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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

Turkey and Montenegro are on the verge of war.

John Mitchell is expected to succeed Wright as labor commissioner.

Secretary Hay has addressed another note to the powers in regard to China.

Senator Hoar accuses Senator Foraker and others of misrepresenting him on his Panama stand.

Turkey and Bulgaria are both making great preparation and war in the Balkans is considered near.

Senator Foster must give up his bill or the state of Washington will not be divided into two judicial districts.

Burton, of Ohio, has joined the opposition to the naval appropriation bill, contending the amount is too large.

John Garber, of San Francisco, has declined the appointment as canal commissioner, but some California engineer is almost sure to get the appointment.

Seven life convicts in the New Mexico penitentiary overpowered the superintendent and made a dash for liberty, but were subdued by guards.

Senator Hansbrough has introduced a bill to end the lieue land evil.

The Czar is much downcast over the war and appears little in public.

Fourteen people met death in a Paris factory from an explosion.

Russians expect Japan to lay siege to Port Arthur and are preparing for a long resistance.

The Czar will likely proceed to the front in the spring to take personal command of the army.

Japan has had a dispute with China regarding a Russian gunboat which took refuge at Shanghai.

General Kourapatkin is to command the Russian army, aided by two grand dukes, uncles of the Czar.

The Porto Rican has demanded that they be admitted to statehood or that the island be granted independence.

Perry S. Heath has resigned as secretary of the National Republican committee. Elmer Dover will temporarily succeed him.

Presbyterian churches of the United States have agreed upon a plan of union.

Russia has abolished the censorship on all news excepting war movements.

Mitchell is sure to head the inter-oceanic canal committee if Platt does not want the place.

The British press warns the nation to be prepared for an alliance by the powers against her.

St. Louis constables precipitated a riot, in which six men were shot, by attempting to close a poolroom across the river in Illinois.

Russia is said to be preparing to evacuate Port Arthur and make Harbin her headquarters. This is claimed to be a much better point of vantage.

The house is considering the naval appropriation bill. It is the desire to have a navy which will be second to none in the world. The bill carries \$14,000,000 more than last year's appropriation.

The house has passed the fortification bill.

Insurance companies find the Baltimore fire losses were overestimated.

Canada is placing heavy modern guns in all of her coast fortifications. Abner McKinley is seriously ill. A number of his relatives have been called.

Tillman has re-introduced his bill in the senate to grant ex-Queen Liliuokalani a gratuity.

A number of additional indictments will be made in connection with the Hyde-Benson land conspiracy.

Two hundred and fifty picked shipwrights have been sent to Port Arthur to hurry repairs on Russian war vessels.

Russia is greatly surprised that Hay did not wait for its reply before telling of reception by powers of his Chinese note.

The Lewis and Clark Fair bill will not be reported to the house until the committee learns more of the needs of the exposition.

Japan now has 120,000 men in Corea.

Woman suffragists will hold their 1905 convention in Portland.

Hanna left an estate valued at between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000.

Russia will prepare for action by Britain threatening her hold in Tibet and Persia.

A Sydney, Australia mob caused Dowle to quit the stage and suddenly leave the city.

Russians are very cruel to foreigners at Niu Chwang and a reign of terror is feared.

ON TO THE NORTH.

Japanese Land Forces Advancing on Ping Yang.

Wei Hal Wei, Feb. 24.—On February 19 the Halmun arrived at Chemulpo and started for a private anchorage that had been arranged for. Conspicuous at the entrance of the harbor were the wrecks of the Russian vessels that had been sunk after the engagement with the Japanese. Salvage operations had already begun on the Varig and the divers were at work on the sunken cruiser.

Japanese army corps was being landed in three divisions. The 12th division had already disembarked and the Imperial Guards were to follow immediately. A general advance on the road to Ping Yang is expected soon.

The methods of the Japanese excite the greatest admiration from all foreign military experts who witness them. British officers declare openly that it is an improvement over anything in their experience and state that it indicates an organization superior to anything in Europe.

Japan's action in Corea amounts to an acceptance of responsibility for the safety of foreigners throughout Corea and all apprehensions of local disturbances have been allayed.

The original scheme on the part of the Japanese Board of Strategy has been to land at Masampo and march northward, but the naval victories changed all this and enabled the transports to land at Chemulpo. While the Russian-Siberian squadron remains intact at Vladivostok it is regarded as unlikely that Japan will attempt to land troops on the Eastern coast. The road so far as Hwang Ju is good. It is flanked by paddy fields, which are at present frost-bound and covered with two inches of ice.

