

THREE QUARTER MILLION

Russians Have Been Sent to Manchuria Since War Started

Peace Will Be an Accomplished Fact Within a Fortnight

St. Petersburg, March 25.—The publication by the army organ today of the figures showing the strength of forces dispatched to the Far East has created a sensation in military circles. The war office is being freely criticised for revealing military secrets. The figures given show that, up to March 12th, the war office had dispatched 13,087 officers, 761,467 men, 146,408 horses, 3521 guns, 726,321 tons of ammunition and supplies to the front, and declaring that the transportation strained the Siberian railroad to its utmost capacity. The organ admits that the Russian troops in the Far East at the beginning of the war did not exceed 60,000, but denies that the Russian officials failed to properly estimate the strength of the Japanese military resources, but frankly admits that the talents of their officers and wonderful spirits of the soldiers were miscalculated. Based on these figures it estimated that the Russian losses in killed, wounded, prisoners and sick will reach 500,000, leaving the Russian effective strength now at 300,000.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—The reports that peace is about to be negotiated with Japan is spreading through the country, and everywhere the people are falling on their knees in thanksgiving. It is said the terms on which the war will be ended include a Japanese protectorate over Korea, it also leases Lio Tung peninsula, and making free the port of Vladivostok. Russia, it is said, will give Japan \$500,000,000 of stock in the East China railroad and other China railroad stock, and grant fishing and hunting rights in the islands of Sakhalin and Kamchka.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—General Linevitch reported under yesterday's date as follows: "The Russian patrol was fired upon by the Japanese cavalry and infantry occupying the village of Puljusch, but there was no change in the position of the armies during the day. On March 23d a detachment of Russian cavalry repulsed a force of Japanese cavalry at Shuan Ing Ansa. The same day the Russians repulsed the Japanese at Nan Shen Tsi."

London, March 25.—From what is considered sources of undoubted authenticity comes a statement today that the end of the Russian-Japanese war will be an accomplished fact in a fortnight. A dispatch from St. Petersburg which lends an air of probability to the rumor is that Russia has decided to initiate peace negotiations.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—By an imperial decree, issued today, the new internal war loan of \$100,000,000 will be issued at five percent. Half of the loan will be offered for public subscription.

Crete Against Union.
Athens, March 25.—A report from Crete states that rioting has broken out there, owing to disputes which have arisen over the efforts to unite Crete and Greece. A number of people were injured, and the situation is serious.

Barrymore Dead.
New York, March 25.—Maurice Barrymore, the actor, who has been an inmate of the Long Island home for the past six years, died this morning of paresis. He was the father of Miss Ethel Barrymore and Jack Barrymore, well-known actors.

HAY WILL RETIRE FROM CABINET

Washington, March 25.—It is stated on the best of authority that Secretary Hay will not resume his place in the cabinet on his return from his present vacation. Ill-health is the sole cause of his determination to retire. The President is now canvassing the names of several eminent gentlemen with a view of asking one to become

Hay's successor. Among the men who are being considered are Joseph H. Choate and Whitelaw Reid. Hay's friends had hoped that a few weeks' rest and change of air and scenery would enable the secretary to resume his place at the head of the state department, but that hope has now been abandoned.

WEALTHY POLITICIAN MUST SERVE SENTENCE

Milwaukee, March 25.—Former Alderman Charles Havener was sentenced to the house of correction for two years for bribery in connection with a special council permit granted three years

ago. Havener is wealthy and owns several hotels, is president of the Milwaukee Club and American Association. A motion for a new trial was denied.

RUN CONTINUED ON BIG CHICAGO BANK

Cincinnati, O., March 25.—The run which started yesterday on the Union Savings Bank and Trust Company, one of the strongest financial concerns of this city, continued today. The bank was crowded and police were necessary to maintain order. All de-

mands were promptly met, and the bank received many offers of assistance. The officers of the bank assert that the run was started by malicious rumors, deliberately started by means of postal cards. They will request the postal authorities to investigate.

BEEF TRUST CASES

Chicago, March 25.—M. L. Byles, private secretary to Nelson Morris, was among the witnesses summoned today by the grand jury conducting the beef examination. The wholesale meat dealers are also being subpoenaed, and it is understood that the jury is seeking to get at the prices of beef, both wholesale and retail. The jury adjourned yesterday until Monday.

BANKER BRONCO BUSTER

Col. L. K. Page, president of the Salem State Bank, has just returned from a two-weeks' trip in Eastern Oregon, where he has been looking after some business interests. He was accompanied by his son, Addison Page, who assisted him in the purchase of some fine horses, which he brought home with them. They started on horseback from The Dalles to Shaniko, and had a variety of experiences.

