

VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON CLEARS FOR ACTION; RUSSIA HURRIES TROOPS TO KOREAN FRONTIER

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—A dispatch from Vladivostok, dated to-day and issued here by a semi-official agency, says the Russian squadron at Vladivostok has been fully equipped for immediate service and prepared for sea. All the wood fittings of the ships were removed yesterday. The harbor is being kept open by ice-breakers. The squadron consists of four cruisers—the Gromoboi, of 12,336 tons; the Russia, of 12,130 tons; the Bogatyr, of 6750 tons, and the Rurik, of 10,923 tons, and a transport, the Lena.

RALSTON AFTER IRISH'S PLACE

Former Senator Felton Goes to Washington to Help His Friend Get Naval Office Job

BARD STICKS TO CUTTER

Gold Democrat Orator Smiles at the Rumor That He Intends to Resign Position Soon

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL BUREAU, HOTEL BARTON, WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Upon the presumption that the story that John P. Irish is about to voluntarily retire from the position of Naval Officer at San Francisco the candidacy of W. C. Ralston for that office is being actively urged by his friends. Senator Ralston, accompanied by his friend, ex-United States Senator Felton, arrived here some days ago from New Orleans and are at the New Willard. Felton, since his arrival, has been laid up with a slight attack of grip, but work has gone on in behalf of Ralston. It has been intimated that Senators Perkins and Bard might possibly, in view of the circumstances, effect an agreement upon the candidacy of Ralston, as it is understood that their differences in this regard is the one thing that would cause the President to hesitate at making the appointment, especially if the place was left vacant by the resignation of the incumbent. Senator Bard has been the champion of W. M. Cutter for the place, while Senator Perkins has nominated Ralston. The question being directly put to Senator Bard to-night he replied that he had placed Cutter in nomination before any man had been named for the place since the withdrawal of the name of Wood of Stockton and that he saw no reason for now substituting another name.

As for the story of voluntarily resigning, John P. Irish, who is still here, only smiles when it is mentioned and says it is an old, old tale that has made a certain circuit in newspapers periodically and that he gives it no countenance.

This is as near a definite statement with regard to any intention to retire that he may or may not have as he can be induced to make.

An amendment was secured to the urgent deficiency bill to-day providing an additional appropriation for a Federal building at Los Angeles in the sum of \$19,600, being the amount in which the original appropriation of \$175,000 fell short according to the award of the jury in condemnation proceedings for the purchase of the site.

Governor Otero's Cousin Dies.

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mex., Feb. 2. M. S. Otero, probably the wealthiest man in New Mexico, Delegate in Congress from 1879 to 1888, and one of the leading business men of the Territory, is dead at his home here of apoplexy. He was a cousin of M. O. Otero, at present Governor of New Mexico. A widow and five children survive him.

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Bright's Disease and Diabetes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1, 1904.—J. M. Pickett is the photographer at Hollister. He has given us the following statement:

"I suffered for eight years the coming March with Bright's Disease. Physicians both here and in San Francisco told me that it was Bright's Disease and that it was incurable. I commenced taking Fulton's Renal Compound last October. But even in the short time I have used it it has made a wonderful change in me. I used to get very weak and tired, but can now walk all day and the doctor tells me there is no more albumen."

"Some months ago James Eagar wrote from the National Military Home at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., that he was a victim of Diabetes, and that although his physician believed the disease to be beyond the reach of medicine yet that he wanted to go on Fulton's Diabetic Compound. He began to get the usual favorable results almost from the start, and last week we received a letter from him, from which we quote the following:

"I am greatly improved. I send you enclosed what my doctor found on an examination just made (Jan. 21st):

"Spec. grav.—1022.

"Color—dark straw.

"Reaction—acid.

"Sugar—none.

