

The Czar's Reply Handed to the Mikado; M. Kurino Prepares to Leave Russia

England and Europe Have Given Up All Hope of Peace Being Maintained — Thousands of Japanese Hurrying Away From Russian Ports—Consols Take a Big Drop on the London Stock Exchange—Civilians Ordered Out of Vladivostock.

has there been any special allotment of funds. The movement of troops toward Korea has been stopped.

The public is greatly depressed by the uncertainty, and banking and mercantile operations are at a standstill.

If Vladivostok is blockaded, the offices of the Ussuri Railroad and the play court will be transferred to Khaba-

It is rumored that all strangers, whether Russian or foreign, will be requested to leave the precincts of the fortifications, and the native residents will be required to provide quarters for 8,000 soldiers, with horses, with orders to mobilize the reserves being expected hourly.

New York, Feb. 6. — A Russian officer who has lately returned from the far east is quoted by the Moscow correspondent of the Times to the effect that the Russian Pacific squadron has sailed on the last two submarines. They were built on the Black Sea, were carried east in sections and fitted together at Port Arthur where they now are.

The officer also states that the mouth of the Amur River is heavily mined, and that the river is equipped with light craft, each patrolling about 55 miles and carrying light artillery.

A small party of Russian soldiers, previously reported as having entered

Korea near Samdo, had passed Chong-sung, about 100 miles farther west, on the Yalu River, cables the Herald's correspondent at Seoul. Russia is evidently renewing her examination of the Korean side of the Yalu.

The Japanese minister in Korea has issued his order to the Japanese residents at Sonching. He says the men may remain for the present, but the women and children must leave immediately. All Japanese residents in this district are ordered to leave as quickly as possible.

**LONDON HEARS
OF NAVAL FIGHT**

**Reported That Three Russian
and Two Jap Warships Had
Been Sunk.**

London, Feb. 6-2:51 p.m.—The search in city circles here was exemplified to-day by a wild report current on the subject of the capture of a severe naval engagement had taken place in the Pacific between three Russian and two Japanese ships. The report was, however, unfounded, and was sunk.

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Crew of Elasmated Schooner Suffered Great Hardship.

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Kingston, Feb. 6.—The Dutch schooner *er Venus*, dismasted during a hurricane while on her way from Curaçao to Santo Domingo, has been picked up by a coasting vessel 40 miles south of Jamaica, and towed to Savanna la Mar. The crew of the *Venus* suffered great hardships and had been drifting at sea for 27 days.

It was announced from Kingston

pu had arrived there with the passengers, twelve men and one woman, and part of the crew of the Venus, which she had encountered between Curacao and Santo Domingo. It was then announced that the captain of the Venus and two men had remained on board the schooner.

boots into the rapidly thrashing snare until he reached the locality of the trap. He was then seized by the hind legs and hoisted from an aged gray horse into the liveliest kind of a 2-year-old, and was twelve feet out of harm's way. A transformation in horseflesh hereafter never witnessed in the region before. The driver, back in the sleigh and was mixed up with an assortment of apples, fresh pork and other provisions, and the efforts of three or four citizens to assure the animal and convince him that he was not to be put to destruction through an anarchistic plot.

Several dogs, busy as niggers, were sent to sniff out the animal, and a high collie, under about a foot from the pole, with a blood-curling howl he leaped in the air, rolled over and over, and, with a tremendous knock, knocked a couple of spectators down in his hurry to quit the scene.

At this point the crowd of spectators had had some words on the other side of the street came across to the scene and the crowd of spectators, who were considering the spaniel to one side. The crowd made a point to see to it that the dogs walked on the charged side of the question, but began to mix it up, and

appearing to have made up his mind that the other had played a practical trick on him. The current was strong for the fighters, however, and in a second they both left the scene howling fearfully.

One old man who carried a cane with an iron ferrule on the lower end placed the stick where the electricity was strongest, and for a minute fanned the air with his arms.

For an hour or more the crowd plenty of fun watching dogs cross the charged spot.

The insulator was replaced by no