

ARMED AT INDIA

Russia Sending Troops to Frontier

WITH GREAT SECRECY

Resents British Action in Thibet and Persia.

A CONFLICT IS INEVITABLE

Large Forces Sent Through Turkistan to Afghan Border, and Kashgar Occupied—Britain's Hostile Acts.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9 (11:55 P. M.).—Russia is steadily reinforcing her military force, both in men and guns, in the direction of the Indian frontier.

Sensational rumors of the dispatch of reinforcements for Russian Turkistan were current two months ago, but they were then denied. The Associated Press is now in a position to affirm their truth fully on the authority of a traveler of unimpeachable veracity, who has just arrived from Tashkend, and who was a personal witness of the military activity on the recently completed Orenburg-Tashkend and other strategic railroads through Merv to Krasnovodsk.

Troops, guns and munitions of war have been moving southward for two months. Between the middle of January and the middle of February 56 military trains, mostly carrying artillery, arrived at Tashkend. The guns were mostly sent from Merv, whence a purely military line goes to Kusk. The traveler in question was informed, although he had no personal knowledge on the point, that Russian troops had crossed the Mamas through Terek Pass and garrisoned Kashgar. The Orenburg-Tashkend Railroad was so crowded that the traveler was forced to return by way of Krasnovodsk.

Movement Veiled in Secrecy.

The Associated Press informant states that the greatest secrecy is observed. Travelers, who are rarely permitted to visit the frontier, must be provided with special permits from the Minister of War and kept under the closest surveillance. The baggage of this traveler was twice seized and searched, although his papers were regular. It is most significant that local officials have been ordered not to permit Englishmen to travel in Russian Turkistan, and that the Russian Caspian have been forbidden to allow Englishmen to land on the Eastern shores. At Krasnovodsk the informant of the Associated Press was told that two English officers, who had been traveling in disguise, are languishing in prison.

Speaking generally, the Associated Press informant said that the greatest tranquility prevailed in the Turkestan region. At Bokhara there were only vague rumors that a war was in progress, and absolutely nothing was known regarding political developments in European Russia.

The only explanation of the renewal of Russia's military activity there is that it probably is a demonstration to impress Afghanistan. The Associated Press is unable here to obtain any official admission that any unusual military move is in progress, the statement being made that, if guns were going south it was simply an ordinary operation in the way of shifting troops; but a Russian of high position made the following statement:

Britain is Making Hay.

"Russia has not any designs on India, as England is so fond of alleging. If Great Britain would only let us alone, we would not waste her; but we are not blind to the manner in which Great Britain has seized the occasion of the present war to buttress all her interests in Central Asia, where we have as vital interests as she; nor can we Russians get over the idea that, sooner or later, a conflict with our traditional enemy is inevitable, and we realize that our only path to victory lies in the direction of India. Without going back to Lord Curzon's bombastic proclamations or anything prior to the war, and out of consideration for the manner in which she sought to embarrass and discredit us in its prosecution, we recall what Great Britain has done in Asia since the outbreak of hostilities and ask whether Russia would not be justified in making a counter move to Youngkushand's expedition to Thibet, which was in direct violation of Great Britain's solemn assurance to us. Youngkushand, you will remember, negotiated a treaty which so closely approached a protectorate over Thibet that the British government was obliged to administer a public rebuke to him.

Then Lord Kitchener's scheme for the reorganization of the Indian army blossomed, and a so-called commercial expedition was sent to Persia. The son of the Ameer of Afghanistan was next brought to Bombay. Then pressure was put upon Turkey to settle the Aden Hinterland question and now there is a project to autonomous Arabia. Great Britain has been making hay while the sun shone. But Russia cannot hold her hands and see Thibet and Afghanistan converted into British or Persian provinces. We have no knowledge of what, if any, steps have been taken in Turkistan, but Great Britain will find Russia is not so engrossed or helpless as to be obliged to relinquish border states to her mercy without a struggle."

LIMIT TO IRISH AMBITION.

