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has been warned by China itself that the result of this might would certainly be a general uprising against foreigners that might result in massacres. And the end would be perhaps the disruption of China. In this event it is believed here that the neutral powers would make off with the lion's share, the belligerents being too much occupied to prevent them. This conviction on the part of the officials here causes them to freely express the opinion that Russia will be guilty of a grave mistake if it rejects Secretary Hay's proposals. But if it does so, it is said that there will be no attempt made on our part to secure through force of arms the purposes stated in the note; in other words, the United States is not to be dragged into hostilities in the east.

A cablegram has been received at the Japanese legation from Tokyo stating that upon a request made through the British consul at Chemulpo thirty-four of the Russians wounded in the recent naval engagements should be placed in charge of some Japanese charitable institution. Consent was recently given and they were put in the Japanese nurses' hospital at Chemulpo and are being treated by Japanese doctors.

Doubt Story of Capture.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 13.—The Associated Press is authorized to deny the report that Japan had captured the Russian ship, the *Pravda*, which was reported to have been captured by the Japanese. The report was based on a cablegram from Tokyo which stated that the ship had been captured. The Associated Press, however, states that the ship was not captured and that the report was a mistake.

A naval expert says that if the *Hakodate* is a true Admiral Stokelberg, who is in command of the *Pravda* squadron, will be able to come south by the eastern coast of Japan and cause enormous havoc along the shore and to shipping and ultimately effect a junction with Admiral Wierulof's squadron on its way to the far east from Europe.

Viceroy Alexieff's Silence about the Vladivostok Squadron is Explained as follows.

For strategic reasons, the viceroy, as commander-in-chief, is empowered to dispose of the ships and men without consulting headquarters. The enumeration of the Russian ships engaged at Port Arthur was purposely omitted in the official reports, as it would have given a valuable clue to the enemy.

Viceroy is Careful About News.

A private telegram has been received from a resident of Port Arthur in which the sender claims he saw one Japanese warship sink. The fact that no mention was made of this in the viceroy's dispatches does not disprove the story, because the viceroy is careful not to announce anything outside of personally established facts. It is pointed out on high authority that the Japanese are not likely to admit such a loss, and it is recalled that during the Chinese war they were most secretive about the casualties.

Czar Responds to Address.

A loyal address from the council of the empire was presented to Emperor Nicholas yesterday. His majesty, replying to the deputation presenting the document, said:

"I thank you for the expression of your sentiments, and hope with you, that God's will will be with us in these times so serious to us. I count now, as always, upon your devotion to myself and to the fatherland, and I trust that you will continue to be in the front ranks of the army and navy, and to devote to the arts of peace no less to my heart and so necessary to the fatherland."

The emperor has accepted the offer of the knightly orders of Court and Livonia and Estonia, to equip a medical corps for service to the front.

According to the Novoe Vremya the Yenisei was laying mines at the entrance of Tallenwan bay with the object of closing it against attacks from the sea. Observing that one of the mines had risen to the surface, the Yenisei approached for the purpose of lifting it up, when the vessel

RUSSIAN LEAVE SEUL.

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Celebrate High Anniversary.

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"Upon the occasion of this memorable anniversary it gives me great pleasure to entertain the foreign representatives, ministers and the distinguished persons. It is indeed with deep regret that circumstances beyond our control compelled us to sever peaceful negotiations with a neighboring power. We, however,

came in contact with another mine, which exploded and caused the disaster. Colonel Van Schenk, commanding the Emperor Alexander regiment of the German Guards, of which the czar is honorary colonel in chief, arrived here today from Berlin. He will present to the czar an autograph letter from Emperor William. Rear Admiral Rogozewski, chief of the general staff of the navy, leaves here for the far east February 16.

The finance ministry, in denying today the report that Russia has prohibited the exportation of grain, added that no such step was even contemplated.

Germany Proclaims Neutrality.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—The imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow, in the Reichstag, the government's official organ, today issued the following proclamation:

In consequence of the official declarations of war between the imperial government of Russia and the imperial government of Japan, it becomes the duty of everyone in the German empire and the German colonies, and also of Germans residing abroad, to observe in all their relations the strictest neutrality.

