

GOOD EVENING. The Weather: Tonight and Sunday, occasional light rain, possibly part snow; southerly winds.

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A BATTLE BELIEVED TO BE IN PROGRESS BETWEEN 100,000 JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN SOLDIERS ON LAND

Wi Ju Near the Mouth of the Yalu River the Scene of Strife Today—Armies of the Mikado and Czar Reported to Be Engaged for Supremacy in Korea.

Russian Legislation and Russian Residents of Seoul Leave Korea—Ambassador Returns to St. Petersburg—Japanese in Control of Capital—Soldiers Escort Their Enemies Out of the Country.

Journal Special Service. London, Feb. 13.—7 p. m.—A dispatch from Tien Tsin and another bearing the same intelligence from Chefoo were received an hour ago which says that a battle is in progress outside of Wi Ju at the mouth of the Yalu river, in which nearly 100,000 Russians and Japanese, about evenly divided, are engaged.

BATTLE TO THE DEATH

Today's Action May Decide the Superiority of Land Forces.

Chefoo, Feb. 13.—That a great land battle is being waged today on the banks of the Yalu river is the belief of those who have been in constant receipt of dispatches from Korea. More than 90,000 Russian troops have been sent from Mukden towards the Yalu, while the Japanese have been rushing troops aggregating 80,000 from four ports toward Wi Ju.

KOREAN CAPITAL IN HANDS OF JAPANESE

The Reason for Russians Leaving Not Clearly Defined, Although a Rebuttal is Supposed to Have Been the Cause.

London, Feb. 13.—Japanese Minister Hayaishi received today a telegram from Tokio announcing that M. Pavloff, the Russian minister to Korea, has left Seoul for home. The embassy was escorted from the capital by Japanese troops in order to prevent any hostile demonstrations.

ADMITS LATEST LOSS

Viceroy Alexieff Reports Blowing Up of a Torpedo Boat. St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—Viceroy Alexieff reports that the Russian torpedo transport, Yeneh has been blown up and sunk. She struck a mine at Port Arthur. Three officers and 91 men were lost.

SENATOR HANNA'S BATTLE FOR LIFE

Washington, Feb. 13.—The battle for Senator Hanna's life has lasted almost without intermission since the early hours of this morning. At 3 and again at 8 o'clock his rest was disturbed. His temperature rose to an alarming point, but by the strenuous labor of his physicians the danger was fought off at each return.

Dr. Osler was at the bedside all night, and brought with him from Baltimore Dr. Fitcher, his assistant, with whom he divided the vigil until morning. Drs. Osler and Carter were allowed to sleep, and at 8:15 Secretary Dover went to meet Dan Hanna, who had been notified at Harrisburg that his father was still alive. When he arrived at the house he found 40 correspondents watching events.

MOVEMENTS OF THE RUSSIAN VLADIVOSTOK FLEET ARE PUZZLING

The Russian Vladivostok squadron is causing much uneasiness in Japan. Instead of being safely frozen in, it is free and evidently aggressive.

RUSSIA'S BALTIC FLEET

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AMERICA MARY SAFE

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—The Japanese liner America Maru, from San Francisco, arrived at Yokohama on the 11th inst. without mishap.



THE JAPANESE DAVID IS GETTING IN SOME EFFECTIVE BLOWS ON HIS BIG ADVERSARY

VERY VALUABLE OPINIONS ON THE WAR'S ULTIMATE OUTCOME

SPECIAL INTERVIEWS GIVEN TO THE HEARST PAPERS BY GENERAL NELSON A. MILES AND H. W. WILSON, AND SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE BY PERCIVAL PHILLIPS. PRINTED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN THE JOURNAL BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.

ADMIRABLE WORK OF THE JAPANESE NAVY

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CELERITY OF ACTION COUNTS IN WARFARE

Washington, Feb. 13.—We see various accounts and explanations given for the serious injury inflicted upon the Russian fleet during the past few days. The Japanese have certainly exhibited a spirit of enterprise and audacity that is most effective in military operations.

IN KOREA JAPAN IS SUPERIOR IN FORCE

Tokio, Feb. 13.—I have good authority for stating that up to today Japan has successfully landed 50,000 to 60,000 troops in various parts of Korea. Decisive developments may be expected shortly, if not today.

JAILBIRDS REGISTER

Marched in Squads by Deputy Sheriff to County Clerk's Office.

STOREY'S LAME EXCUSES

Desperate Attempt to Ring in Fraudulent Votes at the Coming Primaries—Proof is Conclusive.

Wholesale registrations of the prisoners confined in the county jail have taken place within the last week. Convicted thieves, burglars, thugs and vagrants have been marched in squads from their cells in the basement of the courthouse to the county clerk's office, where they have been sworn in as voters in order that their votes may be counted in the coming primaries.

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A. Gannon, sentenced January 14 to 90 days in jail for assault, was registered from the "southeast corner of Fifth and Salmon." His term will not expire until 11 days after the primaries.

LEWIS AND CLARK BILL AND HOUSE COMMITTEE

Washington, Feb. 13.—The House subcommittee, which considered the Lewis and Clark bill today and expect to report it next week, developed in the meeting that the senate bill must be changed materially, as its provisions conflict with the Oregon law authorizing the expedition.