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Wednesday, Sept. 21st

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## WHAT IS CONTRABAND

Russia Clearly States Her Position to Great Britain.

Vladivostok Prize Court's Decision Reversed—Onus of Proof in Case of Suspected Cargo Will Lie Upon the Captor—U. S. Note Expected To-day—Russian Cruiser Lena to Disarm at San Francisco.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—Russia has given her answer to the American and British notes on the subject of contraband of war. Her answer was communicated to British Ambassador Hardinge, yesterday afternoon, verbally by Foreign Minister Lamsdorff. The Ambassador was informed that, according to the decision of the Commission, which has investigated the subject, the Government has agreed to view as of a conditionally contraband character foodstuffs and fuel, and that supplementary instructions had been issued to the Russian naval commanders and prize courts, calling their attention to the misinterpretation which had been placed upon the prize regulations.

These instructions, Sir Charles Hardinge was informed, make a clear distinction between the articles enumerated in article 6 of the Russian prize regulations which are susceptible to dual use, like fuel and foodstuffs, the assumption being that if they are addressed to private persons they are not intended for warlike uses, but their innocent character may be subject to suspicion if the ship's papers and the circumstances are irregular. In effect, the new instructions will place the burden of proof that the foodstuffs, etc., are destined for belligerent purposes upon the captor.

The new instructions will involve a reversal of the judgment of the Vladivostok prize court by the Admiralty Court in the case of the provisions confiscated.

A direct answer to the American note is expected to-day.

Russian Cruiser Tied Up.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—It is accepted here that the decision to detain the Russian cruiser Lena at San Francisco will result in internment of her crew until the end of the war. Capt. Berinsky has further reported that the repairs to the Lena will require several months.

Closing in on Port Arthur.

Choe Foo, Sept. 17.—The Japanese troops between Sept. 8 and Sept. 10 captured a fort situated on a high hill, two miles east of Golden Hill, by assault. The Japanese were able to remain in the forts because the quality of the powder used at Golden Hill was so poor that many shells fell short and others failed to explode.

The foregoing information was received from an intelligent Chinese, who left Port Arthur on Sept. 12. He adds that the Japanese are tunnelling under the Russian forts with the intention of blowing them up. He says that the work of tunnelling is slow and arduous, and will probably be successful.

Russians Preparing for Capture.

The Russians have placed mines under all the public buildings, wharves, arsenals and everything that could possibly be of use to the Japanese with the intention of causing their destruction should the Japanese enter the city.

Ammunition is growing scarce, but there is plenty of bread.

A shell struck a destroyer which was lying in the dock undergoing repairs, knocking it into a kindling wood and killing seven sailors. This shell came from the Japanese fleet which comes in much closer than formerly, throwing a few shells. One demolished several engines in the dock yards, and killed an officer.

The fort, which the Japanese captured, is not regarded as essential to the defence of Port Arthur, although it is obvious there will be some disadvantages from its occupation as the Japanese are constantly receiving heavy guns from Japan to which the Russians are unable to reply effectively.

Russians Rely on Land Defence.

The five 11-inch guns on Golden Hill, which were formerly pointed seaward, have been re-arranged, three of them now pointing landward.

The Chinese allege that all of the guns except the ten and twelve-inch have been removed to land batteries from on board the battleships, where they were of little use.

Of all the ships in the harbor only six are fully able to participate in another fight at sea. A month ago the Golden Hill batteries threatened Shushien. Now the Chinese say the shells fall far short of that point.

Getting Short of Food.

Shanghai, Sept. 17.—The North China Daily News yesterday published a private letter from a Chinese interpreter employed from 1897 until the end of August last in the commissariat department at Port Arthur. The writer says that in February last the department supplied daily 35,000 rations to the Russian land forces alone, the naval forces supplying themselves, "but when," he adds, "we departed only 5,000 rations were supplied daily to the whole garrison, including the crews of the ironclads, which are now manning the forts. There are now 24,000 sick and wounded men at Port Arthur. Of ammunition of all kinds there are very small stocks, and there are only five weeks full rations remaining." The interpreter also says the garrison of Port Arthur, the officers excepted, are anxious to surrender.

