# SIEGE AT HAND

# Russia Expects Attack on Port Arthur.

# VICEROY WARNS THE CZAR

Regard Food Shipments as Contraband of War.

RAISING VOLUNTEER CORPS

Alexieff is Also Rushing in Milling Machinery, and Preparing for a Resistance of at Least Two Years.

ST. PETERSBURG. Peb. 20.-A late dispatch from Port Arthur announces that by order of Viceroy Alexieff an irregular volunteer corps is being raised to defend the fortress. The men will be provided by the state with arms, rations and the nocessary clothing.
It is thought, the dispatch added, that

Japan regards foodstuffs consigned to Port Arthur as absolute contraband of war, and she will undertake to compel the capitulation of Port Arthur by a siege. Major-General Pflug, the chief of staff of Vicercy Alexieff, telegraphs from Port Arthur today as follows:

"The situation at Porth Arthur is unchanged. A solina of Cossacks, march from Wiju, captured a Japanese Major, Tatsaru, with five soldiers and two civil-

"The reports regarding the enemy are generally contradictory and scarce. "It is confirmed that troops of Yuar Shal Kai, Commander-in-Chief of the Chi nese Army, are being dispatched to Tsin Chou and Skupangtse, in the Province of

"All is quiet in Manchuria."

#### RUSSIANS HIGHLY CONFIDENT.

They Do Not Believe the Japanese Can Effect and Maintain a Landing. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.-Although

the Japanese seem to be making Port Arthur one of their main objectives, military men here do not believe that they will be able to effect and hold a landing there. The entire country is strongly held by a division of Cossacks, which was quietly moved to the Far East from the Caucasus some time ago. Other Cossacks are under orders to join their comrades. The Russian army will have a distinctly Cossack appearance. Enormous shakes of black, long-haired sheepskin will be worn by the officers and men of the fighting regiments. This headgear is known as "papaha," and is most practical in keep-ing the head and neck warm and the blenk Manchurian winds from the eyes

## RUSSIA PROVIDES FOR SIEGE.

Expects to Have Sufficent Supplies for Two Years' Resistance.

YINKOW, Feb. 20 .- By means of a spe cial permission obtained from Major-General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, a newspaper correspondent succeeded in passing the lines under official escort, and visited Port Arthur, which is closed to all civilians. The correspondent gives the following account of conditions:

"Only 30 per cent of the population remains at Port Arthur, and many of these are leaving. The trains are still crowd-Railroad conditions are excellent, and trains are running on schedule time. There are only a few un-failshed aidetracks and one unfinished bridge between Niu Chwang and Port Ar-

thur.

"The pentusula of Liantung is quiet. Adequate guards are maintained at all culveris and bridges, and preparations for are defense are being continued. The troops in the vicinity of Kinchow are netive. A strong force is guarding the narrowest section of the pentusula.

"The authorities have mitigated war conditions at Port Arthur by fixing the prices of foodstuffs. The prices of those

prices of foodstuffs. The price of other amodities, however, has advanced, e authorities have taken possession of all food supplies in the stores which were descrited by Chinese and other merchants. They are providing for a siege by sending and allege that there is a sufficient food supply there for a resistance of two years.

## Japanese Refugees Leaving.

"Japanese refugers under the personal aupervision of the Viceroy and General Hancon are leaving Port Arthur on released ships. The local agents of two British steamers, which were deserted during the Japanese attack, are endoavering to induce the captains of these vessels to return and reciaim them. The Brand, the only ship now remaining at Port Arthur, will leave there Pebruary II with refugers and dispatches.

"Although the barbors on the Liantung Peninsula have been reopened, the author-lites do not expect further arrivals. The Japanese fleet, which is sighted at inter-vals from Golden Hill, completely controls the gulf, and under the imperfect police system all incomers are treated as sples. "The repairs to the Russian feet are proceeding. The cruiser Novik has been docked, but the conditions of the battle-ships Crarevitch and Retvizan remain unchanged. Engineers say that the Retvizan will be floated in a few days.

The cificial reports commond Capitain Basen, of the Novik, and Capitain Bersian, of the craiser Baran, for gallant conduct on February 8, and indicate that in spite of the fact that no Japanese were reported, the Russians did

some damage.
Captain Stephanoff, who was in command of the torpodo transport Yenizei which was reported to have been blown up from accidental contact with a mine, is declared to have met a heroic death in trying to save his crew.

