

## JAPS TAKING TO THE HILLS

Trying to Get Into Mountains Where Their Artillery Could Be Used Advantageously

### FIGHT AT MUKDEN UNLIKELY

Kuropatkin Will Probably Retreat to Stronger Position at Tie Pass and There Make Stand.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—In summing up the situation today the military expert of the Russ says it is evident from all indications at the front that the Japanese are engaged in a big turning movement on the eastward. This would give them the advantage of operating largely in the mountains, to which their artillery is better suited than for movements in the open. But, in the present movement, the units of the Japanese army are necessarily losing touch with one another. Their strategic position is, therefore, less satisfactory than at Liao Yang.

The Russ says it is a question whether a decisive or even serious engagement will occur at Mukden. Such an event will depend entirely upon General Kuropatkin's views as to the exigencies of the situation.

"However, one may rest certain," the paper adds, "that the sentimental question of violation of the Chinese tombs

society has been formed in the north by the Koreans who are pro-Russian in sentiment, with the object of affiliating with the Tonghaks.

### ONE WAY OF MAKING MONEY.

Swindlers Have Been Selling Fake Degrees Over the Country.

Seattle, Sept. 28.—LL. D. degrees from the University of Washington have been placed on the market in eastern cities, and large numbers have been sold at from \$5 to \$10 apiece by a firm of swindling sharps who deal in fake degrees, according to communications from Washington, D. C., received by Dr. Thomas F. Kane, president of the university. In discussing the matter he said:

"I have received letters from several persons asking if it were true that we were selling honorary degrees. Before I had time to investigate the matter, however, I read of the arrest of William Farr for the selling of false degrees and the announcement that he had been summoned before the postal authorities to show cause why he should not be denied the right to use the United States mails.

"Among other established institutions, however, besides the University of Washington I might mention the Washington university of St. Louis and the George Washington university of Washington city, that have been used by Dr. Farr in building up the titled members of the legal profession."

### KILLED BY PORTO RICANS.

S. E. Damon Stabbed to Death While Driving at Honolulu.

Honolulu, Sept. 28.—S. E. Damon, a member of a prominent local family

### KENTUCKY MURDER MYSTERY.

Woman Found at Louisville With Her Throat Cut.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 28.—The police are working on a murder mystery. The other night the lifeless body of Mrs. Annie Porter was found in a room in a building being conducted by Frank Echerle. Echerle runs a saloon on the first floor and rents out rooms. In the afternoon Mrs. Porter and a man secured a room. They ordered five drinks of whiskey within the next hour or two, and nothing more was heard from them till Echerle went to the room about 8 o'clock to arouse them. The man was gone. The woman's body was found leaning against the foot of the bed, her arms partly thrown over her head. Her throat had been cut.

No weapon of any kind could be found. The murder had been committed without a sound, and a wash basin showed where the murderer had washed his hands and cleaned the weapon with which the deed had been committed. After this he had quietly left the house, being seen by no one.

The police are looking for William Van Dalsen, a cabinetmaker. He had been living with the woman, and is said to have threatened to kill her. He has not been arrested.

A letter was turned over to the police written by Van Dalsen to Mrs. Porter, in which he threatened to kill her and the man with whom she was going. This person is Hugh McKeown, who turned the letter over to the police, it having been given him by Mrs. Porter.

Mrs. Porter was well known on the

Grand Free Offer to Readers of

# THE MORNING ASTORIAN

Having contracted at considerable expense with the publishers of this high grade magazine we beg to offer :: :: :: ::

## One Year's Subscription Free of Cost

to all and any readers of our paper who sign and send in the coupon below at once

# MADAME

Brings a monthly message of culture to your home and contains all that is best in literature and art. It is endorsed by OVER THREE MILLION OF THE MOST CULTURED WOMEN IN AMERICA, being adopted by the National Council of Women of America as their official organ.

