

# SECY. HAY'S BRILLIANT STROKE OF DIPLOMACY WILL WIN OUT

have created dismay and consternation at St. Petersburg, by capturing at least eight commercial steamers, some of which are rich prizes. These include the Ekaterinovsk, Moudan, Argun, Alexander, Gloride, Michael, Nicholas and Russia, now at Sasebo. Small cruisers effected the captures off Fusan.

From Manamp, the Japanese fleet has sailed for Port Arthur. The rest of the Japanese ships are guarding northern Japan, fearing that Russia might land a force from Vladivostok, and for the further purpose of preventing four Russian cruisers from joining the Russian fleet at Port Arthur.

## CZAREVITCH NOT BADLY DAMAGED.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Advices received by the foreign office are that the damage sustained by the Russian battleship Czarevitch, beached at Port Arthur on the night of Feb. 8, after having been torpedoed by the Japanese, is not serious and that she will be able to resume active service shortly.

## CHINESE EMPRESS LEAVES PEKING—WILL RESIST RUSSIA.

New York Sun Special Service.  
Hongkong, Feb. 11.—The dowager empress and her court have left Peking and taken refuge at Kai Feng Fu, in the province of Honan.

General Yuan Shi Kai, commander-in-chief of the Chinese army, is drilling 30,000 new troops. He has applied to the government for funds, and, if unable to obtain them, proposes to raise the required money himself. General Ma has been ordered to Shan Hai Kwan to hold it against Russian occupation.

## CHINESE EXPECTED TO ATTACK RUSSIA.

Advices from Kwar Ting, Manchuria, say that 10,000 armed Chinese, unofficially recognized as government troops, are operating in the district and are expected to attack the railroad guards when they hear of the Russian disaster.

One hundred Chinese have been massacred by Russian soldiers at Liao- yang and as a result China may be forced, in self-defense, actively to enter upon the stage of the world-drama.

Alarmed by the massacre, Chinese officials at Shan-Hai-Kwan have sent frantic appeals for protection to Peking, and collisions between Chinese and Russian troops may result if the former are ordered to protect the Chinese of that region. Another phase of the question of the attitude of China is presented by a dispatch from Tientsin stating that Li, the empress dowager's favorite court official, and a man of strong pro-Russian sentiment, has been lured away and beheaded by order of Yuan Shi Kai.

## THE MIKADO DECLARES WAR.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—The existence of a state of war with Russia was formally announced to-day by an imperial proclamation.

## THE ENGAGEMENT OFF CHEMULPHO.

The Exchange of Shots Lasted Thirty-four Minutes When the Russian Ships Withdrew and Sank Later.

Tokio, Wednesday, Feb. 10.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The destruction of the Russian cruiser Variag and the gunboat Korietz at Chemulpho, Tuesday, is officially confirmed, but details are lacking.

Admiral Urik, commanding the Japanese squadron, sent a cablegram to the navy department saying that the two Russian vessels weighed anchor at noon, steamed down the bay and encountered the Japanese fleet while rounding an island, nine miles from Chemulpho. It is not known who first opened fire, but the exchange lasted thirty-four minutes.

The Russian ships then withdrew to Chemulpho. The Korietz exploded about 4:30 o'clock. It is not clear how the Variag was destroyed. The loss of life and the effect of the shells on the Russians are unknown.

It is possible that the Russian crews aided in the destruction of their vessels to avoid capture or annihilation. The Japanese did not lose a man and their ships were not injured. The names of the Japanese ships are withheld for strategic reasons.

The Russian crews, it is reported, surrendered to the Japanese at Chemulpho.

Japan is elated by its success in the engagement.

Reports from Chemulpho say that both the Variag and Korietz hoisted the white flag at the last moment.

London, Feb. 11.—It is believed that more than 100 Russians were killed in the wreck of the Variag and Korietz.

## RUSSIAN PRESS SCORES ENGLAND AND U. S.

Declares Japan Has Been Secretly Aided by Great Britain and the United States Is Deceived.

