

FIGHT ON LAND

Russians and Japanese in a Hot Battle.

LATTER ARE BADLY ROUTED

Seizure of Manchurian Railway is Boldly Attempted.

FLEET PLANS DARING MOVE

Ships of the Czar in the Red Sea Awaiting Arrival of Rest of Squadron Are to Be Bottled Up.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—According to Port Arthur advices received by the London Times, a Japanese landing party which attempted to seize the Manchurian Railway near Kinchau, was driven off after severe fighting with heavy loss.

RUSSIANS INCREASE GUARD.

Every Effort is Being Made to Protect the Arsenal at Port Arthur.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Russian authorities have taken every precaution to protect the arsenal, cables the Port Arthur correspondent of the Herald.

RUSSIANS MOVE ON COREA.

Japanese Preparing for Big Attack on Port Arthur.

AROUSING TOWARD AMERICA.

Russia is Finding Great Fault With the Note of Secretary Hay.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Herald has the following from St. Petersburg: At the Foreign Office here the American note continues to excite much anger.

note has been issued to make Russia believe America wants to re-establish Chinese sovereignty there.

"It is considered as a measure of intimidation, and an official intimation beforehand that the United States, even after Russia's victory, will strongly oppose our point of view regarding Manchuria.

ABANDONED TO ITS FATE.

Russians Will Not Attempt to Save Port Arthur.

SPECIAL CABLE SERVICE. NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Sun's London cable, dated Feb. 15, says Port Arthur is to be left by Russia to stand or fall by itself.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg says that military circles recognize that relief from the responsibility of maintaining the long line of railway in Manchuria will simplify Admiral Alexoff's task.

Port Arthur can be safely left to take care of itself, while with Harbin, securely garrisoned, preparations may continue for gathering an overwhelming force for a southward advance when the weather is favorable.

The World's comment on this is: The tone of the above cablegram indicates a plan of campaign on land. At the beginning they boasted of Port Arthur as impregnable. The Russians have determined to abandon the defense of the railway between Port Arthur and Harbin.

JAPANESE WELL ALONG YALU

Propose to Hold Stretches From Great Wall to Vladivostok.

SPECIAL WAR SERVICE. NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The World's Chicago correspondent writes as follows: According to military officials here, the Japanese have now rolled their battle front along a line some distance south of the Yalu River.

Eighty thousand of Japan's best fighting men are massed on this first line. Twenty thousand men are holding the second line. Altogether about 130,000 troops have been landed in Korea.

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SPECIAL WAR SERVICE. NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Herald's Chicago special dated Tuesday (5:39 P. M., Eastern time) says:

The British steamer Wenchow, detained at Port Arthur since the opening of hostilities, arrived here today full of Japanese refugees and reports the Russian fleet moving in the direction of Korea.

The Japanese are hastening their preparations on Elliot Island with transport and commissariat, from which they will make a big attack on Port Arthur. In Manchuria the railway guard has been considerably strengthened in fear of interruption by the Chinese.

EXPLOSION AT BATTERY.

Great Wrecking of Port Arthur Forts is Reported.

SPECIAL WAR SERVICE. NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Herald prints the following from Tientsin: It is reported here that a big explosion has occurred in the Golden Hill battery at Port Arthur. No details are given. All the forts there use black powder.

Fifteen Thousand Troops Embarking

SHANGHAI, Feb. 17.—The following telegrams (Continued on Page 11.)

CORNER AT END

Armour Is Now Even on Wheat.

WAITS ON MARKET TO SHOW

Great Bull Expects the Price of Old Cereal to Advance.

HIS POLICY ONE OF HEDGING

Great Deal Resolves Itself Into What Premium Can Be Commanded on the May and Cash Article.

HISTORY OF ARMOUR WHEAT CORNER. Began in December. Bought May holdings at 74c to 75c. Bought July at 82c to 85c. Present price of May, 96c. Present price of July, 90 1/2c. Armour's profits (estimated), \$6,000,000. Profits to farmers (estimated), \$24,000,000.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The Armour interest is now even on wheat. It will make no difference to it what the market does. It has become merely a matter of what premium can be gotten out of the May and cash wheat. This interest has as much sold for July and September as it has bought for May, and the basis of its purchases and sales is such that there is a great profit assured. The May holding cost in the 70s, the July is sold from 85 up to 90 cents. If the July wheat advances, the Armour theory is that the old wheat will move up even further. The men in the deal are confident the old wheat premiums will increase, and that the May will at least hold and possibly advance, even if the July and September decline.

