

JAPAN RUSHING TROOPS TO THE SEAT OF WAR.

Russian and Japan Accounts of the Attack on Port Arthur Last Sunday in a Heavy Storm.

Russia to Take Her Time, but Will Eventually Thrash the Japanese, it is Said.

JAPS MAKE ANOTHER ATTACK.

Tokio, Feb. 22.—A heavy storm spared the Russians from a desperate torpedo attack on Port Arthur on the morning of Sunday, the 14th inst. During the preceding night the vessels of the Japanese flotilla torpedo craft were parted by the force of the wind and waves in a blinding snow storm, so that two of the larger destroyers succeeded in forcing their way through the fierce gale to Port Arthur. When they arrived there they attacked separately, and the officers of one of them are confident that they succeeded in torpedoing a Russian warship. The destroyer Asagiri, in charge of Lieut-Commander Ishiwaka, arrived off Port Arthur about 3 o'clock in the morning and was met with a sharp fire from the fortress and Russian ships acting as scouts. The Asagiri discharged several torpedoes at a big warship, but the result is unknown. A cannonade was opened upon the scouting vessels and maintained until they withdrew. The destroyer Heyatory, Lieut-Commander Takenouchi, arrived two hours after the Asagiri, and ran up close to the mouth of the harbor, where she found two warships, names unknown. She fired a torpedo at one and the torpedo exploded.

Admiral Togo, in reporting the attack, says although the results are unknown, he feels sure the moral effect upon the enemy will be excellent. Commander Nagai commanded the entire torpedo flotilla. The number of the craft in the flotilla and the point of their departure is concealed.

London cable of Thursday says: The receipt of many far eastern telegrams yesterday shows improvement in communication, and also perhaps some relaxing of censorship. There is still nothing accurately known of the movements of the Japanese army, but the indications contained in earlier reports, that the main body is already in Korea, are not borne out. It may be deduced from this morning's despatches that many Japanese transports are now at sea, and some have not yet left port.

The Nagasaki correspondent of the Tsingtau, dated Feb. 15, says: "Last night Japanese soldiers on the point of embarkment were singing in the streets. At many ports besides Moji, Nagasaki and Kobe, transports have been unloading troops, horses and guns and more are going. The cavalry horses seen are nearly worth transportation, except to the knacker's yard. I have never seen such a rowdy scene. Last night martial law was proclaimed in the districts of Sasabe, Hakodate, Nagasaki, and Tsushima Island. There are over a score of steam transports at Moji, among other names, Nambu, and they are being cleared nightly for ports towards Korea. There are ten large steamers today at Nagasaki lying the army transport flag. Each is of 4,000 tons. The steamers are carrying a full complement of boats, have each eight or ten large sampans upon their decks. These sampans are admirably adapted to being rowed or towed in shallow waters or through heavy surf. The embarkations are remarkably well managed. Horse boxes are fitted up on several of the vessels. The men's quarters are most commodious. The railway facilities are ample for bringing the troops to the ports. When they arrive they are fed and marched to their billets. Subsequently they are embarked on lighters and steam launches, and taken quietly to their ships."

The correspondent does not believe that the troops are going to land in Korea. He intimates with considerable assurance that their destination is near the mouth of the Yalu River, or the Liao-Tung Peninsula. From other sources come circumstantial reports that the Liao-Tung Peninsula is the objective of the Japanese army, the purpose being to effect the long predicted manœuvre of cutting off Port Arthur.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Express mailed the following Tuesday to the effect: "The Japanese infraction of Chinese neutrality in landing troops and seizing Tsinwandau on the Inkaikai Railway, with the object of turning the Russian detachment and attacking Mukden and Harbin has been protested against by the Chinese Legation at St. Petersburg by the Russian Foreign Office."

Tsinwandau is close to Shan-Hai-Kwan, and in the junction of the Chinese Eastern Railway, which is a Russian line, with the Pekin Railway. Inkaikai is the equivalent of Newchwang.

The Third Attack. Washington dispatch: The Japanese Legation received today from the Foreign Office at Tokio the following despatch giving details of the torpedo attack at Port Arthur on the morning of the 14th: "On the night of the 13th a detachment of torpedo boat destroyers proceeded, braving the fierce north storm, toward Port Arthur. At 3 o'clock the next morning the Asagiri, Japanese torpedo-boat destroyer, amidst a shower of shells from the enemy's fort and ships, torpedoed a Russian man-of-war, and, after firing on the enemy's guard boat, safely returned to its headquarters. The Heyatory, another Japanese torpedo-boat destroyer, at 5 o'clock of the same morning approached the mouth of the port, where she found two of the enemy's men-of-war, and in defiance of their firing immediately torpedoed one of them with effective explosion and safely withdrew."

