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London, March 25.—The Central News says returns to the Japanese intelligence department show that 4500 Corsacks have crossed the Yalu from Antung in the last five days. Three thousand Russians hold Anju and thousands are at strategic points on the Korean bank of the Yalu. Five hundred Russian infantry occupy Chunju, and Russians are reported holding the north bank and the Japanese the south bank of the Anju river, where the latter have thrown up entrenchments. The hostile forces are thus face to face. Desultory shots have already been exchanged with few casualties.

HAVE CORKED THE BOTTLE. Japs Succeeded in Closing the Channel at Port Arthur.

London, March 25.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a dispatch from its Tokio correspondent, under yesterday's date, which says: "On the night of March 22d, the Japanese fleet renewed the attempt to bottle up Port Arthur. Sixteen warships escorted seven merchant steamers to the mouth of the harbor, and, under cover of the bombardment the steamers ran in and were sunk in desired positions. Three thousand Japanese officers and bluejackets volunteered for this duty."

The Telegraph's report is not confirmed from any other quarter. The special dispatches to the other morning papers announce no new developments in the situation, but throw a few sidelights on the operations. The Standard's Tientsin correspond-

It's the Newness

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The New York Racket

E. T. BARNES, Prop. We Under Sell Regular Stores.

ent says that Viceroy Alexieff renewed his demand for the withdrawal of all Chinese officials and soldiers from Manchuria, on the ground that otherwise it would be impossible to conduct the war properly.

The Daily Mail's correspondents give, from Japanese sources, some details of the conditions of Port Arthur, which were gathered from a recent visit of a Chinese junk there. It is asserted that a boom has been placed across the entrance to the roadstead, which was alive with mines, so defective and so carelessly laid as to equally endanger both Russian and Japanese vessels. The damaged Russian warships, these reports say, were repaired with such haste that it is dangerous for them to leave their anchorage. Eight battleships and cruisers and 10 torpedo-boat destroyers are now uninjured, and often leave the harbor, but never go far from the forts.

Japanese naval officers praise the quality of the Russian torpedo-boat destroyers, which, they confess, have done excellent work, but they declare the Russian shells were badly fused, and fail to explode, except when they strike direct upon armor, and that their charges of gun-cotton are insufficient to cause serious damage. The Daily Mail's Shan Hai Kwan correspondent says the Japanese are secretly engaging Chinese to act as irregular corps.

Relations Not Strained. Peking, March 25.—A denial is issued to the report that relations between Russia and China are strained.

Russian Troops in Good Shape. St. Petersburg, March 25.—The Novoe Vremya's Vladivostok correspondent states that troops are arriving in magnificent form, and in the highest spirits. Also that Admiral Wisniewski's squadron, now in the Mediterranean, has been ordered to remain at Patmos, Greece, until further instructions. It is coaling from the Russian collieries.

The Japanese Dewey. Tokio, March 25.—The Japanese house today, amid rising cheers of its members, passed a vote of thanks to Admiral Togo and his officers for their services to the country. Minister of Marine Yamamamoto made an enthusiastic speech, saying it was no new thing to be prepared for emergencies in time of peace. It was manifest 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 Russia's. While he hoped for a speedy termination of the war, he warned the members not to be over sanguine.

Steamships Collide. Messina, Italy, March 25.—The Franchini liner Amerigo and the Florio Bittino liner Solferino collided this morning and the Amerigo sunk. The Solferino is badly damaged.

Japan's Big Army. Rome, March 25.—Choo Foo telegrams state that 6000 Japanese landed at Chinsampho on the 22d, making a total of 38,000 Japanese on Korean soil.

A TERRIFIC TORNADO VISITS PRAIRIE STATES

One Dead and Fifteen Injured Near Chicago, and St. Louis Reports Lives Lost

One dead and 15 injured is the known list of casualties, the result of the terrific tornado which swept the suburbs from Evanston to Indiana Harbor last night, causing a property loss of a million. The latter town bore the brunt, houses being unroofed and buildings blown in. Louis Barker was killed and a number injured by the collapse of a two-story building in East Chicago. Hammond, Thornton, Dauphin Park and other towns suffered severely. Telegraph and telephone wires were prostrated, and Chicago was practically isolated for 12 hours.

St. Louis, March 25.—Half a million damage and two persons fatally injured in last night's storm. At Alta suburb, the Pittsburg Reduction Company's building was blown down. Several buildings of the St. Louis Fireworks Company were destroyed. Dinzer's Hotel and a number of residences were demolished, and a panic created.

CORBETT BRITT FIGHT

Both Men in Splendid Condition for Tonight's Battle

Bets Are Made at Ten to Six, But Corbett Will Be Favorite at Flat Two to One

San Francisco, March 25.—All is in readiness for tonight's great battle between Corbett and Britt. Both men are below 130 pounds this morning. They indulged in only sufficient work necessary to keep them within weight. Both did a little road work, and gave some attention to limbering up stunts in the gymnasium. Both are in superb form, and their confidence in their ability to win is undiminished. A big bunch of Eastern money was unloaded this morning, but much of it was not placed, as the Brit men demand 2 for 1. Some small bets at that price were made. The majority of wagers were made at 10 to 6, and 20 to 11. The indications are that Corbett will be a flat 2 to 1 favorite when the gong sounds. The boys will come in from the training quarters at 5 o'clock, and weigh in at 6 o'clock. The seat sale continues unprecedented for a contest between small men, practically every reserved seat in the house being sold before noon today.