Dainy Will Be Unsafe for Years. Dainy Will Be Unsafe for Years.

Shippers are of the opinion that the hather of Dainy will be unsafe for years to come on account of stray mines from the Yenisel some of which are reported by the last merchantman arriving at Port Arthur as defitting in the open sea.

"The Nevikity has suspended operations and only issues bulletins. The city is in darkness every night, but Vicesoy Alexiet's house it lighted, although the people understand that he is at Harlin, General Vinkoff is in command of the non-combatant force at Harbin, General Vinkoff is in command of the non-combatant force at Harbin, General Vinkoff is in command of the non-combatant force at Harbin, General Vinkoff is a command of the non-combatant force at Harbin, General Vinkoff is a command of the non-combatant force at Harbin, General Vinkoff is an extensive the company of the non-combatant force at Harbin, General Vinkoff is a command of the non-combatant force at Harbin, General Vinkoff is a command of the company of the non-combatant between the company of the company of the non-combatant force at Harbin, General Vinkoff is no command of the non-combatant force at Harbin, General Vinkoff is no command of the non-combatant force at Harbin General Vinkoff is no command of the non-combatant force at Harbin between the combatant force at Harbin between the command of the non-combatant force at Harbin between the company of the command of the non-combatant force at Harbin between the combatant force at Harbin between the command of the non-combatant force at Harbin between the command of the non-combatant force at Harbin between the command of the combatant force at Harbin between the combatant force at Harbin bet at Liao Yang, about half way between Niu Chwang and Mukden. When the Tenth Regiment is near Kinchow, the Ninth Regiment near Liau Chang, and the Twelfth Regiment near Liao Yang, it is intended to commence a simulta-

meous march toward the Yalu River. While Major-General Pflug is advancing the troops from Mukden to the Yalu, he will at the same time be strengthening his center, and be prepared to defend the railroad and the North Guif Coast in force. The military authorities are thoroughly aware of their unpreparedness to rush reinforcements.

"An enormous consignment of artillery is reported to be en route from Russia, and it is said without hesitation that there were not over 12,000 troops in Manchuria and at Vladivostok when the war began.

"The Administration suihorities of Port Arthur assert that the Japanese have landed in Corea only."

FRANCE EXPLAINS TO JAPAN.

She is Satisfied, but Jibuti Precedent May Prove a Bad One.

PARIS, Feb. 20.-Exchanges of comm ns of a friendly character have oc curred between France and Japan with respect to the stay of the Russian squadron at Januti, French Somalliand, France did not hesitate to make a complete explanation of her reasons for not ordering the Russian ships to depart, and it is said in a reliable quarter that this explanation concerning possible world cowas thoroughly satisfactory to the Jap-

Paris Bourse Is Wildly Excited by Rumors.

WAS GREAT DROP IN PRICES

Mobilization of Armies of France and Germany Reported Probable--Refusal of Russia to Honor American Consul an Influence.

PARIS, Feb. 20 .- Wild excitement prevailed on the Bourse today as the result of startling contradictory reports concerning possible world complica-



THEATER OF OPERATIONS IN COREA. JAPANESE P RESENT OBJEC-TIVE: THE VALUE BIVES AND MUKDEN, CAPITAL OF MANCHURIA

anese government. The frankness with which the French government dealt with the question was gratifying to the Japancse diplomats, and it is asserted that there is no reason to believe that any fricdon will arise between the two countries garding the incident.

It is now explained that France's neu rallty instructions, while contrary to a previous statement made on the same subject specifying the limit of stay as 14 hours, differs from the English neutrality laws in that this provision is hedged about by various con....ons which enable exten-sions of the time during which a belligerent may remain in French ports.

It is recognized in diplomatic circles that the Jibuti precedent may become a serious one for France, especially if a Japanese tic to operate against the Russians in the

## AMERICA IS CRITICISED.

Russians Object to action of Gunboat at Chemulpo Battle.

