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Japan Must Strike Them if She Would Preserve Her Very Existence.

REQUIRES STRICT CENSORSHIP.

Baron Hayashi Explains the Situation —There is no Discrimination in Favor of Anyone.

London, Feb. 28.—In reference to the severity of the censorship exercised by the Japanese government over the news dispatches of foreign correspondents, Baron Hayaski, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to the Associated Press today:

"I have had numerous representations from English and other newspapers upon this subject, but I believe that our position in the case is not only right, but will be admitted to be such by those who look carefully into the circumstances.

"We are fighting against numerical odds which are quite out of proportion to the odds against any combatant in recent wars. We are fighting for our existence, and our only hope of maintaining it is to strike swiftly and secretly at the beginning. To get in the first blows means more to us than, I think, it has ever meant to any belligerent, and to ensure this it is vital for us to demand a degree of secrecy which has not been necessary in any recent warfare. Even at the risk of alienating temporarily the friendship of the press of the world, we must prevent even a whisper of our real intentions reaching our powerful enemy.

"Before war was declared I knew that our military authorities had decided that our censorship must be more rigid than ever before attempted. One line would have ruined our first attack on Port Arthur—one line might ruin our projected land operations.

"When we fought China we gave the war correspondents free latitude, and in many cases they took advantage of this to predict our future movements. That did not matter much when China was our enemy, but against a power like Russia, so immensely superior in eventual resources, it might turn the scale. When you fight for life everything else becomes of minor importance.

"I cannot believe that Japan will lose friends in the world because she has been obliged to impose such a careful censorship. I do not think the present rigor of this censorship will be continued very long, but momentarily the conditions of the campaign make even insignificant movements clues toward our main naval and military objectives. When our preliminary operations are complete I have no doubt the censorship will be relaxed.

"Our own press and people are undergoing the same regimen. There is no discrimination, and I think you will find as much if not more news of the war from the Japanese side in the New York and London papers as you will in the leading Japanese organs."

Baron Hayashi does not expect that his government will issue any proclamation of the blockade of Port Arthur until the Japanese are able to cut the communication by which food supplies now reach that place. He points out that Newchwang is practically blockaded by the ice. When the ice breaks up, and if the naval necessity still exists, the minister says that Japan probably will issue a blockade proclamation.

It does not look as if there will be any immediate serious land action, but it appears possible that Vice Admiral Togo may make another attempt to bottle up Port Arthur by sinking across the channel one of the old Chinese battleships captured during the war between Japan and China.

JAP SAILORS AT CHEFOO.

Those That Arrived Saturday Were from the Jinsen Maru.

Chefoo, Feb. 28.—The Japanese sailors that arrived here Saturday are from the Jinsen Maru and the Bushiu, two of the five merchant vessels with which Admiral Togo attempted to block the entrance to Port Arthur on the morning of the 24th. Lieut. Saito commanded the Jinsen Maru and Lieut. Tarisaki the Bushiu. Each steamer was manned by 30 men, 29 of whom are here. One man of Lieut. Saito's command was killed while lowering a boat on the Jinsen Maru.

Lieut. Saito stated that they got so close to the Russian battleship Retvizan that had they been armed with rifles they could have fired into the crew.

When it was found that the scheme was a failure they dropped anchor and the crews crowded into the remaining boats. They then blew up the steamers. A strong wind and the glare of the lights prevented the men from reaching the torpedo flotilla, and at daylight they were out of sight of the fleet, having been driven in an easterly direction by the wind to Miao Tao islands, which they reached the same evening. The boats did not land together, but the men found each other on the islands. They chartered a junk, in which they went to Tung Chow Fou. They walked 40 miles to Chefoo, going two days without food.

The fate of the crews of the other steamers is not known to the men here.

A GREAT NAVAL BATTLE.

Chances for One Seem to Grow Slimmer Daily.

Tokio, Feb. 28.—As the campaign progresses it seems that the chances are growing slimmer for a great pitched battle on the open sea between the fleets of modern battleships which the world has long awaited.

It is believed here that the Russians lack the strength to assume the offensive, and that they will probably stick to Port Arthur doggedly to await a sea and land investment.

Whoever wins the war, Port Arthur will undoubtedly cease to be an important base. The fortifications will probably be dismantled, as they are small and cramped, and however many guns are defending, it is thought they are incapable of insuring protection. It is intimated that the Russians have 200 guns mounted at Port Arthur, making it, theoretically, one of the strongest forts in the world.

In regard to the opening of Wiju, for which United States Minister Allen has long been pressing, it has been decided to await the formal announcement of the Japanese, whose influence is now dominant in Korea. Japan undoubtedly approved, and the incident has a significant bearing on the future of Korea, assuming that Japan is triumphant.

