Russian and Japanese Fleets Draw Near, and May Fight Within Two Days.

SEIZE HAINAN RUSSIANS

Chinese Greatly Excited at Rumor. Russian Admiralty Expects Togo Will Delay Battle-Nebogatoff Passes Salgon.

SPECIAL CARLE.

SAIGON, April 26.-It is believed here that within 48 hours word will have been received of the result of the preliminary struggle between the Russian fleet commanded by Admiral Rojestvensky and the Japanese scouting squadron which is manded by Admiral Kamimura.

Late Sunday night a fleet of 20 Japanes the coast. All were cleared for action and were apparently on scouting duty. Long range fighting is known to have taken place Sunday night and Monday but up to the present details are unob

NEW SQUADRON IS SIGHTED

Nebogatoff Ships Pass Saigon to Join Main Flect.

PARIS, April 26.-A dispatch from Salgon to the Petit Journal states that nine warships, supposed to be Vice Admiral Nebogatoff's detachment of the Second Pacific Squadron, doubled Cape Bake, fifty miles northeast of Saigon, the night of

GONE TO MEET NEBOGATOFF

Rojestvensky Turns South to Join New Squadron.

TSINGTAU. Shantung China, April 26.-Russian officers here have received news that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet, on leaving Kamranh Bay, steamed in a southern direction to join Nebogatoff's detachment.

EXPECT TOGO TO PLAY FABIUS

Russians Predict He Will Delay Battle for Strategic Reasons.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 38.-(I A. M.) -Admiralty circles are coming to accept the view that there will be no wreat or general action between the fleets of Russia and Japan for some time, besing their belief on strategic and tadical reasons which incline Admiral Togo to avoid a decisive action until be has made every effort to demoralize the Russian ficet by torpedo attacks and interference with transports by his cruiser division, The Admiralty last evening scouted the reports that engagements have already occurred, pointing out the great distance separating the places where the dispatches originated, and a naval staff dispatch states that dispatches from every source should not only be doubted, but even mistrusted.

The probability of a sortle by the Viadivostok squadron in an attempt to join Admiral Roiestvensky is discussed by the Razvedchik, a military weekly paper, eral Kaulbars, commander of the Second which confirms the report that three cruisers, the Gromoboi, Rossia and Rogatyr, have concentrated and that Viadivostok has been a sea of los and comments upon this accession of strength to

The paper also intimated that there is a possibility that Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff may await a second reinforcing squadron and expresses the opinion that Rojestvensky will now proceed as rapidly as possible to Vladivostok.

RUSSIANS SEIZE HAINAN ISLE

Chinese Excited at Report-British Navy on the Alert.

SPECIAL CABLE. HONGKONG, April 25.-Great excitement prevails in Chinese circles over the report that the Baltic fieet has seized the Island of Hainan. The vicercy of Kwantung has despatched officials to investigate the matter.

British naval authorities here are extremely reticent about their intentions, but elaborate naval preparations are being made for eventualities. Swift cruisers are scouting. The holidays of the crews of the men-of-war have been stopped. The shipping here is thrown into confusion, as most vessels are afraid to sail while the Russians are still on the

Suspecting that the British steamer Beachly carried contraband for the Russians, the crew, which was chiefly shipped at this port, refused to proceed in the vessel, although offered a month's pay as a bonus. The Beachly, although without clearance, attempted to get out of the harbor Monday night during a fog, but was prevented. The British authorities here are exercising the utmost vigilance to maintain strict neutrality.

RUSSIAN CRUISERS OFF SAIGON

Diana's Crew Did Not Join Fleet, and Ship Is Dismantled.

SAIGON, April 25 .- It is reported that four Russian cruisers are lying off the

The statement, that the crew of the Russian-protected cruiser Diana joined Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron, is again pronounced absolutely unfounded. The commander of the Diana has been given his parole and reports daily to the French commandant. All the essential parts of the Diana's machinery are on board the French battleship Redoubt-

Russia Borrows in Germany.

BERLIN, April 26.—The Frankfurter zeltung says that the Berlin banking house of Mendelssohn & Co. has arranged to advance Russia \$50,000,000 for nine months upon treasury notes bearing interest at 5 per cent per annum, the issue | qualified.

to be distributed among the syndicate of bankers which bought the Russian loan placed in Germany in January last.

