

WAR TAX MEASURES ARE ADOPTED BY THE DIET

Legislators Approve the Cabinet's Fiscal Plans, Including the Tobacco Monopoly.

PRIZE LOTTERY SCHEME

TOKIO, Tuesday, March 29.—The special Diet concluded its labors to-day, finally passing the series of war tax and financial measures proposed by the government. It will finally adjourn to-morrow. Almost the entire financial programme submitted by the Cabinet was approved, although several changes were made. The amount to be raised annually by special taxation was reduced from \$34,000,000 to \$31,000,000. The government plans to make up the deficit thereby created in the estimates by cutting down the administrative expenses. Another change in the programme was the refusal to sanction the creation of a salt monopoly.

An interesting feature of the financial legislation is the passage of an act authorizing the banks to issue savings prize debentures. The total issue of these debentures is limited to 15,000,000 per year. The rate of interest and the amount of the prizes under a lottery drawing scheme are limited. The whole plan ends when the war is over. The government has the right to borrow the money realized by the sale of the savings prize debentures, but the management, sale and redemption of the debentures is entirely in the hands of the banks.

The changes in the customs tariffs become effective after six months. The articles affected include confectioneries, preserves in sugar, silk fabrics, alcohol, kerosene, tobacco, molasses, syrup, crepe de chine, satin, ordinary sake and all alcoholic beverages containing 50 per cent of alcohol. Consumption taxes are levied on woolen fabrics and the tobacco monopoly was passed. The compensation to be paid the manufacturers will be a sum equal to the amount of their sales for three years.

TOGO TELLS OF THE BRAVE WORK OF HIS MEN

TOKIO, March 29.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Admiral Togo's recital of the second attempt to bottle up the Port Arthur squadron and the sixth attack on that port reached Tokio to-day. After giving details of the attempt to block the entrance of the port, already published, Admiral Togo pays a tribute to the bravery of the men killed, saying: "Those who were engaged in this work are those who had been engaged in the same work before. It was by their special request. Only petty officers and crews were supplanted by new men."

The report mentions the casualties, and continues: "All the remainder of the crews were safely picked up by our destroyers. Commander Hirose and Boatman Sugino, who were killed, displayed remarkable courage. Sugino was the first to jump overboard to light the magazine on the Fukui-Mari when the ship was struck by an enemy's torpedo which killed him. Commander Sugino, after commanding his men to take to the boats, did not find Sugino, searched through the ship three times for him. Finding his ship gradually going down Commander Hirose was compelled to give up the search and enter a boat. Sugino was rowing away under the enemy's fire a shell struck him on the head. His head struck him on the head. His head was blown away. Only one man in the boat was left, that remained of the brave officer's body. Commander Hirose was always a model officer, and he leaves a meritorious example, the memory of which will be everlast-

ing. The Emperor has conferred the Order of the Rising Sun and the Order of the Rising Sun on Commander Hirose. Togo, who was on board the Japanese ship in the harbor during the Japanese attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur Sunday last. A movement has been inaugurated by the commanding officers, supplementing each other, could dominate the world."

KAISER GOES TO SICILY; HIS THROAT NORMAL

GAETA, Italy, March 30.—Emperor William, on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, left here to-day for Messina, Sicily, escorted by the German cruiser Prince Friedrich Karl.

BERLIN, March 30.—Inquiries made in consequence of a report published in Paris that alarming news had been received concerning Emperor William's health elicited the announcement that the condition of His Majesty's throat is normal, and the report is otherwise discredited.

BRITISH WAR VESSELS READY FOR EMERGENCY

WICORIA, B. C., March 30.—It is reported that the vessels of the British naval squadron on this station have received orders from the Admiralty to cancel their quarterly practice firing with the light and heavy guns, reserve their ammunition and hold themselves in readiness for instant orders to sail for a distant quarter, presumably Chinese waters. The cruisers are, however, remaining in or very near Esquimalt harbor.

CHANNEL TO BE Cut for Warships

CRONSTADT, March 30.—The icebreaker Ermak is bound here from Revel to cut a channel for the warships which are awaiting their armor at the St. Petersburg yards. Lights will be burned to help the冰破船 steer a clear course through the ice at night.

