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Russia in Manchuria.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Andrew Beit-chenko, secretary and interpreter of the Russian Legation at Peking, who is on his way to St. Petersburg, speaking of the trouble between Russia and Japan, said:

"Russia wants peace in the Far East above all else, and will not fight unless forced to by Japan. On the other hand Japan is anxious for war. Russia will never give up Manchuria. It belongs to Russia by the right of peaceful conquest, and she intends to hold it. But not selfishly, for Russia intends to open up Manchuria commercially and industrially and will give all nations an equal chance in the territory."

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—The Russian battleship Retvizan was built by the Cramp, at Philadelphia. She is of 12,700 tons displacement, has 16,000 indicated horsepower, and had a speed of 18 knots per hour. Her armor is of Krupp steel, from 4 to 10 inches in thickness, and her armament consists of four 12-inch guns, 12 six-inch guns, 20 three-inch guns and 26 smaller rapid-fire guns.

The Czarovitch is a battle ship of 13,110 tons, built in France. In armor, armament and speed she about equals the Retvizan.

The Pallad is a cruiser of 6630 tons. She was built in Germany and completed in 1902. Her armament consisted of six six-inch guns, 20 three-inch guns and eight 14-inch guns. Her speed is estimated at 20 knots.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The news of the first Japanese attack with torpedo-boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur created consternation here. The officials of the Foreign Office were among the first to receive the information, and the advice were similar to those of the St. Petersburg official Gazette, showing that two Russian battleships and one cruiser were damaged, and also showing that four torpedo-boats made the attack. An official of the Foreign Office said:

"It is profoundly to be regretted that such a decisive step has been taken, and it terminates the efforts the powers might have made to avert actual warfare."

Information has been received here showing that the British Government will issue a declaration of neutrality, within a few days, perhaps immediately, and that France will take the same course within a day or two.

The naval engagement off Port Arthur is said to have mainly occupied the attention of the council of Ministers. The impression prevailed that the three battleships torpedoed are so badly disabled as to be useless for the remainder of the war, thus placing the Russian fleet in a state of manifest inferiority. It is said that members of the council of Ministers expressed astonishment at the alleged negligence of the commanders of the Russian ships in permitting the Japanese to surprise them.

The Japanese Legation announces that Japan has requested China to declare coal contraband of war. The effect of this would be to cut off the main coal supply of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. The legation officials add that China's continuance of supplying the Russians with coal would be a breach of neutrality.

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—Japan's initial success in the first attack with torpedo-boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur produced a deep impression both on the people and military and naval circles here. Groups gathered around the distributors of the extras in the streets and read the news almost with exclamations of gladness.

The comment at the Marine Department was that even the temporary disablement of three warships placed the Russians at a great disadvantage in future operations. It was added that the torpedoing of the enemy's vessels lying under powerful land batteries must have been carried out daring and skillfully.

As Viceroy Alexieff did not mention any Japanese losses in his dispatch, the common talk of the naval officers was that the Japanese have shown that they can handle their ships better than the Russians.

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HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, THE CZAR OF RUSSIA, IS PRAYING BUT THE GODS ARE WITH THE JAPANESE GUNS.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A special dispatch from Tokio, dated today, says it is reported that three transports of the Russian volunteer fleet, conveying about 2000 troops, have been captured by the Japanese off the Korean coast.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—5:30 P. M.—Some of the newspapers here print extras, claiming a Russian victory at Port Arthur. Three Japanese warships and four torpedo-boats are reported to have been seriously crippled. One report says the Japanese battleship Shikishima was sunk. The people are demonstrating, but there is no official confirmation of the report, and the announcement is discredited.

VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 10.—Private telegrams received here report the complete rout of the Japanese by the Russians on the Yalu River. These advices also claim that Chemulpo, Korea, has been occupied by Russian soldiers and marines.

LONDON, Feb. 10, 2 P. M.—Official dispatches from Tokio received by Baron Hayashi say the Japanese Admiral, on arriving at Chemulpo, Korea, sent in word to the two Russian cruisers Variaz and Korieta, giving them a time limit in which to leave. Shortly afterward the Russians came out and attacked a Japanese torpedo-boat, which replied with a torpedo ineffectively. A general exchange of shots then followed. After a hot fire the Russians returned to Chemulpo, and sank at the entrance of the harbor. It is not yet known whether the sinking was due to the Japanese fire or to the Russians' own action, but it is believed to be due to the former.