NOT BADLY BEATEN, THEY SAY

Russians Now Estimate Losses at Mukden at Nearly 88,000.

GUNSHU PASS, Manchuria, April 25, -An exact statement of the losses in all categories in the battle of Mukden from February I to March 14, compiled by the General Staff, shows that the casualties were greatly overstated in earlier reports. Statements from Jap-anese sources indicating wholesale captures of prisoners, enormous booty and

cannon are now denied.

In reality it appears the Russian losses amounted to two generals, who were taken prisoners, and 87,777 men, of whom the greatest proportion, about

5.000, were wounded.
In evacuating Mukden and retreating to the northward the Russlans lost 22 guns, of which three were morta three old-type field guns, with pisto amunition carls were sent north two days before the retreat began.

General Karkevitch, the chief of taff, culculates that other losses, aside from wounded, were as follows: Fifteen thousand killed, 7030 to 8000 known to have been captured, and 10,-800 to 12,000 missing, of whom severa thousand were drivers, sanitary commissariat corps employes and other non-combatants., A very large num-ber were slightly wounded and returned to the tanks, many even resortdeception in order to leave the ing to hospitals.

der of the Russian retreat has been exvessels, headed by the Italian-built aggerated, and that the spirit of the cruiser Kasaga, passed some 17 miles off Russian army is still strong and the troops not demoralized.

SUSPECTED RUSSIAN SPY.

Captured on British Fortified Island Near Singapore.

SINGAPORE, Straits Settlement, April 25.—A Russian giving the name of Viadi-mir Antonovitch, but earrying a passport made out in another name, has been arrested on the fortified Island of Brant, and was arraigned here today on the charge of being on government property without authority. He was remanded for a week. Antonovitch, who does not speak English, was residing with a non-commissioned officer of the ordnance department. It is supposed that Antonovitch is a spy, but the authorities say that no singled out as a victim. incriminating papers have been discovered.

The non-commissioned officer with whom
Antonovitch boarded also has been arrested and will be held and tried by court-martial for harboring a Russian. The latter claimed the Russian Consul

RAILROAD IS REPAIRED.

Japanese Rush Supplies From Coast to Tle Pass.

FUSAN, Corea, April 25.-The first rallroad train from Liao Yang since the re-treat of the Russians from that place last sear reached Mukden station late yesterday, crossing the Hun River on concern, which has come under the ob-the temporary bridge, which has just been servation of the Federal Government. completed. Regular trains will be run between Port Dalny and Mukden in a few days, Quantities of supplies are being sent to Tie Pass from Niu Chwang in junks up the Liao River.

Russians Left Kamranh Bay.

TSINGTAU, Shantung Peninsula, China, April 25.—Positive confirmation has been obtained here of the statement that the Russian squadron left Kammanh Bay, April 22 and that the Russian cruiser Svietlana, the Russian hospital ship Orel and 14 transports are still off Kammanh Bay.

The division of the Russian squadron commanded by Admiral Nebogatoff had not joined the main squadron commanded by Admiral Rojestvensky up to today.

May Recall Kuropatkin. ST. PETERSBURG, April 25,-The

Bourse Gazette publishes a report that General Kuropatkin, commander of the First Manchurian Army, will return from the front and be succeeded by Gen-

Fog Hides the Pescadores. MANILA. April 25.-The Pacific Mail steamer China, which has arrived from Nagasaki, did not sight the Pescadores Islands on her way down, owing to the

PORT ANGELES PROMOTER IS GUILTY OF CRIMINAL LIBEL.

Descendant of Mad Anthony Wayne Called Business Associate Liar and Rascal by Telegraph.

BOSTON, Mass., April 3.-(Special.)-After conviction by a jury, W. Wayne Belvin, a New York capitalist, said to be a lineal descendant of "Mad Anthony" Wayne, of Revolutionary fame, and promoter of the Port Angeles & Portland Railroad, was sentenced in the Superior Criminal Court this afternoon to 30 days In jall for criminal libel. Belvin's offense occurred February 21, when he sent a telegram from New York to Allen T. Nye, a business man with offices here, with whom he had been associated, which was put in evidence and read as

"You lie when you say you wrote me a letter on February 2. I am prepared to show that you are unquestionably the worst rascal I ever came in contact with."

