

RUSSIA DISTRUSTS CHINA'S SINCERITY.

Secret Advice Indicate that a Powerful Party is Abetting the Japanese.

HAVE RECEIVED EVIDENCE

That the Japanese Contemplate Landing on Chinese Neutral Territory—Military Movements—The Russian Squadrons—Japs' Fleet.

By Cable to the Morning Star. ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—The government's private information is not completely reassuring as regards China's sincerity in observing a neutral attitude...

MUKDEN, March 19.—So far everything is quiet here. It can be seen at a glance that the Japanese are not yet ready to move...

St. Petersburg, March 19.—The whereabouts of the Vladivostok squadron is a profound official secret, but there are those here who believe that the Japanese may wake up some morning to find that the two divisions of the Pacific squadron have effected a junction...

St. Petersburg, March 19.—The report that seven Russian warships were sighted the other day off Gensan creates much speculation here as to whether they could be sent to Port Arthur...

St. Petersburg, March 19.—Staff officers issued at Harbin, which have arrived here by mail, show that Japanese operations in the Far East will be undertaken in the near future...

St. Petersburg, March 19.—The Russian government has forbidden the transmission of all cipher messages throughout Russia and also abroad, as a military measure.

St. Petersburg, March 19.—The German consul at Tientsin at New York has taken the Russian officials have approached Germany with the object of engaging German protection of Russian property at New Orleans...

St. Petersburg, March 19.—The Liao river is open for a considerable distance from its mouth.

St. Petersburg, March 19.—A private source received here from Mukden, states that the Japanese have taken the Russian on the Yalu river in which the Russians claim to have captured 1,800 prisoners.

St. Petersburg, March 19.—Russian troops continue to pour into North Korea. They are in excellent condition. It is said here that typhus fever is raging among the Japanese forces.

St. Petersburg, March 19.—United States Good Offices Solicited. WASHINGTON, March 19.—Russia will be asked by the United States to treat kindly the Japanese non-combatants who have been left in Siberia...

St. Petersburg, March 19.—The Japanese minister, called at the State Department to-day and informed the officials that he had received reports that between 40 and 50 Japanese non-combatants were in suffering condition in several Siberian towns.

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FARM GARDEN IRRIGATION MATTERS.

Three Great Projects Now Under Consideration For California.

Three great projects in California which the government is considering under the national irrigation act will, if undertaken, add in the neighborhood of a million acres of wonderful fertile land to the reclaimed area of the Golden State...

THE DESERT AFTER IRRIGATION. [The Valley of Redlands, in southern California, now the most productive fruit section of the world.]

A year, and in southern California a few weeks ago 4,000,000 miners' inches of water of the Colorado river were filed upon and appropriated by the government, which means in reality the entire flow of this "Nile of America."

The entire surrounding land, over 4,000,000 acres, has also been reserved. The ultimate reclamation of land through the great system of dams and canals eventually to be constructed on this river alone will be something over a million acres, but the first step in this work will probably reclaim about 500,000 acres of rich delta land.

The second project which has been investigated is the storage of the waters of the King's river, about midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, formed by two large mountain ranges, the Sierra Nevada and the Coast Range, which rise to an average height of 10,000 feet above sea level.

At present its flood waters flow wholly to waste, as does likewise almost the entire flow of the Colorado river running through the extreme southern part of the state and emptying into the Gulf of California.

Still another enterprise which has commended itself to the government engineers is what is known as the Clear Lake project in the northern part of the state. Situated 1,000 feet above sea level, Clear Lake is a beautiful sheet of water covering 40,000 acres.

By stretching a low dam across its lower end and raising its surface only six feet, 340,000 acres of water could be stored, sufficient to irrigate the 200,000 acres of the highly productive land of the Sacramento valley. Here, where there is a considerable rainfall, much less water would be necessary for irrigation than in the southern part of the state, where both aridity and an almost tropical climate necessitate heavy irrigation.

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EXCITEMENT HAS ABOUT SUBSIDED.

Worst Effect of the Failure of Sully, the Cotton King, Believed to Be Over.

COTTON MARKET NERVOUS; Sully Has Made Assignment—Announced That He Hoped to Resume Within Four Days—No Statement Yet Given Out—Another Failure.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, March 19.—The excitement in Wall street that was caused by the announcement of the suspension of Daniel J. Sully & Co. was noticeable to-day, but gradually subsided during the market hours, and at the close of the stock market it was generally agreed that the worst of the excitement was over.

