

SEA FIGHT NEAR

Hostile Fleets Are Fast Approaching.

BOTH ARE NEAR SINGAPORE

Fast Steamers Watch Every Avenue Eastward.

PROBABLE SCENE OF BATTLE

Greatest Naval Battle of the Age Expected Within Two Weeks—Japanese Have Floating Repair Shops.

SINGAPORE, Straits Settlement, April 8.—The British steamer Tara reports having sighted 27 Russian ships 130 miles north of Singapore.

LONDON, April 8.—A dispatch from Singapore to a news agency says that the British steamer Tara reports having passed 27 Russian vessels off the Farther Bank, in the Straits of Malacca, at noon on Friday, steaming southward.

A dispatch from Durban, Natal, March 29, said that the British steamer Dart, from Rangoon, reported that she passed, on March 15, 26 warships and 14 colliers (probably the Russian fleet), steaming eastward, 250 miles northeast of the island of Madagascar. The fleet reported by the Tara is probably the same as the one sighted by the Dart.

SPECIAL CABLE. SINGAPORE, April 8.—The belief is general here that a desperate engagement for the control of the seas is imminent off here between the Japanese defensive fleet, under the command of Admiral Togo, and the Russian fleet, commanded by Vice-Admiral Rozhdestvensky. The two fleets are rapidly approaching each other and naval experts here believe that a battle which will decide whether or not Japan is to retain supremacy on the ocean as well as on land will be fought within a fortnight.

Keen Lookout for Russians. Several Chinese junks that have arrived here bring the news that the converted fast merchantmen formerly in the Yokohama-San Francisco and San Francisco-San Francisco trade are patrolling every avenue through which the Russian fleet might pass in their rush toward Vladivostok and the bulk of Admiral Togo's big fleet is kept in position where it can be hurled against the Russians as soon as sighted.

Will Fight in China Sea. It is the general opinion that the battle will take place in the China Sea and there is a diversity of opinion as to the outcome. While it is admitted that the Japanese fleet has the advantage of speed, it is also seen that the Russian Admiral will enjoy the advantage of weight of metal, and that he has improved the marksmanship of his gunners in the long voyage across is also sure. The battle is sure to be one of the most desperately contested in the history of naval warfare and the element of luck may play a large part in its outcome.

TOGO'S FLEET IS NEAR PENANG

Japanese Near Russians and Watching Every Outlet.

LONDON, April 6.—A dispatch from Singapore to the Daily Express says that the captain of a coasting steamer reports having sighted 27 warships 70 miles southwest of Penang.

A Batavia, Java, dispatch to the same paper says that Chinese junks report that Japanese warships are patrolling all the straits available to Rozhdestvensky in an attempt to reach the China sea. The Daily Express takes the view that the fleet reported in the Singapore dispatch was Admiral Togo's. Nothing definite has been heard since March 15 from Vice-Admiral Rozhdestvensky's ships, which were recently in French waters off Madagascar.

GUARD MUKDEN FROM PLAGUE

Japanese Clean Up Dirt Left by Their Adversaries.

GENERAL OFFICERS' HEADQUARTERS IN THE FIELD, April 7, via Fusan.—The Japanese are making every effort to prevent the appearance of disease during the coming warm weather. Thousands of soldiers and Chinese are engaged in cleaning Mukden and the vicinity of the battlefields. The Russians left the city in a very unsanitary condition and this will result probably in much sickness during the summer unless the sanitary measures of the Japanese are successful. Strict orders have been issued regarding the maintenance of purity of the drinking water, and other preventive measures will be taken.

BANDITS HELP THE JAPANESE

Russian Commander Reports Battle With Them in Progress.

SOLDIERS KILLED IN WRECK

Worn-Out Train Crews Go to Sleep at Their Posts.

