

RUSSIA'S TACTICS

It Now Appears That Czar's
Fighters Will Act On
the Offensive.

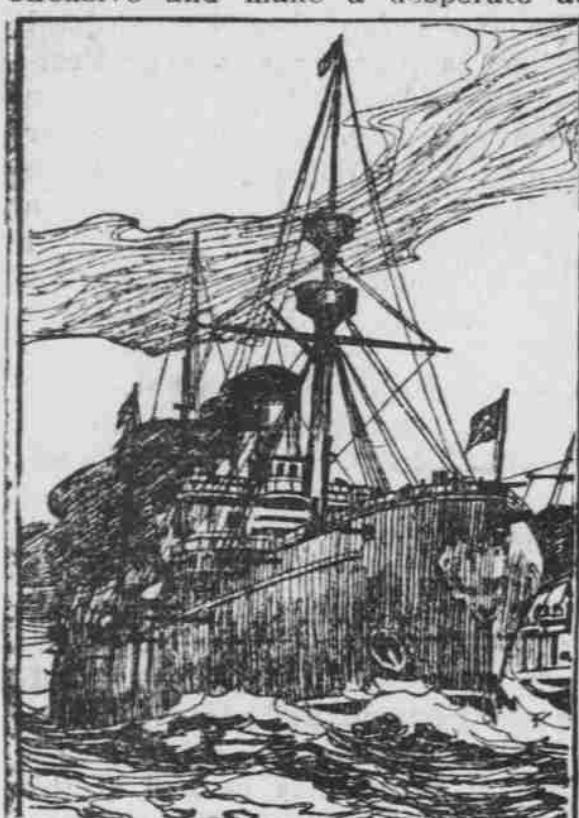
GEN. MAKAROFF'S MOVE

Russian Steamers Anchored in Posi-
tion at Port Arthur and Were
Then Sunk.

The Harbor is Thus Effectually
Sealed, Save for a Small
Channel.

London, March 15.—A correspondent at New Chwang says that after the removal of the battleship Retvian, four Russian steamers, the Harbin, the Hallar, the Ninguta and the Sungari, were anchored at the mouth of the entrance to Port Arthur in proper position and sunk, leaving only a small channel available, Vice Admiral Makaroff having previously ordered the whole fleet to remain outside with steam, economy in coal being necessary.

This dispatch, which the correspondent says is "on Russian information," is, if true, news of the first importance, confirming the idea that Vice Admiral Makaroff will adopt the offensive and make a desperate at-



RUSSIA'S MAMMOTH CRUISER ROSSIA. attempt to bring together Russia's scattered naval forces or endeavor to inflict damage upon the Japanese navy. The story must, however, be viewed cautiously, the only approach to confirmation from any other quarter being in a dispatch from a correspondent at Yin Kow, which merely says: "Vice Admiral Makaroff has issued orders to the effect that the saving of coal is unnecessary, but that the big gun ammunition in the forts must not be wasted. Evidently this ammunition is running short." There is no other news to hand on the subject.

A Tokio correspondent sends an unconfirmed rumor to the effect that Japanese marines have landed and occupied Dainy.

It may be remarked that the British newspapers all regard Vice Admiral Togo's report that he has laid mines at Port Arthur as a mere bluff, and they say that such afeat would be impossible under fire. It is thought that Vice Admiral Makaroff closed the channel it was in order to prevent the ingress of Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, as was done at Wei Wei during the Chino-Japanese war.

It is a subject of unceasing remark and conjecture that nothing has been heard of the Vladivostok squadron, and it is beginning to be believed that it is really inside the harbor of Vladivostok. One Tokio correspondent says that according to a dispatch from General San, the Russians are believed to be withdrawing from the northeast frontier of Korea and concentrating at Vladivostok. Another correspondent at Tokio throws a light upon Japan's financial intentions and says it is estimated that Japan will be able to maintain a war for eighteen months without borrowing abroad. The policy is to retain the gold in Japan, and it is believed that it will not be necessary to spend abroad more than one-eighth of the cost of the war, this expenditure being chiefly on coal, cordite and steel. The fact that Port Arthur is completely blockaded permits a great saving, because Japan will be able to charter vessels at peace rates.

Jap Patrol Dispersed. St. Petersburg, March 15.—General Eilinsky telegraphs as follows under yesterday's date: "On March 7 our patrol discovered four of the enemy's posts on the Chong Cheng An river and a troop of cavalry acting as scouts near Patetchen, northwest of Anju. A Japanese cavalry patrol fell into an ambuscade prepared by our patrol and was dispersed, losing one killed. The Japanese left behind them a quantity of guncotton and some swords and blankets."

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Because purely vegetable—yet thorough, prompt, healthful, satisfactory—
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Awful Suffering of Baby and
Sleepless Nights of
Mother.

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Skin Fair as a Lily with no Scar
to Recall Awful Sore
Writes Mother.

"I herewith write out in full the beginning and end of that terrible disease, eczema, which caused my babe untold suffering and myself many sleepless nights.

"My babe was born seemingly a fair, healthy child, but when she was three weeks old a swelling appeared on the back of her head, and in course of time broke. It did not heal but grew worse, and the sore spread from the size of a dime to that of a dollar. I used all kinds of remedies that I could think of, but nothing seemed to help; in fact, it grew worse. Her hair fell out where the sore was, and I feared it would never grow again. It continued until my aged father came on a visit, and when he saw the baby he told me to get Cuticura Soap and Ointment right away.