A number of friends interceded for him, asking that a fine instead of im-prisonment be imposed, but Judge Pierce declared that he must be sentenced, as would any man of less standing.
Senator Perkins of California wrote commending Belvin's character.

THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

Odoarda Ponte, Panama. PANAMA, April 25.-Senor Odoarda Pon-

editor of the Panama Journal, the leading newspaper of the opposition, died

Jersey Centenarian Dies.

NEW YORK, April 35 .- Joseph Morris, who was to have celebrated his 101st birthday today, is dead at his home in Belford, near Red Bank, N. J. On his 100th birthday Mr. Morris acted as best man at his grandson's wedding

Santa Catalina Wins Excelsior.

JAMAICA, L. I., April 35.-The Excel-

They Suspect Secret Service Men of Stealing Valuable Papers.

COINCIDENCE IS STRANGE

action, and 26 quick-fire guns. Of the Documentary Evidence Taken From slege artillery every gun and all the Leading Officials by Burglary. Suspected Negro Returns

Stolen Papers.

CHICAGO, April 25 .- (Special.) -- A robbery committed in the Kalserhof Hotel early this morning, by which L. E. Knuckey, of Kansas City, who is connected in an important capacity with the transportation department of This would indicate that the extent Swift & Co., lost \$19 and a valuable of the Japanese victory and the disorremarkable chain of coincidences which days in connection with the Federal grand jury investigation of the beef trust. Strong hints have been thrown out by the victims of two of these robberies that they were committed by agents of the Government secret service for the purpose of securing valuable evidence to be used in the grand jury room

Two Similar Robberies.

Mr. Knuckey, who testified before the grand jury today and at once departed for Kansas City, recalled the fact that two other robberies of prominent employes of packing firms had taken place within a short time, and

The first of the alleged robberies was reported from New York City about two weeks ago. According to the report, burglars entered the residence o a member of the firm of Schwarzschild would furnish the \$400 ball demanded, but & Sulzberger during the absence of tife family and carried away a lot of valuable documents relating to the business of the company.

A few days later an advertisement was published in the papers of Chicago offering \$100,000 reward for the return of papers and documents that had been stolen from the residence of Gustav Freund, resident manager for S. Oppenhelmer & Co., a sausage-casing

Stolen Papers Returned.

Mr. Freund and his family were absent in Canada when the alleged robbery was committed. Mr. Freund returned to the city today a few hours after the Hyde Park police had an ounced the recovery of a box containing the papers and the arrest of a negro, Willis Heron, who delivered the papers at the residence of Clarence L.

oleman, son-in-law of Mr. Freund. When the Federal officials learned turned to Mr. Coleman, preliminary missi steps were taken to impound the docu-

Michigan Will Wipe Out Trusts.

LANSING, Mich., April 25.— The lower house of the Michigan Legislature today passed, unanimously, the anti-trust bill, said to be the most sweeping anti-trust measure ever passed in this country.

SULTAN'S TROOPS LEAVE Arab Rebels Defeat Turkish Army

and Beslege Sanaa.

ADEN, Arabia, April 25.-The situation in Turkish Arabia has become critical. It transpires that only 1000 of the Turkish troops sent to the relief of Riza Pasha troops sent to the relief of Riza Pasha, reached Sansa, and these fied thither after sustaining a defeat at the hands of the insurgents. Riza Pasha's troops, 6000 strong, encountered the Arabs in great force five miles south of Sansa March 20, and, after a sharp encounter, most of the trees constitute of Sansa March 20. the troops, consisting of Syrian reserves, inid down their arms and deserted, the remnant of the Turks managing to reach Sanas the same evening, with only 50 camel loads of supplies. The Chief, of Staff, Izza Pasha, was killed, and seven guns were abandoned and taken possession of by the Arabs, who also captured 26 camels laden with provisions and large quantities of rifles and ammunition.
The investment of Sanaa by the insur gents is being tightened. The Syrian reinforcements which recently arrived in

THE POWER BE. HIND THE TONE

good plane has been wrecked by a poor action. The keys of a pizzo create me-tion which the action conveys to the wait-ing strings. If the stroke is not clean and strong, and the release immediate so as to give the tone a clear, ringing quality, if there is not a firm, but springy touch upon the keys, the plane, even if it is constructed so as to be capable of producing a fine, musical tone, can only bring forth a very unsatisfactory, uncer-

tain, dragging one.
We would like to call your attention to the actions found in all Hobart M. Cable planos. They are wonderfully perfect in all respects. An examination of them will go further toward convincing you of the staunch, reliable character of this piano than any amount of talking

that we can do.

