

# JAPS ARE PRESSING ON

## Within Three Days March of Russian Encampment.

A report from Chofoo is printed in London of an engagement Thursday near the Yala River. Small parties of scouts are said to have exchanged shots. Both retired, apparently without any serious results. Japanese forces are stated to be within three days' march of the Russian encampment. The Russians are said to be awaiting reinforcements. Heavy weather hampers military movements.

Six Japanese cruisers, six or eight transports, have been sighted off Chofoo, steaming towards the Liaotung gulf. It is reported that they are in contact with the Russian fleet. The Japanese intend to land in North Sadle Bay.

The Governor of the Amur issued an official proclamation on Feb. 5, declaring Japan as a paltry nation and declaring that it was Russia's Heaven-sent duty to crush the rebels and to render a service to humanity.

### SCIPITICAL AS TO NUMBERS.

The military authorities at St. Petersburg have no doubt that Japanese troops have landed at Genzan and Song-Ching, as well as west of the place, but they are sceptical of the reported number of 15,000 men. They do not believe that the Japanese are moving northward towards Kihin, owing to the mountainous nature of the country. They are convinced that the Japanese troops landed at Genzan will march on Hsueh Yang, as will also the troops that landed to the westward. Nothing can be feared of the Russian movements; but the official reports state that Russia will not attack at present except on the defensive.

### MINERS JOIN BANDITS.

It is reported that several hundred Russian coal miners employed by the Russians at Wei-Shan, Manchuria, have joined the bandits. It is added that the band employed miners have joined the bandits in order to harass the Russians.

### GROWING TENSER.

A despatch to the London Times from Moscow says that the feeling in the city is growing tenser. The military movements and the complexity of their plans have made it a matter of a sensation that has their usual vigor.

### PEKIN CONFIRMS IT.

A despatch to the London Chronicle from Peking says there is a general feeling of apprehensiveness in North China. The Japanese success in capturing the Chinese forts and the destruction of the railway which will render China's neutrality impossible. Heavy reinforcements of Japanese troops are arriving at Shun Hai-Kwan. The Japanese are strengthening their positions at Peking in view of the Russian attack.

### RAILWAY DESTROYED.

A telegram was received in all quarters stating that the Trans-Siberian Railway between Harbin and Nihilin had been destroyed for a distance of a mile and a quarter. The telegram to Vladivostok is also interrupted.

### BODIES WASHED ASHORE.

A despatch to St. Petersburg from Port Arthur says it is stated from Chofoo and Wei-Hai-Wei that a large number of bodies were washed ashore near the former place and they were identified as Russian. The bodies were probably those of men who took part in the night attack on Port Arthur on Feb. 25.

### ATTACKED OUTPOST.

It is reported at Yonghow from Chinese sources that the Chinese and other brigands, including disbanded soldiers, are harassing the Russians in the neighborhood of Hsueh-Chen and Liang-Yang. The Japanese success in capturing the Chinese forts and the destruction of the railway which will render China's neutrality impossible. Heavy reinforcements of Japanese troops are arriving at Shun Hai-Kwan. The Japanese are strengthening their positions at Peking in view of the Russian attack.

### REFUGEES SUFFER.

Heartrending stories are appearing in the English newspapers of the sufferings of refugees from Port Arthur. It is bitterly cold, and there is scarcity of food and water. Several children have been suffocated under the heavy snow, with which they were covered in. Owing to exposure and exhaustion an epidemic of influenza has broken out among the refugees.

### FLEET WILL BE LOST.

One of the London Times' Russian correspondents states that Gen. Dragomiroff, ex-Governor of Kiev, will know nothing of military subjects, was summoned to St. Petersburg and invited to share in the deliberations on the conduct of the war. He very recently attacked the Government's policy in the Far East and insisted emphatically that both the fleet and army ought to have

evacuated Port Arthur in order to avoid still greater disaster. His advice was unheeded and has been generally repudiated, nevertheless the military authorities consider that Admiral Aleksei has committed a blunder that probably the whole fleet will be lost.

### MA AND CHIANG.

A despatch to the London Chronicle from Harbin says it is rumored that the Chinese Generals Ma and Chiang have protested against the Japanese ultimatum, and have expressed their intention to form an alliance with Japan. The Japanese Government has attempted to land at Chingkuang, but the Chinese would not allow them to come ashore.

### THE CANNED GOODS TRADE.

Information is received to the Trade in 1903.

Mr. A. W. G. W. Agent of the Department of Agriculture in Great Britain, gives the following information in regard to the trade in canned goods during 1903.

For five days and nights drifted in terrible distress, cold, and almost foodless. They had no water to drink except a little rain water that fell on the tarpaulin. The third night a soldier crawled under the tarpaulin praying that his father, mother and sister might be saved, and adding, "And God, don't forget the mate and the other hand." The fourth day a steamer was sighted. She was hailed by those in the boat, who waved their arms and garments, but the steamer did not see them. The night brought still severe cold. The children were dreadfully frost bitten, the skin peeling off their arms and legs, but the mate says they never once complained, and there was not a word of complaint on his part.

### FRUIT PULPS.

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1. Use a heavy gauge of chemical tin plates for making the cans.
2. Do not use rosin for soldering the first seams as the least portion imparts a bad flavor to the contents.
3. One gallon is preferable to five or six gallons chiefly because there is less loss in case of a rupture or other cause of damage.
4. For covered pulps an internally lacquered tin is very much preferred. No coloring matter or preservative of any kind should be added.
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# OCEAN CASTAWAYS.