Easter Hats

Everybody wants a new hat this week, and we have made an effort to supply this demand. Here you will find all of the leading styles in the best hat you ever saw for \$3.00



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COSACKS CHARGING THE ENEMY.

COMBINE AGAINST JAPAN AND AMERICA IS URGED

Russian Newspaper Thinks the United States Is Europe's Greatest Enemy.

SENSATIONAL EDITORIAL

ST. PETERSBURG, March 30.—The Novoe Vremya to-day executed a face-off, strongly supporting the idea of a Russo-British understanding, in an editorial entitled "The Blindness of England," in which the paper argues that the success of Japan would be more injurious to Great Britain than to any other European, and points to the United States as the common rival of both. It describes Japan as "America's sharpshooters," and says: "Remember what nation in the person of the commander of one of its men-of-war at Chelupovo, refused to join in the collective protest of the other foreign commanders before the Japanese destroyed the Varig and the Korletz. Remember whose flag alone among all did not take on board the crews of our perishing ships. The honor of England, the ally of Japan, it was not her representative, but the commander of an American ship."

The Americans wish to convert the Pacific into an American Mediterranean. Would that be to the advantage of England? Does England not understand in her blind policy and hatred toward Russia that she is turning this ocean into an American Mediterranean? Sooner or later the European countries will recognize that America is their mutual enemy. Why should not Russia and England, in view of the present state of European combines? Some one will do, and a great service by warning her of the economical and perhaps political Sedan which will be effected by Japan and America. Russia does not want India, but only access to the open sea, from Vladivostok and Port Arthur. They are like two planets, which, by coming together, supplementing each other, could dominate the world."

CENSORSHIP IN FAR EAST IS MORE STRICT

LONDON, March 31.—The Daily Telegraph says the Japanese authorities have refused correspondents the use of the field telegraph lines and that all dispatches must be sent to Tokio by mail. The paper further says that there is no sign that any foreigners will be permitted to go to the front, though the native newspaper men will be partially inundated owing to the melting snows and rain.

are undisturbed except at Am-Tung, where all the large shops have been closed. The natives have been forbidden to cross or recross the Yalu river. The natives believe that the troops on the Yalu are not Russian, but Manchurian. Travellers report having seen troops under strenuous march along the Feng-Huang-ting road, footsore and weary. The brigades which are largely temporary, are partly inundated owing to the melting snows and rain.

PORT ARTHUR CHANNEL IS PARTLY BLOCKED

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Information has been received here from Tokio, under date of March 30, to this effect: "The Japanese fleet has been successful in the attempt partially to close the channel of Port Arthur. Four Japanese merchant vessels, escorted by twelve destroyers and six first-class torpedo boats, arrived at 3 a. m. March 27. The Japanese merchant vessels successfully entered the channel inside the lighthouse. Two were destroyed, sunk by Russian destroyers, two of them by their own explosives. Loss in killed, two officers and one man. Loss in wounded, one officer and eight men. No casualties on Japanese torpedo vessels. A very small gap is left in the channel."

Whether this information received is believed here it will be difficult for the Russian ships to pass the channel should the cablegram from Tokio prove to be accurate.

RUSSIA PROTESTS AGAINST JAPANESE

TOKIO, March 30.—The Russian government, through the French minister here, has lodged a protest with the Japanese government against the destruction of the quarantine station at San Shamtao during the fourth Japanese attack on Port Arthur. The protest is based on Article 25 of the Hague international peace conventions, a copy of which is submitted with it. Responding to the protest, Baron Komura, minister of foreign affairs, informed the French minister that the Japanese government had received no report from Vice Admiral Togo concerning the destruction of the quarantine station, but whether the station had been destroyed or not, the article of the Hague convention noted nothing on the land battles, the commission having left the question of naval bombardments unsettled. Japanese military and naval officers who are familiar with San Shamtao declared that the quarantine station there did not exist before the war.

