



WHAT WILL IT DO?

Question About Russian Baltic Fleet.

ALL WORLD GUESSING

Japanese Cruisers Seen Headed for Singapore.

NO REFUGE OPEN AT SAIGON

Harbor is Too Shallow for the Big Warships—Rojestvensky Sent Battalions Through Sunda Strait.

MANILA, April 10.—The German steamer *Struve*, which arrived from Saigon, has reported that yesterday (Sunday) she sighted two Japanese cruisers in the Chinese Sea, headed for Singapore.

PARIS, April 10.—The authorities here are satisfied that the Russian second Pacific squadron will not seek to put in at Saigon, French Cochinchina, as the shallow harbor does not permit of the entrance of any deep-draft warships.

The imminence of a naval battle arouses the keenest interest. M. Bernet, the naval critic, of the *Temps*, is of the opinion that Admiral Rojestvensky's plans are to inflict losses equal to his own and thus reduce Japanese naval effectiveness, so that the remaining Russian ships, reinforced by Admiral Nebogatoff's division, will permit Russia to present an equal, if not greater, sea power than Japan.

In the meantime, M. Bernet asserts, the second Pacific squadron is likely to seize the Dutch island of Great Natuna for use as a base, justifying its course by Japan's use of the Mistia Islands.

DON'T KNOW WHERE FLEET IS

Russians Think Ships Took Different Route to Dodge Torpedoes.

S. PETERSBURG, April 10.—The Russian fleet's location, destination and intentions is based solely on foreign telegrams, which are all too meagre to prevent a quick rippling of rumors, according to one of which the adverse fleets have already joined in battle. Other dispatches are attempting to locate variously the battalions of the squadron. The Admiralty steadfastly professes its inability to impart any light or clarify the situation, and there is reason to believe the profession is made in good faith, at least as applies to all except the very highest officials.

The Admiralty informed the Associated Press today that the report received yesterday was not from the commander of the squadron, but from the captain of a merchant ship, who had encountered the fleet and reported to the Russian consulate at Singapore.

Some naval officers conjecture the four battalions are delaying in order to effect a junction with Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff's division, but general credence is given to the report that the battalions are taking a southern route through the Sunda Straits, the selection of the Singapore route being regarded as in the nature of a feint, to minimize the danger of a torpedo-boat attack on the main-stays of the fleet.

RUSSIA HAS SUBMARINES.

Eight of Them in Vladivostok Squadron—Damage by Mines.

VICTORIA, April 10.—Eight submarine boats, four cruisers and 12 torpedo craft are at Vladivostok, according to the statements of blockade-runners who arrived here today on the steamer *Athenian*. Reports on the *Grombol* have been completed. The garrison there is a strong one. There is a good supply of provisions in store, but the coal supply is short.

Dampers to junkies and larger vessels from mines in the Yellow Sea are causing agitation in shipping circles on the China coast. The steamer *Kashan* recently struck a contact mine. Her bow was blown off, but she succeeded in reaching port. A junk was blown up off Wei-Hai-Wei, four of her crew being killed.

Advices from Seoul state that the American Church at Chusan has been sacked by bandits. One missionary was wounded. The culprits were arrested by the Japanese.

HAVE PLANS OF VLADIVOSTOK

Japanese Had Secured Them Before Spies Were Caught.

LONDON, April 11.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Times telegraphs that Japanese officers disguised as navies were caught photographing the Vladivostok defenses and were summarily hanged. Documents were found in their possession which showed that they had already sent to the War Department at Tokio full information as to the defenses in and about Vladivostok.

The correspondent also states that the absence of developments in Northern Manchuria is considered ominous. A private telegram received by the Times from Klentung says that the Japanese are steadily drafting their

forces to the northward. It is also reported that Admiral Rojostvensky has transferred his flag to the cruiser *Aurora*.

WILL GUARD OUR NEUTRALITY

Squadron Ordered From Manila—Russians May Dock at Saigon.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Admiral Train, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic Fleet, has called the Navy Department that he has dispatched the cruiser *Raleigh* and several torpedo-boats to the island of Palawan to observe the movements of the hostile fleets which must pass through those waters. This direction was not given as the result of any special orders from the department, but under the broad instructions sent some months ago to take all proper steps to guard against any violation of neutrality by either belligerent in the Philippines.

