

WANTED TO WAR

Russia, in First Place, Was Unprepared.

CASSINI SPEAKS FOR HER

Would Not Have Quit China Had She Expected Conflict.

THIS WAS PEACE CONCESSION

Ambassador Reviews the Conditions Which Preceded the Outbreak of the Hostilities and Subsequent Events.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, contributes to the forthcoming number of the North American Review an article in which, under the caption of "Russia and the Far East," he makes a statement of his government's position. After briefly outlining the conditions which preceded the outbreak of the hostilities, the Ambassador says: "Russia has never ceased to wonder why the idea that she was willing and anxious to make war with Japan became so generally prevalent in the United States. Prejudiced minds, or those having nothing beyond a superficial knowledge of the government's action preceding the unexpected attack upon our fleet at Port Arthur, may dispute the statement that Russia hoped for peace, but I have no hesitation in making it. If proof of the assertion be demanded, it lies in the simple, but uncontradicted, answer, Russia was not unprepared."

No Reason to Expect War. "For the personal representative of the Russian Emperor to make an admission seemingly so humiliating to national pride may appear strange and remarkable to the people of the United States, but it is made with full appreciation of its importance and significance. I repeat that Russia was not prepared for war, because she had no reason to expect war. In her faith that the negotiations with Japan were being conducted by both parties with the object of reaching an amicable and honorable adjustment of their differences, she was not conscious that the outcome was to be other than peaceful."

Count Cassini denies that Russia was seduced by designs to possess Manchuria or Korea by force of arms, and says: "Had Russia desired war, or even had she expected it, no consideration would have induced her to evacuate Chinese territory and thus lose the opportunity of ending the war quickly."

Made Concession for Peace. Concerning the negotiations between Russia and Japan, Count Cassini avers that his government, "in the effort to bring the negotiations to a peaceful conclusion, did all that dignity would permit, and offered to give assurances again that the sovereignty of the Empire of China in Manchuria would be recognized. Having made this marked concession solely for the interest of peace, my government awaited the Japanese answer in the expectation that it would at least be diplomatic in character, and would furnish the basis for the furtherance of the negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion. Before the Russian Minister at Tokio could deliver this reply, the Japanese answer came, not through the regular channels, but as a torpedo attack at midnight. And now that war has come, Russia does not doubt the issue."

JAPAN'S SIDE OF THE CASE.

Correspondence That Preceded the Opening of War is Published.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The Japanese Legation has published the correspondence that took place between Baron Komura, Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, and M. Kurino, Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg, preceding the beginning of the Russo-Japanese War. The purpose of the publication is to disclose officially the Japanese attitude and especially to point out the efforts made to force Russia to an early and conclusive answer to the Japanese proposals relative to the evacuation of Manchuria and the neutralization of Korea. The correspondence already has been well digested in news dispatches from Tokio and St. Petersburg and Washington, and the interesting features remaining are matters of detail. The correspondence begins with a telegram of July 28, 1904, from Baron Komura to M. Kurino, reciting new Russian demands upon China, the strengthening of Russia's hold on Manchuria, and other matters of deep concern which caused Japan to fear that Russia had abandoned the intention to retire from Manchuria. M. Kurino is directed to open negotiations with the Russian government to secure a definition of their respective rights in the Far East. Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Premier, according to M. Kurino, was perfectly satisfied to undertake the adjustment, and the correspondence shows in great detail the various proposals and counter proposals that were exchanged. The last telegrams exchanged are devoted to the Japanese effort to force Russia to a definite acceptance or rejection of the Japanese proposal. The effort culminated in the instruction of Baron Komura to M. Kurino, which was the final act preceding the war, "to terminate the present futile negotiations." This was dated Tokio, February 5. A telegram of the same date from M. Kurino to Baron Komura says that on February 4, Count Lamsdorff had told him he had transmitted to Alexieff the substance of the Russian answer, the nature of which he explained to M. Kurino.

WILL PROTECT PORT ARTHUR.

