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PE PREPARES FOR WAR; proceeded to examine the Japanese demands, and on Jan. 25, M. Kurino, the Japanese minister, was informed, in reply to his inquiry, that the Czar had intrusted the proposals to a special conference, the members of which would meet Jan. 28, and that his majesty's decision would probably not be given before the proposals. EUROPE PREPARES FOR WAR;

French Gov't. Warns Spain Britain Is About to Seize Spanish Territory---Sweden and Denmark Preparing.

COSSACKS DEFEAT A JAP DETACHMENT IN KOREA

Later Reports From Lake Baikal Say But One Soldier Was Killed the receipts of the news of the rupin Accident-Russia to Use Political Suspects in Her Armies—Chinese Pirates Create Havoc Along Coasts.

cording to a telegram from the Madrid correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt, the French Government has confidentially given warning to the Spanish cabinet of the secret plans of the British Government to seize parts of Spanish territory in case of war.

This is the reason why Spain is sending troops to the Canary Islands, Ceuta, Galacia and the neighborhood of the Straits of Gibraltar. The French Government has also advised the strengthening of the fortifications certain parts of the Spanish coast. Baron Richthofen, the minister foreign affairs, says that in view of the outbreak of war it is impossible for Germany to withdraw the 2,600 men she has in China and at Kado Tchan. The troops in China are the backbone of the maintenance of order in China Sweden is now following the example of Denmark and is also arming.

COSSACKS FIGHT JAPS.

An Engagement in Kerea in Which Japs Are Defeated.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. - A dispatch from Port Arthur today says the first land encounter occurred yesterday. A picket of Cossacks attacked a small detachment of Japanese troops on Korean territory. The Cossacks captured some Japanese prisoners, en whom they found maps and papers.

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

hend the Change of Sentiment.

Chicago, Feb. 20. - "Russia will look on the present attitude of the United States toward her as a visitation of divine justice because she did not heel the appeals from the Boers for during their struggle against Great Britain," said Baron Eugene De Fersen, Russian nobleman, cousin of Baron A. A. Schlippenbach, Russian consul at Chicago, who is here on a visit. continued "Time and again," baron, "did President Kruger appeal to

England, and as often did the Russian Government refuse to aid the Boers. conquest of the Philippines by the United States, no note of protest was heard from Russia. But when THE KAISER'S HOLIDAY. Russia peaceably occupied Manchuria, pouring millions of roubles into the development of the country and its great resources, does the United States hold aloof from our affairs? No. There is developed in the United States a great interest in the preservation of the integrity of China, and protest is made to Russia. It is most incomprehensible to us Russians why the United States, whom we have always looked upon as our friend, should so turn upon us." WILL USE POLITICAL SUSPECTS. St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. - According to the terms of an imperial order just issued, political suspects under police surveilance are permitted to enter the army in the field as privates, after which the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Justice can order the withdrawal of police supervision over

such persons. Another decree appoints a special commission under the presidency of hereditary Grand Duke Michael Alex. androvitch, brother of the Czar, to arrange for the most speedy construction and similar representations have been of submarine boats, cruisers and other a public subscription has been started by the press.

LAKE BAIKAL DISASTER.

News From Russian Source Say but One Man Was Killed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. - With 1cference to the sensational stories of a A Statement Issued of Events Predisaster to Russian troops at Lake Baikal (one report saying that three regiments were drowned while attempting to cross the icecovered lake), One soldier was killed, five were sel Jan. 16, the Government immediately

resumed the following day. Further most of the male civilians have left burg Feb. 10.

ing racial feeling, even the wild tribes sible time. of the Caucasus, the discontented the front. Before leaving they attended ing on service held in a synagogue here. consequences ensuing. The comma service held in a synagogue here. concludes: "Although Rabbi Drabkin made a fervid address cation concludes: the altar of patriotism and are ready until Feb. 11." with all the Czar's faithful to sacrifice yourself for the fatherland. Remember that Russia is strong, not only in arms, but in God's blessing." CHINESE PIRATES ACTIVE.

A special Port Arthur dispatch says the Japanese fleet was observed Feb. 18 cruising off that port.

