

JAPS WERE READY

Had Completed Elaborate Plans for Campaign Before War

Russia Out Generated by Mikado's Statesmen-- Critical Moment Delayed Until Japs Were Ready

Tokyo, Japan, April 16.—Much has been said about Japan's patience in the face of Russia's continuous questionable diplomacy.

It is not my intention to take away one iota of the credit deserved by the little civilized nation of the far east for her interesting display of diplomacy, struck her initial blow at Russia the very instant she was fully

of war with Russia, when all the time they have been willing and anxious to measure swords with her.

Japanese leaders believe that Russia has bluffed, and some of them gradually admit it now. They point out that even assuming Russia could mobilize an immense army in Siberia after transporting over 4,000 miles of single track railroad, the result would be a frightful disaster, as she could not transport the food and clothing alone needed for 500,000 men, let alone ammunition, materials for war camps and the reinforcements required to replace the very large percentage of sick and disabled who must also be taken home.

Can Maintain Only 350,000.

Conservative Japanese who know the Siberian and Manchurian country estimate that the maximum number of troops Russia can put into the field and successfully maintain is 350,000, and even with this number they believe that there will be tales of horror from death and starvation in Russian winter camps which would startle the world.

It should be borne in mind that Japan struck the first blow a month before Russia thought it was possible to make an effective maneuver. It was shrewd, cool deliberation which



Daily Paper: "The Korean government has decided to preserve a strict neutrality in the war between Japan and Russia." —London Punch.

south than theirs, ten times as long, through an Arctic region."

Plenty of Resources.

Japan has at this moment internal resources which will put into the field three hundred thousand men and support them there for a year and a half, and there is little doubt in my own mind after witnessing the rapidity with which the popular loan was subscribed five times over, that she could sustain herself for twice that time without negotiating a loan from abroad.

Harry Watterson.

No lecture announced for Salem in many years has called forth such great interest as the appearance of Mr. Watterson on next Tuesday evening. His name is familiar over the entire United States as that of a man great and honorable as a citizen. This is his chief claim to the attention of his countrymen. In the last 30 years there has probably been no publicist whose utterances have been awaited with greater interest. Mr. Watterson is a great editor and equally superior on the lecture platform. By many who have already heard him at the Willamette valley Chautauqua his engagement in Salem is hailed with delight—this over the prospect of again listening to his wonderful tribute to Abraham Lincoln. In every state, north or south, east and west, this splendid discus-

sion of the character and services of the great war president by a southern gentleman has carried audiences by storm.

Another Unfortunate.

George Male, of Umatilla county, was brought to the asylum yesterday.



Major-General Pflug, one of the foremost Russian commanders in the far east.



Ahtung, an important strategic point on the Yalu river, for the possession of which a conflict between the Japanese and Russians may be expected in the near future. The view is taken from the Korean side of the river, and shows the hilly nature of the country round Ahtung. The buildings on the hill were occupied by the Japanese in the war of 1894.

prepared for war, and not a moment before.

On Equal Naval Footing.

She did not begin shuffling her diplomatic cards with Russia until she had practically every battleship she needed to put her on equal naval footing in Eastern waters completed or ready to leave the ways. She did not make a movement until she possessed a full complement of artillery, guns and ammunition sufficient to equip as large an army as she estimated Russia would dare throw into her far distant Siberian territory. She kept her small arms and ammunition factories working for many months on double shifts before the diplomatic war cloud was as large as a speck in the sky.

It may be said truly that Russia forced the situation on Japan, but the statesmen of Japan believe they diplomatically deferred the psychological moment on Russia.

Outgeneraled Russia.

Japan's statesmen have outgeneraled their more clumsy diplomatic antagonists in Russia by an exhibition of kindly deference which had misled Russians into the belief that Japan was really fearful of the consequences

