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RUSSIANS DEFEATED

Vague Rumors of Big Land Engagement in Which Czar's Army Is Repulsed With Heavy Loss.

Port Arthur Deserted by Panic Stricken Citizens, and Soon Only Garrison Will Remain.

London, Feb. 22.—Vague rumors of land fighting have been the feature of today's war news. Many reports are circulating, the majority of which lack official confirmation. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald cables the news of a decisive engagement between considerable bodies of Japanese and Russian troops on the Yula river. The Russian army was repulsed with a reported loss in killed and captured of 2,500 men.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—A dispatch from Port Arthur says the first land encounter occurred during the day. A picket of Cossacks attacked a small detachment of Japanese troops on Korean territory. The Cossacks captured some Japanese prisoners on whom they found maps and papers. The collision was presumably between reconnoitering parties. A general engagement is not anticipated immediately. A special Port Arthur dispatch says the Japanese fleet was observed Feb. 18 cruising off that port. Reports from Northern Korea say the Koreans are showing a decidedly friendly attitude to the Russians. The Manchurian railroad is conveying troops without difficulty to the various points of concentration. Native reports say that the Chinese, since the outbreak of hostilities, have been displaying such activity in Eastern Asiatic waters as almost to paralyze the coasting trade. Civilians Leave Port Arthur. Further advices from Port Arthur say that all the women and children and most of the male civilians have left that place and that practically only the garrison remains. With reference to the sensational stories of a disaster to Russian troops at Lake Baikal (one report saying that three regiments were drowned while attempting to cross the ice covered lake) it is explained that the Transbaikalian line was blocked at the Baikal station during the night of Feb. 18 by an avalanche of snow which fell from a neighboring mountain. A train having troops on board dashed into the obstruction, the locomotive was derailed and in the succeeding five cars one soldier was killed, five were severely injured and fourteen were slightly hurt. Traffic was expected to be resumed the following day. The wave of patriotism sweeping over the empire seems to be swamping racial feeling, even the wild tribes of the Caucasus, the discontented Finns andullen Poles forgetting their grievances and coming forward to volunteer their services to the common fatherland.

REPLY IS QUITE BRIEF.

Russian Acceptance of Secretary Hay's Proposal. Paris, Feb. 22.—It is learned that the Russian foreign minister, Count Lamsdorff, has received from the Washington government a communication announcing that Russia's reply was considered responsive to the American note on China and would be transmitted to the governments of China and Japan. The terms of the Russian reply are substantially as follows: "Russia will be glad to join with the other powers in the recognition of Chinese neutrality on three conditions: "First—That China shall maintain neutrality. "Second—That Japan shall loyally support this neutrality. "Third—That Manchuria, being the field of military operations, shall not be included." The reply is quite brief, not containing any language beyond the foregoing three conditions and the introductory sentence.

DISORDER IN NORTH KOREA.

American Women and Children Will Be Removed. New York, Feb. 22.—Disquieting news regarding disturbances in North Korea has been received, says a Herald dispatch from Chemulpo. United States Minister Allen is sending the transport Zafero to remove the American women and children from the Pingyang district to Chemulpo. The men will remain there for the present. There are about forty American residents in the district, including children. A dispatch from Seoul says an American gold mining company which has been operating a valuable concession sixty miles from the Korean frontier at Wiju and employs over seventy Americans fears trouble from Chinese and Korean bandits infesting that region, which is rough and mountainous. The local manager has telegraphed for protection. If the surface machinery and work-

ings are destroyed the company will sustain heavy financial loss and work be set back three years.

ORDERED BACK TO KRONSTADT.

