

# RUSSIA PREPARING TO FIGHT THE WORLD

## GERMANY WILL NOT BE OVERLOOKED

### Tells the Czar That Bulgaria Will Not Be Permitted to Begin War With Turkey

### The Boil of the Balkans Gets Ready for Its Usual Spring Eruption But Will Be Treated By the Powers

Shanghai, Feb. 22.—Urged by the Japanese consul here, the Taotai ordered the Russian gunboat Mandjur to leave the harbor before 5 o'clock this afternoon, the order, however being ignored. It is said, however, that a Japanese squadron has been ordered to enforce the Taotai's demand, and enable Japanese steamship companies to resume services between Japan and Shanghai.

#### Umpires and Referees.

London, Feb. 22.—The Pekin correspondent of the Central News, wires that the American, French and German ministers have handed the Russian and Japanese ministers identical notes urging both belligerents to take

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steps to prevent military operations in Chinese territory outside of Manchuria

#### Brought Refugees

Che Foo, Feb. 22.—The German steamer Pronto has arrived here bringing a number of refugees from Port Arthur. En route she saw no warships of either nation. The movement of Russian troops toward the Yalu river proceeds methodically.

#### Make Many Prayers.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—This is a week of fasting for the court, after which the Czar will go to Tsarskoe-Selo. The observances were unusually severe, continuous prayers for victory being offered.

#### This Is Somewhat Mixed.

London, Feb. 22.—A dispatch to Lloyd's announces the Russians have captured the British steamer Rocalle, from Cardiff for Vladivostok, at the latter place.

#### No Confirmation.

London, Feb. 22.—No confirmation has yet been received of the vague rumors current this morning that the first serious clash had occurred at Yalu, and that the Russians were repulsed with a loss of 2500. The reports are generally discredited here.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, says:

"The press dispatches from St. Petersburg have correctly reported the tidal wave of national feeling and enthusiasm which has swept over my country. No longer is the struggle in the Far East a political one, interesting for the most part diplomats and statesmen. It has flared up into a national war. My august master has shown extraordinary patience in endeavoring to arrive at a settlement without war. But now, that Japan has made war, the determination of the Russian emperor and his people that she shall be satisfied with that for which she has seemed so anxious is made stronger by the patience and forbearance which have hitherto characterized our dealings with the Japanese.

"In the interest of the world's humanity, I am confident all nations will hope for the success of Secretary Hay's effort to limit the deplorable war to the belligerents now engaged."

#### HER CREDIT IS LOW.

Doubt Whether Russia Can Raise Money to Prolong War.

London, Feb. 22.—The question as to how long Russia will be able to bear the financial strain caused by the war without having recourse to a foreign loan exerts a great influence

### SMALL DOSE OF AGUE

### San Francisco Has a Regular Case of Shakes

### Short But Sharp Earthquake Shock Followed by a Genuine Wind Performance

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—One of the most severe earthquake shocks San Francisco has experienced in years struck the city a few minutes before 3 o'clock this morning. The vibrations were of short duration, but of unusual power, and were followed by a heavy wind that lasted only a few seconds.

There were five distinct oscillations, northwest to southeast. The shock was heaviest in the western part of the city. Plaster was cracked and dishes broken, but no serious damage was done.

#### Fight Between Outposts.

Tien Tsin, Feb. 22.—What is reported to have been a band of Chun-chuzes, but is believed to have been a scouting party of Japanese, attacked the Russian force of railroad guards at Fu Chan and attempted to destroy the railway. A pitched battle followed, and the attacking party was driven off with loss. It is not known if the Russian guards suffered any loss.

#### Russian Wounded Go to Hong Kong.

London, Feb. 22.—The correspondence of the London Times cables that the British cruiser Amphitrite has sailed for Hong Kong with the Russian wounded who were injured in the battle of Chemulpo, in which the Russian cruiser Variag was destroyed. They will be landed there, and, on giving their parole not to fight again during the war unless exchanged, will be taken care of by the Russian agents.