Special to The Journal.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—Japan, England and America come in for a scolding by the St. Petersburg press this morning. It is openly charged that England is the real instigator of the war and that America is being led about as desired by England.

The press has awakened to the fact that the war has long been planned against Russia and that England has aided Japan in making preparations. It is claimed that Russian war secrets have been gathered by spies in London and furnished first to England and then to Japan.

Russia, it is claimed, was formerly regarded by Americans as their friend but England, thru the influence of the American press, has succeeded in poisoning America's mind against Russia. The Novoye Vremya says:

For two or three years there has been a steady effort on the part of English diplomats to create an anti-Russian sentiment in America. This has been accomplished thru Secretary Hay's information toward England and thru the London press reports that fill the American newspapers.

All the foreign news contained in the American newspapers is furnished by London, and is just the kind of news England desires Americans to read in order to prejudice them against Russia. The American newspaper would rely on their own correspondents to furnish news of international affairs there would be a different feeling among Americans toward Russia. As it is, the English newspaper correspondents furnish their papers with news, and this pro-English news is cabled to America to feed the American public. Next year, the English read the newspapers, and so it is easy to see how their minds are swayed at will by the press reports sent out by a designing nation.

Korea Overrun by Japs in Disguise.

The Novoye Vremya says it is quite possible that the whole of Korea has been overrun by Japanese soldiers in disguise and that Russia may first have to assume the defensive, and then her forces in southern Manchuria and Korea are increased the Japanese will realize what they have to meet.

The newspapers in general chorus denounce the action of Japan as being treacherous, declaring that it is truly Asiatic, but insisting that the issue of the conflict will not be decided by the naval engagements, as the Japanese will have to meet Russia on dry land, when the score will be wiped out.

No further details of the fighting off Port Arthur have been made public here beyond the official bulletins. All newspaper dispatches over the Siberian line have been stopped. Skepticism is expressed in certain quarters that the full extent of the Russian losses has not been given out.

Japanese Minister Leaves St. Petersburg.

In spite of the state of public feeling there has been no attempt to molest M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese minister. He left St. Petersburg this evening, a special train taking him to Berlin. As the Japanese minister left his carriage and walked to the train thru a respectful crowd he carried a bouquet of roses which had been presented to him by Mrs. McCormick, wife of the United States ambassador. As the train drew out of the station the crowd gave a few cheers and cries of "long live Nicholas."

JAPAN CLAIMS COMMAND OF THE SEA

Baron De Rosen Warned the Russian Government Not to Goad the Japs to War.

Special to The Journal.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—The naval authorities here claim the Japanese successes have already insured her the command of the sea between Port Arthur and the mouth of the Yalu river.

The newspapers are unanimous in expressions of personal sympathy for Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, whom they dissociate completely from Russia's attitude. It is reported he deprecates his own government's diplomatic methods and warned St. Petersburg some time ago that they were goading the Japanese into war. He urged that the characteristic contempt of the Russian press for the Asiatics was entirely misplaced in the case of Japan.

RUSSIAN "INFORMATION" IS MISLEADING

Army in Manchuria and Siberia Overestimated by at Least One Hundred Thousand Men.

Special to The Journal.

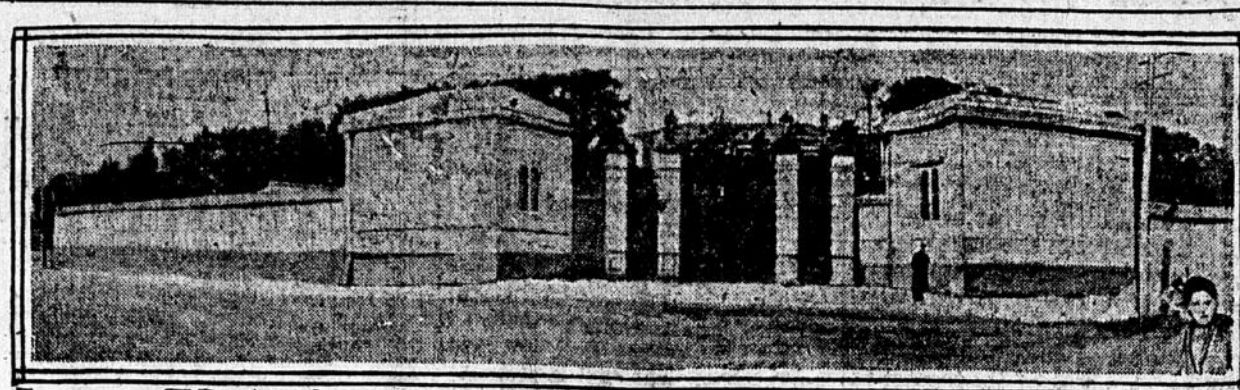
Peking, Feb. 11.—No one nation has knowledge of the forces of another that is more complete than the information possessed by Japan regarding the distribution of the Russian army in Manchuria and Siberia. Adequate information of these forces, with maps and plans, also is in the possession of the British intelligence officers in China, India and London.