The conditions are such that it would be almost impossible for the Russians at present to check the Japanese advance. However, the district between the Yalu River and Ping Yang is of such strategic value as to necessitate strenuous efforts on the part of both combatants to occupy it. Success by the Russians in this respect will render Chemulpo untenable as a base by the Japanese. On the other hand, should the Japanese successfully occupy it, they will have a clear field and an open sea behind them, over which they can hurry additional troops as they are needed.

BLACK SEA FLEET MUST GO.

Russia Again Negotiating for Passage Through the Dardanelles.

New York, Feb. 24.—The Herald has the following cable from its St. Petersburg correspondent:

"I have received further corroboration that active negotiations are in progress for the passage of the Dardanelles by the Russian Black Sea fleet. I am further informed that this is the reason why such pains have been taken of late to obtain the good will of Austria. Germany will probably be willing to further Russia's plan, being glad enough to find thereby means of realizing her well-known ambitions in Asia Minor and let Russia weaken herself in fighting the Far East. Russia knows all this, but is nevertheless eager to get her ships through, even if it is necessary to adopt the subterfuge of altering their appearance, disguising them as merchantmen. The Porte is almost willing, and if England makes any objection to the passage it will be the signal for an immediate advance toward India.

"The Russian government has just chartered from a local firm of shipowners four ships, which sail from Black Sea ports with cargoes of coal. Very high terms were given, and in case of capture the government will pay the full value of the vessels. "The order of the day is that Japan will be allowed to occupy Corea. The fleet has received instructions not to engage in any fight at present, but to remain quiet on defensive until the beginning of July, when half of the whole Baltic fleet will be dispatched to the Far East."

Bombardment Prevented.

Nagasaki, Feb. 24.—The steamer Stolberg has arrived here from Vladivostok with 20 white foreigners, 1500 Chinese and 50 Japanese. She brings in addition 40 survivors of the Japanese steamer Nakanoura Maru, which was sunk by the Russian cruiser squadron from Vladivostok on February 11. Two men were drowned during their transfer to the Russian ships. The survivors were well treated and provided with return passages. The Vladivostok squadron intended to bombard Hakodate, but a snow storm prevented the vessels from entering the Straits of Tsugaru.

Philippine Commissioner Confirmed.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The Senate today confirmed W. Cameron Forbes, of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Philippine Commission and to succeed as secretary of the Department of Commerce and Police, Luke E. Wright.

FOUR SHIPS LOST

JAPANESE FOOL RUSSIANS BY USE OF SIGNALS.

Torpedo Boats at Port Arthur Captured and Crews Made Prisoners—Alexiff Goes to Harbin—Port Arthur Is Now Strictly a Naval Stronghold—Only 20 Foreigners Remain.

London, Feb. 24.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, cabling under date of February 22, reports that the Japanese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by using Russian signals. This dispatch appears to confirm reports from various quarters of a fresh attack on Port Arthur by the Japanese. The report reached Nagasaki from Chefoo, and it adds that the Russian crews of the four torpedo boats have been transferred.

No other news of this attack has been received in London, but the Chefoo correspondent of the Morning Post, in a dispatch dated February 22, says the statement is current that the Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers in the attack on Port Arthur on February 14 sunk or damaged two Russian battleships, in addition to the torpedo boat already reported.

Viceroy Alexiff's retirement to Harbin is now an accomplished fact, and a correspondent of the Associated Press cables that Port Arthur is now strictly a naval stronghold and the forts are being manned by naval gunners. Only 20 foreigners are now at Port Arthur, and they are traders disposing of their merchandise.

Some of them are under suspicion, and there is likelihood of their being arrested. There are many complaints of unwarranted arrests, unexplained expulsion and defamation of character by the Port Arthur police.

The report that large bodies of Cosacks and other troops are occupying Niu Chwang and Hsin Ming Tin are unfounded.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hong Kong says a British squadron is concentrating there and that a corresponding French concentration of warships is occurring at Sagon, Indo-China. This is supposedly a result of the Anglo-French understanding.

MANY SUSPICIOUS OF RUSSIA

Believe She Is Courting Publicity to Influence French Sentiment.

Paris, Feb. 24.—St. Petersburg, in time of peace one of the most difficult places for journalistic effort, has suddenly become a great center for foreign correspondents. The continental press is at present flooded with long telegrams and letters from the Russian capital.

