

JAP PRIDE HURT

Russian Dilatoriness Angered Them.

WERE FORCED TO WAIT LONG

Warlike Preparations of Foo Were Being Carried On.

RUSSIA IS GIVEN THE BLAME

France Would Offer Mediation, but the Situation Has Been Very Much Complicated by Japan's Determined Stand.

DEMANDS WERE MODERATE.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The Times this morning asserts that the Japanese demands were of a moderate character...

PARIS, Feb. 7.—The Japanese Minister to France, M. Motono, made public this evening the announcement of the severance of the diplomatic relations between Japan and Russia...

The Foreign Office has been informed of the departure of the Russian Minister from Tokyo and it has been advised of an announcement that the Russian government considered it possible that action looking toward mediation might be taken...

The Japanese government communicated a statement to M. Motono announcing the severance of diplomatic relations with Russia and the details of the reasons therefor...

Tokyo, Feb. 6.—The last Japanese note in response to the Russian note of January 16, had been remitted to the Russian Minister at Tokyo, January 12. The Japanese government had insisted that a prompt response be made to it...

Not having obtained this answer he asked him to indicate the earliest date for the reply...

Continuing, this authority said the Japanese had concentrated their fleet and transferred it to the coast of Korea...

The attitude of France in the presence of this grave Russo-Japanese emergency is a subject of the deepest concern among officials...

Officials of the Foreign Office shared this belief that further negotiations were certain, so that today's announcement that Japan had actually terminated her diplomatic relations with Russia caused the most profound agitation...

Foreign Minister Delcasse varied his usual custom by spending most of the day at the Foreign Office, where he received direct dispatches announcing the withdrawal of Baron de Rosen from Tokyo...

At noon he received M. Motono, who brought the long official announcement from the Tokyo government that a decisive step had been taken in breaking off relations...

Painful Surprise at German Court. BERLIN, Feb. 7.—Count von der Osten-Sacken, the Russian Ambassador at Berlin, received Count Lamedorff's official circular this morning and communicated it to Baron von Richthofen, the Imperial Secretary...

Called at the Russian Embassy were assured by the Ambassador that the action of Japan was a painful surprise, and that the Embassy had no intelligence on which to base a prediction as to what the Japanese and Russian governments would do...

Baron von Richthofen took the Russian dispatch to Count von Bulow, Imperial Chancellor, who in turn personally took it to the Schlow and handed it to the Emperor, on His Majesty's return from church...

It is admitted, however, that a long strip has already been taken toward war by Japan's having broken off relations. In the opinion of officials and diplomats here there still is a slight chance of averting hostilities, and this chance will be seized.

Center of Much Interest. The Japanese Legation here has been the center of much excitement since this morning and throughout the day it was besieged with telegrams from diplomatic corps eager to obtain copies of Japan's official statement in order to notify their respective governments...

When the representative of the Associated Press called at the Legation to-night, a member of the British Embassy was just leaving M. Motono and the Legation officials talked freely. They did not appear to be depressed, but rather confident and even happy that a decision had finally been taken...

It was intimated that arrangements had already been made for M. Kurino's departure from St. Petersburg. It was thought at first that he might come to Paris, but it is now believed that he will go to Berlin and await the final determination as to whether he is to remain in Europe or return to Japan...

Doubtful of the Result. M. Motono gave the Associated Press representative this statement as the best explanation of the situation, but in addition, he said: "The government statement clearly shows that relations are clearly at an end. Whether or not this means war I am unable to say, but it is obvious that the step already taken is of the gravest character and one which may mean war. What result may come no one can say at this time, but the reasons for the action of the government should be distinctly understood..."

ALL PARIS EXCITED

War Is Believed to Be the Only Outcome.

EAGERLY DISCUSS QUESTION

Report That France and Great Britain Will Intervene for Peace at the Last Moment Cannot Be Verified.

JAPAN'S MIND MADE UP.

PARIS, Feb. 6.—The Figaro this morning publishes a statement that M. Motono, the Japanese Minister, says Japan will not accept an offer of mediation, from whatever source it might come.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—The official announcement that Japan has broken off diplomatic negotiations with Russia caused a profound sensation here, as it was generally accepted as being only one step short of actual war.

