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WORTH KNOWING. Some Interesting Facts About Russia, Japan and Korea. RUSSIA. Two and a half times as large as the United States and Alaska.

The British Slaughter. News from Tibet reports that the British forces engaged the natives in battle and slew 400 of them.

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HERMANN NOMINATED BY ACCLAMATION George C. Brownell was Elected Chairman of the Convention.

HARRIS WITHDREW BEFORE CONVENTION ASSEMBLED Found the Hermann Faction Was too Strong for Him.—The Convention Passed Resolutions Endorsing President Roosevelt's Administration.

SALEM, Oregon, April 13.—Special.—The Congressional Convention for the first Congressional District which convened here this morning was largely attended by delegates and visitors.

The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock, and Hon Geo. C. Brownell was elected chairman. The Hermann faction was found to be a thing mightier than Hon. L. T. Harris has counted upon and his name was withdrawn before the convention assembled, and Hon. Binger Hermann was renominated by acclamation.

President Theodore Roosevelt received the endorsement of the convention and the spirit of the resolutions was that his administration has been one eminently gratifying to every true republican, and that he is the only man to head the National ticket.

SALEM, Or., April 13.—Amid shouts and cheering and strictly "in accordance with programme," as outlined just before the hour set for the convention, Hon. Binger Hermann, of Roseburg, was made the unanimous choice of the Republican Congressional Convention assembled here today, as a candidate for Congress to succeed himself from the First Congressional district of Oregon.

Hermann was placed in nomination by A. C. Marsters, of Douglas County, and A. C. Woodcock, of Eugene, who was to have placed L. T. Harris in nomination, seconded the nomination. Upon his motion Mr. Hermann was made the unanimous choice of the convention by acclamation and the greatest of harmony prevailed.

Gen. C. Brownell was chairman of the Congressional Convention and carried out the usual "programme" to the letter.

RUSSIANS LOOSE BIG. BATTLE-SHIP PETROPAVLOVSK Strikes Mine and Goes Down with 700 Officers and Men Including Makaroff—Big Battle in Progress.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 13.—While leaving the harbor of Port Arthur to engage in a battle that is raging between the Russians and the Japanese fleets, the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk, flagship of the Port Arthur fleet, struck a submerged mine and was blown up and sunk. Four officers were saved. The lost number about 700, including Vice Admiral Makaroff, commander of the fleet. One of the officers saved was Grand Duke Cyril, who was slightly wounded. A fierce naval battle is still in progress, the entire Russian fleet being engaged against a Japanese fleet of 40 vessels. The issue is as yet unknown.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 13.—(6:38 P. M.)—The following official dispatch has been received here from Rear-Admiral Grogovitch, the commandant at Port Arthur, addressed to the Emperor: "Port Arthur, April 13.—The Petropavlovsk struck a mine, which blew her up and she turned turtle. Our squadron was under Golden Hill. The Japanese squadron was approaching. Vice-admiral Makaroff evidently was lost. Grand Duke Cyril saved. He was slightly injured. Captain Jack-ovlev was saved, though severely injured, as were five officers and 32 men, all more or less injured. "The enemy's fleet has disappeared. Rear-Admiral Prince Oukteemsky has (Concluded on second page.)

Appalling Death List in India. It was announced from Bombay on March 29 that in one week the deaths from bubonic plague in all India reached the appalling number of 40,527, or equal to the wiping out of an entire town. That the plague is increasing is shown by the fact that this is 7.0 in excess of the returns of the previous week. Towards the close of last year the British government announced that it had abandoned all official attempt to stamp out the plague. It was claimed that so great an ignorance of sanitary measures prevailed among the natives that it was practically impossible to make any headway in face of their unconscious resistance. This is undoubtedly true, far more true than any who have not lived and struggled among these people for their enlightenment can realize. Still further in addition to this there is the belief that regardless of sanitary precautions the plague cannot be conquered because of the climate and water supply. It is not probable that the British government has entirely abandoned all effort to promote the health of the interior, and thus leave to their fate through ignorance the hundreds of thousands of people who have been adopted against their will, but this alarming increase shows that the cessation of active work officially is now bearing its harvest of death.

Scientific Rheumatism Cured. "I have been subject to sciatic rheumatism for years," says E. H. Walgren, of Wilton Junction, Iowa. "My joints were stiff and gave me much pain, and I was unable to move. My joints would crack when I first started up. I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and have been cured. Have not had a pain since from the trouble for many months. It is certainly a most wonderful remedy." For sale by A. C. Marsters & Co.

HON. BINGER HERMANN Who was nominated, yesterday, by the Republican Congressional Convention at Salem, to succeed himself in the lower halls of Congress.

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Russia and Japan. No other great civilized nation is able to watch the progress of the war in eastern Asia with such consciousness of security and ease as the people of the United States naturally and reasonably feel. Here, alone, it is universally understood that national interests are not so endangered that participation in the struggle may become unavoidable.—Cleveland Leader.

It is evident that Russia is determined to nag China into an overt act. Indeed, Russia is pursuing a course that makes non-action by China an excuse for violating neutrality. Chinese civil administration and sovereignty are over Manchuria. As we have shown, our last treaty with China recognizes this. The administrative entity insisted upon by Secretary Hay extends to the province that Russia has been trying to grab.—San Francisco Call.

If the Jap is as brave as the Russian, if he has a higher degree of intelligence and more initiative, if the war is confined to a region with which he is acquainted as well acquainted as the Russian, if his supply of war material is adequate and his generals are as skillful as European experts represent them to be, General Kuropatkin will have his hands full in driving the Mikado's armies back to their islands. Both combatants seem to be confident, but it is probable that, with armies equally matched in numbers, victory will be the portion of the nation whose soldiery excels in intelligence and initiative.—Baltimore Sun.

We have said this Russian action simplifies matters. It does away with all uncertainty concerning the status of Nio-Chwang and of neutrals there. It removes all ground for dispute as to the rights of the Japanese, for, if the Russians have a right to do what they are now doing, the Japanese have a right to besiege, attack and conquer Nio-Chwang, if they can, just as they would Port Arthur or Vladivostok. We may add that it makes clear, too, the results, if not the purpose, of Russia's persistent and prolonged occupation of the place. Had she fulfilled her promises of years ago and withdrawn from Nio-Chwang, that place might now be as neutral as Hong-Kong or Shanghai. But she did not withdraw from it, and the light of present conditions we must be permitted to doubt if she ever intended to do so.—New York Tribune.

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