Details of prohibitions contained in the British and some other declarations of neutrality are omitted. The officers of the crown are charged to see that neutrality is enforced.

The Vorwarts (socialist) says the Prussian police recently arrested ten young Poles, deserters from the Russian army, near Beuthen, and handed them over to the Russian authorities at Czeladz, Sosnowice, Russian Poland. This, the Vorwarts avers, is contrary to organized practice under international law.

The German second-class cruiser *Hansa*, which left Chefoo yesterday for Port Arthur, sailed from the latter port the same day for Tsingtau, in Kiao Chou, the German possession of the Shan Tung peninsula, having on board the German women and children who resided at Port Arthur.

The German government has been informed that neither Russia nor Japan opposes in principle Secretary Hay's proposal in regard to China.

England Asks Pertinent Question.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Feb. 13.—The British government has inquired if the Danish government is prepared to defend Denmark's neutrality, especially the important sea routes. Denmark replied in effect:

"We will defend ourselves."

The construction placed on this inquiry here is that Great Britain appreciates the danger of Russia occupying Danish fortresses in the event of complications between Great Britain and Russia over the far eastern question.

In view of the possibility of such an outcome, the Danish War department has ordered the army reserves to be ready for mobilization throughout Denmark within twelve hours. Regimental offices are open day and night.

In Accord With Hay.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The semi-official Temps says the cabinets of London, Paris and Berlin are in accord upon Secretary Hay's note. In the response which the three powers will make to the United States, it will be suggested that the text of the American document be clarified and simplified. The three powers agree in giving the note a construction favorable to China's proclaiming its neutrality and also that this neutrality be recognized and respected throughout the period of hostilities, but that owing to the conditions prevailing in Manchuria, which is the present actual theater of warfare, Manchuria will not be included under the declaration of Chinese neutrality, this exception of Manchuria not affecting China's rights or stipulations in treaties. It is believed the United States will accept this interpretation, which, it is said, is acceptable to Russia and Japan.

The Russian financial agent here categorically denies the reports that Russia is seeking to place another loan in Paris or elsewhere, and says the financial resources of Russia are such that it need not have recourse to a loan.

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THEATER OF STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY IN THE EAST

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MAY RAID JAPANESE COAST

Cruiser Squadron from Vladivostok Has a Fine Opportunity.

NORTHERN ISLANDS ARE UNPROTECTED

Unconfirmed Rumor in London to the Effect Three Ships of Fleet Have Been Sunk by Torpedo Boats.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(New York Herald Telegram—Omaha Bee Special Telegram.)—Russia will give the coast of northern Japan a taste of the real rigors of war if Rear Admiral Stokelberg's command of the powerful cruiser squadron, which recently left Vladivostok and yesterday sank a Japanese merchantman, follows the plan that naval officers here say they would adopt if they were in his place. His squadron was on February 11, off the western coast of Yezo, the Japanese northernmost possession. If there is a Japanese force adequate to cope with his fleet, which consists of the armored cruisers *Granibol*, *Roseta* and *Turk*, and the protected cruiser *Bogatyr*, no report of it has yet reached America, this appears to leave the Russian commander a rare opportunity to devastate the desolate coast and do great damage to undefended towns.

Japan is not a rich country and an effective commerce destroying raid, a campaign of besieging and levying tribute on the coast settlements would be most disheartening to the Tokyo government. It has been reported that Admiral Stokelberg's squadron in Washington about this port is that it is strongly defended and could hardly be reduced by his fleet. Not all the towns in Yezo are so well protected, however. It is expected that Admiral Stokelberg will hardly try to scout the coast farther south than Sakata on the western coast of the Japanese mainland or Hachinohe on the eastern coast, but that he will conduct vigorous operations there in the hope of cutting off the Japanese from the sea, to compose which it will be necessary, perhaps, to draw away part of the naval force which now has the main Russian squadron bottled up at Port Arthur. This would divide the Japanese naval force, would give to the Russian admiral at Port Arthur a better chance to get out and would also scatter the Japanese force enough to prevent from conveying any heavy military expedition either from Nagasaki or Sasebo, or other ports in southern Japan to Korea or Manchuria.