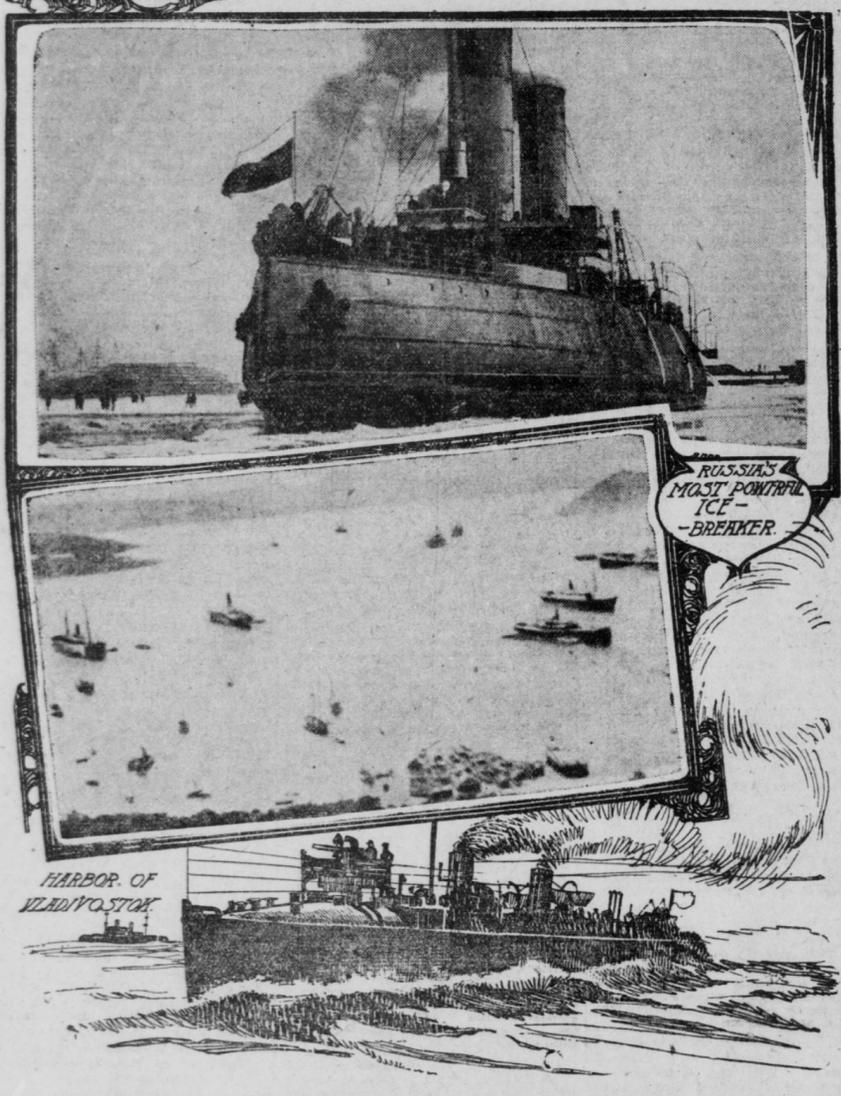
"Albumen—none.

"Oder—none."

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RENDEZVOUS OF RUSSIA'S NORTHERN SQUADRON, WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR SEA, AND SCENE IN THE HARBOR WHILE ICE-BREAKER IS AT WORK CLEARING A WAY FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE WARSHIPS.

Russian Army Is Moving Forward to the Yalu and Japan Mobilizes Her Naval Reserves.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—Russia's reply to Japan will not be sent until Friday next, or Thursday at the very earliest. On no day has the situation been generally accepted as so grave as to-day. A highly placed official this afternoon admitted that this was the case, saying that the Japanese seemed to have made up their minds that it would be more advantageous for them to fight now than later.

Publishing of news of the calling out of the reserves in the eastern provinces and of reinforcements being hastily sent to Vladivostok and Port Arthur caused hopes of peace to sink. If anything more were needed it came from the published in the papers here, saying that the transports' troops are moving to Yalu. This is interpreted in official circles as meaning war.

As a final touch came news of the mobilization of the Japanese naval reserves. The Bourse and business men took the view that the situation was bad.

"Russia cannot climb down," said a general as a final word last evening. "I don't see the remotest possibility of war being avoided. At best it can only be postponed for a short time."

It was said to-day by one who has considerable knowledge of what is going on behind the scenes that the matter of the Russian ships leaving the Black Sea had once more been vigorously taken up and that the Sultan had been constrained to give his consent.

I also heard a mysterious statement that it had been arranged that war should be finally brought about by a well and previously arranged movement made by Admiral Alexieff, which would forthwith give Russia the dominating strategic position.

of Major General Ijichi to be military attache to the Seoul legation.

The provisioning of the fleet and purchase of supplies for the naval and military personnel were completed, some American firms securing profitable orders. Tenders for the supply of an enormous quantity of food and provisions were invited in the Manila papers and it was inferred that Manila might be made a supplementary base of supplies in the event of hostilities, as British ports, such as Hongkong, etc., would be too closely watched to be available.

One notable feature of the lull had been the increased friendliness shown toward the United States by the whole Japanese people. "This was manifested by the attention showered on leading representatives. United States Minister Lloyd C. Griscom, who has won great credit among his colleagues for his quiet, non-committal bearing throughout the crisis, of course, has not figured in any demonstration personally, but a military attache of the legation was one of the special guests of honor at a banquet given on the 14th ultimo at Tokio by representatives of the banking and commercial interests in honor of the special correspondents of the foreign press. The entertainment proper comprised a modern masque and some speeches. Sonoda Kokichi, president of the Nobles Bank, made an eloquent speech, indicating Japan's resolve and readiness to act and the inspiration afforded by the moral support of the United States. Lieutenant Trowbridge, United States military attache, then spoke and his remarks were warmly applauded.