Allotment of Japanese Bonds.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Notices of the Japanese bond allotment were sent out tonight. It is understood that small subscribers will get nearly all their subscriptions, while those applying for about \$5000 of the bonds will get 50 per cent and the big subscribers from 30 to 15 per cent, excepting the life insurance companies, which will secure the full amount of their subscriptions. The bankers will take pains to weed out the speculative bidders, of whom there were great numbers, their subscriptions being apportioned among the other bidders.

Indemnity the Stumbling-Block. ST. PETERSBURG, April 7.—The Japanese insist upon an indemnity rather than indisposition to conclude peace at this time, later information indicates, wrecked the recent attempt to bring the warring powers to negotiations. Another effort on different lines to bring Russia and Japan together is believed to be under way, the moves now being French and English financial interests, with heavy connections in the two countries.

Course of Russian Retreat.

TOKIO, April 7.—(P. M.)—The main force of the Russians, which was recently defeated at the neighborhood of Chichiatun, has deviated toward Shumencheng, and a part of it has retreated along the Fokushan road. On the evening of April 7, the Russians were in the vicinity of Hailitun, eight miles north of Chichiatun. A small force of Russians is occupying Talitso, 25 miles east of Wei-yunpaomen.

Mud Prevents Fighting.

GUNHU PASS, April 7.—Important operations are thought to be out of the question for some time to come, rain, snow and thaw having spoiled all the roads and crusted impassable mud.

Last Squadron Leaves Jiquitil.

JIBUTI, April 7.—Vice-Admiral Nebogatov's division of the Russian second Pacific squadron sailed this morning.

WILL MITCHELL DO THE SAME?

Burton Intends to Resign, and May Find an Imitator.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 7.—When word came from Kansas today that Senator Burton intended to resign his seat in the Senate and not attempt to serve out the two remaining years of his term, considerable curiosity was manifested in official circles in Washington to know whether Senator Mitchell would follow Burton's example.

It was pointed out that the cases of the two Senators are very similar. Burton was accused of and admitted accepting money for using his influence as a Senator to promote the interests of a business concern before one of the Government departments in Washington, in violation of law. Mitchell is accused of the same offense and the showing of doubt, including his own letters, is as strong as to be equivalent to an admission that he, too, accepted money for such service. The only difference in the two cases is that Burton was once convicted, but the Supreme Court ordered a retrial, so today he stands alongside Senator Mitchell, technically innocent, until again convicted.

Burton refuses that he will not again be permitted to take his seat in the Senate, which now feels the same towards Mitchell as it does towards Burton. When Mitchell made his famous speech, in Senate, or many members of it, was willing to receive him back; since that time there have been sensational developments and a consequent change of sentiment, and today Mitchell is regarded by the Senate in exactly the same light as Burton of Kansas. There is much curiosity to know if Mitchell will follow Burton's example.

Burton Refuses to Talk.

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—United States Senator Burton, of Kansas, arrived today, but declined to discuss the purpose of his visit or the report that he had come to see District Attorney Dyer relative to his re-trial, which comes up in the May term of the United States District Court. The United States Supreme Court set aside the decision and remanded the case of Burton, in which he was found guilty of having received fees from the Rialto Grain & Security Company, of St. Louis, for work with the Postoffice Department in behalf of the company.

GUARD WOMAN'S GOOD NAME

Methodist Bishop Warns Pastors Against Afternoon Calls.

NEWARK, N. J., April 7.—Young men today were cautioned by Bishop Joseph E. Berry, of Buffalo, at the Newark conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to talk sparingly of women and to make their pastoral calls in the evening, when the wife was surrounded by her husband and children.

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The bishop declared that the afternoon call on the women of the younger generation, whom the women were likely to be alone, should be frowned on. He declared that the confidence placed in ministers admitted them to the homes of the best families in the land, and that anyone who violated this confidence or betrayed it in any way was not a minister, but a scoundrel.

GOspel OF WORK

Expounded by Roosevelt to Texans.

TRAIN THE CHILDREN

Future Crop of Citizens Most Important.