WILL GO TO FRONT WITH THE RUSSIANS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 30.—Captain William V. Judson, of the engineer corps, U. S. A., and Lieutenant Newton A. McCullum, the United States naval attaché, will proceed to the front on Friday. The former will be attached to General Kropotkin's headquarters and the latter will go to Port Arthur, where he will join Vice Admiral Makarov. Both the American officers speak in the highest terms of the kindness accorded them here. Upon invitation, they both visited Cronstadt and inspected the ships building at the new admiralty and General Kropotkin is now at Liao-Yang. Vice Admiral Togo's report on his arrival, to the Mikado, was shortly forwarded to Korea with the headquarters staff. The Seoal correspondent of the Daily Mail describes Korea outside the districts occupied by the Japanese as "a country of anarchy and in readiness for rebellion." The correspondent asserts that the censorship prevents any reference to local disturbances.

There is no further news of any kind concerning the progress of hostilities.

DELAYRE DEPLORES REPRODUCTION OF WAR

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ST. PETERSBURG, March 30.—General Delaix, the former Boer commander, addressing a congress of farmers to-day, said he regretted the forthcoming representation of scenes from the Boer war at the St. Louis exposition, which, he said, would be a shameful production.

General Delaix said he wished to bring to the notice of the Boer farmers the fact that the Boers had abandoned all thoughts of vindictiveness toward Great Britain, and that it was now their privilege to work in peace.

NICARAGUA TROOPS ARE BEING REARMED

HAVANA, March 30.—The Nicaraguan government steamer Ometepe sailed for Bluefields to-day with 5,000 Remington rifles purchased from a Spanish hardware house here. The Cuban government, in response to the solicitation of the Nicaraguan government for the purpose of purchase, had suspended the recent requirement that all arms in quantity stored in Havana must be taken to the fortress of Cabanas.

General Echarreta, Nicaraguan ambassador to New Orleans, who negotiated the purchase, said to-day to the Associated Press: "Nicaragua has just purchased 25,000 rifles and 4,000,000 rounds of ammunition from Spain and expects to buy more."

The new regime in Nicragua was rearming its troops, but that this was not to bode any fear of a revolution.

COASTING STEAMER SUNK BY RUSSIANS

CHE-FOO, March 30.—The captain, an older and one passenger of the Japanese coasting steamer Hanyel arrived at Che-foong this morning, and reported that the Hanyel had been fired upon and sunk by the Russian fleet near the Miao-ko islands on the morning of March 27. They also reported that the remainder of the crew and passengers, Chinese and Japanese, seventeen in number, had been taken prisoners by the Russians.

The captain of the Hanyel, who arrived here to-day, stated that the steamer was sunk for the Japanese fleet until he had approached within one mile of them. Then the Russians boarded the Hanyel in small boats and took the passengers off. The captain, the older and one passenger were left in bed when the Russians came aboard and were not taken off. The Russians then clung to the floating wreckage until they were rescued by Chinese fishermen. The Hanyel was a small vessel.

CHE-FOO: MUST STOP WHEN A BLANK SHOT IS FIRED

CHE-FOO, March 30.—It is officially announced that Vice Admiral Makarov, commander of the Russian naval forces at Port Arthur, has issued a notification to the effect that all warships and merchant vessels entering the zone of operations at night without lights and during the day without flags will be considered hostile if they do not stop when a blank shot is fired.

CHE-FOO: CHECKS FOR THE RUSSIAN RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Among the many generous responses which are coming to the Countess Cassini for the fair to be held May 6 for the benefit of the Russian Red Cross were two checks which came to-day from New York, one for \$1,000 and the other for \$500. The fair will be held under the personal supervision of the countess.

PORT ARTHUR TOO ENGLISH IN NAME.

MOSCOW, March 30.—The Gazette reports the rechristening of Port Arthur to Port Nicholas, as the English name sounds badly to Russian ears.

Banquet Is Postponed.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 30.—The annual banquet of the Knickerbocker Society of this city, which was to be held to-morrow evening, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the Grand river flood. The society will hold a meeting on Monday night and measures will be taken to render relief for the flood victims.

Inhalated Gas and Died.

CHE-FOO, March 30.—The mixed force of Japanese cavalry and infantry that attacked the British garrison at Chong-ju, Korea, near Ping-Yang, last Monday morning, dispersed the Russians, who it is estimated, numbered six hundred.

NIEU-CHWANG, Tuesday, March 30.—A quiet report from the vicinity of the Yalu river states that everything is quiet in the interior cities. Native theaters are running, and the Chinese

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE CABINET OF COMBES

Chamber of Deputies Obtains Majority of Eighty on a Test Ballot.

