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FRANCE ASSUMES HER ARMOR

TIME FOR THE PARTY TO HUSTLE

Grover Cleveland Urges Rank and File Associates to Manfully Abandon Obsolete Issues and Look Ahead.

Ex-President Believes That Democracy Can Meet With Success Next November.

A BROAD LEADER IS NEEDED

Urges The Building of Canal but Questions the Advisability of Disregarding Territorial Rights of Others.

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—In an article written for this week's Saturday Evening Post, ex-President Cleveland urges his rank and file associates of the democratic party to unite and take advantage of opportunities next November.

"I am one of those," he writes, "who believe there is an opportunity for democratic success in the coming presidential election.

"This is no time for cunning finesse, not for use of words that conceal intentions or carry double meaning.

"The democratic party has a message to send to its followers and to the masses of the American people. Let that message be expressed in language easily understood, unconfused by evasion and untouched by taint, or jargon. Obsolete questions and issues no longer challenging popular interest should be manfully abandoned."

Mr. Cleveland urges tariff reform, pleads for economy in expenditures of public money, and charges the opposition with having made promises and broken them. He arraigns the administration's Philippine policy and refers to the Isthmian canal in these words:

"The democratic party has been consistent and unremitting in its advocacy of an inter-oceanic canal and has, with the liveliest satisfaction, looked forward to the day when such a highway of commerce, built under the aus-

pliances of our government, will be contributed by America to the world's progress and civilization. It is, nevertheless, not within the mandate of democratic credit that, in consummating so noble an enterprise as this, the territorial rights of any other nation should be disregarded, or that our own national good faith should be subject to reasonable suspicion."

Mr. Cleveland urges the selection, as a leader, of a man of broad principles, fully conversant with the needs of the country and the people. He concludes as follows:

"The democracy's opportunity is already in sight, but only a campaign waged in reliance on the people's love of country and devotion and national morality, under a leadership that personifies its embodiment, would be found democracy's hope."

INJUNCTION TO BE DISSOLVED.

Dividends Amounting to \$3,000,000 Will Be Paid Over.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 17.—Today was the last day on which the lawyers for John MacGinnis could make an appearance in the supreme court and ask for a rehearing in the suit decided by the supreme court February 11, in which the injunction forbidding the payment of about \$3,000,000 in dividends by the Boston and Montana Company to the Amalgamated, was dissolved. They did not appear, and a remitter from the supreme court was sent to Butte. It is expected the lower court will be asked tomorrow to dissolve the injunction in conformity with the supreme court decision. This done there is nothing to prevent the payment of the dividends to the Amalgamated company.

Amador's Election Anticipated.

Colon, Feb. 17.—The election of Dr. Amador to the presidency of the republic of Panama created no excitement here. It was generally known that he would be unanimously elected.

To Relieve Cotton.

Newport, R. I., Feb. 17.—Rear-Admiral Chadwick today received telegraphic orders from the navy department at Washington to take command of the European squadron now at Gibraltar, relieving Rear-Admiral Cotton.

Americans Bombard Rebels.

San Juan, P. R., Feb. 17.—A private message has been received here from Santo Domingo city, dated February 17, saying an American warship bombarded the insurgents at Pajarito, near Santo Domingo, and landed marines. These, however, subsequently re-embarked.

SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT TAKES PLACE IN MILITARY CIRCLES OF THE REPUBLIC

Officers on Leave Requested to Return to Their Regiments--Intend to Protect French Indo China.

Movements of Russian Troops and Plans of Those in Command Completely Masked By Rigid Censorship Imposed by Authorities in St. Petersburg--Expect to Crush the Enemy.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Marine Minister Felleman has written to Deputy De Ioune (Rep.), representing French Cochinchina, denying the reported shortage of coal for the French fleets, and adding that measures had been adopted to protect French Indo China against a sudden attack, and to prepare for all eventualities growing out of the present situation.

The Figaro today publishes a dispatch from Angouleme, announcing that the commanders of the army corps had received orders from the minister of war, prescribing certain measures in case of the eventual mobilization of the army. Officers and noncommissioned officers on leave have been requested to return to their regiments.

Movements Are Masked.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The rigid censorship imposed here upon all news from the far east completely masks the movements of Russian troops and the plans of those in command, but what is being done is evidently satisfactory to authorities here, as they manifest the utmost confidence that when the proper time arrives the enemy will be crushed. They say that the preliminary sea victories of the Japanese will then be speedily forgotten.

Russian Steamer Injured.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—A dispatch received here from Port Arthur dated February 17, says that in the action off that port, February 15, the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Kherson was struck by a 12-inch shell in her upper works. A slight fire broke out which was quickly extinguished. There was no loss of life.

Excludes Manchuria.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—It is stated on high authority that the Japanese government, in responding through United States minister Griscom to Secretary Hay's note agreeing to the neutralization of China, excluding Manchuria, which Russia is now occupying. Japan it is also said, reserves the right to counterbalance any action of Russia in violating Chinese neutrality.

