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LOUP CITY, - - NEBRASKA

News in Brief

England receives every month about \$5,000,000 worth of new gold from Africa and about \$7,000,000 worth from Australia.

The Russian students attending the technical institute at Carlsruhe who are subject to military duty have received orders to return home and join the colors.

United States Minister Swenson delivered Secretary Hay's note to the Danish government. It is understood that the governmen, regards the note with favor.

In a billiard room in Paris is a billiard table made of glass. It is much more difficult to make a shot upon it than upon the ordinary baizecovered table. J. T. Clary, chief master at arms on

the battleship Nevada, has served twenty-eight years in the navy, and recently completed his two hundredth trip around the world. A movement is on foot in Liverpool

and district to erect a fitting memorial to Jeremiah Horrax, the clerical astronomer who was the first to observe the transit of Venus.

Frank Jones, said to be a notorious outlaw, was instantly killed by two members of a sheriff's posse at the ranch of A. N. Lande, in the northwestern part of Montana.

Lee Chang, the Chinaman accused of strangling his American wife to death with a quilt at Chicago, was discharged from custody. Evidence against the Chinaman was lacking.

The comptroller of the currency has appointed Frank R. McCormick of Colorado receiver for the Citizens' National bank of McGregor, Texas, which closed its doors on the 8th inst.

In the Kentucky house a bill was introduced appropriating \$10,000 for the purchase of the old Lincoln homestead, the birthplace of Abraham Lirmoln, and converting it into a public

William E. Slifer was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a was accused of murdering his wife. They were members of a Dunker com-

James Britt and Young Corbett signed articles at San Francisco to is from a Russian naval officer: fight March 31 before the Hayes Vallev club under the same conditions as outside edge of the Russian fleet and ael, captured by the Japanese, have their previous arrangement to fight on watch duty that night. The chief also arrived at Sasebo.

the Cherokee company at Iola, Kan., was destroyed by fire. The loss amounted to \$60,000. The plant had a capacity of forty tons a day and that the approaching boats were Jap- time limit in which to leave. Shortly employed 200 men.

W. W. Wentz, jr., general superintendent of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad, with headquarters in Little Rock, resigned, to take effect angry, saying: February 15. F. O. Melchoir of Chicago succeeds him.

There is to be assembled at San Francisco a battalion of about 600 marines ready to be embarked for the Philippines at the end of the month, as an additional force to take the place of men coming home.

Professor N. S. Shaler, now abroad in the vicinity of the Nile, who will inspect the barrage works and the present conditions of Philae and visit Greece, will return to Harvard upiversity in time for commencement.

Alderman Maher of Chicago, chairman of the finance committee of the city council and republican leader in that body, is dead. The cause was apoplexy, with which he was stricken during a council committee meeting.

Five hundred Russians at a settlement near Sweetwater, Kansas, have imprisoned Dr. Mikawa Kalino, Japanese physician, in his office. They declare they will hold him until the adjustment of the trouble in the Orient.

At New Haven, Conn., a jury found nine union teamsters guilty of conspiracy in trying to injure the business of certain trucking firms during the teamsters' strike there last spring. The defendants were indicted on six counts and were tried jointly.

Negro industrial education and its bearing on the race problem was discussed at a meeting of the Hampton institute held in New York, by Andrew Carnegie, President Eliot of Harvard Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee institute and Principal Frissel of Hampton institute. Mr. Carnegie pre-

sided. The Santa Fe railroad declared a further reduction of 2 cents in the rate for wheat and corn from country points to the gulf ports. The Missouri Pacific and Rock Island roads have met the cut. The rates from territory west of the Mississippi to gulf ports have been reduced two-thirds since the grain rate was started three weeks

Jerry Gleason of Frederickson, Ohio, recently celebrated the one hundred and ninth anniversary of his birth. He was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1794. He fought Indians with Gen. Jackson, and also served in the Mex-

ican and the civil wars. Former Congressman Joseph Pattersop died at Memphis of a complication of diseases. He was widely known throughout the south as a lawver and statesman. His son, Congressman M. R. Patterson, representing the same district as did his father. vanilla and Cartagena, Colombia. arrived from Washington.

Loup City Northwesters | BOATS ARE SUNK They Take Prisoners Two Thousand

THREE JAPANESE VESSELS GO DOWN.

WITH CREAT LOSS OF LIFE

LONDON.-Special dispatch from Tokio says the Japanese have captured three Russian transports, hav-

ing on board about 2,000 troops.