The Empress of China brought specie valued at 4,000,000 yen and landed it at Victoria. While nothing definite could be found to account for such an immense sum being sent the general impression is that it is to purchase war supplies in British Columbia.

The press censorship in Japan has been somewhat relaxed and this tends to show an easier feeling in Government circles.

JAPAN READY FOR WAR.

Commercial Freighters Are Chartered and Turned Into Cruisers.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 2.—Advices from Tokio, dated January 22, and received this morning by the Empress of China, say Japanese preparations for war were being pushed to the utmost and it was credibly rumored that if the Russian reply proved finally unacceptable Japan would immediately throw 30,000 troops into Korea to safeguard her interests there. Some twenty commercial freighters were known to have been chartered by the Government, those of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha having been converted into fast cruisers, as have also some of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha boats, including the Nikko. The second reserves of the Kokura division were called out. Various military appointments were made, including that

MAY SEND AN ULTIMATUM.

Japan to Make Final Move Before Declaring Hostilities.

TOKIO, Feb. 2.—The Russian note is still undelivered and the Government and people of Japan do not possess any definite information concerning the time of its arrival or its contents. Russia's delay, coupled with the announcement of continued movement of reinforcements into Manchuria, increases the strain of the tension, while it diminishes the already slim prospects for peace. The Government has been urged to dispatch a peremptory note to St.

Petersburg, threatening to declare war if refused immediate satisfaction in the way of a reply to its previous note; but still the Government is patiently waiting, although it is manifest if the delay be much prolonged it will act energetically.

Events will move rapidly when the note is finally received, if it is materially unsatisfactory and the prospect for additional negotiation is slight, although Japan may dispatch an ultimatum before striking. The Japanese show a remarkable outward calm and no scenes similar to those in America and England before recent wars are witnessed. There are occasional demonstrations and outcroppings of popular feeling, but the casual visitor to the larger cities can see but little out of the ordinary in the disposition and behavior of the people. There is, however, an undercurrent of desperate determination running the nation's length and breadth. The people have counted the cost and made final preparations, so that if forced to fight they are capable of waging and sustaining war in a manner that will surprise the world.

PLACING ONUS UPON JAPAN.

French Press Busy Creating Sympathy for Muscovite Ally.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The Havas Agency has circulated a dispatch to the effect that Russia's reply to Japan, the substance of which has been communicated to the foreign chancelleries everywhere, has created an impression that war will be averted. The concessions go beyond general expectation and illustrate the sentiments of equity and loyalty actuating the Czar.

"If, in spite of the very large satisfaction Japan will receive," continues the dispatch, "the issue of the crisis should be war, Japan will incur the whole responsibility and find herself morally isolated."

The reply, the Havas Agency says, only awaits its final drafting and will be presented on February 5.

The French Foreign Office authorized a denial of the report, printed in New York and emanating from Paris, to the effect that the French and British Governments had agreed to exert pressure upon Japan for the acceptance of the coming Russian reply.

Motono, the Japanese Minister in the course of an interview published in the Temps to-day, is quoted as saying: "They know nothing in Tokio concerning the contents of the Russian answer, and Baron Komura, the Japanese Foreign Minister, will know its contents only when he has the reply itself before him. For the present we are in a state of expectancy and uncertainty. It is said that the Russian

EXTENDS RIGHTS TO PORTO RICO

By Special Resolution Commissioner Degetau Is Granted Privileges of a Delegate

MINORITY FAVORS ACTION

Legislation Is Now Pending in House Providing Representation for the Island

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—By unanimously agreeing to a resolution amending the rules of the House to-day the resident Commissioner to Congress from Porto Rico was given additional authority equal in all essential respects to that of a delegate from a Territory, the action not requiring the concurrence of the Senate.

A bill which provided for a "delegate from Porto Rico" passed the House during the last Congress, but was amended by the Senate to such an extent that it failed. A bill duplicating the action of the House at the last session is now pending, but meanwhile Porto Rico will receive under the action taken to-day practically all of the benefits extended in the measure.

A lively parliamentary debate preceded the adoption of the resolution, which was reported from the Committee on Rules as a privileged matter. The minority members of the committee wished to set a date in the resolutions for the consideration of the bill in question, and to extend in the meantime all the privileges of a "delegate" to Degetau, the resident Commissioner. Failing in this, the minority members, after criticizing the majority, and also the Senate for its action of the last session, supported the resolution.

note has a most conciliatory tone. I heartily hope this is so."

CZAR PASSING UPON REPLY.

May Require Several Days for Its Full Consideration.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—The Czar now has before him the report of the special council on the Russian response. All of the papers relating thereto were submitted to him yesterday by the Grand Duke Alexis and the Czar is giving them earnest consideration. He had not rendered his decision up to 6 o'clock this evening, and it is authoritatively said that it may be several days before the response is forwarded to Tokio.

