

FAKE STORIES  
FROM THE ORIENT.Those About Fall of Port Arthur  
Sent Out to Create Enthusiasm in Japan

## FIRST ATTACK UNEXPECTED.

Russians Were Caught Unawares,  
Admiral Makarov's Report  
Showing This.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—From the highest official quarter the Associated Press has received information that there is absolutely no foundation for the rumors persistently sent out from Tokyo that the Russians are abandoning Port Arthur.

"It is the vilest nonsense," said the official informant of the Associated Press. "Nothing has occurred there to warrant such reports. The Japanese fleet has not been seen for 48 hours. The motive of the Tokyo government in spreading this story is probably to influence public feeling in Japan for the purpose of creating enthusiasm while a war loan is being floated."

The newspapers here manifest the greatest indignation over the report, the force of the statement being that it is a gross insult to the Russian fleet, and a British invention. The statement is directed to the order of the Russian fleet, which is now in the harbor of Port Arthur, in which he declared that place never would be surprised, as representing the Russian fleet, relative to this point a millionth of the fleet's strength. The statement, unless we mean to beat an ignominious retreat all along the line, if we abandon Port Arthur we leave our fleet there to be doomed. It is too absurd to be believed."

Gen. Kuropatkin expects to reach Mukden March 25. Everything will be accelerated in order to get him to the front on schedule time. The general may proceed on a flying visit to his duties as commander-in-chief of the Manchurian army. He has an autograph letter from the emperor to Victor Alexeeff, to whom he is said to be very friendly. It is understood that the general will turn over the entire direction of the land operations to Gen. Kuropatkin, who will transmit his reports to the emperor through the staff. The only point on which the staff will maintain superiority.

Gen. Kuropatkin had his plan of campaign practically perfected before he left here for the far east. He returned to St. Petersburg quietly from his country home and his presence here was not known for four days. These four days he devoted to the elaboration of his plan. In connection with his staff and with the aid of the information in possession of the ministry of war, as well as of the special reports from the theater of war.

A superstitious idea prevails here that the general will signalize his birthday, which will occur on March 20, and which is also his patron saint's day, with some important act. On account of the difficulty of housing the vast number of troops poured into Mukden, 14,000 have been sent forward along the Yalu river as reinforcements for the 1,500 troops already at Kusan and Ajai, and the stream of soldiers from European Russia is now being held at Harbin. The housing problem will disappear with the advent of warmer weather, but in the meantime the government is hurrying forward large numbers of portable collapsible wooden quarters. 1,800 of these having already been dispatched from St. Petersburg and 1,000 from Moscow.

Prince Louis Napoleon has gone to the Caucasus, accompanied by Prince Maurice. Prince Louis will relinquish his command of the cavalry division of the Caucasus and then proceed to the far east, where he will take supreme command of the cavalry under Gen. Kuropatkin.

Gen. Nelermueller has gone to the front to take charge of the military communications and will be responsible for the regular movement of military trains. The dowager empress today inspected her son Red Cross detachment, which is proceeding to the front. The statement of Gen. Zilinsky that the Russians found poisoned swarms left by the fleeing Japanese has aroused much comment. Similar swarms were used by the Chinese during the Boxer rebellion, especially in Manchuria, and the slightest wound inflicted by them proved fatal. The use of such weapons is prohibited by the Geneva and The Hague conventions.

## MAKAROV'S REPORT.

St. Petersburg, March 15 (5:30 p. m.).—A copy of the Novikoff of Port Arthur, dated Feb. 19, which has just reached here, definitely establishes the fact that when the first torpedo attack was made on Port Arthur it was entirely unexpected. The Russian squadron was anchored outside in three lines with the battleship in the rear. The captain of the battleship, Zarevitch, from the bridge, could plainly trace the course of the torpedo from his ship. When it

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exploded under the stern of the battleship the latter heeled at first to starboard and then to port, at an angle of 15 degrees. Two other torpedoes which were launched missed the Zarevitch, one of them striking the protected cruiser Pallada. The Zarevitch, in the meantime, was getting up steam and weighing her anchor. She finally got under way, steering with her engine, swinging around for the harbor, but failed to make the entrance and ran aground. The Zarevitch was then down nine feet by the stern, her after compartments being flooded; she had water between decks and some water in the wardroom.

The torpedo which struck the Zarevitch contained 200 pounds of pyroxygen. The emperor has received a long telegram from Vice Admiral Makarov, in command of the Russian squadron at Port Arthur, giving details of the injuries to the ships, as he found them on his arrival at Port Arthur and the lessons taught therefrom. This dispatch was the subject of earnest discussion at the winter palace between his majesty and the Grand Duke Alexis, the high admiral, who lunched with the emperor. They also discussed the condition of the warship at Cronstadt and these building there. It is understood his majesty will shortly make a personal inspection of those ships.

