

# News of the War

## RUSSIANS REPORTED IN BAD CONDITION

### Along the Yalu

London, Mar. 25—The Central News' Ping Yang correspondent's returns to the Japanese intelligence department show that 4500 Cossacks have crossed the Yalu from Antung in the last five days.

Three thousand Russians hold Anju and thousands are at a strong strategic point on the Korean bank of the Yalu.

Five Russian infantry occupy Chunju, and Russians are reported holding the north bank, and Japanese the south bank of the Anju river, where the latter have thrown up intrenchments.

The hostile forces are thus face to face. Desultory shots have already been exchanged, with few casualties.

### Plenty Japs in Korea

Rome, Mar. 25—Chefoo telegrams state that 8000 Japanese have landed at Chinnampo on the 22nd, making a total of 98,000 Japanese on Korean soil.

### Can't Protect Japanese

St. Petersburg, March 25—The Governor of Tomsk province has ordered all Japanese to keep inside of their houses and remove the signs from their shops, as he cannot guarantee protection.

### Deceived the Czar

St. Petersburg, Mar. 25—General Altavater, inspector of artillery in the Russian army, has been banished to a remote military post in the Caucasus because he informed the Czar that the new quick firers should be ready in three months, when they cannot be had for a year.

### Japan's Moderation

London, Mar. 25—The Central News' Tokio correspondent says that since the parliamentary papers have been issued, giving the negotiations with Russia preceding the outbreak of the war, the government has been the recipient of congratulations for its careful manner

in conducting the negotiations, and there is general amazement at the moderation of Japan.

### Held in Mediterranean

St. Petersburg, Mar. 25—The Novoye Vremya's Vladivostok correspondent states that troops are arriving in magnificent form and in the highest spirits. Admiral Wrenius's squadron, now in the Mediterranean has been ordered to remain at the Parieu, Greece, until further instructions, and is coaling from Russian coilers.

### Kouropatkin's Three Armies

St. Petersburg, Mar. 24—Kouropatkin will have three armies, one on the peninsula under Stoessel, a central army under Linovitch and a northern army under Stackelbury. No sensational move is expected on Kouropatkin's arrival, patience being his watch word. Twenty eight reserve battalions have been made regulars.

The Red Cross fund now aggregates half a million dollars.

### Relations Not Strained

Peking, Mar. 25—An official denial has been issued of the report that the relations of Russia and China are strained.

### Thanks for Togo

Tokio, Mar. 25—In the Japanese House today, amid routing cheers, the members passed a vote of thanks to Admiral Togo and his officers for their services to their country.

Minister of Marine, Yamamamoto, made an enthusiastic speech, saying it was no new thing to be prepared for emergencies in times of peace.

It was manifest that Russia had constantly increased her strength in the Far East and had Japan not purchased the Argentine cruisers her naval strength would have been below the Russian. While he hoped for a speedy termination of the war, he warned the members not to be over sanguine.

### Russians Suffering for Food

Tokio, Mar. 26—Japanese scouts report that the Russian troops in Korea are in a most serious condition. Owing to transport difficulties, food is very scarce. The Russians are without cattle and the Cossacks are compelled to eat their own horses.

### Will Harass Japanese

St. Petersburg, March 26—It is believed here that Kouropatkin went to attempt to hold any place in Korea but will merely use the forces in that country to harass the Japanese advance.

This means that the Russian cavalry at the Yalu will be the first in the line of defense in the actual fighting in that section.

Of Russian reinforcements being sent to the front the major part are destined for Niu Chang, indicating that Russia expects a hard fought battle in that vicinity.

The Monasteries at Mount Athos have offered the government recruits from the ranks of the younger monks.

Commander Stoessel at Port Arthur has compiled a complete census of the town, and all unwilling to work or fight will be expelled.

### Eight Killed

Paris, March 26—The Matin's Har-

bin correspondent says that the Japanese bombardment of the twenty-second at Port Arthur resulted in the killing of eight.

General Kouropatkin is expected at Harbin tomorrow.

### Parols Clash

St. Petersburg, Mar. 26—A dispatch reports that the Cossack patrol Thursday encountered a Japanese post near Pakebieng, and there were several casualties in the ranks.

It is reported that the Japanese have suspended their advance along the Ping Yang and Anju line.

Kouropatkin arrives at Harbin today.

### Russia to Be Dominant

St. Petersburg, Mar. 26—In a message notifying Viceroy Alexieff of the appointment of General Kouropatkin and Admiral Makaroff to command the land and naval forces, the Czar says that the importance of the pending struggle, which is intended finally to assure a predominant position for Russia on the shores of the Pacific, caused him to take this action.