Madame has a circulation of over 200,000 each month

A MODERN MAGAZINE. Finely illustrated by the worlds best artists and containing articles on the leading topics of the day by leading thinkers and writers, besides all the various departments of a modern magazine well represented. :: ::

Let us send you a free sample copy so that you can see exactly what a beautiful Magazine this is, or sign and return the coupon and we will mail you the Magazine free for one year.

Sign and Send This Coupon Today

### SPECIAL MADAME CONTRACT

To THE MORNING ASTORIAN:

I agree to take THE MORNING ASTORIAN for the next SIX months, at the rate of sixty cents per month, payable in advance, with the understanding that I am to receive MADAME free of charge for one year.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 1904.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Begin sending THE MORNING ASTORIAN \_\_\_\_\_

If already a subscriber fill in the above blank "Now taking."

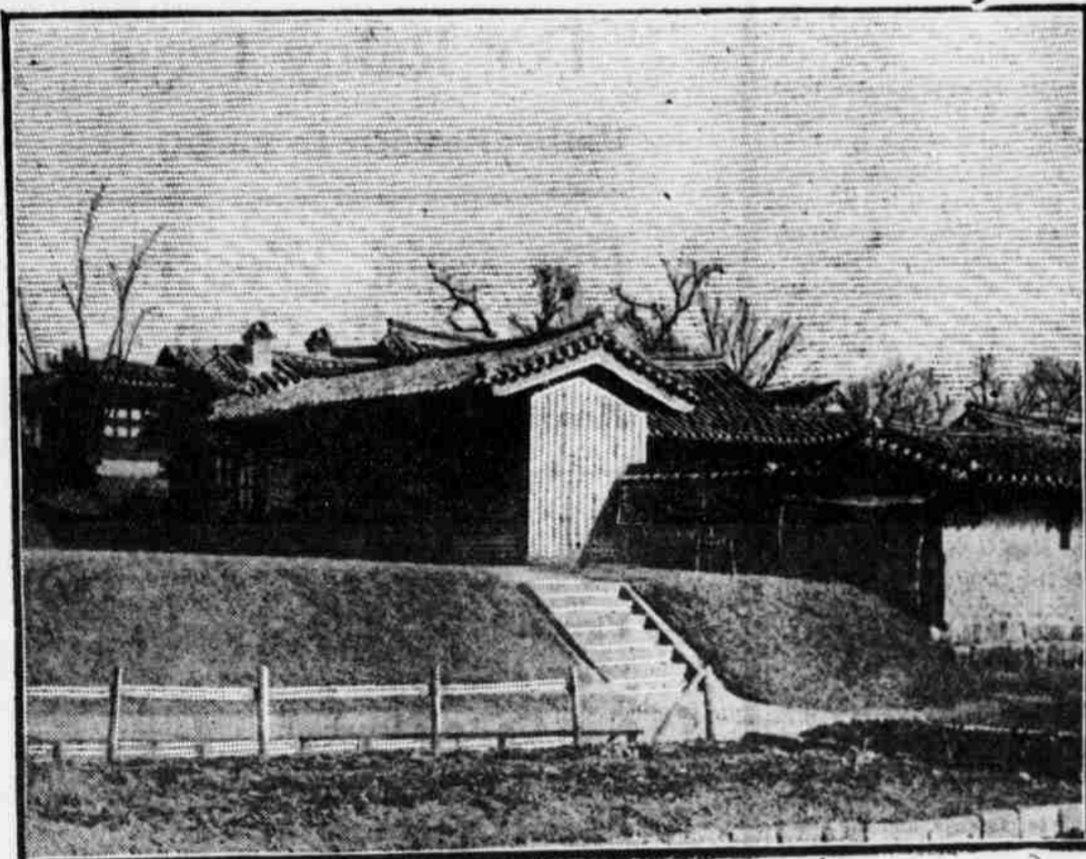
THIS OFFER MAY BE WITHDRAWN.