PORT ARTHUR REFUGEES.

Report the Russians Fear its Investment.

Yin Kow, Feb. 28.—Refugees who have arrived here report that the Russians momentarily fear a land investment of Port Arthur from Pigeon bay.

Four trains of Russian refugees from points south of Taschischais went north yesterday. One American citizen and two British subjects who were expelled from Port Arthur without being given the right the review their property declare that they were expelled because of alleged relations with newspaper correspondents, which charge, they say, was unjustifiable, though the authorities declare that they are justified in expelling all civilians who are not required for defense.

The authorities have refused to permit the British Capt. Riddle to take his ship, the Foxtanhall, to Chefoo. It is understood that if the ship be released a Russian skipper will be sent with her for the purpose of preventing intelligence of the Russian operations being given to the Japanese blockaders.

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Alexieff's New Headquarters.

Yin Kow, Feb. 28.—Viceroy Alexieff has arrived at Mukden, where he probably will remain until the reorganization of the forces has been completed. He has been living aboard a train, but he will enter his headquarters tomorrow.

The schedule of all regular trains on the railway has been annulled.

The Kovikrai declares there is great hostility in Korea, especially in Chemulpo, against the Japanese protectorate.

CAVALRY CROSS THE YALU.

News of a Great Battle Expected At Any Time.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The official announcement by Maj.-Gen. Pflug, chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff, that Russian cavalry had crossed the Yalu river, is expected to be followed shortly by news of rather heavy land fighting, as, according to seemingly trustworthy reports, Gen. Lenevitch has sent a whole army corps of infantry to support the Cossacks, who have penetrated to a point below Anju and who are reported to have beaten the Japanese in several skirmishes. Nevertheless if this movment in force is progressing, it must not be assumed that the Russians have taken the offensive, but rather that they are taking up a strong position in northern Korea in order to check the advance of the formidable army of Japanese landing on both shores of Korea while the concentration of Russian troops behind the Yalu is being completed. This concentration is making better progress than is generally believed abroad. The movement of troops eastward over the Trans-Siberian railroad will be greatly accelerated henceforth, as telegraphic reports say that the ice railroad over Lake Baikal was completed today. Up to this time the tracks have been used as far as laid, the soldiers marching from the terminus of the line to the other shore.

Maj.-Gen. Pflug's report that Gen. Ma's army is west of the Lioa river agrees with the statement of the special correspondent of the Russ at Tien Tsin that the Chinese war minister is hurrying large bodies of troops to the northwestern frontier of Pechili. This report says the troops are not going by rail but are marching by night.

The military situation will be greatly complicated if Gen. Ma's army is really moving to the rear of the Russian position with the intention of making common cause with the Japanese, as it will expose both Russian flanks to attack.

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JAPS BLOCKADE VLADIVOSTOCK.

Russian Cruisers Are Reported on East Coast of Kinkwasan in Bay of Sendi, Japan.

LAND FORCES IN A SKIRMISH.

Cables Indicate Unmistakably That Armies Are Preparing for a Great Battle.

London, Feb. 29.—Vladivostock has been blockaded by a Japanese fleet since Thursday, according to a Daily Mail dispatch from Makodata, which adds that incoming steamers report Russian cruisers on the east coast of Kinkwasan, in the bay of Sandi, Japan.

Japanese warships have been reported in the vicinity of Vladivostock, but this report of a blockade, although considered probable, has not yet been confirmed from other sources.

Dispatches today tell of more skirmish fighting between the advance of the Russian and Japanese land forces in Korea, and military exports say that news of a real battle may be looked for at any time.

The cables are very brief, but indicate unmistakably that the armies are preparing for a great battle.

One cablegram from Tokio, under today's date, says: "A number of the enemy's cavalry appeared at a point 700 meters north of Pingyang, Korea. Our infantry fired upon them, causing them to retreat."

This was followed in a short time by another dispatch from Tokio, saying that Korean soldiers on the Ham-Gieng frontier had been attacked and dispersed by Russian troops.

St. Petersburg reports receipt of a cablegram from Liao Yang, dated Feb. 28, which says that Chinese on the Yalu river report that an advance guard of Russian cavalry, which had penetrated Korea for a distance of about 200 versts across the river, had an encounter with a detachment of Japanese, and that the Japanese were compelled to retreat and fled, leaving their horses, which were seized by the Cossacks.

Gen. Linevitch dispatched cavalry and a body of infantry in pursuit, and with an order to occupy northern Korea.