WELL TOLD

Doctor Explains Feeding Without Medicine.

"It is a well substantiated fact," says a Maine physician, "that vast numbers of percent of the ailments of humanity are due to errors in diet, causing indigestion and the myriad affections following in its train. It was Dr. Abernathy, I believe, who said, 'One-fourth of what we eat keeps us, the other three-fourths we keep at our peril.' 'Loss of flesh from whatever immediate cause is due primarily to nutritional disturbances involving defective assimilation. These preface remarks I wish to relate briefly a case of mine, (not the only one, by any means), in which Grape-Nuts was the connecting link between disease and health."

"It was a case of chronic gastritis where the patient had seen the rounds of much stereotyped treatment and where there was much depression caused by long persistence of distress at the stomach—pain, gas and burning soon after eating."

"Though I had been regulating the diet considerably while giving medicine, it occurred to me that I would try regulating at without medicine, and in looking about among the foods I soon found Grape-Nuts was the best adapted to my purpose. Starting in with Grape-Nuts alone, I allowed my patient to take it first with hot water and a very little sugar at intervals of three hours. After a few days I instructed the patient to use it with warm milk. (It should have been served with cream on the start.)"

"Improvement was marked from the first. The eruptions of gas were at once greatly diminished and the terrible burning and distress were lessened in proportion, while the spirits brightened. At the end of two weeks my patient had so far improved that she was allowed some chicken broth which digested perfectly. It has been over two months and she has gradually increased her diet in variety until it now includes all that is needed to avoid monotony and maintain health."

"Grape-Nuts, however, still holds a prominent place on her table, as it will continue to do, for she realizes that it is a sheet anchor. Name of the physician given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich."

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Give Army a Chance.

Meanwhile, the Russian army, which for months has been gathering, as the Japanese have said "Beyond the Yalu" will be active, and probably moving into Korea, although nothing has yet been heard of such a movement.

Admiral Stokelberg's squadron is fleet enough to enable him to run back to Vladivostok if the Japanese send to fight him a force which he fears. He can run into Vladivostok, which so long as he is away, will be kept open by the American ice-breaking machines. Once he is in the harbor it will be allowed to freeze and the Japanese will not be able to get nearer than the Russians desire. The ports of Yokohama and Kure and other ports in lower Japan are so well protected by strong land batteries for Admiral Stokelberg to have any hope of reducing them with his cruiser squadron, and at any rate before he could get that far south he will be met by a strong Japanese fleet, probably more powerful than his own.

It is well to remember throughout the Russo-Japanese campaign that it is impossible for a naval force, however strong, to hope to reduce a land battery throwing metal equal to that of a fleet.

Rumor Cruisers Are Sunk.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—A report originating

RUSSIA WILL ACCEPT NOTE

Expected Great Britain Will Not Haggle Over Details.

RESULT REGARDED DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH

Generally Understood that Hostilities Will Be Confined to Manchuria So Far as China is Concerned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Secretary Hay has added another to his long list of diplomatic triumphs and the United States is once more enabled by his diplomacy to head the nations in a concurrent effort to preserve the integrity of China. Mr. Hay's note of February 10 to Russia and Japan, urging them to confine hostilities within as small an area as possible and to respect the neutrality and administrative entity of China will be accepted by Russia as well as by Japan and all the nations will join the Washington government in inviting the combatants to agree to the proposition. Mr. Jussierand, the French ambassador, called on Secretary Hay today at his residence officially to inform him of France's acceptance, and incidentally it is known that Russia's acquiescence will be communicated very soon.

At the Russian embassy today no intimation had been received of the government's probable reply, but Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, will inform Secretary Hay as soon as St. Petersburg advises him. Acceptance by the powers of the Washington government's suggestion will be followed by a further exchange of views as to the practicability of the suggestion to the principle, of which all have given their adherence.

As the note is of the most general character it will be necessary to discuss at some length the possibilities it contains. It is generally understood that hostilities will be confined, so far as China is concerned, to Manchuria, Shanghaiwang probably making the western boundary of the theater of action.

