



HOUSEHOLD

GOOD AS A TRADE-MARK Young Lady—"I can always tell your work the instant I see it." Magazine Artist—(delighted)—"Can you, really?" Young Lady—"Easily. The women all look alike."

WISELY CHOSEN Mr. Short—"Can I believe it—you will really marry me?" Miss Tall—"Yes. I always make my own dresses, and as we are both the same height, you will come real handy when I am cutting and fitting."

THE MOST COMMON DISEASE. Yorktown, Ark., Feb. 29th.—Lelana Williamson, M. D., a successful and clever local physician, says: "There is scarcely another form of disease a physician is called upon so often to treat as Kidney Disease. I invariably prescribe Dodd's Kidney Pills and am not disappointed in their effect, for they are always reliable. I could mention many cases in which I have used this medicine with splendid success; for example, I might refer to the case of Mr. A. H. Cole."

NEEDED ROOM Young Lady—"Is there a place here where I can turn my carriage around?" Villager—"Yes, m'ls. Right out at the end of this street is the circus lot."

THE LANDLADY'S TIP New Boarder (complainingly)—"I can't eat this steak madam." Mrs. Simdlet (accommodatingly)—"You'll find an excellent dentist—Dr. Moore—right opposite!"

EQUAL TERMS Miss Mayseason—"Yes, I have consented to marry Mr. Goldbugg. I do not love him but I respect him." Miss Budd—"Oh, I wouldn't worry about that. Most likely his feelings for you is chiefly veneration."

MUST BE HE Winks—"I wonder who selects the poetry for the Highbone Magazine?" Juks—"De Hinks." "Ae you sure?" "Well, I heard him say that he was the puzzle editor."

ANOTHER BRIGHT STAR Pri-ou Missionary—"I hope that you will not go back to your old ways when your term expires." Burglar Bill—"No need to. My picture has been printed in all the papers, and I'm famous." "Alas! You are not famous. You are notorious." "It's all the same, financially speakin'. I'll go on in the stage."

DOCTOR'S COFFEE And His Daughter Matched Him. Coffee drinking troubled the family of a physician of Grafton, W. Va., who describes the situation briefly: "Having suffered quite a while from vertigo, palpitation of the heart and many other derangements of the nervous system and finding no relief from usual methods of treatment, I thought to see how much there was in the Postum argument against coffee."

Short Suggestions. A paint brush makes a good swab for greasing cake tins. Of course the butter applied must be melted. To clean raisins and currants roll in flour and then pick off all large stalks. If currants are washed they must be dried before being added to cakes.

Lovers of cats should not forget to provide their pets with a little green food in winter. Lettuce leaves chopped in their food, or even celery tops, are relished by cats. It is a good plan also to keep a lot of grass or oats growing in the house for them to nibble at.

REPORT A FIGHT ON LAND

FIRST SKIRMISH OF OPPOSING FORCES IN KOREA

Claim Made That Japanese Were Obligated to Retreat—Heavy Land Fighting Expected Soon in Hermit Kingdom.

SEOUL.—Details of a skirmish at Ping Yang show that fifty Russians cavalrymen approached the north gate of the Japanese camp and fired 1,000 meters. A sharp fusillade took place and the Russians retired. All foreigners are safe. The fight took place on the morning of the 25th.

ST. PETERSBURG.—A despatch received here from Liao Yang, and dated February 25, says that Chinese in the Yalu river report that an advance guard of Russian cavalry which has penetrated Korea for a distance of about 100 miles, is in contact with the Japanese and that the Japanese were compelled to retreat and fled, leaving their horses, which were seized by Cosacks. General Litvinenko dispatched cavalry and a body of infantry in pursuit and with an order to occupy northern Korea.

TOKIO.—Korean soldiers on the Ham-Gyeong frontier, have been attacked and dispersed by Russian troops. TOKIO.—As the campaign progresses it seems that the chances are growing slimmer for a great pitched battle on the open sea between the fleets of modern battleships which the world has long awaited. It is believed here that the Russians lack the strength to assume the offensive and that they will probably stick to Port Arthur doggedly to await a sea and land investment.

