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## JAPS READY FOR ACTION

### GENERAL STAFF QUITS THE ISLAND AND EMPIRE FOR SCENE OF HOSTILITIES.

### FORWARD MOVEMENT TO BEGIN SOON

### ACTION INDICATES THAT SUFFICIENT TROOPS HAVE BEEN LANDED IN KOREA.

### OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION IS LACKING

### REPORT THAT THE JAPANESE RESUMED BOMBARDMENT OF PORT ARTHUR.

Paris, March 2.—The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that authoritative advices have been received in Paris to the effect that the Japanese general staff left Japan during the day for Chemulpo, Korea. This is accepted as showing that all the troops necessary for the forward movement have been landed in Korea and it is expected that the movement of troops forward will begin the last of this week. With respect to the Russian force which will contest the way it is said that there will be some surprise manifested at the strength the Russians are able to dispose of.

## LACKS CONFIRMATION

### REPORT THAT PORT ARTHUR WAS BOMBARDED MONDAY BY THE JAPANESE.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—The general staff says no confirmation has been received of the announcement made by the London Daily Telegraph in a dispatch from Yinkow that Port Arthur was again bombarded Monday by the Japanese fleet.

Yinkow, March 2.—Fifteen Japanese warships appeared off Port Arthur at 10 o'clock Monday morning and opened a furious bombardment. The cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan, with four torpedo boats, steamed out to meet the attack, but they were forced to retire. The Askold was in a sinking condition and the Novik was badly damaged. A torpedo boat was sunk and the Retvizan again was damaged. The bombardment lasted two hours. The Japanese fleet then withdrew in perfect order and without loss. Much damage in the city is reported to have been done by shells from the Japanese warships.

According to Japanese information the stormy weather has delayed their plans for the investment of the Russian fortifications. All bays on all sides of Port Arthur were contacted by the Russians, but it is understood that the Japanese have damaged most of them by floating over the mine spots stone laden barges at the ends of long hawsers, allowing wind and tide to swing them over the mines, which explode harmlessly.

## JAPS GET IN AHEAD.

### Occupy Korean Town in Advance of Russians.

Liyang, Manchuria, March 2.—The Japanese have occupied Lichoyang, Korea, and are now fortifying the walls of the town. This was the objective point of General Mishchenko, who, with a detachment of mounted Cossacks, as announced Monday, had reached Kasanga, Korea, and was expected to arrive at Lichoyang later in the day. A detachment of Russian troops is in the neighborhood of Lichoyang. The Koreans are averse to giving the Russians information regarding the movements of the Japanese.

The Chinese troops around Liaochow

are being reinforced. Yuan Shi kai, the Chinese commander-in-chief, has 10,000 men near Junipou, while 15,000 men are with General Ma. Fresh troops are arriving in the province of Chaili.

## LITTLE DAMAGE DONE.

### Russians Report Jap Attack on Port Arthur Feb. 26.

Chefoo, March 2.—A Russian official dispatch says that the Japanese renewed the attack on Port Arthur on the morning of Feb. 26. The fleet kept beyond the range of all but the most powerful land batteries. The engagement lasted one hour, the Japanese then retiring. Their loss is unknown. The Russian cruiser Askold had one gun dismounted and two men injured.

At low water on Feb. 28 the Russians discovered a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer, which had been sunk on the shore of the outer harbor. They also found five unexploded torpedoes.

## RAILROAD SUFFERERS.

### Locomotives and Cars Disabled on Manchurian Line.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Advices from Port Arthur state the Manchurian railroad has suffered considerably by the continued acts of marauders. Twenty-two locomotives and a number of cars have been disabled.

## Russian Cruiser Blocked in Canal.

Port Said, Egypt, March 2.—The Russian cruiser Aurora, due here from Suez, has been blocked in the canal since midnight, probably by other vessels. The Russian torpedo boat destroyer has arrived here.

## TERRORIZING THE DISTRICT.

### Chinese Brigands Reported Numerous in Ninguta.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Mail advices from Vladivostok say that 500 Chinese brigands are terrorizing the district of Ninguta. Their leader, Yavantun, proclaims himself invulnerable to bullets.

Advices received by mail from Irkutsk, Siberia, say that local firms whose employees have been called into service in the army are continuing to pay the married men full wages and the unmarried men half pay.

