

TOGO IN TOUCH.

JAPAN WOULD RATHER ACCEPT PEACE TERMS THAN DEFEAT.

TIME FOR THE OLIVE BRANCH.

Come Russians Are Counting on Rojstvensky's Lucky Star to Pull Him Through.

St. Petersburg, April 11.—There is reason to believe that Vice Admiral Rojstvensky's entrance into the China Sea has been followed by orders for the cruisers Gromoboi, Rossia, Bogatyr, which have been ready for some time at Vladivostok, to put to sea. Whether it is the intention to send them south immediately or to hold them in the vicinity of Vladivostok is not known. Their appearance outside the roadstead of Vladivostok it is believed would constitute a potential threat against Admiral Togo, which will compel the retention in order to dispatch a number of heavy fighting ships to Japanese waters. Thus Admiral Togo seems to be virtually between two fires.

The peace influences in the government urge that this favorable strategic position presents the psychological moment for offering officially the olive branch to Japan, as no matter how confident the Japanese government may be of Togo's victory, it can not overlook the possibility of defeat, nor fail to appreciate the complete disaster which would follow the transfer of mastery of the sea to Russia.

With so much depending on the issue, they argue that both countries have mutual interests in avoiding an actual test, and it is not impossible, therefore, that a new move in the direction of peace may come just as the world expects to hear the call to quarters for the greatest naval battle of modern times. Certainly the spirits of the war party have been greatly raised by Rojstvensky's success in penetrating to the China Sea; and the prospect of a naval battle, even with the odds against a Russian victory, which would change the entire complexion of the situation, has aroused something like a flash of enthusiasm in many Russian breasts.

Some naval officers express the opinion that Rojstvensky, having now safely navigated the Straits, instead of sailing north to meet the Japanese, can afford to calmly await Vice Admiral Nebogatoff with his division of the squadron, who can arrive there in about three weeks. The Russian Admiralty on Sunday received a long dispatch from Singapore, but no intimation as to its contents has been given to the newspapers. The papers Sunday morning printed Singapore dispatches without comment, the Soviet being the only exception. This paper views the news from Rojstvensky as an auspicious prelude to a decisive battle, "which may show that over Rojstvensky still shines the happy star which helped him when a lieutenant to save the fragile Vesta in an unequal conflict with a Turkish battleship."

The Soviet expressed the hope that Rojstvensky is destined to turn the tables, and that even in case of defeat some of his vessels will be able to break through and reach the Japan Sea.

Dr. Hadley En Route. New Orleans, La.: Dr. Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale University, reached here late last night on his Southern campaign in the interest of old Yale. He will take in Texas, and announced last night that he would attend a meeting of the Texas Yale alumni to be held in Dallas April 13.

Dr. Hadley says he has found universal progress in education throughout the South. He has also noted progress in negro education, especially mentioning Memphis as a center.

Caucasus Situation Very Bad. St. Petersburg: Dispatches from the Caucasus paint the railroad situation there in alarming colors. Authorities, it is represented, are afraid to run trains at night lest they be wrecked.

Hurt Running a Cow. Cameron, Texas: Richard Batte, son of R. L. Batte, a farmer and stockman living two miles east of here, while trying to pen a cow, fell from his horse and sustained serious injuries. Dr. Shaw says he can't tell just how badly he is hurt.

Indemnity of Half Billion. St. Petersburg: Baron Suematsu's article in the London Outlook of Saturday regarding indemnity is coincident with Russia's information, the amount demanded being \$500,000,000.

Two Persons Burned. Jacksonville, Fla.: It is reported here that in a fire at Plant City last night two persons were burned to death. It is impossible to get the names or details, as the telegraph office at Plant City closes early.

ACREAGE IS REDUCED.

Col. Peters Makes Positive Statement About 1905 Crop.

Houston, Texas, April 10.—Col. E. S. Peters, of Calvert, who was in the city yesterday and left last night for home, was very cheerful over the status of affairs in which the cotton growers have recently taken a keen interest. Upon being questioned as to the actual and not the speculative reduction of cotton acreage, he stated that the reduction was an actual fact. The status in the state is already a reduced acreage. His knowledge of the situation enabled him to make the declaration out and out. He continued:

