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## RUSSO-JAPAN WAR NEWS.

Japanese Confident of Victur Over Vladivostok Fleet. Tokio, Mar. 8.-It is believed there has already been a decisiv naval engagement in the vicinity Vladivostok and tidings are anx iously a waiting.
The Japanese fleet did not, it is said, go to Valdivostok for the purpose of bombarding the town, but to locate and attack the armored cruisers Gromoboi, Rossia, Rurika and the cruiser Bogartyr of the Russian fleet stationed there. It is understood here when the Japanese fleet arrived there on Sunday last it found the Russian squadron absent.
If this is true, it will give Japanese squadron advantages in the way of avoiding a battle close to the inshore batteries, at the same time putting it in position to pre vent the Russian ships from re-entering the harbor. It is doubted if the Japanese withdrew their entire squadron, unless the location of the enemy has been discovered, as advantage of being in a position between the enemy and the enemy's base. There is a strong possibility the Japanese found the Russian ships in the vicinity of Possiet Bay and gave them battle here.
The names and number of ships
in the Japanese squadron have been kept secret, but it is probably

 aking ment off Vladivostok.
The navy department receive dispatches tomorrow from Gen San, where it is planned fo the fleet to call after the operations involving the attack upon the the Russian squadron have been concluded. The Japanese are quite confident in the ability of their squadron to signally defeat the Russian fleet and laughingly say the big Russian cruisers, which stand unusually high out of the water, make excellent targets.

An Austrian Colonel of cavalry who is following the Far Eastern war with special care says the him the Russian Governme tells intimated to his department that it will prebly department that it ill probably be the on Pot Ar fine Japanes. are putting in the feld an army so large that the present Russian forces in Manchuria will almost certainly tains above the I order to abe the Luo Tung plainsin islanders seek to network the them.

## Wants Mediation

London, March 8.-Informatio comes from various sources today that the czar is anxious to have the powers mediate in the far East the Hague tribunal is suggested.

It is a notable fact that the less a woman has inside her head, the more she puts on outside of it. That accounts for the pompadour, the rats, the bangs and the big hats -Ex

Japanese Confident.
Tokio, March 8.-A high Japhow long he thought the war would last, replied:
We expect peace within six months, but our plans are made for a two year's struggle. Japan will never concede defeat. Actual conquest of every one of our 4,000 islands will be uecessary for a Russian victory, while we believe peace
may come when we have driven the czar's soldiers off Liao Tung peninsula and from Manchuria and have destroyed or captured his heets. This war is not waged in passion. On our part it is a struggle simply for existence.
says rusians will retire from
Tokio, Marel
Couting parties report that the Russians apparently do not intend
to make a serious attempt to hold
the Yalu River. They state there
are only 25,000 Russian troops at
the river, and that these are equippeeadiness for quick retreat.
The military council believes the
couts correctly interpret the in-
entions of the Russians. It is of anese threaten to land in large numbers at Niuchwang and sieze Yalu and the Russian between the Yalu and the Russian base at Liao Korean border will speedily fall


A Reported sea Fight.
p. m. -The Russian torpedo boat daylight this morning and broad
the Japanese fleet. One Japanese orpedo boat was Junese Russian torpedo boat destroyer Bashoshtchadni was also sunk. known. Admiral Marakoff inaugurated his assumption of the command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur by a complete change of tactics. As soorl as he appeared he ordered the renoval of the battleship Retvizan, the was stranded at the mouth channel at certain stages of the ide, making egress of battleship impossible.
This morning he directed a sortie of the torpedo boats flotilla, supported a part of the Rnssian squad ron, againts the Japanese squadron. with the exception been received ter has taken place, resulting with he loss of a Japanese torpedo boat and one Russian torpedo boat de-

## ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

New York, March
torpedo boats sent out as scouts frcm Port Arthur Marce 7 have not been heard from, according to a is feared, the dispatch adds, that hey have fall
he Japanese.

There is uneasiness in the Ru
sian oil trade over the prospects of a shortage of $1,000,000$ poods this year. The output has been dewater now comes up with the oil A pood is 36 pounds.

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of the Chicago International Live Stock Fxposition, remarked y
erday:
is of a higher grade than that of
any other state
Mr. Skinner being decidedly pro-
Texan, I expressed skepticism and sought F. R. Marshall of the Texas
ed him for an opinion. Marshat
an Iowa man who would not be

## I have just made

## and northwestern part of the stat

## to cattle, but to hogs and poultry. occupied, and when he makes wat Breed, type and color was easily he is terrible,"' but that he is like

discernable. I am convinced that
the outside world does not know what Texas has and that Texas
does not fully appreciate the superxcellence its live

## quired.'

Now, as to hogs. Packers are palpably disappointed at light rethey began killing here. It is a fact that Fort Worth is drawing hogs from points as far north as Kansas and Missouri, but this con-
dition can not endure dition can not endure. Kaffir corn is to be the basis of the Texas pork output, and as its cultivation increases the hog product will grow
arger. Secretary McFadden of he American Poland-China Recor told me but recently that Texa stands second to Iowa in the number of its registered Poland-Chinas eading even that great hog growing state, Illinois. A Buffalo man named Sloan has recently established a breeding establishment for Poland-Chinas close to Fort Worth He is an experienced hogman and egards Texas as an inviting field -Reporter for Fort Worth Tele

## gram.

Yesterday (Tuesday) morning
about 3 o'clock the Vernon Electric Light Plant caught fire and burned ngineer) who was. Shaffer, (the house, says he was awakened he fire cracking above him in the partition and barely had time to escape. Mr. Hockersmith says he will rebuild as soon as possible. Origin of fire unknown. Insur nce about $\$ 2,400$.-Vernon Call

Dallas made a strong contest for the next annual meeting of the Te:s is Cattle Raisers' Association but Fort Worth won.

