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CONTENTS OF TRUNKS

Papers Found in Safety Vault Throw New Light on Most Combines.

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION WIDE

They Are Said to Give Details of Work of Inside Company.

BOXES AND CONTENTS ARE IMPOUND

Two Officials of Alleged Secret Corporation Said to Be in Canada.

SEVERAL WITNESSES EXAMINED YESTERDAY

Delevan Fraser, Manager of the National Packing Company, and J. A. Howard of New York on the Stand.

CHICAGO, April 11.—An investigation by the federal grand jury which is inquiring into the working methods of the alleged Beef trust of a much deeper nature and wider scope, it is asserted, is to result from the examination of the contents of trunks taken yesterday from the safety vaults in the First National bank building.

When these trunks are opened it is expected the entire secret workings of the Aetna Trading company, a corporation through which the secret business of the big packers was transacted, will be revealed to the jurors, and as a consequence many new witnesses will be subpoenaed. The trunks and contents have been impounded on an order by Judge Sanborn so that no one by legal process can obtain possession of them.

Among the names of the new witnesses subpoenaed today is said to be that of G. H. Godfrey, alleged secretary and treasurer of the Aetna Trading company, and R. H. Cowan, another official of the company. The initials "R. H. C." appear on each of the eight trunks taken from the vaults and it is believed they belong to Cowan. Godfrey and Cowan, it is reported, left Chicago on the morning of the 11th for Toronto, Canada, where it is said all track of them is lost.

Delevan Fraser, manager of the National Packing company, was one of the most important witnesses examined yesterday. He was on the stand for nearly two hours, but refused to say what information he had given to the jurors. Another witness who testified today was J. A. Howard, connected with a New York packing firm.

METHODS OF THEATRICAL COMBINE

Text of So-Called Syndicate Agreement Read in Court in New York.

NEW YORK, April 11.—During the continuance today of the trial of the suit of David Belasco, the theatrical manager, against Joseph Brooks, in connection with the production of "The Auctioneer," and involving the rights of theatrical combination of the country by a syndicate, so-called, the text of the "syndicate agreement" was offered in evidence. Its reading was one of the striking features of a trial replete with interesting incidents.

The parties to the agreement, which became effective August 31, 1901, and runs for five years, are shown to be Al Hayman, Charles Frohman, Marx Klaw and A. L. Erlanger, as parties of the first part, and Samuel F. Niessner and J. Fred Zimmerman, trading as Nixon & Zimmerman, as parties of the second part. The preamble to the agreement recites that theatrical interests in all the large cities had suffered as a result of the indiscriminate "bookings" of attractions in recent years.

The agreement provides that the parties to the agreement and which was to be supplemented by any theaters subsequently passing under control of any of the parties in the next five years include the Olympic theater, St. Louis; the Century, St. Louis; Boyd theater, Omaha; Broadway theater, Denver; Tabor Grand opera house, Denver; Columbia theater, San Francisco. All of these, and many others named in the agreement, "shall be booked with attractions in connection with each other, that is to say, no attractions shall be booked in any of the said theaters or places of amusement (or in any which may hereafter be acquired as aforesaid) which would give the exhibitor an opportunity to book attractions in any of the cities above named (or in any which may hereafter come under this agreement), unless the party hereto having the theater or place of amusement in said competition shall give the exhibitor an opportunity to permit said attraction to play in the opposition theater or place of amusement."

An agreement to pool all profits is set out in the fourth article of the instrument and it is provided that the instrument and all its profits it is to be held by Al Hayman, Frohman, Klaw and Erlanger shall receive 75 per cent and the firm of Nixon & Zimmerman 25 per cent from all the theaters enumerated. Nixon & Zimmerman, in return, will turn over from 25 to 50 per cent of the net profits of the theaters owned by them in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Klaw & Erlanger are given control of all bookings, while Nixon & Zimmerman are designated as the holding representatives.

FARMERS VIOLATE ANTI-TRUST LAW

Attorney General of Kansas Says Methods Are Illegal.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 11.—Attorney General Coleman has rendered an opinion to the effect that the various farmers' shipping associations of the state are organized in violation of the Kansas anti-trust law. The matter was started by the Kansas Grain Dealers' Association, which attorney general will be asked to begin proceedings against the farmers. E. J. Smiley, secretary of the Kansas Farmers' association, has been sentenced to ninety days in the jail for violation of the anti-trust law. He has made application for a writ of habeas corpus, which is being opposed by the farmers' organization. The action against the farmers, started by the grain dealers, is regarded as a retaliatory measure.