LESSONS FROM THE ALAMO

President Spends a Day Among His Rough Rider Comrades at San Antonio—Now He's Off Hunting.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 7.—With San Antonio richly decorated with patriotic emblems, flags of all sizes and likenesses of the President, and the streets filled with cheering throngs of people, Theodore Roosevelt today could not mistake the hearty welcome accorded him. Enormous crowds of people greeted him along the route of the procession from Fort San Houston to Alamo Plaza, where an address of welcome was made and a response delivered. The people felt that they had as their guest not only the President of the United States, but a man toward whom the people of San Antonio felt especially friendly on account of the fact that it was here that the Rough Rider regiment was organized.

The President was delighted with the reception. He was kept busy bowing right and left, acknowledging the outbursts of enthusiasm. It is seven years since President Roosevelt left San Antonio with his Rough Riders.

"No human being dreamed that after that I would return as President of the United States," he said in a short address at the railway station.

One Continuous Ovation.

Today was a busy one for the President. The day began with a reception at the train. This formality was soon over and the President and party proceeded to the parade grounds of the post, where the troops in Fort San Houston were reviewed. This interesting ceremony over the start was made for the city. From the moment the procession of troops, carriages, police and Rough Riders swept out of the gates of the post into Grayson street until the President entered the gates of the fair grounds to go into camp with the Rough Riders, he was the recipient of hearty greetings.

A spectacular scene occurred at Travis Park, where 600 school children cheered the President and sang "America," while a band played the National Air.

In Alamo Plaza, within the shadow of the old Alamo, which, the President said, had seven years ago filled him with a determination to do nothing to reflect on the heroes who died there, he was greeted in a manner which touched him. His arrival was the signal for a burst of cheering which lasted until after he had taken his seat on the stand and which was renewed when he rose to respond to the address of welcome.

The President's speech was frequently punctuated by applause. He was pleased that San Antonio agreed with him in his ideas on race suicide. He noted with satisfaction the attention Texans were paying to education. The law of the worth of life, the effort in a cause worth striving for, was his theme. His reception throughout Texas touched him, he said. The speech covered much the same ground as his former addresses. The President said:

Train the Crop of Children. You must train your children so that in addition to having your counts for material property in a state you may have the things that will make for greatness, the things that make for the soul of the state. Here in San Antonio, what is the building you're proud of?

A school. Exactly, the Alamo. But it is not exactly up to date. Other buildings are larger. You are proud of it because it commemorates forever the spirit of those who made the name immortal. So in the state itself, important though it is to provide for the industrial welfare of the commonwealth, the thing that is most important is the care of the really most vital crop, the crop of citizens. The thing which the state most needs to care for is the welfare, not merely material, but moral and intellectual as well, of the children who are going to make up the state 15, 20 or 25 years hence, and that is why I am so glad to see the care which your people of Texas are taking in the training of the generation that is now coming up.

The thing that is rather distressing to me to see is that sometimes the men and women who have done well in life also have a curious inability to train their own children in the way that has resulted successfully to them. I say that all of us have people who have done well and who have triumphed, feel that somehow or other they will spare their children. They will fondly spare their children the acquisition of the very qualities which have made the parents triumph. Too often you see the man, and I am sorry to say the woman, who says "I have had to work hard; my sons and daughters shall have an easy time." He is bringing ruin upon the children who say it.

Of course you want to give your children all the love possible, but it is not right to mistake love for affection. When you spare the child that will allow him to enable it to conquer in after life, you are not doing it a blessing; you are doing the greatest wrong in your power. Bring up the boy and girl alike with the understanding that life is not generally easy; that there will be plenty of rough times, and that what they have to show is not a spirit that avoids difficulties and flinches from them, but a spirit which overcomes them.