Dispatches to the Daily Mail from Tokio and Nagasaki, dated February Japanese Attempt a Landing Near 10, report the arrival at Sasbo, Japan, Bedzero-Come Into the Harbor of two large Russian steamers. One Flashing Russian Signals as They is the volunteer Fleet association transport Ekaterinoslav, which recently landed troops and arms at Port CHE FOO .- Out of the four Japan- Arthur, and the other is the steamer ese torpedo boats which made the Argun, belonging to the Chinese Eastfirst attack on Monday night at Port ern Railway company. Both were Arthur, three were sunk with great captured by the Japanese cruisers Soi loss of life. The fourth was a 26-knot Yet and Hei Yen in the neighborhood boat and escaped. The Japanese tor- of Fusan Corea. The Ekaterinoslav

IT IS LEAP YEAR YOU KNCW.



And Single Men Had Better Take "To the Brush."

jury at Grundy Center, Iowa. Slifer pedo boats effected an entrance into is of 10,000 tons displacement and had the outer harbor by using the Rus- been fitted up as an auxiliary cruissian signal flash-lights. Consequently er. It had thirty rifles on board and the Russians did not fire on them. was on its way from Vladivostok.

"The battleship Pallada was on the Clorig, Nicelzal, Alexander and Michartillery officer noticed four torpedo Official dispatches from Tokio re-One of the zinc smelting works of boats approaching, with full lights ceived by Baron Hayashi says the pedo boats.

said they were built in Port Arthur. attacked a Japanese torpedo boat, The artillery officer insisted that they which replied with a torpedo inefwere Japanese and the captain became fectively. A general exchange of

gave orders to prepare for action." tst attempted a landing near Bedzero, fire or to the Russians' own action, eighty miles north of Port Arthur, but it is believed to be due to the but were repulsed with heavy loss. former. The crews of both the Rus-They again tried to effect a landing at sian vessels sought refuge on a French Talienwan, under the shelter of the warship at Chemulpo. There were fleet, but owing to the strong fort no casualties among the Japanese firing, they were unable to succeed. and their vessels sustained no damage. It is said that one Japanese ship has

been torpedoed. The British merchant ships in Port Arthur have repeatedly applied for permission to leave port, but this has

been refused. The Tsaravitch was towed into the harbor here at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. It is said only its outer bottom was penetrated by the Japanese torpedo and the Russians are now bussy repairing it. It can be repaired in two or three days.

The Pallada is still outside and beached. It must be seriously injured, but it is now also being repaired. It is the only one of the torpedo vessels now outside.

A shell struck a hospital ship outside the basin during the bombardwas no loss of life, as the ship was only recently purchased and was un-

Reports of Heavy Firing.

TIEN TSIN-It is reported from Ching Wang Tao, about 150 miles NEW YORK-Consul General Uchinorthwest of Tien Tsin, that heavy da presided on Friday at a mass meetfiring has been heard at sea and it ing in Carnegie hall, attended by sevis inferred that another engagement eral hundred Japanese and many has taken place.

Iowa Man a Big Loser.

Reinecker, the Webster City million. \$5,000,000. In view of the president's aire, lost a quarter of a million dol- proclamation of neutrality he explainlars in the Baltimore fire. He owned ea that it would only be permissible the steel structure next to the Hurst for American citizens to contribute building, in which the fire started, for the support of the Japanese Red He carried but \$4,000 insurance.

Wants Legation Archives.

CARACAS, Venezuela-The Colom bian government has sent notice to ed loan of \$35,000,000 will submit pro-W. W. Russell, the American charge posals in a very few days. In view of d'affaires here, who has in his posses, the financial uncertainties caused by sion the archives, safe and books be. the war in the far east it is not exlonging to the Colombian legation at pected, however, that these proposals Caracas since diplomatic relations be will be absolutely definite. President tween Colombia and Venezuela were Palma has issuerd a decree that the severed, to transmit this property to revolutionary bonds of 1896 and 1897 Bogota. It has been learned here may be presented here after the presthat large quantities of provisions relent week for examination and recogcently have been bought at Cura nition preliminary to the payment of cao and Trinidad, to be sent to Sa accrued interest on the same at that time.