WILDERNESS AND HUNGER COMMON. Gompers Tells of Labor Conditions in Porto Rico.

Washington, March 25.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, at a reception given in his honor tonight at the Central Labor Union, told of his unsuccessful efforts to bring about a consolidation of the warring labor factions in Porto Rico during his recent visit there. Mr. Gompers said economic and social conditions in Porto Rico were deplorable, and wages in many instances were lower than they were under Spanish rule. Thousands of men are idle, because they have no work to do, and misery and hunger are common. Mr. Gompers laid the blame on the United States for the existing economic conditions in the island.

Eddie Saw the Race. Liverpool, March 25.—King Edward witnessed the running at the Grand National today. There was a crowd and a rousing ovation. The race was won by Molfaa, Birch up. Twenty-six ran, including the king's Ambush, unplaced.

Good Nigger Now. San Domingo, March 25.—General Atlas, who gave the firing order to the insurgents that caused the death of Engineer Johnson, on the American gunboat Yankee, has been captured and shot by government troops.

WILD MAN IN COOS COUNTY

Is Said to Be Seven Feet Tall and Strong as an Ox

Has Been Shot at Several Times Which May Be What Has Made Him Wild

Roseburg, Or., March 25.—A wild man is reported in the mountains of Coos county. He is described as seven feet tall, muscular and unkempt. He has been terrorizing the ranchers and miners until today they are discussing an organized hunt. He has been shot at twice, without effect. He is believed to be an insane prospector of gigantic stature.

OFFICER ASKS FOR CLEMENCY. Russian Says He Got Only \$250 for Information Sold Japan.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—Captain Irkoff, of the Manchurian commissary service, who has been arrested, and is awaiting trial by court-martial on the charge of having sold information in connection with the quarter-master's department to Lieutenant-Colonel Akashi, who was military attaché of the Japanese legation here, has petitioned the bar, asking for clemency, on the ground that the information he sold the Japanese legation was not important. He received only \$250 for the information sold, which consisted of details of the Russian commissariat service during the Boxer war.

It was announced from Vienna March 14th, that a telegram received from Lemberg said that Captain Leonieff, of the Russian general staff, had been recently arrested at Warsaw for having sold to a foreign power a list of the secret agents maintained by the Russian general staff on the frontier districts of Russia's western neighbor.

Expresses Satisfaction at His Death. Washington, March 25.—Secretary Taft and the officials of the war department openly expressed their gratification at the news of the death of Macario Sakay, the so-called president of the Philippine republic. Sakay secured his freedom under the amnesty proclamation and fled to the mountains with a small force of kindred spirits, and since has made much trouble by attacking small villages and unprotected expeditions.

Bubonic Plague is Spreading. Johannesburg, March 25.—The bubonic plague is spreading. There are now 60 suspected cases among the colored population, and nine among the whites. The deaths resulting from the plague up to date are 55—5 whites and 50 natives.

HIGH HANDED PROCEEDINGS IN COLORADO

Captain Wells of the State Militia Arrogates to Himself Powers Never Dreamed of Even by the Czar

Union Miners and Their Families Are Driven From Their Homes in a Blizzard and Forbidden to Return-- Miners Appeal to President

Denver, March 25.—Captain Wells, of troop A, has established a pros consorship at Telluride not equaled by the Russo-Japanese. Ten strikers' families were on Thursday, it is learned by mail, ordered from their homes during a howling blizzard, marched to the depot, placed on the cars and ordered never to return. The oxies, some with small babies, reached Ridgeway, almost frozen and destitute. They were taken care of by the Western Federation. It is un-

derstood that Wells will today repeat the performance. The captain is charged in the injunction suit against the Telluride Citizens' Alliance with being the ring leader of the mob which drove out 25 unionists from the town of Ouray, Colorado. Eleven deported unionists from Telluride returned to that city on the noon train, on the advice of President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners. As soon as they arrive they will be "bull-penned" by the military, when habeas corpus proceedings will be instituted.

MILLS' NOMINATION HELD UP. The Woods Example is Already Bearing Fruit.

Washington, March 25.—Whether Colonel Albert L. Mills, superintendent of the United States military academy, will be confirmed as brigadier-general is a question the members of the senate committee on military affairs avoided at its session today. Colonel Mills' actual rank is captain. All nominations pending before the committee, with the exception of Colonel Mills' were acted upon favorably. The contest against him is based on the fact that the promotion has the effect of "jumping" him over a large number of officers, who are now his superiors in rank.

PAID DEARLY FOR THEIR FOLLY. German Officers Took No Precautions Against Ambuscade.

Cape Town, March 25.—It is officially admitted that during the last fight between the rebellious Herrerros and the German forces sent to put down the insurrection, and in which seven officers were killed, the soldiers were thrown into a panic at the first volley and fled, leaving their officers behind. Some of the officers were only wounded, and were tortured by the tribesmen. The ambuscade was complete, and the officers who had failed to take the most ordinary precautions to avoid a surprise paid dearly for their folly.

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