J. R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, started his investigation of the operations of the Standard Oil company in the state. Three special agents are here with Mr. Garfield. They are going through the records in the office of the secretary of state, gathering data concerning the various oil companies doing business in the state. Charles Earl, one of the agents, held a conference with Governor Hoch today, at which various methods of securing information were touched upon. Commissioner Garfield and United States Attorney Dean will hold a prolonged conference.

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GERMANY WANTS CONFERENCE

Foreign Office Desires Morocco's Affairs Settled by International Agreement of Powers.

BERLIN, April 11.—The German government has been desirous for some time of Morocco the advantages of requesting the powers to agree among themselves by an international conference on the things they would like him to do. These include acting as the suggestions for the systematic payment of a definite tariff and the making of an adjustment of the tariffs and taking steps to properly police the country. Although no official confirmation is obtainable at the foreign office, it is said that strong expectations are held there that the sultan will accept the idea of an international conference. What is said officially is that Germany would accept such an invitation as offering the best way for a settlement of the differences in views between France and Germany.

LONDON, April 11.—Tangier correspondent of the Times on good authority says that the advisers of the Sultan of Morocco propose inviting the French minister to return from Fez to Tangier, where the sultan's definite refusal to accept the proposed reforms will be officially communicated to the French legation. It is believed, says the correspondent, that Germany will accept the sultan's invitation to send a mission to Fez to negotiate a new commercial treaty and personally discuss the conditions of the proposed European convention on the Moroccan questions and international guarantees of the integrity of Morocco.

RIOTING IN SPAIN IS SERIOUS

Conflicts at Madrid Are More Violent Than the First Reports Indicate.

PARIS, April 11.—Dispatches received here yesterday official channels show that the rioting at Madrid is becoming more serious than at first reported. Troops were sent to assist the police and the soldiers fired on the mob, wounding fifteen men. The rioters stoned windows and other buildings of the government. The affair grew out of the excitement among the working classes following the loss of life due to the collapse of the reservoir Saturday. The feeling has increased until the populace is now showing a menacing attitude against the government. The latter has decided not to declare a state of siege, but the authorities have taken urgent measures to suppress any attempted renewal of the disorders.

FRENCH OFFICER IS ARRESTED

Captain Volpert Is Accused of Complicity in Military Plot.

PARIS, April 11.—Captain Volpert of the Eleventh Infantry has been arrested on the charge of complicity in the supposed military plot against the security of the state. It was announced from Paris April 5 that 500 army cartridges had been discovered in the house of a man named M. Volpert, an officer in the Eleventh Infantry, in the suburbs of Paris and that a supply of rifles was found later. The searches, it was added, were the result of the recent seizure of 500 uniforms in the Palamir district at 3,000. Emperor William on board, arrived here today. The British squadron now in these waters dressed and manned ship and the usual salutes were exchanged. The king of Greece started out at 6 o'clock in the morning on a motor launch to meet the emperor, but took the wrong direction and missed the Hohenzollern. Torpedo boat destroyers were dispatched to apprise King George of Emperor William's arrival here.

WILLIAM IS NOW AT CORFU

Ruler of Germany Off Greece and King Misses His Imperial Visitor.

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THIRTEEN THOUSAND ARE DEAD

Commissioner Reports Upon Number Killed in Earthquake.

LAHORE, Punjab, India, April 11.—Commissioner Jullundur reports that as a result of his investigations he estimates the fatalities resulting from the recent earthquake in the Kangra district at 10,000 and in the Palamir district at 3,000. The total number of persons killed at Dharmala was 124, besides the Gorkhaks who were crushed to death by the falling of the stone barracks.

Plea for Disarmament.

PARIS, April 11.—Baron D'Estournelles De Constant, the former deputy and president of the parliamentary group favoring international arbitration, today made his debut in the senate by proposing a military and naval disarmament of the states Europe by a proportional reduction of their forces similar to the joint disarmament of Chile and Argentina.

Consider Fishermen's Indemnity.