ATTACK ON PELLATAN

PARIS, March 30.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day the campaign of the opposition against M. Pellatian, minister of marine, failed to shake the position of the government, which obtained a majority of eighty on a test vote.

After Deputy Lockroy, radical Republican, had concluded the bitter attack which he began yesterday on the present administration of naval affairs, Minister Pellatian replied in his own defense, denying the charges made against his ministry and maintaining that the French navy, in both ships and personnel, was at present in a state of efficiency.

Pellatian wound up the debate by declaring that the government accepted the resolution proposed by the members of the majority on the appointment of an extra parliamentary commission to examine the condition of the navy, and owing to the intensity of party feeling in the Chamber, it was impossible to accept a public vote.

He said he desired an investigation which would satisfy all unprejudiced persons and, therefore, made the motion a question of confidence. The members voted in favor of documents which would not in any way compromise the national defenses would be communicated to the commission which would be appointed without delay.

The vote was carried by a majority of 228 to 223, thus indicating that there will be no change in the Cabinet as a result of the campaign against the Ministry of Marine.

DOCTOR DECIDES THE BROWNS WERE SLAIN

Medical Examiner at Boston Does Not Believe Story Told by Wilson.

CHRISTIAN'S BIRTHDAY

COPENHAGEN, March 30.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra arrived here to-day to attend a family gathering on the occasion of King Christian's eighty-sixth birthday. They were received at the railway station by all the members of the royal family, the Cabinet ministers, the diplomatic corps and the civil and military authorities. After their Majesties had inspected the guard of honor and the authorities had been presented, the royal party entered carriages, King Edward and King Christian occupying the first, and Queen Alexandra and the Crown Prince Frederick and the Crown Princess Louise the second. They drove to the palace, enthusiastically greeted by great crowds of people lining the route.

ON Monday, the police arrested and held on suspicion of murder pending the report on the autopsy. Willis H. Wilson, the son of Mrs. Brown, by a former marriage, Wilson was the only witness of the tragedy, and he has stated to the police on Saturday that he said Brown killed Mrs. Brown and then committed suicide.

MANY PASSENGERS ARE HURT IN TEXAS WRECK

Train Overturned by Striking an Incorrectly Placed New Rail.

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

LONGVIEW, Tex., March 30.—A northbound passenger train on the Texas, Sabine & Northwestern Railroad was wrecked to-day ten miles south of here, severely injuring a number of passengers. Among them are:

William Thompson, Dallas, probably fatally; L. M. Smith, Hallville, Tex.; Mrs. Neal, Rockwall, Tex.; Mrs. E. H. W. Wilson, the son of Mrs. Brown, by a former marriage. Wilson was the only witness of the tragedy, and he has stated to the police on Saturday that he said Brown killed Mrs. Brown and then committed suicide.

NEW GERMAN CABLE ALMOST COMPLETED

BERLIN, March 30.—The German Atlantic Cable Company announces that the Fayal-New York section of its second cable is nearly completed and that the cable ship Stephen will begin laying it about April 15. The section from Borkum to Fayal, which was completed in October last, operates more rapidly than the present cable. The company intends to exercise an option and acquire the Fayal cable by the end of the year. The above cable necessitates the calling in of \$250,000 capital.

INDIANA NOTES.

GREENSBURG.—The Prohibitionists have nominated the following city ticket: For mayor, L. D. Crooks; marshal, William H. Beck; city treasurer, C. Privett; city attorney, Frank Gray; councilmen, J. S. Thompson, Elmer Saunders, Henry Doles, J. M. Vandusen, William Stone; their township assessors, James Duncan, W. T. Blythe, Section Director.

Yesterday's Temperature.

Stations. 7 a.m. Max. 7 p.m.

Athlone, Tex. 62 92 84

Amarillo, Tex. 50 76 72

Albuquerque, N. M. 38 55 36

Bluffton, N. D. 30 58 52

Buffalo, N. Y. 30 58 52

Cairo, Ill. 52 66 65

Calgary, Alberta 28 42 34

Caribou, Me. 40 52 46

Cheyenne, Wyo. 34