

IS MASSING HER TROOPS

Russia Collecting a Large Force at Vladivostock.

A MENACE TO ASIA'S PEACE

Many Naval Vessels and Over One Hundred Thousand Men at the Port—Her Warlike Preparations.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—The Bulletin says:

"A letter containing a duplicate of mail advices sent by the regular correspondent of the Hong Kong Press, at Vladivostock, was received by the last China steamer, and was turned over to the Bulletin today. The communication shows that the czar is massing troops in the Vladivostock district, and has a large number of naval vessels in northern waters. The principal details of the situation are contained in the following paragraphs:

"Although the Russian government explains that the massing of troops in the Primorsk and Eastern Siberia is due to 'exchange of army divisions,' it is learned that in all the divisions of Vladivostock there are not less than 112,000 men of arms, which monster army is looked upon as a menace to the peace of Asia."

"The correspondent commenting on the situation, says:

"While it is confessed that Russia is entitled to some outlet to the Pacific, the continuous and warlike preparations are anything but reassuring. The frequent presence of Russia's engineers at Port Arthur, and their operations in Manchuria, with the tacit consent of China, are highly significant indications of the relations between Russia and China, and point unmistakably to the common object of Russia's warlike preparations."

"It behooves the British government to thoroughly investigate this very important matter."

THE EMPEROR TO THE RECRUITS

William's Oration to His Green Soldiers.

London, Nov. 16.—The Times' Berlin dispatch says:

The ceremony of swearing in the recruits for the garrisons of Berlin, Spandau, Charlottenburg and Gross-Lichterfeld this afternoon took place in front of the royal palace. Emperor William delivered an oration, in the course of which he said:

"You have just taken an oath upon the crucifix and the standard to me, your war lord, and to the Fatherland. Just as the crown is naught without the altar and the crucifix, so the army is nothing without the Christian religion. You are called as soldiers in my keeping to serve me in single-handed allegiance. Ever remember you have received your weapons to protect the crown and altar. In view of the general mistrust now prevailing, it is especially your duty by obedience always to set a good example. You are entering the army in the year we celebrate as the centenary of the birth of the great Emperor William. Never forget what he accomplished. We are in duty bound to maintain what he created. His eyes rests upon the whole army. God grant that at the call of heaven we may appear worthily before him."

The Daily Mail's Berlin dispatch says: "The following words, held to indicate his personal feelings on the recent Bruswitz incident at Carlsruhe, occurred in Emperor William's speech:

"Hold your uniform in honor. The man who insults your coat insults the king; who assaults the king's coat assaults your chief lord."

The Bruswitz incident, it will be remembered, was that of a German army officer who ran through the body of a workman, who inadvertently brushed against him in a cafe, and who declined to apologize, on the ground that no insult was intended.

BATTLE WITH DESPERADOES.

Two Mexicans Were Killed and Two Texans Wounded.

St. Louis, Nov. 16.—A special to the Republic from Dallas, Tex., says: Deputy United States Marshal Erwin and posse arrived in Dallas today from a scout in the panhandle after Mexican cattle-thieves. Erwin gives details of a battle in Childress county, Tex., in which two Mexicans were killed and two Texans wounded. The Mexicans had committed numerous robberies, and several murders in Colorado and New Mexico, and had been pursued into Western Oklahoma and Texas. In the Kiowa and Comanche reservations of Oklahoma, they stole upward of fifty horses and several head of cattle. The Indians, who followed the Mexicans, solicited aid from the sheriff of Childress county, who, with a posse of deputies and citizens, overtook the Mexicans last Saturday afternoon. The Mexicans were armed with Winchester and pistols. Near the boundary of Childress and Hall counties a pitched battle took place, in which two of the five Mexicans in the band were killed and one wounded.

No livers will do for pate de foie gras but those of geese.

A BLIND LAD SAW.

