

RUSSIAN VICEROY SHOT OFFICER.

Believed to be Responsible for the Surprise
of the Russian Fleet at Port Arthur.

OFFICIALS EXPLAIN TO RUSSIAN PUBLIC UNPREPAREDNESS FOR WAR.

And Declare Japan will be Severely Chastised.

CZAR IS CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Berlin, Feb. 18.—A despatch to the Cologne Gazette from Chemulpo reasserts that seven officers and 439 men of the Russian warships Variag and Korietz were either killed or drowned when the vessels were destroyed.

Seoul, Feb. 18.—Three thousand Russian troops are reported to be encamped on the Yalu river opposite Wiju.

Russia Not Prepared.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—An official proclamation, explaining the unpreparedness of Russia for war, and the necessity for the exercise of patience by her people has been issued here.

It is as follows: "Eight days have elapsed since all Russia was shaken with profound indignation against an enemy who suddenly broke off negotiations and by treacherous attack endeavored to obtain an easy success in a war long desired. The Russian nation with natural impatience desires prompt vengeance and awaits feverishly news from the far east.

The utility and strength of the Russian people leave no room for doubt that Japan will receive the chastisement she deserves for her treachery and provocation to war at a time when our beloved sovereign desired to maintain peace among the nations.

The conditions under which hostilities are being carried on compel us to wait with patience news of the success of our troops which cannot occur before decisive actions are fought by the Russian army. The distance of the territory and the desire of the emperor to maintain peace were the cause of the impossibility of more complete and earlier preparation for war. Much time is now necessary in order to strike at Japan blows worthy of the dignity and might of the Russians, and while sparing as much as possible the shedding of blood of her children, to inflict just chastisement upon the nation which has provoked this struggle. Russia must await the event in patience being sure that our army will avenge an hundredfold that provocation.

Operations on land must not be expected for some time yet, and we cannot obtain early news from the theatre of the war. The useless shedding of blood is unworthy of the greatness and power of Russia.

Our country displays such unity and desire for self-sacrifice on behalf of the nation's cause, that all true news from the scene of hostilities will be immediately due to the entire nation."

A Dramatic Incident.

New York, Feb. 18.—A St. Petersburg correspondent according to a cablegram to the World from London says: "I learn from official sources the news of a dramatic sequel to the Russian disaster at Port Arthur on Feb. 9."

After the attack by the Japanese, Viceroy Alexieff summoned before him the Russian officers whose negligence was the main cause of the defeat.

After cross examining them as to their conduct, Alexieff was convinced that a lieutenant among them was most culpably guilty. It is declared that Alexieff drew a revolver and shot the young officer dead before his comrades.

The lieutenant had taken a party of officers on a torpedo boat when as he should have been on guard outside the harbor.

Missionaries with Japan.

New York, Feb. 18.—All the Protestant missionaries in the east are on the Japanese side, said the Rev. D. S. Spencer

who has just returned to New York from Japan.

He has spent twenty-eight years in that country in missionary work. Victory for Russia would virtually close Manchuria and Korea to Protestantism. The orthodox creed church would rule. The Japanese on the other hand welcome our missions. Absolute freedom of religion prevails wherever Japanese rule extends. Our missionaries are not in personal danger in any event.

Japan is in deadly earnest. The war is to them a struggle for existence and for that reason I sympathize with that nation."

Japanese Intentions.

New York, Feb. 18.—M. Kurino the retiring Japanese minister to Russia according to a special to the Times from Berlin, says that Japan having gone to war with Russia for the defense of the sovereignty of the Korean and Chinese Empires would religiously respect that sovereignty if she were victorious.

He added: We pledge ourselves to the maintenance of the open door when ever the fortunes of war clothe us with ascendancy in the far east.

I find commercial Germany exploiting the bugbear that if we beat Russia we shall proceed to slam the open door in the face of Europe and America and hoist the banner of Asia for the Asiatic.

Japan has no such intentions. It is fundamentally opposed to our national ambition to rank as a world power in the general sense of the term. The idea that Japan plans the organization of the yellow race for the purpose of crushing white power in Asia is a ridiculous fantasy. Whoever permits himself to be frightened by the "yellow peril" is ignorant of the gulf separating the Japanese and the Chinese people.

"China indeed regards the Japanese as a traditional enemy and the attitude of China at this hour most disturbs Japan. I fear China will find it difficult to maintain internal order in the neighborhood of the fighting zone."

M. Kurino added that Japanese finances were never in a better condition than now, and that unless the war lasted a long time Japan would not have to seek foreign loans.

A Bunch of Rumors.

London, Feb. 18.—Great Britain's formal assent to Secretary Hay's note on China has not yet been given, as various details, notably the status of New Chwang requires further elaboration. At the same time the foreign office says the answer already given is tantamount to the acceptance of the broad principles of the note.

Tien Tsin, Feb. 18.—The departure of the Chinese imperial troops from Pac Ting Fa to Kin Chai (previously fixed for today) to guard the frontier has been postponed until Feb. 21. The reasons for the postponement are not known.

