

**DOES ENGLAND ANTICIPATE WAR?**

Great Activity at Woolwich Indicate Very Plannly That She Does

**OTHER NATIONS ARE PREPARING**

Even Spain is Getting Ready—Paris Figaro Says Russia Counts on Germany's Support.

London, Feb. 19.—Little far eastern news appeared in the press this morning with the exception of official dispatches and the comment is made that the official reports of Viceroy Alexieff and others are remarkable mostly for what they leave unsaid. These reports attract far less attention than does the significantly frank Russian proclamation asking the people to be patient until the army is ready to strike blows worthy of the dignity and might of Russia. The threats in this document are commented upon by the British press in tones of considerable irony.

The papers this morning comment upon the activity which is seen at Woolwich and elsewhere in refitting the navy in preparation for any emergency. It is admitted that the manufacture of fixed ammunition have been working night shifts since Christmas, and that all the surplus obsolete war material on vessels at home and abroad is being replaced as rapidly as possible. Special interest attaches to the equipment of sixty battleships with the new 12-inch wire steel guns, 450 of which were ordered by the admiralty four years ago at an expense of \$22,500,000. These are said to be the most modern and most powerful guns in existence in any navy, and they are capable of throwing an aimed shot accurately a distance of 16,000 yards.

Similar reports of military activity are received from other countries. For instance, even Spain is preparing for possibilities. The Spanish minister of war informed a newspaper man yesterday that he was mobilizing all the military forces at his disposal, and said: "Although the Russo-Japanese dispute does not concern us we must be prepared for all eventualities. Patriotism, however, demands that we keep silent regarding the points Spain must fortify."

According to the Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail, the emperor of Japan has declared his intention of giving the treasures of the palace to the Bank of Japan for the purpose of the war fund.

Other dispatches from Tokio confirm the great success of the international war loan.

In a dispatch from Nagasaki a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says all the Russian passengers who were on the captured steamer Japan have been released on parole.

The correspondent of the Times and Daily Telegraph at Tokio unite in announcing the resumption of the Japanese coasting trade, and confirm reports that the Russian cruiser Boyarin was sunk during the attack on Port Arthur on Feb. 14. Some correspondents say the warship in question was the cruiser Bayan and not the Boyarin.

Full accounts of the firing by Russian ships on the British steamer Pei Ping at Port Arthur show that the Russians ordered the Pei Ping, together with the British steamer Ching Ping and the German steamer Pronto to extinguish their lights and fires. Russian warships then arrived, and, finding three vessels in the roadstead without lights, they began firing at them. The Pronto received most of the shots. The forts then began firing, and the utmost confusion prevailed.

The military correspondent of the Times asks whether the Russian proclamation portends a repetition of Russia's policy of 1812, and the waging of a war of exhaustion. He thinks this proclamation can have no other meaning unless it was concocted deliberately for deception or written with the knowledge that the Manchurian railroad is wrecked already.

"Yet this seems mad," the correspondent continues, "because if the Russian army stood still while Japan was reducing the two great fortresses at Port Arthur and Vladivostok Russia would become the laughing stock of Europe and the mock of Asia."

**RUSSIA AND GERMANY.**

Paris, Feb. 19.—The Figaro this morning publishes a telegram said to be from the frontier, saying that Col. von Schenk, the commander of the Emperor Alexander regiment of the German

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guards, of which the czar is honorary colonel in chief, was received by the czar on Monday and handed to his majesty an autograph letter from Emperor William on the war in the far east, especially on the subject of Great Britain's attitude.

Continuing, the Figaro's informant says official circles in Russia continue to count on Germany's unreserved support, and discuss openly the possibility of change of the equilibrium of Europe which might result from the grouping together of Russia, Germany and France, taking in connection with the anti-British feeling.

The increasing possibility of war with Great Britain is discussed without reserve in Russian military circles. Rear Admiral Rojestvenski, chief of the general staff of the navy, has said it was impossible, according to the Russian official who telegraphs to the Figaro, to send to Port Arthur all the naval officers who want to go there because they may be required in the Baltic. In conclusion this official says the whereabouts of Viceroy Alexieff has been unknown for three days past, and that the official telegrams are received without signatures.