The "X" Rays Enabled Him to Discern Objects.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—Lucien Bagicalupi, a totally blind lad, has accidentally found out that he can see objects by the use of the cathode ray. Such is the assertion of Dr. Waverly Clark, who is overjoyed over the discovery of the new use of the mysterious beams. The discovery that at least some of the blind can see by the rays came about by a careless remark made by Dr. Clark, an enthusiastic student of the cathode ray. Bagicalupi had been a pupil at the institution for the deaf and blind at Berkley for several years.

Friday last he came to this city, with a dozen unfortunate lads from the same place. They went to the Baldwin theater. Afterward Bagicalupi stepped into his father's phonograph and "X" ray parlors, under the Baldwin hotel. Dr. Clark joined in conversation with Peter Bagicalupi, and his son, and as a sudden thought came to him, he said: "Lucien, step into the 'X' ray room and find out if you can see anything."

Bagicalupi started the apparatus and handed his son the fluoroscope. As Lucien adjusted it to his eyes and turned it toward the rays, he shouted: "Papa, I can see light."

All three became excited. The overjoyed father placed a solid block of wood, on the back of which were a key, a screw and some nails, in front of the green light and asked his son if he could see anything. Lucien immediately replied:

"Yes, I can see a key and some things that look like nails."

Physician, father and son were now greatly excited, and another test was made. A purse, half-bound with steel, and in which a key had been placed, was put before the light in a folded magazine. Lucien was asked what he saw, and replied that there was a key inside of a dark rectangular piece of metal of some kind. The test was considered complete, and Dr. Clark and Peter Bagicalupi have been busily engaged telling the story over and over again to their friends. It has set the medical men to thinking, and a large number of other similar experiments will be made. A study will be made of the matter, and it is believed wonderful results can be obtained.

THE WHOLE FAMILY CRAZY.

An Extraordinary Case of Religious Mania.

Boonville, Ont., Nov. 17.—A most extraordinary case of religious mania is reported from a farmhouse near the Long Sault. There, for a number of years, resided Elijah Rice, his wife and fifteen children. The eldest son, Louis, 22 years old, recently became insane, and announced himself as the "prince of the sandhills," and declared that Christ had appointed him to reform the world.

The mania extended to the father, mother and the other children, who neglected the farm and spent their time in singing and praying. Recently the father conceived the idea that Louis was pursued by the devil, and that it must be beaten out of him. Louis was knocked down with a leg of a chair, and Mr. and Mrs. Rice and two sons pounded him into insensibility. When this was done, they were satisfied the devil was driven out.

Their next move was to celebrate the Feast of the Passover, and one of the little children was to be sacrificed as the "paschal lamb." One of the sons, a mere boy, told this to a clergyman, who informed the police. On visiting the farm, they found Rice and his son Louis suffering from intense mania, and had them removed to the Kingston insane asylum. The doctors say the other members of the family will recover.

NIAGARA HARNESSSED.

Switch in the Big Power-House Turned at Midnight.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 17.—At midnight tonight, the turning of the switch in the big power-house at Niagara falls completed the circuit which caused Niagara river to flow up hill, so to speak, by returning a fraction of its resistless energy which has already swept past the gates of Buffalo, back into that city, twenty-seven miles distant. The harness was buckled that hitches the factory wheels of Buffalo to the greatest cataract on earth. This morning the street cars of this city were moved by falls power.

The switches in the Buffalo street railway power house were turned on exactly at midnight by the chief engineer of the General Electric Company. Everything worked smoothly.

A Football Accident.

Lawrence, Kan., Nov. 17.—In the football game here between the state university and Doane college, of Crete, Neb., T. L. Serf, quarter-back of the Nebraska team, was so badly injured that he died tonight at 11:20, without regaining consciousness. Kansas had the ball, and Serf tackled to bring his man down, and in doing so alighted on the back of his neck. He was carried from the field and in a few hours rallied, but about 11 o'clock began to sink rapidly, and died a few minutes later. Three of Kansas' star players tonight decided to forever abandon football, and the Doane team is so broken up that it may disband. No blame is attached to any one. It was purely an accident.

