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STATEMENT OF THE NATIONS

Japan and Russia Issue Notes Regarding Action Previous to War.

EACH BLAMES OTHER FOR HOSTILITIES

Both Parties Agree in Saying that Action of Russia Regarding Manchuria Was Cause of Japan's Course.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—The imperial ball which was to have been held this evening has been cancelled. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the imperial court and all the functionaries of the government gathered to pray for victory for the Russian army.

A lengthy official communication issued today gives the Russian account of the negotiations which led to the rupture. The note says:

Last year the Tokyo cabinet, under the pretext of establishing order of power and a more settled order of things in the sphere of the Pacific, submitted to the imperial government a proposal to revise the existing treaties with Korea.

Russia consented and Viceroy Alexieff was charged to carry out the project of understanding with Japan, in co-operation with the Russian minister at Tokyo, who was entrusted with the negotiations with the Japanese government.

Although the subject was of a friendly character, Japanese political circles and the local press attempted in every way to produce a warlike ferment among the Japanese and to drive the government into a course of aggression.

The Tokyo cabinet began to formulate greater and greater demands on the Japanese government at the same time making most extensive preparations to make the country ready for war.

Insists on Three Points. All these circumstances could not, of course, detract from the equality, but they induced it to also take military and naval measures. Nevertheless, to preserve peace in the far east, Russia, so far as its international rights and interests were concerned, gave the necessary attention to the demands of the Tokyo cabinet and declared itself ready to receive Japan's proposal on commercial and economic points in the "open door" principle of the Pacific.

The project elaborated in this sense did not meet the approval of the Japanese government, which in its last proposal, not only declined to accept the conditions which appeared as a guarantee of the independence of Korea, but also began at the same time to insist on provisions to be incorporated in a treaty regarding the question of Manchuria.

Refuses to Consider Manchuria. Such demands on the part of Japan were inadmissible, because the question of Manchuria, which is a part of China, in the first place, China, and also all other powers, through treaties with China, had already been made to the foreign cabinets.

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Families of other nationalities are also leaving Port Arthur. Japanese have been forbidden to take passage on cargo ships bound from Japan to Port Arthur.

British Enter Protest. A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Pen Yang says that a French transport, with a battalion of troops from Tonkin, is hourly expected at Shan Hai Kwan, in the Gulf of Liao Tung, to garrison the forts which are being vacated by the Russians. It is reported that the tricolor of France was hoisted there this morning and that the British officer in command at Shan Hai Kwan protested against the French occupation. At present there is only a single sentry guarding the flag.

The British commander here, Brigadier General Ventry, and his chief of staff proceeded to Shan Hai Kwan this morning.

Washington Sends Ships. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Orders will be issued today to Rear Admiral Evans to send his cruiser squadron, consisting of the Albatross, the Boston, Raleigh and Cincinnati, from Subic Bay to Salalah in Chinese waters for the purpose of observing the naval operations. It is expected that the squadron can coal and get under way within two days. Admiral Evans is expected to keep the battleship squadron in Philippine waters throughout the period of hostilities between Russia and Japan.

The decision was reached at the cabinet meeting today after long consideration. It has been definitely settled that the cruiser squadron will not go to Port Arthur.

Admiral Evans is not instructed regarding his naval duties, but it is believed in naval circles that he will transfer his flag to the Albany and proceed northward with the squadron.

United States Watched. At the cabinet meeting today long and careful consideration was given to the situation developed by the Russo-Japanese war.

It is not anticipated that the United States government will be drawn into the conflict, although its progress will be watched closely and anxiously by this government. Early today the president and Secretary Hay, as well as Secretaries Tamm and Moody, were placed in possession of the news carried by the Associated Press of the naval conflict near Port Arthur. Prior to the cabinet meeting that was the

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Beached in Harbor of Port Arthur to Prevent Them Sinking.

FIRST BLOW TO RUSSIA A SEVERE ONE

Two Battleships and One Cruiser Out of the Fight for the Present.

TWO RUSSIAN SHIPS STRUCK BY SHELLS

Torps and Warships Answer: the Game of the Japanese.

FIRST ATTACK MADE WITH TORPEDOES

Merchantman Feels Shock of the Submarine Attack Monday Night.

JAPANESE AIM GOOD BUT RUSSIAN SHORT

Withdraw and Russians Start in Pursuit but Give Up the Chase.

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