Reports from Northern Korea say the Koreans are showing a decidedly friendly attitude to the Russians. The Manchurian Railroad is convey ing troop without difficulty to the various points of concentration Native reports say that the Chinese pirates, since the cutbreak of hostilities have been displaying such act'v-ity in Eastern Asiatic waters as to al-

most paralyze the coasting trade GERMANY AGREES WITH HAY. several days ago instructed the Gerand the minister of Germany at Tokio to communicate to the Governments which they are accredited Ger-Russia for sympathy and help against many's adherence to the principles contained in Secretary Hay's note on the neutrality of China. Both powers gave a general assurance that those principles were acceptable to them.

Berlin, Feb. 20. - Emperor William March 3, joining the imperial yacht Hohenzollern at Messina, Sicily.

THE SACRED TOMBS. China Says Belligerents Must Not Disturb Them.

to the Mediterranean.

London, Feb. 19, 3 a.m.-The Washington correspondent of the Merning Post says a communication of the ut most importance, which may add fresh complications to the far eastern situation, has been made by the Chinese minister to Secretary of State Hay, made by the Chinese ministers vessels, to meet the expense of which European capitals. The Chinese Government has addressed both Russia and Japan, reiterating her intention to maintain strict neutrality, but leclaring the sancity of the tombs of the

ancestors of the Chinese dynasty at Mukden and elsewhere must be respected by the beligerents. RUSSIA DLAMES JAPAN.

ceding the Rupture.

it is explained that the trans-Baikal account of the events immediately pro- was in flames. line was blocked at the Baikal sta- ceeding the rupture with Japan is pubtion during the night of Feb. 18 by an lished in the Official Messenger today, avalanche of snow which fell from a with the "object of rectifying certain neighboring mountain. A train having statements from Japanese sources. troops on board rushed into the obstruction, the locomotive was derailed, receipt of the late Japanese proposals,

The Spaniards in a Panic; Fear a Seizure by Britain

Madrid, Feb. 20. — Two regiments of infantry at San Sebastian, and two resiments of Pampeluna, are held in his regiment. The embassy added that giments of Pampeluna, are held in the ambassador's journey was in no readiness to start for the Balearic way connected with his position as am-Islands. War Minister Linares has bassador. also sent a circular to the military au- firms this. thorities ordering the recall of all tinent in regard to the possibility that soldiers on furlough, and to retain with a European war may ensue from the the colors men whose service termin-struggle in the far east, is not shared ates March I. These measures caused by Great Britain. No power has made considerable excitement. Rumors continue to circulate in spite of official every continuency, and yet now here operated for a long time in the outdenials, that this military activity is is confidence greater that the hostilidue to a warning from a European ties will be confined to Russia and Jafrom St. Louis, three constables, augpower that in the event of a continent- pan than it is in London. The naval al war Great Britain intended to seize and military preparations announced bearing warrants for the arrest of six

bassador, left London this morning for contingency of their employment may men. One may die.

The foreign office here con-

count Beneckendorff the Russian ampower must adopt, however remote the men, precipitated a riot late yesterday, which resulted in the shooting of six

papers made sensations out of his de- Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 20. - Unparture (connecting it with rumors that the Czar was displeased with his ambassadors at Washington and London measures. The coast artillery has ously; two unknown, not seriously. bassadors at Washington and London measures. The coast artiflery has and with his late minister at Tokio, owing to the recent turn of events), and out of baseless rumors threatening bassy said positively that Count Benbassy said gone to St. Petersburg late of the present to Gothland and the coast defense battle-by washington and London measures. The coast artiflery has been ordered to be in readiness, was office at the ferry dock yesterday after-by ships are being sent to Gothland asserted the market was in such a smight lead at one of the officers. The boy was asserted the market was in such a smight lead at one of the officer and asserted the market was in such a smight lead to be prepared for active serboy during the 24 hours above; lowest, above.

date Emperor Nicholas ordered the preparations of a draft of definite in-structions to Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, based on the deliberations of this conference. On

Feb. 3 identical telegrams were sent to Viceroy Alexieff and Baron De Rosen containing the text of the draft of a proposed Russian agreement with a full statement of the reason which prompted Russia to modify the Japanese proposals, and general instructions to Baron De Rosen concerning the pre-sentation of the reply to the Japanese Government. Forty-eight hours before ture, Foreign Minister Lamsdorff notified M. Kurino of the dispatch of the

