Forecasting Japan's Plan

French Military Expert Outlines the Probable Procedure of Japanese.

Admiral Makaroff's Appointment Causes Satisfaction at Port Arthur.

Viceroy Alexieff Handed Over Entire Authority Before Starting for Harbin

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—M. Jeletz, a military expert, who is to accompany General Kuropatkin to the front, predicts that the Japanese will make their base of operations along the line between Ping Yang and Wonsan, Korea, relying upon the protection of the fleet against a flank attack.

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The appointment of Admiral Makaroff to the command of the Russian Pacific The appointment of Admiral Makaroff to the command of the Russian Pacific fleet, has been published in the Gazette. A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press at Port Arthur telegraphs that the appointment of General Kuropatkin to command Russia's military forces in the Far East has been received with delight there.

Before leaving Port Arthur the correspondent continues, Viceroy Alexieff conferred upon Lieut-General Stoessel all the rights of commander in the fortified district.

the Russian military authorities on the subject. He says land operations will not commence before some weeks, and then only should practical relief mensures be taken. This statement is accepted as an indication of Russia's wish to complete the concentration of their troops before engaging in decisive combat.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Hon. Mr. Scott, secretary of state, received a cable this amorning from Mr. Jordan, British minister resident at Seoul, Korea, stating that the Rev. Macrae and Mrs. Macrae and Miss K. MacMillan, who were at Hamheung, had arrived at Wonsan, and that Rev. A. F. Robb and family hoped shortly to reach Wonsan from Song

In the Police court this morning two Chinamen were sentenced to three months in jail at lard labor on a charge of keeping a gambling, joint, while tenpayers, or onlookers, were each fine and control to the morning in jail.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS OF ROSSLAND CAMP

VLADIVOSTOCK AND THE RUSSIAN FLEET



Scene in Viadivostock Harbor, Showing the Russian Fleet et Anchor.

NAVY MANNING PORT ARTHUR'S GUNS

Gunners From Russian Warships Take Charge of the Forts and Report of a Fresh Attack By the Japanese Is Now Confirmed.

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Russian Armoured Cruiser Gromovi at Vladivostock.

Chefoo, Feb. 20.—The United States warships Wilmington and New Orleans, which arrived here, have suddenly been recalled to the south. It is reported that an incident occurred at Shanghai, probably connected with the present war. The Annapolis, which is expected here tomorrow, has also been recalled to

SWEEPING JAPANESE VICTORY

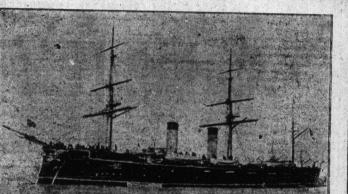
SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST. Tokio, Feb. 23.—Advices received from Nagasaki announce another sweeping Japanese naval victory, as the result of which four Russian torpedo destroyers, a part of the Port Arthur defence squadron, have been captured by the Japanese fleet under Admiral Uriu. The announcement created intense excitement in Tokio. Details are lacking. One report states that the Japanese commander successfully used the Russian signals, and by that means was enabled to approach close to the Russian scouting squadron before being detected. While the report is generally credited here, no confirmation can be obtained at the Navy department, where it is stated that no word has been received from Admiral Uriu in two days. It is believed that the capture took place some time Sunday, as it is generally thought a fourth attack on Port Arthur had been planned for that day.

GERMAN MILITARY VIEWS. GERMAN MILITARY VIEWS.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—The Militar Wochenblatt, the organ of the German general staff, has published an article discussing Russia's prospects of reinforcing her atmy in east Asia. The paper takes a pessimistic view of the capacity of the trans-Siberian railroad, and especially of the section crossing Lake Balkal, where it says the difficulties to be overcome are enormous. The limited capacity of the line is said to be a much more serious matter than the threatened

....... Alexieff at Harbin Ying Kow, Feb. 22.—Viceroy Alexieff and his full staff have just arrived at Harbin, where headquarters have been estab-

******************* damage to it by natives. The paper catange to it by natives. The paper estimates the present troop-moving capacity of the railroad from Russia's experience last summer in moving two brigades to Tschita, east of Lake Baikal, which was only accomplished at the rate of about twelve miles an hour. At this rate it would take 36 days to convey 25,000 men from the Ural mountains to Mukden or Vladivostock.