Rosebery Wants No Dual Government Like Austria-Hungary. LONDON, March 9.—The question of home rule for Ireland was the principal feature of the speech of Lord Rosebery before the City of London Liberal Club tonight. His Lordship said that, while the Liberal party sympathized with Ire-

land and was willing to proceed along the lines of reform, "there is one thing to which no wise statesman ever will expose the country, namely, the curse of a dual government. We have sufficient warnings in the example of Norway and Sweden and Austria and Hungary to avoid the peril of having the culture growing at our very vitals."

BUBONIC PLAGUE IS RAGING

Epidemic Rages in India and Burma, Causing Thousands to Die. CALCUTTA, March 9.—Deaths from plague last week numbered 24,000. Statistics show that the deaths from bubonic plague in India within a few years reached nearly 3,000,000. In 1900 the mortality in India from the plague alone was 250,000. The number of deaths recorded last week, while extraordinary, is not unprecedented.

The infection recently spread to Burma, where it is making rapid strides. This season of the year always favors its spread. The Indian Government is making every effort to eradicate it, destroying by burning whole sections of towns and segregating the inhabitants. But owing to the climate and the sanitary description of the outlying districts and native sections of the towns, it is difficult to cope with the epidemic, which breaks out continually at fresh points.

WYNDHAM'S SUCCESSOR FOUND

Long Will Be Irish Secretary, but Forster May Resign. LONDON, March 9.—Walter Hume Long, president of the local Government Board, has accepted the office of Chief Secretary for Ireland. It is expected that Premier Balfour will formally announce the appointment today.

It is still possible, however, that a hitch may occur, as it is stated that Mr. Forster, who is in poor health and dissatisfied with the constant criticism of his work, has determined to resign, in which case Mr. Balfour may be obliged to have recourse to a reshuffling of the Cabinet seats.

In the divisions taken in the House of Commons yesterday the government majorities were again dangerously small, owing to the difficulty the whips experienced in keeping government members in attendance. With a view to overcoming this trouble, the tariff reformers have decided to dine together on Mondays and Thursdays at the House of Commons. It is stated that Mr. Balfour and Joseph Chamberlain will both attend the first of these dinners on Monday next.

CHAMPION SPENDTHRIFT DYING

Marquis of Anglesey's Doom Near at Monte Carlo. NEW YORK, March 9.—The Marquis of Anglesey, according to an American despatch from Monte Carlo, dying there from consumption. His condition took a sudden turn for the worse Wednesday, and he was reported that he could live but a short time.

(The Marquis, who was born in 1875, attracted much attention after succumbing to his title through his lavish expenditures on jewels and theatricals. Not long ago he was thrown into bankruptcy, with liabilities aggregating nearly \$3,000,000.)

Irving Will Tour America.

LONDON, March 8.—Sir Henry Irving has signed a contract for an American tour under the management of Charles Frohman, beginning in October. He probably will open in New York between October 19 and 25, and will make a farewell tour lasting 20 weeks of all the principal cities.

Two Miners Killed by Dynamite.

LEADVILLE, Colo., March 8.—John Brennan and Patrick Deery, miners, were killed today by a premature explosion of dynamite in the Coronado mine.

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SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE THE TEA ROOM Second Floor

Special announcement: During the Lenten season now on we shall make a specialty of serving eggs in various tasty and appetizing forms.

- MENU FOR TODAY, MARCH 10. Tea, Coffee, Chocolate. Milk Served From Bottles. Cream Chowder, Shrimp Salad. Poached Eggs and Toast. Omelette, Spanish. Four-Minute Eggs. Ham Sandwiches. Hot Rolls. Bread and Butter. Tea Cakes.

PORTLAND'S FOREMOST STORE WITH LARGEST STOCKS ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

97th Today The Ninety-Seventh Friday Economy Sale

The Whole Store is Resplendent with the Newest in Spring Merchandise, all Marked Most Interestingly Low. Exceptionally Great Values in the List of Extra Specials Prepared for Our Ninety-Seventh Bargain Friday.

A Friday of unusual interest throughout the store—every department teeming with bright, new Spring merchandise—the very newest goods from leading American and foreign makers. There is much additional incentive for buying here today—the prices at which many lots are marked will be a pleasant surprise to those to whom economy, as well as style and dependability, is a matter of interest.

