

EUROPE PREPARES FOR WAR; ALL THE NATIONS ARMING

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 in Accident--Russia to Use Political Suspects in Her Armies--Chinese Pirates Create Havor Along Coasts.

New York, Feb. 20.—A special cable from Berlin to the Herald says: According 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, Gambia, and the neighboring islands of the Straits of Gibraltar. The French Government has also advised the strengthening of the fortifications on certain parts of the Spanish coast. Baron Richthofen, the minister of foreign affairs, says that in view of the outbreak of war it is impossible for Germany to withdraw the 2,000 men she has in China and at Kado Tehan. 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 Korea in Which Japs Are Defeated.

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

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

Russian Noblemen Fail to Comprehend 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 heed the appeals for help against Great Britain," said Baron Eugene de Persse, a Russian nobleman, cousin of Baron A. A. Schuppen, Russian consul at Chicago, who is here on a visit.

"Time and again," continued the baron, "did President McKinley urge England, and as often did the Russian Government refuse to aid the Boers. In the contest of the Philippines, aided by the United States, no note of protest was heard from Russia. But when Russia peacefully occupied Manchuria, pouring millions of dollars into the development of the country and its great resources, does the United States hold aloof from our affairs? No. They are developed in the United States a great interest in the preservation of the integrity of China, and protest is made to us Russians why the United States, whom we have always looked upon as our friend, should so turn upon us."

USE POLITICAL SUSPECTS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—According to the terms of an imperial order just issued, political suspects under police surveillance are permitted to take part 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 Alex. Alex. Alexandrovich, brother of the czar, to arrange for the most speedy construction of submarine boats, cruisers and other vessels, to meet the expense of which 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 reference to the sensational stories of a disaster to Russian troops at Lake Baikal (one report saying that three regiments were drowned while attempting to cross the ice-covered lake), it is explained that the trans-Baikal line was blocked by the heavy snow which fell during the night of Feb. 18 by an avalanche of snow which fell from a neighboring mountain. A train having troops on board rushed into the structure, the locomotive was derailed. One soldier was killed, five were severely injured, and fourteen were slightly hurt. Traffic was said to be resumed the following day. Further advices from Port Arthur today say that all the women and children and most of the male civilians have left that place and that practically only the garrison remains.

The Spaniards in a Panic; Fear a Seizure by Britain

Madrid, Feb. 20.—Two regiments of infantry at San Sebastian, and two regiments of Pampeluna, are held in readiness to start for the Balearic Islands. War Minister Linares has also sent a circular to the military authorities ordering the recall of all soldiers on furlough, and to retain with the colors men whose service terminates March 1. These measures caused considerable excitement. Rumors continue to circulate in spite of official denials, that this military activity is due to a warning from a European power that in the event of a continental war Great Britain intended to seize points on the Spanish coast.

Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, left London this morning for St. Petersburg. The afternoon newspapers made sensational out of his departure connecting it with rumors that the czar was displeased with his ambassador at Washington and London and with his late minister at Tokyo, owing to the recent turn of events, and out of baseless rumors threatening European trouble. The Russian embassy said positively that Count Benckendorff had gone to St. Petersburg.

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On Feb. 5, Viceroy Alexieff notified the foreign office at London by receipt of the reply. On Feb. 6, at 4 p.m., Mr. Kurino, quite unexpectedly, handed to Count Lamsdorff two notes, one of which was a letter from the negotiations and of the diplomatic relations, and adding that he, Mr. Kurino, as his staff, would leave St. Petersburg Feb. 10. These notes were accompanied by a private letter from Mr. Kurino to Count Lamsdorff, expressing the hope that the rupture of relations would be confined to the shortest possible time.

On the same day Viceroy Alexieff, Baron De Rosen, and all the Russian representatives at Peking, Tokyo and the capitals of the great powers, were informed of the rupture of relations and of the issue of an imperial order withdrawing the Russian legation from Tokyo and laying on Japan the responsibility for all consequences ensuing. The communication concludes: "Although the breaking off of diplomatic relations by no means implied the opening of hostilities, the Japanese Government as early as the night of Feb. 8, and during the day of Feb. 9, committed a whole series of revolting attacks on Russian warships and merchantmen, attending by the rupture of relations. The decree of the Emperor of Japan declaring war was not issued until Feb. 11."