There is no dock in the Philippines big enough to handle any of the great Russian battleships, so that fortunately it will not be necessary for the State Department to decide whether or not the Russian vessels can dock in our ports to clean their bottoms. The naval records show that there is a drydock at Saigon 482.5 feet in length, which could accommodate the Russian ships, so that the French government is liable to be confronted with this question.

CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Dutch Squadron Near Muntok Supposed to Be Russian.

AMSTERDAM, April 10.—A dispatch to the Handelsblad from Batavia, Island of Java, says that a Russian squadron is near Muntok and that it is expected to arrive at Batavia today. The Dutch East Indies squadron is now at Tuju Island, near Singapore.

(There are two Muntoks in the East Indies, one comparatively near Batavia and the other far distant from that port. To reach either of them it would seem that the squadron referred to may have crossed the Java Sea, through the Straits of Sunda, though it is possible that part of the Russian squadron which passed Singapore Saturday may have turned south when out of sight of land and have reached Muntok, on the Island of Bangka, on the southeast coast of the island of Sumatra and some 300 miles from Batavia. The second Muntok is situated at the extreme northeast part of the island of Celebes and is too far away to enable a squadron there to reach Batavia under about five days.)

WELTREVREDEN, Island of Java, April 10.—It is reported that the supposed Russian warships sighted off Muntok are really the ships of the Dutch squadron, which left its former anchorage under secret orders and is now steaming north.

GATHERING ALL HER FORCES

Katoka With Squadron Joins Japanese Battle Fleet.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 10.—Advices received by the steamship *Athenian* say that the Japanese fleet, with a base at the Pescadore off Formosa, whence they were moving to give battle to Rojostvensky's fleet, was reinforced by a squadron composed of vessels withdrawn from the blockade squadron which guarded the northern approaches to Vladivostok until mid-March.

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Information has also been received here to the effect that four warships, apparently Japanese, were off Cape St. James, near Saigon, April 7.

BANDITS ATTACK THE RAILROAD

Oku Makes Turning Movement to Kirin—Mud Delays Operations.

HARBIN, April 10.—Information received at the Russian headquarters seems definitely to establish the fact that only Chinese bandits under the lead of Japanese officers, together with some Japanese cavalry, were operating westward towards Tientsin, their object evidently being to raid the railroad communications. There is, however, a real turning movement eastward of Kirin, said to be under the command of General Oku.

The roads have grown desperately bad. On the flat ground there are seas of mud. Japanese proclamations have been issued, giving the state of the roads as an excuse for the date of their entry into Harbin having been changed from April 10 to April 15.

AMERICAN SQUADRON IS OUT

Goes From Manila to Guard Neutrality of Philippines.

MANILA, April 10.—The American vice-consul at Singapore reports that a Russian fleet consisting of six battleships, six cruisers, six converted cruisers, eight torpedo-boat destroyers, one hospital ship, one repair ship and 18 colliers, have passed Singapore, headed this way.

The American cruiser *Raleigh*, the torpedo-boat-destroyers *Barry* and *Chauncey* and the supply ship *General Alvarado*, have been dispatched to patrol the west coast of Palawan Island to enforce neutrality. Three other destroyers are preparing to sail.

BRANDS OFFICERS AS COWARDS

Linlevitch Does Not Spare Those Who Fleeced From Fire.

GUNSHU PASS, April 10.—General Linlevitch has pilloried a number of officers who displayed cowardice during the battle of Mukden, publicly disgracing them by posting their names at all the division headquarters, while some of them are ignominiously drummed out of camp.

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George and Vernon Gates were residents of Alameda County, California, and members of a very respectable family at that place, their father being a prominent mining man of Amador County. In March of last year the Oregon express was stopped at Copley and in their efforts to secure the treasure box the highwaymen shot and killed Messenger O'Neill, who offered resistance.