The Armour operation as a speculation is at an end. It is now merely a question of how much the present profit in the Spring is to be increased by the scarcity of old wheat.

For a week there has been continued selling of July and September wheat by the Armour house, and the market has taken this without flinching because of the war excitement and because of the July sympathy with the spot strength. Meanwhile there has been little doing in the May, nothing more important than a scalping in and out market, appreciably affecting the size of important holdings.

Ten days the Armour operators have been but in one direction, the hedging of the long May for July at prices about 19 cents higher than the May holding averaged. The bull expectation is that the cash position will continue to enhance the spot and May prices, and that the July and September will possibly be affected by the foreign situation and by the home crop situation. The bull theory is that nothing can now happen which will lessen

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HOUSE WILL ACCEPT INCREASE

Differences With Senate Over Deficiency Bill Are Settled.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—All differences between the Senate and House on the urgent deficiency bill were eliminated today by the report of the House conference committee. By this report, the time in which the commission on international exchange shall report is fixed at November 1, 1904, instead of July 1.

The Senate amendment for a Consol at Detroit, Manchuria, was accepted. The substitute provision of the House regarding the Louisiana Purchase loan was agreed to.

The Senate's provision for submarine cable lines to Alaska was struck out. The Senate provision to survey the boundaries of Yellowstone Park was accepted. The Senate appropriation of \$500 for the Spanish treaty claims commission was accepted.

The bill finally agreed upon carries a total appropriation of \$12,130,112, being an increase of \$5,916 over the amount carried by the measure as it passed the House. The principal item of increase in the bill is the Senate's appropriation of \$500 for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition loan, to which the House concurred before the conference was asked.

Beveridge to Take Hanna's Seat. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Senator Beveridge will occupy the seat which Senator Hanna's death makes vacant. For the past four years Senator Beveridge has had a seat on the Democratic side of the chamber.

FIRST PRESIDENT OF PANAMA

Dr. Manuel Amador is Unanimously Elected to the Position.

PANAMA, Feb. 15.—Dr. Manuel Amador was unanimously elected first President of the Republic of Panama today. Dr. Pablo Arosemena, Domingo Obaldia and Dr. Carlos Mendoseda were elected to fill, respectively, the positions of first, second and third "Designato" or Vice-President.

Great preparations for the inauguration of the President are being made, which will take place on February 29. W. W. Russell, the new Charge d'Affaires of the United States Legation here, was publicly received by the Panama government this afternoon.

Portugal Recognizes Panama.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Viscount De Alva has notified Minister Bunan-Varela of the recognition by Portugal of the Republic of Panama. All the European governments having diplomatic representation at Washington, with the exception of Turkey and Spain, now have extended recognition to the Panama government.

Panama Constitution Promulgated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Minister Ruan-Varela, Minister from Panama, has received word from the Minister of Foreign Affairs that the Constitution adopted by the convention called for that purpose was officially promulgated today. It becomes the organic law of the Republic of Panama.

Career of New Commissioner.

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—W. Cameron Forbes, of this city, whose acceptance of the office of United States Commissioner of the Philippines was announced from Washington today, is a member of a well-known Boston family and a prominent lawyer. He is about 40 years of age, and is a graduate of Harvard University, class of '92. At Harvard he won fame as a football player, and subsequently was head coach of the varsity eleven for two years. Mr. Forbes has had a wide experience in important financial undertakings, and has been active in public works for a number of years. He expects to leave for Manila about March 15.

Japanese Press is Appreciative.

TOKIO, Feb. 15.—The entire press of Japan is united in expressing keen appreciation of the deep and general sympathy which is being shown by Western countries, and argue that the war will be the means of drawing the East and West more closely together.

Trained Nurses for Mikado's Army.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, prominently identified with the American Hospital Service during the Spanish War, will take to Japan a corps of trained nurses for hospital service with the Japanese Army.

MITCHELL IN LINE

Senator May Step Up by Death of Hanna.

OBJECT, CANAL COMMITTEE

Platt, the Ranking Member, Does Not Seek New Honors.

MUCH HARD WORK INVOLVED

Nothing is Likely to Be Done Until Ohio Elects New Member of Upper House So He Can Be Provided For at the Same Time.

THE FULL COMMITTEE.

