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DECISIVE BATTLE

Big Land Engagement Between Russian and Japanese Troops Question of Hours.

THREE THOUSAND RUSSIAN TROOPS ARRIVE AT TIEN CHENG

First Decisive Land Engagement of the War Will Probably Occur in That Vicinity.

Seoul, Feb. 18.—Three thousand Russian troops have arrived at Tien Cheng, opposite Wiju, on the Yalu river and have successfully effected an occupation of Wiju and conjunction with a large force of Russian troops already stationed in that vicinity. The first decisive land engagement of the war is now only a question of hours and will occur somewhere in the vicinity of Wiju.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The admiralty here has received confirmation of the reports that Japanese landing operations on a vast scale are taking place on both of Korea's northern coasts and it is assumed by the German authorities that Japan will be ready by early spring for a forward land movement supported by properly equipped bases. Possibly 250,000 men (according to the estimates made at the German admiralty) will be in the field before a collision takes place with the Russians in force.

TO INVEST PORT ARTHUR.
Army of Fifty Thousand Men Sails From Japan.

Paris, Feb. 18.—An official dispatch

received here from Tokio announces that one of the most important movements of Japanese troops yet made is now occurring. One of the main branches of the army, consisting of three divisions and including a division of guards, is now getting on board transports. The previous landings of Japanese forces in Korea and elsewhere are said to have been small compared with this simultaneous sailing of three divisions, aggregating approximately an army of 30,000 to 50,000 men. The Japanese authorities, it is added, had taken every precaution to prevent information from going out concerning the embarkation and the destination of this army. It is believed, but this is not sure, that the destination of this force is a point near the mouth of the Yalu river, or

a spot on the Liaotung peninsula flanking Port Arthur.

REPLY TO HAY'S NOTE.

Russian Answer Will Be Ready in a Few Days.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—Russia's reply to Secretary Hay's note on China probably will be made in a few days. It will acquiesce in principle, but with certain reservations regarding Chinese administrative control over the region in Manchuria leased to Russia or covered by the Chinese Eastern railroad, in order to safeguard existing Russian interests. When the note was first dispatched to the powers the authorities here undeniably were disposed to view it with suspicion and therefore its reception by the other cabinets was awaited with keen interest.

Russia has not yet given permission for any military attaches to join the Russian army in the field. Requests have been received from all the powers, including the United States, and it is understood that Viceroy Alexieff, to whom the question was referred, would prefer that foreign attaches should not join in the Russian field operations until March, explaining that, owing to the unexpected suddenness of the outbreak of hostilities, it is difficult to make arrangements for their comfortable accommodation, especially during the severe weather, until that time.

WHOLESALE ARREST OF JAPS.

Russia Claims There Are Many Spies in Manchuria.

Tientsin, Feb. 18.—The Russians explain that the wholesale arrest of Japanese at Harbin and elsewhere was due to the discovery that Japan had these districts upwards of a hun-

dred spies, of whom sixty belonged to the Japanese general staff. It is feared that the British steamer Hsining, bound from Chinwangtao for Shanghai, with passengers and billion, has been captured. She is five days overdue and was last seen in Port Arthur roads.

DISCREDITED IN BERLIN.

Report That Japs Fired on German Gunboat.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The German admiralty discredits the reports that the Japanese, fired on the German gunboats Hansa, Thetis or any other German war vessel in the disputed Far Eastern waters. The Hansa is at Tsingtau and the Thetis at Chefoo. The regular reports of their movements to the admiralty make no mention of such an incident. It is added that even if it happened it is assumed to have been an excusable mistake.

WITHOUT SUSTAINING INJURY.

Japs Torpedoed Russian Guardship and War Vessel.

London, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the St. James Gazette from Kobe, Japan, in reporting the Japanese naval attack on Port Arthur Feb. 14, says the Russian guardship in the harbor and another Russian warship lying outside the harbor were torpedoed and that the Japanese retired without sustaining any injury.

CAVALRY LANDS AT WIJU.

Japan Rushing Reinforcements to the Yalu River.

Tokio, Feb. 18.—Eight transports, with Japanese troops from Nagasaki and several additional vessels carrying war munitions, are on their way to the west coast of Korea. Detachments of Japanese cavalry have already landed at Wiju, on the Yalu river.

Trade Paralyzed at Odessa.

New York, Feb. 18.—Trade is at a standstill, cables the Odessa correspondent of the Times. Both rail and sea routes are closed. There is greater caution in financial and commercial circles than in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

KOREAN PORT OPENED.

Wiju Declared Free to Commerce of the World.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Mr. Allen, the American minister at Seoul, cables

HONORED AT HOME

Thousands of Sorrowing Citizens and Friends Meet Hanna's Funeral Train at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Feb. 18.—The special train from Washington carrying the body of the late Senator Hanna arrived at 11:05 today. Thousands of citizens, numbering the friends of Senator Hanna, were present at the Baltimore & Ohio railway station when the funeral train rolled in. The crowd stood with uncovered heads as the casket was removed to the funeral car. The streets of the city are draped in mourning and Cleveland outdoes itself to honor Marcus A. Hanna in death. The remains were taken to the Chamber of Commerce building, where they will lie in state until Friday noon.

The state department that Wiju has been declared open to the commerce of the world by the Korean government.

TO INVADe MANCHURIA.

Japs Concentrating Large Army on East Coast of Korea.

Port Arthur, Feb. 18.—The reports about 60,000 troops at Wonsan, on the east coast of Korea, with the object of entering Manchuria, are confirmed.

Jap Relief Fund in England.

New York, Feb. 18.—British sympathy for the Japanese is manifested in remarkable responses to an appeal recently made for a fund for the widows and families of soldiers and sailors. Japanese are accorded in all parts of London by persons desiring to contribute to the fund.

Cassini Rumor Repeated.

London, Feb. 18.—In a dispatch from Vienna the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle repeats the rumor to the effect that Count Cassini, Russian ambassador at Washington, is to be recalled for failure to keep his government properly informed of the state of feeling in the United States.

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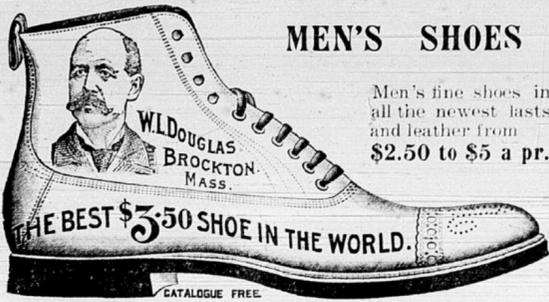
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