Result I. C. School Vote At 5 P. M. Yesterday

Table with 2 columns: Name and Vote. Includes Mae Hughes, Knight Shoe Company, Reginald Carter, Bell Boy, The Norton, Arthur Taylor, M. & A. Shogren, Esther Carlson, Mason & Ehrman Company, Charles Adler, Woodard, Clarke & Co., Guy De Puy, Portland Delivery Company.

A Great Two-Day Distribution of Surpassing Values in Silks and Dress Goods

For Spring Gowns of Dressy Women. BARGAINS THE GREATER BECAUSE TIMELY. New 1905 Suit Silks. Equal to any shown in town at \$1.00 per yard, but our regular \$1.50 quality, in all the new colors and patterns. Special for today and Saturday \$1.00.

New 1905 Black Dress Goods, in Panama and crisp weaves, our \$1.25 quality—special for today and Saturday \$1.00. New 1905 35-inch fast black Percale; soft, silky finish. Our 15c grade—special for today and Saturday, per yard \$1.00.

Colored Dress Goods. 54-inch new 1905 Novelty English Mohair, in navy, brown and green; the most popular fabric on the market for shirtwaist suits and skirts. Our \$2.00 quality—special for today and Saturday only, per yard \$1.50.

Extra Special Values in Wash Fabrics for Dainty Spring Dresses. 2000 yards Embroidered Voiles; a fine, soft fabric, in neat small checks, with embroidered dots; all colors. Regular value 25c—special, yard \$1.00.

Stirring Values in the Kitchen Furnishings and Tableware Stocks. On 3d Floor Special for Today. In addition to the extraordinary values advertised earlier in the week—which remain in force until closing time on Saturday—our place on special sale for today only the following list of exceptional bargains—and we use the word in the unqualified sense.

- Two-burner Gas Plate, with nickel-plated base—special, each \$2.25. One-burner Oil Stove, with 4-inch wick, special, each \$1.40. Two-burner Oil Stove, with 4-inch wick, special, each \$1.70. THE MUSH BOILER 50c. Two-quart best granite Iron Mush or Rice Boiler, regular value 75c—special, each \$1.00. Covered granite Iron Fish Kettle—special, each \$1.40.

84SS SUGAR AND CREAMER \$3.85. Quadruple-plate Dessert Sugar and Creamer, French gray finish. Regular value \$4.85—special, each \$3.85. Standard plated Teaspoons, set of 6, regular value 75c—special, set \$1.00. Standard plated Dessert Spoons, set of 6, regular value \$1.15—special, set \$1.50. Standard plated Tablespoons, set of 6, regular value \$1.25—special, set \$1.60.

8530 CLOCKS \$4.65. Eight-day Mantel Clock, 19 1/2 inches high, 19 1/2 inches wide, black enamel, with gilt trimmings; strikes every half hour, cathedral tone. Regular value \$5.50—special, each \$4.65. Wire Toasters, special, each \$1.00. Garden Tools, special, each \$1.00. Wedding Forks, special, each \$1.00.

15c METAL POLISH 10c. "Burnshins" for cleaning brass, copper, zinc, tin and nickel, regular value 15c—special, bottle \$1.00. BREAD PANS 5c. 30c SAUCEPAN 21c. 75c TEAPOT 50c. 35c FRUIT PRESS 37c. Patent Fruit or Potato Press, regular value 35c—special, each \$1.00.

25c MIRRORS 15c. \$212 Mirrors, in good wood frame, regular value 25c—special, each \$1.00. Wire Soap Savers, special, each \$1.00. Covered Brown Bread Moulds, 1 1/2 quart, special, each \$1.00. Tin Salt or Pepper Shakers, special, each \$1.00. Wire Egg Whips, special, each \$1.00. 5-inch Bowl Strainers, wood handles, special, each \$1.00.

Grand Opening Sale, Today of New Tailored Hats

In our search through the markets in the East we secured the cream of America's leading manufacturers in swell, stylish headwear. Where it was possible we secured sole control for Portland. Others may carry hats of some of the makes we carry, but we always have first choice, and necessarily others take what we discard. The result is we show the choicest assortment, as well as the largest.

