

RUSSIA PLANS TO DRIVE JAPANESE INTO THE SEA

MAN CLOSE TO THE THRONE IN ST. PETERSBURG TALKS OF PLANS.

PLACES LIMIT ON WAR

Says Russia Will Defeat Japan by August or September—Nevertheless the Japs Keep on Winning at Sea—Capture Four of Enemy's Boats.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—A person high in authority and in intimate touch with the Russian war plans, whose opinion can be taken faithfully to reflect the belief in the highest official quarters, said today:

To End in the Fall. "The war will end in August or September in the complete defeat of the Japanese.

Japanese Hopes Vain. "How the Japanese can hope to succeed when our army in the east is strong to a point equal or superior in numbers to that of our adversary we are honestly unable to comprehend. It will not be difficult to place 600,000 additional men in the field if necessary.

Drive Japs Into Sea. "When our forces are concentrated and ready they will finish by driving the Japanese into the sea.

Counted on Aid.

"Frankly it seems to us the Japanese either have utterly failed to appreciate Russia's resources or have counted on the aid of Great Britain or the United States, neither of which ever contemplated becoming involved in the war. So far as Great Britain is concerned we do not believe any hallucinations existed there."

Will Win By Numbers. It can be said with the utmost positiveness that Russia will act on the defensive until she feels that her weight of numbers will leave no doubt as to the result.

Reinforcements Being Rushed. Reinforcements are going forward at the rate of 3,000 men per day. Probably some time will elapse before Russia feels fully prepared to assume the offensive.

Transports Returning. Port Said, Feb. 23.—The Russian transports Orel, with 1,227 troops and the Smolensk loaded with ammunition and provisions, arrived here today from Suez and will proceed toward Odessa during the day.

New Minister of War. St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—General Sakharoff, chief of staff in the military district of Turkestan, has been appointed to act as minister of war during the absence of General Kuropatkin, appointed commander of the military forces in the far east.

Emperor Stays at Tokio. Tokio, Feb. 23.—The plan arranged for the emperor and the imperial headquarters to move to Kyoto has been temporarily abandoned and it is now thought better not to remove until after the closing of the special session of the diet early in April. Small interest is manifested in the forthcoming election. The war overshadows all political questions just now.

Will Support Government. It is expected the new diet will fully support the government and cordially approve all measures concerning the war.

May Be Russian Spies. Yokohama, Feb. 23.—The police and other officials and interpreters, have left Tokio for Moyake island, where twelve Russians recently landed from two boats, declaring they had been shipwrecked but carrying arms and photographic cameras. The captain and two of the crew of another shipwrecked party who landed on the north coast have been brought to Yokohama and turned over to the French consul.

China Gets Angry. Shanghai, Feb. 23.—Two Chinese cruisers are expected here tomorrow to settle the question of the refusal of the Russian gunboat Mandjur to obey orders to leave Shanghai.

BRITISH OFFICERS HONORED. Mikado Rewards Them for Navigating His Ships.

Tokio, Feb. 23.—The mikado today received in audience Captains Lea and Paynter and Lieutenant Boyle of the British navy and thanked them for the navigation of the Japanese armored cruisers Nishin and Kasuga from Genoa, Italy to Japan. His majesty conferred on them the order of the Rising Sun and presented them with gifts and lacquer work from the imperial collection.

CAPTURE TORPEDO BOATS. Japanese Display Russian Signals and Lure Boats From Harbor.

Nagasaki, Feb. 23.—Lured by the use of Russian signals, four of the czar's torpedo boats at Port Arthur were captured by the Japanese fleet under Rear Admiral Togo.

This statement reached here today from Che Foo from a semi-official source and is confirmed by two other reports. The exact date of the capture of the boats is not known.

Bubonic Plague in Peru. Lima, Peru, Feb. 23.—The bubonic plague has reappeared in Lima.

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FORGETS HORROR.

Russian Court Acquits Kishinev Prisoners of Murder.

Kishinev, Russia, Feb. 23.—At the second trial of the prisoners connected with the massacres here, Kurban and Rotar, accused of murdering Abram Kogan, were acquitted. The former was condemned to one year's imprisonment for participation in the riots.

agement is not given, but it is believed to have taken place yesterday. The government has been expecting news of another attack on the Russian fortress, and it is known that Admiral Togo intended to attack at the first possible moment.

The Russian vessels were coaxed out to sea by the Japanese boats, which used the signal lights of the czar's fleet, and were then cut off from communication with the rest of the Russian squadron.

Another report from Che Foo, which has set the city wild with delight is that in the attack made February 14, two Russian battleships were sunk or disabled.

MIKADO SENDS EXHIBITS.

Richest Cargo Ever Landed on Pacific Coast Reaches Tacoma.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 23.—The steamship Lyra arrived here today with the most valuable cargo ever brought to the Pacific coast. Besides the exhibit of Japan for the St. Louis exposition the Lyra has a miscellaneous cargo valued at \$1,000,000. In the Mikado's exhibit are articles of such rarity that they are almost priceless.

