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IN ADVANCE.

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Bombarded by Japanese War Vessels.

Vladivostok, March 7.—Out side of killing a woman and wounding a few men, yesterday's bombardment of Vladivostok by the Japanese fleet did no material damage. The wooden cottage of an artisan was the only building wholly destroyed. It was pierced by a shell from a 12 inch gun, which after traversing the roof and wall fell into the yard, killing the woman previously referred to.

In the quarter of the city called the "Dirty Corner" a shell fell on the house of Col. Shukoff without exploding. It traversed a bedroom, destroying a stove and penetrating the wall. It finally burst near the regimental safe, which was standing in the court yard. A sentry guarding the safe was covered with mud but was not injured.

Evidently fearing an outbreak of fire, the sentry shouted: "Help! Save the regimental colors!" which were in the house.

Five sailors were slightly wounded by the explosion of a shell in the court yard of the Siberian naval barracks.

Outside of these casualties no one was killed or injured, and there was no outbreak of fire anywhere in the city.

The fact that the Russian batteries did not reply to the Japanese bombardment was due partially to the slight chance of hitting the enemy's warships at such long range and partially to a desire not to betray the position of the batteries.

It is now thought that the attacking squadron consisted of a battleship, four armored cruisers and two unprotected cruisers.

London, March 7.—Up to a late hour this afternoon the Japanese legation here had received no official information regarding the bombardment of Vladivostok. It is believed at the legation, however, that the Japanese are now between the Russian cruiser squadron and Vladivostok, and there is reason to believe that the Russian squadron is in the vicinity of Possiet bay.

Russian official dispatches do not mention this squadron, and this fact lends color to the belief that the Japanese have shut it out of Vladivostok. It is pointed out at the legation that if this is true the Russian vessels are in a critical condition since they must run the gauntlet of the Japanese squadron off Vladivostok or the Japanese squadron off Port Arthur before reaching a Russian port.

Meeting of County Board of Equalization.

The County Board of Equalization, composed of the Chairmen of the Township and Special Boards of Assessors, will meet on the 4th Tuesday in March, 22nd inst., at the office of the County Auditor to equalize the valuations of personal property of the county, and to hear grievances and appeals from the valuations and assessments fixed by the Township and Special Boards of Assessors. Respectfully,

Jno. A. Cook,
County Auditor.

March 8, 1904.

Mr. U. A. Funderburk of the Tabernaule section was in town yesterday.

The Japanese Movements.

London, March 7.—The Daily Mail's Chee Foo correspondent says: "I am informed that there will be no advance until 100,000 men have been concentrated at Ping Yang. It is thawing inland and the water ways have greatly helped the transportation arrangements. The Japanese are busy at every landing place and are buying all suitable craft along the coast.

"At noon Friday transport steamers convoyed by the cruiser Takao and two torpedo boats landed men and stores ten miles below Hwangiu. Cosacks are keeping a sharp watch on the Japanese movements.

Facts About the Panama Canal.

About two fifths of it is already cut, including fourteen miles from the Atlantic coast and four miles from the Pacific coast; but these sections will need deepening. Thirty-six miles of the most difficult part remains to be cut. It is estimated that this task will require the work of 50,000 men for eight years. A great dam is to be built at Bohio, which is fourteen miles inland from the Atlantic coast, that will make a lake fifty two feet above the Atlantic, into which vessels will be raised by locks. The new level thus reached will extend twenty-two miles. Then vessels going toward the Pacific will descend by locks about sixty-five feet, to the Pacific. The dam will supply power that will be used in excavating, and the work under American direction is expected to go on much faster than the French company conducted it. We shall presently be within sight of the realization of the most important change that has ever been made by man in the physical structure of the earth.—World's Work.

Russia's Finances.

Paris, March 6.—A correspondent at St. Petersburg cables that he has had an interview with Finance Minister Kokovisoff, who declared that the issue of the war was not doubtful. The minister said that even assuming the most unfavorable hypothesis the vital resources of the country will not be touched. The expenditure, he said, must not be compared with Great Britain's enormous expenditure in South Africa. Russia will not have to buy \$76,000,000 worth of horses abroad. The most that will be spent in this direction will be \$2,000,000, and it will all be spent within the empire. Similarly the cost of transporting the troops will not go out of the empire, but will swell the receipts of the state-railways. The minister denied that there was any danger of panicky withdrawals from the savings banks, and said that the greater risk of panic would be among the foreign holders of Russian securities; but, he added, these foreign holders appeared to be reassured by the events of the last few weeks.

Misses Mame and Bess Jones visited their sister Mrs. J. P. Young of Richburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Forde, of Columbia, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Tillman, of Lancaster.

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