Letters from Vladivostok dated Feb. 17 say that the warships in the harbor on that date were the Russia, Groznyi and Retvizan and the transport Moskova. The port was frozen hard and the ice breaker was scarcely able to clear the channel.

Two Japanese attempted to blow up a dock at Vladivostok, but did not succeed. They escaped.

## REPLY TO RUSSIAN CHARGE.

### Japan Gives Reasons for Opening Hostilities.

London, March 2.—The Japanese legation has issued a long dispatch from the government at Tokio giving its reply to the Russian note of Feb. 25, in which the Japanese with declared hostilities without a formal declaration of war. It gives details of Russia's preparations for war while delaying diplomatic negotiations and contends that, therefore, the responsibility rests with Russia and that no declaration of war should have preceded hostilities.

## ALREADY ON SHORT RATIONS.

### Food Supply at Port Arthur Running Short.

New York, March 2.—A report from Port Arthur states, says a dispatch from Tientsin to the American, that the town is already on short rations and that prices of foodstuffs are exorbitant. Few if any of the civilians are left, but there are enough to feed to occasion anxiety on the part of the authorities and hunger is feared more than the Japanese shells.

## CZAR ANXIOUS TO FIGHT.

### Russian Ruler Desires to Go to the Far East.

New York, March 2.—The czar desires to go to the Far East, according to a World dispatch from Vienna. The Zeit, published in the latter city, asserts that this statement is confirmed by an exalted military authority, who declares the Russian emperor is anxious to maintain in the fighting traditions of his ancestors and by his presence to encourage his troops.

## RUSSIANS REACH YALU.

### Guarding Mountain Passes With Artillery and Mounted Infantry.

Tientsin, March 2.—Twenty-five hun-

dred Russian troops are reported to have reached the Yalu and two regiments of mounted infantry, with artillery, hold the mountain passes some thirty-five miles south of Wiju.

## Removing Non-Combatants.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—The military authorities are causing the evacuation from all strategic points in the Far East the women and children and all aged and infirm men so that the necessity of protecting them will not be added to the other duties of the troops and in order that all supplies may be available for the use of the actual combatants.

## Damaged Vessel Refloated.

Port Arthur, March 2.—The Russian torpedo boat which sought refuge in Pigeon bay Feb. 26 was subjected to a terrific fire from the Japanese cruisers. One shot pierced her hull. The boat was beached, the leak was stopped, she was refloated at high water and returned to Port Arthur.

## Threaten to Sink the Mandjur.

New York, March 2.—The position of the Russian gunboat Mandjur is unchanged, says a Shanghai dispatch that had been sent to the Third Infantry to prepare for service there will be revoked. Marines will continue to guard the interests of the United States on the isthmus.

## Ice Railroad is Completed.

Irkutsk, Siberia, March 2.—The first complete train traversed Lake Balkal on the ice railroad at 11 a. m. It consisted of twenty-two cars. Prince Khilkoff, the minister of public works and railroads, was present when the train started.

## OPPOSED BY OPERATORS.

### Motion That Mining Scale Now in Effect Be Readopted.

Indianapolis, March 2.—When the conference of miners and operators of the Central competitive district opened for the day W. H. Bassett, an Ohio delegate, moved that the scale now in effect be readopted. This was seconded and put to a vote. The vote was as follows: Ohio operators, no; Illinois operators, no; Indiana operators, no; Western Pennsylvania operators, no; Ohio miners, yes; Illinois miners, yes; Indiana miners, yes; Western Pennsylvania miners, yes.

During the recess F. L. Robbins, leader of the operators, said: "It looks like a strike. The operators will make no concessions—absolutely none. It is a reduction of strike."

President Mitchell said:

"On Mr. Robbins' statement before the convention it does look like a strike. I expressed myself during my address and I shall certainly adhere to that."

## HULL WINS THE FIGHT.

### Congressman Carries Primaries in Polk County, Ia.

Des Moines, March 2.—After one of the most exciting election contests in the history of Des Moines Congressman J. A. T. Hull carried the primaries in this city. Wild rioting prevailed all day, but fortunately there were no fatalities.