The following of the first surprises The Argun was going to Cladivostok from Nagasaki. The Russian whalers

and in all respects like Russian tor- Japanese admiral, on arriving at Chemulpo, Corea, sent in word to the "The officer informed his captain two Russian cruisers, giving them a anese. The captain denied this and afterward the Rusisans came out and shots then followed. After a hot fire "I am in command of the ship, sir.' the Russians returned to Chemulpo "Despite this the artillery officer and sank at the entrance of the harbor. It is not yet known whether It is reported now that the Japan- their sinking was due to the Japanese

"We were slow in negotiation, so we are making up for lost time by quickness in action," said Baron Hayashi this morning. "The engagements at Port Arthur and Chemulpo were merely in accordance with plans long matured. As soon as our forces are landed in Corea look for an important fleet action at Port Arthur. The Russian vessels are not likely to give up the advantage they gained by being under the cover of their land batteries. By going to the Chinese side, however, the Japanese fleet, by high angle fire, can drop in shells which should make it very uncomfortable for the Russian ships lying moored close to one another. Thereby it is hoped to drive out Viceroy Alexieff's forces. Possibly, like Admiral Cervera, he chart room were blown off, but there may anticipate fate and come into the open of his own accord. The present events merely go to show the utter uselessness of Port Arthur from a strategic view point."

Raising Funds for Japan.

American sympathizers, for the purpose of furthering the plan to raise a fund for Japan. Mr. Uchida an-WEBSTER CITY, Ia.-George H. nounced that it was intended to raise Cross society.

Cuba's Proposed Loan.

HAVANA.-Bidders for the propos

HANNA VERY LOW

NO HOPE IS NOW HELD OUT BY HIS DOCTORS.

HE HAS NO CHANCE FOR LIFE

Patient Suffers More Sinking spells and Responds to Stimulants Very Slowly-Pulse Beating at an Alarming Rate.

WASHINGTON-All hope of Senator Hanna's recovery is gone. Mr. Dover has just stated that there is no chance for life.

"It is just a matter of temporary improvement" he said. The doctors, however, are not preparing for immediate dissolution.

This has been regarded throughout as the crucial day in Senator Hanna's heroic battle for life. It began with assurances of quite an optimistic character. The first news of the day (Sunday) from the sick room was announced shortly after 7 a. m. The senator, the doctors said, has passed a perfectly quiet night. His temperature at 7 o'clock was 103.8, pulse 120, and strong and regular, and his res piration was declared to be satisfactory, although no figure was given.

At intervals of two hours during the n.ght Senator Hanna had been aroused and given nourishment, after which he would immediately resume his sleep. The doctors supplemented this announcement with the statement that the condition of the senator at this time surpassed their expectations. This statement had hardly been issued when an unexpected change for the worse too place.

Dr. Osler had gone to Mr. Hanna's room and Dr. Carter and Secretary Elmer Dover had stepped down to the dining room for breakfast. Dr. Rixey had not arrived and the senator was alone with his nurses. Suddenly he became noticeably weaker. His rapid breathing excited alarm and other evident signs of distress caused a hurried summons for both physicians.

On their almost instant arrival his pulse was beating at the alarming rate of 137 and his respiration was above 40. The oxygen apparatus was immediately put into use, the breathing cone was placed over the senator's mouth and nostrils and relief secured. At 9:30 o'clock an official bulletin was issued covering this period. Its statement follows:

"Senator Hanna passed a favorable night, but is weaker this morning. Temperature, 103.8; pulse, 124; respiration, 40.

"OSLER. "CARTER."

The physicians declined to make further comment on the outlook, but it hours the reports which came unofficially from the beside of the senator all told of his wonderful recuperative

A NEUTRALITY PROCLAMATION.

It Will Be Issued by the President of the United States.

WASHINGTON-The president has decided to issue a proclamation of neutrality. It probably will make its appearance Thursday. The proclamation is in stereotype form and simply recites and deplores the existence of hostilities between Japan and Russia and enjoins upon citizens of the United States a strict regard and observance of the neutrality laws.

Robbers Crack a Bank Safe.

FORT WORTH ,Tex.-A special from Commerce, Tex., says news is received here that bandits have crecked the safe of a bank at Ravia, I. T. and secured \$1,700. The citizens, aroused by the noise of the explosions, attacked the robbers. Firing ensued, but no one was hurt. The robbers escaped.

CHURCH HOWE UNDER KNIFE.

Consul General to Antwerp Submits to an Operation.

WASHINGTON-Church Howe of Nebraska, consul general to Antwerp. Belgium, is a very sick man, according to advices received at the state department. Mr. Howe has been ailing for some time and it is thought he has been suffering from appendicitis. A few days ago an operation was performed, the nature of which is not known at the state department. Tuesday, however, Deputy Consul Haine cabled the department that the operation had been followed by acute indigestion and pleurisy. Beyond

Italy Will Not Mix.

this the state department has no

knowledge of Mr. Howe's illness.

