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WAR IS SAID TO BE IMMINENT

British Warships are Cleared for Action.

WARSHIPS AT PORT ARTHUR

British Government Officials Claim that Russia Has Taken Advantage of the Fashoda Crisis to Forward Her Aims in the Far East—Non-Resistance Means Loss to Great Britain of the Strategic Point of Manchuria.

WEI-HAI-WEI, Nov. 2.—All the British warships here have cleared for action and are ready for sea at an hour's notice. The first-class battle-ship Victorious and the first-class cruiser Undaunted, at Che-Foo, are calling to their full capacity.

The greatest secrecy is maintained as to the meeting of these warlike preparations, but there is no doubt important instructions are expected at any moment.

A strong Russian fleet is assembled at Port Arthur.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The dispatch from Wei-Hai-Wei, announcing war preparations, officials here announce as grave, coupled with the Anglo-France war preparations. It is surmised that Russia, profiting by the present strained relations between Great Britain and France, has decided to forward her aims in the Far East by seizing the valuable treaty port of Niu Chung, which Great Britain cannot permit, it is said.

A dispatch from London to the Associated Press October 20, said a cable message had been received there from Shanghai as follows:

"A Russian regiment occupied the town of Niu Chung (province of Leo Tong), and the forts at the mouth of the River Liaou, October 15, thus securing complete possession of Niu Chung. The native troops fled without making any opposition, under orders from the empress dowager and Li Hung Chang. A British gunboat was in the river at the time. This nonresistance is regarded as virtual abandonment of Manchuria to Russia, and gives Russia an invaluable strategic point. Great Britain is certain to lose the Niu Chung trade, of which it has about 80 per cent."

SICK SOLDIERS FROM MANILA

Transport Peru Arrives With Fifteen of Them on Board—Colonel Bratt Seriously.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—The transport Peru, which arrived from Manila, brought fifteen soldiers and sailors, including a number of officers. The few who were sick on the departure of the vessel are now nearly recovered. Colonel John R. Bratt, of the First Nebraska regiment, is an exception. He is seriously ill with gastritis, and was confined to his bed during the voyage.

The trip was uneventful. The color sergeant, Palmer, says that many of the volunteer officers say that as soon as it becomes evident that this country will hold the Philippines they will send in their resignations immediately.

When the Peru left Manila there were 1500 sick among the men, and the physicians were terribly dismayed at the progress that smallpox was making.

According to Palmer, in one day there were ten deaths from smallpox. Captain Linn said that he knew of but five deaths from that disease in a single day. The filth poured into the canals by the Chinese was said to be a probable source of disease.

THE GERMAN SPECIALIST
From Portland, Will Be at the Umatilla House Oct. 31, Nov. 1-2, 1898.

If you have a Chronic Catarrh, consultation is free of charge.
Do you blow mucus from the nose?
Are you troubled with bleeding of the nose?
Are the nostrils obstructed, making breathing difficult.
Are you hoarse at times?
Is the mucus dropping down from the back of nose into the throat?
Is your nose stopped up?
Is your hearing affected?
Is your throat sore at times?
Do you spit a good deal when rising in the morning?
Do you hem and hawk to clear your throat?

Catarrh is a dangerous disease, which leads into consumption.
Weak eyes cured; Cross eyes straightened without operation; Cataracts removed without a knife; Glasses fitted where all others have failed; Rupture and Hernia cured without trusses or operation, sure cure for kidneys. Chronic Rheumatism cured.

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We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars; free.

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The O. R. & N. Co's New Book
On the Resources of Oregon, Washington and Idaho is being distributed. Our readers are requested to forward the addresses of their Eastern friends and acquaintances, and a copy of the work will be sent them free. This is a matter all should be interested in, and we would ask that everyone take an interest and forward such addresses to W. H. HURLBURT, General Passenger Agent, O. R. & N. Co., Portland.

Ladies, No More Darning.
The Magic Hand Loom—made of polished rolled steel. Latest invention for mending clothing, underwear, table linens or heels and toes in hosiery. A child can work it. Perfect weave. Sent postpaid for 25c. Great Western Advertising and Novelty Co., 1155 1/2 Washington St., Oakland, Cal. 012-1m

Cash in Your Checks.
All county warrants registered prior to Jan. 1, 1895, will be paid at my office. Interest ceases after October 24, 1898.
C. L. PHILLIPS,
County Treasurer.

CLOSING UP THE BUSINESS

Preparations for the Evacuation of Cuba.

MONDAY WAS THE LAST DAY

No New Business to Be Inaugurated—After that Time—Admiral Sampson Will Not Leave Havana Until the Work of the Commission Has Been Completed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: The Spanish authorities are prepared to close all matters of the administration issue. A decree has been issued by the minister of finance stating that October 31st was the last day for the inauguration of new business, and that all current affairs would be ended during the month of November, when inventories of the different departments would be completed, filed and packed to be sent to Spain.

At the request of the Spaniards, a letter has been addressed to General Wood at Santiago by the Americans, asking that he afford every facility for the removal of the bodies of Generals Parado Rey and Santosecillos, the committee to remove which will leave Havana shortly.