**Japan Buys a Steamer.**

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—News has been received here of the sale of the British tramp steamer Lynton, well known at this port, to the Japanese government. She will likely be used as a transport. The Lynton was here only a few months ago and underwent extensive repairs. She proceeded north from here and loaded a cargo for the orient. The Lynton was the steamer chartered by an English syndicate to carry treasure seekers to Cocos island. She was owned by Donald Stewart and commanded by Capt. Hamilton. The steamer has a registered tonnage of 2,500 tons net.

**Battleship Offered—Russia.**

New York, Feb. 19.—An agent of one of the foreign powers has offered to supply Russia with a small battleship, constructed in 1890, two cruisers and two torpedo catchers, says a Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg. Much mystery is thrown about the matter and Russia is said to hesitate to closing the deal because the ships are out of date.

Whether with the authority of his government or not, the agent backs his offer by saying that if it is not accepted the ships will be sold to the Japanese.

Two hundred and fifty picked shipwrights have been taken from the Baltic works here to go to Port Arthur to do all that is possible to repair the ships there. The great difficulty, however, is that, unlike Vladivostok, Port Arthur has no dry dock capable of holding big ships of war.

The loss of the transport Manchuria will keenly be felt, for the vessel is said to have had on board 100 quick-firing guns as well as large supplies of dynamite and ammunition.

## ENGAGEMENT OFF PORT ARTHUR.

Viceroy Alexieff in a Long Official Dispatch Recounts it in Much Detail.

JAPS SUFFER CONSIDERABLY.

This Was Reason for Not Following Up the Attack—Russian Ships Fast Being Repaired.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—A long official dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff recounting the details of the fight of Feb. 9 at Port Arthur was given out today. It enumerates the Russian casualties and says it is known that a number of Japanese ships suffered severely, which accounts for their not following up the attack.

The viceroy's dispatch is dated Feb. 18, and says:

"After the night torpedo attack the Japanese fleet, consisting of 16 warships, appeared at 10 o'clock in the morning off Port Arthur. Its appearance was noted by the coast signal station, as well as by the ships of our squadron, which lay in the outer roadstead fully prepared for battle.

"Our squadron consisted of five battleships, five first and second class cruisers and 15 torpedo boats, under the command of Vice Admiral Stok and Rear Admiral Ushakovski. The coast batteries immediately prepared to receive the enemy. Our squadron weighed anchor in order to give battle and upon the first shot being fired by the enemy the fleet and batteries replied simultaneously with a lively cannonade. The most exposed to the enemy's fire were the ships of the squadron, battery No. 15, on Electric Cliff, and battery No. 13, on Golden Hill. Other coast batteries, principally Nos. 17 and 18, were also under fire.

"The following vessels took part in the battle: Front line, battleships Petropavlovsk, Zevastopol, Poltava, Peresvet, Pobeda; first class cruisers, Bayan, Dnyra and Askaniya; second class cruisers, Boyarin and Novik. The battleships Czarevitch and Retvizan and the cruiser Pallada, which lay at anchor, having been damaged in the torpedo attack of the night before, likewise participated in the fight, as did the transport Angara. There were also engaged the torpedo boats of the first and second divisions, under the divisional command.

"Throughout the fight the torpedo division lay to the right of the squadron a distance of from 10 to 15 cable (a Russian measure), awaiting orders.

"The land batteries were under the general direction of Maj.-Gen. Baloff, commander of the Kwan-Tung garrison of artillery. It is still difficult to ascertain the result of the battle, but according to observations made by our ships it may be assumed that several vessels of the enemy's fleet sustained damage, which explains why they avoided further fighting, although they were much superior to us in strength.

"According to the reports of the command, the men fought exceedingly well, on which account, in virtue of the Imperial authorization, I have conferred six crosses of the Order of St. George on each company of the first and second class warships having crews of over 200 men, four crosses on each company of all the other ships of the second class, one cross on each torpedo boat, one cross on the signal station at Golden Hill, which operated under the fire of the enemy; four crosses on battery No. 15, three on battery No. 13 and one cross on a gunner who, though severely wounded, returned to his battery.

