

## JAPAN EXPLAINS

Government Gives Reasons for Prompt and Decisive Action.

### DISTRUSTED RUSSIANS

Tired of Needless Delay in Conducting Negotiations at St. Petersburg.

Czar's Military Preparations in Far East Not Even Masked From the World.

Washington, March 2.—The following authorized statement received yesterday from the Japanese minister: "The Russian government has charged Japan with having treacherously obtained a victory by a sudden attack upon Russia, who was bent on maintaining peace. It is further asserted in these communications that since a rupture of diplomatic relations can never be looked upon as the opening of hostilities, and since Japan did not issue a declaration of war until Feb. 11, she has been guilty of a flagrant breach of the principles of international law in making, as early as Feb. 8, most unwarrantable attacks on Russian men-of-war and merchant vessels.

## Eruption...

Dry, moist, scaly tetter, all forms of eczema or salt rheum, pimples and other cutaneous eruptions proceed from humors, either inherited, or acquired through defective digestion and assimilation.

To treat these eruptions with drying medicines is dangerous.

The thing to do is to take

### Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Which thoroughly cleanse the blood, expelling all humors and building up the whole system. They cure.

Hood's Sarsaparilla permanently cured J. G. Hines, Franks, Ill., of eczema, from which he had suffered for some time; and Miss Alvina Wolter, Box 212, Algona, Wis., of pimples on her face and back and chafed skin on her body, by which she had been greatly troubled. There are more testimonials in favor of Hood's than can be published.

Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.

The answer to these charges may be found in the action of Russia herself. That her government never entertained any sincere desire for peace can be clearly seen from its own conduct. Throughout the whole course of the negotiations Russia persistently refused to meet the proposals made by Japan in a moderate and conciliatory spirit. By delays that could not be construed as otherwise than wanton and unnecessary, she put off the settlement of the questions at issue, while at the same time busily extending her naval and military preparations. Her war-like preparations in the far East since last April, when she failed to carry out her treaty engagement to evacuate Manchuria, are in full confirmation of these statements. During that time the increase made in her naval strength in the far East was 113,000 tons.

"There has been the greatest activity possible at Port Arthur and at Vladivostok, and work has been carried on day and night to strengthen the fortifications of those naval ports, while forts have been built at Hun Chun, Liao-Yan and other strategic points, and large quantities of arms and ammunition have been sent to the far East by the Siberian railway and the vessels of the volunteer fleet. In the middle of October last a train of fourteen cars was hurriedly sent from Russia loaded with the equipment of a field hospital.

"From these military and naval preparations of every description, made during the progress of negotiations, it is quite evident that Russia was not inclined to a friendly settlement of the questions then under discussion between Japan and herself, but sought solely by her military preponderance to force Japan into submission. On Jan. 28 a formal order to prepare for war was given by Admiral Alexieff to the forces which were stationed in the vicinity of the Yalu. On Feb. 1 the military commandant at Vladivostok, under the orders of his government, requested the Japanese commercial agent at that port to notify his nation that a state of siege might be proclaimed at any moment, and they must make immediate preparations to withdraw to Hahnrovsik. About the same date all of the warships at Port Arthur, except a battleship then under repairs, made a naval demonstration by leaving port, while troops were advanced in large numbers from Liao Yang toward the Yalu. In view of these facts who can say that Russia had no warlike intentions or that she was unprepared for war? Seeing that the situation had become so critical that it admitted of no further delay, the Japanese government was compelled to break off negotiations that had proved abortive and to take the necessary steps for self-protection. But the responsibility for the challenge to war rests not with Japan, but solely with Russia.

"On Feb. 6 Japan announced to Russia her decision to terminate the pending negotiations and to take such independent action as she might deem best to defend her position menaced by Russia and to protect her established rights and legitimate interests.

"The term 'independent action' naturally included the opening of hostilities. The fact that Russia was unable to understand in that light is of course no reason why Japan should be held responsible for the misinterpretation made by Russia. It is the almost unanimous opinion of international jurists that a declaration of war is not an indispensable prerequisite to the opening of hostilities. Indeed, it has been the common practice in recent wars to declare war after hostilities have begun. Japan's action, therefore, is not open to the least criticism in this regard. From the standpoint of international law it must be understood that the charge made against her does not come with good grace from Russia, inasmuch as there are not only many historical instances of Russia herself resorting to hostilities without declaring war, but one case, that of her invasion of Finland in 1808, when she began war before there had even been a rupture of diplomatic relations."