THIS OFFER MAY BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO

THE ASTORIAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

Pay no money to agents who do not carry The Astorian Publishing Company's credentials



U. S. LEGATION AT SEOUL, KOREA.

The home of the U. S. Minister to Korea, owned by the United States government, is not a very pretentious-looking building, but is proving a haven of refuge during the present crisis for a number of Americans residing in this storm center of the orient.

will not weigh with the Russian commander. The public must wait patiently a few days in order to ascertain whether there will be a big fight at Mukden or whether the retreat will be continued to the strong position at Tie pass."

### TROOPS LAND IN KOREA.

Indications Point to Hostilities There During the Winter.

New York, Sept. 28.—During the last 10 days 2500 troops have arrived at Chemulpo and others are expected, says a Herald dispatch from Seoul, Korea, forwarded last Sunday. The Japanese authorities at Gensan are collecting 4000 pack ponies for the use of the army to advance northward along the eastern coast toward Vladivostok.

The advance already has begun. Sixteen hundred Japanese troops, with five machine guns, 500 pack ponies and 400 coolies, are reported to have arrived at Hamyeung. The advance guard was fired upon by Cossacks. Ten men were killed and 17 wounded. The Japanese were completely surprised and retreated to await the coming of the main body. The garrison at Gensan is being reinforced from Seoul and Pyengyan.

The Russians meanwhile are sending reinforcements south from Kapsan to effect a junction with the force at Pukchien.

On account of the great difficulties experienced in obtaining pack ponies the Japanese are shipping large quantities of supplies north from Gensan by cargo boat at Yunhuang.

The opinion prevails here that north-eastern Korea will be the scene of an active winter campaign. Meanwhile both belligerents are strongly endeavoring to gain an advantage between the Tuem river and Gensan.

It is reported that another secret

and connected in a business way with a local banking firm, has been murdered by a Porto Rican named Jose Reveira. Mr. Damon was driving home and when near Monalua met three Porto Ricans, one of whom was a woman. One of the men took Mr. Damon's lantern, and, when he remonstrated, stabbed him in the abdomen. He then drove on to Honolulu, but died before reaching a hospital.

The deceased was 39 years old and leaves a wife and four children, one of whom is dying and may not live until tomorrow. His mother is now in London and his father is prominent here as a banker and financier. Reveira and his companion have been arrested and the woman has practically made a confession. Public feeling over the occurrence is intense.

### Surety Companies to Merge.

New York, Sept. 28.—Representatives of 29 casualties, liability and surety companies all over the country have attended a meeting here to discuss the desirability of forming a national organization. Eight companies which were not represented sent letters. A committee was appointed to work out the details of the organization. Another meeting will be held October 12 to hear the committee's report.

### Balliet's Answer Filed.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Letson Balliet, who is being sued by the White Swan Mines Company for the return of 275,000 shares of stock, valued at \$1 per share, filed an answer to the complaint yesterday. In it he claims that he was given the stock by the directors of the company in compensation for his services as mining engineer, and that it was expressly understood that the stock was to be non-assessable.

### POSTMASTERS ORGANIZE.

Those of Fourth Class to Make Demands on Government.

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 28.—A number of the fourth class postmasters in the Michigan Postmasters' Association have met here and effected an organization. The association favors the organization of a national league of fourth class postmasters, with state and county auxiliary leagues, and the enactment of a law providing for the payment by the government of the items of rent, lights, etc., for fourth class offices. It also is in favor of civil service in fourth class offices.

### The Austrian Emperor.

London Spectator: The Emperor Francis Joseph is 74. He has now reigned for 56 years, and has been called on to stand up against heavier misfortunes than any monarch of his time. He has stood up. Defeated in every battle he has fought, driven first out of Italy and then out of Germany, with his heir a suicide, and his empress the victim of an assassin, he is still a great monarch, the universal referee of his 18 Kingdoms and principalities, with more soldiers, more revenue and more subjects than when he began to reign. His motto might well be "Patience, and shuffle the cards."