

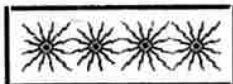
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WAR IS DECLARED BY THE CZAR OF RUSSIA

Battle off Port Arthur. Begun by the Russians. Japan Captures Russian Transports With 2000 Troops. Battle Lasts Four Hours. Many Prisoners Taken. Japan Suffers Little.

FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR.

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

To all dear subjects:—I declare we are anxious to preserve the peace so dear to our hearts and did all in our power to maintain tranquility in the far East. With these peaceful aims we declared our readiness to revise the existing treaty between the two countries regarding Korean affairs. Negotiations were not carried to a conclusion. Japan, without awaiting our reply, broke off diplomatic relations without apparently considering what such rupture meant, and commenced warlike actions.

Japan ordered torpedo boats to attack our squadron at Port Arthur. After receipt of the report we ordered the governor to reply with arms. We hereby make known our decision in a firm trust and help from Almighty God and assurance in the unanimous readiness of our true subjects to stand with us in defense of our Fatherland. We call the blessing of the Lord upon our brave army and fleets.

London, Feb. 10—An official account of the Chemulpo battle has been received by the Japanese embassy here.

It says the Japanese squadron, according to reports to Korea, was met on the way to Chemulpo by the Russian gunboat Kametz, as the latter

was leaving Port Arthur. The Korietz assumed the offensive and fired on the Japanese torpedo boat. The latter replied, firing two torpedoes without effect.

The Korietz then returned to her anchorage in Port Arthur harbor. Early next morning Admiral Irin,

commanding the Japanese, formally demanded that the Russian vessels leave the port, adding if they did not comply by noon he would be compelled to attack them within the harbor.

The Russian men-of-war left port at 11:30 and battle was immediately given outside of Polynesian Island. After an hour's engagement the Russians took refuge among the islands and towards evening the cruiser Varing sank.

About 4 o'clock February 10, the Korietz was sunk by her own crew, who, finding her disabled, blew her up. The officers and men of the two vessels then took refuge on the French cruiser Pascal.

There were no casualties on the Japanese side.

VICTORY CONFIRMED.

London Feb. 10—The Japanese legation confirms the report of a naval battle at Chemulpo and capture of two Russian cruisers.

MORE FIGHTING IMMINENT
Chesoo, Feb. 10—A Russian torpedo boat is reported to be at Thonon, Haven Island, 50 miles seaward from Port Arthur, and a battle is momentarily expected.

A Russian land force is concentrating on the banks of the Yalu where a big assignment of field guns and ammunition recently arrived.

It is predicted the hostile armies will first meet at Ping Yung in Northern Korea, as was the case in the China-Japanese war.

RUSSIAN TROOPS CAPTURED

London, Feb. 10—A dispatch from the Tokio correspondent of the Central News says three transports in the Russian volunteer fleet conveying about 2,000 troops have been captured off Asao, Korea by the Japanese.

RUSSIAN VICTORIES

Vladivostok, Feb. 10—Private dispatches received here state that the Japanese forces on the Yalu river were completely routed by the Russians and also claims Chemulpo has been captured by the Russians, who are now occupying that port.

JAPANESE TROOPS IN KOREA

Paris, Feb. 10—A telegram from Tokio states the Japanese landed a large force at Masampo, Korea which is but a short distance from Fusan, one of the terminals of the Japanese Fusan-Seoul railway which leads to the Manchurian border.

CLAIMS OF VICTORY

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10—At 3:30 the newspapers issued extras claiming Russian victory at Port Arthur. Three Japanese warships and four torpedo boats are reported seriously crippled. One report says the Jap-

RUSSIA'S LOSSES FOR A DAY.

Torpedoed at Port Arthur
Battleship Czarevitch.
Battleship Retvizan
Cruiser Pallado

Hit by shells at Port Arthur
Battleship Poltava
Cruiser Diana
Cruiser Askoid
Cruiser Novik

Captured at Chemulpo
Russian Cruiser Varing
Russian Cruiser Korietz

ancie battleship Shikishma was sunk. The people are demonstrating, but there is no official confirmation of the latter report.

