

# AS A WAGON BOSS, IVAN IVANOVITCH KNOWS HIS BUSINESS WELL

TRANSPORT SERVICE OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY HAS BEEN OF THE VERY BEST THROUGHOUT THE WAR.

PECULIARITY OF THE CONFLICT RAGING IN THE FAR EAST IS THAT NEITHER SIDE CARES TO RAID THE OTHER SUPPLY TRAINS.

Mukden: Although much has been alleged against the organization of the Russian army in the field, the vital departments of transport and commissariat are working with a smoothness to satisfy a more exacting force in circumstances of less difficulty.

The war is taking place in an area 10,000 miles from home. Russia possesses no mercantile fleet, and no sea ports. Her single line of railway from St. Petersburg to Port Arthur has been recently required for the transportation of troops. Yet along that narrow road threatened for a thousand miles of its length by the bandits of Manchuria, she has had to carry every pound of stores used at the front. When it is remembered that those

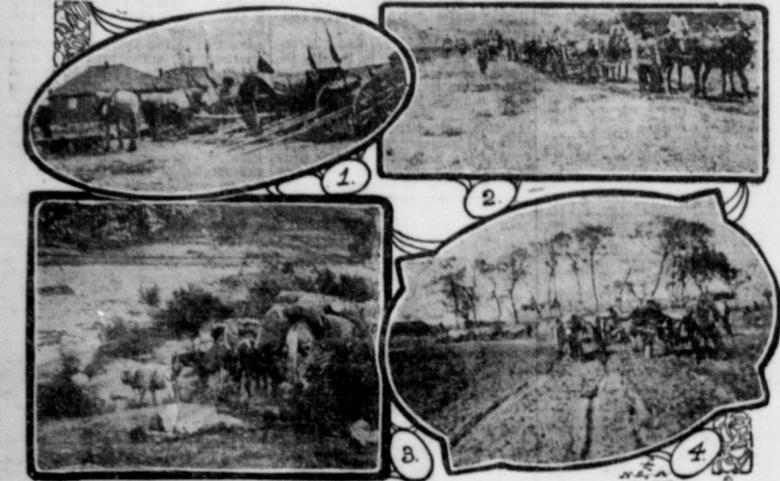
selves over the passes and through the mountains, and no man thinks of turning them from them. Their Chinese owners charge four roubles a day for hire, earning the price of an animal in two journeys. Contractors obtained 10,000 roubles for the hire of a single convoy from Liao-Yang to Feng-Hoang-Cheng.

When the rains came donkeys were no longer of use, and their place was taken by trains of carts which rumbled joltingly outward to the camps and bivouacs of the troops. On the steep parts of the road details of men were maintained to push the carts up hill. In the muddy sloughs watchmen were left to indicate the least perilous channels. Strangely enough, there has been

upon its opponent's supplies. To account for this is difficult. The Russians in their Cossacks possess the finest natural raiders in the world, and yet the sum of their loot must be absurdly small in the present campaign. The enemy's commissariat does not tempt them.

Now that it is winter, cart traffic is once more practicable and easy. The roads in Manchuria are at their best when they are frozen solid to a depth of 15 or 20 feet, and that is the state in which they have been ever since the battle of the Sha-ho. Sledges are not necessary in Southern Manchuria, the snow fall is by no means heavy, and any cart which can stand the bumping over frozen roads and ditches forms an excellent medium of transport between the months of October and March.

The Russian soldier, being more of an armed peasant than a military man, lends himself to transport duty with an efficiency that is not common to all armies. He carts foreign produce and manure, black bread and high explosives, with exactly the same bucolic indifference. If he sticks in the mud, he shoves and hauls until his cart is clear again. If his cart loses a wheel, it is the most familiar of processes to



1—A RUSSIAN COMMISSARIAT DEPARTMENT. 2—A REGIMENTAL TRANSPORT TRAIN. 3—DONKEY TRAIN. 4—STUCK IN THE MUD.

stores include coal and timber, food stuffs and ammunition, clothing and fodder, the magnitude of the task imposed upon her will be realized.

The Russian handy man is ever the railroad engineer, not the sailor. His first duty was to increase the efficiency of the railway and to avoid waste of time and money. He achieved this by building sidings all along the track. At the end of the first six months those sidings were but 10 miles apart and permitted trains to run with the regularity almost of a double track.