"To please him I did so, and to my surprise by their use the sore began to heal over, the hair grew over it, and to-day she has a nice head of hair, her skin is as fair as a lily, and she has no scar left to recall that awful sore, and it is over eight months and no sign of its returning."

Mrs. WM. RYER, Elk River, Minn.

"Cure permanent." So writes Mrs. Ryer, Feb. 25, 1903, six years later:

"Your letter of the 19th inst. received, asking in regard to the cure of my baby some six years ago. Well, the disease has never returned to her head which at that time was a solid sore on top and down the back. Once or twice since then a patch has come on her hand near the wrist, but it finally disappeared after proper treatment with Cuticura."

Sold throughout the world. Cuticura Resolvent, 50c (in form of Chocolate Coated Pills, 25c per vial of 60). U.S. Patent, No. 720,262. London, 1897. Charterhouse Sq., London, E.C. 1. Paris: 18, Rue de la Paix; 107 Columbus Ave., Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Proprietors.

Send for "How to Cure Eczema."

Japan's Winning Ways.

London, March 15.—A correspondent at Seoul comments on the remarkable civil influence which Japan has brought to bear upon Korea without adopting an attitude of overbearing coercion. The correspondent says that on the contrary everything is being done to conciliate the Koreans, but he points out that from Chamilpo to Seoul every controlling influence is Japanese—railroad, police and telegraph. He adds that Japan must have been laying the foundation for this condition of affairs for many months.

FORFEITED HIS RIGHT

Sultan of Jolo Finds His Treaty Abrogated.

Washington, March 15.—The treaty between the United States and the sultan of Jolo, dated Aug. 20, 1899, whereby that official and the dattoes under him enjoyed certain annuities from the United States government and he was allowed to continue the practice of polygamy, has been abrogated, because dattoes have taken up arms against this country and for the reason that the sultan has failed to continue the \$10,000 allowance to Princess Stephenie, his daughter. Secretary Taft has notified Governor Wright of the Philippines to notify the sultan of the abrogation.

Moros Don't Like It.

Washington, March 15.—A cablegram from General Wade stating that General Wood reported that on account of the anti-slavery proclamation the Moros of the Rio Grande del Mindanao district had risen, has been received by the war department. This armed force had been met and defeated with no American loss, but with considerable loss to the Moros. A considerable number of small cannon was captured from the Moros in the engagement.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY

Credit for It Claimed on Both Sides
of the House.

Washington, March 15.—The post-office appropriation bill continues to occupy the attention of the house. The rural free delivery service received much attention. Credit for the establishment of this service was claimed by speakers for both parties and both sides declared their friendship for it. Mr. Patterson, of Tennessee, suggested Mr. Williams, the minority floor leader, for the presidency, but he also coupled it with the names of Carlisle and Senator Bailey, of Texas, as good Southern candidates.

The fortification appropriation bill was before the senate all day, the provision for the purchase of a submarine boat of a designated type taking up the entire session. The chair overruled a point of order made against the provision and then followed discussion on its merits.

Opposes Negro Education.

Jackson, Miss., March 15.—Governor Vardaman has sent to the house his veto of the bill appropriating \$2,200 for the support of the Holly Springs normal school, a colored institution. The governor in his veto message takes ground against negro education, stating that it is not the best thing for the negroes. The veto message comes up in the house and

a special fight will be made to pass the bill over the governor's veto. Some of the leaders say that it will be successful.

Probably Lost at Sea.

Brisbane, Queensland, March 15.—The British steamer Aramac was wrecked on the Break Sea Spit off Queensland Sunday. Six boats were launched and two were safely landed with sixty exhausted passengers and members of the crew. Four other boats are still missing, containing 78 persons. It is believed that these boats were not provisioned. The weather is bad and steamers sent in search of the boats have found no trace of them.

Panama on Gold Basis.

Panama, March 15.—According to a decree of the convention, just published, the monetary unit of the republic after Dec. 31 next will be the gold dollar of the same dimensions in weight by law as the United States dollar. The silver currency now in circulation will be exchanged at the rate of \$100 in gold for \$225 in silver. The decree is being greatly discussed.

Double Charge Preferred.

Bedford, Ind., March 15.—The grand jury in the Sarah Schafer case returned two indictments against James McDonald, the first charging murder in the first degree and the second with rape.

Tragedy Over Grocery Bill.

Leavenworth, Kan., March 15.—William Gussauer, a white man, shot and killed Mrs. Anna Palmer, colored, and then shot himself. The woman refused to pay a grocery bill.

The Mayflower Returning.

Havana, March 15.—The United States converted cruiser Mayflower, with Assistant Secretary of State Loomis and Admiral Dewey on board, has sailed for Washington.

TERSE TELEGRAMS

Russian paper money will not be accepted by the residents of northern Korea.

Japanese bonds have fallen in London 7 to 8 per cent below Tokio quotations.

It has been decided that President Loubet will go to Rome the latter part of April.

Harbin is threatened with a food and wood famine because of the increased prices of these necessities.

The inauguration ceremonies opening the Louisiana Purchase exposition will be held on Sunday, April 10.

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