

RUSSIA WILL LOSE BOTH OF HER FLEETS

ALEXIEFF STRONGLY CONDEMNED

General Dragomiroff Advises the Czar to Order the Evacuation of Port Arthur ---Vladivostok Is Isolated

St. Petersburg, March 3.—A Port Arthur dispatch states that the inhabitants are suffering from a serious shortness of water. The supplies are brought overland, and, owing to the severe cold weather, freezes and bursts the casks before it arrives. The condenser in town is insufficient to supply the needs of the garrison and inhabitants.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—Unusual energy on the part of the authorities is directed to the prevention of a Siberian railway blockade. Twenty new sidings have been built, in the hope to clear the line and keep 11 trains running in each direction daily. Reserves from the Siberian rural districts are reported as being anxious to go to the front than the townsmen.

May Evacuate Port Arthur. St. Petersburg, March 3.—General Dragomiroff, ex-governor-general of Kiev, and one of the best posted military experts, has been summoned to the capital by the czar to take part in the deliberations regarding the conduct of the war, and incidentally to aid in the preparation of the plan of campaign.

This step on the part of the czar is regarded as highly significant, in view of the fact that General Dragomiroff has severely criticized Admiral Alexieff's policy, and insisted that the sensible policy would have been to direct both the army and navy to evacuate Port Arthur, and not to have permitted the Japs to shut them up like rats in a trap. Such a retreat, he has maintained, would have been a sensible policy, and would prevent further great disorders to the Russian army.

While General Dragomiroff's published strictures have been promptly repudiated by the government, and his statement that Port Arthur should be abandoned has been criticized in severe terms by General Kouropatkin and other high army chiefs, it is nevertheless a fact that there is a general feeling that Admiral Alexieff is directly to blame for the disasters that have followed the beginning of hostilities. He is declared to have

committed such blunders, both of commission and omission, that the whole Port Arthur fleet, and possibly the Siberian squadron, now penned up in Vladivostok harbor, must inevitably be lost to Russia.

AWFUL CONDITIONS AT HARBIN
Russians Suffer From Hunger and the Cold is Increasing.

Rome, March 3.—The Agenzia Libera has received a dispatch from its correspondent at Harbin, in which the latter states the conditions are frightful. There is a scarcity of supplies for the Russian troops already in Manchuria, and those arriving daily carry but scant commissary stores. Many of the troops, he declares, are actually suffering with hunger.

The correspondent states that the Arctic cold is increasing the death rate among the troops, until it is approaching alarming proportions. The officers in charge of the commissary arrangements are grossly incompetent, and the confusion is incredible.

Vladivostok, the correspondent declares, will prove an easy prey for the Japanese. The country between it and Harbin is filled with Chuchuzes, who are in such force that it would require an army division to dislodge them. The officials know this, and will make no attempt at present to send reinforcements to the beleaguered port.

Hope for Russia's Success.
Vienna, March 3.—At one of the largest attended meetings ever held here of Christian Socialists, a resolution was adopted praying heaven's blessing upon the Russian arms, and wishing Russia a brilliant victory over the yellow race. Several municipal councillors and one priest explained to the meeting that the Japanese cause was identical with that of the Jews, and consequently all good "Christians" must wish that neither the Japanese nor the Jews shall come out of the war with a whole skin. Russia, they declared, deserves the sympathies of all nations, because she

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MAP OF KOREA AND VICINITY. Korea strait, between Korea and Japan, is only 100 miles wide, and midway between the two countries are the well fortified Tsu islands, owned by Japan. This narrow strait, dominated by the forts and fleet of Japan, is Russia's avenue of communication between Vladivostok, on the north, and Port Arthur, the southern terminus of her Chinese Eastern railroad, which connects with the Transiberian line. Fusan, a Japanese colony in Korea, is rapidly being connected by rail with Seoul through the efforts of the Japanese government. There is also a short line between Seoul and its seaport, Chemulpo. On the map the dotted lines represent the boundary between Korea and Manchuria and between Manchuria and Russia, the parallel lines uncompleted railroads and the checked lines railroads already built.

ADMITS HE PRACTICES POLYGAMY

President Smith of the Mormon Church Boldly Admits That He Is Now Living With Five Wives

Washington, March 3.—Because it was probable that the examination of President Smith would touch upon his personal affairs, his polygamous marriages to five wives, and his family of 42 children, interest in the investigation into the Smoot case increased this morning. The senate committee room was filled with witnesses, counsel, newspaper men and spectators. Chairman Burrows announced that in view of the charge that the 12 apostles, of whom Smoot was one, connive at and teach polygamy, the committee decided it would inquire into the teachings and practices of the apostles since September 29, 1890, the

date of the Woodruff manifesto. When Smith took the stand, Attorney Taylor asked him whether to take a plural wife would be a violation of the rules of the church, and he replied that it would; that cohabitation with a plural wife is contrary to the rules of the church, as well as the law of the land. Then asking permission of the committee to make a statement, Smith said "In regard to the status of polygamists at the time of the manifesto, it was understood that they would abstain from association with their families. I think the rule is observed, but at the time of the passage

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INSANE MAN'S FREAK

Shot Two War Department Clerks Without Provocation

Was a Discharged Soldier and Came From St. Elizabeth Insane Asylum

Washington, March 3.—William O'Brien, a discharged soldier from the St. Elizabeth insane asylum, this morning shot Robert Manning and Arthur Wicker, war department clerks, the latter seriously. The man came to the adjutant-general's office, and asked for papers. He was referred to the record and pension office when he cut loose with a pistol. Manning's wound penetrated the stomach, and Wicker was shot in the left arm. O'Brien was disarmed by the other clerks and arrested.

Battleships Collide.
Washington, March 3.—Admiral Baker cables from Guantanamo: "While making the passage from Guantanamo to Pensacola, the Missouri's steering gear became disabled, and she collided with the Illinois, damaging her port propeller, and sustaining slight injury herself. Captain Cowles, the President's brother-in-law is in command of the Missouri."

To Pay for Canal.
Washington, March 3.—The treasury is preparing a call, ordering the national banks of the country to pay in 20 per cent by the 25th. The sum required is \$20,000,000, which, together with \$20,000,000 from the treasury itself, will be devoted to the payment for the Panama canal property concessions.

Japanese Congress.
London, March 3.—The Central News, of Tokio, says an extraordinary session of the Japanese diet is summoned for the 15th. It is not expected that the session will last more than 10 days. The customs will not be touched, but new taxes on salt and silk are likely.

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