Tribute to the Mother. There is only one of my fellow-citizens to whom I will touch my hat, quicker than to the soldier and that is the mother; because I think she has a little harder time of it. The mother who has brought up a child as should be brought up a family of young citizens entitled to such respect as no other person

IS LOTUS-EATING

Dr. Wise's Definition of Christian Science.

TERMS IT SOOTHING SYRUP

Rabbi Declares It a Moral Anaesthesia.

RELIGION OF CHLOROFORM

Asserts That It Owes Its Spread to the Selfish Desire of Man to Banish Disease and Death Horror.

"Christian Science is a religion of chloroform, a mental and moral anaesthesia, a soothing syrup, wonderfully efficacious for all the physical, mental and moral ills of the race. Christian Science erects lotus-eating into a religion and calls it science," said Dr. Stephen S. Wise in preaching on that general topic at the Temple Beth Israel, last night. The temple was crowded, and standing-room was at a premium. Several clergymen were present.

"I may not win back to reasonable-ness those who have become the disciples of Christian Science, but it may not be impossible to delay and detain some who are still on the threshold," Dr. Wise went on to say. "The handful of Jews who call themselves Christian Scientists will in time return to the fold of reason, but for the present I can hardly regret that they have been won over, not to say misled, away from the reasonable, ethical truths of Israel to the obscure medievalism of Christian Science. The latter purports to be a return to the Bible, to the first principles of Judaism and Christianity. It is asserted that Christian Science is all in the Bible, and that it is all taken and developed from out of the Bible. So much the worse for the Bible, if that be true, which I gain say. Some personal warrant for Christian Science and instead of my falling on my knees on the operation, I must say that whatever in the Bible bolsters up the teachings of Christian Science, superstition must be abandoned.

INDIANS SPOIL THE HUNTING

Will Hold Powwow With President in White River Country.

HAYDEN, Colo., April 7.—Indians in the White River country, where President Roosevelt is reported to be en route, are said to be sullen and ugly because of the vain efforts of the Game Wardens to drive them back to the Uintah reservation. This news was brought by T. M. Winrow and son, twoappers, who have spent the entire winter in the White River region.

The Apaches, the Winrowers say, are slaughtering deer ruthlessly and pay no attention to the perfunctory warnings of the Game Wardens, who have no means of enforcing their commands. President Roosevelt, if he makes an extended stay, it is said, will hardly fail to encounter some of the bands of angry Indians. They have heard the "great white father" is coming, and some of the redskins have announced their intention to hold a powwow with him.

Oklahoma Is Making Ready.

LAWTON, Okla., April 7.—All arrangements for the reception of President Roosevelt at Frederick have been made and many persons have already started for that point from all the directions of the territory. Governor, now a prisoner of war on the Fort Sill military reservation, left today for Frederick to plead with the President to grant him freedom.

CHICAGO MEN COMING WEST

Business Excursion Will Visit Coast and Study Country.

CHICAGO, April 7.—With the purpose of venturing more closely the business relations of Chicago with the merchants in the territory tributary to the city, a delegation from the Chicago Commercial Club will leave next Wednesday night on a special car for a three weeks' tour through the West and Northwest.

Makes a Comparison.

"Christian Science purports to banish fear. Have you ever seen a panicking little boy, fleeing from an angry dog and with an attempt at a smile on his lips, cry: 'Doggie, I am

Dr. Wise's Definition of Christian Science.

not afraid? Christian Science is a device of the little boy who whistles loudly and cries in the dark in order to keep up his courage. All the denial of sin, disease and death is made by those who stand in the utmost helplessness, in terror of death, and must needs allay their fear by repeating 10,000 times, There is no pain, no disease, no death." Christian Science is the very foundation of devotion to healthfulness and longevity. Christian Science spells bondage. Instead of seeking to make life longer, let us make it richer, deeper and fuller. The smiling face of Christian Science is the mask of terror, the disguise of despair. It is a monumental branch of the world's error, a conviction of the moral and mental impotency of the race. It implies: 'We are helpless to cope with pain, error, sin, disease.' It stamps failure on the brow of the race and takes refuge in planning the overthrow of evil, sin and death by denying their existence, a stupendously staggering irrational conviction of human failure. Christian Science is pessimism wreathed in a galle of its sickly pretense. It is a systematization and organization of hypochondria into religion. It is Ponce de Leonism, the fountain of perpetual youth, a revival of the old medieval search after elixir vitae.

