

## ADMIRAL TOGO AGAIN ATTACKS PORT ARTHUR

Report Not Confirmed but Considered Probable.

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Japanese Squadron Picks up Torpedo Boats.

### USED RUSSIAN SIGNALS

Land Battles Likely to Be Put Off for Weeks.

Tokio, Feb. 22.—It is reported here that Vice Admiral Togo has again attacked Port Arthur. It is impossible to confirm the statement, but the navy department says it has received no news from Togo today. It is considered very probable that the vice admiral has made another attack on the Russians, as he is engaged in blockading Port Arthur.

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London, Feb. 22.—The Japanese correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, calling under date of February 22, reports that a Japanese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by Russian signals.

### RIOT AT PRAGUE

Vonau, Feb. 22.—The disturbance created yesterday at Prague by several hundred Slav students, following a service of intercession in the Russian church there for the sake of Russian arms, was more serious than at first reported. Severe fighting occurred and several students were injured. Fully 1,000 students proceeded toward the United States consulate to make a hostile demonstration, but were prevented by the police.

### JAPAN PLEADED

Tokio, Feb. 22.—The assurance of France that the Russian fleet, except two torpedo destroyers which have been disarmed and will be detained until the war ends, reached Tokyo today and produced a feeling of general satisfaction. The government is confident of the intention of France to refrain from permitting the Russian fleet to use its bases for naval operations, but is concerned over the long delay of the fleet at Jibuti, and has made representations to France on the subject. The reaffirmation of French neutrality is highly reassuring to the present diplomatic situation. It is the opinion here that the maintenance of the neutrality of Oriental ports is a French advantage to Japan, as it insures her mastery of the naval situation, and limits the Russian source of supply to the trans-Siberian railway.

### MOVEMENT OF TROOPS

London, Feb. 22.—Indefinite reports of the movements of troops in the vicinity of the Yalu river and statements of attempts to cut the Siberian railroad, was also published this morning.

The Wei Hsi Wei correspondent of the Times describes a visit to Chemulpo, Korea, and says that the Japanese military operations are very European.

A general Japanese advance along the Pekin road to Ping Yang, Korea, the correspondent continues, is expected shortly. The original plan was to land at Manchuang, but the success which enabled the Japanese to begin operations at Chemulpo, and a further foreign base at Chemulpo is highly probable. As soon as the ice breaks up troops will be sent to Pank Yan in sufficient strength to guard against a sudden Russian descent. It is believed while the sea power of Russia is intact at Port Arthur, Japanese operations are busy patrolling the coast west of Korea and sea landing operations at Chemulpo. Everything suggests a sudden dash for a strategic position in northern Korea, the correspondent concludes, and it is possible the Russians are considerably further south than is supposed.

### BEFORE THE WAR

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 22.—Writing from Tokyo on February 22, the correspondent of the Associated Press reports that by that time all hope of a pacific settlement of the far eastern friction had been abandoned in high official circles. The Russian reply to the Japanese latest note was expected on the day the Athenian sailed, with little hope that it would prove satisfactory to the Japanese cabinet. The latest report was that Manchuria was not even mentioned in the draft reply. If this was found true, diplomatic representatives here acknowledged that the document was a challenge to war, as Manchuria was an essential portion of the Japanese empire. The Japanese cabinet completed the decision to resort to armed force if necessary. Every preparation of fleet transports and personnel of the army and navy had been made and on the day following the cabinet a secret order was sent to Sasebo, where the fleet lay, when it immediately weighed anchor and departed towards Korea. The news which was spread around created the wildest excitement. There was a hasty move of correspondents toward Korea, and no correspondents were invited to go with the fleet, and all that could not secure transportation in Japan did the best they could. The Associated Press special correspondent, Martin Egan, had anticipated this difficulty and secured a flag of correspondents at every point in the probable zone of hostilities, that the earliest and most reliable news might be secured.

