Japanese ships may be regarded as a preliminary to their final great effort. Whether or not the Japs have landed troops near Possiet bay it is practically certain that they have a very fair sized force not far south of that point, which is within easy striking distance of Vladivostok. The chart clearly shows the difficulties in the way of an attacking fleet, assuming that the Russian forts and their guns are in the best condition.

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AMERICAN WARSHIPS.

Their Recent Cruise Was Eminently Successful.

Washington, March 16.—The navy department has published a report from Admiral Evans in which he invites attention to the record made on the recent trip of the battleship and cruiser squadrons from Yokohama to Honolulu and thence to Cavite. The admiral says:

"During the run from Yokohama to Honolulu the seas were the worst I have ever experienced, and continued practically throughout the entire run. The weather conditions from Honolulu to Cavite were better, and on the whole the trip was an easy and comfortable one. During this run of practically 8,500 miles to Cavite no repairs or overhauling were done on the engines or any of the vessels by any outside force, and only such was done by the force on board each vessel as could be taken in hand during the short time of the stay of the vessels at Honolulu when not occupied in coaling. The speed maintained by the battleship squadron from Yokohama to Honolulu was 12½ knots. The battleship squadron arrived in Cavite, after this run, in as good condition as when it started out from Yokohama, an dready for any service that it might be called upon to perform. The same could be said of the cruiser squadron, with the exception of the Cincinnati, which needed a new air pump rod."

CHINESE TROOPS.

Japan Will Not Object to Their Concentration on Frontier.

New York, March 17.—Japan will raise no objections to the concentration of Chinese troops on the Manchurian frontier, according to a Tokio dispatch from the correspondent of the Tageblatt forwarded to the Herald from Berlin. Japan, the dispatch continues, regards it as a matter of course with China to maintain her neutrality and the presence of troops on the frontier will be the most effective means of localizing the war but Japan has done nothing, it is declared, to induce China to do this, and the occasion was taken on China's own initiative.

Mrs. Stuart's Will Stands.

Olympia, Wash., March 16.—The attempt of the disinherited relatives to break the will of Mrs. Abbie H. H. Stuart, a well known clubwoman of Olympia, and secure the division of $100,000 estate left by her, has resulted in failure. A decision handed down by the state supreme court today upholds the rights under the will of the three principal legatees and as a result the major portion of her estate will be divided among Mrs. Eva W. Gove of Tacoma, Mary Lowe Dickinson, philanthropist and temperance lecturer of New York, and Mrs. Sarah M. Utt of San Francisco, all personal friends of Mrs. Stuart.

LAFAYETTE FIRE CO.

Will Retire Because of Losses Sustained at Baltimore.

New York, March 17.—Losses in the Baltimore conflagration, amounting to about its entire surplus of $60,000, together with a depreciation in market value of investments have caused the directors of the Lafayette Fire Insurance company of New York to decide that the company shall retire from business. All outstanding risks have been reinsured in the National Fire Insurance company of Hartford. It is estimated that after all claims have been settled the stockholders will receive the par value, or thereabouts, of their holdings. The company, which was organized in 1866, is capitalized at $200,000.

KERLIN'S CAREER.

Assisted Three Toronto Murderers to Escape.

Chicago, March 17.—Edward Kerlin, alias Edward Pierce, charged with forgery and robbing mail boxes, has been identified as the man who assisted Fred Lee Rice, Frank Rutledge and Thomas Jones in an attempt to escape from custody in Toronto on April 4, 1901. One constable was killed and another wounded. The prisoners were recaptured. Kerlin is said to have thrown revolvers into the carriage in which the men were being taken from the courthouse to the jail.

Rice, Rutledge and Jones were arrested at Chicago June 2, 1900, charged with the robbery of a postoffice and bank in Aurora, Ont. They fought extradition, but were taken back to Canada. The men were tried and sentenced to 21 years each.

Kerlin was identified from a photograph sent out by the Canadian authorities. Chester Sheldon, who was released with Kerlin from the Joliet penitentiary, recognized the likeness. He told the detectives Kerlin was in Canada at the time of the attempted escape.

When the three prisoners, after their capture in Chicago, were being taken from the police station, three women, Alle Honey, Viney Ellwell and Kate Spellman, tried to give them weapons as they were being taken to the railway station, but were prevented by the vigilance of the police.