The sudden rush of the Russian government into publicity has aroused suspicion in many quarters, where the question is being asked: "What is behind the move?" It is inconceivable that the Russian government, which took great pains to conceal every important happening in time of peace, should now want to make public every happening of importance. A number of leading diplomats and army and naval officers are inclined to believe that in permitting all manner of sensational stories to be spread broadcast, Russia hopes to influence the stock market in France, and thus cause a diversion in favor of Russia.

Blood Poisoning and Puerpal Fever.

Formalin is the most powerful antiseptic agent known to science, and if it is really an antidote for blood poisoning medical practice has made some advancement. Still its use must be accompanied by the greatest caution. It is given subcutaneously by using 1-2000 of formalin in a dec-normal salt solution. Of this, sixty centimeters is hypodermically administered, and in an hour the patient's temperature may be reduced from 104 to 99. The primary effect of introducing formalin into the arterial circulation is to convert the blood itself into an antiseptic solution.

Japanese Order Filled in Record Time.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—In consequence of a rush order from the Japanese government for locomotives, a local plant has established a new record by the construction of seven locomotives in a day. The engines ordered by Japan are for the military railroad that will connect Fusan, on the southern coast of Corea, with Seoul. An order calling for 20 locomotives, to be completed with 30 days, was received late in January. Eight of the 20 have already been shipped to Fusan. The remaining 12 will be shipped this week.

First Ballot for Hanna's Successor.

Columbus, O., Feb. 24.—Separate ballots will be taken in the House and Senate at noon on March 1 for the election of a successor to the late Senator Hanna and a joint session will be held at noon on March 2 to declare the result. This is provided in a joint resolution introduced and adopted in the Senate tonight, and which will be ratified by the House tomorrow.

BATTLE ON LAND.

Russians Badly Beaten in Engagement on Yalu River.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Authority which prohibits doubting veracity of the report, in spite of the official dispatches stating that nothing is taking place and everything is perfectly quiet, says, outpost engagements have taken place on the Yalu resulting in the Russian advance guards being driven back with considerable losses, which are estimated at 2,500 lives, but whether this means those who fell on the Yalu or the entire Russian losses since the commencement of the war is not exactly clear.

Large Force Engaged.

Niu Chwang, Feb. 22.—A Japanese victory is reported near the Yalu river, but is unconfirmable from any source. According to the report current here a large part of the forces of both Russians and Japanese were engaged. The Russians are said to have lost several thousand men. There are no details of the engagement obtainable.

SEEKING RUSSIAN SHIPS.

Japanese Fleet Wants Battle With Cable-Cutting Squadron.

New York, Feb. 22.—The American's Tokio cable, dated February 21, says: Russian warships are reported between Japan and Corea. Transports carrying troops across are heavily conveyed in consequence. Half the Japanese fleet is occupied in surveying and protecting the landing of troops in Corea and the other half is searching for the Russian Vladivostok warships.

The prefectural office has received a telegram from the chief magistrate of the Island of Miyake, south of the Gulf of Corea, reporting that 12 Russians debarked in a boat from a vessel in the offing on February 19. The subsequent movements of this mysterious party are not reported, but inquiry is under way. The Russians were probably seeking to cut the cable, as three warships were reported off Okushiri Island today searching for the cable.

AMERICA HAS TROOPS PREPARE

Orders Issued That Men Be Ready for Service at Short Notice.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Under orders issued by the War Department, the commanders of the various military departments of the United States Army are placing in readiness for service at short 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.

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 daily, and it is stated on the best of authority that within the next 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 overcoats, fur gloves and heavy Arctic boots are among 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 California.

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 sunrise 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.

WAR CALLS FOR '04 MONEY.

Russia Officially Notifies St. Louis She Will Not Participate.

St. Louis, Feb. 22.—Official confirmation of Russia's intention to abandon participation in the exposition was received today in a cablegram to President Francis from Commissioner-General Alexandrovsky at St. Petersburg. The cablegram follows:

"Notwithstanding the best of feeling to America and a readiness for participation in the World's Fair, Russian tradesmen think their patriotic duty is to give the money appropriated for the exposition to the Red Cross and wounded soldiers. I am going personally as the chief delegate of the Red Cross to the Far East. My sincere thanks for your kind attention to our staff and me personally. My best regards to all directors and chiefs."

China Denies Request for Aid.

Tokio, Feb. 22.—Advices to the Japanese government from Peking say that while at Mukden, Viceroy Alexiff asked the Chinese troops to aid in guarding the railroad, so as to prevent the interruption of traffic. The Chinese refused the request and asked for instructions from Peking. The Chinese government told them to inform Alexiff that as Russia had insisted the Chinese were unable to guard the railway in time of peace, surely Russia could not expect them to guard it in time of war.

