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REPLY IS RECEIVED

Answer of Russian Government Considered Responsive to Note of United States.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Secretary Hay today received by cable from Ambassador McCormick the reply of the Russian government to its proposition relating to Chinese neutrality. The reply is considered responsive by the department to our note, and its substance has been communicated to the governments of Japan and China.

Seoul, Feb. 19.—The report that 3,000 Russian troops had arrived at Tiencheng, opposite Wiju, on the Yalu river, is confirmed, as is the report that the Russians have occupied Wiju itself. They have 2,000 troops at Wiju and the first collision is expected somewhere in that vicinity.

Tokio, Feb. 19.—The reports that have been sent to the effect that Russian troops have crossed the Yalu river and are moving south with the object of seizing Pingyang are declared to be unfounded. A reliable report from Wiju states that the Russians are assembling in force on the north side of the Yalu, but they have not attempted to cross the river or move further south.

RUSSIANS MUST BE PATIENT.

Army Will Avenge Japan's Blow to Navy.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—An official proclamation explaining the unpreparedness of Russia for war and the necessity for the exercise of patience by her people has been issued here. It is as follows:

"Eight days have now elapsed since all Russia was shaken with profound indignation against an enemy who suddenly broke off negotiations and by a treacherous attack endeavored to obtain an easy success in a war long desired. The Russian nation, with natural impatience, desires

prompt vengeance and awaits reverently news from the Far East.

"The unity and strength of the Russian people leave no room for doubt that Japan will receive the chastisement she deserves for her treachery and provocation to war at a time when our beloved sovereign desired to maintain peace among the nations. The conditions under which hostilities are being carried on compel us to wait with patience news of the

Success of Our Troops,

which cannot occur before decisive actions are fought by the Russian army. The distance of the territory and the desire of the emperor to maintain peace were the causes of the impossibility of more complete and earlier preparations for war. Much time is now necessary in order to strike at Japan, but it is necessary for the dignity and might of Russia that, while sparing as much as possible the shedding of blood of her children, to inflict just chastisement upon the nation which has provoked the struggle. Russia must await the event in patience, being sure that our army will avenge a hundredfold that provocation.

"Operations on land must not be expected for some time yet and we cannot obtain early news from the theater of war. The useless shedding of blood is unworthy the greatness and power of Russia."

May Use German Hospitals.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—Emperor William has notified the czar and the mikado

that the German hospitals at Kiaochow and Yokohama are available for the care of men wounded during the war.

DISASTER OFF CHEMULPO.

No Official Announcement Yet Made at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—No official announcement of the disaster off Chemulpo, Korea, has yet been made here, although the papers are printing stories of the loss of the Variag and Korietz. The St. Petersburg Gazette asks:

"What are we going to do with the millions subscribed for the navy?" and continues:

"We cannot patch up a useless garment. Let us start afresh. Let the people decide how the money is to be spent. The ministries are too busy to give the matter due attention." Count Orloff Davkoff, the philanthropist and close friend of the late Czar Alexander III., has given \$500,000 to the Red Cross society—\$100,000 for the immediate use of the society, \$200,000 for a hospital for wounded sailors and soldiers and \$200,000 for a school for orphans of the war.

The Korean minister announces that although 36,000 Korean troops are stationed about Seoul, his government preferred not to take up arms against Japan because Korea is neutral and felt sure Russia would soon drive out the Japanese.

FIRE ON BY RUSSIANS.

British Steamer Sought Shelter in Port Arthur Roadstead.

Shanghai, Feb. 19.—The British steamer Helping, which arrived here during the day from Chingwangtao, reports that she was fired on by the Russian ships and forts when seeking shelter in the outer roadstead of Port Arthur and that she was then ordered to Dalny, where she was detained four days in spite of her captain's protests.

The Russian gunboat Mandjur has not gone up the river to be dismantled as reported. She remains at Shanghai in defiance of the orders of the Chinese officials to leave this port.

STRUCK BY TORPEDO.

Japs Claim They Destroyed the Cruiser Boyarin.

Tokio, Feb. 19.—It is the belief of the navy department that the Russian second class cruiser Boyarin was torpedoed and sunk by the destroyer

Boyarin in the night of Sunday morning.