AMERICAN REFUGEES.  
Chempulpo, Korea, March 15.—The United States cruiser Cincinnati returned here today from Chinnampo with a number of American refugees from the American company's mines at Unsan and missions in that vicinity. The party consists of three men and 22 women and children. All are well. They praise the kindness of the officers of the Cincinnati, who give up their cabins to them. The refugees traveled from Unsan to Chinnampo in carts and chairs, bearing American flags, and were escorted as far as Ping Yang by a band from the mines. They were unmolested. Near Anju they met two small groups of Cossacks. During the party's stay at Ping Yang the Japanese officials requested them to wear badges bearing the American colors in order that they might be allowed to leave and enter the town freely. The party was stopped five times by Japanese soldiers, of whom the party saw great numbers along the route. The Japanese treated them very courteously.STOPPED A WARSHIP.  
Port Said, March 15.—The Russian armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi is visible from this port, actively patrolling in search of vessels carrying contraband of war. She mistook the Italian armored cruiser Marco Polo for a merchantman and stopped her, firing a blank cartridge across her bow. On discovering her mistake the Dmitri Donskoi signaled an apology.

The Dmitri Donskoi stopped the Norwegian steamer Standard this morning. It is said that the Standard was within the three-mile limit. The warship afterwards signaled her to proceed.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.  
Chempulpo, March 15.—An American miner returning from the mines at Unsan was arrested by Japanese north of Ping Yang on suspicion of being a Russian spy. He speedily was released when his identity was established.A BOY SHOTS HIMSELF.  
Bullet Went in His Mouth and Came Out Near Eye.  
Portland, Ore., March 15.—A special to the Oregonian from Garfield, Wash., says: In trying to suck some snow that he had got in the muzzle of a rifle, which he had taken and gone hunting with unbeknown to his parents, the 8-year-old son of W. A. Burcher, who lives some distance east of here, set off the cocked trigger with his foot and discharged the bullet into his mouth. The bullet ranged upwards, tearing out the upper teeth and came

out just below the eye. After shooting himself, the child walked for a quarter of a mile to the house without assistance. A physician was called, but could do nothing except to stop the flow of blood. The little fellow was taken to Spokane to a hospital for treatment.

Spokane, Wash., March 15.—The injured boy was brought to the Sacred Heart hospital this afternoon. He probably will be out in a few days. The bullet went through the upper jaw and came out near the eye, but did not break out teeth, as at first reported.

Spinners on Short Hours.  
Manchester, England, March 15.—At a meeting of Lancashire cotton spinners here today it was resolved to continue on short time at the mills, working only 16 hours each week until further notice. The meeting rejected a proposal to close the mills for one month.CLUE TO EVANS ASSAULT.  
Is in Form of an Anonymous Letter to National Organizer.

Pueblo, Colo., March 15.—Chris Evans, financial agent of the United Mine Workers, who was assaulted yesterday near Trinidad, today gave the authorities a clue which they are investigating, in the form of an anonymous letter sent to William Wardon, national organizer, Mr. Evans and others, warning him and the other officials to leave the camp within two days. The letter also referred to "Mother" Jones and was signed "32." No attention was paid to it at the time, but Mr. Evans now thinks it a part of a well-formed plot to kill the officials.

EVANS THE THIRD VICTIM.  
Indianapolis, Ind., March 15.—At the national headquarters of the United Mine Workers indignation was expressed over the assault in Colorado of Chris Evans. Evans is nearly 60 years of age, and despite his long service in various official capacities with the miners, he has never before been assaulted. He was editor of the United Mine Workers Journal in this city for several years, and served as national statistician of the organization. Prior to being sent to Colorado last November by the national executive board he had charge of the disbursement of funds in West Virginia to the strikers. He is the third official of the United Mine Workers who recently has been assaulted in Colorado. The other two men who were assaulted and seriously injured were W. R. Fair, member of the national executive board from Alabama, and James Koonce, a member of the national executive board from Missouri.Philippine Scouts Arrive.  
San Francisco, March 15.—The provincial battalion of Philippine scouts, which arrived here on the transport Thomas, commanded by Maj. F. Del Carrington, is made up of men of four island tribes, the Macabebes, Ilocanos, Tagalos and the Visayans. All of the 412 scouts now here have done good service and all have proved loyal to the American government under fire. The Macabebes company was originally part of Bateson's battalion and has a distinguished record. The Ilocanos served with credit in Samar, fighting a number of battles with the insurgents under Lukban and Guevara. Four men of the Thirtieth Tagalos on one occasion, in Laguna, attacked and overcame an armed force of 40 badones. The Visayan company served in Antique and Iloilo and had brushes with the insurgents. The scouts, who have their own band, are encamped for the present at Presidio. They will eventually go into camp at St. Louis to let the American people see what manner of men they have in the natives of their oriental possessions.MAD GERMANS  
ON RAMPAGE.

Mob of Them Stormed Hall in Which Jan Kubelik Was Giving a Concert.

THEY SIMPLY SOUGHT REVENGE

It Was for the Ill Treatment of Their Compatriots at Prague.

