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JAPS SCORE AGAIN

Another Russian Warship Put Out of Business at Port Arthur.

RUSSIANS DEMORALIZED

It Is Now Conceded That the Czar Has Nothing to Expect by Operations at Sea.

There Is Equal Evidence That the Army Is Not in Any More Dependable a State.

Admiral Alexieff Retires on Harbin, and Army Reorganization Is Hinted at.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—A report has just reached here that the Japanese torpedo fleet re-attacked the Russian fleet at Port Arthur Feb. 14 and it is thought that one Russian war ship was damaged.

London, Feb. 17.—No war news of importance appears in the London newspapers today but the press attaches the greatest significance to the departure of Viceroy Alexieff from Port Arthur, and comments upon the sudden throwing of Russian troops into New Chwang as indicating Russian apprehension that Port Arthur is in danger and that the Japanese attack may not after all be made where it is expected, on the Yalu.

All the reports tend to confirm the impression that Russia has little or nothing to expect from sea operations. According to one dispatch 400 torpedoes, being two-thirds of Russia's entire available supply of these articles, were destroyed on board the Russian cruiser Varlag at Chemulpo.

A Tokio correspondent cables that it is stated officially that several thousand Russian troops have reached Antung and that it is rumored that 20,000 Russians have arrived at Ping Yang on the Tatong river, in Central Korea. This rumor, however, is regarded as improbable unless the invasion of Korea preceded the outbreak of hostilities.

A correspondent at Chemulpo makes the astonishing statement that Japan has already landed 120,000 troops in Korea, 80,000 of whom are extended along the fighting front, south of the Yalu river. According to special dispatches here this morning from Tokio, the Russian squadron has returned to Vladivostok. A Tokio correspondent says in a dispatch that two Russian war ships appeared off Old Island, in the southern part of the Japanese sea Sunday.

In a dispatch from Port Arthur a correspondent gives a description of seven Russian warships which he says are lying disabled there. They include the battleships Sevastopol and Petropavlovsk, which have not been named in previous reports of the action. The correspondent says altogether eleven Russian ships were put out of action at Port Arthur.

Continuing, he declares that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kinchau, near New Chwang, after a skirmish, in which 150 Japanese were taken prisoners and 70 Russians killed.

In another dispatch from Tokio one correspondent says the local newspapers are publishing long accounts of the ill-treatment of Japanese in Manchuria, and that the Japanese government has requested the United

States to take measures for the protection of Japanese subjects there.

OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE

Is Necessary to Preserve Order in New Chwang.

New Chwang, Feb. 17.—Viceroy Alexieff has left Port Arthur proceeding to Harbin with Gen. Pfung, the chief of staff, and the general staff. It is said that the Russian army and navy commands will be reorganized and that Gen. Kerpatsky will command the Yalu division, which is expected to be attacked by the Japanese forces.

Atrocities are daily perpetrated on foreigners and natives both by the organized police and in-coming troops, which makes it impossible for the civil administrator of New Chwang to control the situation. It is feared that a reign of terror will be precipitated if the neutral powers remain inactive. A captain of police, with ten soldiers, without any provocation, destroyed the contents of a hotel, owned by a German, where three Japanese had registered under the protection of the civil administrator. These Japanese were bound, stabbed and robbed of food money and jewelry. They were rescued with difficulty by United States Consul Miller, together with three women refugees, all of whom the civil administrator has assured Mr. Miller would be protected.

Russians are Rattled.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Official advice have been received to the effect that another Russian vessel, the cruiser Boyarin, has been blown up through the bungling of her own officers. While laying mines in Port Arthur one of the mines exploded and the cruiser was lost, with all on board, 197 in number. This disaster, coming within

less than a week after the transport Yenisei, with ninety-one men, was blown up in a similar manner, leads to the conclusion that some responsible officer at Port Arthur is grossly incompetent. The firing by shore batteries upon three of their own torpedo boats emphasizes this conclusion.

Winter Is Russia's Ally.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—A dispatch received here from Port Arthur denies that the Japanese are landing at Chin-Wang-Tao, a port on the southern border of Manchuria, close to the Chinese Northern railroad. The sea there is covered with ice for a distance of fourteen miles from the shore and this would make landing extremely difficult. No Japanese have been seen on the Yalu river.

Japanese Press Appreciative.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—The entire press of Japan is united in expressing keen appreciation of the deep and general sympathy which is being shown Japan by western countries, and argues that this war will be the means of drawing the East and West more closely together.

Alexieff's Bold Front.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Viceroy Alexieff, on Feb. 16, issued an order of the day admonishing the soldiers with regard to patriotic duty and expressing his confidence in victory.

SHOT IN FUN

Two Iowa Small Boys Find Their Father's Revolver.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Feb. 17.—"Marshall, shoot me," said three-year-old Leo Hollis.

"No, I won't," replied his four-year-old brother, who held a revolver in his hand.

