

Topographical Outline Map of the Theater of War

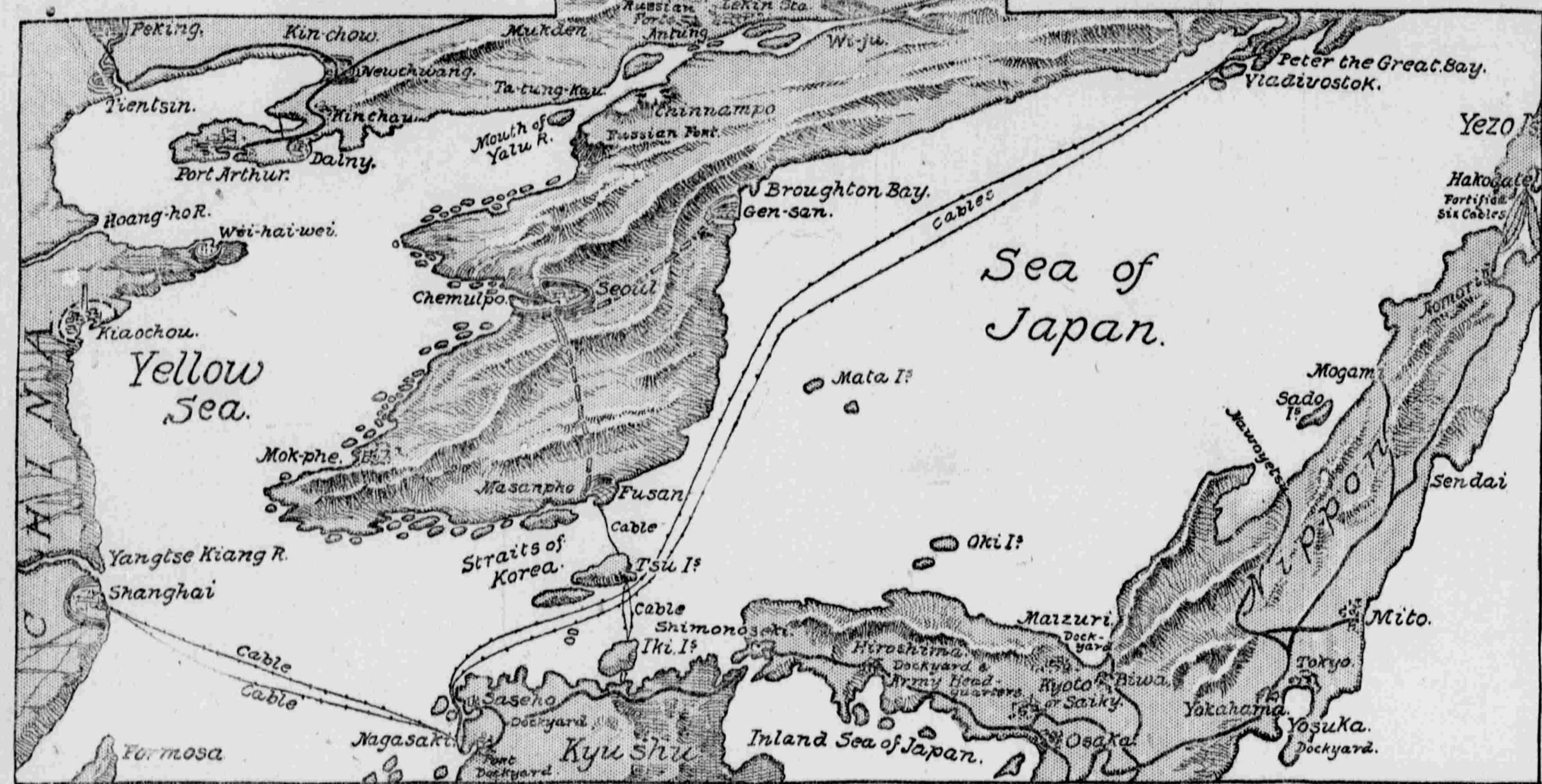
THE struggle that is to decide the destiny of all eastern Asia will be fought entirely within the comparatively circumscribed area shown in the accompanying relief map. The two most important points naturally are Nagasaki for Japan and Port Arthur for Russia, as these are the naval bases for the two opposing fleets. Thirty-five miles from Port Arthur and connected with it by railroad is the commercial port of Dalny, sometimes known by the Chinese name of Taliuwan, which is also Russian. In an attempt to cut Port Arthur from her source of supplies, Dalny would be the natural objective point of Japanese operations, since with that as a base Port Arthur could be invested from land.

