

CHINA MUST DO

Japan Demands That Russian Ships Disarm.

ARE READY TO SEIZE THEM

Mikado Also Determined to Ignore Chinese Note Calling for Return of Torpedo Boat Ryeshitani.

London, Aug. 19.—The Associated Press learned this afternoon that Japan has made a demand on China, practically in the nature of an ultimatum, that she immediately enforce her neutrality in the case of the protected cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi, now at Shanghai. Japan pointed out that the limit, 24 hours, permitted by international law, had expired, and Japan therefore, was at liberty to take such action as may seem to her expedient.

At the Japanese legation here it was expressed that the Tokio government had no intention of remaining quiescent if Russia attempted to compel China to give asylum to her men-of-war, and authorized repairs at her ports which would enable her to resume belligerent operations.

Should China fail to comply immediately with Japan's demand, the division of a Japanese warships now in the vicinity of Shanghai will, the legation declares, be instructed to enter the port and capture the Askold and Grozovoi, as was done in the case of the Ryeshitani. Japan has made no secret of her intention, but has not consulted the powers, believing the matter is one which can be handled alone, as Japan is prepared, the legation further asserts, to recognize Chinese neutrality only as long as it is respected by Russia.

With regard to the Ryeshitani, Japan, it is asserted, is determined not to comply with the Chinese demand, submitted in compliance with the Russian note, that the vessel be returned to Chefoo. Japan insists that to all intents and purposes Chefoo has been a Russian base during the war, Chinese junk having been fitted out there and sent through the Japanese blockading vessels to Port Arthur. No answer has yet been given by Japan to the Russian protest in the case of the Ryeshitani, but when it is made it will be communicated to all the powers.

BATTLE WAS AT LONG RANGE.

Japanese Fleet Kept Five to Eight Miles From Russians.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 19.—Further interesting details of the sea battle of August 10 received at the admiralty from Captain Matonevitch, of the Czarevitch, now at Tsin Tau, show distinctly that it was a long range fight and that the Russians, sailing in close formation, were placed at a great disadvantage, not only by the superiority of the Japanese numbers, but owing to the fact that after encompassing Admiral Witthoef's vessel they were enabled to pour in a remarkably deadly fire on the fleeing ships.

The captain says the Japanese kept at a distance of eight, and never less than five miles. The efforts of the Russians to close with the Japanese and sink some of their vessels by ramming them or by gunfire, even at the cost of themselves going to the bottom, were unsuccessful. The Japanese would not permit the Russians to approach, but the rain of projectiles never ceased.

GIVE UP HOPE OF PEACE.

Financial Preparations for a Long Struggle are Begun.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—It seemed apparent today that the labor leaders had given up all immediate hope of peace through any action of the packers, and were making financial preparations for a long struggle. It was said to be improbable that any attempt would be made to extend the strike to unions not already involved. One chief reason for this is that unions not already out, it is said, are not anxious to strike, but the reason the strikers give is that the more men that strike, the smaller will be the contributions to the benefit fund.

Not Expected to Surrender.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 19.—The announcement of the mikado's offer to allow noncombatants to leave Port Arthur, coupled with the demand for the surrender of the garrison, causes a revulsion of feeling here. The original report that noncombatants would be permitted to depart before the storming operations began was regarded as a humane and considerate act. The war office is without official information of the summons served on General Stoessel, but not the slightest idea exists that he will yield.

Decm Stopping Unwarranted.

London, Aug. 19.—British shipping circles are disturbed owing to the continued stopping of British steamers by Russian cruisers. The case of the Scotian is considered to be quite unwarranted, as she was only in the coal trade between Newcastle-on-Tyne and Corisca and carried no contraband. Great satisfaction is felt that Foreign Minister Lansdowne's protest to Russia covers all points of the controversy.