On Feb. 5 Viceroy Alexieff notified the foreign office of Baron De Rosen receipt of the reply. On Feb. 6, at 4 New York, Feb. 20.—A special cable verely injured, and fourteen were handed to Count Lamsdorff two notes, from Berlin to the Herald says: A. slightly hurt. Traffic was said to be notifying him of the rupture of the negotiations and of the advices from Port Arthur today say lations, and adding that he, M. Kurino. that all the women and children and his staff, would leave St. Petersthat place and that practically only companied by a private letter from M. the garrison remains. Kurino to Count Lamsdorff, expressing wave of patriot'sm sweep'ng the hope that the rupture of relations over the empire seems to be swamp- would be confined to the shortest pos-On the same day Viceroy Alexieff.

Finns and sullen Poles forgetting their Baron De Rosen, and all the Russian grievances and coming forward to voi- representatives at Pekin, Tokio and inteer their services to the common the capitals of the great powers, were fatherland. An instance of devotion informed by urgent telegrams of the among the Czar's Hebrew subjects is rupture of relations and of the issue afforded by the act of 45 Jewish doctors of an imperial order withdrawing the in throwing up their practices to go to Russian legation from Tokio, and lay the front. Before leaving they attended ing on Japan the responsibility for all to a large congregation, which includ- breaking off of diplomatic relations by ed Baron Ginzburg and other Jewish no means implied the opening of hosnotables. He said "Our fatherland is tilities, the Japanese Government as passing through a difficult epoch. The early as the night of Feb. 8, and dur moment has come when you, my bro- ing Feb. 9 and Feb. 10, committed : thers, must show the whole world that whole series of revolting attacks on you are not unworthy sons of your Russian warships and merchantmer and that although standing attended by violations of international apart before the altar of religion you law. The decree of the Emperor of are united with other citizens before Japan declaring war was not issued

WHERE DID THIS MONEY COME FROM?

in Connection With Toronto's Scandal.

Toronto, Feb. 20. - Crown Attorney terday morning's session of the scandal starts on his Mediterranean holiday on March 3, joining the imperial yacht Hohenzollern at Messina, Sicily. When work. It is said that Mr. Curry sethe first news of the outbreak of war | cured from personal sources informahis proposed trip, but, as the interna- from?" That he is upon the right other important move was taken yesterday, when Detective Inspector Stark was instructed to take steps to pre- not voted. His vote was recorded in ing town. To accomplish this means Maguire was D. R. O. a system of shadowing those whose

are called into the witness box. STREET CAR RUNS AMUCK

A Thrilling Incident on the Streets of Pittsburg

Pittsburg, Feb. 20. - A blazing Larimer avenue electric car, all brakes off with twenty passengers aboard, raced madly down Fifth avenue early today from Grant almost to Market street. For fifteen minutes after the car came to a stop it blazed like a furnace. Four of the passengers were seriously hurt. As Grant street was reached, eastbound, the front motor blew out. The motorman's platform to escape tempted to hold the car from that end. The second motor also exploded, and St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. - A Russian in an instant the rear end of the car In the panic that followed someone released the one brake that held the

car at the top of the hill. The flight back toward Market street began, the passengers crowding wildly toward the motorman's platform to escape the

One woman, Dorothy Greenup, leaped over the high wire gate at the side When Market street was reached and the car stopped of itself, several people were still aboard, although the car was more than half ablaze. E. J. Thompson broke through a window, and dragged with him an unknown colored man. He was severely hurt. Miss Greenup and John Jones were

SIX MEN SHOT

In An Attempt by St. Louis Police to Close a Poolroom.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 20. - In an effort mented by a poss of citizens, and

The wounded — Lee Harlan, druggist, probably mortally; Wm. Schooley, is posse man; Edward Harris, inspector,

