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RUSSIAN OFFICIALS RATHER NON-PLUSED

Do Not Understand Actions of Washington Government

HAVE TAKEN OFFENSE

Because Secretary Hay Did Not Wait For Their Reply To His Note

Japanese Officially Deny Many Reports Sent Out by the Russians

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18.—A telegram received here from Port Arthur says the Japanese have captured the Okhotsk-Kamehatka Company's steamers Kolk and Bobrik.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18.—Information contained in the press dispatches from Washington that Secretary Hay had announced the negotiations in connection with his note to the powers on the subject of the integrity of China to be closed without awaiting Russia's formal response here.

"If this is true, it has not changed the Russian program. Not to await Russia's reply might, however, offend Russia's susceptibilities and tend still further to increase the feeling already existing here in certain quarters, that the United States is not friendly to Russia.

"In this connection there is no doubt that the government feels somewhat embarrassed by the desire of the United States to install consuls in the open ports of Manchuria immediately. The government does not like to be placed in a position of putting obstacles in the way, but that entire territory is now under military control, and these posts would be within the sphere of the war operations.

"The Russian reply to Secretary Hay's note is practically ready and will be handed to Ambassador McCormick in a day or two, possibly tomorrow.

In diplomatic circles here, Secretary Hay's action is considered a fine stroke

of diplomacy, as it is believed that the note has brought out a general acquiescence in the principle involved. No official announcement has as yet been made regarding the report from Tokyo of the second Japanese torpedo attack at Port Arthur. There are reports lacking official confirmation, that the attack made on Port Arthur February 16 was repulsed after heavy firing on both sides. According to the story, this act was intended as a feint to cover up the landing at Talien Wan Bay, but it failed because the Russian guns were placed with great foresight to command that shore.

Simply Taken For Granted. Washington, Feb. 18.—On Tuesday last, the Associated Press quoted a state department official as stating there would be no more notes exchanged at present relative to the neutralization of China, as the powers having accepted and the state department felt the chapter to be closed. This is evidently the information referred to as causing surprise in St. Petersburg. Russia's adherence to the principle of the Hay note was regarded several days ago as assured, although no formal response from the Czar's government had been received.

Russian Report Denied. New York, Feb. 18.—G. Uchida, the Japanese Consul General here, received tonight from the Japanese Legation at Washington, the following cablegram from the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Tokio:

"The London Times Pekin correspondent reports that Viceroy Alexieff, on February 14 sent the following: 'The disabled warships Czarevitch, Palada, Retvizan, Askold, Novik, Sebastopol, Petropolovsk; the Japanese were driven from the railway near Chenow (hinchau). 'The Russians admit about seventy killed on land and claim 150 Japanese prisoners. The Russians have eleven ships out of action and declare fifteen Japanese ships were disabled.

"The Boyarin is slightly damaged. The Japanese surveying party reported to have landed at Pigeon Bay, was destroyed.

"So far as the Japanese are concerned, the above information is untrue. No attempt to land has been made, hence no prisoners are possible. Japanese ships disabled, absolutely none."

Ships Mending Rapidly. Port Arthur, Feb. 18.—The repairs to the Russian warships damaged during the bombardment of February 9 are rapidly proceeding. Czarevitch, Retvizan and Palada, will soon rejoin the fleet. The work is being carried on with the aid of caissons. The mishap was not so great as at first believed.

Russians Eager to Fight. St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—A long official dispatch from Viceroy Alexieff recouping the details of the fight of February 9 at Port Arthur, was given out today. In the course of the report he says:

"It is still difficult to ascertain the result of the battle, but according to observations made by our ships it may be assumed several vessels of the enemy's fleet sustained damages, which explains why they avoided further fighting, although they were much superior to us in strength.

"According to the reports of commanders, the men fought exceedingly well." The Admiral concludes:

"In announcing the above to your Majesty, I am pleased to be able to add the naval and land forces in the far East are inspired by the most heartfelt wish to meet their insolent foes breast to breast in order to fill their duty in sight of their adored ruler, and firm and unshakable, to fight for the honor and glory of their beloved fatherland."