Correspondent Says New Submarines Are a Great Success.

MOSCOW, April 29.—The correspondent at Port Arthur of the Russian telegraphs that he has had an interview with Captain Jakovlev, of the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk. He says the Captain will soon be able to start for St. Petersburg. His broken ribs are set, and the fracture of his skull is healed. Captain Jakovlev said that a few seconds before the explosion he ran from the conning tower to repeat an order to the men at the helm. On his way he saw Colonel

MEAGED AT LOOM

A PLUCKY WEAVER ENDURES A PAINFUL PERSECUTION.

Course Pursued by Mr. Hickey to Bring to an End a Serious Interference With His Work. The pluck which Mr. C. H. Hickey, a cotton weaver, of No. 3 Main street, Harris, Rhode Island, exhibited in resisting an effort to drive him from his looms in the Bernon Mills, of Georgia, was truly remarkable. Every day his work was hampered more, and at its close he dragged himself to his home and was put to bed exhausted and suffering to such an extent that sleep was impossible. Every morning he forced himself with heroic resolution to resume his work. But the days went by without bringing him any relief, until it became clear that even his remarkable will-power could not long sustain such fearful odds. His good wife became alarmed and both began to look eagerly for assistance.

"My trouble came, I think," says Mr. Hickey, "from the strong draught of cold air that played about my feet at my six looms. One foot swelled just above the ankle, and the pain became something terrible. I forced myself to limp about during the day, but it was worst at night when I got home, and, as soon as I got my supper, I had to go to bed to get a little relief. Besides the torture in my foot I would have nervous jumping spells, shortness of breath and pain near my heart."

"I stood it as well as I could for three months, trying many medicines, but all the time getting worse, until two friends told me what wonderful virtue they had found in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. One of them said they had cured his rheumatism and that he considered them 'the foremost of all remedies.'"

"Now, I bless Dr. Williams' Pink Pills myself, for the first box I took helped me, and after I had taken three boxes the swelling went down and the pain and lameness left me for good. I have had no trace of the dreadful illness since."

Obtaining cases of neuralgia, sciatica and even of locomotor ataxia, have also yielded to the same remedy, which is a specific for all diseases of the blood and nerves. These pills are sold by all druggists throughout the world.

Agapeff writing particulars of the fight which had just started. Next to him was Verestehin, the artist, hurriedly drawing. All of a sudden the explosion occurred and the deck of the flagship was enveloped in a heavy mist pierced by tongues of fire bursting through all parts of the vessel. Captain Jakovlev was then struck on the head and lost consciousness.

The same correspondent describes the submarine boat experiments at Port Arthur. He says the experiment proves their ability to remain under water for a considerable time, and that the boats were well handled. He also says there is a sufficient number of them to assure the protection of Port Arthur and the coast in its vicinity.

The Chinese in Manchuria, the correspondent further says, are praying for a Russian victory. ERIVAN, Russia, April 29.—An attempt has been made to assassinate the Governor of Echmiadzin. He was struck by two bullets. One of them penetrated his chest. The motive of the attempt was political. Erivan is the capital of a government of the same name and situated 115 miles south-southwest of Tiflis, Russian Trans-Caucasia.

Echmiadzin is the ecclesiastical capital of Armenia, in the Russian dominions. DENIES ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP SHIP. CRONSTADT, April 29.—Admiral Bleyhoff, in command here, denies the report circulated at Cronstadt April 25 of an alleged attempt on the part of a stranger to blow up the battleship Alexandria.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

Dr. Lyon's PERFECT TOOTH POWDER

Hotel Butler SEATTLE

The "Different" Store Portland's Best Sort o' Shop. Olds, Norton & King. FIFTH AND WASHINGTON STREETS. TEN MORE HOURS OF The Anniversary "Economy Sale"

IMPORTANT TO CREDIT PATRONS: All goods bought here today on charge accounts will go on to May bills. Largest stock of CARPETS in Portland—lowest prices in Northwest. Fourth Floor. Sole Portland agents for Standard Patterns. May Designer 10c, or 80c a year postpaid. Annex—First Floor. "Quick Meal" Cooking Ranges and "Detroit" Cook Stoves—Special Sale Saturday, Third Floor.