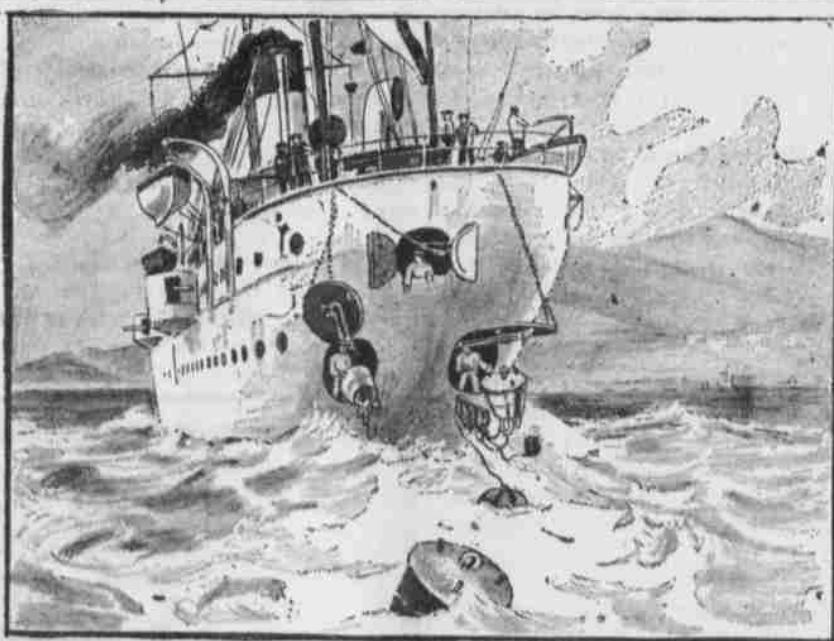
marked her course. She struck Port Arthur the first moment that the scheme was feasible. She hit Russia a savage blow at a time when her railroad traffic was nearly paralyzed and would be for weeks longer, and she struck the blow when she was well prepared to throw troops into Korea rapidly and needed safe seas room to accomplish it.

No False Move Made.

So far Japan has made no false movement in the game, and none which has not indicated marvelously clear reasoning and sound judgment.

A story has been circulating in Japan that Russia has threatened to follow a Moscow policy, retreating into the loneliness and vastness of interior Siberia, and luring the Japanese to certain death, which creates great amusement in the Japanese mind. One general put it in this way:

"We are perfectly willing to be lured on until we control the coast line we want and Korea, but I do not think we should go a few hundred miles inland, certainly our line of communication will be easier to keep open from a warm country in the



The Japanese warship "Yenissei" dropping mines into the harbor outside Port Arthur. It is due to the effective tactics of the Japanese in mining the waters in the vicinity of Port Arthur that several of the Russian ships have been destroyed.

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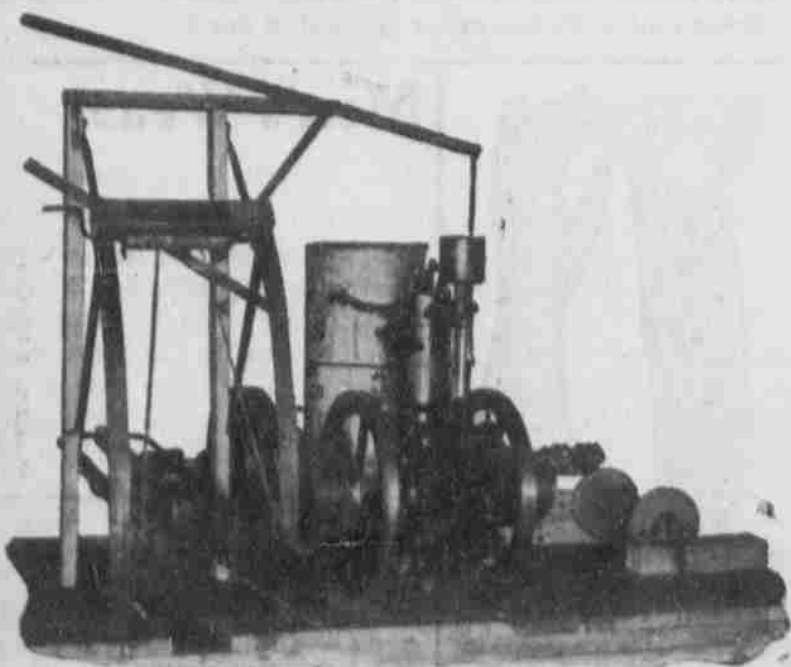
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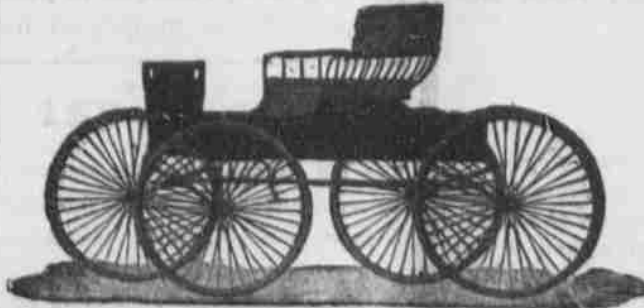
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