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JAPANESE REFUGEES GET ROUGH TREATMENT.

(By Associated Press.) NEW CHWANG, Sunday, Feb. 14.—About fifty Japanese mine men on their way to Tientsin were arrested at Tai-Hih-Chou Feb. 12 with their women, and arrived here in custody. The American Consul, Henry B. Miller, procured the release of the women, but Viceroy Alexieff ordered their re-arrest and transportation, together with all the Japanese in Manchuria, to Port Arthur.

Mr. Miller based his action on assurances the Russians gave the Japanese Consul that all Japanese subjects would be protected and permitted to leave when they desired. There are numerous Japanese complaints of Russian ill-treatment. It is said that 400 Japanese refugees from Harbin and elsewhere, who arrived at Mukden Feb. 10, were arrested and that many of them were severely beaten and detained until they had purchased their release. When they were liberated the Japanese were sent in open trucks to Tai-Hih-Chou, where they were again maltreated and sent on to Port Arthur. Some of their women were sent to New Chwang. Consul Miller took the women under his protection and sent them to Shan Hai Kwan.

OUR CONSUL ENTERS PROTEST. Mr. Miller protested to the civil administrator against the cruel treatment of the Japanese refugees by Russian soldiers and requested a census of all Japanese transported to Port Arthur.

The Consul himself was menaced by a Cossack without provocation and the officer commanding at New Chwang expressed his regrets and promised to severely punish the Cossack. The civil administrator promised to afford better protection to the refugees.

Independent naval officers say the Tarevitch, Retvisan, Palada and Novik, damaged in the first naval battle off Port Arthur, cannot be repaired in time to decide the command of the sea. They also say the Russian land forces are demoralized. They are trying to watch the entire coast.

The officers of the Russian gunboat Sivouch, at New Chwang, declare they are prepared to blow up their vessel in case of danger. They are employing a searchlight all night long over the surrounding plains.

FOREIGN SHIPS ORDERED AWAY. The constant telegraphic interruptions threaten to complete the isolation of the war zone, except by despatch boats. Admiral Alexieff has forbidden all ships to enter any of the ports of the Liaotung peninsula. It is understood that his object is to carry out the defenses of the harbors, which hitherto have been neglected. Foreigners are not permitted to move without military permits.

The foreign missions at Mukden, apprehending a Chinese outbreak, are sending the missionaries with families away.

The reports that Japanese ships have been using searchlights off New Chwang and off the coast near Kin Chou are Chinese fabrications. There are about 2,000 Russian troops now at New Chwang.

RUSSIA BOTTLED UP IN PORT ARTHUR.

CHEFOO, Feb. 15.—The Russians are now penned up in Port Arthur. Land communication to the north has been cut off by a section of the 12,000 Japanese troops landed at Pigeon Bay.

The harbor of Port Arthur is blockaded by a powerful Japanese fleet, and the Russian warships, with the commanding Admiral and the garrison, are securely bottled up.

Three Russian torpedo-boats have been sunk by mistake by the guns of the fortress at the entrance to Port Arthur.

They were mistaken for Japanese vessels. This information comes from a high and reliable authority. It is believed that the Russian torpedo-boats displayed the regular lights. The Japanese torpedo-boats, which made the first deadly attack on the Port Arthur squadron, displayed the same lights.

The gunners in the fortress believed another ruse was on, and thinking they were Japanese boats, trained their guns and fired on them. Consternation spread through the fortifications when the fatal mistake was discovered.

The same authority which brings this story says that the Russian Admiral has ordered the arrest of a number of Russian officers and men for gross carelessness.

JAPANESE SLAUGHTERED BY SABRES OF COSSACKS

CHEFOO, Feb. 15.—A brilliant land and naval manoeuvre by the Japanese has been met with severe losses and the temporary defeat of the troops and ships which attempted to land a force on the neck of the peninsula of Port Arthur to cut off the Russian stronghold.

Of 600 Japanese troops landed at Tallenwan Bay, on the eastern side of the peninsula, near Dalny, only 190 came back. Four hundred and ten were captured by the Russians in a fierce hand-to-hand conflict.

Simultaneously the Japanese, under cover of the heavy guns of the fleet, effected a landing at Pigeon Bay, on the western side of the Port Arthur peninsula, but were driven back with considerable losses.

LANDED 12,000 TROOPS. These dispatches are from official Russian sources and are inclined to give preference to the Russian arms, but among the military experts here there is little doubt that the Japanese were repulsed in their efforts to get in back of Port Arthur for the purpose of cutting off the Gibraltar of the Far East.