New Commander Named. Paris, Feb. 18.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal says in a dispatch War Minister Kuropatkin has been appointed to the chief command of the troops in Manchuria. He will be under Viceroy Alexieff.

Departure Postponed. Tien Sin, Feb. 18.—The departure of the Chinese Imperial troops from Pao Ting Fu to Kinchen to guard the frontier has been postponed until February 21. The reason for the postponement are not known.

Fired on by Russians. Shanghai, Feb. 18.—The British steamer Hsi Ping, from China Wang Tao for Shanghai, arrived here today. The captain reports that she was fired upon by the Russian ships and forts when seeking shelter in the outer roadstead of Port Arthur, and that she was then ordered to Daini, where she was detained for four days, in spite of the captain's protest.

The Russian gunboat Manjur has not gone up the river to be dismantled as reported. She remains at Shanghai in defiance of the orders of the Chinese officials to leave the port.

Assembling in Force. Tokio, Feb. 18.—The reports that have been sent out to the effect that Russian troops have crossed the Yalu river and are moving south with the object of seizing Ping Yan are declared to be unfounded. Late reliable reports from Wija state that the Russians are assembling in force on the north side of the Yalu, but they have not attempted to cross the river or move further south.

HE LEFT DEBTS

L. C. REASONER SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED FEBRUARY 2 LEAVING ACCOUNTS OF \$1000.

Still Owes \$600 for Rent on Express Wagons and Paid no Bills for Labor Feed or Board for Five Months Past—He Is Supposed to Have Gambled Heavily.

It is probable that unless L. C. Reasoner, who disappeared so suddenly a few weeks ago, is forcibly brought back to Salem to face his creditors his smiling visage will never again be seen in this city, much as he will be missed. The theory that he has met with foul play has long since been abandoned, or that he will again appear and make explanations. City Marshal D. W. Gibson, who investigated the case decided that he simply disappeared, with all of the money he could gather together and had for five months been making preparations for the sudden departure. He found that although Reasoner was running a good business and daily handed in a goodly sum of cash, he had not for five months paid a dollar of indebtedness, but so far as the Chief was able to learn in his investigations he did nothing which would give an opportunity to issue a warrant for his arrest, and thus bring him back to the city.

The property of the Willamette Transfer Company, which is owned by J. Connor, proprietor of the Willamette Hotel, was leased by Reasoner for a percentage of the net receipts and for five months Mr. Connor has received nothing, the bill amounting to about \$400. Beside this the feed bills, and blacksmith bills were not paid, and it is likely that the loss of these will also fall on Connor. Beside the account held by Connor Chief Gibson found \$250 in small bills outstanding, and it is thought his liabilities amount to at least \$1000. It is claimed that he collected money from one of the nursery companies of the city for the payment of freight, and after his disappearance it was discovered that the money had not been paid over.

No one thinks he took anything like that amount of money with him, or perhaps any money at all, more than enough to get out of town with, as he was a man of profligate habits and is known to have lost heavily at cards just before his disappearance. Evidently he plunged beyond his depth,

and losing constantly, dispirited of ever being able to pay his debts, and ran away. Among the debts which he left are five months' board which Landlord Clark of the Leonard has been compelled to charge to profit and loss, principally loss, and the wages of his truck drivers.

HASN'T WEIGHED ANCHOR.

The Transport Buford Is Waiting Orders From Washington Before Sailing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The transport Buford, which was ready to sail today, is still anchored in the stream awaiting orders from Washington.

Nearly Forgets His Life.

A run away almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for burns, bruises, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at D. J. Fry's drug store.

WAS A WELL KNOWN PRINTER

EDWARD I. LAMB, OF THIS CITY, PASSES AWAY AFTER A LONG SIEGE OF SUFFERING, OF DROPSY OF THE HEART.