Korea and Manchuria are the bones of contention, and on the soil and about the harbors of these two countries the conflict must be waged. The mountainous character of Korea is indicated by the map. The entire country is rough and almost treeless, a mountain chain running its whole length, with shorter

ranges paralleling it at various points. There is a railroad from Seoul, the capital, to Chemulpo, its port. This line is owned by the Japanese. There is also a line partly built from Seoul to Fusan. The principal Korean ports from a

strategic point of view are Fusan, Masanpo, Mokphe, Chemulpo, Chinnampo, the Korean port at the mouth of the Yalu river. Further up the Yalu is Wiju, where fighting is almost certain to take place. Across the Yalu on the Manchurian side are Tatungkow and Antung, the ports recently opened to America and Japan by treaty with China.

The indications are that Russia will make her line of defense on the borders of Manchuria along the Yalu river and also along the line of the Transsiberian railway, or, rather, its extension, from Vladivostok to Port Arthur and Dalny. One of the Manchurian ports, Newchwang, is supposed to be under American control, though this seems never to have been conceded by Russia. The port of Weihaiwei, under British influence, may also become a point of strategic importance, though its possible involvement in the struggle will depend wholly on the attitude of the British government.



THE MOST PROLIFIC OF MODERN DRAMATISTS.

Victorien Sardou, the great French dramatist, has written seventy plays in fifty years. On the 1st of April next he celebrates his golden wedding to the goddess Theopile, at which time he had wished to put on his latest effort, "La Sorciere," had not the failure of the last previous play adapted for Sarah



Bernhardt forced an earlier bringing out of "La Sorciere" in which she has the leading role. It was on April 1, 1854, that M. Sardou's first play was put on the boards. Like many first efforts, it was a failure. The accompanying picture shows the eminent playwright with his favorite grandchild.

PAPER STOCKINGS.

Paper gloves and stockings are now being manufactured in Europe. The stockings have been carefully examined by experts, and they are loud in their praise of them. Let no one assume, they say, that these stockings, because they are made of paper, will only last a few days, for they will last almost as long as ordinary stockings. The reason is because the paper of which they are made was during the process of manufacture rendered into a substance closely resembling wool and was then woven and otherwise treated as ordinary wool.

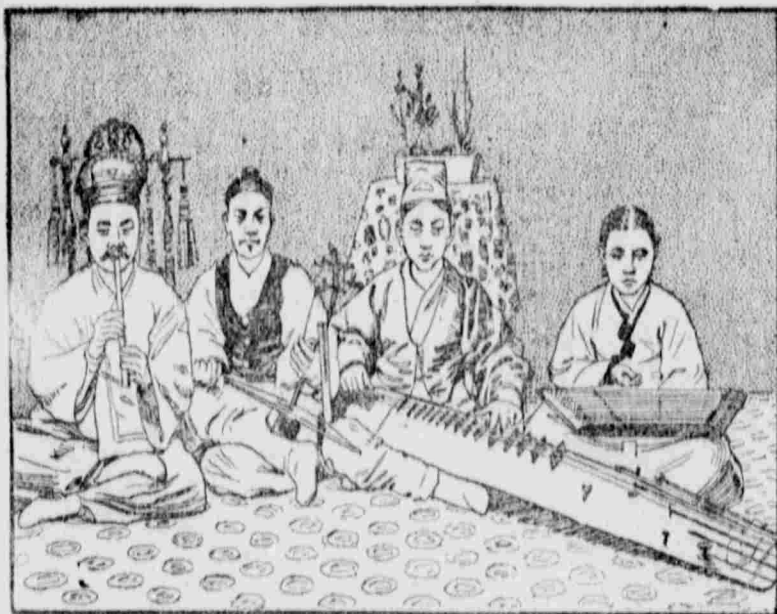
HAPPENINGS OF THE WORLD SHOWN IN PICTURES

A HISTORIC PRINTING HOUSE IN RUSSIA.