Lieutenant Commander Tokenuchi did not know the names of the vessels struck by a torpedo discharged by the Boyarin, but the navy department has since learned from other sources that it was the Boyarin.

FEAR INTERNAL TROUBLE.

Disorders Reported From Several Sections of Russia.

New York, Feb. 19.—Pandemonium has reigned for several days at Rostoff, according to a Times dispatch from Moscow. The revolutionary party is vigorously at work.

The state of affairs in the Caucasus is also unsatisfactory and the government is apprehensive of an extension of the disorders.

The governors of the provinces have secured special instructions on the subject.

Over 400 Russians Killed.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Chemulpo reasserts that 17 officers and 439 men of the Russian warships Variag and Korietz were either killed or drowned when those vessels were destroyed.

WITH MANCHURIA EXCLUDED.

Russia Will Accept Provisions of Secretary Hay's Note.

Paris, Feb. 19.—Following another conference between Foreign Minister Delcasse and Ambassador Porter it is understood that Russia's formal adhesion to the American note will be announced within a week. It now appears that responsible Russian officials made known that with the exception of Manchuria from the operations of the note Russia saw no objection to its acceptance. This was considered sufficient to permit France to accept with a reservation excepting Manchuria, but Russia's formal action awaits submission for the approval of the czar, and, owing to the pressure of the war operations, its submission has been deferred, although it is expected daily.

The foreign office here has been advised of Italy's acceptance.

Russians Encamped Near Wiju.

Seoul, Feb. 19.—Three thousand Russian troops are reported to be encamped on the Yalu river opposite Wiju.

INDICTMENTS IN LAND SCANDAL.

Wealthy Western Men Charged With Defrauding the Government.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The District of Columbia grand jury has returned four indictments in the land scandal cases.

John A. Benson, a wealthy San Francisco land operator; Frederick A. Hyde, San Francisco, a speculator; Henry C. Dimond, a California lawyer; and J. H. Schneider, a Tucson (ARIZ.) land agent, are indicted. The last named has been arrested and is under \$20,000 bonds.

The indictment sets forth a number of transactions by which land is alleged to have been fraudulently acquired from the government in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and elsewhere. Most of these transactions are alleged to have occurred under the lieu land act.

AT LEAST \$85,000,000.

Revised Figures of the Loss by Baltimore Fire.

Baltimore, Feb. 19.—It has been learned from an authoritative source that the tax assessments on the realty in the burned district were approximately between \$20,000,000 and \$22,000,000 and that the assessments on average stocks of goods consumed in the fire were between \$50,000,000 and \$55,000,000. At this time of the year, however, the stocks carried by merchants were much heavier than the average. As the real estate was assessed at three-fourths of its value these figures would indicate a total loss by reason of the fire of about \$85,000,000 at the lowest figures.

BUILT OVER A CENTURY AGO.

Dartmouth Hall at Hanover, N. H., Destroyed by Fire.

Hanover, N. H., Feb. 19.—Dartmouth hall, the oldest building at Dartmouth college and one of the oldest college buildings in the country, was burned to the ground during the day. The fire spread so rapidly that the firemen could not save the hall, though they were able to prevent the flames from reaching two adjoining college buildings. The loss is \$25,000, partly covered by insurance.

Dartmouth hall was built about 116 years ago. As the fire broke out during the chapel exercises there were few persons in the hall at the time.

FIERCE BATTLE FOUGHT

BESIEGED TURKISH TROOPS INFLECT SEVERE DEFEAT ON ALBANIANS.

LATTER OUTNUMBERED THE OTTOMANS

REBELS ROUTED WITH LOSS OF EIGHT HUNDRED DEAD AND WOUNDED.

Salonica, Macedonia, Feb. 19.—The Albanians who were besieging Shemshi Pasha, who, with 2,500 Turkish troops and three guns, was reported to be besieged by 20,000 Albanians at Babajossi, have been routed, losing 800 men killed and wounded. The Turkish losses are said to be heavy. Five additional battalions of troops have been ordered to Verovich.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

House Committee Agrees to a Raise in Salaries.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The house committee on postoffices and postroads has agreed to the report of a sub-committee raising the salaries of rural free delivery carriers to a maximum of \$720 per annum instead of \$600 as at present. The report agreed to take away from such carriers the express and news agency privileges which they now have.

