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**JAPAN TO SEIZE ALL COREA**  
Keeping the Russian Fleet Bottled Up in Port Arthur, She Pours Troops Into the Hermit Kingdom.

**PARTIES SWEEP AWAY**  
The Japanese Will Act as a Unit in Supporting the Plans of the Government for Prosecuting the War Against Russia.—Enormous but Secret Military Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Information has reached here that nearly 30,000 Japanese troops were landed at Chemulpo yesterday, the first division of a large number which will be thrown into Korea as rapidly as possible, in the effort thoroughly to occupy the strategic points in the Hermit Kingdom while the Russian fleet is bottled up in Port Arthur. By one informant it is stated that the repeated attacks on Port Arthur are not for the purpose of seizing that place at present unless an unexpected weakness in the fortifications there should develop. They are part of a well defined plan for the harassing of the Russian fleet until Korea can be occupied.

Gore Takahira, the Japanese Minister at Washington has officially advised his government that he is receiving numerous offers of large contributions to the war fund from Americans and requests instructions as to the policy of his government in the matter. It is considered probable that Japan will refuse to accept this proffered aid, while stating that the government is deeply gratified at this and other expressions of American sympathy.

The Cabinet will consider the question and formally instruct Minister Takahira shortly. Many applications for permission to enlist in the Japanese army and navy are coming from various parts of the world. Some of these anxious to fight for Japan have applied personally to the military authorities here. Among this number is included a Turkish officer. All of these applications have been politely but firmly refused. No foreigners will be allowed to participate in the military or naval operations of the Japanese except as spectators.

At a meeting of bankers, newspaper proprietors and commercial men, held in Tokio today, it was resolved to support the government, irrespective of party lines, so as to prevent domestic affairs from distracting the nation from the prosecution of the war.

Enormous military activity continues but the government carefully conceals its plans and does not indicate the date of any projected movement. Although every moment of delay enables the Russians to become better prepared for the conflict, the Japanese apparently are unconcerned and confident. They fully realize that the limited capacity of the Trans-Siberian Railway, the distance of the Russians from their base of supplies and the lack of communication by sea sets limitations on the proposed accomplishments of Russia in Manchuria and Siberia. They feel that no danger attaches in that quarter and are awaiting the completion of Japan's naval program.

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—A St. Petersburg correspondent says 600 Russian soldiers have been frozen to death while crossing Lake Baikal, in eastern Siberia. The correspondent says the temporary railroad across the lake has not yet been completed and a large detachment of troops were sent on a 22-mile march over the ice-covered lake and it is presumed lost their way in a storm and perished.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—The Russian cruiser Boyarin was blown up last Saturday, and that all her officers and crew, 197 in number, were lost, is confirmed from a private source.

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The Democratic campaign for the nomination for Governor is quite actively in progress now, so far as the four aspirants are concerned. Major Charles M. Stedman is writing personal letters to persons in all parts of the State, Capt. Glenn is speaking, and it is understood that Lieut. Gov. Turner and Col. Davidson are by no means idle.

Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, a well known politician and twice a member of the State Legislature, has announced that he will be a candidate to succeed Congressman Theodore F. Kluttz.

**NAME JONES WRITES OF POLITICS AND SOME OTHER THINGS.**

Atlanta Journal.

I am spending a few hours between trains in the home city of William J. Bryan.

Mr. Bryan is popular in his home city as a man and as a neighbor, and has many qualities of head and heart to draw men everywhere to him. But it's in politics like it is in the New York stock exchange, the winner is the magnate and the loser is the felon. Mr. Bryan has lost in each great game at which he played, and hence he is politically done for, despised by some, envied by others, and pitied by the balance of the American people, just because he lost. To win is to be crowned, to lose is to be dowed.

Mr. Bryan is the one unsurmountable obstacle in the way of possible Democratic success. No man whom he favors can get the nomination, and no man he opposes can be elected president. Bryanism and Populism are too near the same thing to longer allow him to dictate either the platform or candidate for the Democratic party. There is but little hope now for the Democrats to win, and their future hope lies in the complete elimination of every Bryanistic populist plank from their platform, and come back to Jeffersonian and Jacksonian Democracy. Mr. Bryan is not big enough to be president, yet he is too big to let his party win if he is displeased with candidate or platform. I like Mr. Bryan personally, but we can't go together in politics.