The colonel, who is not a featherweight by any means, rode a raw horse that was hardly equal to the load, and, after being out a few days, he found that his animal could go no further in that line of business. Meeting a farmer on the road with a team hauling water, he bantered him for a trade, and frankly told him that his horse had become too sore to ride, and that he did not want to walk, and would rather pay him some "boot" than ride him. So the farmer, who evidently hadn't seen a twenty in sometime, became very ready to trade. After they had exchanged horses, and the colonel had paid his man \$35, each found that his new acquisition would not work as wanted. The farmer could not make the colonel's horse pull his load, and the colonel could not make the farmer's horse submit to the saddle. Then they were both worse off than ever, so the colonel took off his coat and told the farmer that he would make his horse drive. After taking the reins and applying a little of his horsemanship, he made the sore-backed animal pull his part of the load nicely. Then he proposed to make the other horse carry him. The colonel does not like to admit how thoroughly he got shook up by breaking a 1300-pound horse to the saddle, but it was only a matter of a short time when both parties rode merrily away, well satisfied with their bargains. The colonel rode into Shaniko, and in a few days had a fine saddle horse from his new acquisition. After completing his trip, he rode the animal back to The Dalles, and when he told his friends there about his horse they all had a good laugh, but he is satisfied that he has not forgotten all he knew about horses, and happy in the possession of some excellent animals, that he has sent to his farm near Lake Labish.

MORGAN MAY LOAN MONEY

St. Petersburg, March 25.—It is reported that J. P. Morgan has intimated to Russia that he can arrange for a loan which could be secured by the hypothecation of valuable forest lands.

SCARE SPANISH DUKES

Madrid, March 25.—The government authorities have received word from the New York police that two dangerous anarchists embarked from that point bound for Barcelona. The officers at Barcelona have been instructed to keep careful watch for them.

Ask For Concert.

The music lovers of Salem have prepared the following letter to Mrs. Halie Parrish-Hinges:

"The undersigned wish to take this means of expressing their deep regret that Salem's favorite singer, Mrs. Halie Parrish-Hinges, is to leave the city soon, and feeling that this is a loss to our community, and to the state, and knowing that her many friends are anxious to hear her again before leaving, we hereby request Mrs. Hinges that, if possible, she arrange to give a farewell concert for public presentation before her departure for the East.

W. F. Ketchum, Edith Ketchum, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Albert, Miss Helen Calbreath, Miss E. R. Byrnes, Miss Ida Stege, Miss Lillian Stege, Mr. H. S. Gile, Mr. Walter Jenks, Miss Lulu Conover, Miss Beatrice Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Babcock, Mr. G. J. Thomas, Mr. J. Wenger, Mr. Chas. Roth, Mr. Geo. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Legg, Mrs. H. B. Holland, Miss Elma Weller, Miss Angie McCulloch, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. John Fectter."

RIVER AND WEATHER DURING PRESENT MONTH

The Willamette at this point has raised nearly six feet above low water mark, which is an unusually high mark for this time of the year. Statistics of the height of the river at this place during the last five years show that in March, 1900, on the 25th of the month, the Willamette measured five feet above low water mark; 4.25 inches of rain fell during the month, and there were 12 clear days. In March of the next year the river was six feet above low water mark on the 25th; 2.35 inches of rain fell, and there were 11 clear days. During the same month of the following year the river stood at 8.7 feet above low water; there were 6 inches of rain during the month, and only 4 clear days. The March of 1903 was cloudy a good part of the time, though there was not much precipitation, there being only 2.76 inches of rainfall for the whole month. The river measured 4.1 feet above low water mark. There were 9 clear days.

The strong wind that has prevailed for the past week has brought with it much rain. From the weather bureau reports it is learned that the storm, starting far to the south, in the region of Los Angeles, over a week ago, gradually extended over the entire Pacific slope. The full force of the storm seems to have expended itself upon Southern California, where a very high wind prevailed, accompanied by the heaviest rainfall ever known in that section.

The rain, though somewhat disagreeable to those compelled to be out in it, will do the valley an inestimable amount of good, as the precipitation this winter has been much lighter than for many years.

Last year was an exception to the previous years, as on the 25th of the month the river was 9.1 feet above the low water mark. The number of clear days was but 2, and 9.16 inches of rain fell.

ery other year. It is Colonel Page's opinion that large portions of that country will in time give up wheat growing, and go back to grazing and range purposes. Colonel Page and his son both returned in the best of health, with appetites enlarged, and many interesting experiences to the good.

New Term Monday.

Excellent progress has been made by the Salem Kindergarten Association, and Monday they begin the last two months' term of school. The directors have fixed the rate for this term at 40, which should certainly be taken advantage of by the Salem mothers, whose children have not heretofore attended school. This institution is one worthy of co-operation by Salem people. The ladies who have charge of it are to be congratulated on their good work.

Remove Censorship.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—The preliminary press censorship on books in Russia, as well as foreign languages has been removed.

Venezuela Case Considered.

Washington, March 25.—Secretary Taft, who is acting in an advisory capacity to the President on the affairs of state, had a conference with the President this afternoon on the Venezuelan situation. On leaving Taft said there had been no developments.

Presented Diplomas.

Washington, March 25.—President Roosevelt this morning presented diplomas to 23 graduates at the United States Medical School, following the ceremony with a 10-minute address.

Washington Building Fell.

St. Louis, March 25.—The Washington state building, which was being wrecked at the world's fair grounds, collapsed at noon, as the result of high winds. Three workmen were seriously injured.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, March 25.—Wheat \$1.12½@1.13½; corn, 48¢@49¢; oats 33¢@33½.

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