The Russian troops now available for war in the far east have been over-

It may be  
**COFFEE!!!**  
Prove by change to  
**Postum**  
10 days and note the  
improvement.

RUSSIANS WERE NOT PREPARED FOR WAR

This officer reports an incident that demonstrates the difficulties at Port



ENTRANCE TO RUSSIAN LEGATION, TOKYO.

Arthur. On Jan. 30 one Russian fleet was hurriedly ordered to sea but two

battleships could not move, having stuck fast in the mud in the shallow

basin, and the remainder remain behind.

The Times military correspondent does not look on the Port Arthur affair as demonstrating anything new as to the value of torpedoes in naval warfare.

He says: Port Arthur proves absolutely nothing but the fact that modern science has outstripped the capacity of certain nations to make an intelligent use of the new weapons.

It would have been precisely the same thing if it had been battleships and torpedoes, men of war and fireships or torpedoes and catapaults.

It was not an affair in which intelligence and expertness combatted similar qualities, but rather a case where skillful and courageous sailors took advantage of stupidity, negligence and incapacity. War is an art and if the artist is not a master, he will produce nothing that will live.

## RUSSIANS KEPT IGNORANT

Government Withholds All News—Numerous Rumors in Circulation.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—The rigid censorship still prevents the newspapers from receiving war news from either Russian or foreign sources. No news has been received since Vice-roy Alexieff's report, and the public consequently is still completely in the dark.

All manner of rumors are afloat. The government, however, has taken measures to counteract their publication, forbidding the retail sale of the principal offender, the St. Petersburg Gazette.

The government expressed great displeasure at the publication of the report of a Russian victory and the raising of false hopes among the population.

Nevertheless rumors circulated verbally are greedily swallowed. According to one report here the Russian armored cruiser Gromoboi recently

destroyed twenty Japanese vessels off the coast of Korea and was herself sunk by the Japanese cruisers.

Another story claimed that four of the Vladivostok fleet, under Admiral Stackelberg, had sunk four Japanese transports.

The most circumstantial story current in St. Petersburg is a report of the sinking of the Russian cruiser Variag off Chemulpho.

Still another is that the recent Japanese attack on Port Arthur was a feint to protect the passage of transports bound to Shan-Hai-Kwan to land Japanese troops there and effect contact with the forces of Yuan Shi Kai, the Chinese commander-in-chief, and attack the Russians in the rear.

All the Russian navigation companies having vessels in far eastern waters are anxious about their fate. The volunteer fleet is particularly concerned.

The Vladivostok fleet, which left Vladivostok Feb. 4 and the Voronej, which left Shanghai, laden for Singapore, Feb. 1. No news of either vessel has reached here.

## U. S. CONSUL'S REPORT

Variag and Korietz Sunk by Japs—2,500 Jap Troops Sent to Port Arthur.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Congress received at the state department today from Minister Allen at Seoul reports the arrival of twenty-one Japanese naval vessels, including the Variag and Korietz, Feb. 4 and the afternoon of the 9th. Two Russian naval vessels, Variag and Korietz, were in Chemulpho harbor and attempted to prevent the landing of Japanese forces.