In the month of August eight trains a day were run in both directions. Those trains consisted for the most part of 40 cars, each car loaded with forty men or their equivalent in stores and ammunition. With the opening of the Circum-Baikal line in the second week of September, three days were cut out of the duration of the journey from Irkutsk to Mukden. Accidents have been remarkably few in the working of the railroad, and trains have run with a smoothness that does the Russian railway engineer infinite credit.

With the arrival of the goods at the great receiving depot of Liao-Yang the difficulty of transport had just commenced. The army lay spread along a front from Feng-Hoang-Cheng to Pitsewu. Southwards stores could be run on railway cars to most of the garrison points, but eastward there were only weary miles of rough road to travel. Along those roads the Russians sent provisions in transport carts, on mule-back, on pony-back, and donkey-back. The carts were strong, two-wheeled farm vehicles from the villages of Siberia; to those were added the cumbersome country carts of the Chinese. In the rainy season 25 per cent of every transport train was left derelict by the roadside. Ammunition was carried on horse-back, in regulation boxes, carefully strapped on especially prepared pack saddles. The Siberian mule is an insignificant animal, and no great transport carrier, still the Chinese maintain that the mule goes further, carries more and eats less than any horse of the country.

In the dry season the Russians made much use of donkeys. Those donkeys of the east are tiny animals, covered with sores, neat-footed and docile, yet able to travel 40 miles a day with a regulation burden of 150 pounds upon their backs. When the rain came it was no longer possible to use the diminutive donkey over the flooded rivers. His place was taken by his longer-legged rivals.

There was something to me very beautiful in the donkey-trains of three and four miles in length, wending their way through the hills of eastern Manchuria. The Chinese transport driver is the most silent of his species I have ever known in war. His beast's sores are more the result of galling harness than of his own cruelty. A bell-pony leads the cavalcade and the donkeys trip along their appointed way almost without direction or complaint. They exercise considerable independence in the choice of route; the road which the regulation transport carts must follow rarely commends itself to the donkeys. They work out strange paths for them-

remarkably little loss of convoys at the hands of the enemy in the war. The nature of the country, and the deliberation of the Japanese in battle, are largely responsible for the absence of incidents which have become the most common accompaniments of war. Neither force has made any attempt to swoop down

endeavor to repair it. Ivan Ivanovich as a carter is a success. His horses are well fed and well cared for. The transport wagons are in excellent repair and Ivan Ivanovich nowhere does himself more credit than in the transport department of the czar's service. —Douglas Story.

## BIG EVENTS OF 1904

JANUARY — Panama republic adopts a constitution.

FEBRUARY — Great Russian-Japanese war began with an attack by the Japanese upon the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, and the landing of Japanese troops in Korea.

MARCH — In the trial of United States Senator Reed Smoot many prominent Mormons admitted that polygamy is still practiced in Utah.

APRIL — The Louisiana Purchase exposition was formally opened at St. Louis.

MAY — Ion Perdicaris, a wealthy native American citizen, and Cromwell Varley, his English stepson, were kidnapped by Moroccan bandits and United States Sixth Atlantic squadron was sent to Tangier.

JUNE — Steamer Gen. Slocum burned in East river, New York, and 101 Sunday school excursionists lost their lives.

JULY — M. Von Plehve, Russian minister of the interior, was assassinated in St. Petersburg by the explosion of a bomb under his carriage.

AUGUST — One hundred and six persons killed in wreck of a Rio Grande passenger train near Pueblo, Col.

SEPTEMBER — Battle of Liao-Yang ended in defeat of the Russians, after raging nine days.

OCTOBER — Russian Baltic fleet fired on fleet of 40 English fishing boats.

NOVEMBER — President Roosevelt ejected by tremendous majority, carrying every northern and western state.

DECEMBER — The great Chadwick financial bubble was cracked.

### LITTLE TALES TERSELY TOLD

**THE NUDE BODY** of a new born baby was found yesterday morning under the sidewalk on Eighth street, in Olympia. The baby had been dead two or three days. There were no marks of violence on the body. A laundry mark on an old shirt will probably lead to the discovery of the parentage.

**JOE KING**, the bandit, who gave the Vancouver, B. C., police a merry chase this week, is believed to have escaped into Washington state with one of his partners. The police have been notified at various places and he may be recaptured.

**THE FISHERMEN** of the state

are holding a convention at Kalama and among the questions discussed was the one to have from Saturday at midnight to Sunday at midnight closed season the year around. The fish laws were all talked over.