A SEATTLE SWINDLER.

Induced Poles to Come From Texas to Washington.

Seattle, Nov. 16.—What looks like the greatest land swindle ever perpetrated in Washington came to light today. Fifteen men, five of them with their families, came to Seattle from Bremont, Tex., to take up homesteads that Mr. Makowski, manager of the so-called "Washington Farming Land Company," said awaited them here. These people have found that the land company is a "fake," and that Makowski has absconded. He secured \$600 from the members of his party and their friends that yet expect to come and live on their homesteads "reserved" for them.

The families now here sold all their possessions in Texas to get money to pay their expenses in reaching Seattle, about \$1,000 being paid out in railroad fares.

Four of them started back for Texas tonight, and another lot will leave tomorrow.

Makowski would put an advertisement in a Polish paper that circulates in Texas. The office of the company was given as 227 Poplar street, Seattle. There is no such company here. The advertisement said the company had a large tract of land, and that, if any person desired to take up a homestead, the company would locate him for \$10, to be paid in advance.

In a letter to an intending immigrant, Makowski paints a beautiful picture of the home that could be secured for \$10, and about \$150 more, "to build a house and get your farm in condition." He told him work at good wages could be had at any time, and advised that the recipient of the letter tell all his friends and get them to come.

From the story told to Chief of Police Reid tonight by some of the victims, Makowski has operated his \$10 certificate scheme extensively in Texas and Illinois, and must have cleaned up hundreds of dollars, as the police have learned that he has been receiving many money orders.

STARVED THEIR BABY.

Unnatural Conduct of a Mother in Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 16.—Tom Bassett and wife were fined \$90 and costs today by Justice Nixon for starving their infant child. The evidence showed that Bassett and his wife were desirous of getting rid of an 18-month-old child, and tried to starve it. They neglected it in every way, left it home in the daytime without food or water and with no one to care for it.

In default of payment of the fine they went to jail.

Bassett and wife were arrested on the complaint of Health Officer Alban, whose attention was called to the case by Mrs. M. E. Graves, in whose charge the child had been placed by Mrs. Bassett Tuesday night. Dr. Alban said in court today that when he called to see the child he found it ravenous for food, dirty and poorly clad. The body was covered with bruises and sores, the result of neglect on the part of the mother. Mrs. Bassett is but 17 years old and does not seem to understand the responsibilities of a mother.

To Make Paper Pulp.

Albany, Or., Nov. 16.—The Niagara sawmill property, at Niagara, up the North Santiam, was recently sold by the assignee to O'Neill Bros. & Callahan, and the sale has since been confirmed by the court. The firm of O'Neill Bros. is the owner of the Lebanon paper mills, and it is learned that this sawmill plant, which cost originally about \$20,000, is to be converted into a pulp mill by the purchasers. Mr. O'Neill went to Niagara today to look the property over. It is the intention of the company to start in connection with the pulp mill a paper mill to manufacture all kinds of finished papers. The company's mill at Lebanon only makes straw paper. The new paper mill will probably be located in Albany, as it is desirable to have it located on both lines of railroads. There are large quantities of hemlock and balsam timber up the Santiam, which will be used to make the pulp. This will add another important industry to this portion of Oregon.

Burglars Got the Worst of It.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 16.—One burglar was shot to death and another wounded and captured at 9 o'clock this morning in Elba, Genesee county, while resisting arrest after entering W. A. Hundergark's general store. The burglar-alarm in the store awakened the proprietor in his dwelling. He summoned the citizens who surrounded the store and called on the burglars to surrender. The robbers showed fight. Many shots were exchanged. Afterwards one burglar was found dead behind the store. His companion was wounded and surrendered. He says his name is George Stevens, but refuses to say more.

The Revival at Bristol.

Bristol, Conn., Nov. 11.—A business revival is felt here, and the most notable instance of it is found at the works of the Bristol Brass & Clock Company. Beginning tonight, the factory will run overtime. This course is necessary to fill orders, which have been received.