The cotton market was strong all day. The cotton market was nervous and slumped badly on the day a conference was held before the close of the cotton market before the close of the cotton market before the close of the cotton market.

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DAILY CREAMERY

Two cases of salty milk have recently come within the writer's notice. Samples of this salty milk were taken and allowed to sour naturally.

After twenty-eight hours' duration the milk coagulated at room temperature. The curd was normal looking, but the taste and smell were very putrid and objectionable.

No terms would be strong enough to express the degree of foulness in this milk. The thought came at once, What an injurious effect such milk is likely to have on the quality of butter if it were allowed to be used in the factory, together with the remainder of the milk!

This kind of milk is evidently one of the causes of poor butter that is likely to steal in on a creamery operator.

These two salty samples had a fat content of 1.8 and 1.6 per cent respectively. It is interesting to note that both came from cows that calved this spring. They were both in good condition and about seven years of age.

The owner of the cows told the writer that they never used "go dry," but gave a good quantity of milk the whole year round. "And now," he declared, with special emphasis, "as soon as the start to give this kind of milk the quantity decreases to about one gallon daily, and this occurs soon after calving."

They have been out of pasture since they calved, and they are change in the milk. Both cows were allowed to dry up. What the quality of milk will be when they calve again remains to be seen.

It is likely that the cow, having been kept so long without any rest, might have been the cause of the secretion of this abnormal milk.—C. Larsen in Creamery Journal.

The Real Hayes Roast. A picture of another cow has been going the rounds labeled "Hayes Roast." Herewith is shown an excellent likeness of the real Hayes Roast. This fine Guernsey cow is the property of T. L. Ames of Boston. She has produced 6,872 pounds of milk in five months, producing 312.26 pounds of butter fat.

Need of Improvement in the Dairy. The larger part of dairy products is produced in such poorly kept and insanitary dairy barns, dairies, creameries and cheese factories and are of such inferior and uneven grade that it not only discourages the use of all dairy products, but keeps the price of first class products much below what it should be.

It is largely owing to the present insanitary practices in dairying, causing the poor quality of milk, butter and cheese, that people are reducing the amount consumed, even in these prosperous times, when money is spent freely. On account of this increase in demand the price is not so high in proportion to the price of other foods as it should be.—Cor. Chicago Tribune.

Home-made Starter. A home-made starter can be made by using one or two quarts of milk from some healthy cow as near fresh as possible. The milk should have a good flavor, be well aerated, placed in a sterile vessel, covered with a cloth and allowed to develop the required acid naturally. This is done by placing it in a commercial culture, and from this point the treatment would be the same as with the culture. When the starter is added to cream it should be thoroughly mixed through a small enough mesh strainer to insure the absence of breaking up of the coagulated parts. No arbitrary rule as to the length of time a culture or starter will retain its purity can be given, but to a great extent it will depend on the operator to prolong or shorten the time.—W. E. Griffith in American Agriculturist.

A Big Dairy Syndicate. Hon. George D. Melickjohn, former assistant secretary of war, and a party of capitalists have been purchasing the Union Pacific Railway company large tracts of land on the "Hillside" in Nebraska. This syndicate proposes to bring 500 families of Danes to settle on these lands and engage them in dairying. The cream to be sent to Omaha and Denver. The land lies contiguous to the Burlington and Union Pacific railroads and is considered the finest grazing land in Nebraska.

The Danish Emigration society of Minnesota will furnish these emigrants with ten cows each to start and enough money to erect houses, purchase farming implements and necessities of life for one year, the money to be paid back in small installments at a very low rate of interest.

Rules For Milkmen. In order to secure certification of his milk by the milk commission of New York city the dairyman must have a clean cement floor stable, with white-washed walls and abundant windows. Cows must be sponged and their teats scrubbed before each milking. White suits must be worn by attendants, bottles and utensils scalded, and filled bottles kept on ice and shipped only in refrigerated cars.

Superintendent William A. King announced this afternoon the following prices for today's dealings, being the prices at which the market with the suspended firm of D. J. Sully & Company will be made: March 18, 86¢; April 13, 86¢; May 13, 86¢; June 13, 86¢; July 13, 86¢; August 13, 86¢; September 13, 86¢; October 13, 86¢; November 13, 86¢; December 13, 86¢.

J. H. Garrison, whose suspension was announced by the Cotton Exchange, is in Florida, and no statement of his affairs will be given out pending his return.

