

## JAP NAVAL PLANS

How the Mikado's Fleet Is Divided for Offensive Purposes.

### IN SEVEN SQUADRONS

The Majority of These Keep an Eye on Port Arthur, the Others Are Divided.

Two Squadrons Are Cruising Between Northern Korea and Vladivostock.

London, April 7.—A Seoul correspondent says he learns from a Japanese sailor who participated in the attacks on Port Arthur that the Japanese fleet is divided into seven squadrons. Four of these are watching Port Arthur, the fifth patrols the Korean coast, and the sixth and seventh cruise between Vladivostok and north Japan. Two torpedo boats were much damaged in the engagements, but otherwise the fleet was little injured. The damages to the Japanese cruisers Iwate and Yoshino have been repaired and the vessels have joined the fleet.

A Wei Hui Wei correspondent says Russian warships are patrolling the gulf of Pechili, and that the London Times steamer was stopped and searched thirty miles outside of Port Arthur yesterday.

A Tien Tsin correspondent says Paul Lesser, Russian minister to China, has protested to the Chinese government against the presence of Japanese instructors with the Chinese army, which he regards as a violation of neutrality. A correspondent has had an interview with a high personage closely connected with the emperor of Korea, who left his native land because of the administrative reforms introduced through the influence of the Japanese. Apparently reflecting the views of the emperor, this personage said:

"I saw the Japanese action. It is an attempt to apply to Korea the policy which the British have adopted in India. My country has reason to sympathize with the Russians, knowing the justice of their policy toward the natives of Amur, where many Koreans labor."

The sailors of the fleet who distinguished themselves in the recent Japanese attacks were decorated with the Cross of St. George by Vice Admiral Makaroff in the presence of Grand Duke Cyril, cousin of the emperor.

Vice Admiral Makaroff's leadership has inspired the men of the fleet with the highest confidence and love.

People arriving from Liao Yang report that the troops are impatient to attack the Japanese. The soldiers say they did not come east to lie on their backs, and that it is time to march. The Novi Kral suggests that necessary measures be taken to prevent those epidemics which are usually the accompaniment of war.

#### Sighted the Enemy.

Port Arthur, April 7.—The Russian battleship Peresvet reports that she sighted the enemy today in Kwan Tung waters. All is quiet here.

#### SANTO DOMINGAN AFFAIRS

Morales Protests Against Activity of Jiminez.

Cape Haytien, April 7.—President Morales of Santo Domingo has arrived here on his way to Port au Prince to request that the government of Hayti prevent General Jiminez from landing war supplies on Haytien soil. It is reported on good authority that General Jiminez's departure from the scene of his operations was for the purpose of seeking money and supplies and, the report says, he will return in a few days. Before leaving General Jiminez left General Demetrio Rodriguez in command of the revolutionary troops.

General Clenavarro was captured and is imprisoned at Monte Cristi. President Morales says that he greatly fears Generals Guelito and Picardo, who are advancing with strong forces.

#### An Interesting Party.

Newport News, Va., April 7.—General Cronje and 200 Boers, accompanied by 120 British soldiers who saw service in the Boer war, fifty women and children and twenty Zulus, Kaffirs and Zambesians, have arrived here on the steamship Dounie Castle from Cape Town. The burghers in the party were with Cronje at Paardeburg. General Viljoen awaits the party at St. Louis.

#### Restrictions Removed.

Washington, April 7.—The following bulletin has been posted at the navy department: "The restriction of the battleship squadron of the Philippines has been withdrawn, and the commander-in-chief authorized to permit his squadron to cruise with discretion, not going north of Fuchau on the Asiatic coast."

#### Counterfeit From the Orient.

Seattle, Wash., April 7.—Counterfeit half and quarter dollars are being manufactured in China and shipped through Seattle into the United States. The imitation is very nearly perfect. The coin is of the standard degree of fineness, the weight is from one to ten grains short and the design is almost perfect.

