

NO WAR YET,

But Rumor Mongers
are Getting in
Their Work.

ALARMING REPORT OF SERIOUS NAVAL COLLISION

Officially Denied at St.
Petersburg.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Port Arthur, Feb. 9.—Japanese torpedo boats attacked the Russian fleet here during the night, and three of the Russian ships were badly damaged.

The Japanese who thus scored the first success of the war, escaped undamaged.

In consequence of the attack by the Japanese torpedo boats, martial law has been proclaimed here.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—The Russian admiralty has just received information that eleven Japanese and one Russian war ship have been sunk in an attack upon Port Arthur.

Seven Russians were killed and many were wounded.

The town is in flames.

London, Feb. 9.—The St. Petersburg despatch, stating that eleven Japanese war ships have been destroyed, cannot be confirmed here.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—Report re the sinking of eleven Japanese battleships, is officially denied.

London, Feb. 9.—The Japanese minister Baron Hayashi, said this afternoon: "Russia is making desperate efforts, though the various embassies, to have the powers intervene. Russia is now willing to concede everything, but the offer came too late."

Baron Hayashi added, "I learn on good authority that the reply Russia intended to send merely related to all the cardinal points to which Japan had consistently objected."

Chee Foo, Feb. 9.—The Japanese consul, formerly stationed at Dalney, who has just returned here, says that he passed a Japanese fleet today going in the direction of Port Arthur.

This Morning's Despatches.

London, Feb. 8.—The outbreak of war between Russia and Japan will, it is believed here, be followed by the precipitate flight of the Empress Dowager and entire Chinese court from Peking to Southern China, where they took refuge in 1900. This will leave the government without a head in Peking, and will practically close every door of communication from the powers to the Peking government.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Great activity and excitement was manifested throughout official circles here today as the result of the Japanese action in breaking off relations with Russia. The latest official despatches received did not diminish the gravity of the situation, but indicated that actual hostilities were not likely to break out immediately. This was shown chiefly by two despatches, saying that both M. Kurino, the Japanese minister to Russia, and Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, still remained at St. Petersburg and Tokio respectively.

Reports of France's intention, with Great Britain and other powers to make a superhuman effort to avert war continue to circulate. The foreign office declines to confirm or deny them, but this is said to be due to Mr. Delcasse's insistence that all official comment be withheld for the present. However, the general trend of official opinion indicates that little or no hopes are entertained of averting war. The French authorities say the only course now open is to await Japan's beligerent move, as this will determine whether Russia will adopt offensive or defensive tactics. All is considered to be hinging on Japan's first strategic move.

No information has been received here of any steps towards peaceful intervention. To the Associated Press the statement was again made at the Jap

anese legation that Japan cannot accept it whatever be its form and by whatever nation it may be tendered.

The British embassy says it is ignorant of any action in the direction of mediation by its government, but is regarded as strongly probable that views are being exchanged by several nations in order to make stronger any such representations.

The Chinese legation intimates that it will maintain an attitude of strict neutrality, and is confident that whoever is the victor Manchuria will remain Chinese in consequence of the treaties by which ports were opened to the commerce of all nations.

Pekin, Feb. 8.—A detachment of troops arrived here last night, bringing the legation guard of Russia up to its full strength.

Preparations for the dispatch of troops to guard the frontier of Chi Li Province continue.

A Russian firm at New Chwang has completed the purchase of the available stock of coal, amounting approximately to 22,000 tons.

London, Feb. 9.—"Russia is negotiating with a syndicate of French, Belgian and Dutch bankers," cables the Brussels correspondent of the Standard, "for a loan of \$200,000,000."

In a despatch from Tokio a correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Jiji Shimpō has received a telegram from Fusan, Korea, declaring that the firing of guns was heard to the east of Koje Island (about 25 miles southwest of Fusan) at eight o'clock Saturday morning.

The Che Foo correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that sixty Japanese transports are landing troops at various ports in Korea from Masampo and Fusan on the south to Kusan, Mokpho and Chemulpo on the west.

Seoul is to be occupied and the landing is being covered by the torpedo division. The main body of the Japanese fleet, the correspondent concludes, will sail in the direction of Port Arthur.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—A despatch received here from Port Arthur says news has been received there that Japanese troops have landed at Masampo. The despatch says further that Russian warships at Port Arthur frequently put to sea, and that the inhabitants of Seoul are uneasily expecting the arrival of Japanese troops.

London, Feb. 9.—In a despatch from Tien Tsin, a correspondent there of the Standard says a Russian force is reported at Kalgan (in Pechili province, 110 miles northwest of Peking, and near the Great Wall) and that preparations are being made for the flight of the Chinese court and the removal of the imperial treasure, as it is feared that Russia will descend upon Peking.

BAGGAGE CAR BURNED.

Accident Occurred in a Moving G. T. Train
---Contents Destroyed.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Montreal, Feb. 9.—The baggage car of the Grand Trunk train which left Toronto for Montreal last night, caught fire at Port Hope.

The train was backed up to Port Hope station, and every effort was made to extinguish the flames, but without avail, and the entire car with its contents were destroyed.

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NINE KILLED.

In a C. P. R. Head-on
Collision.

AWFUL RAILWAY DISASTER IN ONTARIO.

Train Crew Disobeyed
Orders,

AND RAN PAST CROSSING STATION.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Arnprior, Ont., Feb. 9.—The east and west bound Soo trains on the Canadian Pacific Railway, collided at Sand Point early this morning.

Nine passengers are reported killed and several injured.

Both trains were running late. Neither train stops at Sand Point.

The westbound train left Montreal at 10 o'clock last night, and was due to reach Arnprior at 3.18, but was over an hour late.

The east bound train from Sault Ste Marie was due at Arnprior at 2.20 and was also running late.

The two trains had orders to cross at Sand Point where there is no operator.

For some unexplained reason the westbound train passed the crossing point and two miles further on collided head on with the eastbound train.

The wreck occurred seven miles from a railway station or telegraph office.

It is reported there that nine bodies have been taken from the wreck, including T. A. Beach, mail clerk, Pembroke, Ont.; A. P. Black, mail clerk, Ottawa; Engineer, Joseph Jackson, Ottawa; and John O'Toole, baggage master.

ESTATE NOTICE

All persons having any claims against the estate of Joanna Estabrooks, late of the City of Fredericton, in the County of York, widow, deceased, are requested to present the same, duly attested, to Havelock Coy of the said City of Fredericton, Barrister at Law, within three months from this date, and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the said Havelock Coy.

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Public meeting in the St. John Opera House at 8 p. m.

ALL LIBERALS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AS DELEGATES

Hon. H. R. Emmerson,

Minister of Railways and Canals

Will be in attendance at the Convention, and with other speakers will address the public meeting in the evening.

Standard Convention Certificates will be issued by all Railways in the Province on payment of one fare rate. Certificates to be used for return trip when signed by C. J. Milligan, Secretary. Tickets good going 10th and 11th, good for return up to midnight of the 12th inst.

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