A formal note has passed giving Dr. Lane permission to visit the military hospitals.

Admiral Sampson has decided not to leave Havana during the work of the commission.

The work of cataloguing military property is progressing rapidly. It is expected that the work will be completed Friday.

The construction of the pier at Marianao has been temporarily suspended, owing to rough weather.

SEVEN MEN LOST THEIR LIVES

Party Wandered From the Trail While On Their Way to the Atlin Gold Feld, in Alaska.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 2.—Frank J. Walker, of Atlin City, who came down by the Parallon, en route to Chicago, brings meagre news of a story current when he left the north of the loss of a party of seven Californians, headed by A. F. Englehardt, of Pasadena, from which locality all seven hailed originally. The casualty occurred in a swampy lying between the new gold fields and the terminus of steam navigation from Bennett lake.

As nearly as could be ascertained, the party lost the trail, and wandering into the quicksand forming the bed of a dry creek were engulfed.

A searching party was sent from Atlin City to investigate, but nothing had been heard from them when Walker left. The names are not obtainable.

Six Cases; Three Deaths.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The marine hospital service received a dispatch from United States Consul Hurst, in Vienna, stating that three deaths have occurred there from bubonic plague, and there are now only six cases in the entire city.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. Snipes-Kinerey Drug Co.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

SIXTH VIRGINIA IS MUTINOUS

Negroes Who Compose It Refuse to Be Commanded By White Officers Under Any Consideration.

CAMP POLAND, Tenn., Nov. 2.—The Sixth Virginia, a negro regiment camped within a quarter of a mile of the Thirty-first Michigan, mutinied today because white officers superceded the negro officers, who had resigned under pressure. The Thirty-first was ordered to quell the disturbance. The regiment started on double-quick time for the negro camp, but were stopped by orders from headquarters and sent back. The negroes are parleying with the white officers.

Puddin' Head Wilson
Says: "The fool saith, 'Put all thy eggs in different baskets;' which means, scatter your money and your attention; but the wise man saith: 'Put all your eggs in one basket, and watch the basket.'"

We have only one basket, and we are watching it in optics. Having made a thorough study of the subject, graduating from three of the best colleges, we are enabled to give you a scientific examination. It doesn't matter whether you buy a \$10 glass or a \$1 glass, or an glasses at all, you get an examination, and a thorough one at that, which alone is worth your time to know your eyes. I fit all cases of eyes, and am permanently located in The Dalles. I am no traveling fake, and best of all I guarantee all work in optics to give you entire satisfaction. Yours to serve,
PROF. P. G. DAUT, the optician.
Two doors west of Keller's bakery, The Dalles, Oregon.

Costly Blaze at Cove.

COVE, Or., Oct. 31.—The large barn, 60x80 feet, belonging to P. J. Taylor, at Phy's point, burned Sunday with eighteen tons of hay, 764 sacks of wheat, gangplow, header, mower, rake, hay-baler, thirteen sets harness, spring back and two buggies. The loss is upwards of \$3000, only partially insured. The fire is thought to have started from careless smoking about the premises. A fine saddle horse was the only animal in the barn, and he broke the rope he was tied with and then broke down his stable door, escaping uninjured.

A Sure Sign of Croup.

Hoarseness in a child that is subject to croup is a sure indication of the approach of the disease. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has appeared, it will prevent the attack. Many mothers who have croupy children always keep this remedy at hand and find that it saves them much trouble and worry. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

The speech of Father Abraham in the last number of Poor Richard's Almanac, published by Benjamin Franklin in 1757, "Contains the Wisdom of many ages and nations assembled and formed into one connected discourse." When first published it attracted world wide attention and was copied in all the newspapers in America and England and translated into many foreign languages. Would you not like to read it? Get a copy free of charge at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

A. M. Williams & Co.
Shoe Dep't.

Child's rubbers, sizes 5 to 8. Child's rubbers, sizes 8 1/2 to 11. Misses' rubbers, sizes 11 1/2 to 2. Ladies' rubbers, sizes 2 1/2 to 8. **Per pair 10 cents.**

Boys' and youths' satin calf shoes, lace or congress, sizes 2 to 6—about two dozen pairs—worth \$1.50 and \$1.65. **While they last \$1.00**

Men's shoes in lace or congress, satin calf, capped or plain toes. Shoes worth up to \$3.00 per pair. **Two lots \$1.25, \$1.50 per pair.**

Ladies' spring heel fine kid shoes, needle or square toe, with patent tip. About two dozen pair only. The price was \$2.50 pair. **Now only \$1.50**

Dressy dress shoes for the little men. Your little boy of 8 or 10 years wants a shoe built like his papa's. "Lace shoe with hooks on them," we have them. Kid, patent tips, . . . were \$2.25 Congo calf, calf tips, . . . were \$2.00 **Now \$1.15 and \$1.00**

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E. F. Stephens.

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Headquarters for Feed Grain of all kinds.
Headquarters for Rolled Grain, all kinds.
Headquarters for Bran, Shorts, and all kinds of MILL FEED.
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Highest Prices Paid for Wheat, Barley and Oats.