Today we make an initial exhibit of some of our exclusive selections, and we invite you to see them. Prices range from \$1.00, \$2.40 and \$2.95 up to \$15.00.

You've Waited for This Sale of Women's New and Fetching, Spring and Summer Shirt Waists. In the Big Salons of Dress—Second Floor. Cold and inexpressive type cannot tell the beauty of these pretty waists that go on sale today at about half price—and the season for their wear is just budding.

\$3.75 Waists \$1.39. New Spring Waists, in cotton, madras and Oxford pleats on shoulders, leg-o-mutton sleeves, French back; tan, white, with Dolly Varden figures and rosebud designs. Regular value \$3.75—special, each \$1.39.

FOR 3 DAYS ONLY Beginning Today, We Offer 50c Lines of Women's New and Attractive Hosiery

In the reasonable weights, best qualities and most durable yarns, at the price, 50c First Floor. A great three-day sale of women's high-grade, good, solid, honest Hosiery. Not a job lot, not broken sizes, but high-grade Hosiery in every respect. This sale is made up from our justly famous line of imported and domestic black Hosiery and cotton Hosiery, which for two years has never been excelled and seldom equaled.

Lot 1—Women's imported black Maco cotton Hosiery, medium weight, high spliced heel, French toe, and white double sole; absolutely fast dye. Lot 2—Women's fine Maco cotton Hosiery, all black, medium weight, high spliced heel, French toe, and white double sole; absolutely fast dye. Lot 3—Fine gause Hosiery, not the extremely thin gauze, but just the correct weight for present wear; have low spliced heel, French toe, double sole.

Lot 4—Heavy-weight black imported Hosiery, with white double sole, high spliced heel, French toe, of special wearing qualities. Lot 5—Black brilliant Ingrain Hosiery, gause weight, spliced heel, French toe, double sole. Every pair in each of these lots was made to our order, and represents the best 50c grade of Hosiery, from highest-class makers.

Special at 35c pair

A Wonderful Shoe Special That Appeals to the Purse of Prudent Women. Women who buy footwear for themselves and the laes. Think of buying MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S \$1.00 SHOES FOR 75c.

A large lot of Shoes, including all our broken and discontinued lines of vic kid, calfskin and kid foxed, with cloth tops. Regular values \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00—special.

79 Cents PAIR

SPECIAL FRIDAY VALUES IN Women's Fancy Goods Shop. First Floor. WOMEN'S 85c LISLE GLOVES 46c PAIR. A special line of women's fine imported Hosiery thread Gloves; every pair, fresh, clean and well made; black, white, mode and gray. Regular value 85c—special, pair \$1.00.

20c EMBROIDERIES 48c YARD. A fine lot of wide Embroideries and Insertions, in nainsook, Swiss and cambric. Regular values 55c and 90c—special, yard \$1.00. 46c RIBBONS 25c. Swell Satin Taffeta Ribbons, 4 inches wide, in colors and black and white. Regular value 45c—special, yard \$1.00.

A Trio of Homefittings at Less Than Usual Price

Today—on Fourth Floor. \$3.25 LACE CURTAINS \$2.25. Ruffled Net Curtains, with lace edge and insertion, 7-inch ruffle, 45 inches wide. Regular value \$3.25—special, per pair \$2.25. \$7.50 FORTIERES \$5.50. Fortieres in plain colors, silk finished tulle, heavy fringe at top. Regular value \$7.50—special, pair \$5.50. \$7.50 COUCH COVERS \$4.95. Heavy tapestry Couch Covers, Oriental designs, fringed all around. Regular value \$7.50—special, each \$4.95.

"The Wardrobe" and Art Shop

Add their quota to today's special attractions. Infants' Bibs, Fishers' Fibs and Women's Gowns are underpriced for the day. Baby Oilcloth Bibs, in plain white or colored, all tape bound, regular price 10c—special at \$6. Fishers' Shetland Fibs, in plain black, white and colors. The proper yarn for head and shoulder shawls for cool Spring evenings. Regular price, 10c skein, \$1.00 per box of 12 skeins—special price, 9c skein, 72c per box of 12 skeins. Ladies' Gowns of fine cambric, empire style, low square neck, yoke of lace insertions between clusters of tucks, wide heading with drawn ribbon and lace edging at yoke, neck and sleeves. Regular price \$1.25—special, at \$1.00.