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The note is to the following effect, although the text is not yet obtainable:

"That the Russian government, believing all civilized powers to be faithfully desirous that the law of nations shall be strictly adhered to in the present war, respectfully calls the attention of the neutral governments to these two instances in which Japan has violated this saw: In threatening the neutral port o. Chemulpo, where warships of many nations were gathered, demanding the departure from that port of the Russian men-of-war Variag and Koreitz, under penalty of attack within the harbor, and in attacking the Russian fleet at Port Arthur on the nights of Melculary 8 and 9, and on the following days, their attacks having taken place prior to a formal declaration of war and before the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, or the Russian minister at Tokio, had left their posts. It is also claimed that the attack took place after a communication from the Japanese minister to the Russian government expressing the hope that the interruption of diplomatic relations would ore brief."

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In the diplomatic corps the news of Russia's intended address to the powers has caused great interest. A diplomatic with a second of the sympathize with Russia, said that the Russian government is inclined to sympathize with Russia, said that the Russian government did not expect other nations to pass on the attack at Port Arthur, but as to the threatened attack on Chemulpo, this diplomat said the Russian government expected the powers, in the interest of international slaw, would give this matter their earnest consideration. Several of the foreign naval commanders in Chemulpo, he said, were reported to have protested against the action of the Japanese commander. He thought it likely that the action of the commander of the Vicksburg would be the subject of an exchange of views the subject of an exchange of views the the subject of an exchange of views the subject of the Vicksburg and Washington governments.

THEIR OWN PETARDS. THEIR OWN PETARDS.

Wei-Hai-vei, Feb. 23.—The British is steamer Ching Ping, belonging to the Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, of Shanghai, has arrived here from Port Dalny, and reports that she also was fired upon by the Russian and was hit several times around here water line. A Russian pilot boat that was coming out of Port Dalny to pilot the Ching Ping, was blown up by a mine.

News of Safety of Crew Appeases Wrath of Japanese.

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Russians In Captivity

Refugees From Sunken War Ships Arrive at Colombo in British Ship.

Lifting of Censor's Embargo Proves to Have a String Attached.

Reported Defeat of Russian Vanguard at the Yalu With Great Loss.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST. London, Feb. 23.—The Colombo, Ceylon, correspondent of the London Times cables that the governor has received a despatch from Colonial Secretary Lyttleton informing him that within a short time three hundred and twenty-five Russian sailors, survivors of the battle at Chemulpo, will arrive on a British ship for detention in Ceylon pending the pleasure of the Russian government.

weapons are intended for the Far East.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times states that St. Petersburg, in time of peace, one of the most difficult places for journalistic effort, has suddenly become a great centre for foreign correspondents. The continental press is at present flooded with large telegrams and letters from the Russian capital. While the decision apparently just taken to suspend the censorship on all news sent abroad from Russia was a surprise, the fact that it was stated that all war news must pass the censor, nullifies the other order.

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Captain Relates His Experience
With the Vladivostock
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The sudden rush of the Russian government with publicity has aroused suspiction in many quarters, where the question is being asked: "What is behind the move?" It is inconceivable that the Russian government, which is at great pains to conceal every important happening in time of peace, should now want to make public every happening of importance. A number of leading diplomats and army and naval officers are inclined to believe that, in permitting all manner of sensational stories to be spread broadcast, Russia thoughout favoring Russia.

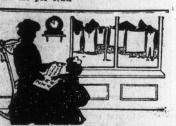
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Task Well-Nigh Impossible

General Kuropatkin About to Undertake a Practical Impossibility.

Austrian Military Experts Point Out Defects in the Russian System.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND VICTORIA COLONIST. London, Feb. 23.—The Vienna corre-pondent of the London Times states the announcement of the appointment of eneral Kuropatkin to the supreme com-and of the Russian army in Manchuria accepted there as indicating that Rus-a recognizes the appointment of the suprementation. sia recognizes the gravity of the situa-tion. While admitting that General Ku-ropatkin is by an ouds the best of the Russian commanders and admittedly the one man of all others to handle the situation, Austrian military expenses the been made in St. Petersburg in not put-ting the army in Manchuria on a war-basis long ago. Manchuria, experts de-clare, is like South Africa in that great military reputations are bound to be lost there. Ie remains, therefore, to be seen whether General Kuropatkin who has not had an organized foe to deal with since Plevna will demonstrate that he comprehends the change in modes of warfare that the past quarter of a cen-tury have brought forth.



The Germans As Colonizers

Baron Von Sternburg Addresse American Academy of Political Science.

Growth of European and Ameri can interests in the Far East.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Baron Spec Von Sternburg, the German ambassade to the United States, upon whom the University of Pennsylvania today conferred the degree of doctor of laws, we the principal speaker at the regula monthly meeting of the Academy of Political and Social Science at the New Century drawing room tonight. His subject was the "Germans as Coloniers."

