

LET NATION KNOW

Russians Get True News of the War.

NEW POLICY OF THE CZAR

Appeal to the Patriotic Sentiment of the People.

RESPONSE IS GRATIFYING

Subjects Show the Utmost Confidence in the Ultimate Outcome of the Struggle in the Far East.

PARIS, March 14.—"It is almost certain," telegraphs the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times, "that the Emperor will assume command of the troops in the Far East after the first important engagement."

ST. PETERSBURG, March 12.—The confidence displayed by the Russian people in the reports of the government on the progress of the fighting in the Far East which is one of the most notable features in Russia of the war, has thus far been largely due to an entire change of policy inaugurated by the Emperor some time ago, with the abolition of the censorship on foreign newspaper dispatches.

This abolition was followed, when the war broke out, by the Emperor's decision to make public as fully as possible all reports regarding the war, in the belief that the loyalty of his subjects would be only strengthened by acquainting them with the truth in victory or defeat. It was an appeal to the sentimental side of the Russian character, which has been more than justified.

Accurate News Given Out.

Hitherto the government has considered it unwise to give the people information freely at critical moments and the result was that the people, being pessimistic, were often inclined to imagine things to be much worse than they really were.

The Associated Press is assured by a high authority that all official telegrams always have been given out accurately, in so far as their sense was concerned, and in most cases textually, although occasionally words have been changed where the original words were subject to misinterpretation. For instance, in one case the words "the enemy was at our heels" were altered to read, "the enemy was behind us," lest the original language should give the impression that the Russian soldiers were flying before the Japanese.

Cause of Astonishment.

Even the habitual critics of the Government have been astonished at the manner in which the authorities are taking the people into their confidence in the war and this policy of fair dealing would seem to be uniting the nation as never before in her history.

General Kourapatkin's open warning to the people in his speech to the municipal council, not to expect too much at first, but to exercise patience, in an evidence of the frankness with which the people are being treated. The utterances of the General upon that occasion were commended warmly by the press as much better than glittering promises which might not be redeemed.

BREAKING OFF OF NEGOTIATIONS

Ex-Minister Kurino Gives Some of the Inside History.

PARIS, March 13.—The Temps has published an interview with M. Kurino, the late Japanese Minister to Russia, who is quoted as saying that there is no doubt the Japanese government decided to sever diplomatic relations with Russia January 21, when, in answer to reported inquiries, Count Lamdorff, the Russian Foreign Minister, informed M. Kurino that the Czar had not yet reached a decision with regard to the reply to Russia to the latest Japanese note.

In response to a question, Mr. Kurino said he did not believe the report that Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to Great Britain, had endeavored to force a rupture between Japan and Russia, and that the only thing responsible for this was the anxiety caused by Russia's prolonged silence.

The news that the Russian reply had been sent too late to affect the situation was published the evening of February 4, and the instructions of M. Kurino to break off relations with Russia reached him on the morning of February 5.

Discussing the events that led up to the breaking out of hostilities, M. Kurino said that Russia had not sufficiently appreciated the state of popular feeling in Japan and, moreover, although the peaceful disposition of the Czar and Count Lamdorff was not questioned, the spirit of the Russian military authorities in the Far East was not peaceful.

M. Kurino said he believed that Viceroy Alexieff personally had not wished for war, but that he had come to regard it as inevitable, which was a poor way of preventing it. During the six months preceding the outbreak, M. Kurino concluded, diplomats had been forced to a second place in the negotiations, in which military element had predominated.

BLESSED WITH ANCIENT ICON.

General Kourapatkin Visits the Sergius Monastery.

MOSCOW, March 13.—The day General Kourapatkin spent here was marked by demonstrations rivaling those of St. Petersburg. Immediately upon arriving he went to the Sergius Monastery, where he attended a "Te Deum." After this service he was conducted to the abbots' cell, where he was blessed with the ancient icon of Sergius. The numerous bells of the monastery and the churches pealed out as he drove away.