WHERE DID THIS MONEY COME FROM?

An Important Discovery Made in Connection With Toronto's Scandal.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Crown Attorney Curry, who has been working upon the election ballots in pursuit of evidence for the scandal inquiry, made some important discoveries. He refused to divulge the nature of the discoveries, but they were of such importance that when W. R. Riddell was notified of them by Mr. Curry he left the examination of witnesses at yesterday's sitting of the court to inquire, and hastened into his private room, where, with Mr. Fasken, his assistant, he went over the matter thoroughly. The result of the inquiry was immediately placed at work. It is said that Mr. Curry secured from personal sources information which would show that the money came from the source of the plentiful supply of greenbacks will soon be revealed. Another source of information is being investigated. When Detective Inspector Stark was instructed to take steps to prevent important witnesses from leaving town, he was told to keep a system of shadowing those whose evidence is regarded as important will be undertaken from now until they are called into the witness box.

STREET CAR RUNS AMUCK

A Thrilling Incident on the Streets of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Feb. 20.—A blazing Larimer avenue electric car, all brakes off with twenty passengers aboard, raced madly down the hill, narrowly escaping from Grant avenue 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, east-bound, the front motor blew out. The motorist's car struck the curb, and the second motor also exploded, and in an instant the rear end of the car was in flames.

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 motorist's platform to escape the flames. One woman, Dorothy Greene, leaped over the high gate at the side of the front platform. 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 taken to the Homeopathic Hospital. The car was almost entirely consumed.

SIX MEN SHOT

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

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 20.—In an effort to close up a poolroom, for one operated for some time, the officers of Madison, Ill., across the river from St. Louis, three constables, augmented by a posse of citizens, and bearing warrants for the arrest of six men, precipitated a riot last yesterday, which resulted in the shooting of six men. One may die.

The wounded—Lee Harlan, druggist, probably mortally; Wm. Schooley, posse man; Edward Harris, schoolboy, not seriously; Edward Downs, seriously; two unknown, not seriously.

THE ACTING USHER.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 20.—Capt. Agar Adamson, has been appointed acting usher of the Black Rod, to officiate at the coming session of Parliament.

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SAM THOMPSON

CAN'T BE FOUND

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 20.—Members of the Thompson family were again in the witness box this morning in the civil investigation, but none of the would disclose the whereabouts of their brother Sam, the missing deputy returning officer. James Thompson swore that a man named Coventry told him yesterday that Sam would be back in town today. The crown attorney today refused to confirm the report that a warrant is out for Sam's arrest, and that Sam is expected to tell the story of his relations with candidates and corporation.

There seems good reason to believe, however, that if the family can induce Sam to come back they will do so, as the prosecution, it is said, has threatened charges of perjury against George Thompson, whose evidence has been flatly contradicted. Senator George A. Cox was called today by Mr. D. T. Owen, Attorney General, to testify. His vote was recorded in the Bay Street booth, of which George Maguire was D. T. O.

Thompson, recalled, swore he had been poll clerk for Sam for two years before this election, in which he had been elected. He was nominated by ex-Ald. S. W. Burns. The poll book of 1903 was produced, and Thomas Thompson admitted that three names had been written in Sam's handwriting. He could not explain this.

Judge Winchester, who is conducting the investigation, was today served with a writ of summons and notice of motion, returnable on Monday, for an order to restrain the judge from proceeding with the investigation. The action is instituted by F. A. Drake, attorney for the plaintiff. The grounds set forth in the notice are that the investigation of the ballots being made by the judge, and that the investigation is irregular and illegal, and that capital being exhausted, a schooner loaded with provisions sails for San Domingo at once.

WEATHER BULLETIN

TOMORROW—COLD AND SNOWY.
London, Saturday, Feb. 20.
Sun rises, 7:10 a.m. Moon rises, 3:30 a.m.
Sun sets, 5:33 p.m. Moon sets, 10:10 p.m.
Toronto, Feb. 19-8 p.m.
Light snowfalls have occurred today in the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere the weather has been for the most part fair. Moderate temperatures have prevailed from Assiniboia to the Maritime Provinces, while in Alberta there has been a return to colder weather. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 40 below-25 below; Victoria, 40-42; Kamloops, 34-40; Edmonton, 8 below-6 below; Q'Appelle, 8-22; Winnipeg, 14 below-22; Port Arthur, below-14; Sarnia, 1-18; Toronto, 10-20; Ottawa, 6-16; Montreal, 4-16; Quebec, zero-14; Halifax, 0-20.