A CLIPPER'S MISHAP.

The Ship Larnaca Run Down by Another Vessel.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Early yesterday morning the British ship Larnaca arrived off the port from Valparaiso. She was met outside the heads by a pilot who carried orders for her to proceed to Portland. Her captain at once changed his course and headed his vessel with the westerly wind to clear Point Reyes, on a tack out to the open sea.

The big vessel was slowly moving along under the light breeze when suddenly came a confused shouting of orders off to starboard, and the next instant a vessel under full sail crashed into the Larnaca, just forward of the main rigging. For a moment the two vessels hung together, then ground into each other as they swung apart. Their tangled rigging was torn from aloft and came crashing to the decks of the vessels, driving the scared sailors under the timbers of the forecabin head to escape the falling blocks and cordage.

The vessel that ran into the British ship was the Pierre Cornielle, bound from Newcastle. Pilot Miller had boarded her some hours before and was directing the bark's course, leaving the crew to keep a lookout ahead. The vessel had all her sails set to catch the light wind and she was going almost dead before it. The pilot on the poop-deck was unable to see anything before him except a big spread of canvas and he was not aware of the danger until the two vessels were together. The men on the lookout forward had become engaged in other work and neglected to keep watch. The night was clear and the master and crew of each vessel blames the other for the disaster.

The Larnaca had her starboard bulwarks crushed in, the rail torn away and two plates in her hull above the water line were cut through. The Pierre Cornielle lost her jib-boom, and with it went most of her headgear. Some of her forward plates were started by the force of the collision. After they had been separated the British ship turned her bows for port, and will be repaired before proceeding on her voyage to Portland.

INSPECTION OF FOOD.

Four Stations Have Been Established in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—San Francisco has something among the cities which makes her distinctive. She has four food inspection stations, planned after the fashion of a custom-house or the taxing stations of the old walled towns of continental Europe—clearing-houses to which the milk and meat and vegetables of the city must come.

There are four of these stations, one at the ferries, one at Fourth and Berry streets, one at Central avenue and Geary street, and the fourth at Alabama and Army streets, which was formally opened last night.

There was no formal dedication. Only the big shed at Army and Alabama streets blazed with electricity against its whitewashed interior. Governor Budd dropped in informally, driven in a four-in-hand and swaddled with rugs, and the invited guests of the board of health sat down with the board to a substantial banquet.

All the gentlemen waited last night to see the first wagons come into the depot. Lardmeters and the handy little detective lay ready to hand and at midnight the big doors rumpled back and the first wagon clattered in for inspection. After that there was a steady stream until almost daylight, and Mr. Reinstein's clever scheme had received its first practical exemplification. The plan costs the city just \$1,000, and is not intended to apply to the markets, but the consumer who buys directly from the producer will know that everything he eats bears the city hall's mark.

A RACE WAR.

Serious Trouble Between White and Colored Mill Hands.

Eldorado, Ark., Nov. 16.—The white and colored laborers employed at the Hawthorne mills, twelve miles southwest of here, have been waging a race war since last Monday. The whites who are largely outnumbered by the negroes, declared that the colored men should not be permitted to work in the mills, and warned them to leave. The negroes did not go, and a number of white men whipped a negro. That night a car and several tents in which the negroes were sleeping were surrounded by armed white men, and over 100 shots were fired into the car and tents. How many negroes were hurt cannot be ascertained, but it is known that a woman was fatally wounded. Yesterday there was further rioting, the nature of which has not been ascertained, but the sheriff has gone there with a posse of deputies to restore order. The mills are idle today, neither whites nor blacks being at work.

Recognized by Bolivians.

Surco, Bolivia, via Galveston, Tex., Nov. 16.—The committee on foreign affairs in the chamber of deputies has reported in favor of the recognition of the Cuabn insurgents as belligerents. The Argentine minister has been instructed to demand of Bolivia the evacuation of the district of San Antonio, lately occupied by the Bolivians.