THE LOSS OF A FEW SHIPS would endanger the ultimate success of the Japanese army, hence the brevity of the engagement of February 9, and the avoidance of the engagement of the fortress. The same tactics were followed in Thursday's engagement and bombardment. These dashes, brief battles, speedy withdrawals are a novelty in naval warfare which warrant the consideration of strategists.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Rules of war were published officially tonight. An imperial decree had been referred to the ruling senate by the minister of justice for the laying down of the rules which Russia intends to follow during the war with Japan. The original draft of these rules was endorsed by the czar with the words "It must be so."

Captain Burned MADISON.—Wisconsin's picturesque capital, the pride of the state for decades, is in ruins. All that remains intact from the devastating flames were started early this morning is the extreme north extension, the contents of which are practically ruined by water. Jagged walls, from which every vestige of inflammable material has been eaten by the fery of the flames, are all that mark what was yesterday's the center of Wisconsin's executive headquarters. The loss will be about \$1,000,000, exclusive of the relics.

Shortage of Wallace H. Ham. BOSTON.—The Traveller, tonight says: In an official statement it is the Traveler today auditors for the American Surety company give Wallace H. Ham's shortage as \$274,500, of which some \$235,000 are of funds of the American Surety company, \$50,000 from the treasury of St. Luke's hospital and \$1,500 from St. Paul's church. Mrs. Ham has reimbursed the Surety company to the extent of \$50,000.

Mob Abuses an Evangelist. DILLON, Mont., A mob of 24 tonight took an evangelist named Bidwell to a point about a mile out of town and treated him to a coat of tar and feathers. He was accused of causing trouble in many families. Tonight the crowd went to the house where he was holding services and wrecked the place. There was a free fight, in which many were injured. Bidwell jumped through a window and sought refuge in another house.

BY LAND AND SEA

COMBINED ASSAULT ON PORT ARTHUR PROBABLE

JAPANESE TOLD TO ATTACK

ORDERS ISSUED TO EFFECT CAPTURE AT ALL COSTS

Blockade of Vladivostok Not Confirmed But Regarded True—Commander of Port Arthur Says It Will Never Surrender.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Direct confirmation of the report from Hako date that Vladivostok is blockaded by the Japanese vessels cannot be obtained here, but it is considered not improbable. During the Japanese landing operations in Korea the Russian warships to the north were a constant menace, and blockading them would be the most effective means of securing noninterference. Furthermore, it is worthy of note that for more than one week no word has been allowed to come from Vladivostok and this in itself seems strong presumptive evidence that important events are transpiring.

The report from Liao Yang, Manchuria, that the Japanese fleet has received orders to attack and capture Port Arthur on March 1 at all costs, coupled with the comparison of Port Arthur and Sevastopol, made by the Novoe Vremya, has created a profound impression, and has added to the belief that the Japanese possibly intend to commence land and sea operations against Port Arthur sooner than was anticipated.

The family of a foreigner employed at Port Dalny arrived here yesterday, having made the trip in eighteen days. One of the members said to the correspondent of the Associated Press: "The day after the outbreak of hostilities, the authorities ordered all non-combatants to leave Port Dalny in order to have as few mouths as possible to feed in the event of a siege."

"If the Japanese invest Port Arthur there were enough provisions when I left to last eight months. We passed a continual stream of troop trains going east."

PORT ARTHUR.—General Stoessel, commander of the garrison here has issued a general order directing the attention of the troops and inhabitants to the fact that the Japanese intend to land and seize the fortress. The general declares the Japanese consider the seizure of Port Arthur to be a question of national honor, and from their obstinate attacks and bombardments of the fortress and base he can only conclude that the enemy will make every effort to capture the fortress, failing which the Japanese will destroy the railroad and withdraw.