Russian Fleet at Jibutli Not Going to Far East. Paris, Feb. 22.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Fiaro cables that the Russian squadron at Jibutli, French Somaliland, on the Gulf of Aden, has been ordered to return to Kronstadt. Island of Perim, Red Sea, Feb. 22.—A squadron of warships passed here at midnight, bound for Suez. It is said to be the Russian squadron recently at Jibutli, French Somaliland. SAIL FOR SHANGHAI. Cruisers Cincinnati and Albany Leave Manila. Manila, Feb. 22.—The United States protected cruisers Cincinnati and Albany of Rear Admiral Evans' fleet have sailed for Shanghai. Koreans Attack an American. Washington, Feb. 22.—United States Minister Allen has cabled the state department from Seoul that a company of Korean soldiers attacked an electric car belonging to an American citizen Wednesday night, damaging it and injuring the operator. American seamen quieted the disturbance. Political Suspects as Soldiers. St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—According to the terms of an imperial order just issued political suspects under police surveillance are permitted to enter the army in the field as privates, after which the minister of the interior and the minister of justice can order the withdrawal of police supervision over such persons.

TURKS AGAIN VICTORS

ALBANIANS DEFEATED WITH A LOSS OF FIVE HUNDRED DEAD OR WOUNDED. Salonica, Macedonia, Feb. 22.—Another battle occurred between the insurgent Albanians in North Albania and the Turkish troops Feb. 18. The Albanians were beaten, losing 500 men killed or wounded. The Turks also lost heavily. Shemshi Pasha, who was in command of the Turks at Diakova, has been superseded owing to the sultan's displeasure at his unuly severe treatment of the Albanians. HURTS GERMAN TRADE. Grain Merchants Heavy Losers on Account of War. Berlin, Feb. 22.—The effects of the war already are noticeable on German commerce. It is reported from Konigsberg that the importation of grain from Russia into Germany has come to a standstill. The grain merchants are unable to obtain the execution of their orders, Russia having diverted all the rolling stock on the state railways to government use. The German export trade is also affected. The Alsatian textile industry records an appreciable falling off in exports to Russia and large Russian firms have not sent their usual orders.

FOURTEEN PERSONS KILLED.

Explosion Occurs in a Paris Celluloid Factory. Paris, Feb. 22.—Fourteen employees of a celluloid comb factory at the corner of Boulevard Sebastopol and the Rue Etienne Marie lost their lives during the day in a fire which was started by an explosion of gas. About twenty other employees were injured.

STATEHOOD OR INDEPENDENCE.

Federal Assembly of Porto Rico Makes Demands. San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 22.—The federal assembly, by a vote of 50 to 15, demanded that Porto Rico be admitted to statehood or that the island be granted independence.

MORMON ELDER SUICIDES.

Kansas City, Feb. 22.—Lorenzo Crossby, said to be an elder in the Mormon church, while en route from Atlanta, Ga., where he had been stationed, until recently, to Holbrook, Ariz., shot and fatally wounded himself in a berth in a Pullman on the southbound Chicago and Alton train near Higbee, Mo.

LIQUOR DUMPED INTO GUTTER.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 22.—A supply of whisky smuggled into Colfax to be used in a political celebration was discovered by the temperance women of the place. They marched into a restaurant where the intoxicant was stored and seizing the supply emptied it into the gutter.

MORGAN'S LAST CANAL SPEECH.

Washington, Feb. 22.—After routine business in the senate the Panama canal question was taken up and Mr. Spooner, who held the floor, yielded to Mr. Morgan, who spoke in opposition to the ratification of the canal treaty, saying this would be his last speech on the subject.

HOUSE CONSIDERS NAVAL BILL.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The house, upon convening, went into committee of the whole, with Mr. Hepburn (Ia.) in the chair, and resumed consideration of the naval appropriation bill. Mr. Dayton (W. Va.), a member of the naval affairs committee, spoke for the bill.

EXPLOSION IS TERRIFIC

CAR OF DYNAMITE BLOWS UP AT JACKSON, UTAH, CAUSING WIDESPREAD RUIN.

TWENTY-FIVE PEOPLE ARE KILLED OF THE FORTY-SIX PERSONS IN THE PLACE ONLY NINE ESCAPE UNINJURED.

