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THIRD JAPANESE ARMY MOBILIZED NUMBER OF SOLDIERS HAVE CROSSED THE YALU

Czar Will Reject Offers of Mediation—Foreign Interference Will Not Be Tolerated.

Berlin, April 28.—The Tokio correspondent of the Tagblatt announces the mobilization of a third Japanese army. He says it is now disclosed that a reserve brigade corresponding to each division of the army has been mobilized therewith, and consequently each army embraces nearly 100,000 men, instead of being of the strength previously assumed.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—General Kouropatkin has played a strong card in the game of strategy. A large portion of General Benzenkampff's Cossack cavalry division has been thrown across the upper reaches of the Yalu, and a considerable force of cavalry which crossed the Tumen some time ago is coming down to the southwest to effect a junction with it.

The Emperor has received the following from General Kouropatkin: "Sassulitch reports under date of 24th that during the recent days the Japanese have been observed landing pontoon material and collecting boats in preparation for the construction of bridges in the neighborhood of Wiyin and also near the village of Sizon, 20 miles farther up the river. On April 23d a Japanese detachment consisting of infantry and a small force of cavalry crossed the Yalu ten miles below Siapussikhe. General Sassulitch immediately reinforced the cordons on our front. Small parties of the enemy were seen preparing to cross elsewhere in that vicinity. All is quiet north of the Yalu."

Tokio, April 25.—The cruisers Rossia and Crombol, of the Vladivostok squadron, participated in an attack on Gensan to-day. They were accompanied by a third cruiser, not yet identified, and by two torpedo boats. Later they entered the harbor, ordered the crew of the Goyo Maru ashore, and then sank her. A detachment of marines which had landed was recalled, and the warships steamed outside the harbor. The Japanese and many Koreans fled when the Russians appeared. Late telegrams say that the Russian squadron remains off the harbor of Gensan.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—The Associated Press is enabled to announce authoritatively that the talk of mediation in the Russian-Japanese war was founded upon the personal desires of King Edward and King Christian of Denmark to avoid further bloodshed and end the conflict, but that the steps initiated have utterly failed. The Emperor, with the full concurrence of the Imperial family and his advisers, has firmly decided not only to reject all proposals looking to intervention, but to prosecute the war with all the resources of the Empire. The victory crowns the Russian arms, and when the time comes for peace to make terms directly with the enemy. The interference of outside powers will not be tolerated. There is to be no repetition of the Berlin congress.

Tokio, April 25.—The Japanese lines operating steamers on the Yellow Sea and Gulf of Chi Li are cancelling their sailings beyond Chemulpo, Korea, on account of the mechanical mines adrift from Port Arthur and Port Dalny. A cruiser discovered one 40 miles off the Shan Tung promontory, and exploded it with a shell. It is known that the storms and currents have detached many mines. Several of them have been discovered and destroyed, but it is feared that many are still being carried southward by the currents. Even in daylight navigation is dangerous, because some of the mines floating are slightly submerged. Various expedients for freeing the sea of these derelicts, mostly impracticable, have been suggested, including a search by neutral warships outside of the zone of operations.

phases with breathless anxiety. Our nerves are strained much as are those of the defenders of Port Arthur. We weep over our reverses and rejoice at the slightest success. Like the English in the Boer war, we are one of the greatest of the world's powers, fighting a smaller one, and the sentiment of patriotism overwhelms all other considerations."

THE RUSSIAN LINES.

Forty Thousand Men Occupy Positions Along the Yalu River.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—Advices from Mukden indicate that the Russians have completed the concentration of their forces on the Mukden, Liao Yang and Xalu and Newchwang lines. Forty thousand men are occupying fortified positions along the Yalu river, and 20,000 are posted at Taku Shang, at the head of Korea bay, where Japanese have threatened to make a landing.

RUSSIAN SQUADRON.

Four Cruisers and Two Torpedo Boat Destroyers Visit Korean Coast.

Seoul, April 26, 7.30 p.m.—The Russian squadron which to-day sank the Japanese merchantman Goyo at Gensan consisted of four cruisers and two torpedo boat destroyers.

NO DAMAGE TO TOWN.

Russian More Probably Made to Discover Strength of Japs.