### Chinese Miners Strike

Vladivostok, Mar. 26—The Chinese laborers in the Ussurisky mines have struck.

### Empire Surprise Party

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Nettie Morse at the residence of her parents in Empire last Saturday.

The occasion being the 17th anniversary of Miss Nettie's birth.

At an early hour the guests assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lennon, whereupon they repaired in a body to the home of their congenial host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Morse, who were in a response to a ring at the door, confronted by a crowd of 32, young and old, laden with a lot of good things to eat.

The evening was pleasantly spent in various games such as cards, proverbs etc. The principle feature of the evening was the excellent music consisting of the most popular airs furnished by the Getty, Wilson orchestra and Miss Ida Wickman.

After having partaken of a most sumptuous repast, some of the young vocalists delighted their hearers with several selections of fine operatic singing, after which the crowd departed with many expressions of pleasure. Miss Nettie was the recipient of several beautiful presents, among them a gold watch and chain from her father.

### CIVIC BETTERMENT.

The Work of an Organization of Philadelphia Women.

For just one year 923 women of Philadelphia, organized under the name of the Civic Betterment Association and Civic Club of Philadelphia, have undertaken to assist civic betterment by directing general attention to public needs and possible remedies for bad conditions existing in relation especially to the supervision of streets, sanitation, education, public health and public morals, together with the side issues which would grow out of such a work, says the Baltimore News. During the first year, according to a report just issued, the women have appointed committees to co-operate with various organizations along particular lines of public improvement.

They have taken action looking to the appointment of a police matron in a district where such an official is especially needed; they have moved against the sale of tobacco to minors, and they have issued copies of the "Manual of Election" and prepared revisions of the assessors' lists and kept an eye on primary elections and general elections. They have induced delinquent voters to go to the polls in behalf of good government, and already their efforts in this direction are bearing fruit.

The end sought by this Philadelphia organization appears to be the promotion of everything that makes for good, clean government and wholesome social conditions generally. In such a work with such an aim women can be a great power, and it is gratifying to note that the women fighting for civic betterment in Philadelphia have made headway from the start, with an abundance of possibility for the future.

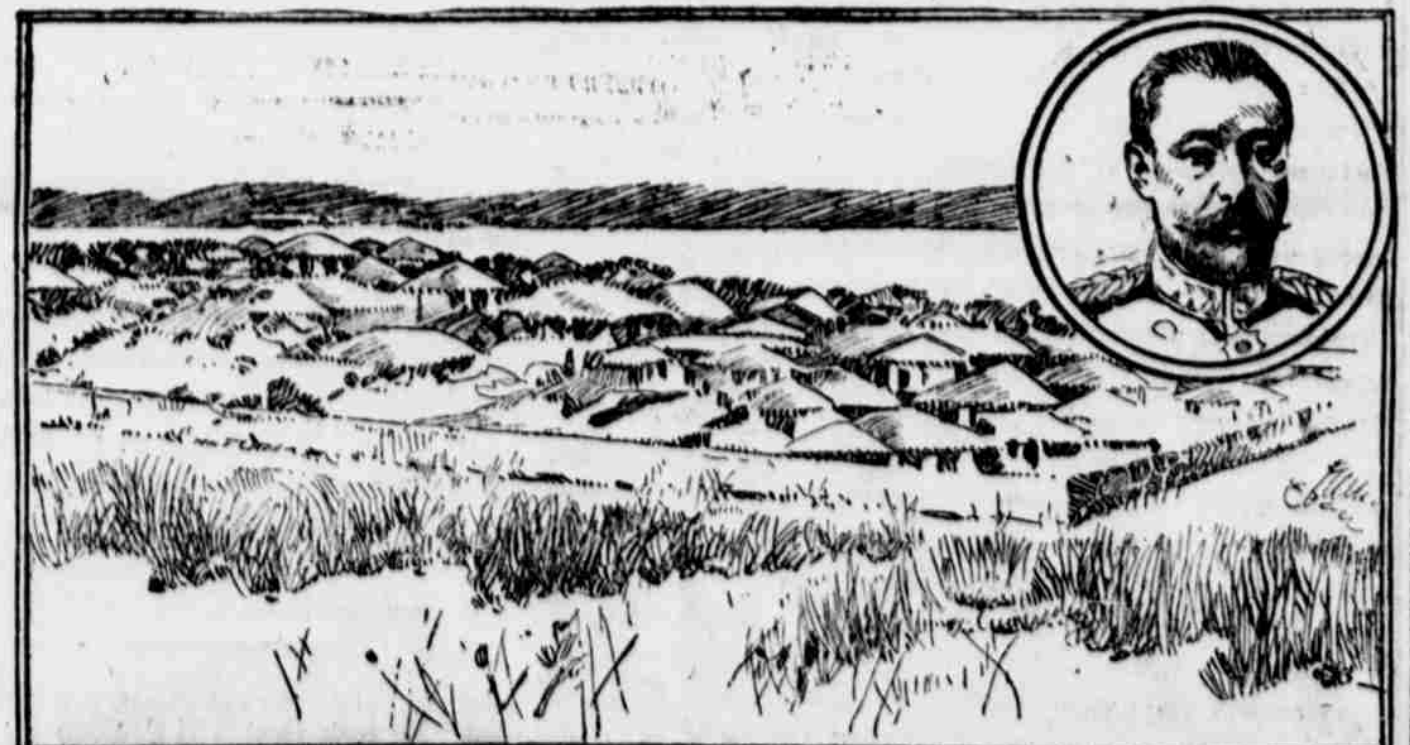
Easy to Keep.  
"I haven't broken a single New Year's resolution yet."  
"Remarkable!"  
"I didn't make any."