### DELAY AN INSULT

The hurry-up order to the fleet brought

### BRIEF REVIEW OF THE SECOND WEEK.

In the second week of the Russo-Japanese war there have been two Russian disasters, but fighting has been the least important feature. In fact, the days of sanguinary battles have not begun. The events of the week have been the forerunners of a great conflict, and both Japan and Russia have been sending large forces into Korea, where bloodshed will occur soon beyond doubt. Three hundred thousand of the Mikado's soldiers have been mobilized, according to the most reliable reports from Tokio, and are pouring into Korea by way of Chemulpo and Gensan. Russia meantime has massed men in the Yalu river region, crossed that stream and taken possession of Wiju, the army's destination being Seoul. Korea's helpless ruler has yielded to the invaders by formally throwing open the country to the Japanese.

Korea has also declared the port of Wiju open to the commerce of the world, so long desired by the United States. Both of these moves are against Russian interests.

In Manchuria an important move by the Russian general Alexieff has been the removal of the center of activity to Harbin, 620 miles north of the Chinese Eastern railroad, where men and supplies from the west are being concentrated as rapidly as possible.

Another night attack by Japanese torpedo boats occurred at Port Arthur Tuesday, and it is still a matter of doubt whether it was a "Jap" torpedo or the accidental discharge of a harbor mine which blew up the Russian cruiser Boyarin, causing the death of 197 of her crew.

A tragedy of winter warfare was the freezing to death of six hundred Russians, who were crossing Lake Balkal, Siberia, on the ice.

An alleged attempt to land Japanese troops at Talienway Bay is reported from Russian sources to have been repulsed.

Diplomatically the week was marked by Russia's formal acceptance of the proposition of Secretary Hay for the neutrality and integrity of China, and the evident eagerness of the European powers to prepare for anything that may develop from the imbroglio in the Orient has been plain.

The knowledge that the Russians had entered Port Arthur on the 3d instant, and that Russia would land troops in Korea, and ships were sent to intercept the Ning Sing and Kasing on their way out from Gensan. It was thought the two fleets might collide somewhere.

It was quietly supposed that the mobilization of the Japanese army was imminent, and that the order was written and would be issued on the 9th.

The date of the sailing of the Athenian was considered inevitable and it was not even thought necessary by all parties that the Russian reply should be received at all on the ground that the unreasonable delay was an insidious answer in itself.

The only question discussed was the plan of campaign. As for the general plan, it was believed that the fleet would be first used to convey troops across to North Korea, where they would march across the peninsula about 120 miles to some point on the west coast. A simultaneous land attack upon the Russian base would follow, if in the meanwhile there had not been any decisive engagement.

Such was the anticipation among military and naval officers, who were looking forward for the "fun" of it only tempered by the prospect of reinforcing her army in east Asia. The paper takes a pessimistic view of the capacity of the trans-Siberian railroad and especially at proximity in mountains where it is difficult to handle trains.

The paper estimates the present troop moving capacity of the railroad from Russia's experience of last summer to be ranging from 100,000 to 150,000 men, and that the rate of eight and a half miles an hour. At this rate it would take thirty days to convey 25,000 men from the Ural mountains to Mukden or Vladivostok.

The paper assumes the present strength of the Russian army in eastern Asia to be 125,000 men, and upon the foregoing estimate of time to move troops it declares it will take until April 20 for Russia to raise the strength of her east Asiatic army to 220,000 men. The paper estimates that the easiest way for Japan to do is to stake out in the center of the country.

### RUSSIA PROTESTS

Washington, Feb. 22.—Russia is addressing in the powers, either through their representatives at St. Petersburg or the emperor's envoys or probably through both, a vigorous communication charging Japan with continued violations of the neutrality laws such as attacking a neutral port like Chemulpo before war had been declared, and before the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg had left and was obtaining the courtesy of the Russian in the diplomatic corps the news of Russia's intended address to the powers has caused great interest. A diplomat whose government is inclined to side with Russia said that the Russian government did not expect other nations to pass on the fight at Port Arthur, but as to the threat of an attack on Chemulpo, the diplomat said he expected the powers would give the matter their earnest attention. Several foreign naval commanders at Chemulpo were reported to have protested

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## NAVAL BILL IS OPPOSED

Burton of Ohio Argues Against Increase in Navy.