Returning to Moscow, the General proceeded to the Governor's palace, where he spent several hours in receiving deputations of peasants, merchants and nobles, as well as the city elders, who were

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The accompanying cut is an exact reproduction of this hat, although in no way doing justice to its beauty. Top and brim made entirely of geranium leaves and petals in red, pink, blue, black or white flowers with green leaves, filled in around crown and brim and faced underneath with silk molins. The shapes are the newest Turban effects, most becoming to every face, charming, chic and piquant.

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A Wonderful Sale of Good Shoes

Fashionable Spring Footwear at Opportunity Prices

We're pinched for room. Spring Shoe stocks are impatiently waiting to enter their new home in the 6th-street Annex. For no other reason we've marked end-of-season prices upon new, stylish, down-to-date SHOES FOR MEN, WOMEN AND BOYS. Women's new "Empress" \$3.50 Street Shoes in 10 styles, of all latest Spring lasts, Oxford or high cut, blacks or the new, smart tans, so much in vogue for Spring wear. All popular leathers, Blucher styles in high cut, all latest shape toes and heights of heel, patent or stock tips, all sizes, for a few days at a special price of \$2.79

Women's New Dress Shoes, regular \$3.00 values; in patent coltskin stock, newest, latest styles \$1.71

Women's regular \$1.50 House Slippers \$0.85

Men's Patent Coltskin or Velour Calf Shoes, in blacks or the stylish new tans, Oxford or high cut, all styles, sizes and widths. The very newest and latest Spring styles, regular \$3.50 values, for \$2.83

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' SHOES—Same as "Pop" wears, except for size. Patent leather, vici kid or box-calf leathers, grand wearers.

Sizes 11 to 13 \$1.25 to \$2.50
Sizes 13 1/2 to 2 \$1.50 to \$3.00
Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 \$1.75 to \$3.50

STRAWS That Show the Trend of Trade Leadership

Perhaps no more oracular demonstration of the leadership accorded this great store by its bright and progressive city conferees has ever been given, than so strikingly shown by a perusal yesterday of the live advertising columns of The Sunday Oregonian. The

Grand Opening of Our New Carpet Store Which Occurs Today

An event of vital interest to every house and hotel-keeper, rooming-house and institution manager within shopping distance of Portland, has been the subject of talk among trade circles for a month past. This store's moves are watched, and those of other stores gauged by them thro' out the city; and so the fact that every carpet specialty house of consequence in the city, as well as minor department stores, made special mention of Carpets, was a well-deserved compliment to this store's position as first at the head of the list—

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The largest in showings, leading in novelties, arbiters of lowest prices, with all new Carpets and no old stocks. Certain stores have hurried "openings"—this reliable, authoritative, "Old Homestead" of Fashion sails calmly on its way, planning and achieving carefully, content to bide its time until the real dictators of right styles say "Ready"—until Fashion is safely seated on her new and regal 1904 throne—knowing full well that women who care a whit for style will wait

Portland's One Authoritative Opening of Spring Fashions

Before deciding upon new gown, headwear or accessories. We promise to use the mark where other stores leave off for our starting point. Features entirely new to Portland are on their way from New York and Chicago; expert artisans and designers have been busy here for weeks past in planning and creating, and when the curtain raises upon the scene, one week from this morning, we promise a grand spectacular World's Exposition and Fashion Fete that will be marvelous in scope and immensity, superb in magnificent beauty and superlative in splendor, charming the eye, delighting the ear and intoxicating every sense susceptible to grandeur in refined beauty, high art and pleasing, witching music. Visit all others that you may enjoy the better in comparison Olds, Wortman & King's Wonder Gallery of Beauty from Art, Nature and Music that will form a part of this store's Grand Formal Spring Opening Next Week, Monday and Tuesday.

Monster Sale of Jap Silks

Opens Here Today



The Japs produce perfect work by slow methods—we produce the best results with rapid transit facilities. Every operation moves like clockwork—system here is developed to the highest point, and it's all to your benefit, reader. THIS SALE PROVES IT. See the window display—then do yourselves the treat to feast your eyes on the marvelous beauty of the silks and the slaughter prices put upon them. We append a partial list. Sale opens this morning for all week.