**R. L. BATES**, a former policeman of this city, but who was serving a seven-year sentence in the penitentiary on McNellis island, died yesterday morning of hemorrhage of the brain. Bates was charged with having stolen goods in Nome and also with forgery. His wife was with him at the time of his death.

**D. B. SHELLER**, forestry superintendent, of Tacoma, is on his way to Washington to attend the annual meeting of the National Forestry association. The conference is believed to be of much value to the state of Washington.

### FIRST STEP TAKEN

The first step was taken last night towards the establishment of a juvenile court when the members of the Sociological club, of the First Presbyterian church, as well as prominent pastors and other church workers met and endorsed the project. It is understood that there will be a bill presented at the next legislature providing for the establishment of such a court, along lines similar to those of other states. There were many speakers on the subject which was thoroughly gone into.

A watch meeting in the form of a whist party will be given by the Order of Washington tonight in Al-Kl hall, corner of Second avenue and James street.

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### ANOTHER BONDED WAREHOUSE HERE

Seattle has been given another bonded warehouse. Such is the advice sent to this city from Washington. The government has selected the place of F. A. Bell & Co., on Railroad avenue, between Virginia and Pine streets. The increase in the amount of goods received in this port in bond has made it necessary for another house to be secured.

During the past year the present warehouse has been crowded to overflowing and occasionally private warehouses have been secured when the amount of goods became excessive. The government easily predicts a large increase in the shipment of goods in bond and decided to meet the emergency with increasing the amount of bonded warehouse space.

### W. C. L. U. TAKES STRONG ACTION

The Western Central Labor union is going to make an attempt at the coming session of the legislature to prevent, if possible, the employment of a Chinese crew on the steamship Minnesota. The subject was discussed warmly at the last meeting of the body, Jim Hill being warmly denounced for employing a crew that cannot legally land on American soil.

The railroad magnate's method was labeled as an insult to the American workman. The matter was referred to the legislative committee of the body for report, but the committeemen feel that they

are powerless to cope with the situation in view of the late decisions of the supreme court in such matters.

### A BANQUET OF GOOD THINGS

Edibles, molded and fashioned into symmetrical forms and all so tastily put together as to make a beautiful culinary art piece, are on exhibition at the Butter hotel.

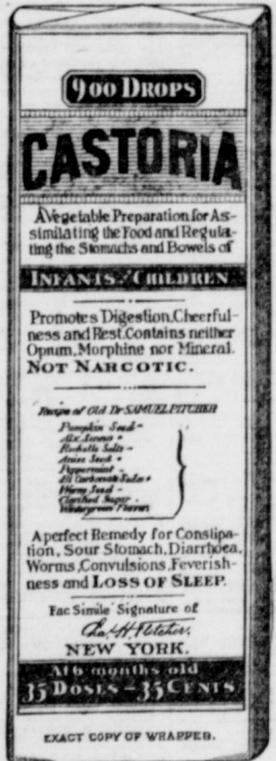
The work of art is the result of the skill of Chef Robert Steiger, who has been using his spare time for the last three weeks in molding the piece in a little corner of the kitchen, which has been boarded off to suit his convenience. Like a painter at his work, Steiger has carefully constructed his production and Manager King is delighted with it.

It is made to represent a mammoth cluster of flowers. All forms of edibles are employed in its make-up and each is placed so artistically that a most beautiful effect is produced. Manager King showed the art piece to a party of friends last night, all of whom pronounced it one of the finest pieces of work they had ever seen.

The ladies of the Missionary Social union will hold their annual prayer meeting in the rooms of the Young Women's Christian association, at the corner of Cherry street and Third avenue, Friday, January 6, at 2:30 p. m. The meeting will be led by Mrs. Chase, of the First Presbyterian church. A cordial invitation is extended to the women of all churches to attend and participate.

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- Dr. L. O. Morgan, of So. Amboy, N. J., says: "I prescribe your Castoria every day for children who are suffering from constipation, with better effect than I receive from any other combination of drugs."
- Dr. H. J. Taft, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I have used your Castoria and found it an excellent remedy in my household and private practice for many years. The formula is excellent."
- Dr. Wm. L. Bosserman, of Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I am pleased to speak a good word for your Castoria. I think so highly of it that I not only recommend it to others, but have used it in my own family."
- Dr. F. H. Kyle, of St. Paul, Minn., says: "It affords me pleasure to add my name to the long list of those who have used and now endorse your Castoria. The fact of the ingredients being known through the printing of the formula on the wrapper is one good and sufficient reason for the recommendation of any physician. I know of its good qualities and recommend it cheerfully."

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