"The cotton bears have done all in their power to depress prices, but not even their resourcefulness has enabled them to accomplish it, and I feel that the farmers are to be congratulated, because it is chiefly due to their steadiness of purpose and determination. The fact that the bears are unable to bring about a fall in prices is proof of what I tell you about the reduction of acreage by the farmers. They pledged themselves to do it, and I am proud of the way they stuck to it. Now the problem is for the farmer to learn to market his cotton to the best advantage. They can do it. With up-to-date warehouses and the improved methods of handling the cotton, the farmer can make money where in the past he lost it. Now, he can have twelve months in which to sell his crop, instead of being forced to do it in three months, at a sacrifice, perhaps. The greatest victory for them has been in the reduction of the crop. The rest of it is easy to learn. The prescribed method will soon be adopted all over the South. When I say the farmers have reduced their acreage, I may speak a little in advance, but I believe that I am close enough to the ones who know most about the plans to put me in a position to make the statement."

Col. Peters thinks that on the strength of the present status and things that are soon to develop there has not for years been as bright an outlook for the farmer.

Senator Platt's Condition. Washington: No perceptible change has taken place in the condition of United States Senator Orville H. Platt in the twenty-four hours ending at 8 p. m., according to the bulletin from the sick room issued last night by Dr. W. J. Ford. This means, in the opinion of the physicians, that the Senator is holding his own against the rather serious aspect of the recurrent attack of bronchial pneumonia.

Carbolic Acid Death. Mason, Texas: Thursday afternoon Ernest, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tinsley, died from drinking carbolic acid. He found the drug on top of the safe, where it was supposed to be out of his reach. His mother, who was about her work, heard his screams of agony, and he was brought three miles to the physicians, who did all they could to alleviate his sufferings, which ended shortly in death.

Wheeling His Family. Temple, Texas: Anton Sansjian, a freak pedestrian, whose specialty is walking around the world wheeling his wife and child in a perambulator, was here Friday and Saturday, and succeeded in arousing a great deal of interest. He started from Vienna, Austria, September 12, 1900, and has papers showing him to have covered 25,000 miles of the trip.

Spent Sunday With His Family. Messina: Emperor William spent the whole day with his family. He was greatly pleased to find Prince Eitel completely recovered. From the Italian battleship Dandolo the Emperor sent a wireless message to the King of Italy thanking him for his magnificent reception. He will leave during the night for Corfu.

A. B. Symmes Killed. Atchison, Kas.: A. B. Symmes, aged 73, a wholesale grocer, was run over and killed by a locomotive at Hot Springs, Ark., according to a message received here yesterday. He was the father of Capt. A. Rowan, noted as the man who carried the "message to Garcia" during the Spanish-American war.

Hollander to Sail Shortly. San Juan: D. T. J. Hollander, who has been selected by President Roosevelt to investigate the fiscal condition of the Republic of Santo Domingo, will sail shortly for San Domingo on board the cruiser Chattanooga.

Man Tossed High. Guthrie, Ok.: John Hatfield, living near Ponca City, was struck by Saturday night's Santa Fe flyer, thrown fifty feet into air and instantly killed. His team escaped uninjured.

Central Texas Dentists. Temple, Texas: The Central Texas Dental Society convened in Temple Saturday with a good attendance present, all parts of the district being represented. Excellent papers were read by the members on the program.

Cyclone Davis in Alvin. Alvin, Texas: "Cyclone" Davis arrived here yesterday morning and made an address last night at the Carlton opera hall in the interest of prohibition.

DIVERSIFICATION SOMETHING TO SELL EVERY DAY.

SOUTHERN COTTON ASSOCIATION, E. S. PETERS, Vice-President, Calvert, Texas.

Market for Corn Open to Texas.

SECRETARY H. B. DORSEY MAKES SUGGESTIONS.

NEW GLUCOSE FACTORY.

Louisiana Concern Will Take the Product of Texas Farms During the Year.

Weatherford, Texas, April 8.—Realizing the good work the leading papers of our state are doing regarding diversification and other matters pertaining to the agricultural interest of the state, and also their desire to serve their readers, I desire to suggest a matter, which I feel is of considerable interest to the agricultural and grain interests of Texas.

Now that there seems to be a determination on the part of the farmers to decrease acreage of cotton, they are of course looking for something to substitute. Of course, farmers do not like to plant very much of any one product, unless they know they will have a market. That is the reason so much cotton is planted. There is always a market at some price. The object of this article is to call attention of the farmers and others interested to a new market, which will shortly be opened for our Texas corn, and in view of the fact that our corn comes in considerably earlier than any other state, and as we are located nearer the place than any other state which produces any considerable quantity of corn, and as we could get our corn gathered and on the market at a time when other states are out of the market virtually, it occurs to me that it would be better for the farmers, though late as it is, to put in

Financiers at Work. St. Petersburg: The Japanese insistence upon an indemnity rather than indisposition to conclude peace at this time, later information indicates, wrecked the recent attempt to bring the warring powers into negotiations. Another effort in different lines to bring Russia and Japan together is now believed to be under way, the movers now being French and English financial interests with heavy connections in the two countries.

