

# THE WAR IN THE ORIENT

Sunday, Feb. 21.—Supply of vegetables and beef at Port Arthur is short. Speculators are endeavoring to secure vessels to run the blockade.

Desultory firing at sea heard nightly at Port Arthur.

Tactical orders Russian gunboat to leave Shanghai. Order is disregarded. Japanese warships will endeavor to enforce demand.

Rumor of clash of arms on Yalu river in which Russians lost 2,500 men lacks verification.

Viceroy Alexieff seeks friendship of Chinese in Manchuria.

Russia acquiesces in Secretary Hay's suggestion that far eastern war be localized.

Monday, Feb. 22.—An early dash by Japanese troops for a strategic position in northern Korea is expected.

Admiral Alexieff has arrived and established headquarters at Harbin.

The advisability of strengthening the Asiatic fleet is being considered at Washington.

Reports that Admiral Togo has renewed the attack at Port Arthur reach Tokio and are partly confirmed at London, where dispatches are published saying four Russian torpedo boats have been captured.

Japanese minister Hayashi discredits the report of a land battle on the Yalu, in which many Russians were killed.

The Turkish minister at Washington predicts war in the Balkans.

Japan will not begin aggressive operations in Manchuria for months.

Tuesday, February 23.—Russia has made public her formal protest to the powers against what is termed Japan's violation of international law.

Russia's claim is that the war will end in August or September with the complete defeat of Japan.

Landing of Japanese troops in Korea is declared to be a violation of neutral law.

Chinese cruisers are expected at Shanghai today to enforce the demand that Russian warships leave the port.

Japanese officers disguised as coolies were captured by Russians in Manchuria while attempting to blow up a railroad bridge, and promptly hanged as spies.

There is a panic at Ping Yang, Korea, due, it is reported, to the approach of the opposing armies.

Japanese are declared to have destroyed seventy miles of railroad track between Harbin and Vladivostok.

Russian Foreign Minister Lamsdorff is said to be anxious to resign.

With only Chinese mechanics Russians cannot repair damaged warships.

Wednesday, Feb. 24.—Circumstantial and partly confirmed reports of a Russian naval victory at Port Arthur are sent from St. Petersburg.

The claim is made that two cruisers, perhaps more, and other Japanese craft were sunk. Dispatches from London, while admitting a battle, indicate that it is not so decisive a victory as the Russians claim, and that perhaps no warships were sunk.

Japan has negotiated a treaty with Korea pledging the latter's independence and integrity.

Russia has issued a warning to Chinese in Manchuria not to aid the enemy.

Denial is made at Tokio that Russians have crossed the Yalu in Korea.

Thursday, Feb. 25.—Second day reports of the Port Arthur naval fight of the morning of the 24th go to show that no Japanese warships or torpedo boats were sunk, but that their loss

was confined to transport hulks sent in to block the channel.

Admiral Togo is credited with a second attack at Port Arthur on the 25th, in which the Russians claim he was repulsed.

Japanese are reported to have landed at Possiet Bay, Russian Manchuria, which is taken to indicate an intended assault on Vladivostok.

There are persistent statements at St. Petersburg that it is only a matter of time until other European powers become involved in the war.

Growing distrust of the United States in Russia is having the effect of injuring American trade.

Russian soldiery at New Chwang is so undisciplined that the place is unfit for European women.

Ill-treatment of Japanese refugees by Russians continues.

Friday, Feb. 26.—The Japanese legation at Washington received a dispatch from Tokio claiming the sinking of a Russian torpedo boat in the engagement of Thursday.

The Korean government has decided to order her army to join the Japanese in the field.

St. Petersburg dispatches tell of renewed naval fighting at Port Arthur Friday, with probably no damage to either side.

It is admitted at Tokio that the attempt to block the channel at Port Arthur by sinking steamers was unsuccessful.

Russian and Japanese scouts sighted each other near Ping Yang, Korea, but did not come into collision.

The tender by American doctors and nurses of their services to Russia has been declined with appropriate thanks.

Yesterday at St. Petersburg was a day of praise, prayer and confession of sins, the czar and zarina participating.

Saturday, Feb. 27.—The Spanish ambassador at Paris says a wrong construction has been placed on her military movements.

French officials see no danger of other powers becoming involved in the war.

Admiral Togo's program at Port Arthur is believed to be to keep pounding away at the Russian ships until they are destroyed and the place rendered untenable.

Russian resentment towards the United States continues to grow at St. Petersburg.

At Harbin, Manchuria, all is quiet but watchfulness is maintained lest the Japanese spring a surprise.

Three coal-laden ships flying the British flag, bound for Nagasaki, have been captured by Russians.

Sunday, Feb. 28.—Vladivostok is reported blockaded by a Japanese fleet.

Land fighting is reported in northern Korea, but stories as to results are conflicting, and the losses on either side, if any, were slight.

It is declared improbable that any decisive naval battle will occur in the vicinity of Port Arthur.

Baron Hayashi justifies the rigid press censorship exercised by Japan.

Russian rules of war have been published officially at St. Petersburg.

The movement of troops on the trans-Siberian railroad has attained unprecedented proportions.

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