A running naval engagement took place about noon on the 10th. The Variag was injured. The Japanese navy vessels were ordered to attack and they would attack the place at 4 o'clock p. m. At the latter hour, the Variag blew up and sank. She was a slow vessel, which made it difficult for her to escape.

The Japanese naval vessels attacked the Variag from the outside harbor until she had been sunk. Two hundred Japanese troops are in Seoul.

## Exceptions from Seizure.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—The imperial decree concerning the seizure of Russian merchant vessels, except those leaving Japan or sailing direct from other than Japanese ports for Japan, is provided that the latter leave Japan after discharging their cargoes and keep to the route mapped out for them, and provided, also, that neither about her age, has not been found, and she will continue the search.

## CLOSE TO INJUNCTION STAGE.

Special to The Journal.

Marshalltown, Iowa, Feb. 11.—The attempt of the striking printers to boycott the merchants advertising in papers listed as "unfair" may result in an injunction being asked of the federal court.

## MOVES UPON THE WAR CHESS BOARD.

Port Said, Feb. 11.—The Russian volunteer fleet ship, Smolensk, and two destroyers have arrived here and have been refused call by order of the Egyptian government. They passed thru the Suez canal.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—It is officially announced that Admiral Alexieff has been appointed to the supreme command of the Russian land and sea forces in the far east.

London, Feb. 11.—Lloyd's agent at Shanghai, cabling under date of yesterday, says it is reported and generally believed that a Japanese warship has destroyed the Russian mail steamer Mongolia, bound from Shanghai for Dairen.

Tientsin, Feb. 11.—The Russian garrison was withdrawn yesterday to Shan-Hai-Kwan. The postoffice was transferred to the French authorities.

Yuan Shi Kai, governor of Chi-li province and commander-in-chief of the army, has issued a proclamation forbidding meeting of secret societies or seditious movements.

The Japanese are flooding Peking gratis with newspapers containing reports of the Japanese successes against Russia.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—Orders have been issued for the formation of a third Siberian army corps and a trans-Baikal division of Cossacks, which will be incorporated in the Manchurian army.



COUNT KURINO, JAPANESE MINISTER TO ST. PETERSBURG.

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## \$2,000,000 FOR CLEANING UP

Baltimore Will Spend That Sum to Remove Debris from the Burned District.

Expert Insurance Appraisers Declare the Loss Will Reach About \$85,000,000.

Three Thousand Laborers Began Work of Removing Rubbish This Morning.

Baltimore, Feb. 11.—Three thousand laborers reported to Street Cleaning Commissioner Wyckes this morning. At each had been provided with a worker's ticket, they were divided into squads, placed under bosses and marched into the burned district.

Accompanying the workmen were hundreds of carts and trucks. By 9 o'clock the force was busily at work loading bricks and broken timbers into carts to be hauled away. Besides this force several hundred railroad workmen under the supervision of the engineers of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio railroads began to take down the iron pillars and girders left standing in the ruins, which, in their present position, are dangerous.

Thus the enormous task of bringing order out of chaos in the devastated city has been formally begun, and it is not to be doubted that it will be resolutely executed. The loss to the city has been roused to the necessity of pushing forward the reconstruction of the ruined district. The magnitude of the work is realized, and the city is estimated that the mere cleaning away of the debris will cost about \$2,000,000.

A number of individual merchants and bankers announced to-day that they have already made definite arrangements with architects and builders for the erection of new structures.

Already a thousand firms have found quarters in other parts of the city while others are still seeking desirable locations. The city is a scene of activity, and old buildings which have stood idle for years have been quickly seized by business men.

In numerous instances business houses outside the fire area are giving up portions of their buildings to others.

Loss Is \$85,000,000.

A composite estimate of the total loss by twenty-five expert representatives of leading insurance companies outside of Baltimore places the figures at \$85,000,000. Some think that the total loss will be reduced to \$70,000,000, as much salvage is being recovered from the ruins. The loss to the insurance companies is estimated at 75 per cent of the total loss.

The Chamber of Commerce to-day resumed the