NEW YORK BANKS. Statement of Clearing House Averages for the Past Week. By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, March 19.—The statement of averages of the clearing-house banks of this city for the week shows: Loans \$998,918,100; increase \$1,619,300; deposits \$87,013,700; decrease \$285,300; circulation \$56,918,800; decrease \$1,048,800; legal tenders \$69,384,400; decrease \$794,800; specie \$217,228,600; decrease \$799,500; gold \$388,864,000; decrease \$5,890,300; reserve required \$389,337,428; decrease \$65,800; surplus \$37,810,875; decrease \$1,636,500; \$3-U. S. deposits \$37,432,750; decrease \$3,886,075.

THE HYPOSCOPE.

Military Device Designed to Revolutionize Warfare.

Our successful contestant for the Panama trophy brought back with them from England a little instrument which is destined to play an important part in the warfare of the future. It is called a hyposcope, and its purpose is to enable a marksman to fire with accuracy without exposing his head to the fire of the enemy. It was invented by William Youton of Brighton and was used with good results in the latter part of the Boer war.

The hyposcope is adapted to be secured to the stock of the rifle, near the breech. It consists of a series of mirrors mounted in a tube of inverted L-shape. The shorter arm lies across the barrel of the rifle, while the longer arm reflects the light coming in along the barrel of the rifle to a second mirror at the elbow of the instrument, which directs the rays downward to a mirror at the lower end of the tube, and thence it passes out at right angles to the eye. Thus on looking in at the eyepiece one can see the sights of his rifle and take accurate aim while holding the gun above his head.

The vertical arm of the instrument comprises two telescoping sections, the one by means of a thumbscrew at the side this arm may be extended to elevate the device for long range shooting. The amount of elevation may be accurately determined by means of a fine scale on the upper section. In order to rotate the instrument about the horizontal axis at the end of the horizontal arm may be rotated to move the mirror contained therein slightly to one side or the other. A scale on this arm shows just how far the mirror must be moved for different velocities and direction of the wind.

The entire instrument is very compact and light, weighing about a pound. It is provided with a holster, in which it may be incased to prevent it from sustaining any injury when not in use. The parts, however, are not liable to be easily injured. In case a mirror is broken a new one can readily be slipped into the old frame.

A company of 100 men using the hyposcope skillfully would be able to kill 700 of the enemy and wound 200 more in less than five minutes. A regiment safely entrenched could kill more men in half an hour than the Federal and Confederate forces lost in three days' fighting at Gettysburg. It could put hors de combat more men than Napoleon lost at Waterloo.

Big Undertakings. "Talk about big jobs," said the cheerful idler while trying to look serious. "Well," said the victim wearily. "Well, West Virginia may be some and Lansing Michigan may be rather a big surgical sing in, but Flushing Long Island isn't such a tiny little sanitary stunt."—Baltimore American.

Unfortunate. Moneybags—How did your banquet go off, Banker? Banker—Not as well as it might, you know. The toastmaster called on a gentleman who has lost an arm and a leg to answer to the toast "Our Absent Members."—New Yorker.

Political Economy. "Children," asked the school committee, "what is political economy?" "Political economy," answered the precocious son of the district boss, "is getting men to vote for you as cheap as you can."—Green Bag.

Hardened. Pretty Nice—Uncle Henry, I think every old bachelor ought to be taxed at least \$300 a year. Bachelor Uncle—Well, Myrtle, that is leg to answer to the toast "Our Absent Members."—New Yorker.

There will be perfect newspapers when there is a perfect world.—Baltimore Herald.

Sunday School Teacher—Now, Tommy, can you tell me whose day this is? Tommy—Yes'm; it's Bridget's. Delia had last Sunday out!—Philadelphia Press.

CAR LOAD RICE. ALL GRADES. Full line of Groceries at rock bottom prices. SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS., Wilmington, N. C., 15 Market Street.

BASTER CARDS AND JAPANESE EASTER NOVELTIES. Prayer Books and Hymnals, Bibles and Testaments. In all styles of bindings. O. W. Yates & Co. mar 20 tf

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

Timothy Hay. Corn-Meal, Grits-Flour, Molasses-Syrup, Butter-Cheese, Candy-Crackers, Citron for Fancy Pies. SEND ME YOUR ORDERS. S. P. McNAIR, feb 7 tf Wilmington, N. C.

THE NEWEST DESIGNED FOOTWEAR For Misses, Children and Infants for Spring. See a few styles displayed in our window. Up-to-date light weight and low cuts for Ladies and Gentlemen. Also, sole agents for Douglas Shoes for Men and Boys. Sole agents for Kippendorff-Dittmann Co. for Ladies and Misses. MERCER & EVANS CO. Same old place. mar 13 tf

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson. In Use For Over Thirty Years. CASTORIA. THE CASTORIA COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Geo. O. Gaylord's Spring Millinery Opening will be on Wednesday and Thursday, the 23rd and 24th.

