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Today, partly cloudy and probably rain to-morrow, partly cloudy; fresh east or south winds.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

ADVANCING ON THE YALU. RUSSIANS FALLING BACK.

Vladivostok Squadron Sails—Japan Replies to Russia. Japanese outposts pushed on from Ping Yang toward the Yalu, on which, according to a dispatch from Seoul, the Russians in Northern Korea were retreating.

JAPANESE PUSH NORTH.

Outposts Near Anju—Strength of Armies Overestimated. (Special to The New York Tribune by French Cable.) London, March 5.—The advance of the Japanese outposts from Ping Yang to Anju is one of the most credible rumors of the last twenty-four hours.

Other experts, equally capable, contend that to march of this kind is necessary, since Moukden can be approached at the end of the month more readily from Shan-Hai-Kwan and Hsin-Yu-Tun, with a short railway line for supplies.

RUSSIANS IN RETREAT.

Forces in Corea Falling Back on Yalu—Arrests in Seoul.

Seoul, March 5.—The Russians who recently fled from Anju to Puk-Chen are reported to have moved northward from the latter place. Twenty members of the Pedlers' Guild are reported to have taken an oath to kill all officials who favor an alliance with Japan.

JAPAN'S JUSTIFICATION.

Answers to the Russian Charges of Bad Faith.

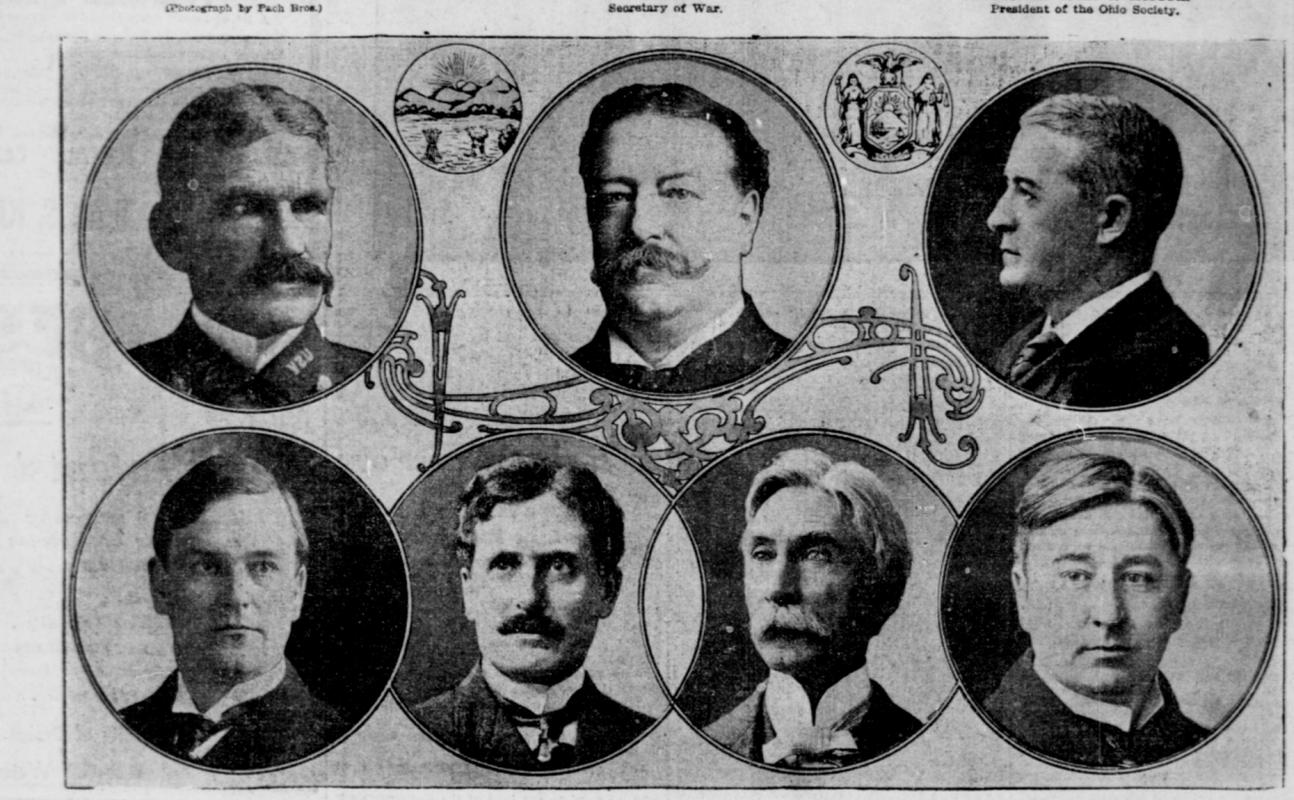
Tokyo, March 5.—Japan addressed a note to the powers to-day in response to the recent communication from Russia. The note has not been published here and its contents are unknown.

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SOME OF THE SPEAKERS AT THE DINNER OF THE OHIO SOCIETY AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA.



GEORGE EDMUND BOSS, Of Illinois. GOVERNOR MYRON T. HERRICK, Of Ohio. REAR ADMIRAL J. CRITTENDEN WATSON, United States Navy. CHARLES B. LANDIS, M. C. Of Indiana.

MINERS AND OWNERS OUT.

Operators Say They Can't Run—Mitchell's Advice Disregarded.

Indianapolis, March 5.—The joint conference between the coal miners and operators of the central competitive district adjourned to-day without reaching an agreement as to the scale of wages for the year beginning April 1.

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BIG DRYGOODS MERGER.

TAKES IN THREE FIRMS.

Henry Siegel Corporation To Be Capitalized at \$10,750,000.

Following the news of a proposition to increase the working capital of the Simpson-Crawford Company and to classify the stock into common and preferred shares, information that Henry Siegel, Frank E. Vogel and their associates are now organizing a corporation capitalized at \$10,750,000 to acquire the capital stock of Siegel, Cooper & Co., of Chicago, the Simpson-Crawford Company, of this city, and the new Fourteenth Street Store.

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HILL STILL STATE BOSS.

McCARREN IS DEFLIANT.

Murphy Beaten 26 to 25—Hard Fight for Doyle.

Senator McCarren returned to Brooklyn last night breathing defiance to Tammany Hall. He declared that nearly all the Brooklyn leaders were with him for a vigorous fight against Murphy and Doyle.

NO HARMONY IN SIGHT.

Hot Fight in the Committee Leaves Breach.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Albany, March 5.—In the face of the eloquence of W. Bourke Cockran, the insults of Thomas F. Grady and the grim silence of Charles F. Murphy, ex-Senator Hill once more asserted his control of the Democratic party of the State.

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DAILY SERVICE TO FINEBURST.

Port Jervis, N. Y., March 5.—Mrs. Mary Keese, a widow, is dying at Havly, Penn.

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