"Our losses were: Of the squadron, five officers wounded, 14 men killed and 60 men wounded; of the fortress and garrison, one man killed, one man severely wounded and five men slightly wounded.

"In announcing the above to your majesty I am pleased to be able to add that the naval and land forces in the far east are inspired by the most heartfelt wish to meet their insolent foes breast to breast in order to fulfill their duty in sight of their adored ruler and, firm and unshakable, to fight for the

honor and glory of their beloved fatherland."

The report concludes with a statement that the repairs to the Russian warships damaged during the bombardment are rapidly proceeding. The Czarevitch, Retvizan and Pallada will soon rejoin the fleet. The work is being carried on with the aid of caissons, the mishap was not so great as at first believed.

**ALEXIEFF'S PLANS.**

London, Feb. 19.—It is now believed both in London and on the continent that Viceroy Alexieff has decided to fall back upon Harbin, practically abandoning Port Arthur, Vladivostok and the whole of southern Manchuria to the Japanese, and that he is perhaps hoping that the reduction of Port Arthur and Vladivostok will occupy the enemy while he is concentrating his forces at Harbin.

**PORT ARTHUR BESIEGED.**

Paris, Feb. 18.—An eminent military authority connected with one of the embassies said today that Port Arthur was practically besieged, and it was a serious question whether this would not compel either the abandonment or the surrender of the fortress, with its men and material.

The grounds for this belief were stated to be as follows:

Admiral Togo's ships, on watch at the entrance of the port, prevent ingress or egress, thus establishing a virtual blockade and cutting off the chances of relief from seaward.

The Japanese troops near Newchwang and other points on the Liao Tung peninsula are able to intercept the railroad forming the line of communication and supplies between Port Arthur and Harbin.

The result is the gradual investiture of Port Arthur within the Japanese naval and military lines. It will require a bold action on the part of the Russian forces to prevent the final accomplishment of the investiture and slow reduction of Port Arthur.

