

JAPANESE USED THE RUSSIAN CODE

Wily Little Yellow Men Use "Strategy My Boy" on Their Opponents

All Is Fair in Love and War Except the Bride and the Contestants, and They are in the Scraps to Win

Tokio, Feb. 23.—Advices received from Nagasaki announce another sweeping Japanese naval victory, as the result of which four Russian torpedo boat destroyers, a part of Port Arthur defense squadron, have been captured by the Japanese fleet under Admiral Uriu. The announcement created intense excitement in Tokio. The Japanese commander used the Russian signals, and by that means was enabled to approach close to the Russian scouting squadron before being detected.

LONDON HAS THE SAME NEWS. Retirement of Alexiff to Harbin Now an Accomplished Fact.

London, Feb. 23.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, cabling under date of February 22d, reports that the Japanese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by using Russian signals. The 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 22d, says the statement is current that the Japanese torpedo-boat de-

stroyers in the attack on Port Arthur on February 14th sank or damaged two Russian battleships in addition to the torpedo boat already reported.

Viceroy Alexieff's retirement to Harbin is now an accomplished fact, and a correspondent 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 Port Arthur police.

The report that large bodies of Cosacks and other troops are occupying Niu Chwang and Hain 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.

HANDICAPPED BY MISTAKES. Austrian General Believes Kuropatkin Faces Almost Impossible Task.

Vienna, Feb. 23.—The announcement of the appointment of General Kuropatkin to the supreme command

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA. The emperor of all the Russias is in his thirty-sixth year and has ruled Russia nine years. The Hague peace tri-



NICHOLAS II. bunal was his idea, and he is strongly in favor of peace so long as it does not prove a barrier in the path of his empire's growth.

of the Russian army in Manchuria is accepted here as indicating that Russia recognizes the gravity of the situation. While admitting that General Kuropatkin is by all odds the best of the Russian commanders, and admittedly the man of all others to handle the situation, Austrian military experts declare he has assumed a well-nigh impossible task. He cannot do more than any one else, they declare, as he is handicapped by the mistakes that have been made in St. Petersburg, in not putting the army in Manchuria on a war basis long ago.

Manchuria, experts declare, is like South Africa. In that great military reputations are bound to be lost there, it remains, therefore, to be seen whether General Kuropatkin, who has not had an organized foe to deal with



CZAR NICHOLAS II. AS A MAN OF WAR.

Despite the fact that he suggested The Hague arbitration tribunal, the czar is fond of war maneuvers, and in the cut he is shown at the head of his staff.

THIRD GOES TO PANAMA

Uncle Sam Will Have Blue Coats to Spare

No Present Indications of Trouble With Columbia, but Just a Matter of Caution

Washington, Feb. 23.—Orders issued from the war department today ordered the Third United States infantry, now at Fort Thomas, to prepare to immediately proceed to the Isthmus of Panama, and it will sail from New York within a few days.

The troops will relieve the marines, who have been on duty since November at Panama, Colon and points along the canal route. Some of the marines will be withdrawn to Guantanamo, and the remainder will be brought home.

PANAMA TREATY RATIFIED

Washington, Feb. 23.—Consideration of the Panama canal was resumed this morning in the senate. As this is the day for closing the debate, several senators from the Southern states went on record as being personally opposed, but willing to vote for the ratification, as their constituents favored building the canal. The galleries were cleared, and at 12:30 the doors were closed for consideration of the amendments begun in executive session. The first to be acted upon were those previously suggested by the foreign relations committee, but were subsequently withdrawn. Bacon, on behalf of the Democrats, again offered one increasing the United States' control over Panama and Colon. It was voted down without division. The proposed amendment for the exercise of our good offices between Columbia and Panama, to compensate the former for loss of territory, and providing that the United States should guarantee such payment was defeated. Morgan then proceeded to make a long speech in general opposition. The treaty was ratified at 3 o'clock. It was carried by a vote of 66 to 14.

MIKADO HONORS SAILORS

Publicly thanks British Officers for Valuable Services

Confers Order of the Rising Sun on Them and Also Make Them Presents

Tokio, Feb. 23.—Captains Lee and Paynter and Lieutenant Boyle, of the British navy were thanked this morn-

THE MIKADO. Mutsuhito, Japan's progressive ruler, ascended the throne in 1868, at the age of sixteen, and since then has trans-



MUTSUHITO, EMPEROR OF JAPAN. formed his country from barbarism to the position of a thoroughly up to date world power.

ing by the mikado for navigating the cruisers Ishin and Kasuga from Genoa, Italy, to Japan. The mikado conferred the orders of the rising sun on them, and presented other valuable gifts.

Will Filed for Probate. Cleveland, Feb. 23.—Hanna's will was filed for probate today. One-third goes to his wife, the remainder is divided equally between the three children, Dan, Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. McCormick. Nothing is left for charity. The estate is valued at \$2,900,000. The widow, Dan and Hanna's brother are named as trustees.

Umbrellas "Went Up." New York, Feb. 23.—Fire this morning destroyed the National Umbrella Works and the Strauss Cut Glass Factory, causing a loss of \$300,000.

Vessels Damaged By Japs at Port Arthur are Now Nearly Ready for Action

Six Cruisers and Battleships in Plenty, and a Squadron Manned By 10,000 Marines Ready For Conflict

Chefoo, Feb. 23.—Repairs on the two vessels damaged by Japanese torpedo boats in the attack on Port Arthur are nearly completed, and they will be ready for service in a short time. The Russians now claim the Port Arthur fleet has in fighting trim six battleships, three cruisers, ten destroyers and 25 torpedo-boats, carrying in all nearly 10,000 men. It is expected the arrival of Admiral Makaroff will be the signal for a sally against the Japanese fleet. The Russians confidently expect within a few weeks to regain their naval supremacy.

French Send More Boats. Paris, Feb. 23.—The torpedo boats Pistolet and Javelin sailed from Brest for Algiers today, to join the Asiatic squadron.

England Guards Dardanelis. Constantinople, Feb. 23.—The porte is advised that there is the greatest activity among the vessels of the Russian Black Sea fleet, also at the Sebastopol and Odessa dock yards. It is stated British warships are concentrating along the Greek archipelago. Evidently it is not believed to be due to any forthcoming attempt to take the Russian fleet through the Dardanelles, but in preparation to take se-

vere measures in case of a Balkan crisis.

Russians in Corea. Berlin, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Tokio, reports that several hundred Russian cavalry have appeared at Anju, Korea, and destroyed the telegraph lines. Anju is 75 miles south of Wiju, and 100 north of Seoul.

Another Battle Reported. Berlin, Feb. 23.—A dispatch from the Lokal Anzeiger, from Tokio, says: "A fresh engagement took place at Port Arthur Thursday last. The details have not been announced by the government."

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Tomorrow Only	Men's Clothing
Special Sale No. 164. Beginning at 7:30 in the morning we offer a line of new spring wrappers, splendidly made, all sizes, and an elegant value for \$1.25 but during this sale, our special price is	FOR SPRING. The snuff of spring is in the air. Here you will find among the early arrivals, the sort of a suit you've been wanting, one that has style and finish; that fits and stays fit; a suit made to wear not simply to look at; but we want you to look at our new spring lines in men's clothing.
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