I spent a few hours with Tom Dixon, Jr. this week. He tells me so soon as he fills the three or four weeks of engagements already made on the platform that he is done forever. He says he had rather write than talk, and it pays so much better to write. His books have already paid him approximately a hundred thousand dollars and he will have out his third book by mid-summer. Tom Dixon is a combination. He is as fast as the 999 that pulls the "Empire State Express," a self-winder like an electric clock, a thoroughbred that can run or trot or rack. He loves books and money both. He works hard and loves ease. He has book sense and common sense both. He can preach magnificently and is also up to a high level in the affairs of business. His next book will be a stem-winder, and a "yaller" dog under a wagon. He is manufacturing turpentine in Georgia, thrilling the lecture audiences of Kansas and Nebraska, and writing a book, investing in bank stock, etc.; all at the same time. He will bounce or bust one before many more moons will wax and wane. But I think he will bounce and bounce, higher and higher. He is a companionable fellow, who likes a joke, and loves to tell or hear one. He enjoys flattery and don't object to caustic criticisms, if they help to sell his books. He lives in style, but is not prodigal. He has the best, but wants the worth of his money. While he may be some sort of a fool, he likes a heap of being all sorts of a fool.

I notice in my travels in the northwest that all classes and business seem to be moving on with a glow except cattle and hay men, and they have some compensation at this time in the mule business. Seventeen cent cotton has put the mule in front of the procession, and while mules and steers a short while ago were bringing about the same price, now a good mule is worth a half dozen steers. Mules have jumped and steers have slumped. Corn and wheat are advancing in price daily, and the northwest is full of corn. The corn bins along the railroad are full and the railroads are moving all they can. I am sure I never saw such a miserable prospect for wheat over all the territory I have traveled. Wheat is going to be west, by and by. I wish my neighbors had more sown. Cotton seven-cent and still booming. The unloading of my crop did not bear the market in any sense, and that's what makes me think cotton is scarce and the demand is greater than the supply, and that being the case, then it may go to 25 cents sure enough. The bulls want 25 cents and the consumers may want the cotton bad enough to pay it. The country is cotton crazy, and God himself only knows what a fool will do before he is done. I won't speculate, gentlemen, and I won't overplant. I am going to mind the same things and walk by the same rule. If a man will keep his head his head will keep him and the average fellow needs keeping—keeping out of some things and keeping into others.

**THE CLAIMS OF VETERANS.**  
Washington Cor. Charlotte Observer.

Senator Overman says that under act of Congress, February 27, 1902, all claims for horses, side-arms and baggage taken from Confederate soldiers after the surrender must be filed prior to consideration. The appropriation made to pay these claims is now exhausted, but it is probable that claims filed before March 1, 1904, will be provided for by special appropriation. In presenting such a claim the following regulations of the quartermaster's department should be observed:

1. A claimant should mail the papers in the case to the quartermaster general, United States Army, Washington, D. C., and prepare his or her claim in the form of an affidavit embracing the following information, namely:

1. State claimant's name, rank, company, regiment and present postoffice address, giving also the name of the captain of his company.
2. State where and when paroled, enclosing parole with claim if possible and that parole has been kept in good faith.
3. State specifically the property taken (horses, mules, side-arms, saddles, bridles, blankets) and their value respectively.
4. State whether property was taken by the troops of the United States acting under orders, or presumably under orders, and violation of the terms of surrender; the place where it was taken, and that claimant used it in the service and was the actual owner thereof.
5. In support of the claimant's affidavit there should be furnished at least two other affidavits, preferably of Confederate soldiers of the same or other commands, who will in their affidavits substantiate the facts stated by claimant as to the use, ownership and taking of the property, as well as the paroling of the claimant. In case the parole is not filed with the claim their testimony will then be considered to prove it.
6. The credibility of all persons making affidavits in a claim must be certified to by the official before whom the oath is made, and his seal must be affixed to each affidavit.