THE PRICE STORY—INTERESTED? Saturday, Last Day of the HALF-PRICE SUIT SALE. LOT 1 includes Suits in dress styles, materials of Etamine, Broadcloth and handsome novelty Tweeds, also Venetians in all the newest styles, blouse, Eton and jacket effects, handsomely trimmed, with every earmark of the high art, man-tailored garment. Values range up from \$45 to \$85—the best regular values shown this season—for Saturday only at HALF PRICE.

SATURDAY, LAST DAY OF THE Anniversary Sale of Good Shoes. First Floor. WOMEN'S \$6 PATTERN OXFORDS \$3.43—Handsome, new, fancy pattern Oxfords, with full Louis heel or military style, in patent kid, calf or extra wide kid. All the \$4, \$5 and \$6 qualities this week at one price \$3.43. Women's \$3.50 Street Shoes, in eight of the newest, latest leading styles, at the popular, stylish leathers, heavy or light soles—special this week at \$2.69. MEN'S \$3.50 SHOES \$2.89—Very newest, swiftest lasts, very swaggy styles, Oxfords or high cuts, patent or velour calf—tans, too, full round toe lasts. Best \$3.50 Shoes in Portland—special this week at \$2.89. Women's best \$1.50 House Shoes, Juliette styles, comfort lasts, for three days only at pair \$98c. Boys' strong, durable, stylish and well-made School Shoes, full of service, of calf or kid stock, best \$2 values in Portland, for three days only at pair \$1.38. Women's \$5 and \$6 Dress Shoes, of fine patent or plain kid stock, Louis heels, very fashionable shapes and extremely smart in appearance, choice for three days only at \$3.28.

Handsome Hats for Misses Saturday \$2.25. A very handsome lot of dainty sailor shapes, with wide brims and large low crowns. Colors are brown, gray, blue and burnt straw. The hats are prettily trimmed, each with 3 1/2 yards of very wide all-silk taffeta ribbon, forming a swell, large bow on front. These charmingly smart hats would be real bargains at \$3.00, but for the last day of the Anniversary Sale we place them on sale at a special price of, for choice \$2.25.

Smyrna Rugs. FOURTH FLOOR—A fortunate purchase of our rug buyer—our luck's yours—this week 500 handsome all-wool, double-faced Rugs, 30x60-inch size, best \$3.25 values ever shown—special at \$1.49.

Ladies' \$1.75 Sleeveless Silk Vests \$1.15. Women's silk and cotton mixed Vests, Pants and Tights. Vests are sleeveless, short sleeves or long sleeves, pants and tights either knee or ankle length, and all are of the famous "Merode" make—nothing higher could be said in their favor. The regular \$1.25 quality, today only at, garment \$69c. Women's lace-trimmed cotton Vests, low neck and sleeveless—best 25c quality, today only, at \$17c.

SPLendid HOSIERY SPECIALS. Today only we offer ladies' black imported "O. K." Cotton Hosiery of finest, softest gauge, absolutely the best 50c hosiery value in the city, every pair having our guarantee of satisfactory wear. A rare hosiery bargain at a price of, per pair 33c. Misses' fine-ribbed black Hosiery, seamless, double heels and toes, a splendid dress stocking. In sizes 6 to 8 1/2. Our grand 25c value, today only at, the pair \$17c.