Seoul, April 25.—(Delayed in transmission.)—When the attack at Gensan sought refuge in the hills and the garrison prepared to resist a possible landing party from three Russian cruisers which were sighted in the offing, and which were expected to complete the ruthless destruction of harmless craft.

FOR THE FRONT.

Report That the Czar Will Leave St. Petersburg in August.

New York, April 26.—The Herald correspondent in St. Petersburg says he has excellent authority for the statement that the Emperor will go to the seat of war some time in August, the exact date depending upon a happy family event which is expected to take place about that time and which is a subject of interest in court circles.

MILITARY OBSERVERS.

Officers Attached to Japanese Army Leave for Front on Saturday.

Tokio, April 26.—The military observers assigned to the Japanese in Korea have been ordered to leave for the front next Saturday.

CRITICISMS NAVY.

St. Petersburg Paper Says Days of Carelessness and Inefficiency Are Over.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—The Norve Vremya to-day contains a remarkable free criticism of the Russian navy as follows: "It would be well to put an obelisk in front of the admiralty inscribed 'Remember Makaroff,' this death should be the signal to destroy the old order of things which he fell a victim to after heroically doing his best with the defective weapons which he had at his disposal. Makaroff's death marks a new era for the Russian navy. The old days marked by carelessness and inefficiency are over, and we have learned our lessons. The nation understands them just as well as learn from the first lesson the necessity of a reform of the personnel of the navy. The present system of promoting officers according to the number of nautical miles they sail may work well in a highly efficient navy, but it is absurdly dangerous for ours. Where the capacities of the officer fluctuate as a result, many of our best officers are discouraged in retirement. The present war is unlike any previous war, in that the whole nation is following its

portant to avoid on account of the lack of docking facilities at Port Arthur. It is understood that the admiralty now entertains no fears regarding the restrictions imposed by the Suez canal regulations, although Admiral Wirius complained of the strictness with which the neutrality of the canal was enforced. There is evidence of a more friendly disposition on the part of the British authorities. It is said that they pointed out that they would have to hold contracts of war arriving at Liverpool from America if landlocked, and at the same time it was suggested to the Russian consul that transshipment could take place in the harbor, and the authorities at Liverpool even placed a barge at the consul's disposal.

AGAIN ACTIVE.

Several Vessels, Believed to Be Russian, Sighted Off Gensan.

London, April 27.—A special dispatch from Kobe, Japan, says several vessels believed to be Russian, were again sighted off Gensan, Korea, to-day.

CROSSING THE YALU.

The Movement of the Japanese Troops Continues.

Paris, April 27.—A dispatch to the Times from St. Petersburg says: "The Japanese continue to cross the Yalu river in small squads. The Russian tactics seem to be not seriously opposed these preliminary movements."

PORT ARTHUR BULLETIN.

All Quiet in Vicinity of City—The Submarine Tests.

Port Arthur, April 27.—The situation here and in this vicinity to-day is unchanged. The successful trials of the submarine boats here are regarded by the Japanese as opening fresh prospects for active operations on the part of the Russian fleet.

JAP CRUISER LOST.

Went on Rocks Near Shanghai and is a Total Wreck.

Shanghai, April 27.—The Japanese cruiser Hai Tien, which struck the rocks at Eagle Point, 60 miles southeast of Shanghai, is a total loss. The United States cruiser, New Orleans went to the assistance of the Hai Tien, but her efforts were unavailing. The crew of the Hai Tien were rescued. There was no loss of life.

JAPANESE SPY.

Man Shot at Mukden Was Identified as a Judge.

London, April 27.—The Tokio correspondent of the Times says that one of the Japanese spies shot by the Russians at Mukden was identified as Souda, a Japanese judge, and not a military man, as has been stated.

WHEN WAR WILL END.

Russian Says It Will Be When Japs Are Driven From Continent.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—While King Edward's move to restore peace between Russia and Japan has been hailed as a necessary step, it is nevertheless regarded as highly significant in diplomatic circles. It is the first tangible evidence of a change in the relations between Russia and Great Britain. The King, however, has never approached the Emperor, no matter how indirectly, on the subject of peace. If future history, say the diplomats, is to be true, attempts at mediation will be made if it is necessary to the diplomatic corps, that good relations between Russia and Great Britain be assiduously cultivated, and they believe that no one appreciates this better than King Edward. The attitude of the Emperor is thoroughly approved.