PARIS, April 11.—The arbitration commission appointed to determine the indemnity payable to the French fishermen for abandoning their fishing vessels in the treaty shore of Newfoundland meets here May 2.

Andalusian Drought Broken.

MADRID, April 11.—The drought has been broken in Andalusia. Abundant rains have fallen throughout the Andalusian provinces and there is great jubilation among all classes as a result of the improved outlook.

Castro Goes on Visit.

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 11.—President Castro leaves Caracas tomorrow for a month's trip to Ciudad Bolivar and other interior cities which he has not formerly visited.

Earthquakes Again.

SIMLA, India, April 11.—Fresh earth shocks yesterday evening and this morning led to a revival of alarm. The new government offices were freshly cracked.

Royal Party for Mallorca.

PORT MAHON, Island of Minorca, April 11.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra sailed today on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert for Palma, island of Mallorca.

PREACHER WAS INDISCREET

Binghamton Pastor Who Would Elope with Young Woman Suspended for a Year.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 11.—At today's session of the Wyoming Methodist conference the committee appointed to investigate the charges against Rev. C. W. Smith recommended that he be suspended from ministerial functions for one year. The committee reported that he was guilty of "indiscretion and imprudence." The report was adopted.

Rev. Smith was formerly pastor of the Fairview Methodist church at Binghamton, N. Y., which charged him with attempting to induce Miss Horton, the 15-year-old daughter of a parishioner, to elope with him.

CASTRO'S REPLY DEFIANT

Venezuela President Flatly Refuses to Submit Asphalt Case to Arbitration.

IT IS NOW PENDING IN COURT

Executive Says It Will Not Be Withdrawn from Judicial Tribunal at Demand of Another Government.

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 11.—(Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—"President Castro will not withdraw the New York and Bermudez Asphalt company case from the Venezuelan courts and will not re-submit the Olcott case to arbitration if the whole American army and navy come to Venezuela."

This emphatic statement of General Alejandro Ybarra, the Venezuelan secretary of foreign affairs, reflects the spirit of the reply which President Castro made to the recent proposal of the American department for the arbitration of the Bermudez and Olcott cases.

It was generally rumored throughout Venezuela that the demand of the United States was little less than an ultimatum to General Castro, and the reply of the Venezuelan president was awaited with interest.

Nearly two weeks have passed since Castro made his reply and as no action has been taken by the United States, and no further demand has been made, the United States of the United States has gone the way of many previous requests for arbitration and the incident is practically closed as far as its discussion in Caracas is concerned.

Status of Olcott Case.

The Olcott case, the arbitration of which the United States seeks to have reopened, is also known as the Orinoco Steamship company case, and was arbitrated by a mixed commission in 1895, resulting in disagreement and the umpire Henry Barge decided the case, awarding the company \$225 on a claim of \$1,145,588. The greater part of this claim was based on damages alleged to have been suffered while the Orinoco Shipping and Trading company, an English corporation, owned the business to which the Orinoco Steamship company subsequently succeeded. President Castro and his advisors claim that to reopen the case would be an insult to Holland, as Mr. Barge, who acted as umpire, is a well known Dutch diplomat.

President Castro and the members of his cabinet take the ground that while the government stands for the general principle of arbitration, it will not have an asphalt case wrested from its courts to be carried before a board of arbitration.

Castro's Reply Threatening.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Throughout the diplomatic corps there has been a belief that the present refusal of the Venezuelan president to submit the asphalt case to arbitration, it will not have an asphalt case wrested from its courts to be carried before a board of arbitration.

The letter says publicists seem to regard these things as permissible under the act of 1876, but by no reasonable interpretation of the act, such articles as regarded the "german" in a newspaper or as matter supplied to the paper itself. The circular then adds:

The privilege accorded to a publisher to send a copy of his paper to the post office at a special rate is not to be used for the purpose of sending to the post office at a special rate any matter which is not a newspaper or as matter supplied to the paper itself. The circular then adds:

The postmasters are directed to notify publishers that on and after September 1, 1905, the legal rate will be charged on such matter according to its character.