Ogden, Utah, Feb. 22.—Twenty-five persons have been killed, fifteen others injured, several, it is believed, fatally, and a great amount of railroad property destroyed by an explosion of a carload of dynamite at Jackson, a telegraph station on the western end of the great Ogden-Lucien cutoff on the Southern Pacific railroad. The explosion was caused by a collision between two freight trains, due, it is said, to the failure of the airbrake apparatus to operate. Eight of the dead and five of the injured are Americans; the others are Greek laborers. The explosion following the collision between the two trains, which met head on almost in front of the telegraph station, was terrific. Everything within a radius of half a mile was wrecked. The town of Terrace, fifteen miles to the north, was shaken as though by an earthquake; window panes in the station at Colon, fifteen miles away, were shattered and the sound of the explosion was heard in this city, eighty-one miles from the scene of the disaster. The ground upon which the trains were standing was torn up for over a thousand feet, leaving a great excavation thirty feet in depth; fragments of a dozen freight cars and two engines were thrown for incredible distances over the surrounding country, the station building was blown to splinters and the dead and injured were scattered for hundreds of feet in all directions, most of them having their clothing torn off. Telegraph wires and poles were torn down for a thousand feet and the first knowledge of the disaster came from Terrace. At that point reporting to headquarters that he saw an immense cloud of white smoke ascend from Jackson and spread at a great height, a relief train with doctors and stretchers was hurriedly dispatched from this city. The train returned with the injured, who were placed in the company's general hospital. The great loss of life among the Greeks is accounted for by the fact that they occupied outfitting cars which were standing near the spot where the explosion occurred. Of the forty-six persons at Jackson at the time of the explosion only nine escaped death or injury. The great railroad trestle over the lake was not damaged, the explosion occurring a short distance beyond the western end of that structure.

ALL THE INMATES ESCAPE.

Insane Asylum Near Racine, Wis., Destroyed by Fire. Racine, Wis., Feb. 22.—All that remains of the Racine county insane asylum is smouldering ashes, with a loss aggregating \$115,000. The laundry, stables and pump-house were saved. All of the 133 patients escaped, the rescue in many cases being made with the greatest difficulty. The fire originated in the attic and was due to a defective flue. The flames spread rapidly and soon the entire main structure was enveloped in flames. The local fire department dispatched two full companies to the scene and one engine and hose wagon were also sent, the asylum being four miles from the city. The water supply was soon exhausted and the firemen could do little to check the flames and turned their attention towards the adjoining buildings. The patients of the institution were finally corralled and brought to the city on a special train, where they are being temporarily cared for at the city hall, police office and the courthouse. Many of the patients were thinly clad and suffered much from the severe cold. The fire started about 8:15 p. m. and was fought for nearly an hour before an alarm was sent to this city. By that time the blaze was beyond control. Meanwhile the keeper and attendants fought heroically in rescuing the inmates, many of whom yelled and hooted like wild beasts and wanted to plunge back into the flames.

THREE PERSONS KILLED.

Thirty-four Others Injured in Powder Mill Explosion. Paterson, N. J., Feb. 22.—An explosion at the Laffin & Rand powder mills at Wayne, seven miles from here, caused the death of three men. Three mills were wrecked. Al Jackson and James Weir were killed instantly, their bodies being blown to pieces. Frederick Weimer died an hour later. Thirty-five other employees were injured, several seriously. The cause of the explosion is unknown. Its force was felt here, in Newark and in other nearby cities. The town of Little Falls, five miles from the mill, was badly shaken and many windows were broken and several large brick chimneys collapsed. Doctors and nurses were sent from here to the scene of the disaster.

LOSS IS VERY HEAVY.

Fire in Brooklyn Destroys Property Worth \$400,000.