Runned Japanese Advance.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—(2.25 a.m.)—The War Office has heard the report of an apparent Japanese concentration against the flanks of General Kuropatkin's army, preparatory to an advance toward Mukden. While it is not in a position to absolutely confirm or deny the report,

it would surprise the War Office should Field Marshal Oyama have been able in such short time to organize his forces for a serious advance northwards.

A despatch from Mukden says the Russian patrols, up to the present time, have repulsed all Japanese outposts attacks, and that communications with Siuntin have been interrupted. Practically all the Russian stragglers, according to this despatch, have arrived at Mukden.

Japs Go Ahead.

Mukden, Sept. 17.—It is reported here that the Japanese are advancing on Mukden from the east. A strong force of Russians is ready to meet them.

Wounded Cosacks.

Mukden, Sept. 17.—Early yesterday morning twenty-six wounded men belonging to Major-General Mischenko's Cosack division were brought into Mukden. Artillery of the skirmish are not available. It is not clear whether it was a simple outpost affair or the beginning of the real Japanese advance on Mukden.

Japs Massing.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—General Kuropatkin reports that reconnaissance has established the fact that the Japanese are massing near Ventai and Bentiaipute. Bodies of Japanese are also moving in the Liao River valley.

Japs Prepare For 120,000 More Men.

London, Sept. 17.—Under date of Sept. 14, The Daily Mail's correspondent at Mukden, telegraphs as follows: "On instruction from the Chinese Governor has made representations politely requesting both armies not to fight at Mukden, 'owing to the danger of the demolition of sacred tombs.' No response has been received." The Daily Mail's correspondent at Shanghai reports that the Japanese scheme to raise a first national army of men from 32 to 40 years of age, the majority of whom have previously served with the colors, will prove a total strength of 120,000 men, who will be ready for service within a month."

Russians Great Loss.

Paris, Sept. 17.—Exact figures of the Russian losses in killed, wounded and missing in the operations before Liaoyang, from Aug. 13 to 26, have been received by the general staff, according to The Journal's St. Petersburg correspondent. These amount to two generals, 256 officers and 21,500 soldiers. In addition 133 guns were lost. The material losses include fortifications costing \$30,000,000.

Japs Call on Militia.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—The Lokal Anzeiger's Shanghai correspondent telegraphs that, according to trustworthy information from Japan, the first militia contingent has received orders to prepare to depart for the front. According to the same correspondent, relatives of officers of the Kanazawa Regiment have been privately informed that all except one of the officers have been killed at Port Arthur.

Czar and Kuropatkin Exchange Tally.

London, Sept. 17.—A despatch to a news agency from Mukden, dated Sept. 16, says that in a general order issued by Gen. Kuropatkin yesterday the following message from Emperor Nicholas to the general was published:

"I see from your report that you were unable to hold the fortress of Liaoyang owing to the enemy threatening to cut off your communications. The retreat of the whole army in such difficult circumstances and over such terrible roads was an operation excellently carried out in the face of grave difficulties. I thank you and your splendid troops for their heroic work and continued self-sacrifice. God guard you."

(Signed) "Nicholas."

Commenting on His Majesty's message, Gen. Kuropatkin says it contains a further expression of lofty benevolence on the part of the Emperor and adds:

"I am quite sure that in the work that lies before the Manchurian army every soldier will put forth his best efforts to achieve victory over the enemy and become worthy of the confidence of the Emperor."

Kuropatkin ordered the Emperor's message to be read to all the troops with solemn ceremony.

700 Strike On the C.P.R.

Winnipeg, Sept. 17.—The Canadian Pacific boiler-makers and those between Port William and Lagan, in all some 700 men, quit work yesterday. This action was the result of their demands for an increase in wages, which were communicated on Wednesday to the C.P.R., the executive not having been answered. Negotiations are under way which may result in the men returning to work to-day. A committee of the men were in conference with the officials here yesterday afternoon.

