

RUSSIA DID NOT DESIRE WAR.

This Statement is Made by Japan's
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New York, Feb. 16.—The Lokal Anzeiger publishes an interview with Japanese Minister Kurino, who left St. Petersburg a few days ago, cables the Berlin correspondent of the Herald. Mr. Kurino declares he was convinced Russia did not desire war, that is to say the government at St. Petersburg did not wish it; neither did Japan.

"When hostilities were at last opened," he said, "it was directly due to the action of Admiral Alexieff. By his ostentatious preparations for war he rendered war inevitable."

Mr. Kurino affirmed that the victory never delivered the last note to the Japanese government and the minister says he had not the slightest information as to what the note contained.

"As to the duration of war," said the minister, "that is a matter the military experts alone can settle."

In conclusion Mr. Kurino expressed the belief that France will not interfere in the conflict.

"But if she does," he added, "England can be depended upon to stand by the Japanese."

JAPS GUARD RUSSIAN CONSUL.

Seoul, Wednesday, Feb. 16.—The Russian consul at Chemulpo is now guarded by Japanese troops. Today all the other Russians in the city have been ordered into one large house, where they will be detained awaiting action of the authorities in connection with their disposal. The Russian minister at Seoul has been requested by the Japanese minister through a neutral legation to withdraw, and he has consented to do so. He will probably leave Seoul tomorrow.

There are now on board the French cruiser Paschal 213 Russians, of whom two commanders, 14 officers and 31 men are wounded. The Russian consul at Chemulpo has been killed. It is now known that the Russian cruiser Variaz had 40 men and one officer, a count, killed during the recent engagement off Chemulpo. This officer was a mulichman named Niron, and not Muro, as stated erroneously in a previous dispatch. The Variaz had 64 men wounded and among them was Captain Rudeef, who was in command of the cruiser. His wounds are not considered serious. The Russian dead, with the exception of a young officer, who fell on the bridge, were locked up in the cabin when the Variaz went down.

The passengers and crew of the Sun-garrie have been taken on board the Paschal. The Korean telegraph lines have been cut in all directions. Several men were seen on board the Korietz. It is said, an instant before she blew up. The commissioner of customs at Chemulpo has protested against an alleged breach of neutrality on the part of the Japanese. The Russians assert that the Japanese fired first, dispatching two torpedoes at the Korietz when she tried to leave the harbor on the 8th. The Japanese claim in turn that the Korietz fired first. There is no news of the arrival of any more Russian troops in Korean territory and Seoul remains quiet. The Japanese have demanded the use of several government buildings in the city to be used as barracks for the troops. On the English and Italian cruisers are a number of Russian refugees. Just how many is not known. Only the wounded are on the vessel. 10 captured.

NO LIGHT ON SITUATION.

London, Feb. 16.—The voluminous dispatches from the far east published here this morning are again characterized by absence of real light on the situation. Numerous unconfirmed and conflicting rumors are given, and among them is a report of another engagement at Port Arthur, in which the Russians lost eight vessels sunk and 10 captured.

A correspondent of the Daily Mail,

CURIOSITY.

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What shall we do to be saved? was the title of one of Robt. Ingersoll's lectures. People of faith and people of no faith flocked to hear it. Thousands are asking "What shall I do to get rid of dandruff?" The answer is "Kill the germ that causes dandruff, falling hair and finally baldness; and the only thing that will do it is Newbro's Herpicide. That is the very latest discovery of the laboratory, and it is the only preparation that claims to, or that will, kill the pestiferous dandruff germs. It also is a delightful hair-dressing, free from oil or grease or sticky substances. Try it and be convinced of its actual merit. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Z. C. M. I. Drug Co., Special Agents.

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who witnessed the engagement off Port Arthur, confirms this morning's previous accounts of the fight, and asserts again that one Japanese torpedo boat was sunk and another, deserted by its crew in a sinking condition and probably captured by the Russians.

He says also, that the Japanese lost one battleship and had one cruiser put out of action and that the colonel of the Fifteenth Russian regiment was killed by a shell during the bombardment.

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The Japanese it is known, are busily engaged in the mobilization of the army, and it is reported that a portion of the navy arm of the mikado's force is cruising in the north searching for the crabs' Vladivostok fleet. Another squadron is heard of through brief cables. One received today states that the Russian post at Dainy was bombed.

Feb. 12 and a force of marines landed.

Another cable from Wei Hai Wei says that on the morning of Feb. 10 the Japanese occupied Ching Hala Wen, a Russian coaling station, close to Masampo.

