### Koreans Ready To Fight and Die For Independence

Minister of Labor Declares Nothing Short of Full Freedom Will Be Accepted From Japan.

By J. B. POWELL.

Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service. Peking,-"Japan may make reform after reform in Korea, may remove all her harsh restrictions, and may agree to give us something in the nature of home rule, and it will make no difference in the matter of undying Korean hostility. Nothing short of absolute independence will satisfy us in any way. It is not reforms we are ready to fight and die for, but freedom."

So declares Mr. Chang Ho Ahn minister of labor in the provisional government of the Korean republic. whose seat of government is just now at Shanghai, at a shifting address in the French concession. Mr. Ahn is now in Peking, heading a delegation which has just had a long coffierence with Representative Stephen S. Porter, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the United States house of representatives. This delegation went to Hongkong to meet the American congressmen now touring the orient, but was disappointed in that the transport on which they were traveling did not touch at that point. The Koreans hurried back to Shanghai, but could not edge their way through the numerous engagements made for the visitors by the Chinese and American organizaawaited them in Nanking. They determined to follow the American lawmakers to Peking, although somewhat nervous about crossing the Japanese concession in Tientsin, and here they have presented their

Keep Movement Alive.

What they have told Mr. Porter, who received them in his official capacity, is, in short, that the Korean provement for independence is to be kept up indefinitely, with the inde-tendence desire nursed and kept alive until some auspicious moment arrives. Kortan hope centers in the continuous suggestion in certain circles in China that eventually there will be war between Japan and the United States, and on this is pinned

the Korean program.

"Immediately Japan gets into a war with a first class power Korea will rise against her," explains one of the delegation, "and we will be a factor in Japan's defeat. Should that war never come, we will keep up our agitation both in and out of Korea that Japan will eventually find that holding our country is a losing game which Tokio cannot af-

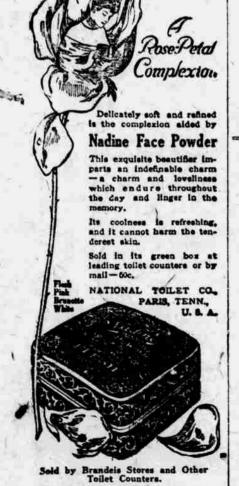
ford to keep up."

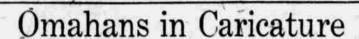
Mr. Ahn, the minister of labor, heading the delegation, who has spent some years of his life in a rean prison, sent there by the old. er corrupt Korean government because of his advocacy of reforms, and who has traveled extensively in America, has issued a statement furnished by Mr. Porter. In this statement he

"The treaty of commerce and amity made between Korea and the United States pledges American support to Korean independence and American sympathy with Korea, and on the strength of that treaty pledge of the United States we are now asking that America give recognition to our provisional government as it ex-

Want U. S. to Understand.

"We want the world, and partic-ularly the United States, to understand this: That the United States is no longer an isolated nation, but is a world's power in the truest sense and as such is keenly interested in the preservation of peace of the ori-ent, and one method of sloving the Chinese question is to assist the movement for Korean independence When Japan annexed Korea it be came at once a menace against the peace of Asia, and, consequently, a menace against the peace of the world."







E. O. BENSON.

Convalescent Soldiers Are

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 13 .- A camtions, and the same disappointment paign has been started to wipe out soft drink establishments in the vicinity of the United States hos-pital here, where, it is charged, Mexican Merchants Hit poisonous concoctions are being sold convalescent war veterans under the guise of whisky. A number of the 532 veterans at the hospital have

> was that of John Wetzel. charged sible for them to sell at the prices with selling a concoction of sweet existing when they made their purspirits of nitre, alcohol and other chases.

undrinkable ingredients to a prohibition officer who entered the place Made III by Fake Whisky accompanied by a soldier. Wetzel denied selling drinks to soldiers. He was held for violation of the prchi-bition laws.

Hard by Falling Prices Mexico City, Mex., Nov. 13 .- The the 532 veterans at the hospital have been made ill it is charged by Maj. L. P. H. Bahrenbrug, the commandant, from drinking the concoctions.

The first errest in the campaign. The first errest in the campaign of large losses because it is impos-

# Southland's Super-Soil

New Wonderland Created Along Lower Mississippi By Huge Reclamation Program in Fertile District Along "American Nile."

By SAM D. TUSON.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 13.-The road districts, handle drainage probtide of immigration, which has been lems. These undertakings have had westward for centuries, is beginning the support of the United States this new general farming region is in its boom infancy.

Greatest interest of farmers centers in the alluvial or deposited soil region, which embraces 25,000,000 acres, starting at the mouth of the Ohio river, in southern Illinois and Ohio river, in southern Illinois and other or the Ohio river of the Ohio river southeastern Missouri, and extend- ist where there were timber tracts 10 southeastern Missouri, and extending to the Gulf of Mexico, with great areas of richest bottoms in eastern Arkansas, Western Mississippi and eastern Louisiana.

eastern Louisiana. Practically the whole region—as big as the combined areas of Delaware, Maryland, Rhode Island, Connecticut and then some-has been a wilderness until the last few years. Levees to protect it from high water stages of the Mississippi river; drain-age ditches to carry off surplus sur-face water, and the discovery that artesian wells can be "brought in" anywhere in the region are the three great factors that are paving the way for devtlopment.
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30.6 per cent; Craighead county 35.9 gains, indicating that the rich soil per cent and Phillips county 32.8 of the bottom counties is attracting embankments, so that no floods in the lower valley are now feared. per cent. The "bottom land" or alluvial soil counties of Arkansas made the greatest population gains of any counties in Arkansas.

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mas 1166 per cent; McGehee, 105.3 westward for centuries, is beginning to swing southward. Homeseekers are finding the newest wonderland along the lower Mississippi river, in the "American Nile valley." Remarkable population growth, indicated in the late census returns, shows that this new general farming region is provement of health conditions, so ent, 42 per cent; Lake Village, 34.9 hand, the soil is of such quality that that the region now has none of the dangers that it had 10 years ago or What is true of the Arkansas almake the land more and more valua-

years ago. Towns 20 years old have had phen nenal growth, and the farms about them have been settled and put under the plow in proportion.

Mississippi county, in the north
numerous,

Greenwood, Miss., in the heart of the famous "Yazoo Delta" of Mississippi, had a population growth of 33.5 per cent, Crandall, Miss., which boasted 25 people in 1910, now has 500, Charleston, Miss., grew 64

eastern corner of Arkansas, was per cent. Tallahatchie county, a Bandits Rob Mexico City onee practically a wilderness. Its "bottom\_county," gained 23.5 per Drug Store of \$6.000 In County.

1910 to 47,320 in 1920, or 53.3 per tion. population shows a decrease since \$6,000 Crittenden county, nearby, gained 1910, the "bottom counties" show big large numbers of white farmers, many of whom are from northern states. They are finding that a growing season of 10 months each



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