Learned the Printer's Trade in Portland Several Years Ago and Has Since Plied His Trade in Nearly All of the Principal Cities of the United States—Was Also Past Master of Capital Assembly United Artisans and Served Two Terms Each as President and Secretary of Capital Typographical Union.

The death of Edward I. Lamb, of this city, which occurred at his home, on High street, at 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as a result of a long illness of dropsy of the heart, without doubt witnessed the passing away of one of the best known and universally liked members of the printing fraternity in the state of Oregon, or perhaps the Pacific Coast, if not the United States, for there is scarcely a printing office of any importance in the largest cities of the United States in which he

returning to Oregon in 1895. The same year he came to Salem and went to work in the State Printing Office under State Printer Frank C. Baker, when the plant was first installed in the Capitol building. Later he returned to Portland and worked on one of the papers there for a short time, and then, in May, 1898, went to work in the State Printing Office again, under W. H. Leeds, and has been steadily employed there ever since. He had the reputation of having been the most rapid and

accurate hand compositor that has ever been at work in the office.

He was a charter member of the Portland Typographical Union, and also a member, in high standing, of the Capital Typographical Union No. 210, in which order he served most creditably as president for two terms and also as secretary for the same period. He was also a prominent member of Capital Assembly No. 84, in which order he served as Master Artisan for one term, having worked his way up through all the chairs.

He was married but four months ago, in this city, to Miss Elizabeth Whitlock, a member of a prominent and respectable family, of Silverton, and was scarcely out of the honeymoon period when his fatal illness overtook him, which fact makes his death the sadder. Beside his wife he leaves an aged mother in Portland, Mrs. James Lamb, and five sisters, Mrs. E. J. B. Clossett, and Miss Mollie Lamb, of Portland; Mrs. Newton Thompson, Mrs. J. H. Langworthy, and Mrs. Arthur Leighton, all of Astoria.

The funeral services have not been completely arranged as yet, but it is definitely known that they will take place at the residence, on High street, between Center and Marion streets, at 1:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the Capital Typographical Union, and interment will be had in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Capital Assembly United Artisans will also take part in the ceremonies.

WAS GOOD NEWS

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MACHINERY HAS ARRIVED.

Citizens Light & Traction Company Now Prepared to Improve Plant.

The Citizens Light & Traction Company received a car load of new machinery yesterday which will be installed in their electric plant in this city. The company has been waiting patiently for the arrival of this machinery and is now prepared to go ahead with the work of making general improvements to the plant. All the old machinery will be replaced by new, with the exception of the two engines. These will be supplied with an additional boiler, and will be held as a reserve motive power.

Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords

The New Styles Are Here

They're the proper shapes for spring. If you've worn our footwear, you know what the quality is. Our prices are always lower than at "regular stores."

We have a lot of ladies' fine shoes of narrow widths, from \$2.75 and \$3.00 lines, all sizes from 2 1/2 to 8 in width B only. There isn't an old style in the lot We're closing them out at \$2.00

The New York Racket

Salem's Cheapest One Price Cash Store

E. T. Barnes, Prop.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Crew of the Steamer Fulton, Wrecked at Port Orford Had Rough Experience.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 18.—The first authentic news regarding the wreck of the steamer Fulton, which went ashore at Port Orford, last Thursday, was received here tonight. The steamer was short of coal and had anchored in Port Orford harbor where she hung for two days. The wind finally broke her anchor chains and her master headed her for the beach.

STILL BAD ENOUGH.

Insurance Losses Over the Baltimore Fire Are Estimated at \$55,000,000.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—The insurance experts are confident that the loss caused by the conflagration will not exceed \$40,000,000, and it will not be under \$32,000,000. The losses of the companies doing business in New York, reported officially by them to the insurance commissioner of New York, at Albany, which includes sixty-eight of the largest American and foreign companies, report the total losses suffered by them to be a little over \$16,000,000. Taking these figures as a basis and adding the approximate figures of the Maryland companies, the insurance men say they cannot see how the total insurance loss will exceed \$35,000,000.