New York, Feb. 22.—A destructive fire broke out in the extensive paint works of the F. W. Devco and C. Reynolds company in Brooklyn. The fire started from some unknown cause and owing to the highly inflammable character of the contents of the buildings the works were soon destroyed. The firemen directed their efforts to preventing the spread of the fire to adjacent property, consisting of tenement houses. Over 100 families were evicted from the tenements and given temporary refuge by neighbors. There was no loss of life. It is believed the loss will be between \$400,000 and \$500,000, on which there is said to be \$240,000 insurance.

MONEY FOR INDIANS.

House Committee Completes Annual Appropriation Bill. Washington, Feb. 22.—The house committee on Indian affairs has completed the Indian appropriation bill. The measure carries a total appropriation of \$7,610,831, based on estimates amounting to \$7,732,252. The amount of the last bill was \$8,521,308. For current expenses this bill carries \$72,407; fulfilling treaty obligations, \$2,077,764; gratuities, \$566,000; incidental expenses, \$76,900; miscellaneous, \$615,868; schools, \$3,551,868.

MURDER IS SUSPECTED.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—L. D. Kirk, Jr., a young stockman of Kumber, Ill., was found dead beneath the South Side elevated structure near Twelfth street. It is believed by the police that the man was slugged on the elevated station platform and his body thrown over the railing.

WHEAT GOES TO \$1.07

SENSATIONAL ADVANCE ACCOMPANIED BY ENORMOUS TRANSACTIONS. Chicago, Feb. 22.—Wheat for May delivery during the day sold at \$1.07 a bushel. The market was extremely active and the volume of trading was of enormous proportions. The sensational advance was due largely to the anxiety of shorts, who were afraid to maintain open trades over a two days' recess of the board. The pit was the center of uproar and clamor which never ceased or abated from the opening of the session until the gong announced its close. In one respect the day was unlike any previous day since excitement over the Russo-Japanese war began—there were no varying degrees of intensity in the excitement which reigned and the nerves of every trader were at the highest tension every minute of the session. The advance was irresistible. Armour, who for months has been the almost undisputed monarch of the wheat pit, sold millions of bushels of the grain, but for every bushel offered there were two demanded by the professionals or outside traders, imbued with a desire to buy that was little if anything less than frantic. The market hesitated somewhat at the outset and a momentary calm prevailed, but suddenly a buying wave struck the pit. By leaps and bounds the May price, which slipped from \$1.04 at the opening off to \$1.02½, went soaring to \$1.07. Pandemonium accompanied the advance.

PERRY HEATH IS OUT

TENDERS RESIGNATION AS SECRETARY OF REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE. Cleveland, Feb. 22.—Perry S. Heath, former first assistant postmaster general and secretary of the Republican national committee, has wired his resignation of the latter position to the acting chairman Payne at Washington as follows: "Due to the death of Chairman Hanna I tender to you my resignation as secretary of the Republican national committee, effective immediately." Mr. Heath stated that the telegram told the entire story and he had nothing to add to it.

TRAMP SECURES DAMAGES.

Court Decides He Has Rights Trainmen Must Respect. Des Moines, Feb. 22.—The Iowa supreme court has decided that a tramp has rights which a trainman must respect, affirming a decision from Pottawattomie county, in which Joseph Johnson sustained by reason of forcible Johnson secured judgment for injunction from a moving train. The lower court first held that a tramp had no rights and that the trainman was justified in throwing him from the train, no matter what the results might be. A new trial was granted and a favorable decision rendered.

FOUR PASSENGERS SERIOUSLY HURT.

Pittsburg, Feb. 22.—A blazing Larimer avenue electric car, with all brakes off and carrying twenty passengers, raced madly down Fifth avenue from Grant almost to Market street. For fifteen minutes after the car came to a stop it blazed like a furnace. Four of the passengers were seriously hurt. The blowing out of the motors caused

FEAR EUROPEAN WAR

WILDEST EXCITEMENT ON PARIS BOURSE AS A RESULT OF STARTLING REPORTS.