ST. PETERSBUBG, Feb. 20.—The re-fusal of the Commander of the United States gunboat Vicksburg to unite with the Commanders of other foreign warships at Chemulpo to protest against the fighting there on February s, which resulted in the loss of the Russian warships Variag and Koreitz, and the fact that the Vicksburg did not take on board any of the surviving Russian soldiers, has created much un-

The Foreign Office, however, shows no disposition to criticise the Comthe suggestion that he might have been restrained by the belief that such action might constitute a breach of neu-

# AMERICAN SHIP WITHDRAWN.

Wilmington is Ordered to Proceed From Chefoo to Shanghai.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.-A cablegram received at the Navy Department today from the Commander of the gunboat Wil-mington, at Chefoo, announcing the de-parture of that vessel for Shanghai, in accordance with orders from the depart-ment. It appears that the officials here were not advised of the intended visit of the Wilmington to Chefoo for the purpose of observing operations there. In pursuance of the policy of strict neutral-ity, which this Government has adopted and will adhere to, it was thought expe-dient to withdraw the Wilmington from the theater of action and orders to that

## RUSSIAN FLEET SAILING HOME

Vessels Which Started for Port Arthur Sighted on Return Trip.

ISLAND OF PERIM. Feb. 20 .- A squad on of warships passed here at midnight, sound for Suez. It was believed to be the Russian squadron recently at Jibutil, French Somaliland.

last night by way of Paris that the Russian squadron recently at Jibutil, had been ordered to return to Cronstadt,

# FRANCE MUST SHOW LOYALTY

Influential Men-Stand Firmly By Alliance With Russia.

PARIS, Feb. 20 .- The permanency of the PARIS, Feb. 20.—The permanency of the Pranco-Russian alliance is still the subject of fierce public discussion. The only noteworthy declaration favorable to the renunciation of the alliance it that of the Socialist leader, M. Jaures. This has led to the practical repudiation of M. Jaures by the Socialist groups in Parliament. The effect of the discussion has been to show that influential elements, while not believing the alliance to be favorable at present to French interests, do not conpresent to French interests, do not con-sider the time propitious for the slightest

Dowager Empress Receives Diplomate PEKIN, Feb. 38.—The diplomatic body was received in audience by the Dowager Empress today. In order to avoid a clash between the

Japanese and Russian Legation guards their respective commanders have agreed not to give them leaves of absence on identical days.

PARIS, Fob. 21.—The St. Petersburg cor-respondent of the Echo de Paris says there has been appointed a committee of seven military and naval officers to censor all ment Liau Charg, and telegrams from the seat of war, with the object of preventing information useful to the Japanese from getting out.

rumors included the prospective mobilization of the German and French armies. The evening papers also said serious influence was exercised by the report of difficulties between the United States and Russia in consequence of the refusal of Russia to grant an execusation to Mr. Morgan as Initial States. uatur to Mr. Morgan as United States

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Consul to Dalny.

The financial authorities say that not since 1881 has a scene occurred on the Bourse like that of today. Almost from the opening the leading securities began to fall. French rentes were particularly affected.

Spanish rentes were especially affected by the confusion which prevailed over the fears of international complication. This state was aggravated during the closing hour and the excitement, which amounted to a panic, was redoubled. French, Spanish and Turkish rentes were offered amid a great uproar. At the close the market was very agitated. Russian imperial 4s closed at 90.25; Rio Tintos lost 29 francs. The private rate of discount

francs. The private rate of discount was 27 1-16 per cent.

Some of the most notable losses during the day were as follows:

French 3 per cent, 1 franc, 40 centimes; Spanish 4s, 5 francs, 65 centimes; Turkish 4s, 2 francs, 60 centimes; Turkish Consolidated, 26 francs; Ottoman Banks, 26 francs; Sust (active) 7 Banks, 26 francs; Sust (active) 7 Banks, 26 francs; Suez (active), 7

Franca.

Some stocks of the most important French banks declined 59 to 70 franca. No important failures were reported up to 6 o'clock this evening as a result of the panic, in spite of the unloading. of the panic, in spite of the unloading. The impression seemed general yesterday afternoon that the market would drop, and as far as possible the brokers were prepared to meet the situation. It is reported that several prominent financiers will assemble tomorrow for the purpose of preventing a continuance of the panic on Monday. Their efforts will be assisted by the authorities who are applied densities. ties, who are publicly denying

Denies Army Is to Be Mobilized. PARIS, Feb. 20.-The Foreign Ofice denies the report circulated on the Bourse today of the mobilization of the French army, and no information has een received that such a step has been taken by Germany. All that has been done has been to take measures of a precautionary character, not because of any fear of immediate trouble, but in be prepared for possible eventualities.