FORECASTS.

Today—Fine and moderately cold. Sunday—Strong easterly winds; cold; snow by night.
TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. 10 a.m. Weather.
Calgary 10 10 Clear
Winnipeg 10 10 Cloudy
Toronto 8 12 Clear
Ottawa 9 10 Fair
Montreal 8 9 Fair
Quebec 4 8 Clear
Faber Point 8 8 Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

During yesterday the weather was a 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 the winter in the present existing wintry conditions.

The following are the highest and lowest readings of a thermometer at the local observatory during the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday: Highest, 18° above; lowest, 1° above.

THE WAR SITUATION.

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. Durance, who is an old lady, and the mother of the poll clerk, who has said the story about stumping. His honor said he would make a severe example of anyone guilty of this. It is said that Thomas Thompson will be arrested today, charged with fraud as poll clerk in Sam Thompson's poll last year.

DEVONSHIRE TALKS

Duke Tells Lords He Is a Convinced Free Trader.

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 he had altogether misconceived Mr. Balfour's views. Consequently, the duke found it impossible, as he was a convinced free trader, to remain in the cabinet. Continuing, the duke said the only result of a retaliatory duty on American iron would be to increase the home trade of temporary inconvenience. In conclusion, the duke expressed the strongest dissatisfaction with the attitude of the Government. James Bryce, M. P., speaking of at Stoke-Newton, said the country was almost in the general election, which was the attitude of the Government to prevent it, could not long be postponed; the fight would take place upon the fiscal question. Happily, the danger of Chamberlain's campaign succeeding seemed to be passing, especially since the elections in Norwich and Mid Herts. It might be said that protection was defeated. It rested with the constituencies in the general election to turn that defeat into a rout, so that protection might never raise its ugly head again.

DYNAMITE KILLS

TWENTY-THREE

Two Cars of the Explosive Blown Up by a Collision in Utah Territory.

Ogden, Utah, Feb. 20.—Two cars of dynamite attached to a work train on the Ogden-Latin cut-off of the Southern Pacific Railroad, exploded with terrific force late yesterday afternoon at Jackson station, killing twenty-three men, and destroying a large amount of property. It is a Russian charge protection of the victims were Greek laborers.

Among the known dead are Conductor Geo. Dermody, of Ogden, and his train crew. It is also reported that a freeman named Burt, with his wife and three children, were killed. The explosion wrecked everything within a radius of half a mile.

The accident was caused by a water train running into the two cars loaded with powder. Five locomotives and Russian dispatches record the rapid growth of anti-British feeling, one saying many English boys have withdrawn from Russian schools owing to insults, and there is evidence in public resorts in Kiev that the position of British residents would be very dangerous should Great Britain become involved in the Russo-Japanese issue.

SAN DOMINGO'S WAR

Insurgents Completely Routed and Their Cause Considered Hopeless.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 20.—The Spaniards, Julius and St. Simon, from San Domingo, report that General Jimenez, the Dominican revolutionary leader, has been completely routed, that his whereabouts are unknown, and that his cause is hopeless.

The recent fight was on a flag of truce carried by Americans landed from a ship, who were going to consult with persons ashore. The Americans, it is asserted, retaliated and scattered the insurgents. No international complications are expected. Senator Echeola, former governor of San Pedro de Macoris, came here as a refugee on board the St. Simon, which is residing here. San Domingo city directs its provisions from Porto Rico directly, the supplies of that capital being exhausted. A schooner loaded with provisions 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. 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 passing here. The engine passed over all right, but the mail car, express and baggage and two passenger cars, 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 night, due to arrive at 5:35, was five hours late before reaching the scene of the accident, which will delay it until some time this morning.

