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CHINESE EMPRESS DECLINES TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

Russian Armies Are Freezing in Siberia

Temperature Has Gone to Fifty Degrees Below Zero

RUSSIAN INDIGNITIES TO THE AMERICANS AND BRITISH

Japanese Have Fired On a German Vessel—Chinese Empress Refuses to Remain Neutral

Pekin, Feb. 16.—Everything indicates that the neutrality of China cannot long be maintained. The dowager empress has dismissed Prince Su, who was the strongest advocate of neutrality. She believes that China is the real stake of the war, and that it will be necessary to prepare to avoid absorption by either victor. The result may be that China will act independently, and take arms against both.

Japs Take Russian Supplies.
Nagasaki, Feb. 16.—The Japanese navy intercepted the British steamer Tropic, bound from San Francisco to Port Arthur. They took all food supplies purchased by Russia. The cargo was principally canned goods.

Russia on Defensive.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Russia will make the first great military demonstration on the Yalu river. Officials are recovering from their first amazement, and rearranging a plan of campaign. They will for the time be on the defensive. They believe Port Arthur to be impregnable. The first step in the advance will be

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slan second-class cruiser Rojarin was blown up by a mine February 13th, in the same manner as the Russian transport Yenisei. She had on board 197 officers and men, and all were lost, according to the report. No details were given out in the early reports of the Port Arthur attack. She was named as damaged, but this proved incorrect. The vessel was built at Copenhagen in 1900. She was of the fast armored type.

Japanese Navy Strengthened.
Yokohama, Feb. 16.—The cruiser Kishin arrived at 9 o'clock this morning, followed two hours later by the cruiser Kassaga. The cruisers are the ones purchased from Argentina, and for which the Russian fleets are supposed to have been keeping watch.

Japs Landing Troops.
London, Feb. 16.—The Exchange Telegraph publishes a Paris dispatch stating that word has reached there that a large Japanese fleet has been sighted in the Gulf of Liao Tung, and fears are entertained that troops will be landed to cut the railway to Port Arthur.

Big Russian Army.
New York, Feb. 16.—The Herald's Port Arthur correspondent wires: The arrival is reported of 60,000 Russian troops at Irkutsk. They are now near Harbin.

All the military trains arriving at stations in Manchuria are greeted with great applause and music. Manchurian trains are now running regularly, bringing supplies from Siberia. The Russian fleet is moving in the direction of Korea or South Japan.

It is reported that the Russian fleet intends to bombard the nearest port, and will leave the first to defend Port Arthur.

Siberia Very Cold.
Berlin, Feb. 16.—The Frankfort Zeitung reports that the temperature

throughout Siberia is in the neighborhood of 50 degrees below zero. Traveling troops are suffering severely. Numbers have been frozen to death. Supply trains have broken down many bridges at the eastern end, and they are without rations.

Trains Cross Lake on Ice.
Irkutsk, Siberia, Feb. 16.—A successful trial of the railway over the ice of lake Balkal was made today. Heavily loaded locomotives and cars crossed in the presence of Prince Khiliff, minister of highways. Communication with Manchuria is thus completed.

Indignities to Americans.
London, Feb. 16.—Reuter's telegraph today reports continuance of assaults and robberies by Russian soldiers in New Chwang. The telegram adds that Commanders Barton and Sawyer, of the British gunboat Eagle and the United States Gunboat Helena, respectively, were threatened by Russian rowdies, but have been assured by the authorities that full reparation for the indignity will be rendered.

Jap War Trophies.
Tokio, Feb. 16.—A flag, gun and anchor from the sunken Russian cruiser Varig have arrived here, and will be presented to the mikado, as trophies, by the captain of the Japanese cruiser Chipoda, who was summoned personally before the mikado after the recent battle of Chemulpo. The German steamer Batavia, which brought 1500 Japanese refugees to Moji, reports 10 Russian torpedo boats frozen in and unable to move at Vladivostok. The latter place is entirely unprepared to resist attack.

The empress of Japan presented splendid gifts to Baroness De Rossene, wife of the Russian minister, before her departure from Tokio.

