

A PRICELESS MAP OF FRANCE.

The average Frenchman must have had a definite sense of Russian friendship when at the Exposition of 1900, he saw the "Jewel map" of France presented to the nation by the Tsar of Russia.

It must not be supposed that the pieces of Jasper that represent the departments have been shaped "anyhow."

The rivers of France are numerous and long. In this map they are duplicated by threads of platinum that, sunk in the yellow Jasper, shine like silver.

Naturally the eye travels to Paris, and there it stops, enchanted by the sight of a magnificent ruby which must be worth a small fortune.

Away in the north is Lille, a trifle smaller in size than the ruby—not a diamond, as it appears, but a phenacite, a variety of rock crystal that is very rare.

Hayre is a splendid emerald, although not so fine as the egg-shaped emerald that marks Marcellus. Nantes sparkles like a tiny pool of champagne, a particularly handsome beryl.

More than 50,000 people find employment in the manufacture of German toys, the annual output for export being valued at more than \$13,000,000.

How Could It Be a Mistake? What a woman doesn't know about newspapers isn't worth knowing.

"I notice in the Daily Hoodoo that Mr. Hiffins died on Sunday."

"I thought so, too, at first, but I got half a dozen copies of the paper, and it was the same in all of them.

Another Point of View. A farmer in Pennsylvania lost his wife and married another and took her to his home within a week after he had buried the first one.

Would Come Where There's Money. "If you were offered three wishes, George, dear, what would they be?"

Each day brings its separate and distinct opportunities for doing good.

PLENTY OF AIR.

Says an Eminent Physician, Will Cure Most Consumptives.

Whatever the symptoms may be, says Dr. David Wark, a New York consumption specialist, there are present without exception in every case of consumption four grave morbid conditions.

It is a fact well known to physicians that plenty of pure air is a sovereign remedy in the treatment of this dread disease.

All the vital interchanges between the tissues and the blood occur while it flows through the capillaries, says Dr. Wark.

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By means of passive movements, skillfully prescribed and applied, the blood circulation can be made to flow with absolute certainty and freedom.

When the volume of respired air has been increased only three cubic inches at each tranquil respiration over and above the reduced volume habitually breathed, the extra amount entering the blood every 24 hours will amount to 50 cubic feet.

In conclusion, says Dr. Wark, I have no hesitation in saying that if the medical profession throughout the civilized world could be induced to adopt and practice the treatment here sketched, medical and mechanical, for the cure of chronic consumption, as soon as its presence can be detected, the advance in the healing art would be almost if not quite as great as that which occurred when vaccination, anaesthesia and surgical asepsis were discovered and adopted.

LAKE-TO-SEA COMMISSION.

The Idea of a Neutral American-Canadian Canal.

With the appointment by President Roosevelt of three commissioners, including Colonel Oswald H. Earnest, engineer corps, U. S. A., to act in behalf of the United States in co-operation with a similar body representing Great Britain, to investigate the question of water routes from the great lakes to the Atlantic ocean, the first step has been taken in one of the most colossal enterprises ever proposed on the American continent.

The project which is this commission is charged to examine is so vast, not only in its bearing upon the inland commerce of the North American continent, but in its possible effect upon the political relations between the United States and Canada, that its serious consideration by a body of official experts representing the two governments directly concerned becomes a matter of international interest.

Urge Turkey to Declare War. Port Said, Feb. 17.—The native press is jubilant at the Japanese successes and urges Turkey to take advantage of Russia's predicament to declare war on Bulgaria, with the object of administering a lesson to that country and recovering Southern Roumania.

LOSS OF NATION.

MARCUS ALONZO HANNA PASSES TO ETERNAL REST.

End Came After Two Months of Illness, Filled With Apparent Recoveries Followed by Relapses—Last Moments Were Without Pain—Was Kept Alive by Powerful Scientific Agents.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Marcus Alonzo Hanna died at 6:40 o'clock last night at the family apartments in the Arlington hotel, after an illness extending over nearly two months, filled with apparent recoveries followed by relapses, and finally drifting into typhoid fever, which, in his weakened condition, he was unable to withstand.

The last sinking spell began at exactly 6:30 o'clock. Doctors Carter and Osler were then in attendance. They did not conceal the fact that life was about to end, and all the members of the family were sent for.