The accompanying illustration, reproduced from a photograph, shows a portion of the famous Synodal Printing works in Moscow, the oldest printing house in Russia. Here all Russian sacred books are printed, the house having a monopoly of this line of business. The part of the building seen in the picture has never been photographed before.

A KOREAN ORCHESTRA.



The Koreans are a simple minded race, and their musical compositions are scarcely on the order of those written by Beethoven or Wagner. Those who have attended Chinese theaters can form a fair idea of the character both of the music and the musical instruments of Korea, for the two peoples are very much alike. From the accompanying picture of an orchestra at Seoul it will be seen that stringed instruments predominate, one of them resembling a rather large edition of the banjo.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Of all newspapers in the world sixty-eight in every 100 are printed in the English language. Mrs. Randall Davidson, wife of the archbishop of Canterbury, is the only woman who has been a member of the households of two primates of all England. She was a daughter of Archbishop Taft, who held this high dignity for some years, and now her husband has been called to be head of the see of which her father at one time held sway. An old beggar who lives in White-chapel bears, it has been stated, a startling resemblance to King Edward—so startling, indeed, that if the beggar were dressed in royal raiment he could not be distinguished from the real king. Paper can be manufactured out of almost anything that can be pounded into pulp. Over fifty kinds of bark are said to be used, also banana skins, bean stalks, pea stalks, coconut fiber, straw, sea and fresh water weeds and many kinds of grass. It has also been made from hair, fur, wool and from asbestos, which furnishes an article indestructible by fire. Leaves make a good strong paper, while the husks and stems of Indian corn have been tried. The only woman holding the rank of

THE SWISS HOME OF A QUEER CULT.



At Ascona, on Lake Maggiore, Switzerland, Herr Joseph Salomonson has established a little colony the members of which pursue life on lines that astound their neighbors. The colonists have abandoned the use of salt and liquids, work in the fields in primitive garb and when the weather will permit sleep on the bare ground, from which they are supposed to extract natural magnetic currents. The leader of the colony is a picturesque looking man and is to be seen standing on the porch of the house shown in the illustration. He wears a long brown cassock and a pair of sandals. He declares that the adoption of the course of living he advocates will result in people living to be 200 or 250 years old and asserts that salt and liquids are not only not essential to existence, but are positively deleterious. He has converted a number of people to his way of thinking and is at present engaged in carrying on a personal propaganda in European capitals.

AN AUTHOR WHO WAS MADE BY A KINDERGARTEN.

In her latest book, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," Kate Douglas Wiggin, whose real name is Mrs. George Christopher Riggs, has again given a lifelike



and sympathetic delineation of early New England. Mrs. Riggs, who was born in Philadelphia, later went to San Francisco and started the first free kindergarten on the Pacific coast. It was her study of child life here that moved her to seek its portrayal in books, with the result that she has become one of the most popular novelists of the day.

WHERE THE OCEAN BOTTOM IS LEVEL.

Between Hawaii and California the bottom of the Pacific ocean is said to be so level that, if it were possible, a railway could be laid for 500 miles without altering the grade anywhere. This fact was discovered by the United States surveying vessel engaged in making soundings for cable work.

IN A FOREST OF JASPER AND AGATE.



A natural bridge formed by a petrified log. Near Andamans, Ariz., has been discovered a forest of trees petrified into jasper and agate. They are all lying prone on what seems to be the bed of an ancient sea. The trees are gigantic in size, consisting of immense pines and redwoods. There are 2,000 acres in the forest, over the larger portions of which the specimens are very thickly strewn. One of these is the largest example of petrified wood ever found. The stone is capable of a beautiful polish and is used for ornaments. In the accompanying illustration is shown one of these immense petrified tree trunks 115 feet in length which forms a very picturesque natural bridge.