The Foreign Office officials also de-clared that the Bourse panic was ut-terly without warrant.

# FEAR NOT SHARED BY BRITAIN

She is Confident No Other Powers Will Become Involved in War.

LONDON, Feb. 20.-The urenainess exhib ited on the Continent with regard to the possibility that a European war may ensue from the struggle in the Far East is not shared by Great Britain. No power has made such complete naval preparation and every contingency, and yet nowhere is confidence greater that the Japan than it is in London. The naval and military preparations announced from Con-tinental capitals are regarded as mere ommon-sense measures which any power

It is also thought that the lull in the actual war news has led many Euro-pean correspondents to employ their spare time in aggravating the Continental action and in applying such steps as have been actually taken to erroneous motives. The latest of these, that Great Britain intends to seize Spanish ports in the event of war, has

not even the semblance of probability.

The Associated Press learns that at the present moment Spain and Grent Britain are on the verge of concluding an arbitration treaty, and that in other ways their diplomatic relations are closer than they have been for years past. At the Spanish Embassy here it past. At the Spanish Embassy here it was emphatically declared the movements of Spanish troops were simply precautions that all nations must take when one of the great powers is involved in war. At the Foreign Office and at the Spanish Embassy the belief is entertained that no other Buropean power will be involved, least of all Spain, which has no direct or indirect laterat at stake.

indirect interest at stake.

"All the rumors," the Foreign Officer said, "that European complications are in eight are quite baseless."

# HAY TRANSMITS RUSSIAN REPLY

It is Considered Responsive to Amer ican Note on China.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—It is learned that the Russian Foreign Minister, Count Lams-lorff, today received from the Washington Government a communication announcing that Russia's reply was considered responsive to the American note on China, and would be transmitted to the governments of Japan and China. This has already been twice covered. Vis-

avorable response from the United States to Russia in highly gratifying to the offi-ials here, as it counteracts the mischlev-us reports to the effect that the Russian

ous reports to the effect that the Russian answer was equivalent to a rejection. As a matter of fact, Russia's reply is practically the same as those of the other powers, recognizing the neutrality of China, with the exception of Manchuris. The terms of the Russian reply are substantially as follows:
"Russia will be glad to join with the other powers in the recognition of Chinese neutrality on three conditions: First, that China shall maintain neutrality; second, that Japan shall loyally support this neutrality; third, that Manchuria, being the field of military operations, shall not be included."

The reply is quite brief, not containing any language before the foregoing three conditions and the introductory sentence.

Official Acceptance of Germany.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—The Foreign Office several days ago instructed the German Ambassador at St. Petersburg and the Minister of Germany at Tokio to communicate to the governments to which they are accredited Germany's adherence to the principles contained. dherence to the principles in Secretary Hay's note on the neutral-ity of China. Both powers gave a gen-eral assurance that those principles were acceptable to them.

#### SPAIN TAKES DEFENSIVE STEPS

Troops Are Held in Readiness for Service on Balearic Islands.

MADRID, Peb. 30.-Two regiments of infantry at San Sebastian and two regiments at Pampeluna, are held in readiness start for the Balearic Islands. Minister Linares has also sent a circular to the military authorities ordering the recall of all acidiers on furioush and to retain with the colors men whose service terminates March I.

terminates March i.

These measures caused considerable excitement, which was not diminished by the rumors which continued to circulate in spite of official denials, that this military activity was due to a warning from a European power to the effect that in the event of a Continental war, Great Britain intended to selze ports on the Spatials const.

France Can't Fathom Move of Spain. PARIS, Feb. 20.—The officials here pro-fees not to know the cause of Spain's nurried mobilisation of troops, but unfficial information shows that the mobilization is going on with the utmost fury, with a special view of protecting the Canary and Balasric group of islands. Large forces of infantry, cavalry and engineers have already been assigned to co-operate with the mayy in the defense of the islands and coast of the mainiam and Spain. A prominent official said:

The mobilization is probably due to a care similar to that which Spain ex-crienced when she expected Rear-Ad-airal Watson's fleet to attack her coast.' However, the authorities here are ware that Spain is suspicious that the esent war may lead some powers to at-mpt to secure strategic positions near braiter. British and French negotia-ons concerning Northern Morocco, options concerning Northern Morocco, op-posite Gibraitar, have been going on for the last year and Foreign Minister Del-casse recently told one of the Ambas-sadors that a settlement seemed as far-off as ever. He also said he believed Spain foresees Russia's present extreme-need of coaling stations between the Hailfe and the Far East.