A person in authority, voicing the opinion of his colleagues, saying that mediation cannot be accepted, and that Russia alone will determine when it is time to stop fighting, that time, he said, will not arrive until every Japanese soldier has been ejected from the continent.

M. Roubnoff, who has been awarded \$125,000 for improvements in submarine boats, in an interview, says: "There is less danger in navigating a submarine boat than a torpedo boat, and during a battle the former is safer than other vessels."

Admiral Yerkovsky has shown the Empress a miraculous image of the Virgin, which the Russians fervently hope is going to turn the tide of battle at Port Arthur. The admiral told the Empress the story of the image, which accurately depicts the Virgin as she appeared in a vision to a sailor, a veteran before the outbreak of the present war the Virgin came to the sailor in a dream and said: "Many woes are going to befall Port Arthur until my image is sent there. Then Port Arthur will be victorious." The sailor, when on a pilgrimage to the great monastery of Kieff, told his dream to the 10,000 pilgrims there, each of them gave five kopecks (24 cents) to have the dream depicted. But the artists who made the image refused to receive payment. The ikon was eventually sent to Admiral Ver-

CHINA'S ATTITUDE.

Determined to Remain Neutral, But People Are Favorable to Japan.

Paris, April 27.—Mr. Ou, first secretary of the Chinese legation here, in an interview on the danger of China being drawn into the Russo-Japanese war, (24 cents) to have the dream depicted. But the artists who made the image refused to receive payment. The ikon was eventually sent to Admiral Ver-

reality. General Ma had not more than 15,000 troops, which there is no reason to suppose were ill-disposed towards Russia. Asked point blank whether he did not foresee the danger of complications, the secretary admitted that the Chinese people were favorably disposed towards the Japanese, and in this fact there might be a possible source of trouble. If the Buddhists, priests and the secret societies stirred up a revolt and the rebels attacked the Russians, the latter might consider the Imperial government reasonable.

"If we should be treated as belligerents," said the secretary, "we should be obliged to defend ourselves; that would be the only event in which we would make common cause with Japan."

REVIEWED BY CZAR.

Attended Parade of the Grenadiers and Regiment of Cossacks.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—The Emperor and the Dowager Empress reviewed the Grenadiers and a regiment of rural Cossacks at noon to-day. While looking somewhat careworn, it was noticed that the Emperor was in excellent physical condition. To-night, unaccompanied by a guard, the Emperor and the Empress took a long drive through the streets of St. Petersburg.

TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

Report That Russians Have Decided to Double Track the Road.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—It is stated in railway circles that the government has decided to double track the trans-Siberian railway, and that Prince Hilko, minister of railways, has submitted to the Emperor an estimate, according to which this work can be completed in 18 months.

KOREAN MINES.

British and American Properties Will Be Operated While Japs Are Paramount.

Seoul, April 26.—1 p.m.—The German steamer Amigo has arrived at Chemulpo with bullion from the American mines at Un San. It is reported that the Imperial Japanese mine at Osan, Korea, is guaranteed to supply monthly the specie necessary to insure the running of the British mines at Un San, Korea, contracting to take the total bullion output of the mine. The average payments of the mines amount to about \$7,500 per month. The mine will pay in the value of sold the difference between the mines bullion output and the amounts advanced for the mine. The payments are unavailing. The crew of the Hai Tien were rescued. There was no loss of life.

AT A DISADVANTAGE.

Russian Fleet Can Only Leave Port Arthur at High Tide.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—A letter dated March, written by Col. Agapeleff, a member of the staff of Vice-Admiral Makaroff, who was lost at the time of the battleship disaster on April 13th, throws considerable light on the conditions prevailing at Port Arthur. He said:

"Our squadron suffers from the great disadvantage of not being able to go out of the harbor except at high tide, which is especially awkward if it is high water before dawn. The enemy has not failed to profit by this, coming up with impunity on the ebb tide and attacking the whole morning if the squadron is inside. I mentioned this to Makaroff, thinking he would not take any notice of it, but the next time it was high water before daylight, he ordered the squadron out the previous evening, by which he spoiled the Japanese game, and also avoided the danger of collision in going out of the narrow entrance after dark."