Two Phenomenal Bargains for Men

Friday only—Sixth-Street Annex—First Floor. MEN'S \$1.50 SHIRTS 75c. A new, clean, stylish, up-to-date line of men's Spring Shirts, in broken plaids, black and white plaid and checks. Regular value \$1.25 and \$1.50—special, each \$1.00. MEN'S 25c SOX 17c PAIR. A new line of men's fancy cotton Sox, in oyster gray, with fancy stripes. Regular value 25c—special, pair \$1.00.

Today in the Small Wares Aisle's

First Floor. DRUG SPECIALS. 25c PERFUMES 10c. Imported Perfumes, by the ounce, all odors—Violet, Crab-apple, Lilac, Verbena, Geranium, Stephanotis, etc. Our 25c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the ounce \$10c. 25c TOILET WATER 10c. Apple, Lilac, Verbena, Geranium, Stephanotis, etc. Our 25c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the bottle \$10c. 40c SMELLING SALTS 37c. Lavender Smelling Salts, large-size bottle. Our 40c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the bottle \$37c. \$1.00 HAIR TONIC 50c. Crown Eau de Quinine Hair Tonic, large-size bottle. Our \$1.00 value—Special Economy Sale Price, the bottle \$50c. 10c TALCUM POWDER 4c. Talcum Powder, violet perfume, in wood boxes. Our 10c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the box \$4c. 8c NAIL BRUSHES 4c. Large-size wood-back Hand Scrub or Nail Brushes. Our 8c value—Special Economy Sale Price, each \$4c. 10c SHOE PASTE 5c. Black Shoe Paste, for all fine black leathers. Our 10c value—Special Economy Sale Price at the jar \$5c.

STATIONERY

10c PAPER NAPKINS 5c. American Paper Napkins, with colored borders. Our 10c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the hundred \$5c. WAX PAPER FOR 4c. Wax Paper, in white or colors, size 12x18 in., 24 sheets in roll. Special Economy Sale Price, the roll \$4c. 15c BOX WRITING PAPER 10c. Writing Paper, 24 sheets paper and 24 envelopes in box. Plain in Yale blue, light blue or heliotrope. Our 15c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the box \$10c. 35c BOX WRITING PAPER 20c. Writing Paper, in bond finish, in cream or azure blue, with new gauring envelopes. Our 35c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the box \$20c. Lewis and Clark Design Envelopes, 25 in package—Special Economy Sale Price, the package \$10c. Bamboo Rulers, 12 inches long—Special Economy Sale Price, each \$10c.

NOTIONS

5c HOOKS AND EYES 1c. Patent hump Hooks and Eyes, black, 2 dozen on card. Our 5c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the card \$1c. 25c DRESS SHIELDS 15c. White nainsook-covered Dress Shields, medium size. Our 25c value—Special Economy Sale Price, each \$15c. 10c BINDING RIBBON 7c. Binding Ribbon, 9-yard piece, assorted colors. Our 10c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the piece \$7c. 25c HAIR PINS 15c. Shell Hair Pins, assorted styles, one dozen in box. Our 25c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the box \$15c. 25c SIDE COMBS 25c. Shell Side Combs, extra quality, smooth finish. Our 25c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the pair \$25c.

JEWELRY

65c HAT PINS 35c. Fancy peacock eye Hat Pins, extra long pink. Our 65c value—Special Economy Sale Price, each \$35c. 15c PEARL NECKLACES 8c. Pearl Necklaces, two strands. Our 15c value—Special Economy Sale Price, each \$8c. 25c CHATELAIN BAGS 30c. Cut steel beaded Chatelaine Bags, clamshell back. Our 25c value—Special Economy Sale Price, each \$30c. \$1.25 CHATELAIN BAGS 50c. Oxide chain purse Chatelaine Bags, large size. Our \$1.25 value—Special Economy Sale Price, each \$50c. 65c BEAUTY PINS 35c. Gold Beauty Pin Sets, fancy rose gold finish. Our 65c value—Special Economy Sale Price, the pair \$35c.