

has constantly been telegraphed the past ten days, because she had a view far above cheap clap-trap and the sentiments of Byronic societies, revolutionary agitators, radical orators, bolsterous students and Athenian demagogues.

She sees clearly that the great humanitarian question of peace would be involved and before that there can be no trifling or hesitation.

All the papers reproduce the semi-official Journal de St. Petersburg article on the governmental declaration of its policy.

The Novoye Vremya commenting on it says:

It will demonstrate at Athens that Russia's attitude should be known; also how vain are the hopes of discord among the powers.

In the new phase all the kingdoms have recognized Russia's predominant rule. From today it is no mystery that Greece must recall not only her fleet but also her troops, if a blockade begins tomorrow.

It is painful to resort to force openly but the responsibility must fall with its entire weight on Greece, whom the powers have done all to save. There remains nothing but an evacuation of Crete by the Greeks. The powers will not hesitate to do that in the interests of Greece herself.

The Novoye which has been a warm supporter of Greece says:

"The collective note was so kindly worded that Greece did not realize it as an ultimatum. Russia cannot concede anything, even if it be a division among the powers. Russia will carry her wishes alone but hopes that France will help Europe to maintain peace."

CANEA, March 18.—At this hour (noon) the admirals of the foreign fleets have not yet proclaimed the blockade of the island. The Greek squadron with the exception of two vessels has left Cretan waters and the two vessels referred to are preparing to leave.

LONDON, March 18.—The decision of the French Chamber of Deputies approving the policy of France adhering to the concert of the powers had a good effect upon stock exchange here. Consols went up 5 1/8. Foreign securities firm. Later prices on stock exchange relaxed somewhat on the weakness of Paris and Vienna markets.

It was rumored that the crown prince of Greece had started for Thessaly. According to the Times dispatch from Athens, a tendency towards despondency is beginning to show itself in the Greek capital, the "last hope of a rupture of the concert of Europe having been shattered by the decision of France to join in coercion." The dispatch adds: "There is much speculation whether the forces of the powers will proceed to active measures against Col. Vasso's troops. While it is officially announced that orders have been given to both Greek troops and ships in Crete to oppose force by force, it may be doubted whether the orders really will be given. Brave words, however, are indispensable in the prevailing popular mood. The king and government have no choice but to swim with the tide."

The Daily Mail says:

"Vagaries of a certain continental

sovereign are causing profound anxiety in his family and especially to diplomats who recognize that the concert of Europe may at any moment be disturbed. Ploching guests and trying to trip them with the sword are among the antics attributed to the insane sovereign."

The paragraph unmistakably hints at Emperor William of Germany.

MEMPHIS, March 17.—The United States weather bureau today gives out the startling information that 800 square miles of the state of Arkansas are under water and that the Mississippi will continue to rise. In the district west of Marion, Ark., hundreds of people were picked up. The work of saving stock has been abandoned and from now on all efforts will be directed towards saving human life.

Thousands are homeless and dependent upon the citizens of Memphis. Reports from up and down the river say the levees all are in good shape and it is hoped will continue to withstand the pressure.

The total number of lives lost thus far reported officially to the relief committee is a dozen. Six steamers and tugs and half a hundred skiffs are engaged in rescue work.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The steamer Ville de St. Nazaire sailed from New York on March 6th for Port au Prince with eighty-two passengers on board, and has not since been reported.

The World tomorrow will publish the following: The schooner Hilda, that plies along the coast between Perth Amboy and Savannah, came into port last night bearing with her a story horrible even in the annals of the Atlantic ocean. She carried in her cabin four passengers whom she had picked up in a boat on Monday ten miles off shore. As the schooner drew nearer the outlines of human figures were made out. Then on the prow of the boat they saw the words Ville de St. Nazaire. A boat was lowered and the chief mate and four seamen jumped in and rowed out to be helpless craft.

At the bow of the boat and apparently in charge of the party, was an old man wearing the uniform of a ship's commander. The mate presently recognized the face, hollow and sunken with the cold and want of many of many days. It was Capt. Jules Berri, one of the best known of the commanders of the Havre branch of the French line. Behind him, on the center seat, were two half-dressed, coatless, hatless men, hugging themselves with each blast of the cold wind and gibbering at the startled faces of the Hilda's sailors. At their foot was a fourth man. The old man at the prow opened his lips as if to speak, but no sound came from them. One by one the four men were lifted in. In the stern of the craft was a fifth man. One of the sailors touched him on the arm and began to draw him gently forward, when he slid quickly off the seat and settled, a lifeless heap, in the bottom of the boat. Then the sailors towed the dreadful freight back to the Hilda. Nothing could be done but consign the dead to the sea. Captain Berri and the three men were carefully looked after and partially brought back to life and reason. All they could tell was that Ville de St. Nazaire had somehow

been wrecked or abandoned, and that these four men were the survivors of those who had taken to the boats, but how many were dead, how many living, remained untold until midnight Tuesday, when Captain Berri, the first to recover, was able to gasp out some words of his story.

"There were thirty-seven souls on that boat when we abandoned the St. Nazaire. Of all those men and women we four are the only ones left alive. The others starved or froze where they sat. They died in various ways. They sank, dropped off one by one, except when they went mad, and then some jumped into the sea and ended that way. The men were quiet enough until they saw the women die; then they seemed all at once to get raving, stark mad. That's all I can tell now."

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 18.—From a well-defined report, six people were drowned yesterday between Marion and Jerico while trying to reach the railroad track. Their boat was capsized by a whirlpool.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 18.—Four rescue steamers including two government boats arrived in port this morning from the overflowed country north of Memphis, landing 400 refugees and a thousand head of stock. The condition of the refugees is pitiable. Some are partly clothed, some almost done to death from exposure and long suffering. Seventy-five had been standing for hours in water waist deep awaiting the rescue steamers. One woman clung frantically to her dead babe. In another family of four, two were drowned a few minutes before the steamer arrived.

Rain began falling yesterday afternoon and at 10 o'clock this morning was coming down in torrents, causing a rise in the river of two inches in eighteen hours. The gauge reads 36.8.

Several small breaks in the old levees are reported, causing additional damage and suffering. Islands 40, 39, 38, 37, 36 and 34 are reported entirely submerged today. These contain magnificent cotton plantations of thousands of acres, operated by 500 negroes, and 250 head of stock. The stock was abandoned. The owners and hands have been landed safely in Memphis and Cairo, Ill.

A special train left Memphis this morning containing material to strengthen the Delta levees.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 18.—At noon today the report of the continued rise of the river with unsupported news of great loss of life almost caused a panic at Memphis.

A general appeal issued by the Citizens' Relief committee, addressed to the people of Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi has met with liberal response in the shape of telegrams offering aid. Late reports contain additional rumors of heavy loss of life in the interior of Crittenden county, Arkansas.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Captain S. A. Day, U. S. A., late commandant at Fort Mason, this city, and more recently of Fort Canby, Wash., returned from a several month's stay in Japan on the steamer Peru, says that the crown prince of Japan is dead and that the sad event was being openly discussed in diplomatic circles, although at the same