TOWN IS FLOODED.

Hempstead, L. I., Home of Secretary Cortelyou Is Deluged.

New York, Feb. 23.—A freshet caused by the heavy rains and the sudden melting of the great quantity of snow has deluged Hempstead, L. I., the home town of Secretary Cortelyou. The mansions of many New York millionaires are isolated through the destruction of roads and bridges while the homes of many persons of smaller means are invaded by the rush of water. The residents were compelled to leave in row boats.

PROMINENT PROFESSOR DEAD.

Charles L. Michener, Teacher of Greek and Latin at Penn, Dies Today. Oskaloosa, Feb. 23.—(Special).—Charles L. Michener, professor of Greek and Latin at Penn college, died this morning of pneumonia. Professor Michener was a graduate of Harvard university and was prominent among the teachers of the state. He was also secretary of the yearly meeting of Friends, with which denomination he was identified.

WILL NOT COME BACK

FORMER AUDITOR MERRIAM AND INSURANCE EXAMINER SEND "REGRETS."

ONE BUSY; THE OTHER IDLE

Letters Received in Answer to Summons From Legislature Committee Give the Expected Refusals to Appear and Explain Official Actions.

Des Moines, Feb. 23.—Ex-Auditor Merriam and his official insurance examiner, Max Boehler, whose conduct in office relative to insurance examination fees has been the subject of investigation by the Iowa legislature, today sent communications to the statutory committee on retrenchment and reform, refusing to appear before that body with an explanation as was ordered.

Boehler Is Sick. Boehler pleads ill health and invites the committee to his home in Chicago where he says he will be glad to furnish the desired information.

Would Not He's Going Away. Merriam is in Oklahoma and writes the committee of a contemplated trip into the Indian Territory which makes it impossible for him to appear on the date specified.

House Talks Appropriations. Washington, Feb. 23.—The naval appropriation bill was taken up in the house today.

Settlers Rates to Minnesota and Dakota. The Iowa Central railway will place on sale each Tuesday during March and April one way excursion tickets for the benefit of settlers at very low rates through trains daily to St. Paul, making direct connections in union depot with northern lines, giving only one change of cars.

For details as to rates, etc., apply to agents, or address A. B. Cutts, G. P. & T. A., Minneapolis, Minn.

BOLD DASH FOR LIBERTY

FOUR PRISONERS IN ALBIA JAIL OVERPOWER TURNKEY AND FLEE.

TWO ARE RECAPTURED

The Mutiny is Led by Frank Cheeks, Who Was Arrested Near Ottumwa By Detective Harrison—Boy Aids Officers to Take Cheeks Last Night.

Albia, Feb. 23.—(Special).—Four prisoners, led by Frank Cheeks, a negro, escaped from the Monroe county jail late yesterday afternoon after overpowering the turnkey and two of the other jailers. The others, Cheeks and another colored man named Reynolds, were recaptured later in the evening and are in jail. The turnkey, Henry Davenport, who was struck down by Cheeks in the jail corridor, recovered from his injuries in time to effect the capture of Reynolds.

Cheeks then released the other three prisoners, Reynolds, A. H. Terry and C.W. Meyers and together the four men fled from the jail. Before Davenport could sound an alarm they had apparently completely disappeared but the turnkey immediately set out to hunt for them.

Cheeks Attacks Turnkey. Cheeks, who was arrested by Burlington Detective James Harrison on a train just entering Ottumwa several weeks ago, was last week convicted of robbing a store in Albia and was in jail awaiting sentence. Yesterday he secured permission of the warden to wash some clothes in the corridor of the jail and was released from his cell for that purpose. Late in the afternoon, when Turnkey Davenport entered the place to again lock Cheeks in his cell, the prisoner attacked him and knocked him down, rendering him temporarily unconscious.

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Within a short time after the escape from the jail, Roy Clarkson climbed into the hay loft of his father's barn to secure hay for feeding horses. The lad noticed a form under the hay but went on with his work as if he saw nothing unusual. As soon as he could do so, without arousing suspicion, he ran to the house and notified Sheriff Doner, who arrested Cheeks in the barn. The man was evidently lying there in the hope of escaping discovery until darkness would give him an opportunity to escape from town.

About dusk, Davenport, who had started west from Albia in pursuit of the runaways, overtook Reynolds a short distance from Albia and effected his recapture without much trouble. As yet, however, Meyers and Terry both of whom are white men, are at large.

Terry was serving a thirty days' sentence and Myers, who was accused of stealing chickens, had not yet had his trial.

SHOOT'S SELF

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NEW INTERURBAN LINE TO OPEN COAL FIELDS

RECEIVER NAMED.

Stockholders of Corning Savings Bank to Investigate Affairs.

Corning, Feb. 23.—Upon the application of its stockholders, O. F. Andrews was today appointed receiver for Corning Savings bank which has been in the hands of a state auditor for a week. President LaRue is in a state of mental collapse. The liabilities are \$30,000.