Hobart M. Cable planes throughout are as worthily made as are their actions, and as a result they have the endorsement of the best qualified judges.

Prices on these planes are only moderate and payments exceedingly reasonable. Ellers Plane House, 231 Washington street, corner Park. Other large stores San Francisco, Stockton and Oakland, Cal., Spokane and Scattle, Wash., Boise and Lewiston, Idaho.

Arabia are unsatisfactory, and the Ottoman officials are anxiously awaiting the arrival of European battalions. the fate of the capital of Yemen Province depends.

WILL BE BLOW TO HIS EMPIRE

Loss of Holy Places Will Undermine Sultan's Power.

LONDON, April 25.-Officials conversant with the situation in Yemen Province regard the situation there as being in the nature of a life-and-death struggle for the Sultan of Turkey. They point out that the warlike Arabs of Yemen, who have never done more than impatiently tolerate the Turkish yoke, have grown tired of paying taxes three or four times over and have revolted. Should the rising in Yemen succeed it is bound to spread north to Hejaz, and if the Sul-tan's authority is wiped out in that holy land of Mohammedanism he will lose al claims to the title of protector of the holy places, which is regarded as the main factor in holding his empir

APACHES MAY NOT GO HOME

President Rejects Geronimo's Petition for Return to Arizona.

LAWTON, Tex., April 25.-While hunting with President Roosevelt in the In-dian pasture reservation, Quinah Parker, the Comanche chief, was given a mes-sage by the President for Geronimo, the Apache warrior, who is a prisoner of war at Fort Sill. Parker expects a committee from the Apache tribe to visit him at this mountain home in a few days that he may formally deliver the mes sage, which is that the President averse to Geronimo's petition that tribe be transferred to Arizona, but that when the President concludes his West-ern trip, he will take up the matter of giving the tribe their freedom

ASKED FOR OILY MONEY

Gladden Will Renew Protest Against Accepting Rockefeller's Gift.

BOSTON, April 25 -- The Journal tomorrow will say that the American Missionary Society, the Congregational body, which is to meet here tomorrow has recently asked John D. Rockefeller that the box and papers had been re- for a contribution of \$100,000 for home

> The Journal will say that Dr. Washington Gladden will appear at the meeting and make a protest against the seceptance of the gift, should Mr. Rockefeller decide favorably on the re-

ELECTRIC ENGINE FLIES

Travels Eighty-Three Miles an Hour With Heavy Train.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., April 25 .- The he New York Central service between Croton and New York broke all its previous records today by attaining a speed of 82 miles an hour, hauling a neavy train.

Pears' Soap is the great alchemist. Women are made fair by its use.

Soid continuously since 1789.



your own good sense will tell you

for the sick or for the well folk, there can be no fevered throat, nor heart-burn nor indigestion when the mouth fluids are flowing freely. Chew a "Chiclet" and swallow the peppermint with the saliva and—don't annoy your physician.

to be had at all the better kind of stores

W. L. BOSENSTEIN, 124 California pt., San Francisco, Cal., Representative,

We Are Sole Agents for Young's Famous \$3.00 Hats for Men

Ipman, Wolfe & Co. Covert Jackets

We received by express yesterday 100 fine Covert Jackets, in the newes tan shades. We will place them on sale today. Exceptionally low-priced.