ALL SECURITIES DEPRECIATE HEAVILY

RUMORS INCLUDE POSSIBLE MOBILIZATION OF FRENCH AND GERMAN ARMIES.

FEELING NOT SHARED BY BRITONS

ARE PREPARED FOR EVENTUALITIES BUT DO NOT EXPECT HOSTILITIES.

Paris, Feb. 22.—Wild excitement prevailed on the bourse as the result of startling, contradictory reports concerning possible world complications growing out of the Oriental war. These rumors included the prospects of the mobilization of the German and French armies. The evening papers also said that serious influence was exercised by the report of difficulties between the United States and Russia in consequence of the refusal of Russia to grant an exequatur to Mr. Morgan as United States consul at Dalny. Financiers asserted the market was in such a sensitive condition that the wildest rumors were taken up and might lead to serious complications. The financial authorities claimed that not since 1882 has a wilder scene occurred on the bourse. Almost from the opening the leading securities began to fall. French rentes were particularly affected. Russian imperials also dropped, as did other foreign bonds. During the early hours heavy depreciations occurred on all sides, leading up to brutal sacrifices of values. Spanish rentes were especially affected by the great confusion which prevailed over the fears of international complications. This state was aggravated during the closing hour and the excitement, which amounted to a panic, was redoubled. French, Spanish and Turkish rentes were offered and a great uproar. At the close the market was very agitated.

NOT SHARED IN LONDON.

Uneasiness on Continent Regarding European War. London, Feb. 22.—The uneasiness on the Continent in regard to the possibility that a European war may ensue from the struggle in the Far East is not shared by Great Britain. No power has made such complete naval preparation as Great Britain and yet nowhere is confidence greater that the hostilities may be confined to Russia and Japan than it is in London. The naval and military preparations announced from the Continental capitals are regarded here as being mere common sense measures, which any power must adopt however remote the contingency of their employment may appear. It is also thought that the lunacy in the actual war news has led many European correspondents to use their spare time in exaggerating the Continental action and in applying such steps as have been actually taken to erroneous motives. The latest of these, the dispatch from Madrid announcing that preparations have been made to send reinforcements to the Balearic islands, meets with an emphatic denial in interested quarters and the additional statement from Madrid that Great Britain intends to seize Spanish points in the event of war has not even the semblance of probability. The stock market was heavy and very weak during the day.

IS OFFICIALLY DENIED.

Report of the Mobilization of the French Army. Paris, Feb. 22.—The foreign office denies the report circulated on the bourse of the mobilization of the French army and no information has been received that such a step has been taken by Germany. All that has been done has been to take measures of a precautionary character, not because of any fear of immediate trouble, but to be prepared for possible eventualities. The foreign office officials also declared that the bourse panic was utterly without reason.

TAKING DEFENSIVE MEASURES.

Unusual Naval and Military Activity in Sweden. Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 22.—Unusual naval and military activity is displayed in connection with neutrality measures. The coast artillery has been ordered to be in readiness, warships are being sent to Gotland island and the coast defense battleships and torpedo boats have been ordered to be prepared for active service.

ONE DEATH IN BALTIMORE FIRE.

Baltimore, Feb. 22.—It was thought that not a life was lost in the fire here, but a charred body, supposed to be that of a colored man, has been found in the water at Bowleys wharf. The body is so badly burned as to be unrecognizable.

Muslin Underwear Sale

This week we will sell all Muslin Underwear that has been mussed by handling at a discount of

33 1-3 PER CENT.

Ladies' Muslin Gowns worth from 50 cents to



\$3.50, now two-thirds of regular price.

Ladies' Muslin Chemise worth from \$1 to \$2.50,



now two-thirds of regular price.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers worth from 50 cents to \$1.50, now two-thirds of regular price.



Ladies' Corset Cover worth from 25 cents to \$1, now two-thirds of regular price.

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