The fight for the congressional nomination will now be transferred to the district. There is a movement on foot to combine the district against Polk Hill, the Polk county candidate. Polk county's representation fell off in the last election and no longer controls the convention.

## REACHED LOW MARK.

### Few Big Corporations Formed During February.

New York, March 2.—The total authorized capitalization of new companies formed in the Eastern states during February, with a capital of \$1,000,000 or more, fell to an unusually low figure—\$53,750,000. The low water mark figures for a series of years were reached in November, 1902, when they were \$55,000,000. Pennsylvania led in February, with a total of \$19,500,000.

## OFFICE FOR MARLBOROUGH.

### Is Likely to Become Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

London, March 2.—There is now much more likelihood of the Duke of Marlborough becoming viceroy of Ireland than heretofore. Lord Dudley shortly will be obliged to give up the lord lieutenancy owing to the precarious state of the health of Lady Dudley and it is generally believed that the Duke of Marlborough will succeed to the post.

## MARINES WILL REMAIN

### ADMINISTRATION DECIDES NOT TO SEND REGULAR TROOPS TO THE ISTHMUS.

### NAVY CONTINUES IN FULL CONTROL

### ORDERS TO THIRD INFANTRY TO PREPARE FOR SERVICE ARE TO BE REVOKED.

Washington, March 2.—It was decided at the cabinet meeting that troops should not be sent to the Isthmus of Panama. Preparatory orders that had been sent to the Third Infantry to prepare for service there will be revoked. Marines will continue to guard the interests of the United States on the isthmus.

The cabinet was influenced in its decision by the disinclination to have two jurisdictions on the isthmus there for some time. It was decided to allow the marines to continue the land duty.

Other matters of importance relating to the canal were considered by the cabinet. Attorney General Knox and other officials of the department of justice have under consideration the title to the canal property which is to be passed to this country by the Panama Canal company, but as yet they have reached no conclusion. It was said after the meeting that no money would be paid by this government until a clear title to the property was obtainable, but no intimation was given as to the length of time which might elapse before a decision was reached.

The entire subject of the canal and its construction was discussed, in addition to the legal phases of the question. It is expected that the commission just appointed will get to work practically immediately. It is said to go into the matter very soon to inspect thoroughly the conditions and to start the preliminary work of construction.

## AMERICAN OFFICER ACTS.

### President of San Domingo Cannot Blockade His Own Ports.

Washington, March 2.—President Morales of the Dominican republic has been refused permission to blockade his own ports to keep out the revolutionists, as shown by the following report to the navy department by Captain James E. Miller, commanding the cruiser Columbia:

"This morning (Feb. 18) the American three-masted schooner W. R. Perkins came in from the eastward and our boarding boat went alongside. The captain informed me that he had been warned off Macoris and not allowed to enter by the gunboat Presidente and was told that he must proceed to this port. Immediately upon receipt of this information I communicated with the minister, requesting him to communicate with President Morales and inform him that I would not recognize his right to blockade Macoris and refuse entrance to vessels flying the United States flag. The minister informs me that the president demurred at first, but finally agreed to the fact."

## INJUNCTION INEFFECTUAL.

### Chicago Messenger Boys Continue Slugging Tactics.

Chicago, March 2.—The injunction issued by the federal court against striking telegraph messenger boys failed to put a stop to "slugging" tactics. The boys, who are adult workmen employed as a strike breaker was beaten into insensibility and another roughly handled. In each case the strike breaker was attacked by a dozen boys who had trailed him from the company's offices. The assailants only desisted upon the arrival of the police.

## TWENTY-FIVE FOUND GUILTY.

### Striking Miners at Telluride, Colo., Charged With Vagrancy.

Telluride, Colo., March 2.—Sheriff Ruffin assisted by a detachment of the military, has arrested thirty-seven striking miners on the charge of vagrancy. They were taken before Judge Holmes, who fined twenty-five of them and discharged the rest. He gave the former twenty-four hours to decide whether they would go to work and have their fines suspended as a consequence. Otherwise, he said, they would have to leave town or go to jail.

## CHARLES DICK CHOSEN.

### Succeeds Marcus A. Hanna as Senator From Ohio.

Columbus, O., March 2.—Charles Dick of Akron has been elected to the United States senate to succeed the late Marcus A. Hanna. He was given the solid Republican vote of the house and senate, while the Democrats voted for John H. Clarke of Cleveland.