A dispatch from Shanghai to the Times states that the Russian consul is making arrangements to send the Russian refugees from Chemulpo and the survivors of the cruiser Variag who have been brought to Shanghai to Odessa. They are destitute and suffering and the Russian consul is unable to supply their wants.

#### Kills Comrade by Mishap.

Port Townsend, Feb. 22.—While the revenue steamer Arcata was temporarily moored at Friday Harbor dock Friday afternoon, the crew was engaged in shooting at passing ducks with a rifle. A bird passed over the vessel and a comrade, Alfred Goebel, leveled his rifle, just as William L. Sayre, one of the warrant engineers, came into range. A heavy bullet ploughed through the head of the unfortunate man, entering at the base skull, and coming out of his mouth killing him instantly.

A coroner's jury was empaneled at Friday Harbor, investigated the case, and rendered a verdict exonerating Goebel, who is frantic with grief. Sayre had been several years in the service, and left a wife residing at San Francisco.

### ANOTHER THEATRE FIRE

### Alhambra, of Chicago, Goes Up in a Blaze

### Had Just Been Changed to Comply With the New and Rigid Ordinances

Chicago, Feb. 22.—A fire occurred this morning in the Alhambra hotel, theater and business block, on 19th and State streets. The inmates fled in their night garb, with the weather at zero. Twenty women and children were rescued from upper windows. Some received slight injuries from flying glass. The theater had just been refitted to comply with the fire ordinance, and the damage was \$90,000.

Three bodies were removed from the ruins of the Alhambra hotel at 9:30 this morning. Firemen believe there is another corpse in the debris. Among those reported missing are Charles Barrati, night clerk; Samuel Crull and Alfred Swansen.

The dead identified are Fred Beckman, of Cincinnati; William Fisher, a former resident of Cincinnati, and Anis Smith, of Chicago. The blaze started in the basement of the Alhambra restaurant.

#### German Firm Fails.

Bremen, Feb. 22.—Through the failure of Johanna Lahausen, the well-known Bremen corn dealer, today a number of German and American firms will be affected. Their liabilities are a million marks, and assets two hundred thousand marks.

### CRANK WITH A GUN

### Entered the White House This Morning

### Was Arrested and Sent to the Asylum Having a Bad Case of Jams

Washington, Feb. 22.—An armed crank attempted to enter the White House this morning by the executive entrance. He was promptly arrested. He gave the name of Edward Reigar and came from Chicago. He had a knife and a revolver, and told the police that he wanted to enlist the President's aid in patents in his possession. He was examined, and committed to St. Elizabeth's hospital for the insane.

#### Beheaded By Train.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 22.—Joseph D. Helfrich, of Mountain Home, was decapitated by a train at Nampa, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. He was a brother of E. C. Helfrich, a merchant at Mountain Home, and was in his employ. His wife and children were here, and the was on his way to visit them.

As the westbound train, on which he had come from Mountain Home, pulled out of Nampa, Mr. Helfrich was seen to jump aboard; a few minutes later an observer saw him jump off again, running along and holding the rail. He stumbled and fell, going under the cars. The body was in such condition that identification was not made until this evening. He was 55 years of age and was well-known in this part of the state.

### THOSE NEVER STOPPERS

### Bulgarians Getting Ready for Their Spring Scrap

### Europe Will Have to Give Them the Usual Treatment of Brimstone and Treacle

Sofia, Bulgaria, Feb. 22.—Prince Ferdinand is enforcing the most prudent attitude on the part of Bulgaria, and is determined that if hostilities with Turkey occur the latter must be aggressor. Bulgaria is prepared to fight, but fears either Russia or Austria will take the spoils in case she is victorious.

London, Feb. 22.—Advices from Berlin says the kaiser has assured the czar of his resolve to prevent, by all possible means, any outbreak in the Balkans, and will bring pressure to bear on Turkey.

#### Maybe Kuro-pat-kin.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Gen. Kuro-patkin and staff are expected to start for the Far East Thursday.

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