JAPANESE VERY HOPEFUL

Rome, Feb. 10—The Japanese minister here today said official advices show Japanese plans were so carefully made it is safe to predict that Japan will be complete master, and have troops pursuing the Russians through Manchuria within a fortnight.

THE OUTLOOK NOT GOOD FOR LUMBER

Dave Eccles Says 250 Saw Mills in the Sound Country Have Shut Down. Eastern Demand for Lumber Falling off.

"It is as I said a year ago it would be there has been an over production of lumber in the Northwest." These were the words of Mr. David Eccles, president of the Oregon Lumber Company and the Sumpter Valley railroad, who has just returned from Portland.

"Three hundred new mills have been added to the list in the past year or so and the mills of the Northwest are producing from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 feet more of lumber daily than formerly. Naturally the markets be-

come glutted, prices decreased below a profit and today 250 mills on the Sound country have shut down. At the meeting in Tacoma on the 5th of the Lumber Association it was reported that unless new markets could be found and the railroads could give some relief in that direction, more mills would close down and go into the hands of receivers. The outlook in the lumber business is not very bright and the whole country will be affected. New mills in Idaho and Eastern Oregon are cutting into the trade of this part of the country."

Grand Jury Report.

To the Hon. Robert Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court.

We, your Grand Jury for the February, 1904, term respectfully report as follows:

That we have returned into Court eight true bills of indictment and three not true bills of indictment.

That we have made a careful and thorough examination into the management of the various County offices and find that the County officers seem to be conducting the affairs of their respective offices in a painstaking careful and business like manner. We further find that the jail is in a reasonably good condition as to security of the prisoners confined therein and the sanitary condition thereof. The improvements recently made in the sheriff's office were needed badly and we approve of the change as made as it will greatly facilitate the work of the office.

We recommend the purchase of a new typewriter for said office as the one now in use seems badly worn. We have visited the County Poor Farm and find the same in a reasonably clean and well kept condition,

but would recommend a new floor in the kitchen and also a new chimney in the kitchen, as the same are badly needed.

We extend our thanks to the Hon. Robert Eakin, Circuit Judge Samuel White, District Attorney, and our worthy bailiff, C. E. Robins for the many courtesies extended to us during our session.

Having finished our labors we respectfully ask to be discharged from further attendance upon this term of Circuit Court.

Respectfully submit
James Moss, Foreman, Geo. Ayers, G. P. Childers, J. B. Ayers, James E. Birdsall, E. S. Logan, Chas. E. Moore.

J. J. LILLIS

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LAW MAKERS ARE WORRIED

Sioux City, Ia. Saturday, Feb. 9—

Thirty-three of the 100 members of the lower house of the Iowa Legislature hold their seats unconstitutionally according to legal opinion here and at Des Moines. The legislature has taken a recess, during which inquiry is making as to the effect of

this discovery on legislation.

The constitution provides that the lower house shall have 100 members. Every county having a population in excess of half the legal ratio of representation shall have a member. The present legal ratio is 36,000 but thirty-three districts have not had this number yet each has a representative.

The Observer gives the very latest war news obtainable.

Another Candidate

W T Cross is also being mentioned as a candidate for city marshal. This means a three cornered race in the convention, with a possible chance of several other entries being made between now and election day.

FOR RENT

Furnished rooms for light house keeping also rooms with stove. Second house from corner on Seventh and O St. F 11 to F 18

THE GREATEST OF WHITE CARNIVAL

As announced in Sunday's Observer our White Carnival opened promptly Monday morning. We placed our order for those white goods with the best known mills and manufacturers months ago, with the object of making this White Carnival the

The Greatest Carnival of Bargains of the Season

This is making-up season. Come now and get what you need—it is a safe prediction that you will pay more later. Participate in our offer of refunding the money for all cash purchases made some day between now and March 5th.

Save all your cash purchase slips. This is an opportunity of getting something of value absolutely free.

The Fair
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