Russians in Retreat. Tokio: The main force of Russians which were recently defeated in the neighborhood of Chinchia have deviated towards Shumencheng, and part of it retreated along the Genhhuu road. On the evening of April 5 no Russians were to be seen south of Hsinlinton, eight miles north of Chinchiarun. A small force of Russians is occupying Talisyu, twenty-six miles east of Welyuanpaomn.

Pickpockets at Work. Austin, Texas: The visit of the president brought many pickpockets to Austin. News of their depredations are just leaking out, and some of it is rather startling. Sheriff Matthews reports that a county treasurer of a certain Texas county lost \$600 in his pocketbook. Several empty pocketbooks were found in the Capitol yard. All of them had been rifled, and were in a pile under one of the trees.

Many Lives Lost. Lahore, India: Four hundred and seventy men, of the Gurkha regiment, were buried alive as a result of the earthquake at the hill station of Dharmasala, according to latest information from that place. The report added that it was impossible to rescue the entombed men.

Birth of Triplets. Beeville, Texas: In Bee, as in most other counties, the birth of twins, while worth reporting, is not a very unusual occurrence, but when triplets make their appearance the event is worthy of celebration. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hart, of Normanna, are the parents of two boys and a girl, born on the 30th ult., and all are alive and thriving. This is the first instance of triplets being born in this county.

Drowned in a Mudhole. Perkins, Ok.: The 5-year-old son of John Balkley was drowned yesterday in a mudhole in a cornfield where his father was plowing. He was left at one end of the field and drowned while his father was plowing the round.

Negro Killing at Timpson. Timpson, Texas: Leta Hooper, colored, killed Silas Hudson, colored, Wednesday, using a .38-caliber Winchester. Family trouble the cause.

Increased acreage in corn this year, and other years, so far as that is concerned. I refer to the establishment of a large glucose factory by the Goyer Alliance Refining Company, with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn., at Belle Alliance, La., which will consume something like 10,000 bushels of corn daily during the entire year, except November and December. With a market like this, at our door, with our unlimited acreage suitable for raising corn, we ought to produce as much or more corn than any other state in the Union.

CONDITIONS FAVOR WEEVIL.

Colonel Peters Says Late Season Will Bring Weevil.

Dallas, Texas, March 28.—Vice President E. S. Peters of the Southern Cotton Association reached Dallas tonight on his way to Indian Territory points in the interest of the association of which he is an officer. Colonel Peters said to The Record correspondent:

"These rains have made the planting season three weeks late. The conditions are just right for the boll weevil, for the cotton crop will not mature early enough to get out of his way. The lateness of the season is the strongest kind of an argument for the farmer to reduce his cotton acreage and put in large crops of corn, sorghum and millet and other fodder crops. He should go particularly strong on corn. The best corn crop I ever raised was planted in the latter part of April; the yield was seventy-five bushels to the acre. There's no use deceiving ourselves. The boll weevil is still here. He will be destructively in evidence next fall when the crop matures late. The backward season, because of the rains, extends even to the limits of Southwest Texas. I traveled last week from San Antonio to Hearne, and only saw two patches of corn above the ground, and not a bit of cotton."

Robbery of \$2,000.

Lake Charles, La.: J. R. Williams, who has been a resident of this city off and on for a number of years, has been arrested and placed under bond on the charge of robbing Hennigan's store at Merryville on the night of March 31, on which occasion about \$2,000 is said to have been taken. Deputy Sheriff Louis Ford brought Williams to this city. His bond was fixed at \$400, and he returned to Singer, where he has been living for the past several months.

Given Silver Spurs. San Antonio, Texas: At 7 o'clock yesterday evening the Business Men's Club tendered a banquet to the president in the Menger Hotel. At the conclusion of the dinner he was presented by the club, through Nat M. Washer, with a handsome pair of solid silver spurs, with gold buttons and ornaments.

Khedival Theater Burns. New York: The Khedival Theater has been burned, cables the Herald's correspondent at Alexandria, Egypt. It is supposed the fire started shortly after the conclusion of a circus performance. A number of horses succumbed to the flames. The loss is estimated at \$80,000, with no insurance.