GENERAL MILES' REPORT.

Questions of Indian Treatment and Coast Defense.

Washington, Nov. 13.—In his annual report to the secretary of war, Major-General Miles, commanding the army, recommended a liberal appropriation for replacing the present decreasing and antiquated post buildings, especially those on what was formerly the Indian frontier. General Miles believes that the freedom of the country of late from Indian outbreaks is to be ascribed to the fact that the Indians now receive better treatment from the government; that they are more impressed with the power of the army to punish them, and that their affairs are in many cases managed by competent army officers. Therefore, he recommends that this same policy as to the Indians be continued.

General Miles again devotes a large portion of his report to the consideration of questions of coast defense and renews forcibly all the recommendations on that subject made in his former reports. It is recommended that liberal appropriations be made for the manufacture of guns, their emplacements, quarters and barracks. The estimate that General Miles makes for the next year for the work of the ordnance, engineers' and quartermasters' departments at the different coast points includes the following:

San Diego, \$800,000; San Francisco, \$902,850; mouth of the Columbia river, \$564,325; Puget sound, \$764,000.

General Miles renews his former recommendations for an increase of the army on the ground that it has not kept pace with the increased wealth of public and private interests, and he suggests that the enlisted strength of the army be fixed at one soldier to every 2,000 people, as a minimum, the maximum strength not to exceed one soldier for 1,000 population, the strength to be determined within the limits according to the necessities and requirements of the nation.

He points out the importance of having at least two stations east of the Rocky mountains, and one west, suitable for the accommodation of one regiment of cavalry, and renews the recommendations made last year concerning the use of bicycles and motor wagons, and the promotion of competent enlisted men to the grade of second lieutenants after five years' service.

A DRIVE FOR A LIFE.

Judge's Efforts to Save a Convicted Murderer.

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 13.—The chances that Myron R. Kent will not hang grow brighter. Governor Allen has wired Judge McConnell for the reason for asking executive clemency. The latter telegraphed back: "The reason I request you to commute the death sentence of Myron Kent is that his case is shrouded in mystery, and his conviction is based merely on circumstantial evidence which does not preclude all possible doubt."

Coming, as this does, from the man who presided over the trial, it is strong language, and may influence the governor. Immediately on receipt of this the governor wired Judge McConnell to come at once to Bismarck. The judge was at Sherbrooke, in Steele county, and a telegram says he missed the Great Northern train at Hope, but started to drive fifty miles across the snow-laden prairie with the temperature below zero, to reach the main line of the Northern Pacific in time to catch the midnight train to Bismarck. It is a ride to save a man's life, and if he reaches the capital in time to confer with Governor Allen, the sentence will probably be commuted.

Sheriff Barns will have everything in readiness for the execution, unless executive clemency is exercised within twenty-four hours.

A Lumberman's Suicide.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 13.—Captain Albert S. Merriam, a wealthy lumberman, walked into the Commercial Club at noon today, entered a small cardroom and shot himself through the head with a 38-caliber revolver. Death was instantaneous. Merriam had been a victim of nervous dyspepsia, and recently suffered much, which probably caused his act. He left no letter, and the deed appeared to have been unpremeditated. Merriam came to Minneapolis from Quincy, Ill., where he was very prominent. He had been here two years, being engaged in logging operations. He leaves a wife and daughter, both of whom reside in Minneapolis.

Tin in British Columbia.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 13.—Some ore brought down from the coast of Vancouver, and assayed for gold or silver, has been pronounced by the assayer to be cassiterite, or tin ore. Himself a Cornishman, the assayer compared the ore with samples he had from the Dolcoath mine in Cornwall and found them to be identical in character, and he is satisfied that a deposit of tin ore has been discovered. How large the deposit is will not be known until the ground has been more fully prospected.

Edna Lyall has been made honorary secretary of the East Borneo Liberal association of London. Of popular women authors, she is probably the most interested in politics.