Arming Black Sea Coast.

Warsaw, Feb. 22.—Heavy siege guns are being mounted on the coast 15 versts (ten miles) from Odessa. They will cover the approach to the harbor. Russia's feverish military and naval activity belies the optimistic official assurances to the effect that nothing untoward is anticipated and that no other power is expected to become involved in the present conflict.

TWENTY-FOUR DIE

CAR OF DYNAMITE BLOWS UP IN COLORADO WITH FATAL RESULTS.

Air Brakes on Train Fail to Hold and Collision Results—Twelve People Also Badly Injured and Everything for a Radius of Half a Mile Is Completely Torn to Pieces.

Ogden, Utah, Feb. 22.—Twenty-four persons were killed and 12 badly injured this afternoon by the explosion of a carload of dynamite, caused by a head-on collision at Jackson, a telegraph station on the Ogden-Lucian cut-off of the Southern Pacific Company, 85 miles west of Ogden. Eight of the dead and five of the injured are Americans. The others are Greeks.

The collision occurred between two extra trains, and was caused, it is said, by the air brake apparatus on one train failing to operate. The explosion which followed the collision was terrific, everything within a radius of half a mile being wrecked. The report was heard in this city, 85 miles away. Several outfit cars, occupied by Greeks, were completely demolished, and the occupants blown several hundred feet from the track. The telegraph office was shattered and Operator Taylor and his wife injured. Foreman Burke, his wife and three children and his brother, who were standing near the station, were shot 200 feet through the air and instantly killed.

When the news of the accident reached headquarters in this city, a special train with doctors, nurses and stretchers was hurriedly despatched to the scene of the disaster. Late tonight this train returned to Ogden with the injured. Conductor Dermody and Messenger Holler died of their injuries en route.

BIG REVOLT NEAR.

Predicted That Russia Will Have War Right at Home.

Geneva, Feb. 22.—Russia is facing a revolution of great magnitude, and the uprising may come at any moment. At the headquarters of the central revolutionary Russian committee this evening it was stated that reliable advices received from St. Petersburg show that everything is now in readiness for a far-reaching revolutionary movement. The men who have prepared the ground have left nothing undone to add to the general feeling of unrest within the country, and have seized on the defeats of Russian naval forces in the Far East as a pretext for their agitation.

At the word of a fresh Russian reverse, the trouble is to be begun with demonstrations against the government in all of the principal cities of the empire. The revolutionists are declared to be well armed and equipped and to have a well-nigh perfect organization, and that numbered in the ranks are some of the best-known persons in Russia. In addition, thousands of students are enrolled as members, and many of the rank and file of the army and navy have sworn allegiance to the movement.

RUSSIA FAST MOVING TROOPS.

Twelve Days More and the Manchurian Force Will Be Vast.

Paris, Feb. 22.—A representative of the Matin, who has reached the center of the Russian military concentration at Harbin, after great hardships, due to the trans-Siberian railway trains being crowded with thousands of soldiers, in a dispatch from Harbin confirms the announcement that the place will be the main base of the Russian operations. Thus far the base has succeeded in maintaining its communication with Port Arthur.

The concentration of troops, the correspondent says, proceeds systematically and provision has been made for the speedy arrival of 12,000 men from the divisions of Moscow, Kiev and Warsaw. Before 12 days shall have elapsed the Russians will have disposed of an army of 400,000 men through Manchuria.

Intense demoralization exists among the populace and the people of the surrounding villages are flocking into the town, seeking to reach Western Russia. The railroad trains, however, are blocked and over 2,000 voyagers are thus held up.

Afraid of Togo.

Paris, Feb. 22.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Figaro, the Russian government, fearing for the safety of the battleship Oslabya and the cruisers Dumty, Donskol and Aurora and their convoy of torpedo-boat destroyers and transports, now at the entrance to the Red Sea, has cabled orders to the Admiral in command to return to Russian waters at once. It is known that a Japanese flying squadron is lying in wait to capture this fleet should it attempt to continue its cruise toward Port Arthur.

Empress Dowager No More.

London, Feb. 22.—A special from Canton says it is reported in official circles there that the Dowager Empress of China is dead. The Chinese legation here has heard nothing of the reported death of the Dowager Empress, and discredits it. Neither Canton nor Hong Kong is a reliable source of news.