New Railroad to Issue Bonds. Austin, Texas: General Attorney R. C. Duff, of the Beaumont, Sour Lake & Western Railroad appeared before the Railroad Commission yesterday and secured permission for the company to issue bonds to the extent of \$15,000 a mile upon the twenty miles of road.

Sportsman Shot in the Hand. Victoria, Texas: While Will Barber, the 20-year-old son of Levi Barber, a farmer living several miles east of here, was out hunting yesterday his gun was accidentally discharged, the load passing through his left hand and lacerating it so badly that it was found necessary to amputate three fingers.

To Teach in Shanghai. Oklahoma City, Ok.: Robert E. McSwain has resigned his position as president of the Epworth University. He has accepted a call to teach in a Methodist college at Shanghai, China.

Drug Stores in Stock Company. Eagle Pass, Texas: The two drug stores owned by W. L. Lyman, one in C. P. Diaz, Mex., and the other in Eagle Pass, have been transferred to a stock company, the capitalization being \$10,000, and the business will be known as the Lyman Drug Company.

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Advancing Old Age. Is detected by a gradual loss of elasticity in the outer skin which subtly turns expression lines into wrinkles. JOHN H. WOODBURY'S FACIAL SOAP. WOODBURY'S FACIAL SOAP. Keeps the skin firm wholesome and well nourished, thus retarding the ravages of time. For over 30 years this Face Soap has been indispensable to its acquaintances. 25 cents A CAKE. Woodbury's Facial Cream applied regularly whitens and preserves the natural condition of the face skin. INITIAL OFFER. In case your dealer cannot supply you send us his name and we will send prepaid, to any address for \$1.00 the following toilet requisites: 1 Cake Woodbury's Facial Soap, 1 Tube " Facial Cream, 1 " " Dental Cream, 1 Box " Face Powder. Together with our readable booklet Beauty's Masque, a careful treatise on the care of the "outer self." Booklet free on application. THE ANDREW JERGENS CO., CINCINNATI, O.

Alabastine Your Walls. Just ask the doctor if there isn't danger of disease in your walls. Don't take our word for it—ask him. Make him tell you. There is only one perfectly sanitary and hygienic wall covering. That is Alabastine—made from Alabaster rock—then colored with mineral colorings. ALABASTINE is cleanly, because it is made from pure rock—Alabaster rock and pure water. It is not stuck on with sour paste nor smelly glue. When your walls need covering, you don't need to wash ALABASTINE off. Just add another coat, for ALABASTINE is antiseptic as well as beautiful. The most beautiful decorations are possible with Alabastine. Any decorator or painter can put it on. You do it yourself. Insist on Alabastine being delivered in the original package. It is your only safeguard against substitution of worthless imitations. Write for beautiful tint card and free suggestions. If your dealer can't supply you, send us his name and we will send you Alabastine. ALABASTINE COMPANY, Grant Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich. New York Office, 105 Water St.

WHO OWNS THE RAILROADS? H. T. Newcomb of the District of Columbia Bar, has compiled statistics showing that 5,174,718 depositors in savings banks of six eastern states are directly interested in the joint ownership of \$442,354,086 of steam railroad securities, that insurance companies doing business in Massachusetts hold \$845,889,038 of steam railroad stocks and bonds and 74 educational institutions depend on \$47,468,327 invested in similar securities for a portion of their income. Other fiduciary institutions own enough railroad securities to bring such holding up to more than a billion and a half dollars, about one-sixth of the entire capital invested in railroad property. These investments represent the savings of the masses, there being twenty million holders of life insurance policies in the country, as many more of fire insurance policies, and an even greater number of depositors in banking and trust institutions, where investments are largely in railroad securities.

Rabbits burrowing beneath the road near Abthorpe, Northants, England, have caused a number of cycle accidents.

More Flexible and Lasting, won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

A new tribe was recently discovered in India in which contagious diseases are combated by killing those who are attacked.

"Makes Pains Fly." "I have used other remedies for Cuts, Sprains, Burns, Bruises, etc., with more or less success. I have also used Hunt's Lightning Oil with most success. It makes the pains fly." Geo. Taylor, Carville, O. T.

The United States produces 319,000,000 metric tons of coal a year, worth at the mines \$485,000,000 and costing consumers nearly a billion dollars.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Men who imagine the world owes them a living try to collect it a loaf at a time.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, &c. &c. &c.

This life would be impossible without the possibility of another life.