******** THE WAR SITUATION.

The Russians are reported as advancing on Seoul, fifteen hundred Cossacks being in the vicinity of Wiju. They claim to have defeated a party of Japanese, taking several prisoners. The Chinese are keen to fight the Russians, and are being kept in check with great difficulty. Russia has issued a statement to the world, rehearsing the history of the rupture and placing the onus of commencing the war on Japan. She also announces that telegrams going abroad will be no longer censored. In the last twentyfour hours there has been no definite news as to movements of troops or ships with the exception of the Czar's fleet at Jubital, which has been ordered back to the Baltic. France is said to have warned Spain that Britain intends to seize territory. The anti-British feeling increases in Russia, where is also a great outburst of patriotism, even the Poles and Finns joining in the demonstrations. Sweden and Denmark are rushing war preparations. Russia has refused to permit the placing of a United States consul at

one soldier perished. SAM THOMPSON CAN'T BE FOUND

Dalny. Russia is agreeable to

respecting Chincse integrity as

proposed in Mr. Hay's note, but

makes an exception of Man-

churia. The rumered drowning

of Russian soldiers at Lake

Baikal turns out to have been

a railway accident in

Whereabouts-Man Wanted in Ballot Fraud Inquiry.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 20. — Members Curry, who has been working upon of the Thompson family were again in Berlin, Feb. 20. - The foreign office the election ballots in pursuit of evi- the witness bex this morning in the dence for the scandal inquiry, made civil investigation, but none of them refused to divulge the nature of the brother Sam, the missing deputy rediscoveries, but they were of such im- turning officer. James Thompson portance that when W. R. Riddell was swore that a man named Coventry told notified of them by Mr. Curry ne left him yesterday that Sam would be back the examination of witnesses at yes- in town today. The crown attorney toinquiry, and hastened into his private day refused to confirm the report that room, where, with Mr. Fasken, his as- a warrant is out for Sam's arrest, and sistant, he went over the matter thor- that Sam is expected to tell the story

municated to his majesty he gave up question, "Where did the money come sam to come back they will do so, tional situation became calm he again track those interested have but little as the prosecution, it is said, has announced his intention of taking a doubt, and it is expected that the threatened charges of perjury against holiday. The empress' health prevents source of the plentiful supply of her from accompanying the Emperor greenbacks will soon be revealed. Anbeen flatly contradicted. Senator George A. Cox was called

vent important witnesses from leav-Thomas Thompson, recalled, swore evidence is regarded as important will he had been poll clerk for Sam for be undertaken from now until they two years before this election, in which he had acted as D. R. O., having been

mineted by ex-Ald. S. W. Burns. The poll book of 1903 was produced and Thomas Thompson admitted that the last four names in it were in Sam's handwriting. He could not explain this. Judge Winchester, who is conducting

the investigation, was today served that his cause is hopeless. with a writ of summons and notice of motion, returnable on Monday, for an truce carried by Americans landed from and Retvizan are almost completed. order to restrain the judge from proceeding with the investigation.

With persons ashore. The Americans, this morning from St. Petersburg that the action is instituted by F. A. it is asserted, retaliated and scattered the Czarina occupies herself every day the Czarina occupies herself ev Drake, acting for Richard Lane, 519 the insurgents. No international com-Markham street.

are that the investigation of the bal- de Macoris, came here as a refugee on the Paris Figaro cables that the Rus- MANCHURIA EXCEPTED. lots being made by Crown Attorney board the St. Simon, will join for-Curry is being improperly used in this mer President Wos y Gill, who is re-investigation, and it is further alleged siding here. San Domingo eity orders that the investigation is reregular and its provisions from Porto Rico direct, The Russian squadron at Jibutil conillegal and unless restrained, will pre-judice the plaintiff as a ratepayer of hausted. A schooner loaded with pro-

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW-COLD AND SNOWY. Sun rises. 7:10 a.m. Moon rises. 9:03 a.m. Sun rets. .5:53 p.m. Moon sets. .10:10 p.m. the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere the weather has been for the most part fair. Moderate temperatures have pre-vailed from Assinibola to the Maritime Frovinces, while in Alberta there has een a return to colder weather. Minimum and maximum temperatures: FORECASTS.