The crews of both the Russian vessels sought refuge on a French warship at Chemulpo. There were no casualties among the Japanese, and their vessels sustained no damage.

According to the official advice received by Baron Hayashi, only four battalions of Japanese troops have up to the present been landed at Chemulpo, Korea.

The text of the official dispatch received by Baron Hayashi is as follows: On Monday a Japanese squadron, consisting of transports met on the way to Chemulpo, Korea, the Russian gunboat Korieta, as the latter was coming out of port. The Korieta took up an offensive attitude towards the Japanese vessels, and fired on the Japanese torpedo-boats. The latter discharged two torpedoes ineffectively, and then the Korieta returned to her anchorage in the port.

"Early in the morning of Tuesday, Admiral Urik, commanding the Japanese squadron, formally called on the Russian warships to leave Chemulpo before noon. The Admiral added that if his demand was not complied with he would be compelled to attack them in the harbor. The two Russian warships left the port at about 11:30 a. m., and a battle ensued outside the Polynesian Islands. After about an hour's engagement the Russian warships sought refuge among the islands. Toward evening the Russian cruiser Variaz sank, and about 4 a. m. today, February 10, the Korieta was reported to have also sunk, having been blown up. The officers and men of the two sunken vessels sought refuge on the French cruiser Pascal. There were no casualties on the Japanese side."

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister here, has received official confirmation from Tokio of the destruction at Chemulpo of the Russian first-class cruiser Variaz and the third-class cruiser Korieta.

The cruiser Variaz, which was built at Cramp's Shipyard, Philadelphia, in 1893, was of unshelved steel. She was of 5500 tons displacement, and her indicated horsepower was 20,000. On her speed trial she made 22 knots per hour for eight hours. She was 400 feet long, 54 feet beam, and had a depth of hold of 20 feet. The Variaz's armament consisted of 12 6-inch quick-firing guns; 19 12-pounder quick-firing guns; 2 1-pounders, and 6 torpedo tubes, two of which were submerged.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Holland has decided in case of war to maintain the strictest neutrality, says a Herald dispatch from The Hague. In that case Russian vessels bound for Port Arthur will not be allowed to coal at any of her ports in the East Indian waters.

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—The Cologne Gazette defines Germany's policy in East Asia in an article which is evidently inspired, as follows:

"We must direct our attention to seeing that further complications do not arise from this quarrel, and that the regions in China adjacent to the theater of war are not drawn into the outbreak. We can best subserve this purpose by a policy which will leave no doubt of our fullest neutrality."

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SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—Captain Frank Grant has just received a letter from Major C. A. Devo, general superintendent of the United States Army transport service, which reads as follows: "The reserve transport fleet has been overhauled and fitted out and is ready for sea."

Among local army men this is considered significant in view of the present outlook for war in the far East.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9, 3 p. m.—The news that Japan had duplicated her tactics at the opening of the China-Japanese War by a torpedo attack on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur, created intense excitement. Details of the attack are anxiously awaited. Extra editions of the morning papers printed early in the forenoon, after the appearance of the official messenger, conveyed the intelligence to the population of the capital and dispelled any lingering hopes that war could be averted.

The Czar and his Ministers, who had been informed immediately of the receipt of Viceroy Alexieff's telegram accepted the gage and prepared to face the reality of war. The Czar's manifesto declaring a state of war to exist, is expected to be issued tomorrow at the latest.

PORT ARTHUR, Feb. 9.—Japanese torpedo-boats attacked the Russian fleet here during the night, and three of the Russian ships were badly damaged. The Japanese, who thus scored the first success of the war, escaped undamaged.

CHE FOO, Feb. 9.—The Japanese Consul, formerly stationed at Daini, who has just returned to Che Foo from Daini near Port Arthur, says that he passed a Japanese fleet today going in the direction of Port Arthur.

A STAGGERING BLOW.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The naval men in London regard the results of Japan's first attack with torpedo-boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur as being a staggering one. They pointed out that Viceroy Alexieff's reference to "mining" obviously meant "torpedoing" and said that if the Russian vessels had been struck by "whitened torpedoes" they probably have been sunk or are resting in the mud in Port Arthur, in any case hopelessly out of action for a considerable time.

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