In Pigeon Bay it is reported that 30 Japs were killed, but that a force of 12,000 was landed and that many of these troops are still there waiting for a chance to reach the narrow strip of land through which the Manchurian Railroad enters Port Arthur.

The Japanese Navy has Pigeon Bay sealed, and the remnant of the Russian Navy in the harbor of Port Arthur is securely bottled up there.

COSSACKS DID THE WORK. Forty miles back from Pigeon Bay the Japs have landed a considerable force without opposition, and it may be that they will conduct their land manoeuvres from there against Port Arthur.

A despatch boat arriving here from Port Arthur says that it was a brigade of Cossack cavalry which made the dash against the landing Japanese at Tallenwan Bay.

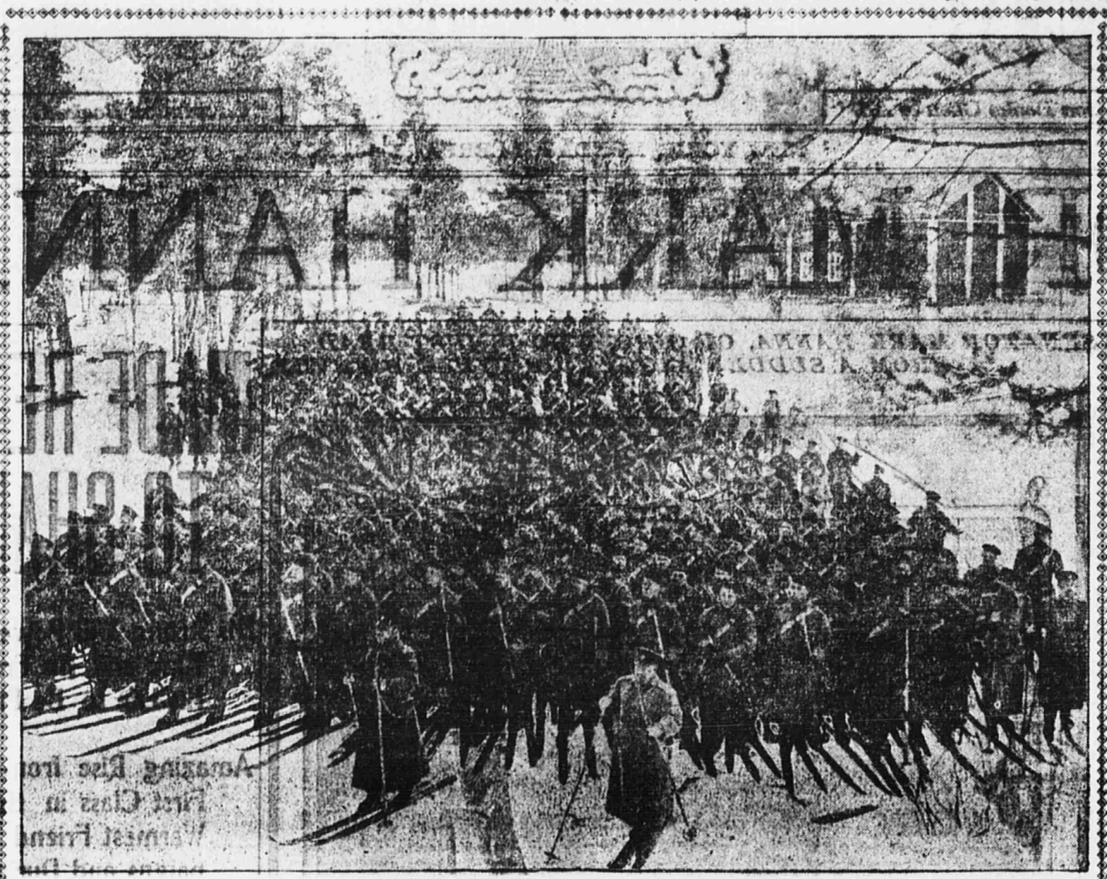
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SOIL NOW HELD BY JAPAN OR RUSSIA NOT NEUTRAL.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 15.—Answering a question in the House of Commons today as to whether the British Government was taking steps to secure an arrangement for the neutralization of New Chwang during the war, the Foreign Under Secretary, Earl Percy, replied that the Government did not consider it to be practicable to neutralize any territory in the actual occupation of either of the belligerents.