## retreats, the gritty Jap in under

 tremendous task. But if he should er. At all events the struggle now bloody.-ExBig Syndicate Formed. O. H. Nelson of Panhandle Cit has been made general manager of syndicate that is being orgainzed, composed of some of the leading
stockmen of the country, for the purpose of shipping cattle from Texas to Fort Madison, Iowa,
which has been designated as headquarters of the company. Other Wellington, Kansas, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Chicago. This syndicate expects to ship during this season 50,000 head of calves and
yearlings to these headquarters from which the stock will be disthroughout the middle states This organization was brou into existence in an effort to put a reputable basis.

From Vernon comes
Frederick, located on the Bes line urned up Thursday night. The originated in a saloon, and sev The central office being located in drug store, which burned with ble as yet.-Quanah Tribune

Pick-pockets were numerous in ort Worth during the convention been touched and their pocket books taken. Dr. Walcott of Amarillo is said to have lost a $\$ 200$ shirt stud
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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

## From the Democratic Congressional commititee

 They are having much sport at the Department of State over an inelastic provision of law which requires that department to compile and issue in a separate volume the statutes enacted at each session of Congress. The special session of last November enacted only one measure, a joint resolution provid ing for the payment of mileage to the members. This is bound up, however, in a dignified little volume by itself with as much elaboration as if it were a collection of budget bills and gent ral legislation. That simply is a straw that shows what the Republican administration will do when it makes up its mind to get busy on any old subject. It calls an extra session of Congress and bas it in session for a month without a single result.Not one thing of benefit to the people and at a cost to them of
over two thousand dollars. That is the way the Republicans conserve interests of the people. Rats!

Statehood Quewtion.
Washington, March 9.-Statehood will not down and an agree-
ment has been reached in the House Committee on Territories to rep a bill within ten days providing
the admission of Arizona and Mexico as one State and Oklahum and Indian Territory as another.
After several conferences the House leaders have agreed to give
this bill a chance in the house, and if this agreement is carried into
effect and a vote ts taken it will pass. The measure will go to
uncertain fate in the Senate. uncertain fate in the Senate.
Ail the advocates of statehood gress have agreed ou this as a final Wilson of Arizona alone oljects.
His obijection is

form of statehood among its advo-
cates that the bill which is now
being formed is expected to stand some chance of being accepted by
the Republican leaders of the Senate.

New Mexico Drouth Alarming weather conditions prevail in New Mexico. During the entire winter only two or three
snows have fallen, and there has been no rain of any consequence, since last summer.
There are nearly four million head of sheep in the Territory, and nearly $1,000,000$ head of cattle. There is already great suffering
among these for lack of water and among these for lack of water and supply for the spring and summer.
Unless heaचy snows come soon the Unless heavy snows come soon the mountain streams will dry up, and the consequent loss cannot be estimated. Such conditions have not been repeated within the memory of the

Applied tawardly.
"These hyar patent medicines ain't
worth a cent," said Jim MeSnifter, who lives on a ranch in the flea-infested re-
gion of the Cal veras canyon, and was visiting a friend in San Antonio. "How so?" asked Charley Scheide-
mantel, his city friend. manter,
"Wa-al, I took two whole bottles of
magic insect powder. It made mesickmagic insect powder. It made mesick-
er than a dorg, and the insects pestered er than a dorg, and the insects pestered
me wusser than evrr."--Texas Sifter. At Mgh Pressure. At "I hear that Pressure.
mite of a thats. baby is a little mite of a thing. Does it cry much?"
"With all its mite."-Detroit Fre Tress. Proot in Itself. all by my little selfy.
Mr. Youngwife-1 Gon't doubt
Cexas siftings.
A Phenom.
The love-sick y outh when calling
A phenomeno oft shows,
 -Philadelphia Item.

J. H. Fleming, Amarillo; "Have
a watch charm. I have just lots of them. Dry, dry as powder around my town.'

J. S. Miles, San Angelo; "Cattle are fat, but the stockmen are running after 17 cent cotton that may not be worth 4 cents this time nex | year." |
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S. B. Burnett, Fort Worth; have are precious few of us wh meetings of the Texas Cattle Raisband." and."
Senator R. N. Stafford, Mineola I do not own any meet my friends. some oil stock that I got a few year ago.
R. E. Yantis, Athens, president of the Texas Press association; "A newspaper man is the biggest stock raiser on earth. He raises every body's stock and is always boosting omebody else's game. Fact.
W. B. Ware, Clarent W. B. Ware, Clarendon; "Just look at the people. We are planting cotton in the Panhandle this year."
G. H. Garland, Paint Rock; "Just let us have a good rain and the stockmen around my section of the Concho, will be able to stand the combinations that result in low prices with a better grace.
A company has been formed, so we understand, to plant 4,000 acres and to erect a cotton in at Higris and the ginning of the prodis Higgins News.

Smoot Likely to Be Ousted. Since the testimony of a number still retained by them, public sentiment is rapily turning against the Mormon senator, and it is believed that the committee will report in favor of unseating him.
According to one Senator the five According to one Senator the five tee will vote in favor of a report to unseat Senator Smoot.
The votes of Burrows, Hoar and Hopkins are said to be assured opkinst the Utab mon it gainst the Utah man, and it Republican on the committe will take the same stand. Senator Beveridge was regarded as favorable to the retention o Senator Smoot when the hearing pened Now it is considered he will vote for his expulsion.

Wednesday and Saturdays dust storms paralyzed the Eagle for one week, but the Bird of Freedom has picked his feathers and taken ath and hopes to scream regularly hereafter. Some remarks made bout the dust are Sunday school purposes.-Gray County Eagle.

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