

By the very interesting and startling telegrams which we publish in another column, it will be seen that war between England and Russia is unavoidable. Russia has refused to make any explanation of her actions and holds that Gen Komaroff acted rightly in charging the Afghans. We may now expect to receive at any moment, the news that England has declared war.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Last Night's Despatches.

Russia Preparing!

STRONG CONVICTIONS THAT WAR WILL BE DECLARED.

THE NORTH-WEST!

England Ordering Guns.

By Telegraph to The Mosquito.

LONDON, April 11.—The Russian agents in London have visited the offices of a number of steamship companies, and have made heavy bids for the purchase of their fast going vessels. The extraordinary offers for these steamers aroused the suspicions of the officers of the companies, who upon enquiry became convinced that if the vessels were sold they would be used by the Russian government for war purposes, and so they reported the facts to the British admiralty. It was stated at the Foreign office this afternoon that Russia had not yet replied to the demand of England for full explanation respecting the Russian attack on the Afghans on the Cuslik river.

BOSTON, April 10.—A private cable dispatch received in this city from London says it is announced that the English ultimatum to Russia is 24 hours in which to recall Gen. Komaroff, or go to war.

WINNIPEG, April 10.—The telegraph wire to Battleford is apparently on the ground, and when the latter is frozen a weak current is established. By this means word was sent from Battleford last night that the Indians at Fag lake had killed eight whites and took a woman prisoner. Battleford is surrounded by 1000 Indians, but no attack has been made on the barracks.

LONDON, April 10.—The leading officials at Woolwich arsenal have been summoned to the war office to attend a conference upon the question of the despatch of war material to India.

Sir Wm. Armstrong's Gun Manufacturing Co. have received orders from the government for the immediate construction of 90 field guns. The employees in this company's are already working on double time to fill the government orders.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—It is rumored that Barker Bros., of this city, have received orders from St. Petersburg to purchase the steamships San Pedro and San Pablo.

LONDON, April 10.—Letters from St. Petersburg, mailed at Berlin, in order to escape the Russian censorship, charge the Russian minister of war with having sent orders to Gen. Komaroff to bring on the conflict with the Afghans, and it is stated that Gen. Komaroff started from Merv with reinforcements for Huli Khisti and took advantage of the favorable opportunity to make an attack soon after his arrival at the latter place.

LONDON, April 10.—The Tories ridicule Russia's reply to England's demand for an explanation of Gen. Komaroff's attack upon the Afghans. They argue that it is impossible to receive Gen. Komaroff's defence within less than 16 days, and that Russia will occupy that interval, as she has occupied the past seven months, in reinforcing her army and strengthening her positions on the Afghan frontier. The whole section of the liberal party has joined the Tories in demanding more vigorous measures. They are urging the government to send engineers, officers and troops to occupy and strengthen Candohar, the capital of Central Afghanistan which is connected by rail with Quatta, and which commands the most practical route from Afghanistan into northern India. War preparations in all departments of military and naval services continue with unabated vigor.

To-Day's Despatches.

WAR IS UNAVOIDABLE!

RUSSIA WILL NOT RECALL NOR BLAME GEN. KOMAROFF.

More Particulars Concerning the First Battle.

LONDON, April 11.—The Daily News this morning says: Latest advices from St. Petersburg are of a reassuring nature and justifies the belief that peace will be maintained. The English government has, however, decided to prepare for war with increased energy. In its editorial it says: Gen. Komaroff's action was a part of the policy of the Russian government. It is useless to think of delaying war. * * It will be difficult to deal with a government whose generals have a trick of ignoring instructions. While hoping for the best, it is necessary to prepare for the worst.

VIENNA, April 11.—Advices from St. Petersburg state that Russia considers the excuse of De Giers for the attack upon the Afghans, sufficient, and their government will not recall or blame Gen. Komaroff, who it considers, did his duty.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 11.—Traders here tell M. Bunge, minister of finance, that the present state of uncertainty is worse than war. Commercial circles believe war inevitable, and it is better that it should come now than later.

LONDON, April 11.—A Berlin correspondent to the Morning Post says the Emperor of Germany has expressed the opinion that Russia was decidedly, the aggressor at Penjdeh.

LONDON, April 11.—The Standard has received the following from its correspondent with Sir Peter Lumsden's force: "The account of the Afghans' losses in the recent engagement are conflicting. It is asserted that some hundreds of Afghans were literally massacred. Sir Peter Lumsden has broken camp at Gulran and is marching on Tirpul, a station on Heri road near Kusan. The force was overtaken on the march by a severe snow storm which caused several deaths and great suffering among the retinue.

NEW TO-DAY.

NOTICE

—TO THE—

COLUMBIAN & GUARDIAN

THE UNDERSIGNED wishes to inform the editors of the above two named journals to discontinue forwarding the same to his residence, as he has concluded to take the paper which, he considers, advocates the interests of our city in its entirety.

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