The first information of this move reached Foreign Minister Delcasse early in the day. While he was at the Foreign Office the French Minister at Tokyo telegraphed that he had taken charge of Russia's interests there on the departure of Baron de Rosen, the Russian Minister to Japan...

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ART SHOP, SECOND FLOOR, THOROUGHFARE AISLE.

Point lace and Battenburg patterns in Doylies, Center Pieces, Scarfs, Tie Ends, Cushion Covers, Handkerchiefs, Collars, Boleros, Dress and Hair Ornaments for all sorts of braids and wheelwork—regular values to 50c—choice today, each.....5c

YES, CARRIE.—Our first Spring showings of 1904 Silks and Dress Stuffs opens today in the Annex—First Floor.

NO, BERTHA.—"Hourly Sales" were not "invented" in Portland. It is stated on good authority that Noah had "Hourly Sales" set to propel that first great ocean liner, christened by that celebrated navigator, Noah, by a name now world-famous—the "Ark." It is said that Washington once held an "Hourly Sail" on the Delaware. The writer has conducted them for 20 years past. This store held them ten years ago, as may be proven by our 1893 ads in The Oregonian of that date. Come down and see a REAL one today at the RELIABLE STORE of OLDS, WORTMAN & KING.

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WAR IS NOW CERTAIN

Expect News of War Soon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—War between Russia and Japan is momentarily expected in diplomatic circles.

Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, promptly on the receipt of a long cablegram from Count Lamedorff, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, drove to the residence of Mr. Loomis, the acting Secretary of State, shortly before noon today and informed him of the dispatch received from the head of the Russian Foreign Office.

In communicating the facts to the acting Secretary of State, Count Cassini added that his government deplored this turn of the negotiations, which His Majesty, the Emperor, had sincerely hoped might conclude with a peaceful settlement. The Ambassador called attention to the fact that in her last note Russia had made generous concessions to Japan in Korea and had furnished the basis for a continuance of the negotiations to the advantage of Japan.

It was added that the Russian government regarded the action of Japan as precipitate and remarkable. Of the final report the Ambassador could only express his opinion that the worst seemed probable.

Later in the day cables from Mr. McCormick, the American Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and Mr. Griscom, American Minister at Tokyo, were received by the State Department confirming the news of the severance of diplomatic relations. These cablegrams and the communication of the Russian Ambassador were promptly transmitted to the President.

On high authority the statement is made that the Japanese government has not yet received the Russian reply. Doubt is expressed here whether it ever will be delivered. Mr. Takahira, the Japanese Minister, stated today that he was not inclined to attach great importance to the charges said to have been made that the Japanese government has shown great haste in instructing its Minister to withdraw from St. Petersburg before Russia's reply to Japan's last note had been received. His government would doubtless issue a statement explaining its motives regarding this as well as the other more important points of the controversy.

Note That Was Delayed. An official of the Japanese Legation called attention to the fact, which he thought significant, that the termination of negotiations was sent to St. Petersburg by the Japanese government on the 5th instant, while Viceroys Alexieff telegraphed the reply to the note of January 13 to the Russian Minister at Tokyo on the 5th. He said this step must have been taken after Admiral Alexieff was aware of the notice received by his gov-

ernment the day before from Japan, terminating diplomatic relations. Baron Stierenburg, the German Ambassador, had a long conference with Count Cassini at the Russian Embassy this afternoon. The Russian Ambassador and the Japanese Minister here expect to have a long conference with Secretary Hay tomorrow. The Russian and Japanese representatives here will observe outward courtesy when they meet, but will not exchange calls.

Outwardly on Friendly Terms. A misunderstanding between Count Cassini and Mr. Takahira occurred at the diplomatic dinner at the White House on January 14 last, when the former, thinking the latter had declined to speak to him, insisted that, as dean of the Diplomatic Corps, relations must be courteous. Secretary of State Hay today returned to Washington from Thomasville, Ga., where he has been recuperating for the last two weeks. The Secretary spent some time at the White House tonight in conference with President Roosevelt on the Far Eastern situation.