"The enemy however," proceeds the general order, "is mistaken. Our troops know and the inhabitants are herewith informed by me that we will not yield. We must fight to the finish, as I, the commandant, will never give an order to surrender. I call on all to become convinced of the necessity of fighting to the death. Those who leave without fighting will not save themselves. There is no way out. On three sides there is the sea, and on the fourth will be the enemy. There is no means of escape except by fighting."

Notwithstanding the heavy gale which is blowing the lights of Japanese scouting vessels are visible in the offing during the night.

MOSCOW.—A large representative meeting of the marshals, nobility and chief government officials was held yesterday to discuss the best methods of assisting the Russians wounded during the war in the far east. At the close of the meeting a telegram was dispatched to the czar expressing unbounded loyalty to him. His majesty immediately replied, expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the noble thought which inspired the message and sentiments voiced to wards himself, adding: "I see in these expressions new testimony of a determination on the part of as they did in former days and to work in common with the soldiers of Russia in the welfare of our fatherland."

Agent May Be in Danger WASHINGTON.—Postmaster E. S. Parnell of Junction, Union county, Arkansas, has resigned his office, and in his letter to the postmaster general says: "My reasons for resigning are that my family have become mixed up in what is known in this county as the Parnell-Tucker feud. This is a political feud and as four members of our family have been assassinated within the last fifteen months I feel that it is clearly my duty to my family and friends that I leave this place. I hope the department will relieve me at the earliest moment."

SAN DOMINGO.—United States Minister Powell has been informed that the insurgents at San Pedro de Macoris have seized the tug-boat Purro, belonging to the Clyde line of New York, and armed her. The Clyde line steamer Chyrokee has gone to Asau de Com o-tela, conveyed by the United States training ship Hartford. Many arrests have been made here, and several political chiefs were sent out of the country today on board the steamer Julia, of the Cuba line.

RUSSIA MEANT WAR

JAPAN THINKS PROTEST COMES WITH POOR GRACE

Formal Declaration Not Necessary in View of Breaking Off of All Relations Before Striking Blow

WASHINGTON.—The Japanese minister tonight gave out the official reply of his government to the note of Russia to the powers, charging the Japanese with opening hostilities without a formal declaration of war. The reply deals at great length with Russia's preparations for war in the far east while diplomatic negotiations were being delayed by that government, and contends that the responsibility rests with Russia. The document says, after summing up all the Russian military and naval preparation made and in contemplation: "In view of these facts who can say that Russia had no warlike intentions or that she was unprepared for war? Seeing that the situation had become so critical that it admitted of no further delay, the Japanese government as compelled to break off negotiations that had proved abortive and to take the necessary steps for self-protection. But the responsibility for the challenge to war rests not with Japan but solely with Russia."

"On the 6th of February Japan announced to Russia her decision to terminate the pending negotiations and to take such independent action as she might deem best to defend her position menaced by Russia and to protect her established rights and legitimate interests. At the same time the government of Japan informed the Russian government that as its moderate and unselfish proposals in the interest of a firm and lasting peace in the far east had not received the consideration which was their due, Japan had resolved to sever her diplomatic relations with Russia, which for the reason named, had ceased to possess value, and to withdraw from her legation."

"The term 'independent action' naturally included the opening of hostilities. The fact that Russia was unable to understand it in that light is, of course no reason why Japan should be held responsible for the misinterpretation made by Russia. It is the almost unanimous opinion of internal jurists that a declaration of war is not an indispensable prerequisite to the opening of hostilities. Indeed it has been the common practice in recent wars to declare war after hostilities had begun. Japan's action therefore is not open to the least criticism in this regard. From the standpoint of international law it must be understood that the charge made against her does not come with good grace from Russia in as much as the latter are not only many historical instances of Russia herself resorting to hostilities without declaring war, but one came, that of her invasion of Finland in 1808, when she began war before there had even been a rupture of diplomatic relations."

TOKIO.—The general staff and regiment of the guards left Japan today for a port on the west coast of Korea, probably Chemulpo. The general election was held today in Japan and was without disturbance of any kind. An imperial receipt conveying the diet in special session at Tokyo on March 18 will be issued on March 2. This session will last for ten days, and the most important bill to be presented is one which increases the land tax by 1 1/2 per cent.

