

## WAR IS CERTAIN.

### Russia's Reply Has Been Handed to Japan.

### THE LATTER'S MINISTER AT LONDON DECLARES A CLASH IMMINENT.

### Rumor that there Has Already Been a Great Naval Battle.

### AND THAT SHIPS OF BOTH NATIONS HAVE BEEN SUNK.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—The Japanese minister M. Kurino, is making preliminary preparations for his departure from St. Petersburg.

The Russian reply has been handed to the Japanese government by Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio.

Despatches from Vladivostok say that the Japanese residents there are fleeing to Japanese ports.

Their flight is attributed to secret orders from the Japanese government. Store keepers sacrificed stock valued at several hundred thousand roubles for fifteen kopecks on the rouble in their hurry to leave.

London, Feb. 6.—A report was current on the stock exchange today that a severe naval battle had taken place in which three Russian and two Japanese ships had been sunk.

The rumor caused great excitement throughout the city.

#### This Morning's Despatches.

Paris, Feb. 5.—Foreign Minister Delcasse presented a review of the Far Eastern situation at a meeting of the cabinet this morning, but the foreign office says he was unable to acquaint his colleagues with the full contents of the Russian reply, because it had not been received here. Until war actually begins the French authorities say they will take the view that a peaceful settlement is possible, but they admit the chance is slim, despite the concessions which Russia is expected to have made.

An interview published here with Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, has attracted marked attention in the highest government quarters, particularly his declarations that unless Russia signs a treaty carrying out Japan's demands, war will result and also his statement that Japan will object to any intervention from Great Britain tending towards inducing the acceptance of Russia's reply.

One of the officials in touch with Foreign Minister Delcasse said that if this interview was genuine as it seemed to be, it was of the highest moment, as being an indication of the warlike attitude of the Japanese government.

Baron Hayashi, besides reiterating his former published statements that Japan will insist on a signed treaty recognizing China's right in Manchuria, is quoted as adding:

"If Russia refuses this treaty we will fight."

"Is your government unalterably determined on this course?" the minister was asked.

"Absolutely," he is said to have replied. "We will not take promises. Too many promises have been broken and now we insist upon a signed treaty."

The interviewer then asked: "Suppose Russia's answer is conciliatory and reasonable, but refuses to go to the extent of signing the treaty you desire, will your government then have recourse to arms?"

"That is precisely what I mean," replied the minister. "If the government of His Majesty King Edward VII. asks Japan not to make war?" continued the interviewer, "and requests her to accept Russia's reply, what will Japan do?"

"We shall greatly object to such intervention, even coming from the King. We desire to be let alone in our war with Russia. We do not want support

or assistance. We desire to settle our own account with Russia."

In terminating the interview Baron Hayashi was asked: "When you see that if Russia refuses to sign a treaty recognizing China's rights in Manchuria, that means war?"

"That will be war," replied the minister.

Baron Hayashi added to the foregoing that he believed it to be the view of his government and that authority had been given him to announce it.

The French officials expressed surprise at the unqualified statement concerning war and of Japan's intention not to accede to a British request against war.

London, Feb. 6.—The Tokio correspondent of the Times says the situation is regarded as hopeless. It is generally believed, he continues, that the councils of the elder statesmen held Feb. 3 and 4 decided upon the final measures to be taken in the event of an unfavorable reply from Russia.

The voluntary subscriptions to the war fund exceed 2,000,000 yen (\$1,000,000), the correspondent says and little credence is attached to the persistent rumors that Russian troops are about to proceed to Korea at the request of the Korean government.

Port Arthur, Feb. 6.—Military reports declare that all the railway bridges are guarded and that the bridges over the Sungari river are defended by infantry, artillery and patrol boats.

A relay post has been established on the military road from Lien Yang to Antung in anticipation of an advance.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—"The Japanese are flying panic-stricken," cables the Vladivostok correspondent of the Novoe Vremya, "and Japanese storekeepers are sacrificing all they possess in their haste to escape to Japan. Cases of oranges are selling for five cents and furniture is being literally given away. They are practically ruining themselves in their hurry to get away before the outbreak of war."

#### FIRE AT QUEBEC

Destroyed \$20,000 Worth of Property—  
Historic Church Threatened.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Quebec, Feb. 6.—A fire which started at the corner of Notre Dame and Soulefort streets, lower town, last night, immediately under the Dufferin terrace and close to the little old church of Notre Dame Des Victoires, destroyed \$20,000 worth of property before it was finally extinguished at an early hour this morning.

The building almost entirely destroyed belonged to the Bon Pasteur Convent and was insured. Several adjoining buildings were badly damaged.

#### JOKE ON INSPECTOR.

Anxious to Protect Craps from Incursions  
of Railway Navies.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Toronto, Feb. 6.—A funny story comes from North Bay, regarding a game inspector, a foreigner, recently appointed by the government to prevent as far as possible, the unnecessary slaughter of game.

The inspector, overhearing a couple of foremen on the Temicaming railway line say that some of the navies spent their Sundays in shooting craps, posted up the line by the first train, and spent two days searching for specimens of the new bird, hoping to convict the offenders.

#### TOWN WANTS A NAME.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Sydney Mines, N. S., Feb. 6.—The town of Sydney Mines wants a name. The council accordingly has just offered a prize of five dollars to citizens to send in the best suggestion for a new name. The idea is that the present name leads to too much confusion, being too nearly similar to those of Sydney and North Sydney.

#### FLOUR GOES UP.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—The price of flour was advanced ten cents per barrel for points west of Fort William yesterday by the leading mills.

#### A LADY'S DEATH.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

London, Ont., Feb. 6.—Mrs. Margaret Blue, wife of Mr. Archibald Blue, chief of the census staff, died here today, aged 63 years.

Some self-made people seem to have got the material at a bargain counter.

#### A FUEL FAMINE.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Hespler, Ont., Feb. 6.—The fuel famine is becoming acute. The Hespler public school and the Canada cotton mill here have closed and a similar fate threatens the Forbs woolen mills. Many families also have exhausted their supply of fuel and unless coal soon arrives, there will be much suffering.

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