The White Star line steamer Majestic, which is to sail Wednesday from Liverpool for New York, will take among her passengers the Earl of Caithness and Gen. Sir William Nicholson, Director-General of Military Intelligence of the War Office, and Col. J. A. L. Haldane, of the Gordon Highlanders, who will accompany the Japanese armies in the field.

Home Secretary Akers-Douglas, confirming the Associated Press despatches, announced in the House of Commons today that the British Government not only had not been approached with a suggestion that it should consent to the Russian Black Sea fleet passing out through the Dardanelles, but there was no reason whatever for supposing that Russia contemplated such a violation of her treaty obligations to the European powers.

A despatch to the Reuters Telegram Company from the Publishers' Press states that the Japanese Minister at Seoul has wired the Mikado of the arrest of Yi Yong Ik, Korean Minister of Finance, who is practically dictator of the country and is most friendly to Russia.

RUSSIANS ARE UNDER GUARD IN SEOUL.

(By Associated Press.) SEOUL, Wednesday, Feb. 10 (delayed in transmission).—The Russian Consul at Chemulpo is now guarded by Japanese troops. Today all the other Russians in the city have been ordered into one large house, where they will be detained, awaiting action of the authorities as to their disposal. The Russian Minister at Seoul has been requested by the Japanese Minister, through a neutral Legation, to withdraw, and he has consented to do so. He will probably leave Seoul tomorrow.

There are now on board the French cruiser Paschal 214 Russians, of whom two commanders, fourteen officers and thirty-one men are wounded. Six wounded men have already died. It is known that the Russian cruiser Varlag had forty men and one officer, a count, killed during the recent engagement of Chemulpo. This officer was a midshipman named Nirou, and not Muron, as stated erroneously in a previous despatch. The Varlag had sixty-four men wounded, among them Capt. Rudeaf, who was in command of the cruiser. His wound are not considered serious. The Russian dead, with the exception of the young officer who fell on the bridge, were locked up in the cabin when the Varlag went down.

Several men were seen on board the Korutz. It is said, an instant before she blew up. The Russians claim that the Japanese fired first, despatching two torpedo-boats at the Korutz when she tried to leave the harbor on the 10th. The Japanese claim, in turn, that the Korutz fired first.

The Japanese have demanded the use of several Government buildings in this city to be used as barracks for the troops. On the English and Italian cruisers there are many Russian refugees, just how many is not known. Only the wounded are on the British vessel.

RUSSIAN CAPTAIN'S FAREWELL LETTER.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 15.—Capt. Bellaief, of the Korietz, writing to relatives Jan. 9, said: "I am ready to go to sea at any minute. From day to day we have been expecting a fight with the Japanese. We expect sudden attacks, without a previous declaration of war. The wooden fittings are being taken ashore. We have no armor; our strength is only in the guns and the courage of our men. We Russians often depend on courage and the outcome is all right. It may happen that it will not fall on us now. I shall do all possible. If they send us to the bottom, say a good word for us."

REPORT THAT THE CZAR'S MIND IS UNBALANCED.

(By Publishers' Press.) BERLIN, Feb. 15.—There is a wild report here that the Czar has gone mad. It purports to be based upon advices from St. Petersburg, but the alleged advices cannot be traced.

The report has it that the Czar is overwhelmed by the reverses suffered by his army and navy and that his health has completely broken down. The last authentic news from St. Petersburg conveyed nothing to indicate that the Czar is not in the best of health.

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Justice Rich Denies Motion for New Trial for Divorce. Justice Rich, in Dept. VI, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, denied today a motion for a new trial made by counsel for William M. Lawson.

Lawson used his wife for divorce in this court last week and lost his case.

Man and Woman Held in \$500 Bail for Examination. Mary Ryan, of No. 308 West Fifty-fifth street, and George Mooney, of No. 132 West One Hundred and Fifth street, were arraigned today before Justice Wyatt in Special Sessions charged with adultery, on the complaint of Edward E. Brock, of No. 135 Dean street, Brooklyn.

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THREE PLUNGE TO DEATH AS WEAK WALL CRUMBLES

Accident on the Eleventh Story of a Building in West Twenty-First Street—Panic Among Women Who Saw It.

Three men were carried to instant death today by the collapse of the upper part of the rear wall of the partially completed building at No. 38 East Twenty-first street. Two of the three lost their lives while trying to save the first man, and the fourth was almost carried down eleven stories to the ground while attempting to check the fall of the two. The dead men are: RITT, GEORGE, of No. 530 East Sixth street.