### A Coal Famine.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., March 2.—Ft. Wayne and vicinity is suffering from a coal famine that threatens to become as serious as that of last year. The price of hard coal went to \$9 last week, and for several days could not be had at any price. The railroads are blamed for the shortage, as dealers say they cannot get what they have ordered. The long haul is more profitable for the roads than the short ones and plenty of coal goes through Ft. Wayne every day.

### Embezzler Bound Over.

New Albany, Ind., March 2.—Cyrus McCrady, charged with embezzling \$12,000 from the First National bank at Seymour, while employed as cashier, had a preliminary hearing yesterday before United States Commissioner Cardwell. He was held in \$5,000 bond to await action of the grand jury at the May term of United States court, and in default of bond was taken to Indianapolis by Deputy United States Marshal Boyd.

### TERSE TELEGRAMS

It is said the Chinese government is placing large orders for guns and ammunition. Cuban congressional elections passed with slight troubles and few charges of fraud.

Floods are causing considerable damage in northern Indiana and southern Michigan.

Jeffries and Monroe, heavy-weights, have been matched to fight at San Francisco in May for a purse of \$25,000.

One thousand corporations doing business in Illinois have had their charters revoked by the secretary of state.

Russian merchants and manufacturers threaten to boycott American products on account of American sympathy for Japan.

At the Republican convention of the Eleventh Ohio district, held at Athens, Charles H. Grosvenor was nominated for the tenth term in congress.

## NO WORD FROM WAR

Significant Silence Indicates Something Doing by Belligerents.

### ONLY VAGUE RUMORS

London Believes the Japanese are Making Desperate Effort to Capture Port Arthur.

Twenty-Four Hours Since Wires Have Brought Real News From the Seat of War.

London, March 2.—No confirmation of the report published yesterday in the Daily Telegraph that the Japanese had bombarded Port Arthur Feb. 29 has been received from any point. The wires from the scene of war have been practically silent for the past twenty-four hours and in some quarters this silence is supposed to indicate that Japan's great attack on Port Arthur is actually in progress and that consequently the use of the wires has been discontinued.

In a dispatch from Shanghai a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reports that the Japanese military authorities object to the installation of wireless telegraphy apparatus on the newspaper dispatch boats.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Che Foo, who has just returned there from Chemulpo, Korea, cables that Japanese transports carrying troops continue to arrive at Chemulpo at the rate of one a day, while provisions are being landed near Hwang-Ju (94 miles northwest of Chemulpo, at the head of the Tai Dong river) where a large force of Japanese infantry has concentrated.

"A serious defeat has been disclosed," the correspondent continues, "and it is feared that most of the Japanese horses are unserviceable. The Japanese squadron at Chemulpo has been stationed permanently in Prince Jerome gulf, between Chebido island and the anchorage. Yesterday I saw a cruiser of the Nitaka type beached at the entrance of Nam-Yang creek. She was deserted except for a Japanese guard.

### Important Conference.

Washington, March 2.—An important conference lasting more than an hour occurred yesterday between Secretary Hay and Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador. The growing ill-feeling in Russia against Americans and the continued attacks of certain

parts of the American press against Russia was the main subject discussed. Count Cassini also informally inquired about the report that the Commercial Cable company had applied for landing privileges at Guam for a cable from that island to Japan. He was assured by Mr. Hay that this government at present was considering no such application. The ambassador did not give any intimation as to what the attitude of his government would be in this matter. The Associated Press dispatches from St. Petersburg, however, have stated that the Russian government would view askance the granting of such privileges by this government during the present war. It is assumed that this government has declined for the present formally to consider such an application.

### NO ALIBI GOES

Plan to Aid Murderer Frustrated by Brother of Accused.

Chicago, March 2.—Paul Neidermeier, brother of Peter, who is one of the car barn bandits now on trial, yesterday refused to testify for his brother. It was announced that Paul Neidermeier and Mrs. Neidermeier, the mother of the two boys, would testify that at the time the car barn murders were committed, Peter Neidermeier was home in bed. The refusal of Paul to testify caused the alibi to fall flat, and the case of Neidermeier and Gustav Marx will go to the jury without a single witness having testified in their behalf. The evidence given in behalf of Van Dine to show that he was the irresponsible victim of epilepsy, and hereditary insanity will be offset by ten or a dozen witnesses who will give evidence in rebuttal.