Russia, if reports be true, is taking advantage of existing conditions to patch up her warships at Port Arthur and get her land force in line.

The Russian Vladivostok, upon which the Russians must, for the present, at least, largely rely, is still in sight, cruising in the Sea of Japan. A report to the effect that Matsuma, on the island sea, has been bombarded by a Russian squadron, is now stated to be untrue.

TO JOIN JAPAN ARMY.

New York, Feb. 16.—Maj. Machiedo, military attaché of the Japanese legation at St. Petersburg, has left here for Vancouver on his way to the far east. He expects to reach a Chinese port and go from there to join the Japanese army.

RUSSIAN CONSULATE BURNED.
New York, Feb. 16.—The Russian consulate here was destroyed by fire Sunday night, says a World dispatch from Shanghai. The cause has not yet been ascertained.

The Russian gunboat Manjur, which was trapped by the Japanese warships at the mouth of the Yangtze river, is now being dismantled.

RUSSIAN TROOPS AT IRKUTSK.

New York, Feb. 16.—The arrival is reported of 60,000 Russian troops at Irkutsk says a Herald dispatch from Port Arthur, by way of Chefoo. They are now nearing Harbin.

Manchurian trains are now running regularly, bringing supplies from Siberia.

Admiral Alexieff, viceroy of the far east, is still making his headquarters at Mukden.

A Russian fleet is reported to be moving in the Korean straits, with the intention of bombarding the nearest port, causing a diversion in favor of Port Arthur.

Postoffice Conspiracy Trial.

Washington, Feb. 15.—When the postoffice conspiracy trial was resumed today, the prosecution offered two additional prayers, one referring to the statements made by some of the defendants to postoffice inspectors, and the other defining a reasonable doubt.

Justice Peckham, in his opening address, said that he would charge the jury that these statements should not have any effect on the defendants except on the one-making them, and the jury should not conjure imaginary doubts as to the performance of a discreditable duty.

The verdict must be "not guilty" for all of the defendants if the facts and circumstances and their acts can be accounted for on any reasonable theory consistent with the presumption of innocence, or if the alleged conspiracy is not established as having been entered into with intent to defraud the United States. Most of the prayers of the defense were granted by the court.

What is deemed by them an important one instructs the jury that if they believe from the evidence that Lorenz owed Machen \$25,000, or any other sum, Lorenz had a perfect right to pay Machen that sum wholly or partly in such manner and method as he chose. He had the right to pay it partly by checks and partly by drafts at his own convenience, or to equalize the balances in the banks with which he had accounts and to make payments in such proportional parts as he chose of the amounts received from the Grofs from time to time.

Machen, the court adds, had the right to receive and accept payments on account of the indebtedness, even though he knew they were derived wholly or partly from Lorenz's interest in the profits from the Grofs' fastener sales, provided that Machen's official action as to the fasteners was not thereby affected; also provided that the jury finds the transaction between the Grofs and Lorenz was bona fide, contemplating in this connection the manner of the payments.

Japanese Artist Arrives.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—Mr. N. Yabu, Japanese artist, has just arrived in this city from the orient. With him is Mr. K. Yabu, Japan's most celebrated decorator of china, who has charge of the decorations at St. Louis. Mr. Yabu predicts a great Japanese victory which will end the war. He is a good connoisseur of the art of the civilized world, and expects no help from outside nations, only sympathy.

PRETTY SAFE RULE TO GO BY.

When there is a feeling that the heart or lungs, blood or liver, brain or nerves are diseased, at once commence to doctor the stomach. That is the foundation of the trouble in 90 cases out of every 100. Commence to regulate the digestive organs, get them in healthy working condition, and the other troubles will leave of themselves. Diseases which have their beginning in the stomach must be cured through the stomach. The medicine for stomach disorders and half the ills of life, is Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills. They are sold by all druggists for 25c. per box. One pill is a dose. These pills put all the digestive organs in good condition so that disease has no basis to work upon. For sale by Z. C. M. I. Drug department.

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The rush of crowds to buy extra editions of the newspapers, the intense activity at the war and marine ministries and the crowds about the admiralty anxiously occupied regarding the fate of relatives are grim reminders of where the thoughts of the people are. Instead of the customary festive feasts of the feast day of Benares, the artists were dressed in the garb of Hindoos with the object of swelling the Red Cross society's funds.

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the erection of a \$50,000 library, the gift of Andrew Carnegie. One of the speakers of the evening was Horace White, editor of the New York Evening Post, who took for his subject, "Personal Recollections and Reminiscence of Abraham Lincoln."

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