HITCHCOCK REFERS REBATE CASE

Attorney General Asked to Pass on Issue Raised by Comptroller.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Secretary Hitchcock has decided to refer to the attorney general the question of rebates on material used in connection with the irrigation reclamation service, which Comptroller Tracewell has decided could not be legally accepted. The secretary refuses to discuss the comptroller's opinion, but says that the so-called rebates is merely a reduction, such as is provided for by section 22 of the interstate-commerce act. They say the arrangement affects a large saving to the government.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Fifth Triennial Convention Opens with Address of Mrs. Swift.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Mrs. Mary Wood Swift, the president, called the National Council of Women together today to begin the real work of the fifth triennial meeting. Sessions will continue through Friday. In the morning there was a luncheon at the Hotel Hamilton, after which the afternoon annual address of Mrs. Swift was followed by reports from various affiliated organizations, and in the evening greetings were heard from a number of prominent workers. At all the gatherings the question of the betterment of the human race through the betterment of childhood and womanhood.

DRY SUNDAY FOR ST. LOUIS

Police Commissioners Will Enforce "Blue Laws" in Missouri Metropolis Next Week.

OIL COMPANIES FILE RETURN

Standard and Republic Concerns Say Missouri Anti-Trust Law is Not Constitutional.

RIOT AT MINNESOTA MINE

Two Men Killed in Fight at Hibbing—Deputies Leave Duluth on Special Train.

DULUTH, Minn., April 11.—Two miners, Elias Haskinson and John Ekdahl, were killed and several seriously injured by strikers in a riot which occurred today at the Hibbing-Oliver Mining company.

The situation there is critical and twenty deputy sheriffs will leave Duluth on a special train tonight.

NORTHERN SECURITIES MEETS

New Director is Chosen to Take the Place of One Not Named.

NEW YORK, April 11.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Securities company in Hoboken today elected five directors, of which Amos T. French is a new member. Mr. French is a director of the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway company. Robert Bacon, D. Willis Kennerly, Kenneth C. Newman and Nicholas Nicholas were re-elected directors. Officials who announced the result of the election declined to say who retired from the board of directors to give place to Mr. French.

The only stockholders present at the meeting were E. T. Nicholas, General Counsel William P. Clough and Nicholas Terhune. It was announced that 2,185,384 shares had been voted by those three men.

Although those present at the meeting declined to say what director of the company retired to give place to Mr. French it was generally reported in the financial district without denial that E. H. Harriman was the director who failed to be re-elected.

Mr. Harriman's office no statement on the subject was obtainable. The Evening Post says: E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads, was disclosed from the directorate of the Northern Securities company at a stockholders' meeting in Hoboken today. This action was taken by the stockholders on a unanimous vote. Mr. Harriman's office no statement on the subject was obtainable.

RULING ON NEWSPAPER MAIL

Many Alleged Supplements Excluded from the Second Class Rate.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden has issued a circular letter to all postmasters in which he says:

The attention of the department in a number of cases that publishers of newspapers are presenting for mailing certain supplements, consisting of circulars, handbills, posters, blocks of post cards, series of cut-out pictures, cut-out dolls, soldiers and naval vessels, circulars, handbills, special delivery notices, and other similar articles, which are not included in the list of publications eligible for the second class rate.

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WORK OF SALVATION ARMY

Booth-Tucker Explains Methods of Taking Colonists from England to Canada.

CLEVELAND, O., April 11.—Before leaving for the east today, Commander Booth Tucker outlined the work of the Salvation Army in London by sending the people to Canada and other English colonies. Commander Booth Tucker said:

Last year the Salvation Army carried 1,000 persons from England to Canada, which is starting for population. We carried them in our own ships. We carried men, not by thousands, but by tens of thousands. We carried them to New Zealand, Australia, India and South Africa. We did not dump our immigrants in the streets of the United States. We carried them to Ellis Island, but dropped six here and eight there and a dozen in another place. Every man who left England for Canada before he started where he was going, what he was going to do when he got there and what wages he would receive. The United States should revise its immigration laws. Through its consuls and other representatives in foreign countries it should be made known that if they have landed at New York, then they go to the American Embassy and not to the Salvation Army. We would like to cooperate with the United States government in the work of this kind. Their colonization could be made the handmaid of immigration.

VOTE ON ROCKEFELLER GIFT

Prudential Committee Takes Final Action and Will Make a Statement Today.