### Congress Would Investigate.

Washington, March 2.—An investigation of the postoffice department by a special committee of the house of representatives is being urged by the minority members of the house committee on postoffice and postroads. A resolution to this end, introduced in the house Jan. 5, last, by Representative Hay, (Dem., Va.) was duplicated yesterday by Representative Cowherd, (Dem., Mo.). Mr. Cowherd is a member of the postoffice committee; Mr. Hay is not, and the reintroduction of the resolution is regarded as a move to bring the matter to a head in the future. The Cowherd resolution provides that a committee of five members of the house shall conduct the investigation.

### Coinage for Last Month.

Washington, March 2.—The statement of the coinage executed at the mints of the United States during February shows a total of 13,928,510 pieces. The gold coined amounted to \$35,603,500; silver, \$1,475,000; minor coins, \$22,350. This coinage includes 9,545,000 pieces for the Philippine government.

### CHAIR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Memorial of Mark Hanna Proposed by Ohio Admirers.

Cleveland, O., March 2.—The Marcus A. Hanna Memorial association was incorporated yesterday at Columbus by several prominent citizens of Cleveland. The purpose of the association is to establish a chair of political science at Western Reserve University in memory of the late senator Hanna. The incorporators will meet in a few days and choose a board of trustees, open an office in Cleveland and begin work for the collection of sufficient funds to endow the proposed chair. The movement was instigated by Rev. J. S. Rutledge and found immediate favor. The present movement is not intended to supersede any other memorial in stone or bronze that may be erected to Senator Hanna's memory, but is supplementary to such a proceeding. No statement has been made as to the amount of money necessary for the proposed chair.

### Alaskan Award Case.

Washington, March 2.—The house committee on claims has authorized a favorable report on a senate resolution referring the complaint of the Wales Island Packing company that its business had been ruined by being included in Canadian territory the award of the Alaskan boundary commission, to the department of commerce and labor for investigation.

### MARKET REPORT

Prevailing Prices for Grain, Provisions and Livestock on March 1.

### Indianapolis Grain and Livestock.

Wheat—Wagon, \$1.08; No. 2 red, nominal, \$1.04.  
Corn—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 44¢.  
Oats—Strong; No. 2 mixed, 41¢.  
Hay—Clover, \$8.40; Timothy, \$11.20 @ \$12.00; millet, \$5.40.  
Cattle—Steady at \$4.65 @ \$5.00.  
Hogs—Strong at \$4.65 @ \$5.00.  
Sheep—Steady at \$1.00 @ \$1.75.  
Lamb—Steady at \$5.00 @ \$6.00.

### Grain and Provisions at Chicago.

	Opened	Closed
Wheat		
May	\$1.00	.97 1/2
July	.98 1/2	.91 1/2
Sept.	.87 1/2	.85 1/2
Corn		
May	.56 1/2	.54 1/2
July	.54 1/2	.53 1/2
Sept.	.53 1/2	.52 1/2
Oats		
May	.41 1/2	.42
July	.41 1/2	.39 1/2
Sept.	.39 1/2	.34 1/2
Pork		
May	15.25	14.50
July	15.45	14.60
Lard		
May	7.72	7.45
July	7.50	7.55
Ribs		
May	7.70	7.40
July	7.82	7.50

Closing cash market—Wheat, \$1.01; corn, 56¢; oats, 44¢; pork, \$13.37; lard, \$7.87; ribs, \$7.82.

# THE HOOSIER STORE

Corner Sixth and Main Sts.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 3d, 4th and 5th

We will inaugurate a stupendous 9c Sale. This is the king of all sales ever held in Richmond. No store ever gave away such values as we will offer you in this 9c Sale. We mention a few of the many bargains awaiting you here:

9c for 4 doz. Pearl buttons.  
9c for 2 doz. fine quality pearl buttons  
9c for 6 yards baby ribbon, all colors  
9c for 1 yd wide taffeta ribbon, all colors.  
9c for one mystic foundation collar.  
9c for one men's collar.  
9c for one ladies' collar.  
9c for one boys' collar.  
9c for one stocking-net dress shields.  
9c for one corset stays black, drab and white.  
9c for one doz. brass buttons.  
9c for one spool linen thread.  
9c for two papers best needles.  
9c for one pair men's canvas gloves.  
9c for two red or blue handkerchiefs.  
9c for one best quality turkey red handkerchief.  
9c for two ladies' handkerchiefs, hemstitched.  
9c for two ladies' handkerchiefs, embroidered.

