

## CZAR BEGINS WAR WITH PRAYER

### Makes Proclamation to His People Declaring State of War Exists and Invoking Divine Aid

### Reports of Yesterdays Battles Are Confirmed--Secretary Hay Puts a Lighted Bomb in the Russian Camp, By His Position Regarding Russian Occupancy of Manchuria

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—Czar Nicholas this morning issued an official declaration of war, as follows:

"To all my dear subjects: I declare we are anxious to preserve peace, so dear to our hearts, that we did all in our power to maintain tranquility in the Far East. With this peaceful aim, we declared our willingness to revise the existing treaties between the two empires regarding Korean affairs. Negotiations were not carried to a conclusion for Japan, without awaiting our reply, broke off diplomatic relations, and without considering whether such a rupture meant the commencement of warlike action, Japan ordered her torpedo boats to attack our squadron in Port Arthur. After the receipt of this report we ordered the governor to reply with arms, and we hereby make known our decision in the firm trust of the help of the Almighty, and the assurance of the unanimous readiness of all true subjects to stand with us in defense of the fatherland, and we call the blessing of the Lord on our brave army and fleet."

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Paris, Feb. 10.—The official version

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of the battle of Port Arthur yesterday received here, declares the fight was inconsequential, and merely a few shells were exchanged. Two Russian officers and 80 soldiers were killed. The cruiser Pallada will be available to serve within a week.

**Maybe They Did.**  
London, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from a Tokio correspondent of the Central News says three transports in the Russian volunteer fleet, conveying about 2000 troops, had been captured off Asan, Korea, by the Japanese.

**China is Pleased.**  
Washington, Feb. 10.—The Chinese minister called at the state department this morning, and expressed China's gratification on Hay's note, issued yesterday to the neutral powers. When the minister came from Hay's office he said he understood Prince Ching has issued an edict to the various viceroys of China, commanding them to observe the strictest neutrality. Cassini called at the state department, and notified it of the official declaration of war, and yesterday's battle.

**No Japs There.**  
Vladivostock, Feb. 10.—Private dispatches received here say the Japanese forces on the Yalu river have been completely routed by the Russians, and also claims Chemulpo has been captured by the Russians, who are now occupying it.

**Only a Pipe Dream.**  
St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The newspapers have issued extras claiming a Russian victory at Port Arthur. Three Japanese warships and four torpedo boats are reported seriously crippled.

One report says the Japanese battleship Shikishima is sunk. People are demonstrating, but there is no official confirmation of the report.

**Johnny Bull Don't Believe It.**  
London, Feb. 10.—The report of a Russian victory at Port Arthur is generally discredited here, in the absence of any official confirmation.

**Want to Be Shown.**  
St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 10.—Lyman Forgave, a civil war veteran today announced that he would raise a regiment at once, to be offered to Japan. He claims to have offers of enough men, including a large number of Jews.

**Will Have Reserve Seats.**  
Washington, Feb. 10.—Chaffee has recommended to Taft that Captain Reichmann, of the cavalry; Colonel Kerr, of the general staff; Captain Gately, of the artillery corps, and Capt. Hulm, of the engineers, be assigned to duty with the Russian army, also Col. Crowder, of the general staff; Capt. Morrison, of the Twentieth; Capt. Marsh, of the artillery corps, and Capt. Judson, of the engineers, to go with the Japanese army. The recommendations have been forwarded to Russia and Japan by the state department.

**Russia Fired First Gun.**  
London, Feb. 10.—The official account shows that, according to the date of the message, that the battle at Chemulpo was the first one fought, which would make it appear that Russia

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## MARX ADMITS GUILT

### Chicago Car-barn Murderer Practically Confesses

### His Only Defense Is That He Did Not Intend to Commit Murder, Only to Rob

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Notwithstanding his plea of not guilty, the car-barn murderer, Marx, this morning practically admitted his complicity, but will defend on the plea that he is not guilty of murder, but his sole purpose was robbery.

**Two Measures to Vote On.**  
Governor Chamberlain today received the certificates of the secretary of state, that petitions for the submission of the local option law and the direct primary law had been filed, with sufficient signatures to each to give them place on the official ballot at the June election, and the governor this afternoon issued his proclamations, calling the attention of the people

of the state to the fact that, at the next election, these two questions will be voted on.

**Clearing the Wreck.**  
Baltimore, Feb. 10.—An army of men are clearing the streets, and several are open to wagon traffic. The mayor and business men held a meeting this afternoon. Engineers say all the standing walls will have to come down, as reconstruction would be unsafe.

**Hanna in Bad Shape.**  
Washington, Feb. 10.—Hanna had a bad night, and didn't sleep until morning, owing to his stomach troubling him. When the physicians called at 9:30 he was asleep, and they didn't disturb him. They will consult this afternoon.

## CITY NEEDS HELP

Baltimore, Feb. 10.—Citizens this afternoon passed a resolution asking the legislature to appeal to the government for federal forces to protect the burned district. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being transferred from vaults in the ruins to safer locations.

The mayor this afternoon decided to issue an appeal to the whole country for financial aid.

## TAFT TALKS PLAIN

### Sultan of Sulu Will Lose His Forty Dollar Graft

### The Trouble Is Not the Lack of Laws, but the Utter Failure to Enforce Them

Washington, Feb. 10.—Taft, before the house committee on insular affairs today expressed his opinion on the Patterson bill to abolish slavery in the Philippines, and to abrogate the treaty made with the Sultan of Sulu by General Bates. Taft said, by the constitution, as well as by law, slavery is abolished, and the congressional act would afford no solution. The question was in enforcing, instead of making law. He favored the expression by congress, however, toward the abrogation of the Sulu treaty, so the payment of a regular stipend to the sultan might cease. Taft's suggestion was adopted, and an amended bill was introduced by aPatterson.

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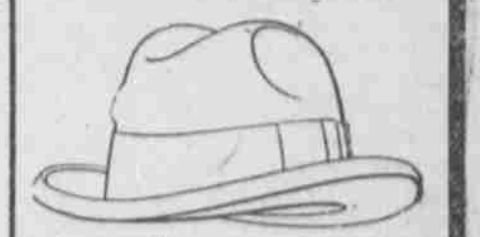
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