

Synopsis of Late War News

Official advices from a Russian source claim severe reverses for Japanese land forces in Manchuria, many being killed.

Nineteen thousand Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo.

It is now asserted that twelve Russian war vessels have been destroyed and eight captured.

Japan is planning reprisals for the sinking of a merchant ship.

An edict at Peking says the court has no intention of leaving the capital.

The French government has officially declared its neutrality.

With the possibility of a renewal of the Japanese attack on Port Arthur on the 14th there are no substantial reports of recent battles on land or sea.

The Russian squadron is said to have returned to Vladvostock.

Russia, fearful of interference by Great Britain, threatens to retaliate by an invasion of India.

It is now claimed that eleven Russian warships were put out of action at Port Arthur.

An improbable report is that six hundred Russian soldiers were frozen to death while crossing on the ice of Lake Baikal, in Siberia.

The astonishing statement is telegraphed from Chemulpo that Japan has already landed 120,000 troops in Korea.

Brutality by Russian troops toward non-combatants may lead to a joint protest on the part of the powers.

The Russian cruiser Boyaria was blown up by mines of its own laying.

Japan is industriously embarking troops from all the large cities.

The claim is made at Tokio that a Japanese torpedo sunk the cruiser Boyarian. Russians claimed it was sunk by mines of its own laying.

The Baltic sea fleet of Russia is reported moving eastward.

There is further evidence of a decisive sea fight at Port Arthur on the 14th, but no official confirmatory report.

The Port Arthur Chee-Foo cable has been severed.

Japan has given notice of adherence to the note of Secretary Hay.

Good Roads Day.

Tuesday was good roads day and although the disagreeable weather kept many away, there was a very fair attendance at both meetings.

The first meeting was held at ten o'clock in the morning in the district court room and the attendance was not as good as it would of been had conditions been different. Supervisor Hinton presided as chairman and introduced Prof. Snyder of the state university, who spoke of the university school of agriculture and the work it is doing in the way of practically educating the young farmers.

Prof. Snyder was followed by Mr. D. Ward King of Maitland, Mo., who gave his ideas as to the breaking and handling of wild horses. His theory is based on actual experience gained on his own stock farm. He divides all horses into two classes, the timid and courageous. He maintains that most people are wrong when they attempt to put a halter or bridle on the unbroken colt. His

system is based upon the systematic education of the animal. His system is based upon the systematic education of the animal. He showed how, with a rope attached to the fore-leg of the animal at the fet-lock joint he can educate and subdue the most fractious colt. If the fore-leg is held from the ground until the animal has done the masters will, the horse will soon learn that the only way to rid himself of the discomfiture so caused, is to do the will of his trainer and by this means the horses' education may be advanced step by step until he is thoroughly broken. Mr. King's talk was thoroughly practical and was of great value to the horsemen who were present.

The good roads meeting proper was held in the afternoon, Samuel Lichty acting as chairman. Prof. Snyder outlined the plan whereby the state is affording the farmers of Nebraska assistance in the matter of organizing and maintaining farmers' institutes. As the result of his remarks and explanations, the farmers present

formed an organization for the purpose of holding an institute in this city during the coming season. John Hutchings was elected president and H. J. Prichard secretary and treasurer.

Mr. King then delivered his address on the subject of good roads. He said that the roads could be put in good shape and kept that way only by intelligent and systematic dragging. When the roads have been badly cut up by wheels if they are thoroughly dragged, working all the time toward the center, a perfect drainage will be secured and after a few years there will be a baked and packed surface that is practically water proof. The speaker gave his personal experience with a dirt road adjoining his own farm. It was the opinion of those present who were familiar with Richardson county soil and conditions, that Mr. King's plan was feasible. He asked how many of his audience would promise to give his system a trial and seventeen signified their willingness to do so.

There is no doubt but that Mr. Kings address aroused much interest in the good roads question and steps will be taken to improve existing conditions along that line.

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