The financial dangers attending the mo-

The financial dangers attending the mo odization were shown today in the com-plete demoralization of Spanish rentes n the Bourse.

#### JAPAN'S TRUST IN TWO NATIONS

United States and Britain Deemed Her Friends in the War.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 20.—The steamer Lyra, of the Boston Steamship Company, arrived this morning from Yokobama after the roughest passage ever made by her across the Pacific. The steamship battled with fierce hurricanes all the way. The Lyra brings the most valuable cargo ever shipped from Japan to America, consisting of articles for the Japanese exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, including con-

tributions from the Mikado's own pri-vate collection.

The Lyra left just before the outbreak of war, but the feeling then was intense. Immense crowds besieged the military and navnl offices demanding enrollment. A grand parade of the Im-perial Cavairy took place on the military grounds at Toklo just before the steamer left and was witnessed by hun-dreds of thousands of people wild with enthusiasm.

An intense feeling against Russia prevails in every class from the nobles to the coolies, but the police actively suppress any hostile demonstrations aguinst Russia or Russians. On the other hand, British and Americans are does the United States hold aloof from our

looked upon as friends of the gation.
While the utmost secrecy was maintained as to the disposition or movement of troops or naval vessels, it could be seen that not a moment was being lost in the preparations. Big guns were to be seen in transport by rall every day. No one seemed to doubt for a moment that the country would be at the Russians from the first. For many weeks previous to the sailing of the Lyra, the Japanese naval vessels had been at target practice.

#### AMBASSADOR LEAVES LONDON Russian Official's Movements Create

a Great Sensation. LONDON, Feb. 20.-Count Bencker dorff, the Russian Ambassador, left London today for St. Petersburg. The departure, connecting it with rumore that the Czar was displeased with his Ambassadors at Washington and London and with his Minister at Tokio owing to the recent turn of events, and out of baseless rumors of threatening

The Russian Embussy said positively that Count Benckendorff had gone to St. Petersburg for three days to bid farewell to his son, who is going to the Far East with his regiment. The Smbassy added the Ambassador's journey was in no way connected with his position as Ambassador. The Foreign Office here

The French Ambassador, M. Cambon left London today for a week-end visit to Paris, as he frequently does. The German Ambassador, Count Von Met-ternich, is also absent on a week-end isit. No significance is attached to the

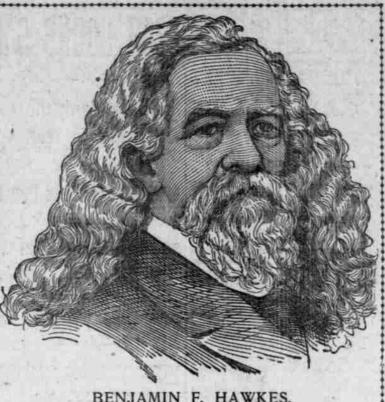
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Confirma on is obtained at the Russian Emassy of the Associated Press dispatch London that the Russian Ambass ador is going to St. Petersburg to see his son. All the seports attaching fur-ther significance to the Ambassador's ovements are characterized as ridic ulous. It is pointed out here that Am-bassador Cambon goes to Paris every fortnight, and that there is no cause for alarm at the report that he has left

Departure of No Significance.

Russian Minister at Tokio Salis. NEW YORK, Feb. 30.-Baron de Rose tussian Minister at Tokio, and his staff have sailed for home, says a Times patch from Shanghai. M. Pavloff, Russian Minister at Corea, who left Se a few days ago, remains at Shanghai awaiting instructions.

# A COMRADE OF GENERAL GRANT

Says: "I Do Not Believe Pe-ru-na Has a Superior for 'Catarrh."



BENJAMIN F. HAWKES.

Benjamin F. Hawkes, of Washington, D. C., Is One of the Three Living Comrades of General Grant in His Cadet Days at West Point.