BOSTON, April 11.—The prudential committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions met today and took action upon the report of a subcommittee recommending the acceptance of a gift of \$100,000 from John D. Rockefeller. A vote was taken just prior to adjournment late this afternoon and the result of the vote will be stated by the committee at noon tomorrow. In the meantime members refused to give an inkling of the decision reached. There is good reason, however, to believe that the report of the subcommittee was accepted.

GIVES MORE THAN MILLION

Rockefeller's Donation to Baptist Church Has Been Heavy for Twenty Years.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Dr. H. L. Morehouse, corresponding secretary of the American Baptist Home Missionary society in this city, today made the following announcement:

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has just given \$1,000,000 to the American Baptist Home Missionary society of this city, which makes a total of more than \$10,000,000 that he has given to the society since he began his philanthropic work in 1870.

CHANGE IN THE PROGRAM

Heavy Snow in Mountains Causes Alteration in President's Itinerary.

LEAVES COLORADO SPRINGS FRIDAY

Run Will Be Made to New Castle Where Party Will Leave Railroad for the Hunting Grounds.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 11.—President Roosevelt's special train is scheduled to start from this city on its run into the Rocky mountains over the Colorado Midland railroad at 9:30 o'clock Friday night. Owing to heavy snows in the vicinity of Red Stone the destination has been changed to Newcaste, twelve miles west of Glenwood, from which point the party will start for camp.

The pilot train will be run five minutes ahead of the special, will carry the newspaper reporters and several railway officials.

One of the biggest engines on the Midland will pull the special. On the pilot train are engineers, firemen, American flags with red, white and blue streamers reaching from the shield to the boilerhead. In each window of the engine cab will be a picture of President Roosevelt, while the words "Our President," printed in large letters, will be placed on each side of the boiler.

By special request the president's car will be at the end of the train. The only official of the Midland to travel in the president's car will be M. L. Phelps, assistant superintendent, who will have general supervision.

ARGUE CORPORATION TAX LAW

New York Attorney General Pleads Constitutionality of Bill Favored by Roosevelt.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 11.—Attorney General Mayer will go to Washington tonight to defend the constitutionality of the new corporation tax law. There is nothing to indicate that the bill will be passed by the United States supreme court for the final argument for the corporation franchise tax case, which has been pending before the various courts of the state and nation since the law was enacted six years ago.

While the papers in the case mention only a few large New York corporations which have taken up the prosecution of the matter, every corporation in the state, large or small, is interested in the result. If the bill is passed, the corporation tax of this state is sustained the various corporations will, in the aggregate, have to pay over to the tax collectors in the various counties more than \$25,000,000.

The law was enacted in 1899 upon the special recommendation of the then Governor Roosevelt. Its constitutionality has been a matter of litigation ever since, and it has been upheld by all the courts of this state.

ANATOMISTS HOLD SESSION

College Men Get Together to Consider Question of Forming Central Institute.

PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—The first session of the conference of American anatomists was held today in Wistar institute. Anatomists from all parts of the country were present.

The subject considered at the meeting was the advisability of selecting a central institute for co-operative research, the board of managers of the Wistar institute offering that institution for the purpose. The meeting was attended by Dr. Lowell E. Barker and Dr. Henry H. Donaldson, Chicago university; Dr. Simon H. Gage, Cornell university; Dr. G. C. Heber and Dr. J. P. McMurrich, University of Michigan; Dr. George S. Huntington, Columbia university; Dr. Franklin P. Mall, Johns Hopkins university; Dr. Charles S. Minot, Harvard university; Dr. George A. Pierce and Dr. Edwin G. Conklin, University of Pennsylvania.

EMPLOYING PRINTERS TO MEET

Next Convention of the United Typographic Will Be Held at Niagara Falls September 4.

KANSAS CITY, April 11.—The next convention of the United Typographic of America will be held September 4, next, at Niagara Falls, N. Y. The executive committee of the union will be carrying Englishmen, not by thousands, but by tens of thousands. We carried them to New Zealand, Australia, India and South Africa. We did not dump our immigrants in the streets of the United States. We carried them to Ellis Island, but dropped six here and eight there and a dozen in another place. Every man who left England for Canada before he started where he was going, what he was going to do when he got there and what wages he would receive. The United States should revise its immigration laws. Through its consuls and other representatives in foreign countries it should be made known that if they have landed at New York, then they go to the American Embassy and not to the Salvation Army. We would like to cooperate with the United States government in the work of this kind. Their colonization could be made the handmaid of immigration.