No official definition has yet been given to the term "administrative entity." It is not expected that a treaty will be necessary to execute Secretary Hay's proposition. Russia's decision to acquiesce was only reached after consultation with several European powers. It is understood that M. Delcasse brought strong pressure to bear at St. Petersburg in favor of the note, and that the ambassador, who was active in gaining France's consent.

England, it is believed, will not be disposed to inquire further as to details. It has been known for several days that England adhered to the principle. The formal acceptance of the other powers, it is expected, will follow shortly, but the success of the proposition is assured by the decision of Russia and Japan to agree to it.

FREMONT DIVORCE IS SETTLED

Wife Gets Alimony and Her Maiden Name—Agreement Reached Without a Hearing.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The divorce case of Sarah A. P. French against her husband, John P. French, has been settled out of court. Mr. French pays alimony in the amount of \$100 in lieu of dower and costs are fixed against him. Mr. French has her maiden name restored, Sarah A. French. Thus there is removed from court hearing what would probably have proven one of the most notorious divorce cases in the history of the country.

GENEVA GIRLS ARE WINNERS

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The young women's basketball team from Geneva played a game with the young women of the Hastings college this afternoon and won by the score of 15 to 5. The teams lined up as follows: Geneva—Folwells, Stevens and Zimm; Hastings—Heath and Douglas, Smith and Campbell, guards, Kingsley and Brinkema; centers, Carriker and French.

Lights Go Out at Petersburg.

PETERSBURG, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The lighting apparatus at the acetylene gas house yesterday broke down, and the town was in almost complete darkness last night. Merchants were compelled to ransack cellars and basements for discarded lamps in order to light their places of business, while the resident portion of town were in complete darkness. The difficulty has been removed and tonight the town is again under full light.

HAMILTON-NETWIG

WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—At Grace Lutheran church in this city on Wednesday, Rev. L. L. Lipe united in marriage Miss Henrietta Netwig of this city and Robert J. Hamilton of Omaha. The ring ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The bride is the daughter of Henry Netwig, an old settler, and the groom is in business in Omaha, where the couple will make their home.

Koch Is Taken to Lincoln.

WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Sheriff F. W. Klobe has taken Henry Koch, sentenced for six years at the last term of the district court, to the penitentiary at Lincoln. The crime for which the prisoner is confined was grand larceny, committed at Bancroft, in this county.

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HYMENEAL

Post-Dickinson.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—At the home of N. B. Moore of this city occurred the marriage of Homer G. Post and Miss Alice Dickinson of Howells, Neb. Both parties have a large acquaintance here. They will make their future home in Howells.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Colder Weather Promised for Nebraska, with Snow and Cold Wave for Iowa.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Forecast:

For Nebraska—Snow Sunday and much colder in south—portion. Monday, cold wave; fair, with continued cold.

For Iowa—Snow Sunday, with a cold wave, Monday, fair and cold.

For Illinois—Snow Sunday, with rapidly falling temperature and cold wave at night. Monday, fair and cold, with brisk to light west to northwest winds.

For Colorado and Wyoming—Fair and much colder Sunday, preceded by snow in east portion. Monday, fair.

For Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota—Fair, with continued cold Sunday and probably Monday.

For Kansas—Snow and much colder Sunday, with cold wave by night. Monday, fair and continued cold.

For Missouri—Snow in west portion and rain turning to snow in east portion Sunday, followed by colder weather, with cold wave, by night. Monday, fair and cold.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Feb. 13.—Official record of temperature and precipitation for the corresponding day of the last three years:

Maximum temperature..... 1904 1903 1902 1901

Minimum temperature..... 23 16 26 42

Mean temperature..... 23 16 26 42

Precipitation..... 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1903:

Maximum temperature..... 25

Minimum temperature..... 15

Mean temperature..... 20

Total excess since March 1..... 1.5

Normal precipitation..... 3.0

Deficiency for the day..... 1.5

Total rainfall since March 1..... 1.5

Excess since March 1..... 1.5

Deficiency for cor. period, 1903..... 1.5

Deficiency for cor. period, 1902..... 1.5

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