Today—Fine and moderately cold. Sunday—Strong easterly winds; cold; snow by night. TEMPERATURES. Stations. WEATHER NOTES. During yesterday the weather was

little milder in nearly all portions of the country, but fairly low temperatures were registered during the night. Another cold wave has appeared over Alberta, and the general outlook is unfavorable for much change in the present the following conditions.

the city, having no authority to expend money in such a way. Just before the noon adjournment, Mr. Riddell reported to the judge that interested parties were annoying Mrs. mother of the poll clerk, who has told the story of ballot stuffing. His honor of anyone guilty of this. It is said that Thomas Thompson will be arrested to-

in Sam Thompson's pell last year. LATER. Thomas Thompson, brother of Sam Thompson, the D. R. O., has been ar-

day, charged with fraud as poll clerk

DEVONSHIRE TALKS

Duke Tells Lords He Is a Convinced Free Trader.

rested on a charge of perjury.

London, Feb. 20. - In the House of Lords yesterday, the Duke of Devonshire (Liberal Unionist), made a long speech on the fiscal question. He explained his position and the reasons for his resignation as Lord President of the council, and said when he read Mr. Balfour's Sheffield speech he found cabinet. Continuing, the duke said the only result of a retaliatory duty on American iron would be to reliable to the Korean capital. The Japanese leon American iron would be to relieve gation in Seoul has been greatly the home trade of temporary inconpressed the strongest dissatisfaction NO JAPS IN SIGHT. with the attitude of the Government. Stoke-Newington, said the was almost in the .general election, which, notwithstanding any attempt of the Government to prevent it, could take place upon the fiscal question. passing, especially since the elections in Norwich and Mid Herts. It might said that protection was defeatdefeat into a rout, so that protection might never raise its ugly head

DYNAMITE KILLS TWENTY-THREE

An Important Discovery Made Family Refuses to Disclose His Two Cars of the Explosive Blown and that Cossack scouts have already Up by a Collision in Utah Territory.

dynamite attached to a work train on the Ogden-Lucin cut-off of the Southern Pacific Pailroad arrivada and complete troops at Sin Ming 1ing 1rond RUSSIAN COMMANDERS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.— Pacific Railroad, exploded with railroad. terrific force late yesterday afternoon ALLIANCE AGAINST BRITAIN. some most important discoveries. He would disclose the whereabouts of their at Jackson station, 88 miles west of tims were Greek laborers.

and three children, were killed. The would be natural for Russia to explosion wrecked everything within similar assistance in her present diffia radius of half a mile. There seems good reason to believe, train running into the two cars load-prepared for any and all eventualities. between Russia and Japan was com- tion which will answer that important however, that if the family can induce ed with powder. Five locomotives Russian dispatches record the rapid were reduced to scrap iron and the growth of anti-British feeling, one big steam shovel at Jackson station saying many English boys have been was completely demolished. As 200n withdrawn from Russian schools owas news of the explosion reached Og- ing to insults, and there is evidence in den a special with physicians, nurses public resorts in Kieff that the posiand stretchers were hurried to the tion of British residents would scene. Late last night a train arrived very dangerous should Great Britain injured.

SAN DOMINGO'S WAR

Insurgently Completely Routed and Their Cause Considered Hopeless.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 20. - The steamers Julias and St. Simon, from Santo Domingo, report that General Jiminez, the Dominican revolutionary leader, has been completely routed, that his whereabouts is unknown, and

The recent fight was on a flag of plications are expected. Senor Es-The grounds set forth in the notice chala, former governor of San Pedro visions sails for San Domingo at once.

DOWN THE EMBANKMENT

Accident to Soo Express on C. P. R -Nobody Injured.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Feb. 20 .- No. Light snowfalls have occurred today in 8, C. P. R. express, going east, left the track yesterday afternoon half a mile this side of Desbarats, 30 miles from the Soo. A spread rail caused the accident. Owing to snow and heavy traveling, No. 8 was three hours late survived the passing here. The engine passed over Dawson, 40 below-26 below; Victoria, 40— all right, but the mail car, express 42; Kamloops, 34—40; Ecmonton, 8 below— and baggage and two passenger cars, 6 below; Qu'Appelle, 8-22; Winnipeg, 14
below-22; Port Arthur, 2 below-14; Saugeen, 4-18; Toronto, 10-20; Ottawa, 6-20;
Montreal, 4-16; Quebec, zero-14; Halifax, 10-32.

FORECASTS

all except the Pullman, rolled down the embankment, which is rather high at this point, and are lying upside down. A wrecking crew was sent down from here. No one was killed, but the passengers suffered considerably from the shock. The Soo is now having its share of late trains and heavy stormy weather. Both east and west bound trains the last week have been four and five hours late. The west-bound train last due to arrive at 5:35, was five night. hours late before reaching the scene of the accident, which will delay it until some time this morning.