- Marcus A. Hanna, Ohio (deceased). Thomas C. Platt, New York. John H. Mitchell, Oregon. Joseph H. Mitchell, Nebraska. Alfred B. Kittredge, South Dakota. John F. Dryden, New Jersey. Albert J. Hopkins, Illinois. John T. Morgan, Alabama. Edward W. Carmack, Tennessee. James P. Talliferro, Florida. Arthur P. Gorman, Maryland.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Senator Mitchell will probably succeed Senator Hanna as chairman of the committee on inter-oceanic canal. Next to Senator Hanna was Senator Platt, of New York, but he is already chairman of the committee on printing, which is more to his liking, as the chairmanship of the canal committee will involve a great deal of hard work in the next few years. Senator Mitchell is the next ranking member of the senate. This will give the Senator not only a more prominent place in the Senate but it will also give him a better committee-room than he has at the present time.

Of course, nothing will be done looking to filling the vacancy for some time, as there is no hurry, and it is possible that the matter will wait the election of a successor to Senator Hanna, so that the new Senator may be provided for at the same time.

Senator Mitchell says he has heard nothing about his chances of succeeding to the chairmanship of the canal committee, although he has been told that Senator Platt does not care for the place.

Weather Station for Paisley.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—On recommendation of Senator Mitchell, Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau service, has authorized the establishment of a volunteer weather station at Paisley, Or. By direction of Mr. Moore the Government will furnish implements and apparatus for observing and recording weather conditions at Paisley, but the station will be operated by Charles M. Sain, who will draw no salary. It was Mr. Sain who conceived the idea of having a volunteer station established, and it was upon his suggestion that Senator Mitchell took the matter up. There are a number of volunteer weather stations scattered over the country, where patriotic citizens are willing to give the Government their services without compensation. There is no present outlook of having the Paisley station placed on the Government payroll.

Japan Expects More Than Sympathy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Mr. L.

World's Fair, at St. Louis, has just arrived in this city from the Orient. With him is Mr. K. Yabu, Japan's most celebrated decorator of china, who has charge of the decorations at St. Louis. Mr. Yabu predicts a great Japanese victory which will end the war. He says that Japan is now fighting the battle of the civilized world, and expects to help from outside nations, only sympathy.

SEVERE WEATHER IN EAST. Gale at Baltimore Causes Number of Fire Ruins to Fall.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 15.—Today was one of the severest of the Winter. The temperature was as low as seven degrees above zero, and all day long a gale blew through the ruins in the fire district at a 40-mile gale, making the conditions dangerous for all within the lines. A number of tottering walls were blown down, and bricks, tin roofs and debris were sent flying in all directions.

The extremely cold weather had also the effect of freezing up the whole district, and most of the debris which were only recently cleaned of debris are now covered to the depth of two or three inches with ice.

New Yorkers Do Little Outdoor Work. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—A piercing wind yesterday and today caused in this city by a drop of 23 degrees in the temperature within the past 24 hours, and out-of-door work was reduced to a minimum. At 3 o'clock the official record of the mercury was one degree above zero, that being the lowest, although suburban thermometers registered from four to ten degrees below. Ice cakes in both rivers hampered the ferry service greatly during the day.

Trains Have to Be Dug Out. PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 15.—The entire Cape Cod section was swept by a furious blizzard yesterday and last night—the worst since that of November 1, 1898. Several trains were dug out of the snow today after having been stalled over night.

Two Men Frozen to Death. PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15.—Thermometers here recorded a temperature below zero, while at some points the mercury fell to 14 below.

Coldest Day in Five Years. CLEVELAND, Feb. 15.—This was the coldest day in Cleveland and Northern Ohio in five years. The Government thermometer here recorded a temperature below zero, while at some points the mercury fell to 14 below.

Fierce Snowstorm at Syracuse. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 15.—A fierce snowstorm is raging all through this section of the state. The thermometer at Syracuse was 15 degrees below zero during the night.

Mississippi Frozen to Bottom. LA CROSSE, Wis., Feb. 15.—With the thermometer between 15 and 25 below zero today, the Mississippi River at this point is frozen solidly to the bottom.

Prominent Swedish Professor. SALINA, Kan., Feb. 15.—A telegram from Los Angeles announces the death there of Dr. Carl Swenson, president of the Bethany College, at Lindsay, Kan., from pneumonia. He was aged 45 years, and was one of the foremost Swedes in the United States. Dr. Swenson founded the Bethany College. He was an able speaker and the author and publisher of a number of extensive works, both in English and his native language.