A NAVAL FIGHTER.

The man who has been selected as commandant of the marine forces of the United States government in Panama has a fighting record which is second to that of few officers in the na-



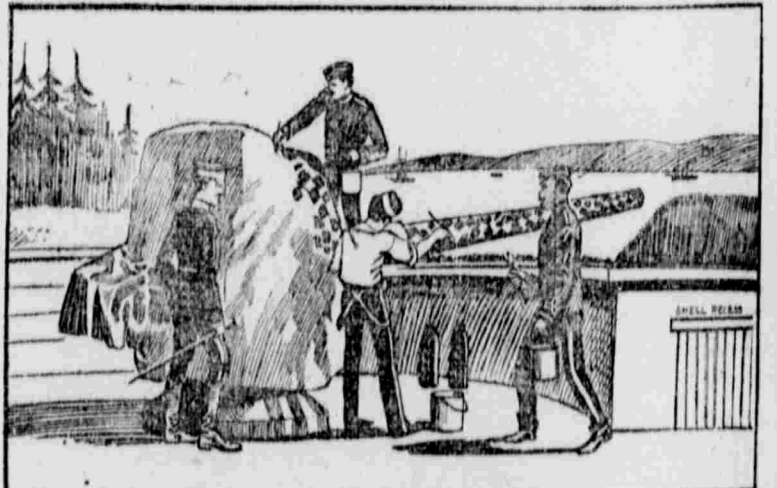
val service. Colonel George F. Elliott was advanced three numbers during the Spanish war for gallantry at Guantanamo. With a number of his marines, he swam ashore and, without waiting to dress, led an attack that was successful in repulsing the Spaniards. Colonel Elliott entered the marine corps from the state of New York, was appointed captain in 1892 and made head of the marine corps in 1903.

A CURIOUS BRETON CUSTOM.



Herewith is depicted a curious and somewhat pathetic Breton custom. The old woman shown in the picture is about to crawl under the tombstone of a local saint in the belief that she will thus assure the welfare of her son, who is at sea with a fleet of fishing boats.

PAINTING A CANNON TO MASK IT FROM THE ENEMY.



Some time ago an interesting report was published concerning experiments in painting field guns with a variety of colors, the effect being to render them invisible from a distance. It was found that even on a clear day it was almost impossible to distinguish them from their environment. The experiments took place in England, and the military authorities have been so favorably impressed by the result that the big guns of various fortresses now boast coats of many colors.

VIPER HUNTING IN LOMBARDY.



Fishing on dry land, and for snakes at that, is a sport sufficiently grown-up for the most ardent seeker after sensations. In the valley of the Musglo, Lombardy, viper hunting is followed systematically, not only as a sport, but as a business. Hooks and lines are used much like those employed for catching trout. For bait is used a native insect of which the reptiles are very fond. The occupation is not as hazardous as it appears, for the hook perforates the poison sack in the viper's palate, rendering its bite harmless. The poison is collected in small vials and sold for medicinal purposes.

In 1565 when he played Orleans in "Richelleu" and scored his first failure. His second attempt was in the character of Cleomenes in "A Winter's Tale," when he was so nervous that he could hardly speak his lines. Cardinal Ferrari, who attended the German Catholic congress, took back with him to Milan as a present the bones of three kings—Methuselah, Gaspar and Balthasar—which were the most famous relics of the Cologne cathedral, procured to have the hulk raised.

admiral is her majesty the queen of Greece. Her father was a well known sailor in the Russian navy, and the rank of admiral in the Russian navy was given to her by the czar some years ago. The \$2,142,207 worth of platinum extracted in the Gortlagdatski district of Russia last year is practically the world's supply of that metal. The best brier root from which pipes are made comes from the borders of Italy and France. In the mountainous districts of these countries roots are dug out that have grown for ages and are sometimes larger than a man's body, weighing hundreds of pounds. A Swiss watchmaker has invented an electric watch which will go for fifteen years without being rewound. Sir Henry Irving early developed an ambition for the stage, which grew stronger as he increased in years. His first appearance as an actor was made