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RUSSIAN CONFIDENCE

Russia's reliance is upon her army. It is already demonstrated that her navy in Asiatic waters is greatly inferior to that of Japan and cannot be depended upon to achieve any very important results.

The Russian ambassador at Washington, Count Cassini, in an interview spoke in a like boastful vein. He said that now that Japan has made war, "the determination of the Russian emperor and his people that it shall be satiated with that for which it has seemed so anxious is made all the stronger by the patience and forbearance which have hitherto characterized our dealings with the Japanese."

It is not probable that the Japanese in the least underestimate the enemy. They are fully aware of Russia's vast power and they also know that her soldiers are stubborn and determined fighters. Undoubtedly every consideration in connection with war has been carefully weighed by the sagacious men of Japan who are directing affairs.

With Bulgaria and Turkey both clamoring for peace the prospect for war in the Balkans grows more alarming. The "bear that walks like a man" will have to get down on all-fours if he wants to make a showing in this war.

It seems that any cheap crank can get all the notoriety he desires by making an unannounced call at the White House. According to the reports from Chefoo those Russians who had rather fight than eat may be given a chance to pursue their preferred course.

Whenever a sensational preacher or traveling evangelist wants to attract attention to himself he discovers that Omaha is the wickedest city in the world. But men of the cloth should not indulge in wild exaggeration any more than they would in downright falsification.

Russia's reliance on the promise of Turkey to be good takes the form of increasing its defenses along the Black sea. The czar has had experience with the sultan's pledges before.

The campaign for tax reform must be waged without cessation. The new tax law will not work automatic justice and equality any more than the old unless it is intelligently and impartially enforced.

Russians at Port Arthur seem to be in a state of panic. Having permitted the Japanese torpedo boats to get within striking distance once they are now shooting at all strange craft that may enter the harbor.

THE GOVERNORSHIP

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Darkest Omaha may need occasional disinfecting and much good may be accomplished by individual persuasion and example as well as by periodic agitation for cleaner and better government.

ARMY GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON

Trend of Events Gleaned from the Army and Navy Register. There are or will be shortly 122 vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant in the army...

Some interesting comparative experiments are in progress on the roof of the War department building with different varieties of khaki of foreign and domestic manufacture. The test is the most severe of any to which this material is subjected...

The question of the chevrons for the white uniform of the enlisted men of the army is under discussion again. It has been recommended that a brown chevron be adopted for this uniform in place of the white chevron...

The recommendation made by the general staff of a bill which will confer brevets upon certain army officers, long ago recommended for the distinction by an army board of which General MacArthur was the president...

There is likely to be something interesting in the War department in the next month. Under the terms of the legislation proposed by the committee the special act urged by the army general staff is not necessary.

Nebraska and the Vice Presidency. Washington Corr. Brooklyn Eagle. "Iowa has no candidates to bring forward for either place on the republican or democratic national ticket," said Director of the Mint Roberts today.

Promptings of Jealousy. Chicago Chronicle. The Kentucky legislature has passed the shameful bill against the coeducation of white and black children, the only school in the state that practiced it being Berea college...

Helping Government Ownership. Chicago Post. So long as those in control of public and quasi-public utilities treat the public fairly and honestly they are not likely to be molested by the community at large.

Why Republicans Are Ungrateful. Chicago Record-Herald. The senate has decided that this country doesn't owe Queen Liliuokalani, which fact will doubtless cause the old lady to line up with those who think republicans are real ungrateful.

THE QUESTION OF CONTRABAND

It is probable that the far eastern war will cause some addition to the list of articles contraband of war. As we noted a few days ago the question is receiving earnest attention from some of the European governments...

Superior Journal: Several good republican recognition agents, and we believe, entitled to a nomination. He has made a few mistakes, it is true, but any man occupying that or any other responsible position is bound to make mistakes.

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WHEN CLEVELAND SPEAKS

St. Louis Globe-Democrat (rep.): Mr. Cleveland has made another careful diagnosis of the situation and is charitable enough to say that the democratic case is not hopeless.

Chicago Chronicle (dem.): What a contrast there is between the sane and patriotic utterances of Grover Cleveland and the so-called democratic leaders who mistake sound for sense.

Chicago Inter Ocean (rep.): So far as former President Cleveland can see into the future, viewing it entirely from an impartial standpoint, what the democratic party needs is a real leader.

New York Tribune (rep.): Evidently Mr. Cleveland looks at externals only when he describes the democratic party as in any sense the exponent of conservatism.

Hartford Courant (rep.): Richard Olney did the handsome thing by his old chief in his speech at the Tammany dinner, and now Mr. Cleveland has done the handsome thing by Richard Olney.

New York Sun (rep.): But nobody, democrat or republican, is going to regard as unimportant Mr. Cleveland's deliberately expressed judgment that 1904 is a year of actual opportunity for the democracy.

Philadelphia Ledger (ind.): There is no living democrat who could have spoken with so much authority as Mr. Cleveland has done in this instance. He has spoken as one who has put aside all personal ambitions...

One of the strong ties between President McKinley and Senator Hanna was the fact that both were of Scotch-Irish extraction. Dr. Henry Martin Dearborn, dermatological expert, and the author of a number of text books, has just died in New York City.

Mayor Fred E. Lewis of Allentown, Pa., has vetoed a curfew ordinance passed by the city fathers providing that after 9 o'clock children under 16 years old must keep off the streets.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

to send a boy or girl to prison for such an offense is unreasonably. Through the discovery of gold and copper ore of fabulous values former Congressman P. J. Somers of Milwaukee bids fair to become one of the most noted mining magnates of Colorado.

Boarder-Why in creation did you ring the breakfast bell at 4 o'clock this morning? Cook-The msaun heard it thundering and told me to hurry up and serve breakfast before the milk soured. New York Weekly.

What do you think of that new Willis boy that Jim Furmurel brought up to the dance last night? Yes, he's nothing, isn't it? Well, I think he's about it below. Chicago Plain Dealer.

AT THE MISSION DOOR. Captain Jack Crawford in Success. A little newshawk, weening, stood outside the "Walt's Retreat." A shaggy dog, his only friend, was crouching at his feet.

Well, boss, I don't know nothin' much; but say, when mudder died, Tip found me at my grave. An' I laid down by my side. An' when I cried dere all alone, His hand was on my knee, An' 'somebody' in his eye's said 'I'd be a frien' to me.'

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