A BDY DESPERADO

RUSSIAN TROOPS REPORTED AS ADVANCING ON SEOUL

Fifteen Hundred Cossacks Are Crossing the Korean Border Near Wiju---Chinese Anxious to Fight Russia.

U. S. TO LAND MARINES IN GERMANY'S SPHERE

Battleships Damaged in Port Arthur Being Rapidly Repaired-Russia Removes Censorship From the Telegraph and Cable -Manchuria Excepted by Russia in Reply to Hay's Note.

strengthened during the last few days

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: James Bryce, M. P., speaking of at Major-General Pflug, chief of staff country to Viceroy Alexieff, has sent the folthe Yalu River is beginning to go out. in five days the ice will begin to railroad." Paul Lessar, Russian min- "underground attacks." Hai Kwan.

COSSACKS IN KOREA.

The correspondent at Seoul of the dvanced into Korea as far as Anju. Cablegrams received here Shanghai declare that General Ma, Province, wires that it is becoming daily more difficult to prevent the Chinese troops at Sin Ming Ting from

No great importance is attached to Ogden, killing at least 23 persons, and the stories published in Paris and injuring as many more, and destroying elsewhere on the continent of alleged a large amount of property. It is intrigues looking to the coalition of thought a large proportion of the vic- Russia, France and Germany in the far eastern war, the belief being that Among the known dead are Conduc- it is to the interest of all rowers to tor Geo. Dermody, of Ogden, and his take steps that the struggle be localtrain crew. It is also reported that a ized. As Germany and France joined fireman named Burt, with his wife with Russia in 1895 against Japan, it culties. Argument is therefore made The accident was caused by a water that it behooves Great Britain to be from Jackson bringing twelve of the become involved in the Russo-Japanese

AMERICA BUTTS IN.

"An American squadron is expected here," telegraphs the Che Foo correspondent of the Morning Post under date of Feb. 19, "and it is reported that the Americans intend to land a force of marines. There are rumors of possible trouble with Germany, who claims exclusive rights in Shan Tung. Only of spectators, extending from three Russian warships at Port Ar- Shinbashi station along the streets to thur remain intact.'

BATTLESHIPS REPAIRED.

A private dispatch received at Paris the Russian battleships Czarevitch in company with ladies of nobility in preparing Red Cross material. The St. Petersburg correspondent of evening. sian squadron at Jibutil, French Somaliland, on the Gulf of Aden, has been ordered to return to Cronstadt. sists, as far as is known, of the battleship Oslabya, the cruiser Aurora, the cruiser Dmitri Douski and a number of torpedo boat destroyers. It was reported from St. Petersburg Feb. 15 that this squadron had been instructed to remain at Jibutil until further orders. It has been suggested that the stopping of these warships at Jibutil might lead to international representations. Jibutil being a neutral French port. BOYARIN ON THE ROCKS.

Daily Mail supplies a new version of the loss of the Russian cruiser Boyarin, obtained from one officer who have been communicated to the United survived the blowing up of the States, which had appointed a consu Russian torpedo transport Yeneisei. there.

London, Feb. 20. - A dispatch from This officer says that the day fol-Tokio says: Reports received here lowing the Yeneisei catastrophe, Feb. 12, a violent storm brought from Korea state that Russian troops many mines to the surface of the are advancing toward Seoul, and that water at Port Arthur. The Boyahe had altogether misconceived Mr. a strong position at Ping Yang has rin was sent to assist in securing them, but she got caught Balfour's views. Consequently, the been occupied by them. Their present storm, was driven on the rocks and was duke found it impossible, as he was a movements, however, do not indicate totally wrecked. This may explain

of Telegrams Geing Abroad Has Been Abolished.