When no one observation takes,  
When scoffers are not nigh,  
I'll bet your vegetarian makes  
Corned beef and cabbage fly.



VICE ADMIRAL KAMIMURA, SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE JAPANESE YELLOW SEA FLEET.



GENERAL OKU AND THE PORT OF MASAMPHO, OCCUPIED BY THE JAPANESE.

Masampo, Korea, occupied by the Japanese, is the most important strategic port on the Korean strait. Being near Fusan, it gives the Japs absolute command of the water through which all ships going from Port Arthur to Vladivostok must pass. General Baron Oku, commander of Japan's land forces operating in the eastern portion of Korea, is one of the shrewdest and bravest of the mikado's generals.

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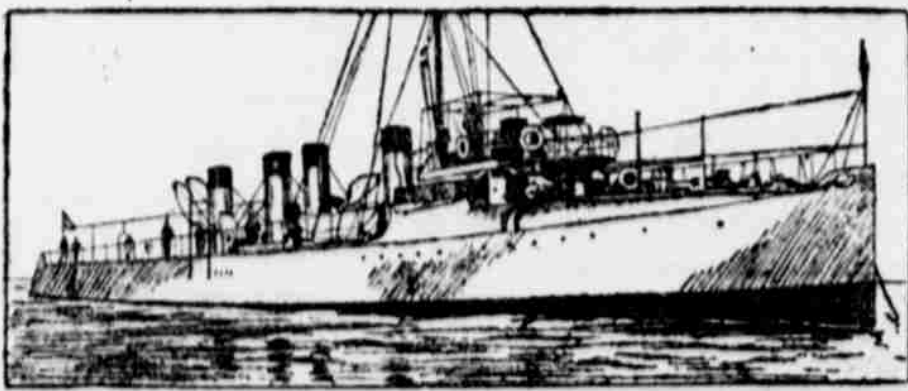
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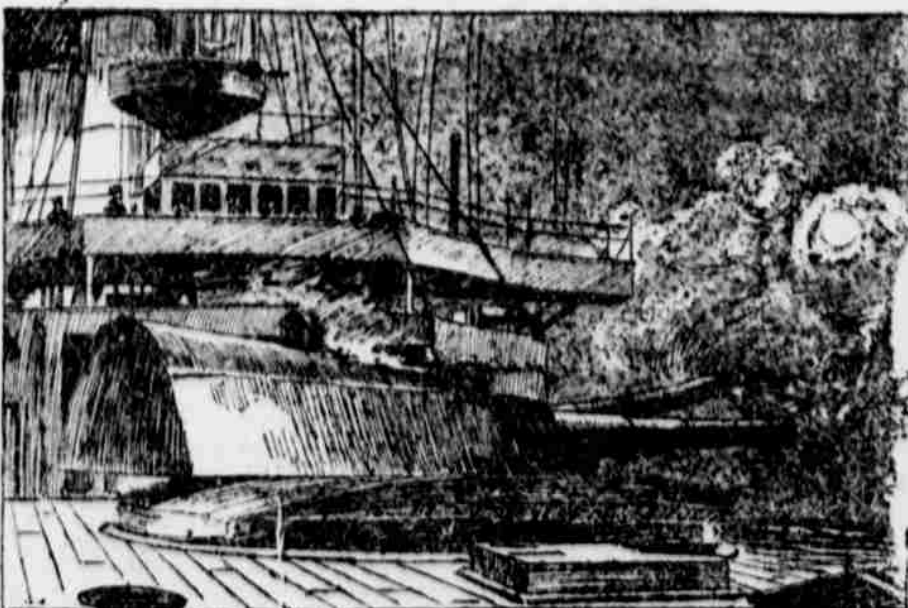
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