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"I have tried Perusa after having tried in vain other remedies for catarrh, and I can say without reservation that I never felt a symptom of relief until I had given Peruna the simple trial that its advocates advise. I do not believe it has a superior, either as a remedy for catarrh or as a tonic for the depressed and exhausted condition which is one of the effects of the dis-ease."—Bejamin F. Hawkes.

SAAC BROCK, a citizen of McLen nan County, Texas, has lived for 114 years. In speaking of his good health and extreme old age, Mr. Brock says: "Peruna exactly meets all my require

of the country and its great resources.

ACTION OF RUSSIA NATURAL.

High Official Unable to See How

America Can Be Favored.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The Temps' semi-offi-cial, quotes a high Russian authority as

"Although the United States wishes to

send a Consul to Dalny, it is certain the Russian government alone can judge whether it is desirable to issue an ex-

equatur to that effect. It is necessary to

equatur to that effect. It is necessary to remember that, while Manchuria belongs to China, Russia holds Port Arthur and Dainy under a lease from the Chinese government. The war was commenced by Japan, which practically has estab-lished a state of slege at those points.

What is more natural than that the laws of war should be extended to those points, and that the authorities should refuse to graft an exequatur to a foreign Consul?

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measured by two things-cost and

effect. It cannot be measured by

either alone. It is greatest in that

medicine that does the most for

the money -that radically and per-

manently cures at the least ex-

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loss of appetite and general debility.

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found it reliable and giving perfect satisfac

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pense. That medicine is

China to issue exequaturs for Consuls at Mukden and Antung, it is their right to

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Spanish coast.

which I need medicine.

"When epidemics of la grippe first began to make their appearance in this country I was a sufferer from this dis-

"I had several long sieges with the grip. At first I did not know that Peruna was a remedy for this disease. When I heard that la grippe was epidemic catarrh I tried Peruna for la grippe, and found it to be just the thing."—Isaac Brock.

what I am talking about. I have taken it every Spring and Fall for four years, and J find that it keeps me robust, strong, with splendid appetite, and free ments. It protects me from the evil effects of sudden changes; it keeps me in good appetite; it gives me strength; it keeps my blood in good circulation. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for

too thankful to you for your kind ad-vice and for the good health that I am enjoying wholly from the use of your Peruna. Have been out to the Yellow-stone National Park and many other places of the West, and shall always thank you for your generosity."

# Eighty-Eight.

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Hev. J. N. Parker, Utica, N. Y., writes;
"In June, 1861, I lost my sense of hear,
ing entirely. My hearing had been somewhat impaired for several years, but not
so much affected but that I could hold
converse with my friends; but in June,
1901, my sense of hearing left me so that
I could hear no sound whatever. I was
also troubled with severo rheumatic
pains in my limbs. I commenced taking
Peruna and now my hearing is restored
as good as it was prior to June, 1961. My
rheumatic pains are all gone. I cannot
speak too highly of Peruna, and now
when eighty-eight years old can say it
has invigorated my whole system."—Rev.
J. N. Parker.

Mr. W. B. Schnader, of Terre Hill, Pa.,
writes:

states toward her as a visitation of divine justice because she did not heed the ap-peals from the Boers for help during their struggle against Great Britain," said Baron Eugene De Fersen, a Russian nobleman, cousin of Baron A. A. Schlip-Orders Issued That Men Be Ready penbach, Russian Consul at Chicago, who is here on a visit. "Time and again," continued the Baron, "did President Kruger appeal to Russia for Service at Short Notice. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Under or-ders issued by the War Department, the commanders of the various military de-partments of the United States Army are for sympathy and help against England, and as often did the Russian government refuse to aid the Boers. "In the conquest of the Philippines by

the United States, no note of protest was heard from Russia. But when Russia peaceably occupies Manchuria, pouring millions of roubles into the development Although it is not generally known, the San Francisco Presidio is the most active Army post in the work of preparation.
The troops of the Presidio are doing extra drill dally, and it is stated on the
best of authority that within the next affair? No. There is developed in the United States a great interest in the preservation of the integrity of China. Protest is made to Russia. two weeks a large consignment of cold-weather clothing will arrive at the post ready for distribution on 24 hours' notice. The fact that blanket-lined overcosts, fur gloves and heavy Arctic boots are among "It is most incomprehensible to us Russians why the United States, whom we Britain intended to seize ports on the the supplies to arrive in San Francisco is significant of the intention of the War Department to prepare the troops for a climate more rigorous than that of Call-