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Baron Von Sternberg, after referrin at length to the part taken by German emigrants in "elevating the Unite States to its present greatness, concluded as follows:

"Time is too short for me to dwe on the history and development of German colonies in Africa and in the Picific, but I think it may be of interest by you to hear a few words about he Chinese possession, Kiow Chow, since the eyes of the world are turned to wards the battleground in the Fur Eas where the greatest political and social problems which ever confronted the statesman and the diplomatist, dorman for centuries, are now ripe for solution.

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"That the time was rapidly approaching was keenly felt by all students of the Far East long ago, that to have woice in the impending great council of nations which should decide on the fate and future of China. They above all would need naval strongholds, and treap the advantages of the great cominitate of the Far East, they would need naval strongholds, and treap the advantages of the great cominitation of the Far East, they would need to the rear, thus permit the more powerful to reap the stupeanous advantages which the future of China have in store. England already possessed Hongkong in the south, to which she added after the China-Japan ese war in 1894 the harbor and navabase of Wei-Hai-Wei, in Shan Tung.

"Russia gained, after the same war the famous maval stronghold of Por Arthur and the port of Talien Wan where, within a few years, has sprung up one of the finest clies and trade emporiums in the Far East. The Spanish war brought to the United States the Philippines, with excellent harbors most valuable, both for strategical and commercial purposes. The already great value of these islands on China's eastern fank will be enormously enhanced after the opening of the Panama canal. They will be the great eastern trade emporiums of the United States, and where will radiate her commerce, feeding a Chinese coast line of about two thousand miles, studded with rich harbors, most of them in the infancy of their development. The strategical position of Subig bay and other harbors is apparent even to the layman.

"Trance, as we know, controls a large portion of the southern frontier of China, bordering on her vast Indo-Chinese possessions. Japan's strategical and commercial position is known to you all. When Germany procured the harbor of Kiao Chow from the Chinese government in 1899, her first step was to open it to the trades of the world.

"The laws and rules governing trade and commerce and settlem

"Grave fear and alarm was expressed by all concerned in the steadily growing trade of the Far East when war clouds out there were threatening to burst. It was the farseeing eye of the Washington government which saved China from chaos and dismemberment during the Boxer troubles of 1900. New flames again threaten to arise from the still smouldering aches New flames again threaten to arise from the still smouldering ashes. But in the right moment we again see the same ever watchful government rise and invite the powers of the world to act in concert so as to preserve the integrity of China, and to prevent a conflagration, the limit of which no human mind would be able to foretell. Through this strong and able stroke, not only the powers at peace, but also those in war, will reap the great benefits, and it is to be hoped that the vast und increasing Chinese trade will develop undisturbed."

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION 'N PARIS FACTORY

Many Asphyxiated and Then Incinerated—Fourteen Unidentified Dead.

Paris, Feb. 20.-An explosion occurred today in a factory in the Rue de Antone.
The explosion occurred in a room on the fourth story and drove bricks and pieces of glass against a house on the other side of the street and immediately afterwards consumer in the street and immediately other side of the street and immediately afterwards enormous jets of flame burst out of the windows. Soon the entire structure was on fire. Simultaneously with the appearance of the flames a number of men and women employed on the upper stories and who had been eating their luncheon, appeared at the windows and shricked for assistance. Three men attempted to drop from a window to a balcoury beneath, but missed it and fell to the pavement below and were killed. The firemen rescued several persons. When the flames were under control five victims were found in a corridor leading to the street. They hal been asphyxiated and then incinerated. In all founteen bodies, all unidentified were conveyed to the morgue, Five persons were badly burned, two may die.

HIS ACCOUNTS SHORT.

Seymour, Ind., Feb. 22.—Cyrus E. McCrady, cashier of the First National Bank, and treasurer of the Co-operative Building and Loan Association, has admitted his accounts are short with the two institutions. The amount is estimated to be \$14,500 with the bank, and \$13,000 with the Building and Loan Association. Mr. McCrady's property, valued at from \$15,000 to \$18,000, has been turned over to a trustee for his creditors. Both institutions are secured by bonds.

CAUGHT IN SPOKANE.

Spokane, Feb. 22.—John Thamer, wanted at Toronto, Outario, on a charge of forgery alleged to have been committed in 1901, has been captured in Spokane. He has consented to return without extradition. Thamer has been working in Spokane for nearly two years under an assumed name.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—John Shaver, arrested at Spokane according to the Associated Press Despatch, is wanted at Ayr, Out, charged with a forgery of \$2,000 or \$3,000 on the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Detective Rogers left tonight to get him.

The pension issue of the United States last year was the largest in 10% /ears; the issue for the first quarter of the present year exceeds the same period last year by 25 per cent.