The persistent rumor that in the recent engagement at Port Arthur the Japanese sustained damage to several of their war fleet is given fresh impetus today by a cablegram from Cheefoo. The dispatch reads:

"While the Japanese report that their fleet is still concentrated in the neighborhood of Port Arthur, yet endeavors are being made to prevent delnite information from becoming public. The survivors of the sunken transports, who were landed Saturday, were not allowed to see anybody, and they will be sent home.

"The Japanese fleet originally consisted of 16 warships, but two battleships and a dispatch boat are now missing from that number and from two sources it has been learned that two Japanese warships returned to Sasebo in a disabled condition. It is being circulated among the Chinese that Port Arthur has fallen."

The British steamers laden with coal for Japan captured by Russian torpedo boat destroyers are reported from Suez to be the British Ettrickdale (from Barry, Feb. 3, for Sabang), the British steamers Frankby (from Barry, Feb. 3, for Hongkong), and the Norwegian steamer Matilda (from Penarthi, Jan. 30, for Saseby).

JAPS LANDING IN KOREA.

London, Feb. 29.—The Times' Chemulpo correspondent, under date of Wei Hai Wei, by De Forest wireless telegraphy, says that the Japanese disembarkations of the last few days were confined to supplies for the transport corps and to 4,500 ponies. The total number of troops landed is 20,000, including the first division and a portion of the second division. The guards that have not yet arrived at the armory consist of six batteries belonging to the twelfth division. Another disembarkation, believed to be on a smaller scale, is taking place immediately south of Hai Ju, whence the troops will advance parallel to the Pekin road and joining those now in the British neighborhood, thus effecting a gain of five days on the march.

It is supposed, says the correspondent, that 8,000 troops, with a few guns, are now advancing beyond Seoul toward Ping Yang, where 15,000 Japanese have arrived.

The advance of the Russian patriots is steadily marked by the interruption of the telegraph, which was broken at Anju on Feb. 21.

There is no trustworthy information concerning the Russian movements. The Koreans estimate that up to Feb. 21 3,000 Russians crossed the frontier, 1,000 being at Wiju, 1,000 at Shasun and the remainder scattered in small parties.

The approach of warmer weather and the gradual breaking up of the roads, continues the correspondent, is apt to make marching laborious north of Seoul. This circumstance, together with the fact that Chinnampho will open a fortnight hence, doubtless explains the lull in the process of disembarkation. It is believed the Japanese will not commit themselves to a definite plan of campaign which would entail marching through Korea without first endeavoring to gain possession of the Liao-Tung peninsula.

To Assist Russian Wounded.

Moscow, Feb. 29.—A large representative meeting of the marshals, nobility and chief government officials was held here yesterday to discuss the best methods of assisting the Russian wounded during the war in the far east. At the close of the meeting a telegram was dispatched to the czar, expressing unbounded loyalty to him. His majesty immediately replied, expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the noble thought which inspired the message and the sentiments voiced toward himself, adding:

"I see in these expressions new testimony of a determination on the part of Russian nobles to serve their emperor as they did in former days and to work in common with the sons of Russia for the welfare of our dear fatherland."

Walked Far to See His Father.

Chicago, Feb. 29.—Twenty-eight days have been consumed by John Krayzenski, a Pole 24 years old, in making almost the entire distance from New York to Chicago on foot in an attempt to locate his father and brother, who are living, he says, in South Chicago. He said that he had left his native country two months ago and arrived in New York the last of January. When he left home, he said, he had a letter from his father. On his way across some one stole the letter, which contained the Chicago address. Krayzenski will be taken to South Chicago, where he expects to find some trace of his father.

CAN'T UNDERSTAND TACTICS OF TOGO.

They Are a Novelty in Naval Warfare and Call for Consideration of Strategists.

STRIKE QUICK, GET AWAY QUICK

His Reliance on the Superior Marksmanship of His Gunners Fully Warranted.

Tokio, Feb. 28.—Lack of details of formations, firing ranges and evolutions prevents a full understanding and appreciation of Admiral Togo's tactics. He seems to be endeavoring to accomplish the maximum destruction with the minimum of exposure. He is carefully balancing those considerations and relying upon superior mobility, marksmanship and ammunition.

At the outset the equality of naval strength, the probable necessity of fighting the Russians under the batteries of Port Arthur made extreme caution essential.

The loss of a few ships endangered the ultimate success of the Japanese arms, hence the brevity of the engagement of Feb. 9—and the avoidance of the engagement of the fortress.

The same tactics were followed in Thursday's engagement and bombardment. These dashes, brief battles and speedy withdrawals are a novelty in naval warfare which warrant the consideration of strategists.