Canadian Northern Ry. Gains.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—Canadian Northern Railway gross earnings for week ending Sept. 14 were \$63,400, and from July 1 to date are \$732,600; as compared for the corresponding period last year, with \$57,100, and \$620,900, respectively, showing increases of \$6,300 and \$11,700.

Dawson Governed By Commission.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—Governor T. Congdon of the Yukon wires to Ottawa that the vote to determine whether or not the civic charter of Dawson should be revoked and the city's affairs carried on by a commission was three to one in favor of revocation.

New Canada-Mexico Line Arranged.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—Andrew Weir & Co., of Glasgow have been awarded the contract for a steamship service between Vancouver, Victoria and ports in Mexico. The service will be monthly.

Barnier Wants to Cool Off.

Ottawa, Sept. 17.—Capt. Barnier has withdrawn his resignation, and will now go as sailing master of the Arctic will sail on Monday.

## Trousers Sale

Just been sorting up our trouser stock and find too many trousers, so have selected 69 pair that we have decided to hurry out of here—They are all of fancy striped tweed and worsted. There are all sizes from 32 to 42 waist, any length of leg, and the cloths are suitable fall weights, correctly cut.

41 pairs that were \$2 and \$2.50 to be hurried out at \$1.50

28 pairs that were from \$2.75 to \$4 to be hurried out at \$1.95

An extra pair of trousers doesn't come amiss any day you can't pick them up at these prices every day.

THORNTON & DOUGLAS  
LIMITEDSATCHEL OF  
THE SATELLITE

Colonel Rankin didn't need to sound the bugles, lights out, last night.

Twice a tie, three times and out: Chatham-Orillia game is somewhat in doubt.

Why of course we're going to get those armories. Aren't the elections coming?

Orillia at Galt on Wednesday. Well, they won't be the whole thing, for Chatham will be there.

Romeo and Juliet is coming a week from Monday. There is sure to be a love scene on the balcony.

Some people are too big feeling to ask for what they want and too scared to take it without permission.

It is indignantly denied that the Sons of Scotland will form a body guard for Sidney Fisher at the Fair.

A light lunch would probably be made off the currents from that new dynamo Ald. John Edmondson bought for the city.

Mr. R. L. Borden, K. C. M. P., the great leader of the Big Conservative Party, will speak in the Opera House Tuesday night.

I wonder if Geo. Stephens, M. P., will extol the Hon. General Sidney Fisher like he did Hon. I. Tarte when the latter was here.

Yes, Dear Anxious Ones, the elections are coming. That's why Mr. Bastedo was down jollying the fishermen along the St. Clair Lake front.

Perhaps it was very fine board that Geo. Stephens, M. P., was hiring for those next-year-perhaps dredgers. Very fine board would be sawdust, of course.

Ald. Edmondson must have been mistaken when he said that the city could have all the light they wanted. There were no lights in the Park last night for drill.

The electric lamps were out in the Park last night, but they weren't lighted so that the soldiers couldn't drill. This was also reported to Ald. John Edmondson.

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## NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Chatham Gas Company, Limited, have decided to offer for public subscription at par \$25,000.00 of the treasury stock of the company, in shares of \$20.00 each, for the purpose of extending and improving the Gas and Electric lighting plants.

Full particulars in reference to this stock may be obtained at the office of the company.

Subscriptions will be received for a limited period only.

P. S. COATE,  
Secretary.

Of course the elections are coming. Hasn't George Stephens, M. P., been out arranging for board for the 500 men who will be engaged dredging the river next year?

The Pere Marquette passenger train from Blenheim had a carload of live hogs attached to it last night. This might occasion surprise were it not known that this train connects with the express from London.

As soon as Leader Borden comes to the west, Geo. Stephens, M. P., talks. Borden's people all up and down the river. We always knew that the residents along the river were Borden people and Mr. Stephens is only a little out on his orthography.

Yes, of course, Gilbert supplies the best. Call him up at 119 for your next order of coal or wood, mw.

A clear conscience needs no filting.

Nervous? Easily discouraged? Things look dark? Can't sleep? Restless? Worn out? "Nervous exhaustion," your doctor says. Ask him to tell you all about Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Sold for 60 years.



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