Allied to Exorcism. "Christian Science, it is stated, is allied to the practice of exorcism of the demons of disease, and in its acts of exorcism does not use the words devil or demon. It does not use a stick to beat the old devil in the old fashion, but talks at him in certainly an affable way. 'We are not afraid of you; you are only an unreal— a naughty, naughty un-reality.' 'A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.' Call evil by any other name you will—it is here, and a fact in the universe. Such life as we know and have is the result of battle between good and evil. The upward trend of the race had been impossible if since time began life had not battled with the hostile, evil environment. Christian Science takes the heroism and fortitude out of life. George Eliot said: 'The greatest thing in the world is to do without chloroform.' Christian Science is the religion of chloroform. Give me the attitude of Browning in his 'Prospere,' willing and eager to breast life's storms and perils and agonies.

"No, let me taste the whole of it, farewell, my peer, The heroes of old."

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HEP NEW POLICY

Chicago's New Mayor Talks to New York.

OWNING HER CAR LINES

End of Exploitation of Public Property.

NO UNTRIED THEORY, HE SAYS

Mayor Dunne Predicts Municipal Ownership Will Extend Till Government Owns All Railroads, and Telegraph Lines.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Fresh from his triumph in the recent municipal election, Edward E. Dunne, Mayor-elect of Chicago, tonight addressed a large meeting in the Cooper Union under the auspices of the Municipal Ownership League of New York City. He told how he expected to carry out his pledges made in his recent campaign in Chicago to attain municipal ownership of the benefits, as he conceived them, of city control of public utilities, and closed with congratulations to the movement in New York. His speech was enthusiastically received. Recent agitation in New York for municipal ownership added interest to Judge Dunne's utterances. When Judge Dunne appeared, escorted by Representative Herard, the audience rose as one man and cheered. Mr. Herard opened the meeting in a brief address and introduced James Graham Phelps Stokes, vice-president of the league, who presided. Judge Dunne said in part:

Men of the East: We bring you tidings of great joy from the men of the West. The exploitation of public property by private capital, with its attendant greed, extortion and corruption, has had its day in American cities, but that day is about to end. Next Monday Chicago starts upon her mission of dislodging private capital from the control of our street-car system. She has succeeded in the operation of her water works system, in paying some \$28,000,000 for its equipment; has now succeeded in having the same record of success in the operation of her electric light and power system; is today giving the cheapest water of probably any city in America, and has a cash surplus of nearly \$1,000,000. She has managed her electric light plant as she has her police, fire and educational departments without scandal, graft, or corruption, besides cheapening the utilities furnished to the public. We have had the same record of success in relation to her street-car system.

The Case for Public Ownership. The citizens of Chicago have been educated up to the fact that a municipality can operate any of the public utilities with much greater economy than private capital can. The same utilities be operated by private capitalists. They have learned wherever a city in any portion of the civilized world has taken over any of the public utilities, the gas plant, electric light plant or street car system that in every case, when fairly tried, the cost of this utility to the public has been reduced. We propose to do the same thing in relation to our street-car system.

The only two serious objections raised during the recent campaign against municipal ownership of the public utilities are: "First—That it would tend to build up a great political machine. None of the friends of municipal ownership in Chicago are socialists. They have learned wherever a city in any portion of the civilized world has taken over any of the public utilities, the gas plant, electric light plant or street car system that in every case, when fairly tried, the cost of this utility to the public has been reduced. We propose to do the same thing in relation to our street-car system.

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