MANZELL, JOSEPH, of No. 408 East Eighty-eighth street.

MARGEE, JOSEPH, of Astoria.

The men who were killed were three of a party of nine bricklayers who were at work completing the brick work on the eleventh floor in the rear of the building. The building has only gone up seven stories in the front, but had reached eleven floors in the rear.

The bricklayers were inside of the wall they were working on, standing on boards thrown across the girders on the top floor.

Crumbled Like Paper. The wall these men were building had reached a height of three and a half feet above the eleventh floor. A half a foot more was to be added and the men were hurrying the work. So far as could be learned today the new wall had shown no signs of weakness up to the time that it gave way before the weight of one man. One of the

men, said to be Ritt, reached across the top of the wall to get a brick that was lying there. In doing this he put the entire weight of his body against the wall. It crumbled like so much paper, the other men say, and Ritt shot outward in a second.

Manzell and Margee were the two men closest to him and they jumped forward to grab Ritt. In doing so they struck the wall themselves, and in its already weakened condition it gave way with them. Robert Smolick, of No. 214 East Twelfth street, another bricklayer, made a grab for the two men and caught hold of Manzell's foot. He was first being dragged to the edge of himself when he let go to save his own life, and the last of the three men disappeared.

On the top floor of this same building some fifty men and girls employed by the contractor, Michael Fuchs, saw the thrilling fall of the three men and set up a great outcry. A panic followed the fall, and a crowd of people ran down the stairs for the street. Two policemen ran in and succeeded in quieting the panic-stricken people. Not before two of the women had fainted and several others had been bruised by falling part of the way down the stairs.

The Foreman Arrested. The police arrested Carlos Koeth, the foreman in charge of the brick-workers, and looked him up in the West Thirtieth street station. Michael Fuchs, the contractor, who is putting up the building, could make no explanation of the weak condition of the new wall. Koeth, who was seen before his arrest, said it must have been due to an inferior quality of mortar.

BIG FIRE STOPS TWO COMPANIES

Peabody Insurance Concern, of Baltimore, Is in Receiver's Hands, and Fireman's Applies for Similar Disposition.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 15.—Richard F. Post was appointed receiver today for the Peabody Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore. The company lost \$700,000 by reason of the fire, and it had assets of only \$300,000.

Application for a receiver was made today by the Firemen's Insurance Company of Baltimore. The application will be heard Feb. 23.

Both companies last week reinsured their risks not affected by the fire in outside companies.

All the savings banks opened for business today notwithstanding the legal holiday. The withdrawals were small and deposits were made in all of them. The Clearing-House Association reported clearings today of nearly \$9,000,000 and balances of over \$1,000,000.

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SURRENDERS HIS SEAT IN CONGRESS

Shafrath, of Colorado, Declares that Fraudulent Ballots Elected Him and Voluntarily Makes Way for His Opponent.

APPLAUDED FOR HIS ACT BY BOTH SIDES OF HOUSE.

Robert W. Bonyngue Declared the Proper Representative from Denver District on Admission That Caused a Sensation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Representative Shafrath, from the Denver (Col.) district, voluntarily relinquished his seat in the House at the convening of that body today.

The contest for his seat by Robert W. Bonyngue and the examination of ballots, he said, revealed fraud in twenty-nine precincts. If he was a judge on the bench he would have to find against himself, and he invited the Elections Committee to present a resolution sentencing Bonyngue.

The statement created a sensation, and at its conclusion long applause was heard on both sides of the House.

Chairman Olmstead, of the Elections Committee, considering the case, paid a high tribute to Mr. Shafrath, saying although the action was a surprise, the case showed that the frauds in the election were not chargeable in any way to Mr. Shafrath.

The House unanimously agreed to a resolution declaring R. W. Bonyngue entitled to his seat from the First Colorado District.

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The other officers of the rifle association are: Lieut.-Col. J. Hollis Wells, First Vice-President; Col. Daniel Appleton, Second Vice-President; Col. George R. Dyer, Third Vice-President; Capt. Edwin Gould, Fourth Vice-President; Henry D. Miller, Fifth Vice-President; Dr. W. H. Short, Secretary, and Capt. J. Philip Bernhard, Treasurer.

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The Executive Committee also approved of this statement:

It is proposed to hold in the early fall a series of matches at Creedmoor, to which all members of the Rifle Association will be invited, particular attention is called to the fact that by courtesy of the State authorities the use of rifle shooting should become a member without delay.

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