The British steamer Hsi Ping from Chin Wang Tao for Shanghai, which was overdue last reported in Port Arthur roads and which was believed to have been captured by the Russians, arrived today at Shanghai.

Russia Wants Volunteers.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The general staff announced today that the war office is willing to accept volunteers for service in the far east. They must be under 40 years of age and have had military training. These volunteers will be enrolled in the reserve battalion under Viceroy Alexieff.

Nagasaki, Feb. 18.—Five Russian pas-

sengers detained on board the steamer Argunand and on the steamer Ekaterine-slav were released at Sasebo today and allowed to proceed to their destination.

A Korean Talks.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—W. M. Osborn, collector of customs at Fusan, Korea, who is here on a vacation trip, speaking of Japan and her ability to maintain a long war says she has laid in large quantities of supplies for her army has plenty of coal, ample construction and repair facilities for the needs of her formidable navy and in other respects is on a fair footing never before attained by any other nation in such a short space of time.

Keeping News from Them.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—No official announcement of the disaster off Chemulpo, Korea, has yet been made here, although the papers are printing stories of the loss of the Variag and Korietz.

The St. Petersburg Gazette asks what are we going to do with the million subscribers for the navy and continues: "We cannot patch up a useless garment. Let us start afresh."

Count Orloff Davkoff the philanthropist and close friend of the late Czar Alex. III has given \$500,000 to the Red Cross society, \$100,000 for the immediate use of the society, and \$200,000 for a hospital for wounded sailors and soldiers and \$200,000 for a school for orphans of the war.

The Korean minister announces that although 36,000 Korean troops are stationed at Seoul, his government preferred not to take up arms against Japan because Korea is neutral and felt sure Russia would soon drive out the Japanese.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Emperor William has notified the Czar and the Mikado that the German hospitals at Kiao Chou and Yokohama are available for the care of men, wounded during the war.

Japan Nothing to Fear.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Major Sakoi, an attache of the Japanese legation at St. Petersburg, left Montreal today on a race across the continent, with the hope of getting to Vancouver in time to sail on the 22nd for Japan, on the Empress of China.

Through the aid of an interpreter Major Sakoi, who speaks but a few words of English, expressed his anxiety to get home as quickly as possible.

"Some time prior to the outbreak of hostilities," said Major Sakoi, "Japan sent me to St. Petersburg as an attache of the Japanese legation there. My mission, however, was to study the military situation and movements in Russia. This I did, but before I could obtain any valuable information, the probability of war became so imminent that I was obliged to withdraw and return home."

Although he did not say whether he concealed his activities in the enemy's capital, yet from the tenor of his conversation, it was evident that he was somewhat of an agent, who was searching out the weak and strong places in Russia's army system, while at the same time he was hiding under the wing of the legation. Asked as to what information he had gleaned and what his opinion of the battles so far, he said:

"I cannot commit myself by giving out anything regarding my stay at St. Petersburg. When I reach Japan all my observations will be communicated to the government."

"In reference to the war, I may say that thus far it has been decidedly in favor of Japan. We have a strong navy and I have no doubt about its continued supremacy over the Russian fleet. As there have been no land engagements of which I have officially heard, it is difficult to predict the consequences should they ensue. Russia may have some advantage, perhaps, but not enough to conquer our forces. I think Japan has nothing to fear on either land or sea."

Major Sakoi is accompanied by Mr. Machidi, a Japanese gentleman, who has graduated from an American university, and is going to Japan with the hope of inducing a number of his countrymen to form a colony in the United States.

Asked whether they could come, now that Japan was involved in fighting, Mr. Machidi said that out of a population of 40,000,000 people, he did not expect any trouble in finding all whom he desired.

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Having been solicited and strongly urged by a multiplicity of influential ratepayers to offer myself as a candidate for Alderman for St. Ann's Ward at the approaching civic elections to be held on March 14th, I have, after due consideration, decided to accede to their wishes.

During my residence in this city I have been a close and patient observer of the methods of those administering your affairs, and have arrived at the conclusion that there is room for considerable improvement—in fact the time has arrived for a change. Year after year we have witnessed the spectacle of men sitting at the board voting money into their own pockets in violation of their oath of office. Our floating indebtedness has steadily increased, taxes have gone up, the assessment law is carried out in a perfunctory manner, and many departments of the public service have been shamefully neglected.

Now is the time for all good men to put their shoulders to the wheel and strike a blow for freedom. The standard of reform should be raised over our City Hall. Let there be no more "grafting." Let there be no more "rake-offs" or bogus coal contracts. Put an end to this game of grab by purging the body politic and demanding an honest, economical and business-like administration of affairs.

If you honor me with your confidence, I pledge myself to bring about the consummation devoutly to be wished. That is my platform. It is broad enough to hold all classes and creeds interested in the good government of the city, and upon it I am prepared to stand or fall.

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Dated this 7th day of January, A. D., 1904.
GEORGE FREDERICK GILMORE,
Administrator of the estate of Joanna Estabrooks, deceased.
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