lowing telegram from Port Arthur: sian Government yesterday abolished "Our scouts report that no Japanese the censorship upon all news and not long be postponed; the fight would have been seen either at Tsen Chu or other telegrams going abroad. The Ping Yang, Korea. The population is lifting of the embargo which has exist campaign succeeding seemed to be indifferent towards us. The ice on ed for generations upon the free trans-Natives say that if a high tide comes a direct result of consideration of the subject by the Czar. In some respects The west coast of the Liao the action is regarded as the most imin the general election to turn that Tung Peninsula is covered with ice portant act, since the emancipation for a distance of a mile and a quar- of the serfs. Under a regime allowter to sea. None of the enemy's ships ing perfect freedom to the foreign have been seen lately. There have press, it is believed that Russia will been no fresh attempts to destroy the soon cease to be constantly subject to soon cease to be constantly subject to ister at Pekin, has telegraphed that grams addressed to foreign sources Yuan Shai Kai, commander-in-chief of originating in the most distant parts the Chinese army, intends to send of the empire - Vladivostock, for in-10,000 men from Pao Ting Fu to Shan stance, or Odessa — were formerly telegraphed to St. Petersburg, to be passed on. M. Plehve, Minister of the interior, and Count Lamsdorff, Foreign Minister, both joined in the Daily Mail reports that 1,500 Cossacks recommendation that the censorship crossing the border near Wiju, be abolished. The internal censorship is to be retained, but foreign dispatches from state of war exists, telegrams from the theater of hostilities will be subject to who is protecting the borders of Chi Li the same kind of military censorship enforced in all countries under similar circumstances.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20. - War Minister Kuropatkin, who is going to the far east, will be appointed commander-in-chief of army ations there, and Vice-Admiral Makaroff, who is now on his way east a train which is expected to reach Port Arthur in ten days, breaking all previous records, is to be commander in-chief of the navy. Rear-Admiral Jessen has been appointed to succeed Rear-Admiral Ewatti Von Stackelberg, commander of Vladivostock squadron Rear-Admiral Jessen has the reputation of being a bold sailor. He will leave St. Petersburg immediately. There is no intimation that Viceroy Alexieff will not retain the viceroyalty in the far east. It is possible, however, that the active direction of field novements may pass out of his hands. Grand Duke Michael, the Czar's eldest brother, and heir-presumptive to throne, and several hundred officers, assembled at the Nicholas railroad station to bid farewell to a number of comrades who left for the front. Intense enthusiasm prevailed

WELCOMED THE CREWS

Tokio, Feb. 19. - The crews of Nisshin and Kasuga, the two cruisers burchased by the Japanese Government from Italy, were formally received today in Tokio. The men were brought from Yokohama on a special train. There was an enormous crowd Sibiyet Park, where a garden party comed by Mayor Ozaki, who said they from Port Arthur says the repairs to had done more than undertaken a perilous journey. They were the bearers and embodiment of sympathy for a warship, who were going to consult the statement is published in Paris with persons ashore. The Americans, this morning from St. Petersburg that the park and surrounding streets were it is asserted, retaliated and seattlened. cruisers were given a dinner this

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19. - Russia's reply to Secretary Hay's note on China was handed to United States Ambassador McCormick today by Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, and was promptly dispatched to Washington. The terms of the reply have not been divulged here. They are along the lines previously indicated, being a virtual acceptance in principle, with the exception of Manchuria, which is now the theater of war, and where Russia's special interests lie. The foreign office plained that as Dalny was practically in a state of siege, and without com-The Tien Tsin correspondent of the merce it was impracticable to allow consuls or consular agents there during the period of hostilities. His views

Wild Scenes On the Bourse; War Rumors Scare Paris

man armies.

The evening papers also said that

Paris, Feb. 20. - Wild excitement | The financial authorities claimed that prevailed on the Bourse today as the not since 1882 had a scene occurred on result of startling, contradictory re- the Bourse like that of today. Almost ports concerning possible world com- from the opening the lading securities plications growing out of the war, began to fall. French rentes were par-These rumors included the prospective ticularly affected. Russian Impeciais mobilization of the French and Cer- also dropped, as did other foreign bonds. During the early hours heavy depreciations occurred on all sides, leading up to brutal sacrifices of values serious influence was exercised by the Spanish rentes were especially affected report of difficulties between the United by the great confusion which prevail-States and Russia in consequence of ed over the fears of international com-Windsor, Ont., Feb. 20. — A 12-year-old office boy walked into the customs office at the ferry dock yesterday after-out of Mr. Morgan as United citement, which amounted to a panic,