Another phase of these preparatory measures is the work of the Coast Artillery that has charge of the harbor defenses. The recently organized school in submarine mining has taken such an interest in its work that a corps of men is daily devoting the hours between surrise and sunset to the study of the methods of modern barbor defense, while a large and sunset to the study of the methods of modern harbor defense, while a large force of men is working day and night in the sheds near the Government wharves preparing platforms such as are used for placing the floating mines.

placing the floating mines.
During the coming week the shells which are for the masked batteries that surround the Golden Gate will be distributed among the gun stations and the dynamite will be removed to a place of safety near the submarine station

The artillery corps has been divided into several divisions, each in charge of a competent officer, and these are practicing speed in manning the guns of the coast defense. The daily drill consists of turning out of quarters, running to the guns and loading and firing. Dummy shells are used in these exercises.

#### HER SHIPS NOT CRIPPLED. Togo Suffered No Damage in Engagement at Port Arthur.

TOKIO, Feb. El.-The reports from va-

rious quarters saying that Admiral To-go's fleet was partly crippled in the op-erations at Port Arthur are unfounded. It has been unnecessary to send a sin-gle large ship to Sassbo for repairs. Two gle large ship to Sassbo for repairs. Two torpedo-destroyers have been damaged, but not in fighting. The Akebono, in attempting to coal from a collier during a storm, collided with the Oboro, disabiling her machinery. Both were sent to Base be to be repaired and they will be ready to be repaired and they will be ready and recuperate. Could anything be more simple or natural? They are bound to cure. They cannot help themselves. It be to be repaired and they will be ready for service soon. The armored cruins Chiyoda has been docked at Sasshe and cleaned. She has been in the water for months, and her bettom was so foul that her speed was impaired. The battleship Shikishima, which was injured on the eve of war, was repaired in time to participate in Admiral Togo's attack on Port Arthur. On February 3 she was returning to Sassbo after naval maneuvers, and while changing her berth struck bottom. Her accident was at first regarded as serious, and it was thought that the Japanse would have to defer war until the Shikishima had been defer war until the Shikishima had been repaired, owing to the then evenly hal-anced naval strength of Japan and Rus-

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"I can recommend Peruna as a good medicine for

A TRAVELER AT SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE. been troubled severely with it for over a year, and also a cough. Now my cough is all gone, and all the distressing symptoms of catarrh of the stomach and howels have disappeared. I will recommend it to all as a rare remedy. I am so well I am contemplating a trip to Yellowstone Park this coming season. How is that for one 71 years old?"

In a later letter she says: "I am only too thankful to you for your kind ad-

# Strong and Vigorous at the Age of

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Years.

Mrs. E. West, 137 Main street, Menasha, Wis., writes: "We have used Peruna in our family for a number of years, and when I say that it is a fine medicine for catarrh and colds, I know what I am talking about. I have taken it every Spring and Fall for four years, and J find that it keeps me robust, and J farty a group tand gatts—

do so. But the actual situation confers upon us certain rights. Manchuria being the theater of war, occupied by us and recognized by the United States and other powers as outside of the Chinese zone of neutrality, it is for our military authorities to judge the question of receiving these Consuls, even if China grants them exequiturs. I do not know the decision of Viceroy Alexieff, but they (the military authorities) are free to take any action the Boers for help during their struggle against Great Britain," said Baron Eugene De Fersen, a Russian

at the next opportunity.

Captain Takenouchi a former navai attache at Paris, has been appointed to command the Nishin and Captain Oinouyu, late Chief of Staff of the Kure navyyard, has been appointed to command the Kasuga, the two cruisers which were purchased from the Argentine Republic. placing in readiness for service at short | The Kasuga has gone to Kurs to outfit notice the organizations under their immediate charge. This work is being done in the quietest possible manner, and the officers in charge are very reticent about talking on the subject.

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En Route-to Texas to Succeed Grant. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.-General Jesse M. Lee is here en route from the Philippines to succeed General Fred Grant, in Texas. General Lee was under General Chaffee with the allied troops on their march to Pekin during the Boxer

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