Account of Sunday's Fight. London cable: The cable cor-

respondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, in a despatch in which he reports the arrival of junk boats bearing Japanese wounded from the Port Arthur engagement of Feb. 14, considers this to show that something more than a torpedo attack took place there.

The Tokyo correspondent of the Standard reports that two battleships were destroyed in this attack, while the correspondent at Tientsin of the Standard says, under date of Feb. 12, that a private despatch from Port Arthur brings the statement that the Russian squadron has again put to sea.

Damaged in Sunday's Battle. St. Petersburg cable: A despatch received here from Port Arthur, dated Feb. 17, says that on Feb. 14 the Russian fleet of two battleships, the Kheerson and the Kheerson was struck by a twelve-inch shell in her upper works. A slight fire broke out, which was quickly extinguished. There was no loss of life.

The Kheerson is a fine, heavily-armed auxiliary cruiser of 10,255 tons. She was built in 1905, and credited with a speed of a little over nineteen knots. The fact of her being struck by a twelve-inch shell indicates that the Japanese warships took part in an engagement on Sunday following the early morning dash of their torpedo boats, mentioned in Admiral Togo's despatch.

Russian South of the Yalu. St. Petersburg cable: A despatch has been received here from Major-General Plig, chief of staff to Vice-roy Alexieff, saying that Yuan-shai-Kai, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese army and navy, has ordered 2,500 men to Tsin-tsin to maintain order. Continuing, he says everything is quiet at Newchwang, and that the information that the Japanese are forming bands of Chunchus (bandits) to attack the railroad is confirmed. Quiet prevails on the Yalu. Russian scouts did not find the enemy within a distance of 34 miles of the river.

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No Secrecy About Embarkation. London cable: Despatches published in London newspapers this morning continued to give alleged descriptions of the embarkment of the Japanese troops. Instead of this embarkment occurring secretly from Ulsan, as was the case during the Chino-Japanese war, the reports, according to despatches, are openly embarking troops from Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe and elsewhere.

A cablegram to the Daily Telegraph from Nagasaki says transports are clearing every night from these ports for Korea, and ten large steamers were embarking troops at Nagasaki last Monday. All arms of the service were represented, but the cavalry horses were such sorry and scrubby ponies that they hardly seemed worth transporting.

In conclusion this correspondent says the harbor of Nagasaki has been mined.

Cabling from Shanghai, Feb. 17, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph declares that a combined movement between a Japanese fleet and a large landing force from Nagasaki is now proceeding. The reports that the Japanese have captured the East Asiatic Company's steamer Menevia, as well as the S-Brian R. Iway's steamer Manchuria, are confirmed.

ment, and readily risk your lives for your dear fatherland." "I thank the officers for volunteering their services, and once more I thank you all, my brothers, with all my heart. God bless you."

The battalion, accompanied by its baggage wagons, then marched past the Czar calling out to the men as they went by; "Good-bye, my brothers." Railway Company's steamers Athenian and Tartar.

The Vladivostok Squadron. St. Petersburg cable: Vice-roy Alexieff has communicated to the Czar the report of the Russian cruiser division, dealing with the destruction of the Japanese merchant steamer Nakanoura, off the north-western coast of Japan, and the capture of forty-one of her crew. Capt. Reitenstein, who is also acting commander of the Vladivostok squadron, says that a small Japanese coaster was also captured, but the violent squall made it impossible to capture the crew, and that, therefore, the coaster was not sunk.

Heavy weather, he says, prevented him following the enemy. The cruiser squadron made for Chestakoff, fleeing before the tempest to the Korean coast. Owing to the storm, the squadron was only able to accomplish five or six hours. Heavy seas were shipped, and the cruisers and the guns were coated with ice. Two violent gales were encountered within three days.

Russia Will Wait. Confident Japan Will be Eventually Crushed. St. Petersburg cable: The rigid censorship imposed here on all news from the Far East completely masks the movements of Russian troops and the plans of the command, but what is being done is evidently satisfactory to the authorities here, as they manifest the utmost confidence that when the proper time arrives the enemy will be crushed. They say that the preliminary sea victories of the Japanese will then be speedily forgotten, Russia was taken unawares at the outset, and some little time will be required to collect the mobilization of Russian troops. There will be no disposition to meet the evident wish of Japan to rush matters to a decision. "Russia can afford to wait," is a common expression heard here, and time and patience always have been strong allies of the Empire of the North.