Vienna, March 15.—German-Czech hatred led to a serious riot at Ling, the capital of East Austria today, where a mob of infuriated Germans in revenge for the ill treatment of their compatriots at Prague, stormed the hall in which Jan Kubelik, the Bohemian violinist, was giving a concert, compelling Kubelik to seek safety in flight. The manager had been warned to cancel the engagement owing to fears of such a demonstration, but he declined to do so.

Before the doors were opened the mob attacked the carriage of the district governor, Count Wickenburg, with stones. The police had difficulty in protecting the count from personal injury. While the concert was in progress a howling mob outside the hall made the music inaudible. Some officers came out of the hall and reproached the mob for such disturbances. The mob then forced the police cordon, invaded the hall, smashed the decorative mirrors and threw missiles at Kubelik. The concert was then stopped, and the audience dispersed amidst a fire of offensive epithets. The demonstrations were continued outside the hotel where Kubelik was staying and the police, aided by the mayor, had some difficulty in dispersing the mob.

No More Arms for Jimenez.  
New York, March 15.—Instructions are understood to have been received by officials of the Clyde Steamship line from the state department at Washington to accept no more arms and ammunition for the Jimenez revolutionists in San Domingo. Gen. Jimenez is said to be arranging for munitions of war from Canada.Making Coin for Japan.  
San Francisco, March 15.—The Examiner says that the San Francisco mint is making United States coin for the Japanese government, gold being sent here for coinage in money which is to be used in the purchase of food and other supplies for the army and navy. The last two steamers from the orient have each brought \$2,000,000 worth of gold bullion from Japan.Statehood Bills.  
Washington, March 15.—The statehood problem today was taken up by the subcommittee of the house committee on territories recently appointed to draft statehood bills for Arizona and New Mexico and Oklahoma and the Indian Territory.

The bill making a state of the first two named was practically completed. "The difficulty of adjusting the taxation and other questions with regard to the admission of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as a state are next to be taken up. When the second bill has been completed it is probable the two bills will be joined as a dual bill for two states out of the four territories. The subcommittee is to continue its work daily.

North Carolina Society.  
New York, March 16.—The North Carolina society of New York has held its fourth annual banquet on the anniversary of the battle of Guilford Courthouse which so largely contributed to the surrender of Cornwallis. President Charles S. Bryan presided. Senator Lee S. Overman, who spoke to the toast "The Good Old North States," said: "Conservative, progressive, North Carolina has surmounted the horrors of the civil war and is in an era of prosperity. She has partially solved the negro question. If let alone she will find a way to it." William A. Barber, former attorney-general of North Carolina, also spoke briefly. He declared that politicians and philanthropists cannot give the negro social equality.LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE.  
New York Employers Preparing For One With Unionism.  
New York, March 15.—Employers and their men in the building trades here are preparing according to the Herald, for a life and death struggle over the question of unionism. The struggle probably will be precipitated by a declaration on the part of the employers for the open shop policy and the destruction of the building trades union.

The disastrous strike here last summer which caused losses amounting in the millions, ended in agreements to arbitrate future troubles, but now that



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the brick layers' laborers have gone on strike, followed by the brick layers, resulting in the idleness of 10,000 men and tying up of work all over the city. The employers declare that they cannot afford to enter into further agreements with the unions, and it is asserted they are preparing to settle the matter in a finish fight. The employers maintain that the open shop policy is the only course left to them if they wish to continue in business.

A firm stand is being taken by the men, however, on the ground that their plans for arbitration were thrown aside by the employers. Circulars are being distributed by hand warning the men to prepare for a determined fight against the open shop. These contain copies of letters that have been sent out by the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States, which includes employers' associations in every branch of manufacturing and is said to be making a national campaign in favor of the open shop.

AMERICA'S RICHEST WOMAN.  
Mrs. Hetty Green Joins New York's Millionaire Colony.

New York, March 15.—Mrs. Hetty Green, America's richest woman, has joined the millionaire colony here by purchasing a home on upper Fifth avenue. She has in recent years maintained a legal residence in Hoboken, N. J., but lately has been in a rented house in Fifth avenue, near Washington square. Her new residence is a handsome five-story mansion of the most modern design.

Automobiles for Fire Department.  
New York, March 15.—Favorable action has been taken by the board of aldermen to purchase two automobiles for the fire department. They are to cost not more than \$4,000 each, one for the use of Fire Chief Croker in Manhattan, the other for the deputy chief, in charge of Brooklyn and Queens. The machines will be used by the chiefs in making fast runs from their headquarters to answer important alarms.Dr. Harper Improving.  
Chicago, March 15.—President Harper of the University of Chicago has so far recovered from his recent operation for appendicitis that he has been moved from the Presbyterian hospital to his home.A LETTER THIEF.  
Edward Kerlin Confesses to Stealing Hundreds.Chicago, March 16.—Edward Kerlin, who has been arrested, has confessed to stealing hundreds of letters from mail boxes in Hyde Park in the last three months. He says that, after forging indorsements on checks and money orders, he cashed them, chiefly in department stores.  
Kerlin, who is 30 years of age, was released from the Joliet penitentiary last October, at the expiration of a three year sentence for robbing mail boxes. He claims to be a university


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