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For the last two days Senator Hanna had not been conscious except at intervals and then only to obey mechanically some instructions given him by the physicians.

UNDER GUARD OF JAPANESE.

Russian Consul at Chemulpo, Corea, in Safe Hands—Minister at Seoul to Withdraw.

Seoul, Feb. 17.—The Russian Consul at Chemulpo is guarded by Japanese troops. Today all the other Russians in the city have been ordered into one large house, where they will be detained awaiting action of the authorities in regard to their disposal.

It is now known that the Russian cruiser "Varyag" lost 40 men and one officer, a Count, killed during the recent engagement off Chemulpo. This officer was a midshipman named Nirol.

RUSSIANS LIE CLOSE.

Withdraw into Inner Harbor at Port Arthur and Prepare for Jap Attack.

Chefoo, Feb. 17.—Nothing has been heard here of the Russian Vladivostok fleet since Saturday, when it was seen cruising off the sea of Japan. The Russians have withdrawn from the roads off Port Arthur and are now well within the inner harbor, protected by the forts.

Fear Seizure of Steamer Corea. Washington, Feb. 17.—There is great interest in the probable course of Japan toward the steamer Corea, which is bound via Nagasaki for Vladivostok, with a cargo of beef for the Russian garrison.

RUSSIANS BECOME CITIZENS.

Hays City, Kan., Feb. 17.—As a result of the war in the Orient, the District Court here is besieged with applications for citizenship.

ELEVEN SHIPS NEED REPAIRS.

Put Out of Commission by the Japanese Shells at Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Feb. 16.—The steamer Wenchow, arriving from Port Arthur, reports that 11 Russian ships were struck in Wednesday's engagement.

The battleship Sevastopol has a shell hole just above the waterline and is useless in rough weather. The cruiser Novik has a hole in her after port side.

The battleship Retvizin is on the beach and her bottom has fallen out. The cruiser Pallada was torpedoed about the engine-room.

The battleship Czarevitch, which was also torpedoed, has been docked. The others were chiefly damaged in their upper works.

Firing was heard at midnight February 11, at intervals, also on the nights of February 12 and 13. On February 14 the firing continued until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

It is understood that Admiral Stark has been reduced for his failure to repulse the Japanese attack. The cruiser Novik was the only vessel to do effective work.

USED BRITISH PORT.

Japs Accused by Russia of Making Headquarters at Wei Hai Wei.

New York, Feb. 17.—In spite of the denial of Lord Lansdowne, it is still believed here that the Japanese fleet has its headquarters at Wei Hai Wei, says a Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg.

Much attention is given here to the Danish action calling upon 15,000 men and naval reserves to man sea fortresses. This is supposed to be the first move toward closing the sound.

REVOLUTIONISTS CAPTURE CITY.

Army of 450 in Control of Navarrette, Santo Domingo.

New York, Feb. 17.—General Jimenez forces, numbering 450 men, with one cannon, have been at Navarrette four days, cables the Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, correspondent of the Herald. They have cut the railroad and telephone wires, and are in complete control of the city.

Traffic between here and Santiago de los Caballeros has been paralyzed for nine days past. The revolutionary forces have advanced to Laguna, where a battle took place with the government troops under command of Colonel Camacho.

ICE BREAKS THROUGH.

Russia's Transportation Across Lake Baikal Disrupted.

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Fleet Goes to Culebra.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Word reached the Navy Department today that the battleship squadron of the North Atlantic fleet, including the Kearsarge, the Alabama, the Illinois and the Massachusetts, had sailed from Culebra for the naval station at Guantanamo.

APPEAL OF JAPAN.

UNITED STATES ASKED TO APPLY TO RUSSIA.

Japanese Held Captive—Russia's Answer to Secretary Hay's Note Will Be Satisfactory—Assurances Are Received From Paris and London—Chinese Neutrality Secured.

New York, Feb. 16.—A special cable to the Herald says: According to a telegram from Missoula, one of the so-called storms that terrorize Lake Baikal, has broken out, and most unfortunately, just at the moment when the rails for the railroad are being laid over the ice.

The work has been interrupted some days, while wood sleepers are still missing, big stocks at Irkutsk having been employed in consolidating the railway there.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Japan will appeal to the United States to prevail on the Russian Government to release the 100 Japanese subjects reported detained at Port Arthur.