### AMERICA DOESN'T NEED IT

Big Armies and Navies Do Not Make for Peace.

### SENATE HOLDS SESSION

Senator Hoar Pays Great Compliment to the President.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The naval appropriation bill encountered opposition on the Republican side of the house. Consideration of the bill was pending when the house adjourned, 26 of the 73 pages having been read for amendment under the seven minute rule.

Mr. Burton of Ohio opposed the naval policy expressed in the bill as a departure from the policy which has been the honor and bulwark of the country since the Spanish war, he declared there was ample opportunity for foreign powers to overtake the Philippines. Continuing he asked what nation held back when Panama broke away from Colombia. Turning to the Spanish war, he declared there was ample opportunity for foreign powers to overtake the Philippines. Continuing he asked what nation held back when Panama broke away from Colombia. Turning to the Spanish war, he declared there was ample opportunity for foreign powers to overtake the Philippines.

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### NEEDED THE MONEY.

And Devoted Most of the Proceeds to His Box.

New York, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Agnes French, recently employed as a nurse in the family of Postmaster General Payne in Washington, was arrested today in Brooklyn. She is said to have decamped last Thursday from the Arlington hotel in Washington, with \$500 worth of jewelry, an ornate handsome box belonging to Mrs. Payne. Mrs. French acknowledges the truth, saying: "I am guilty and am willing to take the consequences. The fact is I needed the money."

She surrendered to the police \$55 in cash, about \$700 worth of jewelry, an ornate handsome box which she had purchased with the money.

day's session in the senate was the speech of Mr. Hoar in explanation of his former speech on the isthmian canal situation. He complained of the criticisms of his utterances at that time saying that he had been misunderstood and misrepresented. Mr. Foraker was mentioned among others who had criticized the first speech and after Mr. Hoar had concluded the Ohio senator replied that he had not meant unjustly to reflect on Mr. Hoar and justifying his remarks by quoting from Mr. Hoar's original speech. Mr. Hoar replied accusing Mr. Foraker of only having misrepresented him on the first occasion, but of misrepresenting him today. The result was a sharp colloquy at short range and when it came to a conclusion the senators did not appear to have approached any nearer to an understanding than at the beginning.

Other speeches were made during the day by Mr. Carmack whose remarks devoted to a critique of Mr. Bryan-Vaellia and by Mr. Cullum who has had charge of the treaty. The senate adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

### AN HONEST MAN.

Mr. Hoar quoted the president's denial of complicity on the part of the United States and asked: "Is there any man, friend or foe, who will doubt that statement? Will the campaign orators from Portland to San Francisco have among them one who will accuse that statement as untrue? Will he give utterance to that statement?"

Again expressing his conviction that the events had vindicated his course, Mr. Hoar expressed his confidence in the "wisdom and courage of the president," saying that he had no secrets from the people and adding, "we approve what he has done already and what he has promised to do."

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## TURKEY AND BULGARIA

Alarming Rumors Are Heard of Another War.

### PREPARATIONS ARE MAKING

Bulgaria Declares a State of Siege Over a Zone.

### TURKEY FORESEES IT

Minister at Washington Tells of Roumanian Conditions.

London, Feb. 22.—Telegrams from Vienna and Salonica published here this morning give alarming but unconfirmed details of preparations looking to a war between Turkey and Bulgaria. The Sofia correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs that the Bulgarian government has declared a state of siege over a zone 15 miles wide, extending along the frontier from Kustendil to the Black sea, with a view of preventing the incursions of armed bands.

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## FRICITION MAY FOLLOW

Food Cargo Seizures

### BELLIGERENTS MAY GET INTO TROUBLE WITH UNCLE SAM.

BREAD AND MEAT AFLOAT

### UNITED STATES HAS SHIPPED LARGE QUANTITIES OF BOTH.

ARE NOT CONTRABAND

That Is the Position Taken by This Country.