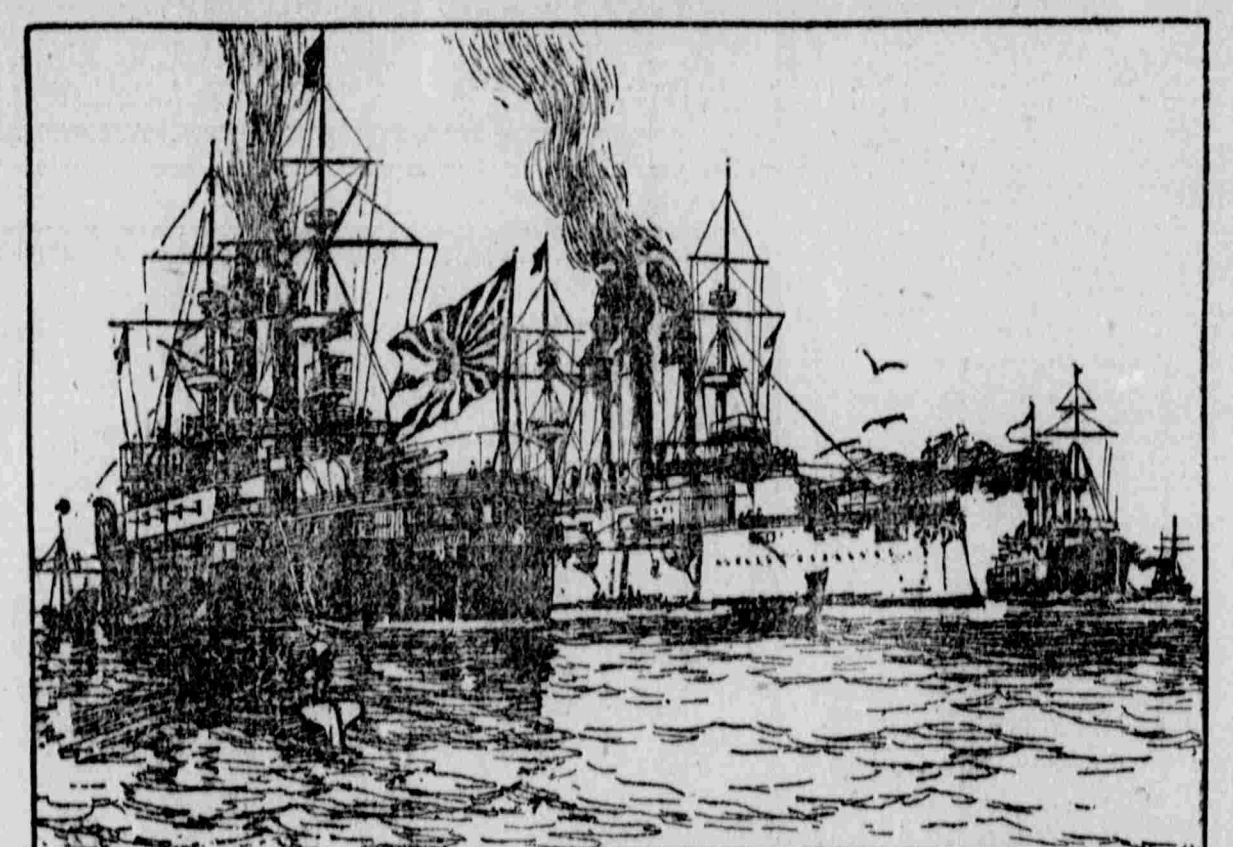
**After Chilian Cruisers.**

New York, Feb. 19.—Both England and France are trying to buy four or five Chilian warships, says a Herald dispatch from Valparaiso. The English bid is the better one.

It is also rumored that England has made a proposal to buy all the Chilian squadron excepting three French built ships.



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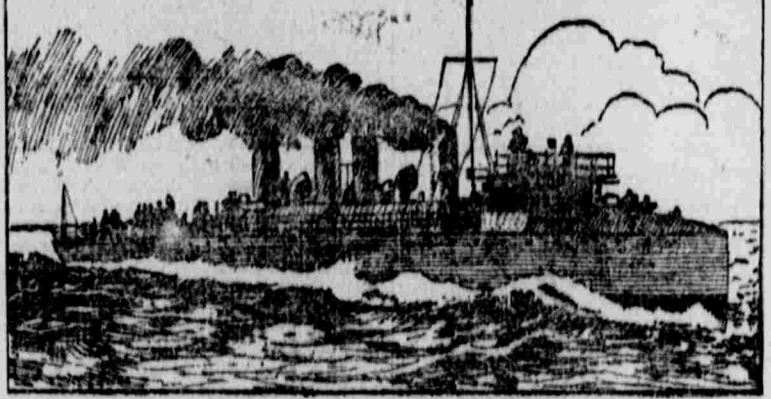
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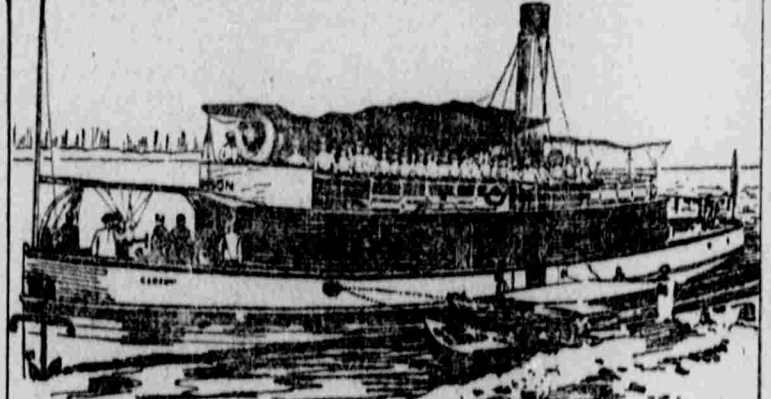
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