While in Chicago, Rice, Rutledge and Jones posed as art students. Kerlin, it is said, was a school mate of Rutledge's sister.

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Butte Miner Suicides.

Butte, Mont., March 16.—Marco Brovich, a miner employed in the Minnie Healy mine, committed suicide this evening by jumping from the 700-foot level and landing on a bulkhead 750 feet below.

Brovich recently returned from Alaska, where, it is reported, he lost $1,900. Brooding over this is believed to have caused Brovich to end his own life.

Two Children Burned to Death.

Bellingham, Wash., March 16.—At Mountain View yesterday the home of Bertrand Drake caught fire while he was lighting the heating stove, and was totally destroyed. His two daughters, ages six and nine years, who were asleep upstairs, were burned to death.

HELD AS A SLAVE.

Iva Henderson Arrested for Holding Shep Griffin, a Negro.

Jackson, Miss., March 16.—United States Marshal Wilson has arrested Iva Henderson and the three Leggetts of Kemper county, who are charged with having held Shep Griffin, a negro, in involuntary servitude and whose sensational attempts at terrorizing this section were made public several days ago. The four men have been indicted by the federal grand jury and gave bond in the sum of $17,000 each for their appearance for trial.

Several Shots but no Blood.

New York, March 17.—Dr. Nonito Villanueva, recently elected senator for this city, and Dr. Miguel Cane, formerly Argentine minister to France, have fought a duel after a quarrel over the election, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres. Several shots were fired but neither man was wounded.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

Getting Closer Together on Question of Colonial Differences.

Paris, March 17.—The London correspondent of the Figaro says that the discussion of the friendly settlement of colonial questions has been carried on practically continuously in Paris and London since President Loubet's visit to England. Great Britain's insistence in including Egypt caused some difficulty at first, Foreign Minister Delcasse remarking that other powers were also interested. He pointed out, however, that French interests greatly exceeded those of other countries, whose consent to the arrangements could be easily obtained as soon as that of France had been given, French creditors being fully protected. Foreign Minister Delcasse is said to have insisted on the maintenance of the international debt commission, French institutions and the mixed tribunals. Great Britain is disposed to take a disinterested attitude in regard to Morocco in return for France concessions in Egypt.

As regards Newfoundland, France would give up privileges in return for a free right to fish, compensation to the ship owners having establishments there, and for territory facilitating communication with French Western Africa.

Reform in Macedonia.

Paris, March 17.—The Vienna correspondent of the Petite Parisienne says that Count Goluchowski, the Austrian minister of foreign affairs, has authorized the publication of the following declaration, which he made officially to the French, British and Italian ambassadors:

"The Austrian entente on the subject of Macedonia is firmer than ever. A perfect understanding exists on the subject of the modus vivendi in Macedonia and of Turkey's application of the reforms proposed by the two powers and accepted by the sultan. Russia and Austria are determined to use all their influence, and even to resort to extreme measures, to obtain the fulfillment of the sultan's promises. They insist that full powers shall be accorded the heads of the international gendarmerie. The rumors that Austria is mobilizing troops are wholly unfounded."

Count Goluchowski added that he had hinted to certain powers that he would ask their aid, with a view to joint action at Constantinople, should the sultan remain obstinate.

GEN. WOOD'S CASE.

Senate Spends a Day in Discussion of Pros and Cons.

Washington, March 16.—Another entire day of the senate was devoted to consideration in executive session of the nomination of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major-general. Senator Blackburn, resuming his speech begun yesterday, occupied a little more than two hours and was followed by Senator Quarles, who consumed the remainder of the day and expects to take another hour tomorrow. It is predicted now that a vote will be reached before adjournment Friday.

In addition to the set speeches which will be made by Senators Teller and Foraker, Senator Alger, formerly secretary of war, will take 15 to 20 minutes in defense of Gen. Wood's executive ability. He will speak from a personal viewpoint. The military record and the executive ability of Gen. Wood formed the subjects of Senator Quarles' remarks. He followed very closely the testimony before the military affairs committee, and praised Gen. Wood for his conduct in the Geronimo campaign, the campaign against the Apaches, the Spanish-American war and the record he was now making in the Philippines. No attention was paid by Senator Quarles to the charges made against Gen. Wood, though he suggested that in concluding tomorrow he would attempt to show they had not been proved after an exhaustive inquiry by the senate committee.

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