If the soldier from whom the property was taken is living, payments under this act can be made to him only. In case he has died since he was paroled payment may be made to his wife, parents or children in the order named.

**ARE THE RUSSIANS TO TAKE PEKING?**

Atlanta Constitution.

The idea may not find a ready lodgment in any responsible place; indeed, the talk about it may be nothing more substantial than a bluff; but if as dispatches from Peking and Hong Kong state, the Russians had threatened to seize the Chinese capital in case war breaks out, then, indeed, will there be something of a very serious character doing.

Great Britain, which is tied up by treaty with Japan, will doubtless be nothing more than an interesting looker-on at the proceedings so long as the conflict is between Russia and Japan alone, and the scene is Manchuria and Korea, or the waters adjacent thereto. But should Russia, as Paul Leszar, the Russian minister to China, seems to have threatened, march her armies down from Manchuria, and attempt to take Peking, then will Great Britain get into the game, and very promptly.

The treaty between Great Britain and Japan has as its basic principle the preservation of the Chinese empire. Under its terms, Great Britain could not do otherwise than to step in and thwart the designs of Russia for control of China, even were her own interests less than they are. As it is, however Great Britain's interest in preventing further Russian encroachment upon Chinese territory is far greater than that of Japan, and that she would act promptly and decisively there can be no question.

If Russia has any serious designs in the direction of Peking she had better abandon them forthwith. Not Great Britain alone, but a number of other nations we might name would probably join in an endeavor to put a veto upon any such attempt as that for the exploitation of which M. Leszar seems to be responsible.

There is no reason for the coming conflict becoming a world war, and it will not result in that unless Russia forces it. But in the light of Russian threats, it is an ever present possibility.

**Industrial Troubles in Colorado.**  
Charlotte Chronicle.

The State of Colorado, with an assessed valuation of \$15,000,000 has within the past year tided over an industrial war in which 35,000 men were idle for five months and which resulted in a total loss of \$50,000,000. It began with a decision of the Supreme Court declaring the eight hour law unconstitutional and it is not yet ended. A few hundred men first struck for higher wages and an eight-hour working day, and this was followed by sympathetic strikes in nearly every branch of business and all over the State. The National Guard of 350 men, was called out in March, and was later increased to 3,000, and martial law prevailed in many sections.

The strikers stood for public utilities and higher wages for less work, and declared that the fruits of production should go to the producer. On their side was the Western Federation of Labor with 22,000 men in the State, the United Mine Workers of America, with 21,000, and other organizations of the American Labor Union, representing in all 143,000 workmen. Against this powerful array was pitted a Citizen's Alliance, composed of 39,000 men of business. Then began a reign of terror which caused, among other things, nearly a hundred murders. The majority of the men have gone back to work on a temporary agreement yielding nearly everything they demanded, but several thousands are yet idle and both sides in the organized fight for supremacy realize that it is a fight to the finish and that no compromise can be counted upon as final adjustment.

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**A GHASTLY FIND.**

Charlotte Observer.

Just before the recorder's court convened this morning, Chief Irwin was approached by an excited negro bearing a piece of decomposed flesh, something over an inch in width and probably as thick as long. "Whew? what are you bringing that in here for?" exclaimed the chief, as he clamped two fingers over his nose and made for an open door.

The negro exclaimed that he found the piece of flesh in a shallow pond in Irwin's pasture, a short distance west of the Southern passenger station. He had a suspicion that it was a portion of the remains of a murdered man and brought the ghastly, stinking thing to police headquarters, in order that an investigation might be made. A white man had been missed in that section something over a month ago, said the messenger, and it was believed that he had been murdered and thrown into the pond.

Col. Tom Black escorted the negro to the office of the city physician, keeping the piece of rotten flesh well to windward, and stood outside while Dr. Hawley made an examination. Dr. Hawley was unable to say just what the "flesh" was, but he was inclined to the opinion that it was from a human being. Decomposition had proceeded too far to enable him to make an accurate diagnosis, but he informed the officers that he thought they would be justified in making a further investigation in the region of the pond.

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