FLEET WILL AID RUSSIA

Appearance of American Warships in Pacific Ocean May Mean That Czar Can Reestablish Prestige in East Asia.

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St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—The presence of the American fleet in the Pacific ocean and Japan's apparent determination to fix a quarrel on China have resulted in a marked increase in diplomatic and military activity here.

Since the peace of Portsmouth Russia has completely ceased all attempts to reestablish her former prestige in East Asia. But now the prospect of a quarrel between Japan and China or between Japan and the United States have revived the hopes of the very small "revanche" party, whose reputations and pockets were injured by the late war.

Ivan Pavlovitch Schiloff, formerly minister of finance, who has just returned from an official tour in the far east, is reported to have given the foreign office a very illuminating account of the predominance of Japan in Manchuria and the aggressions of her subjects in the maritime province of Siberia. His view is that Russian trade with Manchuria is completely killed and that the exclusionist measures of Japan, which have killed it, will soon have the same effect upon all foreign commerce.

The Russian official attitude is friendly to Japan for the reason that Russia, standing alone, is absolutely defenseless. But the real Russian policy is to create a new defense system as rapidly as possible. Two measures—the re-creation of the fleet and the doubling of the Siberian railroad—are already decided on.

The proposals to begin with an expenditure of $100,000,000 upon battleships and $85,000,000 on the railroad are already before the Duma as a formality, for the duma has no real power to oppose any government measure.

The doubling of the Siberian railroad will make Russia again the first military power in Asia. All Russians and what is more important, practically all foreign observers, believe that she was within an ace of regaining that position in the war with Japan. All recent evidence is to the effect that, even with a single railroad and a revolution at home, she would have beaten Japan on land if peace had not been signed at Portsmouth. The single railroad was the only factor which prevented her in 1905 concentrating half a million additional men in Manchuria.

CHINESE ROAD IN OPERATION

Portion of New Line, Financed by Portland Celestials, Opened.

Seattle, Feb. 22.—Chin Gee Hee, pioneer Seattle Chinese merchant, cabled yesterday to Chin Keay, manager for the Quong Tuck company, to purchase immediately a piledriver in Seattle and ship it to the Sun Ning railroad, now practically completed under Chin Gee Hee's direction in the southern part of Canton province. The Sun Ning railway is financed by Chinese capitalists of Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, and will be completed by July.

The first section of the road has been opened, Chin Gee Hee says in a private letter to his firm here. At the opening the mandarian governing the province, a big class of Chinese students and all the dignitaries in the Sun Ning district were taken aboard a special train for a trip over the line. Fireworks contributed toward a general celebration over the opening of the road. The line is in operation between Sun Ning and Ning Hoy Fau.

Chin Gee Hee has applied to the Chinese government to have Sam Gop made a free port. This is the new port on the southern coast of China which the railroad has made its tidewater terminus. It is the hope of Chin Gee Hee that a steamship line will be established and trade with America can be handled from the southern part of Canton province through Seattle.

The Chinese syndicate which is completing the new railroad is making a new harbor at Sam Gop, and the piledriver to be purchased and shipped from Seattle will be used in completing new docks and warehouses. At each of the railroad's termini the company will build about 1,000 business buildings and houses. The towns are being laid out on American plans and the structures follow American styles of architecture so far as is possible in China.

DRAMATISTS SEIZE SAME PLOT FOR PLAY

Hauptmann and Sudermann Victims of a Remarkable Coincidence.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—Germany's two leading dramatists, Hauptmann and Sudermann, have by a remarkable coincidence fixed on the same theme for their latest dramas. Each has made a play on a legend of Charlemagne, the first German emperor.

Hauptmann was first with the production of his drama, which has scored only a moderate success at the Lessing theatre here. "Kaiser Charles' Hostage," which is in four acts, is far below his highest standard of a drama.

This is the story: Charlemagne has taken a Saxon girl of 16, named Gersaind, as hostage for the good behavior of a conquered Saxon prince, and placed her in a convent to be taught Christianity. She is a rare beauty, appearing to Charlemagne as an angel of innocence. Really, however, she is possessed of a demon—the seven deadly sins incarnate.

Although her life in the convent is one of extreme sinfulness, Charlemagne is blind to all her faults, until the recital of them by his chancellor enlightens him as to the real character of the apparent angel. In his indignation the emperor shuts Gersaind out of his palace and tries to shut her out of his heart.

So, after having lived a while in the palace, Gersaind is sent back to the convent. Here she becomes ill. It is whispered through drinking a potion administered by the chancellor, and she dies in penitence and the odor of sanctity. Charlemagne goes to the convent to see her lying dead. Bursting into tears, he vows to devote the remainder of his life to warlike enterprise, and so forget his love for the girl hostage.

HUNT GOLD IN GRAND CANYON

Brave Miners Shoot Rapids for 752 Miles and Are Wrecked Many Times.

Needles, Cal., Feb. 22.—Charles S. Russell and E. R. Monett, the prospectors who traveled 752 miles through the Grand Canon of the Colorado, arrived here today. The men made the journey in a 16-foot boat.

They started from Green River, Utah, on September 15, with another companion and two boats. One of the boats was lost, and Albert Loper, the third member of the party, either died or deserted.