Our head milliner, Miss Alma Brown, spent several weeks in the Northern markets. While there she visited the largest and finest millinery openings in the cities and went through hundreds of lines of beautiful pattern hats, and she purchased latest and newest things in the way of patterns to be found. Our pattern hats to display will be better and larger this year than ever before, and the ladies who attend our opening on next Wednesday and Thursday will find the best selection and the greatest variety, the latest and prettiest styles, and last but not least the most reasonable prices we have ever been able to show before. We have in our line of hats a great many beautiful chiffon hats, silk hats and braid hats; a good many hats made of lace and silk. Our ready-to-wear hats also are a strong feature in our line. We have them right up to date in all the latest prices, from 50c apiece up to \$4.50. In buying our stock of millinery we have purchased a complete stock, and we have not forgotten any of the details, the small things that go to making an assortment complete. We have also in our line the grandest assortment of flowers. There is hardly anything that you can call for that we have not got.

We have also a beautiful line of ribbons. We have them in all widths, grades and an extra line of fancy ribbons that are new and up to date. Remember the Opening. The young ladies in the store will be glad to see you. They are taking great pains to have the store decorated and we will have music in the store both days, Wednesday and Thursday. Our store will close at 7 o'clock in the evening and the opening will be only during the day.

We have quite a large force of milliners in our work room and they are all high grade experienced trimmers, milliners of long experience, and we feel quite sure if ladies are looking for millinery in any of its forms, we can serve them to their advantage as well as ours. We have our millinery on our second floor and our elevator is now in perfect condition and it will be no trouble to get up stairs as the elevator will carry you up and bring you down. On this floor there is nothing for sale but ladies' goods.

SHIRT WAISTS—We have them in all grades; we have an elegant line of waists for 50c each; our 98c waists are made of fine material, good work and beautiful goods; our silk waists we have in all prices, from \$2 to \$5.50 each; we also have a fine line of milk petticoats that are beautifully made which we think cheap from \$4.50 to \$6.50 each; silk dress skirts we are showing from \$3 to \$12.50 each; a nice line of worsted skirts and walking skirts, goods that are new and pretty, and we know that they are cheap, prices all the way from \$1 up. In our ladies' ready-to-wear department we have a fine line of spring and summer undervest for both ladies and children; also a nice line of undergarments for ladies; muslin underwear, night robes, skirts and everything that ladies wear, we are able to show quite an assortment and still at old prices, as we placed our orders quite a while ago and are just receiving them now; we have nice gowns at 50c, 75c and \$1 each and a full line of corset covers at prices ranging from 10c to 50c each. This department is under the management of young ladies and they will take pleasure in showing you anything that you may ask for.

Don't forget the opening and be sure to attend on next Wednesday and Thursday, the 23rd and 24th. Our dress goods department we think is the best in the city. We have everything that is new and pretty and thousands of nice things to show. We have all the latest and newest things on the market; goods that are worth you while to examine and will take you only a few minutes to examine them on your way up stairs. It is an undisputed fact that our prices are lower than others. We buy our goods in large quantities and own them at the right price. Our dress goods is quite a factor in our business and our silks are also very cheap and we have a plentiful line to show. We are showing a yard wide black taffeta silk in nice quality at 59c per yd. and a guaranteed, warranted silk for \$1.19c per yard. It is a yard wide.

Big Department Store. GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROPRIETOR, 210 North Front Street.

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Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants, 16 and 18 North Water Street.

Complete Stock of Groceries of Every Description. jan 13 tf

Cargo of Salt Arrived.

The Schooner J. R. Fell is now discharging 10,000 bags of Salt at our warehouse. Orders filled promptly. Also, car load Flour in wood received to-day. D. L. GORE CO., Wholesale Grocers and Importers, mar 16 tf 118 to 126 North Water St., Wilmington, N. C.

ROYAL FLOUR. Genuine Peruvian Guano. Cargo Just Received.

Can fill your orders promptly for any quantity. Price remarkably low. HALL & PEARSALL, mar 13 tf INCORPORATED.

W. B. COOPER, Wholesale Grocer, mar 17 tf Wilmington, N. C.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. This signature, E. Wilson, on every box. 25c.

WILLIAMS BROS. Complete Stock of Groceries of Every Description. jan 13 tf