In a cablegram received from Tokio today the Minister was informed that according to the news brought to Chefoo by a British steamer from Port Arthur, 100 Japanese refugees had been taken from the steamer by the Russian authorities just before the vessel sailed, in spite of the protest of the Japanese.

Having agreed to look out for Japanese citizens in Russian territory during the war, this Government will instruct Mr. McCormick, the American Ambassador at St. Petersburg, to inquire of the Russian Government on the subject as to the Japanese in question.

The best naval opinion here is to the effect that the detention of those Japanese at Port Arthur is a strategic necessity, to prevent the Japanese gaining information as to fortifications, troops, etc.

"During the siege of Paris in the Franco-Prussian war, Representative Hitt, who was then in charge of the American Legation there, looked after the large number of Germans who were detained at Paris by the French Government.

Although Russia's answer to Secretary Hay's note, asking her to respect the neutrality of China and to localize hostilities as much as possible, has not yet been received, the State Department knows indirectly from London and Paris that Russia will reply favorably.

Satisfaction is expressed by Administration circles that Great Britain as well as Russia, has decided to waive objections to the note. It is expected that all the formal answers to the Secretary's note will reach here early this week.

The whole of the Kwan Tung coast is in total darkness at night in preparation for a torpedo and military attack. Viceroy Alexief has issued a warning to all shipping to beware of the coast and has forbidden navigation of the bays at night.

The rumor that the Japanese had landed troops at Pigeon bay or elsewhere on the Liao Tung Peninsula are unfounded.

MARINES IN RUSH.

Board Prairie With Their Entire Equipment—Under Sealed Orders.

Colon, Feb. 16.—Hurried orders from Washington were received to embark a battalion of marines on the Prairie. A special train left Colon this morning and returned at noon with the 450 marines, who were encamped at Bas Obispo station on the Panama Railway.

The Prairie boats were kept busy all day embarking the camp fittings, baggage, stores, etc., and this task is not yet finished.

Major Lucas will command the battalion, and the Prairie will sail tomorrow under sealed orders.

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AMERICANS IN JAPANESE FLEET.

Consternation Among Russians—Czar Prohibits Unfriendly Articles.

New York, Feb. 16.—International matters are assuming a very serious aspect, according to a Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg.

One of the most serious bits of news at this moment is the alleged confirmation of the statement that aboard the Japanese vessels of war attacking Port Arthur were a number of American naval officers.

This report has caused something akin to a feeling of consternation among the Russian officers.

The Emperor has issued the strongest orders, continues the dispatch, that no news whatsoever be communicated through the headquarters staff.

The Emperor is said to have decided that no details of news are to be given out except upon matters of major importance—that is to say, of big engagements. He does not wish that all kinds of small affairs should be given undue importance.

ENGLAND MAY SEIZE TENEDOS.

Would Block Outlet for Russian Black Sea Fleet.

Constantinople, Feb. 16.—According to reports here, the Balkan echoes of the Far Eastern disturbance are growing louder and more numerous, the latest being to the effect that England has threatened to occupy Lemnos Tenedos and other islands in the Aegean Sea at the outlet of the Hellespont in order to preserve the neutrality of the Dardanelles.

This would indicate that Great Britain expects Russia to ignore the treaty of Berlin and send her Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles on the way to the Far East, without Great Britain's permission.

Besides this formidable opposition, Russia seems to be threatened secretly with that of Germany.

JAPANESE LOSE AT PIGEON BAY.

Land Troops West of Port Arthur Are Driven Off.

London, Feb. 16.—The Daily Mail's New Chwang correspondent, under date of February 14, cables: According to official Port Arthur telegrams the Japanese landed a force yesterday at Pigeon Bay, west of Port Arthur. They were then attacked by troops and by the land batteries and were defeated with heavy losses.

RUSSIA SENDS A SHORT NOTE.

Wants to Know Whether the Japanese Fleet is at Wei Hai Wei.

New York, Feb. 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: A courteous but sharp note has reached the British Ambassador here asking him if the Japanese by some misunderstanding had been allowed to enter Wei Hai Wei. If so, England is requested to recapture the place, otherwise her failure to do so will be regarded as a hostile action by the imperial government.