ROME.--Premier Giolitti announced in the chamber of deputies that Italy would maintain the strictest neutrality during the war in the far east, and would do all possible to otherwise bring about the re-establishment of

Are Anxious for the Fray. VANCOUVER. B. C .- Despite the initiative, and will be joined at Victoria by a like number of their counliable to service for their country.

JAPANESE WILL APPEAL.

Will Ask United States to Prevail on Russian Government.

WASHINGTON-Japan will appeal JAPANESE GETTING READY TO to the United States to prevail on the Russian government to release the 100 Japanese subjects reported detained at Port Arthur. Mr. Takahira, the Jap- ARE AFTER RUSSIAN POSITIONS anese minister, it is expected will present the appeal to Secretary Hay Mon-

In a cablegram received from Tokio Sunday the minister was informed that according to news brought to Che Foo by a British steamer from Port Arthur, 100 Japanese refugees had been taken from the steamer by the blegram.)-Game is made by some Russian authorities just before the ves-

instruct Mr. McCormick, the Ameriinquire of the Russian government on located. General opinion here is that tne subject as to the Japanese in ques-

The best naval opinion here is to the effect that the detention of these Japtroops, etc.

CZAR'S SHIPS RAID COAST.

Traffic Between Hakodate andAomori Suspended.

YOKOHAMA-The four Russian cruisers which sunk the Arouar Maru had first appeared in the Tsugaru strait on the 11th, escorting a transport from Vladivostock. Another steamer, the Zeensho Maru, also met the Russian cruisers, but escaped from them. All traffic between Hakodate and Aomori has been suspended owing to the Russian raiders. Great indignation is felt here over the sinking of a commercial steamer, and it is believed to be a violation of the laws of warfare.

Japanese troops are reported to have landed 12,000 strong at Dove bay last Wednesday and to have been refight. General Litevitch has been appoint-

ed to supreme command of the Russian army in Manchuria. Cossacks put 410 of a landing party

of 600 Japanese to death by the sword

at Talienwan. CUBA CANNOT FLOAT A LOAN.

The Present Conditions are Unfavorable.

HAVANA.-The Associated Press is informed by a person of undoubted authority that the \$35,000,000 Cuban loan will not be floated until the monetary conditions are more favorable than at the present moment. President Palma and the secretary of was noticeable that their optimism of formed of a conference held February the treasury were practically so inthe early morning had been entirely dissipated by the 8 o'clock sinking tormed of a conference held February 10, at which there were present representatives of the National City resentatives of the National City bank of New York, the Kuhn Loeb & co. syndicate. Speyer Brothers and other banking institutions interested in the matter. The fact that the loan is not to be floated at this time is not intended as a reflection on Cuba's credit, but is due to the war situation in the far east, the result in Wall street growing out of the Baltimore fire, and other current causes. When the situation becomes normal it is expected the Cuban bonds will be sold without difficulty.

BITTER TOWARD UNCLE SAM.

Russian Papers Are in a Pugilistic Mood.

LONDON-Special dispatches received from the far east and published Thursday morning add nothing to the actual situation. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph quotes from the Nove Vremya as making a bitter editorial tired, 426 were between the ages of attack upon the United States, which 65 and 69 years. Of the total number he supposed to be an outcome of the dispatch to the American consul to

The Nove Vremya accuses the United States of a desire to win the trade of the entire globe and exclue Europe of the entire globe and exclude Europe clares: "If, as it seems likely, war breaks out, it will have been instigated by the Yankees."

On Orders from Washington.

COLON-Hurried orders from Washington were received to embark a battalion of marines on the Prairie. A special train left Colon Sunday mornmarines, who were encamped at Bas Obispo station on the Panama railroad. The Prairie's boats were kept busy all day embarking the camp fittings, baggage, stores, etc., and this task is not yet nnished. Major Lucas will command the pattalion and the Prairie is obtained from naval authorities will sail Monday under sealed or. here. ders.

Great Battle in Sanchez.

WASHINGTON-United States Minister Powell reports by cable to the under date of the 9th, that it was reported in the capital that a fierce bata great many people had been killed. ninety-one men were lost.