The trip was made to investigate the gold placers reported to exist in the canyon. The men will not talk on what they found.

They assembled their fleet of three 16-foot all steel rowboats, with airtight compartments in the ends and under the seat, at Green River. Five days later they started on their dangerous journey, with six months' provisions packed in their boats.

Lose One Boat.

In four days he trio had reached the junction of the Green and Grand rivers, the beginning of the Colorado, having covered the 120 miles in less than five days. From this point to Hite, a small town near the Arizona line, the first bad water was encountered in the 41 miles of Cataract canyon.

Loper was the photographer of the expedition and had the camera and plates in his boat when it was filled with water. Examination showed the plates were ruined and the camera shutter badly rusted.

It was decided that Loper should remain at Hite to await the arrival of a new shutter, which he ordered at once. They have not seen or heard of him since.

Friday, December 13, had no terrors for the intrepid pair, and they started down the river on that morning with the 66 miles of Marble canyon in front of them for a hunt of the 217 miles of the Grand Canyon below.

Ride Over Falls.

For the next seven days they rode the roaring stream in its descent between perpendicular walls of marble an average of 3,300 feet high. At one stage there are 57 falls of 16 to 20 feet sheer drop in a distance of 19 miles.

They entered the Grand Canyon December 20. For the first 15 miles below the mouth of the Little Colorado and the beginning of this big canyon they found comparatively quiet water. But from the lower point on to the beginning of the first granite gorge they descended the worst falls they had met.

Christmas found them only 15 miles above Bright Angel. Immediately below this camping place and continuing for 10 miles the river dashed madly through what Stanton called Sockdologer.

Russell led the way in his boat, swinging it into the boiling current stern first—his own method of taking a cataract—making his frail craft respond to his will when possible by a forward pull o none or the other of his oars—For half an hour both men were hurled down the seemingly never-ending length of tossing waters.

Russell was sweeping around the last great curve, beyond which he could see the placid water, when he heard his companion call from behind.

Mooring his boat at the foot of the rapids, Russell half climbed, half waded along the shore of the river and made his way back up the side of the rapids.

Monett, his boat wedged tightly below the surface of the sweeping water, was hanging desperately to the gunwale of the little craft—his body straightened out horizontal by the swift current. The boat was completely wrecked.

Four times the boy let Russell haul sides of bacon and sacks of beans on a rope through the 30 feet of death-threatening water between him and the shore before he finally held the rope and let Russell drag him to safety.

Look for Gold.

They pitched camp at the foot of the rapids and made their first comprehensive investigation of the formation in the granite. Although neither man would divulge the nature of their discoveries, it is interesting to note they spent days at this point.

At noon, January 6, a party from the tourist hotel in the rim of the canyon at Bright Angel, 40 men and women, eating their luncheon on the river bank, saw two men ride out of the rapids 200 yards up the river and row leisurely toward them.

The miners—their clothes torn and wet, their faces covered with beard of 110 days' growth—were taken to the hotel.

MORE WARSHIPS FOR ENGLAND

Probable Naval Program Shows Seventeen New Fighting Machines.

London, Feb. 22.—In view of the threatening attitude of that section of the radical party which advocates reduction in armament, there has been much speculation as to whether the government will persist in the determination reached on the advice of the lords of the admiralty to submit increased naval estimates to parliament.

Those in position to know say they will, and backed by strong public opinion, will be able to carry them through without difficulty. What these estimates provide for in the way of new construction is another question that has been much discussed.

A naval officer who, while not admitting the possession of any inside information, is nevertheless well informed, gives the following as the probable program:

Seventeen New Warships.

Three armored vessels of the improved Dreadnought type; ships that will embody many changes devised after the thorough trials which the first of this class has passed.

Two cruisers, improvements on the old Edgar class, 3,500 tons, with a great radius of action, enabling them to remain at sea for long periods when engaged as parent ships for torpedo craft or as scouts or dispatch boats.

At least 12 torpedo craft, the majority of them of the Tribe class, two of which—the Tartar and Ghurka—recently ran their trials with much success. There also will be provision for additional submarines, but of these the admiralty maintains the greatest secrecy.

This is not looked upon as a complete answer to Germany's program. Even the critics of the policy of the admiralty admit that the start England has obtained will enable her to maintain the two-power standard without rushing work during the coming fiscal year. Besides, the delay of 12 months will allow her to learn something of what other powers are doing and then "go them one better," either by outbuilding them or designing a ship that will be a great improvement over those now being constructed.

Germany's refusal to agree at The Hague to the proposal to prohibit the placing of floating mines has caused British activity in still another direction. Heretofore this country has had but two mine-laying vessels. Since The Hague conference adjourned work has been begun on the conversion of three second class cruisers for this purpose.

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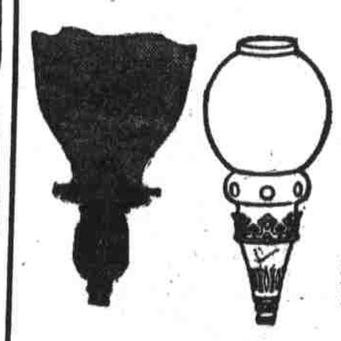

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