Prices on the Bourse are again weak, 4 per cent falling a point.

Prince Khilkoff, the Minister of Communications, started to-day on a tour of inspection of the Siberian and Trans-Baikal Railway.

The announcement of the Russian mobilization precedes the Russian response as a warning to Japan, says the Bourse Gazette to-day.

Must Retain His Office.

PEKING, Feb. 2.—An imperial edict issued to-day refuses to grant the request made by Yuan Shi Kai for permission to resign his position on the Army Board and orders him to continue his efforts to increase the efficiency of the army, with the co-operation of Prince Ching.

POPE PIUS MAY GIVE BRAZIL A CARDINAL

Pontiff May Increase Representation by Promoting Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro.

ROME, Feb. 2.—It seems more and more likely that the Pope will meet the wishes of the Brazilian Government by creating the Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro a Cardinal, the Pontiff remarking in this connection that Brazil contains over 15,000,000 Catholics.

It is further asserted that Emperor William of Germany has also expressed a desire to have another German Cardinal, as Germany now has only two, Cardinals Fischer and Kopp, while the empire contains 20,000,000 Catholics, or 2,000,000 more than Spain, which has five Cardinals.

PRINCESS IS ACQUITTED ON FRAUD CHARGE

Attorney for Prosecution Finds Little Evidence to Support the Accusation.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The Princess Alexandra of Isenberg-Budingen, whose trial on the charge of fraud and breach of faith toward numerous firms with whom she contracted debts recklessly without having the ability to pay, began yesterday at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, was acquitted to-day upon a motion of the State's Attorney, who said the evidence of fraud was not sufficient to convict her.

HEBREW IMMIGRATION FROM RUSSIA INCREASES

Three Hundred Families, Among Them Householders and Artisans, Are Coming to America.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—A dispatch from Gomet, government of Moghilev, says: "Jewish immigration to America steadily increasing. Artisans as well as wealthy householders are leaving. Three hundred families have just departed."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Senate to-day confirmed John Fowler of Massachusetts as Consul General at Chetu, China.



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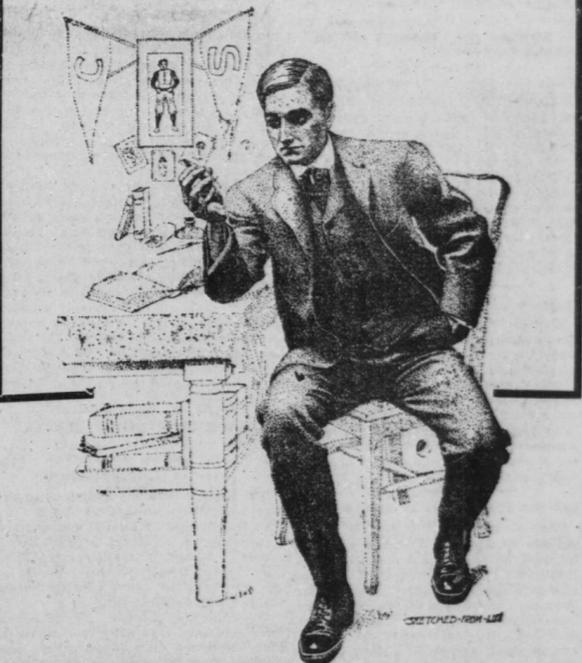
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Bogus Prince Is Sentenced.

TORONTO, Ontario, Feb. 2.—William Brown, alias A. E. Stewart, who as Prince Athroald Stewart de Modena married the Countess Russell of London, and who was arrested here on charges of vagrancy, was to-day sentenced to six months in jail. The charge of theft was dropped.

Macedonian Insurrection Revived.

VIENNA, Feb. 2.—A dispatch received here from Sofia, Bulgaria, says the chiefs of the Macedonian revolutionary organization in the interior have sent out circulars to the members of the organization ordering a renewal of the insurrection.

Saloon Licenses to Be Limited.

SANTA CRUZ, Feb. 2.—The City Council met last night and decided to limit the number of saloons in this city to thirty-seven.

West Virginia Bank Closed.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 2.—The Traders' National Bank, the largest bank in this city, has been closed by order of the Comptroller of the Currency and a national bank examiner has been appointed temporary receiver. The assets are \$1,250,000. It is believed the bank will resume business. No statement of its condition has been made.

Advertisements.

Married Women

Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided, however, by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this great liniment always prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. Mother's Friend overcomes all the danger of child-birth, and carries the expectant mother safely through this critical period without pain. It is woman's greatest blessing. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this wonderful remedy. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Our little book, telling all about this liniment, will be sent free.

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