Saturday Silverware Sale. Rogers Bros. celebrated 1847 ware—this way: Rogers Bros. 1847 Teaspoons, set of 6 \$1.65. Rogers Bros. 1847 Dessert Spoons, set of 6 \$1.65. Rogers Bros. 1847 Tablespoons, set of 6 \$1.90. Rogers Bros. 1847 Forks, set of 6 \$1.65. Rogers Bros. 1847 Knives, set of 6 \$1.75. Rogers Bros. 1847 Sugar Spoons, fancy shapes, each \$33c. Rogers Bros. 1847 Butter Knives, fancy shapes, each \$39c. Rogers Bros. 1847 Butter Spreaders, fancy shapes, set of 6 \$1.90. Rogers Bros. 1847 Combination Set, in box prettily lined with heavy fancy satin, containing 6 teaspoons, 1 sugar spoon and butter knife, in fancy shapes—per set \$1.98. Roger Bros. 1847 Fish Knife and Fork, fancy shapes, set \$3.10. Rogers Bros. 1847 set of 6 Coffee Spoons and Sugar Spoon, set \$1.90.

SATURDAY, LAST DAY OF THE Anniversary Clearance Sale of Lace Curtains. Fourth Floor. In this sweeping clearance sale is included every broken lot, every odd one, two or three pairs of lace curtains in the house. Some are samples and slightly mussed from handling—but see the values. For Saturday only we'll continue prices this way—

SATURDAY, LAST DAY OF THE Great Anniversary Salvage Sale of the Portland Woolen Mills Blankets. Fourth Floor. Colors include vicunas, maroons, mottled, sanitary or Jaeger gray and silver gray. THE SALVAGE SALE PRICES are: Plain gray wool Blankets, \$3.50 values, at \$2.00. Very fine all-wool sanitary and Jaeger gray Blankets, regular \$3.50 values, at \$2.00. Plain gray wool Blankets, \$3.00 values, at \$2.00. Plain gray wool Blankets, \$3.50 values, at \$2.50. Plain gray wool Blankets, \$4.50 values, at \$3.00. Plain gray wool Blankets, \$11.50 values, at \$6.85. Plain gray wool Blankets, \$17.50 values, at \$10.50. Plain gray wool Blankets, \$22.50 values, at \$11.75. Plain gray wool Blankets, \$30.00 values, at \$16.00. Plain gray wool Blankets, \$37.50 values, at \$19.00. Plain gray wool Blankets, \$42.50 values, at \$22.50.

SATURDAY, LAST DAY OF THE Anniversary Sale of Dress Goods. Annex—First Floor. 44-inch all-silk and mohair Striped Grenadines, in black only, six different styles to select from, beautiful fabrics for dressy gowns and fancy waists. Our regular \$1.25 quality—for today, at per yard \$72c. 44-inch Figured and Striped All-Silk Grenadine, in black only, eight different styles to select from. These are new, down-to-date designs, and splendid values at our regular price, \$1.75—special for today at the extremely low price of \$1.07. 45-inch Imported Black Crepe Voiles, in plain and boutonniere effects, beautiful color and very hard twisted yarns. Our regular \$2.50 a yard fabric—special for today \$1.49. Great clean-up on Colored Dress Fabrics, coming in the nick of time, when you are wanting goods for shirtwaist suits, tailor suits, dress gowns and walking skirts, should bring every one in the city to our Dress Goods Department. These are all new goods, and strictly the most stylish, best-wearing fabrics to be found in America. 44 to 48-inch Heather Milled Etamines, Voiles, All-Wool Crashes, Armures and Granite Cloths, in all the new, seasonable colors—our regular \$1.00 a yard fabrics, for three days' extra special \$69c.

Anniversary Prices for Saturday Upon Spring Needfuls Here and there about the store. MEN'S BARGAINS—First Floor. A swell line of men's new Summer Golf Shirts, in plain blues, tans and grays, fronts tucked or with white pipings. Values to \$1.50. Very swaggy. Special for Saturday at a choice for \$98c. Men's White "Kerchiefs, best 15c quality, excellent fabric, hemstitched. Special at three for \$25c. Men's Spring Underwear, in natural gray, trimmed and finished attractively. Best 75c values, at \$47c. Men's regular 50c values in handsome, fancy Half Hose, all new Spring styles and latest swell colorings. For Saturday, pair \$27c. Men's \$1.00 Nightshirts 41c. A surpassing bargain in the first-floor man's shop. Saturday we shall sell men's Muslin Night Robes, very prettily trimmed, the best 75c and \$1.00 values ever offered to our best knowledge in the city, for \$41c.