Missile Travels Fifteen Miles. WASHINGTON-One of the officers fact that no call for men from Brit- of the battleship Missouri, which has ish Columbia has been issued by the been engaged in target practice off charge of trying to sell Chinamen Japanese government, twenty-five the Chesapeake capes, came to the false registration certificates, was in Vancouver Japanese have sailed for navy department with a remarkable Milwaukee on January 2) and made Japan. They are going on their own statement. He said that one of the the rounds of Milwaukee laundries in twelve-inch guns, being elevated sevtrymen who desire to be early on hand strongest glass could not follow to Chinamen were sent to the county to take part in the hostilities. It is the end of its flight. Later a passing jail because they were unable to proestimated that there are in this prov- steamer reported that the shot had duce certificates showing they were ince between 12,000 and 18,000 Japan struck the sea within 300 yards of her. entitled to reside in the United States. ese and among them are 3,000 or 4,000 The steamer was distant just fifteen

THE LAND FORCES

MOVE FORWARD.

Military Experts Believe Japan's Next Effort Will Be on the Land-Preparations that Must Be Made Before the Army Can Go Forward.

LONDON .- (New York Herald Ca-English papers of the published resel sailed in spite of the protest of the port that the Vladivostok squadron has put to sea and captured a small Having agreed to look out for the Japanese merchant steamer off the Japanese citizens in Russian territory northern coast of Japan. This is sarduring the war, this government will castically called a brilliant exploit, but the important fact is recognized to be can ambassador at St. Petersburg, to that the Vladivostok squadron is now it cannot achieve anything of consequence.

Military and naval experts here agree with the impression reported to anese at Port Arthur is a strategical prevail in New York that the Japanese necessity to prevent the Japanese gain- are already prepared to move in force ing information as to the fortifications, on the Russian position on the Yalu. It is questioned first of all whether the whole story of the concentration of any considerable Russian army on the Yalu is not a mere myth. In that case it may be that the Japanese will find it worth their while to brush aside, with a division rapidly pushed forward to the scene, the Russian troops which presumably cover a considerable accumulation of stores such as it may be well worth while either to seize or destroy. This would, however, not be a serious advance for decisive action against the Russian army as such, but only a maneuver for the advantage of position and to hamper Russian movements by destroying the stores on which they had calculated for their large forces. Previous to any advance of the Japanese army for decisive action, if they are in the presence at this point of really formidable Russian forces, there must be pulsed by Russians in a hand-to-hand a vast accumulation of ammunition, both for artillery and infantry. There must be a collection of immense quantities of medical stores and appliances. All these, besides food, must be gathered in convenient depots near to the front.

Latest reports from the front indicate that a battle on land is expected hourly. The Japanese have massed troops on the Yalu river, toward which a Russian force is believed to be marching, and a second line of defense is being formed between the river and Seoul. capital of Corea.

It is reported that 200 of the crew of the Russian ship Variag lost their lives during the fight at Chemulpo.

A German cruiser has been sent to take German women and children from Port Arthur.

The Russian battleships Czarovitch and Retvizan have been floated, but he cruiser Pallada is still beach.

RAILROAD PENSION SYSTEM.

Pennsylvania Company Issues Statement of Operations.

PHILADELPHIA-Statistics com piled by the pension department of the Pennsylvania railroad show that in the four years the organization has been in operation \$1,224,087 has been expended for the relief of those entitled to consideration. The report gives the .ollowing yearly distributions: 1903, \$359,374; 1902, \$326,403; 1901, \$292,290; 1900, \$244,019. These expenditures do not include the cost of the department's operation, which is paid by the company.

In the four years' operation of the pension plan 2,126 employes have been retired as pensioners from the active service of the company. Of these 527 nave died. Of the total number reretired, 348 were retired upon their own request and with the approval of the employing officer.

GO TO OBSERVE THE FIGHTING.

American Officers Who May Go With Russian Army.

ST PETERSBURG.-By direction of the authorities at Washington Ambassador McCormick has asked the Russian officials to permit the following officers to accompany the Russian army in the field: Colonel John B. Kerr of the general staff, Captain Carl ing and returned at noon with the 450 Reichman of the Seventeenth infantry, Captain George G. Gatley of the artillery corps, Captain William J. Judson of the engineer corps.

Lieutenant Newton A. McCullock, U. S. A., will be attached to the Russian fleet if the necessary permission

Russian Ship is Blown Up.

ST. PETERSBURG-A report has been received from Viceroy Alexieff saying that the Russian torpedo transstate department from San Domingo, port Yenizi has been blown up as the result of accidentally striking a mine at Port Arthur. The Yenizi sank and tle had been fought in Sanchez and Captain Stephanoff, nine officers and

> Operates in Milwaukee. MILWAUKEE .- Arthur S. Spencer.

who was arrested in Pittsburg on the company with the deputy United en degrees, let fly a shell which the States marshal, and a number of Some of the Chinamen produced papers and were released.