MITCHELL PRAISES HANNA

He Was a Sincere Friend of Organized Labor

Indianapolis, Feb. 16.—John Mitchell today paid a glowing tribute to Mark Hanna, reviewing at length his change of feeling toward organized labor. He declared that in his death labor had suffered the great loss of a great mediator, whose honest purpose, fearlessly carried out, was to reconcile the interests of employers and employe, without hope or desire of public notice or applause.

NATIONAL GUARD CONVENES

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The National Guard Association of the State of New York began its 26th annual convention this morning in St. Andrew's Hall. The attendance was large and of a representative character. The opening session was devoted to the routine business of the association. After luncheon the delegates reassembled and listened to a number of interesting addresses. Major-General Charles F. Roe, commanding the national guard, told of "The Custer Massacre," and Lieutenant-Colonel N. B. Thurston, inspector of small arms practice and ordnance officer, related his experiences at the army maneuvers at Fort Riley last October. These addresses were followed by several papers dealing with military athletics and other subjects of interest to the national guard. Lieutenant-General Adna R. Chaffee, chief of staff of the United States army, is scheduled to address the association this evening in the assembly chamber of the state capitol.

Park City, Feb. 16.—Jim McCarty and Jack Sullivan were probably fatally hurt by a premature blast in the "J. I. C." mine.

BURTON GOES TO TRIAL

Kansas Politician Under Indictment Must Defend

St. Louis, Feb. 16.—Judge Adams in the United States district court this morning dismissed a demurrer to the indictment in the case of Senator Burton of Kansas, and set the case for trial March 22d. Burton is charged with using his influence with the post-office department at Washington in behalf of get-rich-quick concerns.

CONVICT WILL BE PARDONED.
In Order That He May Be Convicted Again.

Lansing, Kans., Feb. 16.—Convict Corney, at the state prison, was today identified as the notorious desperado, Bill Randolph, of Union Bank robbery fame. He is wanted in Missouri for the murder of a Pinkerton detective, and other crimes. He probably will be pardoned, and returned to Missouri for greater crimes.

HARVARD FOOTBALL COACH

Gets a Place on the Philippine Commission to Succeed Taft.
Washington, Feb. 16.—Taft announced, after the cabinet meeting this morning that Cameron Forbes, a Boston lawyer and Harvard football coach, had accepted the place on the Philippine commission made vacant by Taft's promotion.

Russian Refugees.
Tien Tsin, Feb. 16.—The Russian minister and 7000 Russian refugees from Seoul sailed from Chemulpo for Chee Foo this morning on the French cruiser Pascal.

Sigourney, Iowa, Feb. 16.—Taking testimony in the case of Belle Lewis began this morning. She is charged with poisoning her husband in October or to get his life insurance.

River Still Rising.
The Willamette river stands at 19 feet, and is still rising. At Albany it is still coming up, but is falling at Eugene.

Hanna Funeral Wednesday at Washington

Funeral Cortège of Three Special Trains to Cleveland

WHERE THE REMAINS WILL LIE IN STATE

Record of a Wonderful Life and Strong Personality Who Has Been a Tower of Strength to the Nation

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—The entire city is sorrowing over the death of Senator Hanna, and there is no other topic of conversation among the people. A conference was held this forenoon at the Arlington, H. M. Hanna, Dan Medill, Messrs. McCormick, Herrick and Dover being present, at which details of the funeral were determined upon. The body will be taken to the capitol tomorrow morning, and laid in state in the marble room of the senate until noon, when official services will be held in the senate chamber. Captain Hale will conduct the services, and the Grid-iron club's quartet will sing the desired hymns. From the President down to all the minor officials, all the people at Washington will be present. The representatives will march over from the house in a body and participate.

Both the senate and the house will today appoint committees to official-

ly represent them, both here and at the interment in Cleveland. The senate committee will number 20, while the house will name the entire Ohio delegation, and such others as may be appointed by Cannon.

It is expected that three special trains will constitute the funeral cortège from Washington to Cleveland, leaving Wednesday afternoon. The first will carry the remains of the deceased and the family. The second will carry the senators, and the third the representatives. It has not yet been fully decided whether the President and part of the cabinet can accompany the funeral parties. It has been decided that all will leave here at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. Dr. Dover, Congressman Dick, Andrew Squire, Messrs. Herrick and Carter will accompany the family.

At Cleveland the body will lie in state at the Central Armory, where the

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