Women's 23-inch Tailor-Made Jackets of fine all-wool tan covert cloth, made in the new collarless effect, double breasted. eight-button front and plaited back; full new sleeves with turned cuff and all satin lined; at the exceptionally low price

Women's 22-inch Tailor-Made Jackets of fine all-wool tan covert cloth, made in the new fly-front shape with notch collar; the front and back trimmed with stitched cloth strapping, full sleeves with cuffs and all satin lined; at the exceptionally low price of\$10.00

50c to 69c Pillow Tops 39c

FREE LESSONS IN ART EMBROIDERY

Today we offer in the Art store all our 50¢ to 69¢ Tinted Pillow Tops, with backs; a large variety of the latest up-to-date designs to select

\$1 Tea Cloths 69c

IN THE ART NEEDLEWORK STORE WC offer today Hemstitched Tea Cloths and Bureau Scarfs; stamped floral and conventional designs; all the latest patterns-

Size 30x30; regular price \$1.00, at 69¢ Size 18x54; regular price \$1.00, at.......69¢

New Wash Goods 25c Unmade Waists \$1.48 Mohair Finish the New Wash Suiting-Dark,

medium and light colors, cheeks, invisible plaids, pin dots and solid colors; your choice 17c Huck Towels 12c

Extra quality heavy Huck Towels, 18 inches wide, 38 inches long; regular price 20e, today at,

20c Waisting 16c

White Oxford Waisting-30 inches wide, light

weight with jacquard figures; regular price

20c Etamine 16c

In the Lace Store-Unmade white lawn, embroi-

dery front waist patterns, two yards fine qual-

ity lawn for back and sleeves; regular price

Tape Girdle at 50c

Tape Girdle-White, pink and blue, flexible bon-

ing, sizes 18 to 24; also CORSETS, dip hip,

short hip, dip hip and girdle top; real value

Plain white and plain blue etamine waisting, 32 inches wide, solid color; regular price 20c,

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BUY YOUR TAN HOSIERY TODAY

Received Express, will place on sale today 100 dozen Women's Tan Hosiery Tan Hosiery 25c

Women's plain lisle finish Tan Hosiery, all the new shades of tan; splendid value at 25¢ Tan Hosiery Women's Tan Lisle Hosiery, lace boot, all over lace and embroidered lace boot; your choice

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Bank Declares a Dividend.

tution), has declared dividend or distri-A cable from London received by the Bank of California aunounces that the £15 per share. This at current rates of SAN FRANCISCO, April 25 .- (Special.)-

ness was purchased by first named insti- has agencies in Portland, Tacoma and

"Miss Flirty certainly has an army of

committee appointed to wind up the affairs of the London & San Francisco Bank, Limited (whose Pacific Coast busi-FOURTH AND

SILVERFIELD'S THE WOMAN'S

Sale of Covert Jackets

Finding that our stock of the extra sizes. 40 to 44 inches, in ladies' Covert Jackets, is larger than the demand for such sizes merits, we have decided to offer the greatest inducements to those needing such garments and the sale begins this morning.

Beautiful Jackets in light and dark shades of the finest all-wool tan coverts lined with heavy satin, made in the corset-fitting, tailored styles, with strapped seams, styles with plain mannish collar and the collarless styles finished with braid and buttons. All have the popular leg-o'-mutton sleeves. For a very few days we offer great reductions on the prices of these garments-Note the special values below. \$16.50 Values \$12.40

\$20.00 Values \$15.00 \$27.50 Values \$15.87

Millinery

\$18.50 Values \$13.90

Our stock of Millinery for the Spring and Summer season includes every late style invented by the leading designers of fashionable hats—grand assortments of the "Maxine Elliots," "Charlotte Corday," Turbans, Hand-Embroidered Linen Hats with real lace facings, beautiful tailored models from "Gage Bros.," "Burgesser," "Keith" and "Phipps & Atchinson." The very lowest prices prevail throughout the entire line.

Suits--Cloaks

The suit and cloak wants of every lady can easily be filled on our second floor, as not a new style is missing. Numerous styles and shades in silk shirtwaist suits, new Spring suits of every desirable material, a handsome line of silk and cotton waists. Our styles are exclusive, making them doubly desirable, as you will be able to be a little different and just as stylish as can be found in the city.

Sale of Purses and Bags

We have just received from our Eastern buyer a fine assortment of fitted and envelope bags-mostly samples-in all the very late designs and of the finest leathers. In order to make room for our large Spring lines we are offering the greatest reductions, such as those below.

> \$4.00 BAGS \$2.15 75c BAGS 39c

STORE YOUR FUR GARMENTS With us our facilities for preserving them during the warm weather are the greatest in the West. All garments received for storage thoroughly cleaned before being returned; our slight charge includes insurance against fire or theft. Special attention given to repairing and remodeling fur garments.