Sudden Demand for Flour.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—An inspection of the cargo which is now being loaded on the Doric, which is to sail for the Orient tomorrow reveals the existence of a sudden demand for flour at Shanghai. It is estimated she will carry 3,000 tons.

PEACE EFFORT FAILS.

Mayor Harrison Unable to End the Packers' Strike.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—The effort of Mayor Harrison to end the meatpackers' strike accomplished nothing. In fact, conferences with the packers and labor leaders were not held as expected. Without waiting for the time set, the packers sent a committee to Mayor Harrison and informed him it would do no good to arrange a joint conference with the strike leaders.

The committee contended that the packers had already won the strike and had no reason to meet the strikers. The packers told the mayor he should consider that they controlled Chicago's greatest industry and had such vast interests at stake that they could not be dominated by their employees, that they wanted to be fair, that prices of meat had not been raised and would not be raised because of the strike, that they could not accept anybody's intervention.

On the other hand, the strike leaders were equally antagonistic. President Donnelly declared he did not expect to be present at the time the conference was to meet. He said his reason was that at the hour named he had to address the Hog Butchers' union.

"And the hog butchers are a great deal more important to me than the mayor," said the head of the strikers. "Harrison was too long getting in. He has heard our say for fair police treatment and has ignored it. He need not think that now he can snap his fingers or whistle and have us come to do his bidding."

STILL A MIGHTY HOST.

Twenty-Six Thousand Veterans Parade, Despite the Heat.

Boston, Aug. 18.—If anything were needed to prove that the Grand Army of the Republic is still in fact a mighty host, it was to be found yesterday when, with a half million civilians looking on, 26,000 survivors of the union forces of the Civil War assembled here from all sections of the United States and marched through the streets of Boston. Five and one-half hours were required for the parade to pass a given point.

It was a severe strain on the old soldiers, but generally the veterans stood the hardship well. More than three scores of them dropped from the rank from exhaustion and heat prostration, and were cared for at the hospitals. The death of one soldier marred the otherwise happy day. Colonel John P. Pyron, a member of John Dix post of New York, died from heart failure induced by exhaustion.

At least 250 spectators, mostly women, fainted during the parade, and many persons were slightly injured and had their clothing torn in the crush.

The spectacle of the gray haired soldiers on parade was one calculated to thrill, and everywhere the army was received with applause.

MINING THE DEFENSES.

Japanese are No Longer Using Guns in Higher Positions.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—A dispatch received from Chefoo tonight and giving undated dispatches from Port Arthur, says the Japanese during a bombardment occupied strongly fortified positions with a number of siege guns. After two hours, several of the Japanese guns were silenced. The Japanese, the advices say, are no longer trying to play their guns in the higher positions, which are too easily reached by the fire of the fortress, but are busy themselves with mining operations against the defenses.

To Signalize Birth of Heir.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 18.—One of the acts of grace signaling the birth of an heir to the throne will be the total abolition of corporal punishment throughout Russia. It is reported, apparently on good authority, that Emperor William of Germany has asked for the privilege of acting as one of the godfathers of the heir. The christening will take place August 23, when, the Associated Press is able to state, quite a number of important Liberal measures, besides the abolition of corporal punishment, will be announced.

In Great Fear of Rebels.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 18.—A feeling akin to panic prevails at Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. The insurgents under General Ferrera have secured the adherence of the residents of the towns and villages parallel to the railway and are awaiting the arrival of the steamer Inicativa to make a simultaneous attack by land and water upon the capital. It is rumored that there was a bombardment of Asuncion today but this cannot be confirmed.

Fire Now Imperils Port.

London, Aug. 18.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says a big oil warehouse at Port Arthur is blazing furiously and that the position of the besieged is such that the Japanese are urging them to surrender.

MAYOR TO TRY

Chicago Executive Will Attempt to End Strike.

