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FALLS CITY - - NEBRASKA

History has been made rapidly since Admiral Dewey sailed for Manila six years ago.

A woman can't help having faith in a man who notices when she has on a new gown.

After a young man makes up his mind that he is not a genius he stands a chance to earn his living.

The advent of the odorless onion is announced. It will mean the death of the popular diversion known as the onion social.

Thanks to its suggestion of comic opera, the news of the death of the king of Cambodia will make a good many people laugh.

A scientist says that larks rise to a height of 2,000 feet. That must be why, when people go out on a lark, they have a high old time.

If the hoped-for boy turns out to be a girl, the czar may feel quite in the mood to proceed personally to the scene of the war in August.

There is said to be a flood of counterfeit money in New Jersey. Something of that kind might be made useful in watering trust stocks.

A New York man proposes to use tame snakes to clear houses of rats and mice. He will probably also clear them of women by this method.

Boys have begun to run off with the circuses again. Boys are as much given to "the mad chase after pleasure" as their parents, in these days.

The patent office at Washington during 1903 granted 31,699 patents, and if only Langley's airship had done its duty they might have made it an even 31,700.

So great is the demand for crude rubber for use in manufactures that the price in New York has advanced to something like \$1.25 a pound. Save the bands.

It is not improbable that future naval wars may be fought out with torpedo boats, torpedo boat destroyers, and destroyers of torpedo boat destroyers, and so on.

Another uprising is reported in Hayti. This seems to disprove the recent rumor that Hayti was in an extraordinary state of confusion. Its condition continues to be normal.

Barnum's circus will this season "travel with a chaplain and be opened by prayer at each performance." Adults who go "just to take the children" may usefully bear this in mind.

Can the sociological experts tell us why mankind appears to take so much more interest in the trial and execution of a bad man than in anything that can possibly happen to a good man?

Chicago now announces the theory that disease is plainly indicated by the thumb nails. This doesn't come from one of the professors of the university of Chicago, but it sounds as if it did.

The man who sells cakes of soap wrapped in \$10 bills usually explains that he is animated by a desire to benefit the purchasers, yet few of the victims have ever been able to figure out a profit.

NAVAL BATTLE ON

HEAVY CANNONADING ON EAST COAST OF COREA.

JAPANESE OFF PORT ARTHUR

Believed Admiral Uriu Has Closed with the Vladivostok Fleet—Report that Zassalitch is Relieved—Care for Russian Wounded.

LONDON—A dispatch to the Central News, dated at Seoul Tuesday, says that heavy cannonading was heard off Gensan, on the east coast of Corea. Monday and Tuesday morning. It is supposed Admiral Uriu's fleet has succeeded in engaging the Russian Vladivostok squadron.

A rumor to the effect that the Japanese had succeeded in bringing the Russian Vladivostok squadron of four cruisers to battle off Vladivostok was circulated in Paris Monday, but up to Tuesday morning no confirmation had been obtained. Evidently the above dispatch refers to the same rumor.

ST. PETERSBURG—There are persistent rumors here of a naval engagement between the Vladivostok and Vice Admiral Kamimura's squadrons, but no confirmation of the reports had been received here up to 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The admiralty says no further news has been received here from Port Arthur.

PARIS—A dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg confirms previous reports to the effect that the Japanese fleet appeared off Port Arthur Thursday and that an engagement occurred off Gensan, Corea, between a Japanese squadron and the Russian squadron from Vladivostok.

General Kouropatkin has gone to the front from Lia Yang to inspect the situation personally. Troops are being hurried forward from the Liao Yang and Mukden line to a position near Feng Wang Cheng.

All the Russians wounded have been sent back toward Lia Yang in order not to encumber the operations of the Russian army. It appears evident that General Kouropatkin is preparing to give battle to General Kuroki's army if circumstances warrant.

Private reports are to the effect that the fighting blood of the Russian soldiers is up and that they are thirsting for an opportunity to revenge the slaughter on the Yalu, but although the commander-in-chief is greatly chagrined at the miscarriage of his plans on the Yalu, there is no idea here that he will act rashly on that account. His decision as to the extended opposition he will make at Feng Wang Cheng depends upon the location and success of the Japanese landings in Manchuria. Descents or attempted landings are now momentarily anticipated near New Chwang and the head of Corea bay. Occupying an interior line and pursuing the tactics of Napoleon, Kouropatkin's problem will be to prevent a juncture of the enemy's forces. It is necessary for him to await the development of the Japanese plans and ascertain the direction, strength and whence the other column will come before deciding how to fight his adversary in detail.

Irrigation Plans for Nebraska.

WASHINGTON.—The secretary of the interior has set aside, provisionally, the sum of \$1,000,000 for the construction of the Pathfinder reservoir on the North Platte river in Wyoming. Construction will proceed contingent upon favorable reports from engineers in the field as to various details still under consideration, and particularly as to whether an adequate area of irrigable land can be found in western Nebraska. The reservoir will be of sufficient capacity to supply all of the land under it in Wyoming.

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