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London, March 21.—Nothing has reached here to confirm the report that a battle has taken place on the Yalu, in which the Russians are alleged to claim the captured 1800 prisoners. A dispatch from St. Petersburg to a news agency, dated yesterday, says there has been no change in the situation, and that all is quiet on land and sea.

Between the Russian line, from Ping Yang to the mouth of the Yalu river, and the Japanese line to Gen-san there have been slight skirmishes between scouts, but no battle has taken place, as the distance between the opposing armies is great. The bulk of the Russian forces, the dispatch adds has not yet passed the Yalu river.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the military authorities were startled by the attempt of the Japanese to land in

And Jap Troops Are Still Many Miles Apart and Tokio Advices Say No Fighting for a Month

In the Fight Between Torpedo Boats on the 6th the Japanese Work Was First-class--The Russians Fought Bravely but Hopelessly

Holena bay, as the nearest Russian force that could have been used against them consisted of three rifle regiments at Niu Chwang. The weather having hindered the Japanese landing, energetic measures are now being adopted to prevent a descent. Among other devices adopted has been the concentration of troops at Foochow, 22 miles south of Helena bay.

"In cabling the fact that all British and American residents at Niu Chwang must remain within the walls, a correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Niu Chwang says: "I was arrested while attempting to leave yesterday."

The correspondent says it is rumored that a Japanese squadron arrived at the mouth of the Liao river Sunday night and landed a party.

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GHOST OF NAPOLEON WAITS ON THE AMUR

And Will Lead the Russian Hosts to Victory--One Story That Has All the Ear Marks of Genius

St. Petersburg, March 21.—A report has gained widespread credence among the peasants that Napoleon's ghost is waiting on the banks of the Amur to lead the Russian troops to victory. The story has fired the enthusiasm of the credulous who have opened shrines to Napoleon, and are confident of his protection. They await a successful close of the war.

MAYOR GRACE DEAD

Ruled New York City for Two Terms, and Was Popular

Formed Syndicate to Pay Peru's Debt of Forty Millions--Director in Many Companies

New York, March 21.—William P. Grace, twice mayor of New York, died at noon. He was born at Queenstown. In 1890 his firm effected a settlement of the Peruvian debt of forty millions. He was a director of many steamship lines, banks and commercial enterprises. His wealth is estimated at many millions. The cause of his death was exhaustion following pneumonia.

Miners May Scrap.

Telluride Colo., March 21.—It is reported that the deported miners are making preparations to march here, accompanied by an armed escort. A pitched battle may occur, to avert which injunction proceedings may be sought to forbid interference by the miners' union at Telluride.

Southern Pacific Train Wreck.

Redding, Calif., March 21.—The southbound Pacific overland, No. 15, crashed into a wrecking train at Cantara last night. John Funstiv and George Kukson, car repairers, were badly injured. Fireman Bert Mount, of the passenger engine is missing.

Two Years' Peace in Indiana.

Indianapolis, March 21.—A mining contract in the central competitive district, covering the working conditions of 177,000 miners for the next two years, was signed by the operators and miners this morning.

Stanley Resigns.

Washington, March 21.—Ex-Governor Stanley, of Kansas, member of the Dawes commission, has resigned, to take effect April 1st. The President won't fill the vacancy. Stanley was not criticised by the recent Bonaparte report.

The New York Damaged.

Southampton, Eng., March 21.—The American liner New York was dry-docked at noon. She is badly damaged below the water line, due to grounding. Part of her cargo was injured.

Takes Evans' Place.

Washington, March 21.—Admiral Cooper cables from Hong Kong that he has assumed command of the Asiatic station, vice Evans.

TOWN OF KLEVAN IS DESTROYED

Six Hundred Buildings Burned and Five Thousand Are Left Homeless.

Berlin, March 21.—The Tagblatt reports that fire destroyed the town of Klevan, Russia. Six hundred houses and churches, synagogues and schools were demolished. Five thousand are homeless.

BRISTOW DID NOT KNOW

Did Not Write Report Nor Did He Even Read It

What Bristow Knows Is, "Pretty Much of a Good Deal of Most Nothing"

Washington, March 21.—The house committee to investigate the connection of members of congress to the postoffice scandal this morning continued the hearing. Bristow declared he had no personal knowledge of the cases detailed in the so-called Bristow report. Clerks prepared it; never read it; didn't know what clerks prepared the report, but First Assistant Wynne might be able to tell. He promised to get information as to the identity of the inspectors instrumental in carrying on the investigation of the department. So far as he knew the report contained nothing showing improper conduct in the past of members of congress. He denied having assailed the house of representatives in his previous report, which was on the investigation of Beavers.

LAWMAKERS STRICTLY ON THE DEFENSE

House Wants the Secretary of Interior to Show His Hand --Also Does Some Spring Cleaning

Panama Canal Commissioners Begin Their Labors With Their Feet Under the President's Mahogany at Luncheon

Steamers Collided.

Holyhead, March 21.—The American liner Merian collided with the steamer Glangrant this morning in a dense fog. The latter was seriously damaged.

Liverpool, March 21.—Merian arrived this afternoon and landed passengers.

Gold Fields the Cause.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—The Novoste declares the real secret of the British Tibetan expedition is the discovery of immensely rich gold deposits; Tibet being second only to California.

The Stutesman Estate.

Frank K. Lovell was this afternoon appointed administrator of the estate of the late George Stutesman, and he will proceed to settle all matters connected with the estate at once.

First Bill in the Canal.

Washington, March 21.—The President has invited members of the Panama commission, holding its first meeting tomorrow, to take luncheon with him at the White House. B. N. Harrod, of New Orleans, and C. E. Grunsky, of San Francisco, were presented to the President this morning.

Elect Congressional Committee.

Washington, March 21.—The house and senate Republicans will go into caucus this evening to select a congressional committee to conduct the next congressional campaign. The new committee will organize with Babcock, of Wisconsin, as chairman.

Sullivan Going Blind.

Boston, Mass., March 21.—John L. Sullivan is seriously ill at his sister's home in Roxbury with an affection of the eyes, and it is feared he will become blind.

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Regular boots \$3.00 pair.

Wednesday Only

For our 168th consecutive Wednesday sale we offer one for the men which bids fair to be a good one. For Wednesday only we offer a line of men's

Fancy Half Hose

in black with fancy colored stitching, such as other stores offer at 25c the pair. Our price for this day only

2 pair for 25c

Limit of 4 pairs to customer.

Spring Dress Goods

Get our prices on dress goods. It doesn't matter much what kind of goods are wanted for your summer suit or waist, if they're new and stylish and good they will be found at "Meyers." The new weaves and patterns we have gathered are very attractive, and it is a gratifying fact that they cost less here than anywhere else. They are selling so freely now that we feel sure there will be a great scramble for them when spring weather comes. Don't you think it's a good plan to make early selections while stocks are fullest? A personal inspection only can convey the breadth of buying possibilities presented.

Ladies' Suits

FOR SPRING 1904
The smartest of spring and summer suits from every important center of suit designing and making, processions of the newest, most distinctive spring styles converge at this store. New ones arriving daily.

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Shirt Waists

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Women's cotton and silk shirt waists and shirt waist suits wonderfully low priced. A great variety for choice, little prices to pay and a splendid array of styles. Second floor.



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You probably prefer a sack suit for business—the common style for every day wear. There's no reason, though, why you shouldn't have the smart style which always characterizes the HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX sack suits. Just because sack suits are a staple style is no reason why they should be common place. New spring styles are ready for your inspection. Let us fit you. We can do it.