This increase will result in doubling the income from this source. According to the stipulations of the protocol the Japanese minister at Seoul has notified the Korean government that the building of a railroad from Seoul to Wiju for military uses will be commenced forthwith. Engineers and surveyors have already left Seoul.

NEBRASKA NOTES A new free rural delivery route is to be established soon out of Gretna. I. O. B. Canfield, died this week at his home in Edgar after a long illness. James D. Brown a pioneer of Brainard, is dead. He was born in Tennessee in 1822. A building boom is on at Butte, and a large number of houses will be erected this summer. General Manager Bancroft of the Union Pacific took a trip to Lincoln Sunday to inspect the line. The Congregational church at Petersburg will celebrate its tenth anniversary March 15. The German Mutual Telephone company of Petersburg has been organized by farmers in that vicinity. Mrs. Lillian Swanson of Nebraska City has brought suit for a divorce from her husband, alleging cruelty and drunkenness. Anna Elizabeth Rille died at Dakota City last week. She was 84 years old and a native of Denmark, having come to Nebraska in 1874. The little son of Farmer Bursk of Battle Creek fell from a wagon and his ear was almost severed from his head by striking against the wheel. The farmers of the Plattford precinct in Sarpy county have organized a telephone line and will begin work on it early in the spring. The Argo starch factory at Nebraska City began operations this week and will begin grinding corn soon. A full force will be employed in a few days. Orrin A. Foster of Lincoln asks a divorce from his wife, claiming that while he was away in the army she sold the household goods and deserted him. The revival services that are being conducted in the Methodist church at Table Rock this week will next week be taken in charge by Evangelist Campbell of Lincoln. R. G. Harrington of Gretna and Miss Louise Sharpe of near Elk City were married Thursday at the home of the bride's father Tuesday. A large wedding dinner was served. Stockholders of the Lincoln Auditorium association elected directors for 1904. The new board will organize soon, when a report of the finances of the association will be submitted. "The Fair" a general store at Scotts Bluff, owned by George Lutland, was damaged by fire Saturday night to the extent of about \$1,500. The loss is fully covered by insurance. The Bohemian Turners society of Schuyler will erect a building the coming year adapted to all the needs of the society as Turners, together with rooms for their festivals and entertainments. Ed Meyer of Bartlett has filed a complaint against A. H. Webb, charging him with firing three or four shots at him. None of the shots took effect, but one passed through Meyer's clothing. A farmers' institute will be held at Hay Springs March 7. Dr. Peters and other speakers will address the meeting and premiums will be given for the best samples of the different grains grown here. Benjamin Fischer and Miss Mary Baker, both Barneston, were married in the county court at Beatrice, Judge Browne officiating. The young couple will make their home in Barneston. Charles Vavra a student at the state university at Lincoln, was fined \$25 and costs in police court on the charge of stealing books. Action by the university authorities will undoubtedly follow. The members of the Papillion Woman's club last night entertained their husbands and friends at a Martha Washington tea party, given at the home of Mrs. A. H. Nichols. Mrs. E. N. Secord presided over the meeting. The Hay Springs fire company gave its annual ball in the Hay Springs opera house. A large number from Gordon, Chadron and Rushville attended the dance. The proceeds of the ball will be used toward the erection of a new town hall. The Wilson post, Grand Army of the Republic, held its annual campfire at Geneva Ma-onic hall, and the Woman's Relief corps served supper in the banquet hall. The Rev. Abbott as the speaker of the evening and chose "Washington" for his subject. The Beatrice Produce and Oils Storage company, which was recently incorporated in Beatrice, expects to erect a cold storage building and to plant the coming spring. Charles Ederton and "Banty" Burns were arraigned in Fremont police court on a charge of breaking and entering rooms in a lodging house and stealing clothing. Both men pleaded not guilty and in default of bail were committed to the district court.

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