The name of General Dick was put in nomination by Senator W. S. Harris and Representative W. R. Buchtel.

## HARPER HAS APPENDICITIS.

### President of Chicago University Operated On.

Chicago, March 2.—President W. R. Harper of the University of Chicago has been operated on for appendicitis. The patient withstood the shock successfully. After the operation his condition was said by the physicians to be highly satisfactory.

## Gives Alaska a Delegate.

Washington, March 2.—A favorable report has been made from the senate committee on territories on Senator Nelson's bill giving Alaska a delegate in congress. The bill was reported in order to get it on the calendar before Thursday, which is Alaska day in the senate.

## TWENTY STATES REPRESENTED.

### Grain Growers and Stock Raisers Meet at Omaha.

Omaha, March 2.—Twenty states were represented by more than 250 delegates to the National Co-Operative Grain Growers and Stock Raisers association when that body convened here during the day. The executive committee appointed at the last convention, held in Chicago, has been in session two days and presented to the convention a plan for a more thorough organization and for making the work of the association of a much wider scope than has heretofore been attempted. New blocks of the capital stock of \$5,000,000 will be offered for sale to members and a number of large elevators are projected.

After the convention completed the work of organization the executive committee presented the proposed new constitution.

It provides that the name of the association shall be changed to the Farmers' National Exchange company. Its object shall be to "buy, sell and deal in grain, live stock and all kinds of produce on commission and otherwise and for that purpose build and equip elevators, warehouses, cold storage plants, stock yards and what ever shall be necessary for the carrying on of the business of the company."

## BLOCKED BY DEEP SNOW.

### No Trains Running on Some New York Railroads.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 2.—There were seven eastbound passenger trains in the New York Central station during the morning unable to proceed owing to deep snow between this city and Utica. A snowplow near Oneida was off the track. At 10:30 the Twentieth Century Limited was started east and soon after the fast mail and at intervals the others in order. No train from the east had reached Syracuse up to noon.

Morning trains on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg and Auburn roads were all annulled.

No trains are running on the Syracuse division of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western.

## BAD BREAK IN WHEAT

### PRICE OF CEREAL FOR MAY DE LIVERY DECLINES NEARLY FOUR CENTS.

Chicago, March 2.—A break of 3 1/2 cents in the price of wheat for May delivery occurred during the day, that option selling down to 96 1/2 cents on general liquidation. Ship losses in all foreign grain markets were the cause of the decline. Compared with the previous night's closing figure the market closed at a loss of 3 1/2 cents, at 97 1/2. Freight quotations on July were down 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 cents, closing at 91 1/2. Conroe grains and provisions felt the effects of the weakness in wheat, May oats were down 2 1/2 cents and May pork 8 1/2 cents.

## FLOOD ON THE MAUMEE.

### Great Damage Sustained by Several Ohio Towns.

Toledo, O., March 2.—The Upper Maumee river is out of its banks and is causing great damage in the towns of Delaware, Napoleon, Grand Rapids and Waterville.

Ice gorges that have filled the river have broken at various places and at some points the water is higher than ever known. Some small houses have been washed away at Napoleon and the Dutch section of Grand Rapids is almost entirely under water and trade suspended.

At Waterville a large iron bridge was carried away.

Thousands of fruit trees have been flooded and cut to pieces by the ice and about twenty summer cottages have been destroyed.

An ice gorge ten miles long is holding the water back above Toledo and alarm is felt in the city from the damage that may be done when this gorge is rising rapidly and is within a few inches of the top of the docks in the business section.

## POSTOFFICE BLOWN UP.

### Whites Use Force in Opposition to Negro Postmaster.

Clarendon, Ark., March 2.—The postoffice building at Humphreys has been completely destroyed by dynamite. Opposition to the negro postmaster is supposed to have been the cause.

The postmaster before the present one was a negro by the name of Tom. While he was in office there was considerable dissatisfaction regarding him. He was convicted of robbing the registered mails and sentenced to serve a term in the penitentiary.

When the present postmaster was appointed popular dissatisfaction reappeared after a time. The demolition of the postoffice is thought to have been the result.