Chariton, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Alma Winkler arrived here from Des Moines Saturday for a few days' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lambert are residents of this city now, having moved here yesterday from Mt. Pleasant. The rural mail carriers enjoyed the national holiday yesterday, by not being compelled to make their trips. Simon Oppenheimer went to Chicago last night, where he will receive medical treatment for a few days.

The young people of the Baptist church gave a social last evening in the basement of the church in honor of Washington's birthday. A program consisting of music, recitations, etc., was carried out.

L. A. Scott of Corydon was in the city yesterday on business. A number of the business houses of Chariton are receiving their annual overhauling, each receiving a new coat of paper and paint.

The remains of Miss Grace Richmond, colored, who died at Ardmore, Mo., Sunday, arrived in the city yesterday morning and were taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Richmond. Miss Richmond was raised in Chariton and was a graduate of the public schools finishing her course three years ago. She then went to Ardmore, where she has been engaged in teaching school. The funeral will be held at the Baptist church by Rev. B. F. Palmer, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Chariton cemetery.

TWO KILLED

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN DIE AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION OF LOCOMOTIVE.

Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 23.—A freight locomotive on the Philadelphia & Erie railway blew up today near Kane, Pa., today instantly killing Engineer James Quinn and Fireman Jones.

Train Rolls Down Bank. Bridgeport, Tenn., Feb. 23.—A south bound passenger train on the Southern railway struck a rock near Delrio early today, and was derailed. Three cars rolled down the embankment into Pigeon river, but so far as is known no one was seriously injured.

BROUGHT TO OTTUMWA.

John Kane of Eldon in County Jail for Habitual Drunkenness.

John Kane of Eldon has been brought to Ottumwa by Constable James Roberts of Eldon and confined in the county jail. Kane, who was in the jail about two months ago because of his inordinate desire for strong drink, has fallen again and is confined for habitual drunkenness. An effort will be made to bring him before the inebriety board and to secure his confinement in the hospital at Mt. Pleasant.

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ROAD SURVEYED FROM SOUTH OTTUMWA TO BUXTON, THROUGH EDDYVILLE.

TO USE ELECTRIC POWER

Statement That Scheme Is on Foot Is Made on Good Authority Today—Ottumwa Capital Believed to Be Interested—Survey Made Last Summer.

Eddyville, Feb. 23.—(Special).—An electric railway which will open a new coal field between Eddyville and Buxton and will accommodate the farming district between Eddyville and Ottumwa on the south side of the river, is said by well informed people to be assured. Although the names of the people who are backing the enterprise cannot be learned it is said that a new railway, the Chicago, Ottumwa & Western, is contemplated, and that this electric line will be a part of the system.

Rumors are flying thick and fast in Eddyville and vicinity regarding the possibility of the establishment of the new road, and heretofore it has been hard to find grounds for a definite statement. Today, however, it is stated on good authority that the road is already planned and that its line has been surveyed from South Ottumwa along the river bluff to Eddyville and thence almost direct to Buxton, in Monroe county.

Coal Lands Leased.

With a view to securing the advantages from this new scheme it is stated that the company which formerly had control of the coal mines at Franksville, near Eddyville, has secured options on 1,000 acres of coal land along the proposed route. The coal field between Eddyville and Buxton is known to be a rich one but no extensive work in developing it has ever been done, for the reason that the facilities for hauling the product were so meagre. With the establishment of the new line however, this difficulty will be done away with and the already big coal fields of Iowa will receive an appreciable addition.

Will Have Passenger Trains. It is stated that the plan of the new company is to have both freight and passenger trains and to conduct the road as the inter-urban lines in other parts of Iowa and in the eastern states are conducted. It is also stated that in time the line will be extended to Council Bluffs.

Depot At Bridgeport. The road will not of course touch Eddyville, but will run directly across the river from the town and it is said a station is to be established at Bridgeport, just above Eddyville and across the river.

The dispatch above probably explains the survey which was made through South Ottumwa last summer by a party of engineers, who had run a line from south of Ottumwa, through the coal fields of Davis county, and who continued on to the north toward Eddyville. At that time nothing definite could be learned from the engineering party nor from the local railroad regarding the meaning of the survey, but it has been hinted that local capitalists are behind the scheme in connection with capitalists in other cities in this part of the state. It is stated on good authority that the coming season will see the beginning of the construction of the new line.

TO RELIEVE MARINES.

Third Regular Infantry Ordered to Go to Panama.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The war department today issued orders for the entire Third regiment of infantry to proceed to the isthmus of Panama and to leave at the earliest possible time on transports from New York.

The regiment is going to Panama to relieve the marines now stationed there.

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IS TRIPLE MURDERER

Section Hand Cuts The Throats of Woman and Two Children.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., FEB. 23.—IN A JEALOUS RAGE JERRY DUGAN, A SECTION HAND, EARLY TODAY, WITH A RAZOR, CUT THE THROATS OF MRS. BEN RAMSEY, HER DAUGHTER MYRTLE, AGED FOUR AND HER SON ALBERT, AGED TWO YEARS. DUGAN SURRENDERED HIMSELF AND CONFESSED THE CRIME.

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