27 inches wide, regular	60c grade—Special at	45c
27 inches wide, regular	65c grade—Special at	49c
27 inches wide, regular	85c grade—Special at	59c
27 inches wide, regular	1.00 grade—Special at	75c
36 inches wide, regular	1.25 grade—Special at	82c
27 inches wide, regular	1.50 grade—Special at	97c
36 inches wide, regular	85c grade—Special at	59c
36 inches wide, regular	1.25 grade—Special at	82c
36 inches wide, regular	1.50 grade—Special at	97c
36 inches wide, regular	1.75 grade—Special at	\$1.23

Portland's Big Society Event Is the Annual Spring Opening at the Olds, Wortman & King Store Next Monday and Tuesday, March 21-22



INTRODUCTORY SPRING Underwear SPECIALS

CENTER AISLE—FIRST FLOOR.

Ladies' Low Neck Sleeveless White Lisle Vests, neatly trimmed and Richelieu ribbed with fine lace trimming—special values at, each \$50c
Ladies' high neck, long sleeve, shaped waist, white lisle, fine ribbed Vests, or white Swiss ribbed in same style—special value at, each \$50c
Ladies' white, sleeveless and short sleeve Cotton Vests—special value at, each \$15c
Ladies' White Cotton Sleeveless Vests, in white, pink, blue, very pretty and attractive—special value at, each \$25c
Ladies' fine White Cotton Vests, long sleeves, short sleeves and sleeveless styles, with ankle and knee-length ties to match, the "Merode" make, each \$50c
Same in Fine White Lisle, each \$75c

SPRING HOSIERY VALUES.

Ladies' Black Gauze Cotton Hose, full finished and with double soles, great values at, pair \$25c, 35c and 50c
Ladies' Fine Black Gauze Lisle Hose, plain or with embroidered boots, extra good values at, pair \$50c, 65c and 75c
Ladies' Black Lace Lisle Hose, our own importation, in new patterns and latest designs, at, pair \$50c, 75c and 85c
Ladies' Black Brilliant Gauze Lace Lisle Hose, values priced at \$1.50 to \$1.75 in most stores—our price, pr. \$1 and \$1.25
Misses' Fine Ribbed Black Lisle Hose, with finished foot, a line usually sold at 25c, 30c and 35c, according to size, in all sizes, 5 to 9 1/2, at, pair \$25c

headed by the senior elder of all Russia.

From the palace the General was driven to the nobles' assembly-rooms, where he replied to the greeting of Prince Troubetzkoy, who had expressed the universal confidence in General Kourapatkin's leadership. General Kourapatkin said:

"Russia has outlived trials many times heavier than those which have now fallen to her lot, and ever issued victorious. Without belittling the difficulties which confront us, with the strength and worth of our force, we can again confidently await the victorious termination of a fight which was not begun by us."

"A mighty host has been already assembled in the Far East by the Emperor's order, but if this does not suffice the Emperor will send out fresh forces."

"The prayers of Moscow and the prayers of Russia will maintain us and give us strength to stand up for Russia's interests in the Far East; we will not spare life or health in the service of the Emperor and the country."

"Representatives of Moscow, accept the most humble thanks of the Manchurian army for your greetings and prayers. The lions are not taken away for me alone, but for the whole army, and as soon as I reach the Far East, I will tell Viceroy Alexieff and the troops there of the farewell tendered me by Moscow and Russia."

"I hope and pray that I shall be victorious. I wish you good health and prosperity."

Turning to the Governor-General of Moscow, General Kourapatkin said:

"I will conclude by asking you to join in three cheers for the Emperor."

A mighty hurrah greeted the General's closing words. General Kourapatkin dined on board his private car and left at 8 o'clock this evening for the Far East. Great numbers of clergymen with sacred banners were at the railroad station to see him off.

CONCORD INCITES RUSSIANS.