## TWELVE DIE IN FIRE.

### Woman and Eleven Children Burned to Death.

Robenall, Que., March 2.—The house of Thomas Guay at St. Felicien was destroyed by fire and twelve persons lost their lives in the flames. The house was completely destroyed before the neighbors noticed the flames.

In it at the time were the eight small children of Thomas Guay, Mrs. Philip Gagnon and her three small children. All were burned to death.

Both Gagnon and Guay, the fathers, were absent working in the woods.

## Prominent Indianan Suicides.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 2.—Colonel Charles Kahloe of Indianapolis, representative of the National Association of Manufacturers headed by D. M. Parry, killed himself in the Hotel Imperial here. He was in the United States consular service under President Harrison and has held positions of state and business trust in Indiana. No reason is assigned for his act.

## CORBETT WON WITH EASE.

### Inflicts Terrible Beating on Sullivan at San Francisco.

San Francisco, March 2.—Referee Eddie Graney stopped the Corbett-Sullivan fight in the eleventh round in order to prevent Sullivan from being knocked out. He was helpless and had received so terrible a beating that he was resting about the ring, scarcely able to stand. Corbett, on the other hand, was unmarked and perfectly fresh. The feature of the contest was the gameness displayed by the loser, who, though he showed great cleverness, was at no stage a match for the champion.

As early as the fourth round the end was plainly in view. Sullivan managing to last through it only by taking the count several times. After this round Sullivan's recuperative powers surprised every one, but they served only to earn a terrible beating for him. On the whole the contest was painfully one-sided.

## MANNED BY AMERICAN CREW.

### New Turkish Cruiser Sails for Constantinople.

Philadelphia, March 2.—The new Turkish cruiser Meljdia, built at Cramp's shipyards, sailed during the day for Constantinople. On the way down the Delaware river she stopped at Port Mifflin and took aboard 10 tons of ammunition. The cruiser then proceeded to Norfolk to be placed in commission, after which she will leave for her gun trials off the Delaware capes. On the completion of the trials the Meljdia will coal at Hampton Roads and sail for the Darlanelles, touching en route at St. Thomas, Madeira, Los Palmas, Gibraltar, Algiers and Malta. The vessel is manned by an American crew, most of her officers being connected with the Cramp's Shipbuilding company.

## World's Fair Laborers Strike.

St. Louis, March 2.—One thousand men employed by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company as laborers on landscape, road building, tracklaying and other forms of work at the world's fair, struck during the day when informed that after next Monday the summer schedule of wages, 20 cents an hour, would be restored.

## Thunder Accompanies Blizzard.

Rochester, N. Y., March 2.—The worst blizzard of the season swept over this city during the night. In a few moments all trolley lines were practically out of business and snowdrifts on the sidewalks were almost insurmountable. A lively thunder storm accompanied the blizzard.

The appellate court at Chicago has reaffirmed that picketing by strikers is illegal.

## WILL BE INVESTIGATED

### CHARGE THAT BEEF TRUST IS VIOLATING THE INJUNCTION RESTING AGAINST IT.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE TAKES ACTION

### ORDERS FAVORABLE REPORT ON RESOLUTION OF MR. MARTIN OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

Washington, March 2.—Whether the "beef trust" is violating the injunction resting against it is to be made the subject of official investigation by the department of commerce and labor, according to a resolution ordered favorably reported to the house by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. Should the house take favorable action on the resolution, which is to be called up at the earliest possible moment by Chairman Hepburn, it will constitute the first instructions from congress to the new department to exercise the powers given it under the law to investigate the operation of industrial institutions. The resolution was introduced in the house Feb. 4 by Representative Martin of South Dakota. Later Mr. Martin was given an extended hearing by the committee, in which he made the assertion that the "beef trust" was violating the spirit of the injunction if not its letter. The resolution was amended so as to provide that the report of the investigation should go to the president, as provided in the law creating the new department. Instead of to congress. This amendment was opposed by Representative Richardson of Alabama, of the committee, who held that the report should be made to the house inasmuch as the house requested the investigation to be made. It was deemed advisable by the majority of the committee, however, to abide by the law and, after the investigation has been made, to pass another resolution requesting the president to submit the finding to the house.

Should the investigation show violations of the injunction the matter undoubtedly will be referred by the president to the department of justice and the "trust" proceeded against for contempt of court.

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