Moreover, the excessive severity of the winter is a disadvantage, it is claimed, also fights on the side of the Czar's legions, as it did in the days of Napoleon, when the Russian proverb: "January, February, March, are the Emperor's ablest generals" was common. At Port Arthur to-day the thermometer registered 2 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. The concentration of Russian troops will probably be complete by the middle of the month. It is fair to assume that Vice-roy Alexieff will not take the aggressive until he feels certain of his ability to administer a decisive defeat.

The passage of the Yalu River by the Japanese will be complete, the landing operations will be completed in Korea, an important land fight is not considered here to be imminent, although it is believed that the passage of the Yalu River by the Japanese will be complete. It is reported in St. Petersburg that Vice-roy Alexieff's headquarters may be changed to Mukden, which would be nearer the centre of military operations. It is not certain, in the meantime, whether he will constantly go to the frontier of all parts of Russia, and some distinguished officers in the service of the Czar are leaving for the far east. These include Gen. Zolotarev, who is to succeed Major-Gen. Plig as chief of staff to Vice-roy Alexieff; Gen. Liapanoff, Governor of Sakhalin Island in the North Pacific, and Gen. Tserpitsky, Gen. von Sosenknopf has been appointed to command the Trans-Baikal Cavalry, which was reported as going out under Prince Louis Napoleon.

The various societies throughout Russia, interested in the Red Cross movement, are showing remarkable activity, and, judging from the preparations, which are being made for the sick and wounded, the war is destined to be a long and bloody one.

Voluntary contributions to replace the ships already destroyed by the enemy are assuming large proportions, one man having given the sum of \$20,000. It was through a similar movement that the present Russian fleet was started after the Russo-Turkish War.

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ALEXIEFF'S ORDER. Russian General's Patriotic Address to the Army and Navy.

Port Arthur cable: The text of the order of the day issued to the Russian troops by Vice-roy Alexieff to-day is as follows: A heroic army and fleet have been entrusted to me by His Majesty the Emperor, and now, when the eyes of the Czar of Russia, and of the world are upon us, we must remember that it is our sacred duty to protect the Czar and the Fatherland. Russia is great and powerful, and if our Emperor and our Czar give us additional strength and power to fight him. The spirit of the Russian soldiers and sailors is high. Our army and navy know that the Emperor and our Czar will be with us, and our hearts are united with the Emperor and our Czar. Let us unite for the coming struggle with the Japanese, and fulfill our duty, trusting in the help of the Almighty, and let every man perform his task, remembering that prayer to God, and service to the Emperor are our duty. "Long live the Emperor and the Fatherland. God be with you. Hurrah!"

British Money Talks. New York despatch: British sympathy for the Japanese, says a London correspondent of the Times, is manifested in the remarkable response to an appeal recently made for a fund for the widows and families of soldiers, and sailors, and marines, who are now in all parts of London by persons desiring to contribute to the fund. A Japanese gentleman, reclining in a Leicester Square cafe, was approached by 9 persons, who, without making any table and asked for forward \$100 to the fund as a token of real British regard. A woman handed a contribution of 25 shillings, entirely for her own account. A little girl sent eight pence, explaining that it was a month's saving. She wished it to go to poor little Japanese orphans. A poor workman brought a shilling, remarking: "You are our pals, Jap, and a good sort, you are."

A member of the Japanese legation, expressing his great gratification in seeing the English so certainly in practicing benevolent neutrality.

RUSSIA'S PROCLAMATION. Explaining Her Impreparedness and Need of Patience.

St. Petersburg cable: An official proclamation of 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 months ago Russia was shaken with profound indignation against an enemy, who suddenly broke off negotiations and by a treacherous attack endeavored to obtain an easy access in a war long desired. The Russian nation, with natural impatience, desires prompt vengeance and awaits feverishly news from the far east."

The Russian people leave no room for doubt that Japan will get the punishment she deserves for her treachery and provocation to war. Therefore, let us be patient. We desire 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 blows worthy of the dignity and might of Russia, and, while sparing Russia 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. The useless shedding of blood is unworthy of the greatness and power of Russia.

"Our country displays such unity and desire for self sacrifice on behalf of the national cause, that all the news from the frontiers of the hostilities will be immediately due to the entire nation."