Rumor Said United States Insisted on Neutrality of Niu Chwang.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—The circulation here of an untrue report to the effect that the Washington Cabinet had decided to support the protest to the Commander of the United States gunboat Helena, now at Niu Chwang, against the action of the Russian authorities in sinking Chinese junks in the channel of the Liao River, and that Washington would notify Russia that the neutrality of Niu Chwang must be respected, has created something of a flurry.

The Novoe Vremya makes this the subject of an editorial entitled "More American Meddling." In which it is contended

that as Niu Chwang is within Manchuria, and is only six miles from the railroad to Port Arthur, Russia has a perfect right to take defensive measures there, and that unless the United States is seeking cause for a quarrel, it would not insist upon supporting the protest of the Commander.

Fortunately a denial of this story reached here tonight in time to head off what might have proved a fresh cause of irritation.

Prince Mascheraky, writing in the Grash Danin, a weekly newspaper of St. Petersburg, predicts that General Bobrikoff, Governor-General of Finland, is to be appointed Minister of War.

According to a dispatch from St. Petersburg dated February 23, General Sakharoff has been appointed to act as Minister of War in the absence of General Kourapatkin.

Japanese Prince Going Home. NEW YORK, March 13.—Prince Nashimoto, of Japan, who is related to the imperial family and who is hastening back to his country to take the field, arrived today at the Hotel de Ville. The Prince, who is registered at the Holland House, is traveling incognito, under the name of "Mr. Nagai."

The Prince is a Captain in the Infantry of the Imperial Guard, and for the past year has been studying the French language in Paris. Accompanying Prince Nashimoto was Major Yamase of the general staff and Captain Inouye of the Infantry, who also have been studying in Paris. The Prince and his companions will sail from Vancouver on March 24.

EMPEROR GOES SLEIGHRIDING.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—The Emperor and the Empress and their children spent today at Tsarkoye Selo and went sleighriding in the park. Tomorrow the imperial family will resume its fast, the fourth week in Lent, like the first and last, being rigorously observed.

AT CLOSE RANGE.

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Retzivan, the battleship Petropavlovsk received slight damage from a shot. The action of Vice-Admiral Makaroff, on the armored cruiser Novik, in taking a portion of the fleet out of the harbor on Friday morning, appealed to the patriotism and excited the admiration of the garrison.

The food supply of Port Arthur is reported to be about normal, though it is necessary to govern prices by ordinance. Three merchants have been punished for raising prices. The French caviare restaurants and the Russian cafes chantant are running, and the naval band plays in the park daily.

Replying to the inquiry of the commander of a foreign gunboat at Niu Chwang, the civic administrator characterizes the

report of Russia's intention to block the Liao River by sinking junks as calumnies.

GREAT DISTRESS IN MANCHURIA

Russians Have Seized All Food Supplies—Governor of Kirin Suicides.

PERKIN, March 13.—Private Chinese reports that are being received here state that the whole of Manchuria is in a state of utter confusion owing to the Russians having seized all food supplies and other commissariat necessities. The

40 MILLS

The Matthews-Carey plunder machine levied this tax this year.

The taxpayers pay it. Who gets it?

If you think it's too high, vote the Independent-Republican ticket at the primaries next Wednesday.

STOPPED BY RUSSIAN CRUISER.

German Lloyd Liner and British Steamer Forced to Come To.

PORT SAID, March 13.—The Russian cruiser Dimitri Donaskoff has stopped several vessels at sea, including the North German Lloyd liner Stuttgart, and demanded to know their destination. She fired across the bows of the British steamer Mortlake at a point 12 miles north of Damietta (30 miles northwest of Port Said) and sent officers on board to inspect the ship's papers.

PREVENTS LAND MOVEMENT.

Japanese Army is Waiting for Co-rean Roads to Dry Up.

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sidered responsible for the present apparent delay in the Japanese military operations. Practical landing places are hard to find, all inlets and bays being filled with ice, while the recent return of Wintry conditions adds to the difficulties.