LAND FRAUD CASES BEGIN

Persons Alleged to Have Acted as Agents for Senator Clark on Trial.

HELENA, Mont., April 11.—What are known as the western Montana land cases were called for trial before Judge Hunt in the United States court here today. Fifty-four persons are defendants and the government charges, through the intermediary of R. M. Coburn, that they were agents of United States Senator Clark. The latter has been used for recovery of land which is very valuable for the timber on it.

The grand jury, which meets April 9, will decide other land cases and it is understood that sensational developments will follow.

Movements of Ocean Vessels April 11.

At New York—Arrived: Citta di Torino, from Boston; Kaiser Wilhelm, from Bremen; Finland, from Antwerp; Ryndland, from Antwerp; Putsch, from Rotterdam; Balled, Bremer Kurier, from Bremen; Pannonia, for Naples; Prinz Adalbert, for Naples; Victoria, for Liverpool. Arrived: At Marselis—Arrived: Calabria, from New York. At Genoa—Arrived: Liguria, from New York. At Antwerp—Arrived: Kroonland, from New York. At Hamburg—Arrived: Monville, from Tacoma; Balled, Aling, for New York. At Sydney—Arrived: Sierra, from San Francisco. At Liverpool—Arrived: Georgia, from New York. Balled: Lake Manitoba, for St. John's, N. B.; Borussia, for Boston. At Punta Delgada—Arrived: Princess Victoria Louise, from New York. Balled: Romant, for Boston. At Atter—Arrived: Canopic, for Genoa.

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows for 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m.

SMITHS BACK AT NEW YORK

Flight Against Extradition—Attorney for Smith Talks.

NEW YORK, April 11.—J. Morgan Smith and his wife, who have been indicted, together with Nan Patterson, on a charge of conspiring to obtain money from Caesar Young, the bookmaker, in connection with whose death the Patterson girl is also under indictment and is about to be tried a third time, arrived in this city tonight. Smith and his wife were arrested in Cincinnati. Yesterday they abandoned their flight against extradition and started for New York in the custody of officers. To avoid the crowd of curious persons assembled at the Grand Central station the Smiths were taken from the train at the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth street station and conveyed to the hotel where they are headquarters in a carriage. J. Randolph Patterson, father of Nan Patterson and of Mrs. Smith, was at the Grand Central station.

Herbert R. Limburger, retained to defend the Smiths by J. Randolph Patterson, had a long conference with J. Morgan Smith tonight.

After conferring with his client, Mr. Limburger said:

I told Smith that it would be best for him to ever give up. There is nothing to be gained by continuing to fight. He told me that he would not give up. He said that he would fight to the end. He said that he would not give up. He said that he would fight to the end.

Japs Marching on Vladivostok.

GUNSHU PASS, Manchuria, April 11.—The thaw has been followed by a fierce gale which has dried out the mire and is now raising a heavy dust. It is a providential change, as otherwise the troops sent in to fight the Russians would be subject to sickness even in epidemic form. It is steadily becoming more evident that first calculations as to Russian losses in the battle of Mukden were exaggerated.

A portion of the Fifth rifle regiment, which was cut off at Mukden has just arrived at Kirin, having succeeded in penetrating the Japanese lines.

The Chinese state with great positiveness that General Kawamura's army supported by General Nogai's army is moving in a northeasterly direction, aiming to cut Russian communications with Vladivostok.

According to the same sources 30,000 Japanese landed at Dainy March 28, and it is reported that six additional divisions are forming in Japan to operate against Vladivostok and Sakhalin. The Manchurian Chinese have adopted an attitude of positive hostility to the Russians.

Formosa Port Is Closed.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Minister Griscom, at Tokio, has called the State department that he has been advised of the closing of Kelung to foreign ships until further notice.

Kelung is a port on the north end of the island of Formosa. It is believed here that the action of the Japanese government in closing Kelung indicates that this port will be used by Admiral Togo as a base for his fleet.

Colliers Pass Singapore.

LONDON, April 11.—A telegram from Singapore reports that four supposed colliers passed there, going east. April 10. These are presumed in shipping circles to be the advance guard of the sixteen Hamburg-American line steamers chartered to act as supply ships to the Russian second Pacific squadron.

Dutch to Preserve Neutrality.