Ribbon Special. NEW 40c RIBBONS 25c YARD—First Floor—All pure silk, satin Taffeta Ribbons, 4 1/2 inches wide, finest quality, 35c and 40c values; all new, bright, fresh ribbons in all wanted colors, also blacks, creams and whites. Yard \$25c.

An Art Shop Special—2d Floor. 60c CUSHION COVERS 35c—The Eastern fad, cushion tops, in Dutch designs, in lithograph or stamped on ecru linen and fancy art denim with plain backs, the old hine shades predominating; over 18 different designs to select from. Regular price to 60c—special at \$35c.

FOR SATURDAY Underwear and Hosiery at Little Prices—1st Floor. Ladies' White Swiss ribbed, fine quality, low neck, sleeveless Vests, dainty crochet yoke and over shoulder. 40c quality, special, each \$27c. Ladies' fine-ribbed white Hosiery, low neck, sleeveless, lace yoke, lace arm bands. 35c quality, special, each \$23c. Ladies' white Hosiery, knee-length Tights, top, pants lace trimming at knee. 50c quality, special, each \$37c.

Women's 25c Handkerchiefs 15c. First Floor. Very dainty, fancy Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched, embroidered and scalloped edges, of white Swiss. Best 25c values—special at \$15c.

Saturday Sale of Linens and Domestics. First Floor. Special bargains in Table Damask, Napkins, Separate Cloths and Napkins to match, in regular or special sizes. Rich hand-loomed satin-face double damask, by the yard or in sets—Towels, Table Tops, Dobbies, Dresser and Tray Cloths, hemstitched and drawn-thread decorated pieces. SPECIAL: Regular \$1.50 Table Damask, 2-yard width, yard \$1.23. Regular \$4.50 doz. Dinner Napkins to match, doz. \$3.98. Regular 90c Table Damask, 2 yards width, yard \$75c. Regular \$2.75 Dinner Napkins to match, dozen \$2.25. Heavy Loom Damask, 54 inches wide, regular 75c quality, special at, yard \$58c. Fine quality Breakfast or Luncheon Napkins, \$3.25 values, at, dozen \$2.45.

Towels. Heavy Huck Towels, nicely hemmed, size 18x36 in., best 12 1/2c values, this week \$10c. Hemstitched Damask Towels, with fancy borders, size 17x36, best 18c values, this week \$14c. Richardson's Wash Huck Towels, best 25c values, size 18x37, this week \$20c. Pure all linen Damask Towels, with knotted fringe, nice assortment, colored borders, in extra weight, 20x43-inch size, special at \$25c. All linen, hemstitched, fine Damask Towels, 18x36-inch size, special at \$25c. Richardson's famous all linen fine Jacquard huck, hemstitched Towels, 20x40-inch size \$50c.

WHITE GOODS FOR LESS. 5000 yards checked and plaided Nainsooks, in a big variety of attractive patterns, best 15c value, special at \$12 1/2c. 500 pieces fine French finish Cambrics, 10 yards to each piece, special at, the piece \$1.00. PILLOW CASES AT OPPORTUNITY PRICES. Foresight led to the purchase of an immense lot before cottons went rocketing skyward in price. Hence this week: 1000 dozen heavy, strong muslin Pillow Cases, best 12 1/2c values, at \$10c. 600 dozen heavy linen finish Cases, best 18c value, at \$12 1/2c. 500 dozen very best quality Cases, of extra fine, smooth finish, best 18c value, at \$14c. BEDSPREADS—A case of handsome Marseilles Bedspreads, in pretty, attractive raised patterns, best \$3.00 value, special this week at \$2.38.