The general staff has no intention of marching the main army any further than necessary while the Co-rean roads remain in their present execrable condition. The forces that have landed in Co-reia since February 5 consisted of the Twelfth Infantry Division, commanded by General Inouye, a transport corps and numerous battalions of engineers. This force was augmented by the force already in Co-reia, giving the Japanese commander an army sufficiently large for any operations which he might plan.

No time was lost after Ping Yang had been adequately garrisoned in placing troops in a commanding position along the Peking road. Earthworks were constructed and garrisoned strongly enough to render abortive any attempt on the part of the Russian forces south of the Yalu to make a sudden attack. The Russian force at Anju, which has been exploited in the dispatches to a considerable extent, consisted of a battalion of Cossacks and a battery of mountain artillery.

The Japanese found the march northward from Seoul a most difficult one. The roads in many places were mere sloughs. Men and horses were mired and the artillery held back. Good work is being done on the temporary railway connecting Seoul and Ping Yang, which is already in use in spots.

The Japanese army is in excellent health and spirits, and the men are warmly clothed. The enthusiasm and confidence that has been established in the minds of the rank and file by the successes of the navy is impossible to describe and the men are ready for anything.

It seems certain that no great land operations can be expected for some time, or until the weather conditions are better than at present.

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time to arrive, but the casualties are insignificant.

Russians Withdraw to the Yalu.

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TOKIO, March 14.—Advices received from the Japanese commander at Ping Yang state that his scouts report the Russian forces in Northern Co-reia to be slowly withdrawing to the Yalu River. They are strongly entrenched there and will oppose the passage of the river by the Japanese army.

Details of recent operations about Vladivostok show that the Bosphorus Strait is still blocked with ice, thus interfering with the operations of the Japanese squadron.

Fuel Famine Threatens at Harbin.

HARBIN, March 13.—Harbin is threatened with a wood and food famine because of the increased prices of these necessities. In view of the cold weather, the scarcity of wood is serious. The price of wood has increased tenfold.

The management of the Chinese Eastern Railroad has augmented the wages of its employees from 20 to 30 per cent and a committee has been organized to aid the families of the men who have joined the colors and all others who are sufferers.

Marquis Ito Goes to Co-reia.

TOKIO, March 13.—Marquis Ito, accompanied by a numerous suite, departed Friday for Co-reia at noon today. He is going to Kobe by special train and will proceed to Chemulpo on a special steamer. There was an enthusiastic demonstration when the train left.

Marquis Ito had an audience with the Mikado yesterday and was given a letter for the Emperor of Co-reia and final personal instructions regarding his mission.

Grateful for Care of Wounded.

TOKIO, March 13.—The Russian government so appreciated the Japanese treatment of the Russian sailors, who were wounded in the battle off Chemulpo, where the Russian ships Variaz and Korietz were destroyed, that it has contributed through the French Minister at Seoul 300 yen (\$300) for the use of the Japanese Red Cross Society.

Clash With Russian Scouts.

TOKIO, March 13.—It is reported that a Japanese cavalry patrol engaged a party of Russian scouts near Kama, west of Anju yesterday. The Russians numbered 40. Confirmation of the fight, however, is not obtainable.

Nihilists' Plea for Life.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—When three convicted nihilists at Schlusselburg were notified to prepare for death, one of them proffered upon the commandant of the prison to forward to the Czar a re-

quest that he be permitted to go to the Far East to accept any dangerous mission to which the Russian officials there might desire to assign him.

The Czar now has his proposition under consideration. His two companions have already been executed.

Quiet Day at Port Arthur.

PORT ARTHUR, March 13.—Everything is quiet here today.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Our druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 10 to 14 days. 50c.

Headache

Biliousness, sour stomach, constipation and all liver ills are cured by

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The non-irritating cathartic. Price 25 cents of all druggists or by mail of C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Cure All Liver Ills.

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Tutt's Liver Pills are an absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation, torpid liver, piles, jaundice, bilious fever, biliousness and kindred diseases.

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