First Report Confirmed.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Confirmation of the report that two Russian warships were torpedoed in the attack of the Japanese torpedo boats upon the Russian fleet at Port Arthur last Sunday, was received today by Shezuro Shimizu, the imperial Japanese consul at Chicago. The message describing the engagement came from the government.

Fleet En Route.

Copenhagen, Feb. 17.—A dispatch has been received from Wisby Island, Gothland, saying that six Russian warships passed that island February 15, going south.

LAND BATTLE NOT IMMINENT

Viceroy Alexieff Will Wait Before Taking the Aggressive.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—At Port Arthur today the thermometer registered two degrees below zero. Concentration of the Russian troops will proceed as rapidly as possible, but it is believed that Viceroy Alexieff will not take the aggressive until he feels certain of his ability to administer a decisive defeat. Therefore, in spite of the extensive landing operations of Japanese in Corea, an important land fight is not considered here to be im-

minent, although it is believed that the passage of the Yalu river by the Japanese will be disputed.

OPENLY EMBARK TROOPS.

No Secrecy Employed By Japs in Landing Forces in Corea.

London, Feb. 18.—Dispatches published in London newspapers this morning continue to give alleged descriptions of the embarking of Japanese troops. Instead of the embarkation occurring secretly from Ujina, as was the case during the Chino-Japanese war, transports, according to dispatches published in the Daily Telegraph and Daily Mail, are openly embarking troops from Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe and elsewhere.

Troops are clearing every night from those ports for Korea, and 10 large steamers were embarking troops at Nagasaki last Monday.

Benefits of Russian Rule.

Paris, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from the Harbin, Manchuria, correspondent of the Matin says the Manchurian newspapers publish a manifesto by the czar, countersigned by high mandarins, which recall the benefits China has derived from the friendship of Russia.

For Sick and Wounded.

Moscow, Feb. 17.—Prince Gallitzin has donated \$5000 toward the construction of a fast cruiser. Count Orloffdazo has contributed \$1000 and a private concern has given \$250,000 for the succor of the sick and wounded.

Contributions Pour in.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Voluntary contributions to replace the ships already destroyed by the enemy are assuming large proportions, one man having given \$20,000.

Bulgaria Is Warned

London, Feb. 17.—A dispatch received here from Sofia, says that Russia has officially notified the Bulgarian government that any encouragement given by Bulgaria to the renewal of the insurrection of Macedonia will be regarded as an act of hostility.

SPRINGS SENSATION.

J. R. Robertson of Spokane makes Demand for Grand Jury.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 17.—A sensation was created in the superior court in this city today when J. R. Robertson made a demand on the court for a grand jury. The jury in the case of Mollie J. Spragg vs. the Washington Water Power Company had just returned after being out for 40 hours with a verdict in favor of the defendant. After the verdict had been announced Mr. Robertson, of the firm of Robertson, Miller & Rosenhaupt, the attorney for the complainant, arose, and, addressing the court, remarked:

"I would like to have a grand jury investigation. I can produce evidence that the Washington Water Power Company, through agents, who, I suppose, were working in their employ, have attempted to bribe certain witnesses in this case."

H. M. Stephens, attorney for the Water Power Company, expressed his willingness to have an investigation at any time, and the court said the matter would be taken up later. This is the third trial of the case. Mrs. Spragg claimed to have been injured by being thrown from a car while it was in motion, and sued to recover \$10,000. Both

the other trials were failures, the juries failing to agree.

Color on Top.

Baker City, Ore., Feb. 17.—Joe Watkins, of Australia, and Syllus Yelton (colored), of Pennsylvania, wrestled at the armory here this evening, catch-as-catch-can. The colored man won the first and third falls.

Jenkins Wins Match.

New York, Feb. 17.—Tom Jenkins, of Cleveland, defeated Hjalmar Lundigo, of Sweden, tonight in Brooklyn in a mixed wrestling match, winning first and third falls.

New Collector Selected.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—On excellent authority it is learned that Joshua Kingham, the local agent of the Western Fuel Company, of Nanaimo, will succeed the late R. Milne, C. M. G., as collector of customs of the port of Victoria.

ONLY SURVIVOR CHINESE.

Tells Thrilling Tale of the Sea--Steamer Went Down.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 17.—A thrilling tale of the sea is told in Hong Kong by a Chinaman who claims to be the sole survivor of the ill-fated steamer Finbury, which was lost in a typhoon between Kobe and Yokohama. The celestial says the wind blew with terrific force, and mountains of water washed over the vessel. First of all, the boats were smashed, then the engine fires were put out and the steamer lay helpless, completely at the mercy of the elements. After some time an enormous volume of water, much heavier than the seas which had preceded it, came down with full force on the forward cargo hatches. They gave way and the water found its way into the ship's hold. The vessel was doomed. The crew had no means at hand wherewith to save themselves from a watery grave. The steamer gradually filled with water and went down with a gulp into the dark waters.

The Chinaman managed to cling to the fore-and-aft bridge. After three days clinging to this wreckage he was picked up by the crew of a Japanese schooner, who landed him on a small island. After spending some weeks there he managed to get to Shanghai, where he was in a hospital 20 days, and then returned to Hong Kong.

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