The second request by the younger brother was complied with and the ball lodged at the base of the skull. Death was instantaneous. H. E. Hollis, the father, had left his revolver between the mattresses of his bed and the older boy secured it. The younger child saw him get it and playfully asked him to shoot. The mother is almost crazed with grief.

THE BALKANS SITUATION

Vienna Reports Show No End of Uneasiness in Austria.

Vienna, Feb. 17.—The situation in the Balkans is creating great uneasiness here. The official denial of the rumors of the mobilization of Austrian troops has failed to reassure the public, and it is still asserted that the government intends to mobilize two army corps provisionally for the purpose of guarding the Balkan frontier because of fears that Turkey will provoke Bulgaria into war.

Murder Over Valentine.

St. Louis, Feb. 17.—As the result of a quarrel which started over a valentine, John Carley, aged 30, is dead from a bullet wound, Mrs. Minnie Howard, his step-sister, is under arrest charged with the shooting. William Ewing and Maud Goodwin received cuts and bruises and were locked up as witnesses. The trouble occurred in a boarding house conducted by Mrs. Howard. She asserts that she fired the shot which killed Carley to prevent him from killing Ewing during the general scrimmage.

Sixteenth Amendment Advocates.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The National Woman's Suffrage association was given a hearing before the house committee on the judiciary. A delegation numbering over half a hundred women, headed by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the association, arranged themselves around the committee room and enthusiastically applauded the points made in behalf of a sixteenth amendment to the constitution by the various speakers whom Mrs. Catt presented.

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FISHING IN FORMOSA.

Their Rods Superb, but Their Hooks Are Without Barbs.

Three of us, two Americans and one Japanese, started out in jirikishas from Taipei, the modern capital of Formosa, or Taiwan, to go to the house of a wealthy gentleman about eight miles up the river which runs through the valley of Taipei. The way led through a beautiful and fertile country, the valley covered with the second crop of rice and the hills with the famous Formosa tea shrub. After luncheon and after photographing some head hunting savages we found there we proposed to fish for salmon trout at an altitude less than 250 feet above sea level and in latitude about 24 degrees 40 minutes north, practically in the tropics. The temperature of the stream was about 70 degrees or higher, and the water was well aerated. This stream, from 60 to 100 yards wide, is clear and full of rapids and riffles.

We used Japanese tackle—horsehair line and horsehair leader, the latter consisting of one strand only; a bamboo rod and a most delicate palmer-tied on a small barbed hook. The rod is decidedly good and, weight for weight, is stronger and a better caster than our jointed rod. It rarely weighs over four ounces (mine weighed about two), but the line is practically worthless for casting as we understand the term. The fly is perfect, but the hook lacks strength, and the fish when hooked may easily detach himself in a current or on an eddy or by fouling the line. We all know how it is done from our experience with pin hook and thread in the brooks at home.

The Japanese, however, have another method of fishing which may be as new to some of our readers as it was to me. It is quite successful. They catch one fish in any way they can and then fasten the line securely through its upper jaw, passing it through the roof of the mouth and out at the top of the upper jaw well in front of the eyes and then attach through the body of the fish not far in front of the tail a horsehair to which is tied a three pronged barbed hook, which trails in line with the fish and a few inches behind, while it is slowly worked up the stream by the fisherman. The theory is that other fishes, seeing the captive moving along as though feeding or perhaps spawning, will pursue it and become impaled on the hooks. In point of fact that does happen, as I saw a Chinaman take two fine trout in this manner.

Our success with the flies was poor. We got thirteen or fourteen fingerlings, but we saw the fish we wished to identify caught in fairly good numbers by the Chinese fishing with decoys.—Forest and Stream.

Woman's Aversion to Indexes.

"Talk about the inclination to study the envelope to discover the sender instead of opening the letter being a trait of womanhood," said a Brooklyn man the other day, "it isn't in it with a woman's aversion to indexes. Give a woman a book of poems like those of Burns, for instance, and she'll turn the pages for twenty minutes or more to find the piece she is really after rather than look in the index. Suggest the index to her and she'll say, 'Oh, I'll find it in a second,' and away she'll go, turning the pages again."

"The other night by actual timing it took my wife twenty-two minutes to find 'Mary in Heaven' in a copy of Burns, for not only did she lose actual time turning the pages, but if she'd come to anything she liked, such as 'Holy Willie's Prayer' and 'Polly Stewart,' she'd dally over them awhile. Rarely do men do that. The first thing they go for is the index."—New York Press.

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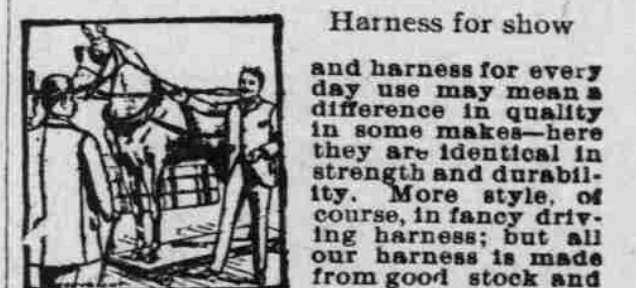
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