## They Drifted For Five Days in an Open Boat.

A London despatch says: A pathetic story told by ocean castaways has just reached London. Major Little, a British yeomanry officer, his wife and three children, took passage on the Mediterranean steamer Cygnus, which sailed from London on Dec. 25. During a gale of wind, on Dec. 29, the wind blowing sixty miles an hour, fire broke out. The captain put the passengers in a boat in charge of the mate and four sailors, and then towed the boat. The Cygnus was wrecked on a rocky shore, and the cargo burned. Major Little, his wife and three children, were the only survivors. They were found by a fishing boat on the 31st. The boat was in a bad state, and the children were suffering from frostbite. The mate and four sailors were also found, but they were in a bad state of health. The boat was in a bad state, and the children were suffering from frostbite. The mate and four sailors were also found, but they were in a bad state of health.

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# THE WORLD'S MARKETS

## REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

### Wheat, Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, March 8.—Wheat.—The market was a little firmer to-day in tone, but very little business was done. No. 1 Northern quoted at \$1.04, No. 2 Ontario grades quoted at 99c to \$1 low freight to millers. Spring wheat is nominal at 92c to 93c east, and goes at 85c to 87c west. Manitoba wheat, steady, with No. 1 Northern quoted at \$1.04, No. 2 Ontario grades quoted at \$1.01, and No. 3 Northern at \$1.00. No. 1 hard is nominal at \$1.00. Grinding in transit—prices are above these quotes.

Oats.—Market is steady, with 65c for small, 60c for medium, and 55c for north and west, and 34c low freight. No. 1 white quoted at 55c east, and No. 2 at 54c east. Barley.—The market is quiet, with a moderate demand. No. 2 extra at 40c to 41c, No. 3 extra at 39c to 40c, and No. 3 at 41c middle freight.

Corn.—The market is firm, with No. 2 quoted at 55c to 57c east and west. No. 1 quoted at 58c to 60c east and west. The market is unchanged, with demand good. No. 2 quoted at 50c to 51c middle freight.

Flour.—Ninety per cent. patents are unchanged, with buyers at 27.75 middle freight, in buyers' sacks, for export. No. 1 quoted at \$1.75, No. 2 at \$1.70, and No. 3 at \$1.65. No. 1 patents, \$1.90 on track, Toronto. No. 2 patents, \$1.80 on track, Toronto. No. 3 patents, \$1.70 on track, Toronto. No. 1 patents, \$1.75 on track, Toronto. No. 2 patents, \$1.65 on track, Toronto. No. 3 patents, \$1.55 on track, Toronto.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

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### MADE SLAVES FOR KILLED.

Fate Which Fell British Force in Nigeria.

A London despatch says: Some interesting details have been received regarding the fate of Capt. O'Riordan's party in Northern Nigeria. From the accounts of survivors it appears that 90 of the force of 120 men were either killed or sold into slavery. A native interpreter, who escaped, has given the following details: The force was about 120 men when it was attacked, and was completely routed. The British force was about 120 men when it was attacked, and was completely routed. The British force was about 120 men when it was attacked, and was completely routed.

### CONCRETE IS FIRE-PROOF.

An Architect's Observations in Baltimore.

A Toronto despatch says: The result of an inspection of the ruins of the Baltimore fire, by Mr. Beaumont Newhall, architect, of this city, is to convince him that concrete and brick walls are the best protection against fire. The building material of the future, he says, "will be monolithic concrete, reinforced with crushed bricks and Portland cement, or bricks laid in mortar. Brick walls will not stand the fire, but concrete will. The best evidence of this is the result of a fire in Baltimore, where the brick walls were completely destroyed, while the concrete walls remained standing. The building material of the future, he says, "will be monolithic concrete, reinforced with crushed bricks and Portland cement, or bricks laid in mortar. Brick walls will not stand the fire, but concrete will. The best evidence of this is the result of a fire in Baltimore, where the brick walls were completely destroyed, while the concrete walls remained standing.

### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter.—The market continues quiet, with unchanged prices. Poor to good grades are 12c to 14c per pound. Choice grades sell freely at good prices. We quote—First, 14c; second, 13c; third, 12c; fourth, 11c; fifth, 10c; sixth, 9c; seventh, 8c; eighth, 7c; ninth, 6c; tenth, 5c.

Cheese.—The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. We quote—First, 10c; second, 9c; third, 8c; fourth, 7c; fifth, 6c; sixth, 5c; seventh, 4c; eighth, 3c; ninth, 2c; tenth, 1c.

### DOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are unchanged, with prices steady. We quote—First, 10c; second, 9c; third, 8c; fourth, 7c; fifth, 6c; sixth, 5c; seventh, 4c; eighth, 3c; ninth, 2c; tenth, 1c.

Smoked meats.—We quote—First, 10c; second, 9c; third, 8c; fourth, 7c; fifth, 6c; sixth, 5c; seventh, 4c; eighth, 3c; ninth, 2c; tenth, 1c.

# TICKS FROM THE WIRE

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### TREATMENT OF SCURVY IN OATS.

Experiments at the Ontario Agricultural College.

One of the firsts has been made by the Ontario Agricultural College, in the treatment of scurvy in oats. The results of the experiments are as follows: (1) Oats which were stored in a dry place, and which were not exposed to frost, were found to be free from scurvy. (2) Oats which were stored in a damp place, and which were exposed to frost, were found to be infested with scurvy. (3) Oats which were stored in a damp place, and which were not exposed to frost, were found to be free from scurvy. (4) Oats which were stored in a dry place, and which were exposed to frost, were found to be infested with scurvy.

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