Admiral Togo's reliance particularly on gunnery is fully warranted by his gunners clearly outshooting the Russians. He constantly fought at long range, severely punishing the enemy and escaping without serious damage himself.

The personnel of his forces is shown in another way by the superiority of the officers and men, who are anxious to undertake hazardous duty.

Togo's ships are apparently in better condition than the Russian vessels. The heavy scoring of the torpedo craft is one of the surprises of the war so far. Foreign naval experts say, however, that making every allowance for the daring, skill and persistency of the Japanese, the Russians are largely to blame for a lack of watchfulness and poor marksmanship.

On account of Admiral Togo's successes at Port Arthur the reopening of the sea to Japanese merchantmen and the revival of shipping, the Japanese government does not anticipate that it will have further need for the auxiliary cruisers America Maru and Yawata Maru, and they will be disarmed and returned to their owners.

Nothing now prevents the America Maru from resuming her place on the San Francisco line and Yawata Maru on the Australian run.

In preparing for the war Japan armed a big fleet of fast auxiliary cruisers on account of the inequality of naval strength between the Russians and Japanese, but it is believed that the auxiliary cruisers are no longer needed. It is expected the other auxiliary cruisers will be disarmed and released.

A HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT.

Between Six Oystermen and as Many Policemen.

New York, Feb. 29.—Grappled together amid the ice floes of the Kill von Kull there has been a hand-to-hand fight between six men on an oyster scow and as many men in a launch, who were endeavoring to put them under arrest. In the battle one of the supposed thieves, who tried to escape by swimming, was drowned, and two of his companions were arrested.

Men on a police launch discovered the scow by the aid of light from a fire in Elizabethport. They gave chase and the supposed thieves fired. The detectives used their revolvers also, but no one was hit. Finally the scow was overhauled and the police started to board. Then the alleged thieves jumped overboard. The Kill was full of floating ice but two policemen jumped in and captured two prisoners. One of the swimmers from the scow had not gone far in the icy water when cramps seized him and he sank, calling for help. The rest escaped. The two policemen who made the arrests were somewhat injured in their battle with the ice.

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A CLAN-NA-GAEL GROWL.

Denounces Proposed Arbitration Treaty With England.

New York, Feb. 29.—A meeting at the Academy of Music, under the auspices of the Clan-na-Gael to celebrate the one hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of the birth of Robert Smmett has adopted resolutions scoring the so-called policy of the United States in the far east and asking that the burden of favor be turned to Russia rather than Japan.

The resolutions, which were of considerable length, inveighed against all entangling alliances with foreign nations, scored the action of the state department in this regard, and continued:

"We denounce the proposed arbitration treaty with England as a thinly disguised alliance, publicly avowed by its English sponsors to be the first step to an open alliance, intended to serve British interests alone and to enable England to wage war on other countries with greater freedom."

Many recent acts of the state department were singled out and criticised by the resolutions which attributed Secy. of State Hay's motives almost entirely to friendship for England and hostility toward Russia.

A Conductor Murdered.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—After police, employers, and friends had searched for him in vain for weeks the body of James Elick, a Northwestern railway freight conductor has been found in the drainage canal at Lockport, Ill. There was a deep gash in the forehead and all his money except a little change was gone. The police believe Elick was attacked on his train by tramps, killed, robbed, and his body thrown from the cars, while crossing the canal.

Thousands of dollars had been spent by the railroad company in search of the body and a reward of $500 had been offered by a lodge of the Association of Railway Conductors for any trance of the missing man.

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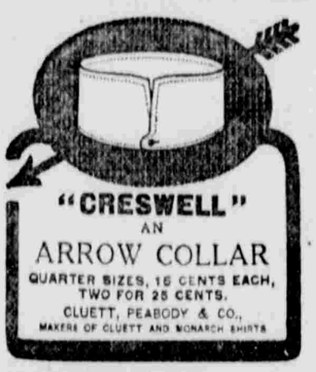

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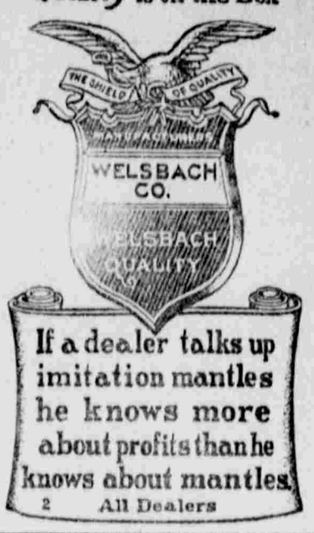

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