On March 31, Longberg, N. M., a saloon was held up by a number of masked men and the proprietor and visitors robbed. A posse was organized to arrest the thieves, and the fugitives a few days later were overtaken at Separ, N. M., where a fight ensued, and two of the suspects were killed. Detective Thacker notifies the resemblance of the dead men to the Gates brothers, and he went to New Mexico to make an investigation. He has returned and says that the bodies of the Gates brothers and certain marks of identification on them he is convinced that the men who perished were the Gates brothers. Arrest is still at large.

Trials in Montana Land Frauds.

HELENA, Mont., April 10.

HELENA, Mont., April 10.—United States Judge Hunt today set for trial on June 5, the cases against R. M. Cobban and 18 others on charges of perjury and subornation of perjury in connection with extensive Western Montana land frauds. The government alleges that Cobban induced the indicted persons to take up land and grant them to their names, that he in turn, as an agent, transferred them to Senator W. A. Clark. The government has also used Senator Clark for recovery of the lands.

No Wigs in Dunsmuir Trial.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 10.—E. P. Davis continued to read extracts from evidence given for the defendant in the Hopper-Dunsmuir case, showing Alexander Dunsmuir to have been in possession of his facilities when he made the will in question.

The legislation recently passed abolishing the use of wigs in British Columbia courts came into force with today's sitting. The Judges and counsel appearing without wigs in consequence.

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"SHOW ME," SAYS BAILEY

Women Finally Convince Food and Dairy Commissioner That Nuisance Conditions Need His Immediate Attention.

In Cologne, a celebrated author counted two-and-seventy stench, all well defined, and several lesser ones. In meat and fish and butter markets of Portland women of the School of Domestic Science yesterday found noisome odors till they couldn't count.

"And besides the odors they found fifth and rottenness beyond the power of polite diction to describe; poultry blue and black and yellow with decay and poisoned with entrails yet undrawn; shrimps embalmed with salicylic acid or other preservative, and restored to their native blue with aniline dye; fish exhaling offensive perfume from nauseating heaps on filthy containers; bur and milk and cream exposed to contamination of dust-laden atmosphere and noxious vapors; meats either slain too soon after arrival on earth or kept too long for trade; putrid and loathsome flesh cooked into lard or ground into sausage; oysters opened unwashed and cast into tin pails too foul for fish-balls; the surroundings of the house-breathing garbage, feed rubbish, floors soaked with corruption, walls beattered, ceilings festooned with cobwebs, and a general atmosphere of filth and never seeing the sunbeam.

His Eyes Opened.

J. W. Bailey, State Food and Dairy Commissioner, accompanied the women and confessed that his eyes had been opened and that he could not imagine worse conditions. This was declared by him and had said that the tales of them were creations of imagination.

Dr. Mae H. Conwell, of the City Board of Health, declares the revelations "bristly" and "blatant" and beyond expression foul.

"The markets should clean up," she said determinedly. "They must clean up; they must be made to clean up." Accordingly she notified each offender that the strong arm of the law had not wavered.

"Bait," said the woman of the School of Domestic Science who led Mr. Bailey and Dr. Conwell through the dens of filth, "the arm of the law stretches out, but far enough. We must have an inspector to enforce cleanliness and sanitation every day. One year ago the public arose in wrath and demanded market reform, but that was only for a brief span. Now look!

And the woman looked and heeled again the filth and rottenness and the uncleanness." "Ugh!" she said.

Will Hold Public Meeting.

Next Friday they plan to hold a public meeting for all housewives and others who desire to learn with their own ears of the evils in Portland markets. They will go before the City Council and ask for the passage of an ordinance creating the office of inspector. They aim not so much at prosecution of offenders by law as at the compulsory cleanliness by force of public opinion.

The women were Miss Lillian Hingle, director of the school; Mrs. W. J. Honeyman, Mrs. H. C. Carr, Mrs. C. E. Curry, Mrs. A. H. Kerr, Mrs. C. J. McRoberts, Mrs. Sarah Evans, Mrs. C. S. Jackson, and Mrs. E. E. Lytle. All the foregoing women are members of the managing board of the school.

The investigations were of the "best" markets in the city