MEETS LEADERS OF BOTH SIDES

Numerous Conferences, With the Idea of Effecting Peace, Held, But All Come to Naught.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Mayor Harrison will attempt tomorrow to settle the stockyards strike. He will meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock the representatives of the strikers and hear their side of the controversy. Later in the day he will have a meeting with representatives of the packers and listen to their statement, and he will then undertake the task of reconciling the differences.

A large committee of the retail dealers called upon him this afternoon and asked him to use his good offices in ending the strike. The mayor said he would gladly do all in his power to put an end to the trouble, and a meeting between him and the labor leaders was at once arranged. The mayor then set about arranging a meeting with the packers, and they promptly sent him word that they would meet him.

There were a number of conferences during the day, all having the settlement of the strike in view, but none of them resulted in anything.

It is settled that the alleged secret meeting between the packers and the strikers was arranged for by W. E. Skinner, assistant general manager of the Union Stockyards & Transit company, but it came to naught.

The numerous assaults that have been taking place every day and night in the neighborhood of the stockyards have stirred the police to more energetic action.

President Donnelly and George F. Golden, of the teamsters, have reached an open clash, Donnelly declaring that Golden had no right to go to the mail-carriers and get a big contribution.

The teamsters have plenty of money. They do not need any contributions, said Donnelly.

Police Inspector Hupt took sweeping measures to stop the operations of pickets. He ordered the arrest of all pickets loitering about the yards, and a dozen were taken into custody.

The 2,500 teamsters employed by retail and wholesale markets will not hereafter deliver nonunion meat. One exception will be made. To save the dealers from loss, meat already in cold storage warehouses will be hauled.

WILL FIGHT TO BITTER END.

Russia Less Inclined Than Ever to Consider Mediation.

London, Aug. 17.—The Paris correspondent of the Times states that according to authentic information the continued defeats to the Russian arms have not modified the resolute determination in responsible quarters to pursue the war to the bitter end. He continued:

"It has been said that the Japanese might be prepared to consider such conditions of peace as would not involve the danger of a renewal of the war within a comparatively short time. There is good reason to believe, however, that in St. Petersburg there is less inclination than ever to entertain any idea of a termination of hostilities until Russian prestige has been thoroughly relieved."

"There is still an immutable conviction in responsible Russian quarters that in the end Russian arms must be victorious, even should the eventual fall of Port Arthur be followed by other reverses. The opinion in Russian government circles is that the resources of the empire for the purposes of war is practically inexhaustible; that Russia will find all the money she requires to carry on hostilities for several years to come."

"The idea of mediation, which may conceivably have been undertaken by France and Germany, has throughout the war been scouted by both belligerents. At the present moment the chances of its being taken into consideration by Russia are much more remote than ever."

Decm the Hitachi Avenged.

Tokio, Aug. 17.—The Japanese generally are comparing the treatment accorded the crew of the Rurik to that accorded by the Vladivostok squadron to those on board the transport Hitachi, which the squadron sank June 15 during its first raid. A prominent official said to the Associated Press today: "Japan has avenged the Hitachi. Admiral Kamimura rescued and succeeded those who aided in sinking the Hitachi and who sailed away from hundreds of drowning victims. We offer their living for our dead."

Accuses China of Complicity.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Mr. Conger, the American minister at Peking, has cabled to the state department under today's date as follows: "The Russian minister has sent to the Chinese government a strong note charging it with complicity in the Ryeshitani affair, charging the Chinese commanders with cowardice or treason, and demanding a full explanation, the restoration of the destroyer and severe punishment of the commander."

Fair Paying Off Debt.

St. Louis, Aug. 17.—A check for \$500,000 was today forwarded to the United States treasury by the Louisiana Purchase exposition company as the third of the stipulated \$500,000 bimonthly payments on the loan of \$4,600,000 advanced to the world's fair by the federal government. The total amount refunded to date is \$1,908,149.

FEAR OF SHARKS.