9c for one pillow top handkerchief.  
9c for one men's colored border handkerchief.  
9c for one men's white hemstitched handkerchief.  
9c for two men's colored border handkerchiefs.  
9c for two men's white hemstitched handkerchiefs.  
9c for two fancy hair pins.  
9c for one fancy comb.  
9c for stick pins.  
9c for one doz. black pins.  
9c for two thimbles.  
9c for one pocket book.  
9c for two yards white Indian linen  
9c for two yards white outing flannel  
9c for one yard white outing flannel.  
9c for one white silver trimmed curtain pole.  
9c for one window shade, 7 ft. long.  
9c for ladies' hose, blue and black.

9c for ladies' hose, plain black.  
9c for children's fleeced lined hose, all sizes.  
9c for children's fine ribbed hose, all sizes.  
9c Infant's ribbed hose, all colors.  
9c Men's half hose in black, tan, blue, red and fancy.  
9c Men's half hose fleeced.  
9c Men's gray hose, heavy fleeced.  
9c Infant's jersey ribbed vests.  
9c one bar fine toilet soap.  
9c two bars fine toilet soap.  
9c two boxes Talcum powder.  
9c one box Talcum powder.  
9c extra large box Petrolatum.  
9c one package violet or crab apple sachet powder.  
9c one pair ladies' or children's double mittens.  
9c one fine tooth brush.  
9c for one comb.

9c for one pair ladies' or children's supporters.  
9c for one box writing paper.  
9c for two writing tablets.  
9c for two balls tidy cotton.  
9c for two spools San silk, all colors.  
9c for two spools Clark's O. N. T.  
9c for three skeins silk floss.  
9c for one pair boys' suspenders.  
9c for rubber ridding combs.  
9c for metal back combs.  
9c for ten papers of pins.  
9c for two papers of brass pins.  
9c for two cards safety pins, all sizes  
9c for two cards of agate buttons.  
9c for two packages of finishing braid.  
9c for four rolls of white cotton tape  
9c for two spools of Belding silks.  
9c for two yards rubber tape.  
9c for one yd wide embroidery.  
9c for three yards toreborn lace.  
9c for two yards serim.

9c for one yard fine India linen.  
9c for one yard fine serim.  
9c for two yards cambrie lining.  
9c for one yard best quality drill.  
9c for one yard fine striped nainsook, one yard wide.  
9c for one yard fleeced waisting.  
9c for one yard black sateen.  
9c for one yard dress goods.  
9c for one yard silkoline.  
9c for one yard percale, light or dark colors.  
9c for two yards colored cheese cloth all colors.  
9c for two yards sheet wadding, all colors.  
9c for one bolt dress braid, all colors.  
9c for two cards hooks and eyes, black or white.  
9c for one yard extra wide all linen crash.  
9c for one and one-half yards of all linen crash.

9c for one yard fine bleached muslin.  
9c for two yards unbleached muslin.  
9c for one yard cambrie muslin.  
9c for one yard best quality outing.  
9c for one yard chambray gingham, all colors.  
9c for one yard fine madras gingham.  
9c for three yards apron gingham, all size checks.  
9c for two yards black or gray prints  
9c for one yard of Saxony yarn.  
9c for one cut of Floss, all colors.  
9c for one towel.  
9c for one Turkish towel.  
9c for two wash cloths.  
9c for two towels.  
9c for one yard ticking.  
9c for one yard canton flannel.  
9c for one pair infant's moccasins.  
9c for one pair infant's shoes.  
9c for one bottle shoe polish.  
9c for one yard shirting.

Remember this sale commences Thursday, March 3d, and will last till Saturday night.

Cut this ad. out and bring it with you. We have large quantities of all the items quoted in this ad.

THE HOOSIER Corner Sixth and Main