The Russian Navy. St. Petersburg cable: 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 Varang 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 us start afresh, 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 the wounded soldiers, and \$200,000 for a school for orphans of the war. The Korean Minister announces that although 36,000 Korean troops are stationed at Seoul, his government preferred not to take up arms against Japan, because Korea is neutral and felt Russia would soon drive out the Japanese.

THE YELLOW PERIL. M. Kurino Says it is a Ridiculous Scare.

New York despatch: M. Kurino, the retiring Japanese Minister to Russia, according to a special to the Times from Berlin, said that Japan, having gone to war with Russia, would not quarrel with the Koreans and Chinese emigrants, who, he felt, would respect the sacredly of the land where they were veterans.

TURKISH TROOPS TO INVADE BULGARIAN TERRITORY SOON.

Bulgarians Building Fortifications, Drilling Troops and Collecting Dynamite.

New York, Feb. 22.—War in the Balkans is predicted in a telegram to the Times from Washington. It says: "Taking advantage of Russia's pre-occupation in the far east, Turkey is preparing for war with Bulgaria. It is learned that a march into Bulgarian territory is likely to be made very soon."

"In preparation for this event, Turkey has addressed a note to each of the powers signatory to the treaty of Berlin, in which she gives the reason for her attitude. The note says: 'The principle of Bulgaria does not change its attitude of active though concealed hostility, in spite of the efforts of the Porte

in carrying through the stipulated reforms.' "Entirely trustworthy investigations reveal, the note says, that Bulgaria is building fortifications, drilling troops, and in every manner is preparing for war. Besides these legitimate war preparations, it is learned that Turkey believes Bulgaria to be guilty of an unlawful and criminal traffic with dynamite, which is being furnished publicly to the rebels. The revolutionary committees, it is stated, are undisturbed in all the important Bulgarian cities, under the eyes of the Government and with its encouragement."

The humiliations imposed upon Turkey under the name of reforms have proved worthless.

Richard Duffy, her husband, was fatally stabbed on the night of Jan. 1 in front of a Bowery resort, and before his death said that the wounds had been inflicted by Chas. Devuno. The police used every effort to capture Devuno, but in spite of a full description given by Duffy, were unable to do so. His wife, however, undiscouraged, kept up the search without remission. She patrolled the Bowery, visited Chas. Devuno's house, and even shadowed his friends, and even watched railroad stations and steamship piers in her attempt to find him.

Last night she saw the man enter a hotel on the Bowery, and notified the police, who arrested Devuno after a struggle. Devuno, who with Duffy is said to have been prominent in the "gang" life on the lower east side, was arraigned to-day on the charge of homicide.

added: "We pledge ourselves to the maintenance of the open door, however the fortunes of war clothe us with ascendancy in the far east. I find commercial Germany exploiting the bugbear that if we humble Russia we shall proceed to slam the open door in the face of Europe and America and hold the banner of Asia for the Asiatics. Japan has no such intentions."

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Mr. Kurino added that Japan's finances were never in a better condition than now, and that unless she was lashed a long time Japan would not need to seek a foreign loan.

FORESTRY AND FARMS. Addresses Before the University Natural Science Association.

Toronto report: The Natural Science Association of the University of Toronto held an open meeting last night and two interesting addresses were given by Mr. Thomas Southworth, director of the Bureau of Forestry, upon "Ontario's Permanent Forest," and by Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, upon "Recent progress in Agriculture." Mr. Southworth said the enormous capital in our forests was all a realizable asset. The area of land reserved for the Ontario Forestry, referred particularly to the expansion of the live stock industry. The McKinley tariff had forced us to give less attention to the United States and to look toward the British market. Our export of agricultural products to the United States had fallen off by \$8,000,000 annually, and the exports to Great Britain had increased by \$50,000,000 annually.

BURIED IN FALLING EARTH. Workman Had Narrow Escape at Toronto Junction.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Thomas Baird, who lives at 175 St. Clair avenue, Toronto Junction, had a narrow escape from death while working at the excavations being made by the York County Loan Company, at the corner of Keele and Bloor streets, yesterday morning. Baird, with a number of men, was digging when a large piece of earth fell upon him, completely covering him.

He was quickly dug out by his companions, and brought to the surface in an unconscious condition. He was removed to his home, when it was found that his injuries consisted of several broken ribs and a badly crushed foot.

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Pedro Alvarado, the eccentric millionaire mine owner of Parral, Mexico, distributed \$50,000 among the mine laborers of the Parral district at the beginning of the new year. Alvarado was a peon laborer when he discovered the vein of the now famous Pamilla mine,

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