Force on Guard Reduced.

Baltimore, Feb. 19.—Brigadier General Riggs has issued orders relieving a company of the First regiment from duty in the burned district. General Riggs announced the remainder of the military force would be reduced daily.

Charles Rowe, an electrician who has been doing odd jobs about the Des Moines jail for his board, has received notice that there is a legacy of \$20,000 awaiting him in the Bank of Syracuse, N. Y.

We guarantee satisfaction. If for any reason you wish to return goods, your money will be returned if goods are received in good condition.

OLEARY and BOWSER

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA.

Free, during February, one seven-inch decorated dinner plate with each \$2 purchase. A \$12 purchase will secure a set of six plates worth \$1.50.



MEN'S OVERCOATS.
The well known Adler Coat, a large assortment in stock.....\$9.75-\$11.75

ADLER CLOTHING
PERFECT IN EVERY DETAIL

THIS LABEL SEWED IN
David Adler & Sons
Clothing Co.
INSIDE BREAST POCKET

MEN'S MITTS.

Men's Jack Back Mitts, the \$1 kind, for79 cents
Men's Horsehide Mitts, the 75 cent kind, for59 cents
Men's Home Made Yarn Mitts,50 cents a pair
Boy's Yarn Gloves, the 25 cent kind, for19 cents



MEN'S UNDERWEAR.

Men's heavy grey all wool underwear

\$2 a suit

GREAT ARRAY OF BARGAINS

For Friday and Saturday. Choice goods at low prices is what has made this store the popular Trading Center of Northwestern Minnesota.

SHOE DRESSING.

Gilt Edge, Boston's Oily Cream, Cream Dressing, all the 25 cent kind; our special price.....19 cents
Dandy Shoe Shiner, the \$1 kind for.....79 cents

TOILET ARTICLES.

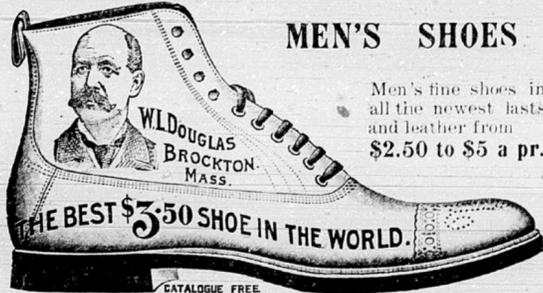
Lyons' Tooth Powder.....19 cents
Frostella.....19 cents
Witch Hazel.....19 cents

CHILDREN'S OVERSHOES.

Children's Normandies, black, fleece lined, sizes 6 to 10 1-2, new goods, worth 60 cents a pair; our special price...45 cents a pair

LADIES' DRESSING SACQUES.

Ladies' Flannelette Dressing Sacques, a large assortment of patterns at.....1/4 of the regular price



MEN'S SHOES

Men's fine shoes in all the newest lasts and leather from \$2.50 to \$5 a pr.

WALL PAPER.

We are now showing 1904 patterns in wall paper. We have an especial nice line suitable for good residences.

MEN'S SUITS.

Men's Silk Mixed Imported Cassimere Suits.....\$22.00
Men's Fine Striped Cassimere Suits.....\$15.00
Men's Scotch mixed suits at.....\$13.50, \$15, \$16 and \$18.00

LADIES' HOSE.

Ladies' 50 cent fleeced hose, black, white, white feet, 39 cts. a pair

MEN'S TROUSERS.

We carry the R. & W. brand in stock from \$2.50 to \$7.50 a pair

"Fit Well—Wear Well" Trousers

We admit that there are custom tailors producing trousers that look as well as the new "R. & W." styles we are offering.

There are no better trimmings, labor, style or fit in made-to-measure goods. You have the advantage with our garments of seeing just how they look or fit made up; the foremost trouser makers in America guarantee every pair, so do we.

Our prices suit your needs, about as important a point as any, after quality.



LADIES' WALKING SKIRTS.

We are now showing the new styles.

MEN'S VESTS.

We have received our spring stock of fancy vests—Price from

\$1 to \$3

LADIES' MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

Friday and Saturday we will select from our muslin underwear stock all garments that are mused from handling and place on sale at a discount of

33-1/3 per cent off