ARGENTINE CRUISERS.

Vessels Will Not Be Delivered to Russia Until Money Is Paid.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—On account of the refusal to deliver the Argentine cruisers before the money is paid, it is understood that a committee is being organized in Paris to arrange for the sale of the vessels through Charles B. Flint, of Flint & Co. of New York.

THE CHEMULPO FIGHT.

Captain of Variag Dentes He Asked Other Commanders to Leave Harbor.

Sebastopol, April 26.—Capt. Rondeff, former commander of the cruiser Variag, in an interview is quoted as saying: "When I took charge of the guardships at Chemulpo I sent back the Boyarin to Port Arthur asking for instructions. Admiral Alexieff replied:

"Follow your own judgment and conscience." It is not true that I asked the other commanders to accompany me when I went out of the harbor, with the Boyarin and Variag. All I wanted was that the Japanese let me out into the open sea. I hoped to break through their lines."

LIBERAL MEMBERS DISCUSS TARIFF.

FEELING IN FAVOR OF INVESTIGATION

The Whole Question Should Be Considered Before Any Changes Are Made.

Ottawa, April 27.—There was a government caucus this forenoon. In addition to the work of the session and similar matters being discussed, the tariff came up for consideration. This was no doubt in view of the early deliberance of the financial statement by the finance minister. It would appear that there was nothing definite before the caucus, but a committee of the cabinet, whether any changes in the tariff were advisable or not at the present session. The opinion of members is said to be in favor of very little being done at present. There is an idea prevalent that the best thing to do is to first inquire into the whole question by means of a commission or committee of the cabinet, the same as was done in 1897, and then all parties would have an opportunity of being heard. The only real complaint about the tariff comes from the woolen men, who want more protection, and from consumers against the coal oil duty. It would not be difficult to meet the views of both these parties, but even in regard to these there are other interests which may desire to be heard.

LOCAL SALVAGE CASE.

Judgment Reserved in Appeal Vermont vs. The Abbey Palmer.

Ottawa, April 27.—In the Exchequer court this morning Justice Burbridge heard argument in an appeal from the local judge in the British Columbia admiralty district in the case of Vermont Steamship Company against the ship Abbey Palmer. The steamship Vermont had been saved by the Abbey Palmer from a very perilous position on the Pacific Coast while she was in a dismasted and helpless condition. Salvage was effected at great risk by the Vermont, and she was delayed in prosecution of her voyage to Japan by some ten days owing to salvage service. The local judge allowed \$4,200 for salvage service, and the owners of the Vermont are dissatisfied with that amount, hence the appeal. Mr. Lewis appeared for the appellant, and Messrs. Robinson and Eberts for respondents. Judgment was reserved.

SETTLERS FOR WEST.

Last of Spring Excursion Left Ontario on Tuesday.

Toronto, April 27.—The last of this spring's settlers' excursions for the Northwest left yesterday, among 800 settlers, including wives and families, taking advantage of the cheap rates. Unfavorable weather conditions this year were responsible for the reduced number of settlers going west this spring, compared with last year.

THE MAIL ROBBERY.

Report That Behan Has Turned King's Evidence.

Winnipeg, April 27.—It is believed in Calgary that Behan has turned King's evidence, and has told his story of the mail robbery case to the crown. Behan has been released in Regina on \$5,000 bail.

GERMANS WITHDRAW.

Insurance Companies Reported to Have Decided to Abandon American Business.

New York, April 27.—A special dispatch to the Sun from Berlin says it is reported that as a result of the recent fires in Baltimore and Toronto, the German insurance companies have decided to abandon their American business.

FORMER BANKER DEAD.

New York, April 27.—Carroll Livingston, grandson of Gen. Harry Livingston and "Lady Mary" Livingston, and collateral descendant of the chancellor who administered the oath of office to President George Washington, is dead at his home here. He was 71 years old. Mr. Livingston, raised from the banking business many years ago and devoted much time to amateur sports. He won many prizes in live bird shooting matches in France and America.