Fortification Appropriation Bill. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The fortification appropriation bill was reported to the House today from the appropriations committee. It carries a total appropriation of \$12,252, which is less by \$47,289 than was appropriated for fortifications at the last session of Congress. The estimates which the bill is based aggregate \$12,729,257.

Train Wrecked in South. ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 15.—The Florida limited on the Western & Atlantic Railroad, southbound, was wrecked eight miles from Atlanta, the locomotive being broken up and an axle. Twelve persons were injured. Two of them may die.

American Doctor Decorated. PARIS, Feb. 15.—Dr. A. M. Magnin, the American physician, who has charge of the American Hospital here, has been decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

WILL HONOR DEAD

Nation Will Pay Respect to Hanna Today.

STATE FUNERAL IN SENATE

President and Other Leading Officials Will Attend.

NO MILITARY DEMONSTRATION

Body of the Statesman Will Lie in State for Several Hours, Then Be Taken to Cleveland for Final Interment.

LAST SERVICES FOR HANNA.

State funeral in Senate at noon. Members of the House will march to the chamber in a body. President, Cabinet officers, Supreme Justices, Army officers and other high officials will attend. Body will lie in state until 3 o'clock. Remains will then be transferred to train for Cleveland. Thursday and Friday forenoon body will lie in state. Last rites will be held Friday afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—All that is mortal of Senator Marcus A. Hanna lies in the room at the Arlington Hotel, where, after the long, brave struggle, he yielded to death. Thus far only a few of the most intimate friends of the Hanna family have been permitted to enter the death chamber to view the body. In appearance the features of the dead statesman are very lifelike. They indicate little emaciation, and on account of the oxygen used during the last days of the Senator's sickness there is an absence of the ashen color peculiar to the dead.

An atmosphere of profound sorrow pervaded the hotel today. Men conversed in subdued tones and the name of the distinguished dead was on every lip.

At a council of the members of the Hanna family and some intimate friends of the Senator held today arrangements were made for the funeral. Besides the Senator's son, Daniel Hanna, and his brother, H. M. Hanna, there were present Governor Herrick and General Charles Dick, of Ohio, and Elmer Dover, the Senator's secretary.

During the conference H. M. Hanna visited President Roosevelt. He was accompanied by Postmaster-General Payne. After a conference with the President and the members of the Cabinet Mr. Hanna announced that the President would not attend the funeral services in Cleveland, much as he would like to pay that last tribute to his dear friend, but he would attend the state funeral to be held tomorrow in the Senate chamber. It was agreed by all that it would be inadvisable for the President to go to Cleveland. Secretaries Taft, Cortelyou and Wilson, however, will go to Cleveland to attend the services there. Postmaster-General Payne desires also to go, but his physicians have advised him not to make the trip. That advice he has concluded to follow.

The remains of Senator Hanna will be conveyed from the hotel to the Capitol at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The cortege will be simple and there will be no demonstration or display. Proceeding the house and the carriages containing the members of the family and invited friends, will be a detail of mounted police. The caulk-bearers will be officers detailed from the Capital police force.

After the funeral services in the Senate chamber, which will be conducted by the Chaplain of the Senate, assisted by the Chaplain of the House, the body will lie in state in the marble room of the Senate. It then will be conveyed at 5 o'clock to the Pennsylvania station. At 6 o'clock a special train bearing the body will leave for Cleveland. Governor Herrick, together with General Charles Dick, Andrew Square, Dr. Carter and Secretary Dover, will accompany the remains from Washington.

Arriving at Cleveland about 11 o'clock, the train will meet at the station by the Citizens' committee and by Troop A, of the Ohio National Guard Cavalry, which has been ordered by Governor Herrick to act as a special guard of honor. No military demonstrations will be a feature of the ceremonies in Cleveland, either on Thursday or on Friday.

ARRANGEMENTS OF THE SENATE

House Will Come to the Chamber in a Body for the Services.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The House will convene at 11:45 A. M. tomorrow, when the members will march in a body, with Speaker Cannon at their head, to the Senate.

The order of the services at the funeral of Senator Hanna has been prepared by the Senate committee in charge of the arrangements as follows:

The Senate will meet at 12 o'clock, noon, Wednesday, February 17; the body of the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna will be placed in the Senate chamber prior to the assembling of the Senate; the President of the United States and his Cabinet, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, the House of Representatives, the diplomatic corps, the Ad-

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MAP OF THE SEAT OF THE JAPANESE-RUSSIAN WAR.