COURSE OF THE JAPANESE. May Strike for the Manchurian Railroad through Korea. LONDON, Feb. 8.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail at Seoul says he hears that Japan has warned non-combatants to withdraw from Songhain, and all Japanese women, children, etc., north of Chongju to come south. This is supposed to indicate Japan's intention to strike through Northern Korea in the direction of Harbin and the Manchurian Railroad. The correspondent of the Times at Tokyo cables that the Russian gunboat Mand-

receives news calmly. Actual Announcement of the Inevitable Causes No Excitement. LONDON, Feb. 7.—News of the Russo-Japanese rupture reached London late forenoon, and only a few newspapers published extra editions giving the announcement. However, as this outcome had been accepted as almost inevitable for several days, the actual announcement created no great excitement.

An official of the Russian Embassy said to the Associated Press that it was true that the breaking off of diplomatic relations was a most serious step, but there was always a possibility of avoiding eventualities until the first shot had been fired.

The British Cabinet will meet tomorrow, in response to a summons issued last Friday, and it will have a grave situation to discuss, because of the many indications of trouble in the Far East. There is almost an equally grave crisis in the Near East.

Premier Balfour will be unable to preside at the council. His illness is causing some despatching. He has developed bronchial irritation and a troublesome cough. The Premier's strength, however, is well maintained.

King Edward today granted an audience to Lord Roberts and Charles Beresford, commander of the Channel fleet, with whom was discussed the Far East crisis.

As a result of the rupture of diplomatic relations Japan neither seeks nor expects an immediate outbreak of hostilities. She trusts the China-American treaty will maintain the open door and the status quo in Manchuria, and she has prepared herself to watch the attitude of Russia in Northern Korea.

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Korrespondents' Column

Today's Our New Year By Comparison We Thrive

Speedy Snappy Selling

Fortunate 'tis, there's no speed law against quick selling; was there, we'd be in court every day. You "auto" get here early today to get your portion of the new bargains. The sales will be more rapid than those made last week by the conqueror of Vanderbilt's 90-horse-power machines. Ever go plowing through big snowdrifts to make footprints for smaller, weaker ones to carefully follow, in order to save being buried? We're making footprints today—watch our weak followers and WATCH THE MERCHANDISE. Don't buy a penny's worth without a comparison with ours and we'll take all further chances—your bundle will go out from here stamped with an Olds, Wortman & King seal of QUALITY and RELIABILITY. Risky stores say, "Don't Compare These"—we urge you TO COMPARE EVERYTHING—methods and merchandise. FIRST SHOWING TODAY OF NEW SPRING LINES IN EVERY DEPARTMENT—on every floor.

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St. Valentine's Coming

Only a week away; you may hear the rumble of his auto wheels already. If you'll listen to your hearts. The clarion ring of his trumpet sends a thrill thro' millions of sensitive hearts that await his knocking for entrance soon. Portland belles and beaux will find here the only assortment of VALENTINES in the city that contain darts sharpened by Cupid himself—warranted to bring down a victim at every twang of his bow. Of course, you girls are taking every proper advantage of leap year. In each and every one of the love tokens displayed in profusion thro' our first floor Stationery Aisle, lies concealed a Cupid's dart, warranted to bring down the stoufdest woman-hater that cumbers fair Oregon's map. They meet the favor of our "Grand Young Man" at Washington and every other good American who sides with our "President Teddy" in domestic ideas. THE PRICE RANGE MUST SUIT EVERY PURSE—

3c to \$3.50

No "Komics," but dainty lace mixtures with silken trimmings that bind in bonds too strong to break. New shapes and fancies—25c, 33c, 49c, 75c, \$1.00 and along in rabbit jumps to \$3.50.

CARD VALENTINES, fancifully boxed, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 15c, to 25c each.

New Millinery Many of the new Spring fancies for the 1904 season are here for early buyers and those contemplating Southern tours. Hats for every requirement have been given careful consideration. From the varied collection we show you will find hats to go with every smart costume. New Gage Hats have arrived.

Remember, These SPECIALS Are on SALE at all our 5 BIG MARKETS

GOOD RICE, 5 lbs. \$.25 BUTTER, None better, and as good as the best, per roll. .50 3 Cans OYSTERS. .25 NARD WHEAT FLOUR, per sack. 1.00 NAVEL ORANGES, doz. .