No More Reserves to Be Created in the State of Oregon.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The interior department will not create any more forest reserves in Oregon at this time because it is afraid in so doing it would open up endless opportunities for lien land operators.

This is the explanation given today by an official who is handling forestry matters under Secretary Hitchcock's direction. While the bureau of forestry, recommending the establishment of Blue mountain reserve, has carefully drawn its boundaries so as to exclude practically all private holdings, yet if a reserve should be created on those lines, the department fears that after the reserve was created, great numbers of speculators would file entries and allege settlement on land in the reserve prior to the time when the original withdrawal was made.

The department officials admit it would be a comparatively easy thing for speculators to bring forward witnesses to swear falsely as to their having established residence on this land, and it would be almost impossible for the government to secure evidence which would justify the rejection of these entries. Once speculators established their right to the reserve lands, they would be entitled under the law to relinquish them and make lieu selections of more valuable lands elsewhere.

"But," says this official, "as reserves are not created and land simply remains withdrawn from entry, no base for lieu selections can be created, and the government is not in danger of losing by unfair exchange."

FLEET WILL QUIT SMYRNA.

American Minister Will Not Need It, Now Turkey Has Yielded.

Constantinople, Aug. 17.—A satisfactory solution of the American school question has at last arrived. This matter, which is the most important of the American demands, was settled by extending too American schools the same treatment as that accorded to the schools under the protection of other powers.

A settlement of other matters affecting American interests in Turkey, of secondary importance, has also been effected, and United States Minister Leishman has telegraphed to Rear Admiral Jewett, in command of the United States squadron sent to Smyrna, instructing him to salute the batteries on land and depart.

The sitting of the council of ministers at which the settlement was agreed upon, was a long one, and it was not until its close that an agreement was reached. The delay in the settlement is believed to have been caused by the intervention of the palace functionaries, whose policy, in order to retain the sultan's favor, consists of combating the rights and privilege of foreign subjects.

ONLY PROPELLER REMOVED.

Japanese Towing Destroyer Report She Could Have Injured Them.

Chefoo, Aug. 17.—The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshitani, flying the Japanese flag, was sighted near the Elliott islands on the evening of August 12. She was being towed by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer. A second one acted as escort.

The report that the Japanese had left the Ryeshitani at some Chinese port probably arose from the report brought by a junk to the effect that when passing Yung Ching bay south of Shantung promontory, she saw one of the two Russian destroyers which went ashore there.

Japanese arriving here from Dalny communicated with the destroyer escorting the Ryeshitani and they were informed that a careful examination of the Ryeshitani after her capture by the Japanese showed that the Russians had not rendered her completely ineffective before her capture. A torpedo was still in a torpedo tube, its propeller only having been removed. The torpedo towed by rowboats might have been used effectively against the Japanese. It was also stated that while the breeches of her guns had been unhinged several remained on board. The Japanese consul here states that his government has no idea of returning the Ryeshitani.

Must Take Fort.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—The Boerse Gazette has received the following dispatch from its Liao Yang correspondent: "Twelve Japanese regiments have left in the direction of Port Arthur. It is stated on trustworthy authority that the mikado has ordered that Port Arthur must be taken at any cost, even if it necessitates the suspension of operations in Manchuria, and it is quite probable the main Japanese force will proceed to Port Arthur within a few days. Rain has stopped all operations."

Prepares for Final Stand.

Tientshin, Manchuria, Aug. 17.—The relative positions of the Japanese and Russian armies are unchanged. During the last few days the Russian positions along the Mukden road have been steadily strengthened, and it appears as though General Kuropatkin has planned to make his final stand at the Liao Yang position. Owing to a cessation of the rain, the rivers have fallen and great activity has been the rule in the Japanese commissary.

Russian Ships Lower Flag.

Tsing Chou, Aug. 17.—The Russian flag has just been pulled down from the battleship Czarevitch and the three cruisers which took refuge here. The lowering of the colors was done in the presence of the German governor.

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