A BOY DESPERADO

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 20.—A 12-year-old office boy walked into the customs office at the ferry dock yesterday afternoon and pointed a .38-caliber revolver at one of the officers. The boy was disarmed by a frightened officer and a policeman called. The latter got the revolver, but the boy escaped.

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.

London, Feb. 20.—A dispatch from Tokyo says: Reports received here from Korea state that Russian troops are advancing toward Seoul, and that a strong position at Ping Yang has been occupied by them. Their present movements, however, do not indicate any immediate intention of attacking the Korean capital. The Japanese legation in Seoul has been greatly strengthened during the last few days.

RUSSIA PROGRESSES.

Censorship of Telegrams Going Abroad Has Been Abolished.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The Russian Government yesterday abolished the censorship upon all news and other telegrams going abroad. The lifting of the embargo which has existed for generations upon the free transmission of news from Russia came as a direct result of consideration of the subject by the czar. In some respects the action is regarded as the most important act, since the emancipation of the press, under a regime allowing perfect freedom of military news, is believed that Russia will soon cease to be constantly subject to "underground attacks." New telegrams addressed to foreign sources originating in the most distant parts of the empire—Vladivostok, for instance, or Olesha—will be immediately telegraphed to St. Petersburg, to be passed on, M. Plehve, Minister of the Interior, and Count Lamsdorff, the Foreign Minister, both joined in the recommendation that the censorship be abolished. The internal censorship is to be retained, but foreign news are to be entirely free, inasmuch as a state of war exists, telegrams from the same kind of censorship is expected to be enforced in all countries under similar circumstances.

RUSSIAN COMMANDERS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—War Minister Kuropatkin, who is going to the far east, will be appointed commander-in-chief of army operations there, and Vice-Admiral Makarov, who is now on his way east, on 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 Eswart von Stackelberg, commander of Vladivostok squadron, Rear-Admiral Jessen has the reputation of being a bold leader. He will leave St. Petersburg immediately. There is an intimation that Viceroy Alexieff will not retain the viceroyalty in the far east. It is possible, however, that the active direction of land movements may pass out of his hands. Grand Duke Michael, the czar's eldest brother and heir-presumptive to the throne, is expected to be 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.

Tokyo, Feb. 19.—The crews of Nishin and Kasuga, the two cruisers purchased by the Japanese Government from Italy, were formally received today in Tokyo by the Russian Ambassador McCormick, who was brought from Yokohama on a special train. There was an enormous crowd of spectators, extending from the Shinjimbashi station along the streets to Sibiye Park, where a garden party was held. Here the sailors were welcomed by Mayor Ozaki, who says they had done more than undertaken a perilous journey. They were the bearers and embodiment of sympathy for Japan of the enlightened west. The park and surrounding streets were decorated, and tonight there was an illumination. The officers of the cruisers were given a dinner this evening.

MANCHURIA EXCEPTED.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—Russia's reply to Secretary Hay's note on China was handed to the 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 repudiation of the Russian position. It also reported that Viceroy Alexieff explained that as Dalny was practically in a state of siege, and without commerce it was impracticable to allow consuls or consular agents there during the period of hostilities. His views have been communicated to the United States, which had appointed a consul there.

Wild Scenes On the Bourse; War Rumors Scare Paris

Paris, Feb. 20.—Wild excitement prevailed on the Bourse today as the result of startling, contradictory reports concerning possible world complications growing out of the war. These rumors included the prospective mobilization of the French and German armies. The evening papers also said that serious influence was exercised by the report of difficulties between the United States and Russia in consequence of the refusal of Russia to grant an extension to Mr. Morgan as United States consul at Dalny. Financiers asserted the market was in such a sensitive condition that the wildest rumors were taken up and might lead to serious complications. The financial authorities claimed that not since 1882 had a scene occurred on the Bourse like that of today. Anxious from the opening the leading securities began to fall. French rentiers were particularly affected. Russian Imperial bonds dropped, as did other foreign bonds. During the early hours heavy depreciations occurred. A sales leading up to brutal sacrifice of values. Spanish rentiers were especially affected by the great confusion which prevailed over the fears of international complications. This state was aggravated during the closing hour and the excitement amounted to a panic. French, Spanish and Turkish rentiers were offered a great uproar. At the close the market was very agitated. Russian Imperial bonds closed at 90.25.