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A WASTE OF AMMUNITION.

The Japanese Bombardment of Vladivostok.

Vladivostok, March 6.—A fleet of five Japanese battle ships and two cruisers appeared off this place at 12.25 o'clock this afternoon, and bombarded the town and shore batteries for forty-five minutes.

The fleet approached from the direction of Askold island, at the first entrance of Ussuri Bay, and about 35 miles south east of Vladivostok. Entering Ussuri Bay the enemy formed in line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than five and one-third miles. They directed their fire against the shore batteries and the town, but no damage resulted, and most of their two hundred lyddite shells failed to explode.

The Russian batteries commanded by Gens. Veronetz and Artamonoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the enemy.

The Japanese fire ceased at 2.20, and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold Island, simultaneously two torpedo boat destroyers appeared near Askold Island and two more near Cape Maidel. The Japanese ships were covered with ice.

The attack resulted in no loss to the Russians, but cost the enemy 200,000 rubles (\$100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projectiles were six and twelve-inch shells.

The population of Vladivostok was warned this morning of the presence on the horizon of a hostile fleet and of the prospect of an attack during the day, but it remained tranquil.

Were The Japanese Foiled?

Paris, March 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says concerning the bombardment of Vladivostok yesterday afternoon that the opinion of competent men is that the Japanese wished to find out whether or not the Russian squadron was in the port of Vladivostok, in the belief that should it prove to be absent it would be necessary for the vessels to return and defend the place. The correspondent adds: "These tactics are useless, as the general staff here knows Reitzenstein's exact destination, and that he has succeeded perfectly in carrying out the plan confided to him, despite the constant vigilance of the Japanese."

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung Diseases. Guaranteed by Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy, Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

THE PEOPLE OR A KING?

A Remarkable Story About the President's Purposes.

Editor News and Courier:

Many of us remember how Rutherford Richard Hayes was placed in the White House by the Louisiana Returning Board. As Roosevelt has made the most elaborate arrangements for a successful election, the value of a returning board has not been overlooked. It is now rumored in Washington that he secured a favorable opinion from Root concerning its legality and powers.

The salient points of a returning board are the following:

1. The Hayes Louisiana returning board is a precedent.
2. In a presidential election congress has power to go behind the returns in state elections.
3. The general ground for action is fraud.
4. Fraud is where negroes are prevented from casting their votes.
5. Fraud is where the negro vote, if cast, is not counted.
6. Fraud is where ballot boxes are stuffed with white votes.
7. South Carolina and Mississippi, with a preponderating negro population naturally voting the Republican ticket, would be two southern states to be suspected by a returning board.
8. Louisiana, Georgia and Alabama come next under suspicion in the order named.
9. State laws preventing negro votes from being cast or counted are unconstitutional and would be so decided by the United States supreme court.

It, therefore, seems certain that if Roosevelt lacks the necessary votes he will send a returning board, supported by civil and military power, to some of the southern states, and its report will give him the coveted second term. Because the people accepted the Hayes returning board, Roosevelt feels sure they will acquiesce in all returning boards. Besides, if Roosevelt succeeds, in this way in 1904, he will naturally expect to succeed in the same manner in 1908-12, etc. Then, again, when Roosevelt is permitted to succeed in the southern states in this manner he will, in a close election, extend his action to some northern states when they are doubtful. Intrenched in the White House and in full control of the government, he is liable to do as he pleases.

When, at the critical moment in November, Roosevelt sends returning boards, supported by civil and military power, and upsets elections in South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia and Alabama in the south, and Indiana, New Jersey or Connecticut in the north, the crises comes and the headlong rush of events develops. Roosevelt, Rebellion and Revolution!

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POSTOFFICES OWNED BY CONGRESSMEN.

Senators and Representatives In Postal Scandal.

Washington, March 7.—Another chapter in the postoffice investigation of last summer was revealed today when Chairman Overstreet of the House committee on postoffices and post roads laid before the house of representatives a closely printed document of 218 pages recounting the instances on file in the postoffice department in which members of senate and house of representatives have used their "influence" with officials of the postoffice department, with more or less success, to secure increases in the salaries of postmasters, additional clerk hire and advantageous leases of buildings for postoffice purposes.

The report was made by the unanimous vote of the members of Mr. Overstreet's committee, in response to a resolution calling for the information, introduced by Representative Hay of Virginia. As the information accompanies the report, the committee recommended that the resolution lay on the table. Three cases are set forth in which members of Congress own buildings which are leased to the government for postoffice purposes. The members involved are J. W. Wadsworth of New York, J. D. Bowersock of Kansas and Geo. L. Lilley of Connecticut.

The history of 161 cases is given in the report wherein members of congress figure in getting authorization for clerk hire in excess of the amount the office in question was entitled to. Many of these increases were only temporary, and have been discontinued.

Among those whose "influence" seemed good with the postoffice department are Senator Griggs of Georgia; Senator Pritchard secured an increase for clerk hire for Greenville, N. C., from 70 dollars to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum; which on Dec. 1, 1903, was discontinued altogether.

He also secured an increase from \$40 to \$150 for Wake Forest, N. C., which was reduced to the former amount Oct. 1, 1903.

Senatoa McLaurin appears for an increase in South Carolina. Representatives Brownlow and Gibson secured several increases in Tennessee which have been reduced since. Six out of 11 cases in Virginia are down to the credit of Representative Swanson, while Park Agnew's name also appears for others in this State.

Senator Overman is the owner of the building in which the postoffice at Salisbury, N. C., is located. The report says that on taking his seat as a United States senator he offered to surrender the lease, but the offer was declined by the government, it being held that the lease was not invalidated by his election as senator.

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The Flood in Pennsylvania.

York, Pa., March 6.—Flood conditions along the York county shore of the Susquehanna river tonight are uncertain. The ice is being held by Hartman Island, but it is expected to start again at any minute, and if it does great damage is expected. For miles towering gorges present a magnificent spectacle, and here and there is devastation and ruin. Shelly's Island, near Goldsboro,

is partly submerged, and on it are John and George Burger, their mother, their wives and eight children. The governor will send state officials to the scene in an effort to remove the families from their perilous position.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beckham of Kershaw are visiting the latter's father, Mr. L. J. Perry.

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