#### SNAP JUDGMENT

##### Is What Hearst Followers Charge Against "Reorganizers."

Indianapolis, April 7.—Oscar Henderson, manager of the Hearst boom, and others who are connected with the movement, are continuing the charge that snap judgment was taken in calling the primaries for Friday afternoon to name the delegates to the state convention. They are not very hopeful of winning anything here or in the Fourth district, where Chairman O'Brien resides, but elsewhere they have strong hopes. They are not, however, specifying any of the districts they expect to carry. Henderson was asked today to name some of their candidates for delegates, but he said he would not make any names known for several days. It is possible they will have candidates for delegates at large—in fact Henderson says they will have candidates all along the line. At this time both sides are manifesting a desire to keep the names of their candidates from the public, probably in hopes of getting their fences securely built before "the other fellow" catches on to what has been done.

Democratic National Committeeman Taggart was here again today. He met Chairman O'Brien, J. G. McNutt of Terre Haute, chairman of the Fifth district, and several other party leaders. The boss's smile is more genial than ever, and he is not the least bit worried lest the Hearst forces undo his organization and capture the Indiana delegation. At the Hearst headquarters it was said today that a candidate may be brought out against Taggart for national chairman. He does not care if he does have opposition from the Hearst crowd, as he does not fear the result. Taggart is not boasting as to what the organization will do in the way of electing delegates, but he is very confident that the state will be for Parker. The Taggart organization is very strong here, and it will not have to do much work to carry a sufficient number of wards to control things. The names of the men who have been selected by the organization to stand as candidates for delegates here have not been disclosed.

It seems that the agents of the Hearst presidential boom are not gaining much ground among the real leaders of the party in this state. It was naturally expected that men like Senator Cyrus E. Davis of Bloomfield would favor Hearst. He was a most enthusiastic Bryanite. During the last two sessions of the legislature he lost no opportunities to stand up for the principles of the Chicago and Kansas City platforms, but during a visit here today he declared that he is against Hearst. He does not regard the latter as a true exponent of Bryanism, and he does not expect that Hearst will get the loyal support of the Bryanites. The Second has been regarded as one of the strongest Bryan districts, yet it is now in line with Parker, according to the statement of many well-known politicians. It will hold its congressional convention at Spencer next Thursday. Davis was looked upon for a long time as a possible opponent of Representative Miers of Bloomington, but he says that Miers will have no opposition.

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## MAKES IT BINDING

President Smith of Mormon Church Issues Manifesto on Polygamy.

#### DENIES LATE REPORTS

Says That the Church Does Not Sanction Plural Marriages and Provides Penalties.

Church Endorses His Edict and Joins in Resolve to Punish Offenders.

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 7.—A notable feature of the closing session of the 74th annual conference of the Mormon church was the official declaration by President Joseph F. Smith on the subject of polygamy. The statement follows:

"Inasmuch as there are numerous reports in circulation that plural marriages have been entered into contrary to the official declaration of President Woodruff of Sept. 26, 1890, commonly called the manifesto, which was issued by President Woodruff and adopted by the church at its general conference, Oct. 6, 1890, which forbids any marriage violative of the law of the land, I, Joseph F. Smith, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, hereby affirm and declare that no such marriages have been solemnized with the sanction, consent or knowledge of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and

"I hereby announce that all such marriages are prohibited, and if any officer or member of the church shall assume to solemnize or enter into any such marriage he will be deemed in transgression against the church and will be liable to be dealt with according to the rules and regulations thereof and excommunicated therefrom."

This statement received the full endorsement of the church members assembled, who unanimously adopted the following resolution introduced by Apostle Francis M. Lyman:

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#### ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING

Given Members of Canal Commission by President Amadore.

Panama, April 7.—The members of the United States canal commission received an enthusiastic welcome on their arrival here from Colon. They were met at the railroad station by a

large number of special representatives of the government of the republic.

At the palace the meeting between President Amadore and the American commissioners was most cordial, and the commissioners were entertained at luncheon by the president. After the luncheon the members of the commission went to La Boca, from which point they returned to Colon.

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