In spite of the denial of Lord Lansdowne, it is still believed here the Japanese fleet still has its headquarters at Wei Hai Wei.

Russian Fleet in the Red Sea.

Suez, Feb. 16.—A steamer which has just arrived here reports a Russian volunteer fleet cruiser, a battleship and four torpedo boats anchored at the Island of Jebel Zukup, in the Red Sea, about 90 miles from the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, February 10.

The steamer also reports that previously she passed the Russian transport Smolensk and one torpedo-boat steaming slowly south.

Cruiser Askold Sinks at Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Feb. 16.—Passengers who have arrived from Port Arthur say the Russian cruiser Askold was damaged in Tuesday's battle in the roads outside of Port Arthur, but was kept afloat all day Saturday, when it sank in 30 fathoms.

Bombardment of Dainy.

London, Feb. 16.—The Daily Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent, under date of February 14, says it is reported that the Japanese have bombarded Dainy and landed marines.

BLOW AT AMERICAN MACHINERY.

English Firms Call Attention to Farmers' Lapses of U. S. Patents.

London, Feb. 17.—It is expected that the monopoly so long enjoyed by American manufacturers of agricultural machinery in England and the British colonies will be seriously attacked shortly.

THE TRAP IS CLOSED.

THE RUSSIANS ARE SHUT UP IN PORT ARTHUR.

Railroad Behind the City is Blown Up—Question of Time When Besieged Force Will Have to Surrender to the Active Enemy Without the Necessity of an Assault.

Chefoo, Feb. 16.—A reliable authority says that three Russian torpedo-boats have been sunk by guns from the forts. They were mistaken for Japanese vessels.

Tokio, Feb. 16.—There is considerable ground for believing that the report of three Russian cruisers having been sunk in the straits of Tsuguro is at least true in part.

London, Feb. 16.—The correspondent of the Daily Express at Peking, in a cablegram dated February 17, reports that Viceroy Alexief is practically isolated, direct communication between Port Arthur and Vladivostok being suspended.

The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph expresses the conviction that Russia is quite unable to hold the Liao-Tung Peninsula and that Port Arthur is bound to fall by the exhaustion of time, even without an assault.

Red Cross Women at Work. St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—American and English women here have started on the preparation of materials for the Red Cross Society with just as great heartiness as the Russian women engaged in the same work.

These women realize that both armies engaged in the conflict will make large demands on humanitarianism, irrespective of race and they have naturally decided to assist the sufferers they can most easily reach, namely, the Russian wounded.

WINS ANOTHER TRIUMPH.

Russia and Japan to Accede to Terms of His Note.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Secretary Hay has added another to his long list of diplomatic triumphs, and the United States is once more enabled by his diplomacy to head the nations in a concerted effort to preserve the integrity of China.

Mr. Hay's note of February 10 to Russia and Japan, urging them to confine hostilities within as small an area as possible and to respect the neutrality and administrative entity of China, will be accepted by Russia, as well as by Japan, and all the nations in inviting the Washington government to invite the combatants to agree to the proposition.

Acceptance by the powers of the Washington government's suggestion will be followed by a further exchange of views as to the practicability of the suggestion, to the principle of which all have given their adherence.

It is generally understood that hostilities will be confined, so far as China is concerned, to Manchuria, Shanhaiwan probably marking the western boundary of the theater of action.

SHOW GOOD SPIRIT.

Baltimore Merchants Find Locations and Begin Business.

Baltimore, Feb. 15.—Just one week ago yesterday the great fire broke out and seven days thereafter it may be truthfully said that the city has shown a recuperative power that must be accounted extraordinary.

The energy exhibited by Mayor Mc Lane and the whole city government in bringing order out of chaos, and the spirit of resolution shown by the merchants whose stores are now shapeless piles of debris has justly excited admiration on all sides.

The restoration of almost the whole of the city's street car line service is one of the agreeable surprises of the week. Several hundred persons came here today from Philadelphia, Washington and other near-by points to view the ruins; though the prohibition against excursion trains and the severity of the weather apparently had the effect of keeping away thousands of others.

Panama's Constitution.

Panama, Feb. 17.—The draft of the constitution of the Republic of Panama has been approved by the constitutional convention and it was delivered today to the provisional junta for ratification. It will probably be ratified on Monday.