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foodstuffs to prevent speculation during the development of the country and its great

"trn upon us."

resources, does the United States hold aloof

from our our affairs? No. There is de-

veloped in the United States a great in-

terest in the preservation of the integrity

of China. Protest is made to Russia. It

is most incomprehensible to us Russians

why the United States, whom we have al-

ways looked upon as our friend, should so

Thinks that Trouble Will Be Confined

to Powers Now Fighting.

LONDON, Feb. 20 .- Count Benckendorff,

St. Petersburg. The afternoon papers made

ing it with rumors that the crar was dis-

pleased with his ambassadors at Washing-

at Tokio, owing to the recent turn of

The Russian embassy said positively that

Count Benckendorff has gone to St. Peters-

burg for three days to bid farewell to his

regiment. The embassy added that the

ambassador's journey was in no way con-

nected with his position as ambassador.

The uneasiness exhibited on the continent

in reference to the possibility that a

European war may result from the strug-

The naval and military preparations an-

measures which any power must adopt.

are on the verge of concluding an

At the Spanish embassy here it was em-

other European power will be involved

The German ambassador, Count von Met

ternick, is also absent on a week-end visit.

of these ambassadors from London.

No significance is attached to the absence

Guus of Superior Pattern.

been carefully overhauled and all surplus

and obsolete war material sent back to

Woolwich to be broken up. It is being un-

obstructively replaced by stores of the latest

Simultaneously sixty British battleships

are being equipped with new twelve-inch

steel and wire naval guns. Four years ago

the admiralty ordered 650 of there powerful

weapons at a cost of £4.500,000. Nearly all

are completed and every battleship now

carries, or will carry, four of them, and

the navy and are said to be far superior

to any guns of any foreign power. They

will fire a random shot from England to

France, but have an accurate aim of 1.600

yards, and will thus be able to effectively

deal with an enemy's fleet nine or ten miles

NO TIME FOR FRANCE TO WAVER.

Demand Loyalty to Russia.

PARIS. Feb. 20.-The permanency of the

Franco-Russian alliance is still the sub-

noteworthy declarations favorable to the

denunciation of the alliance was that of the socialist leader, M. Juares. This has

led to the practical repudiation of M.

Juares by the socialist groups in Parita-

ment. The effect of the discussion has been

to show that influential elements, while not

believing the alliance to be favorable at

present to French Interests, do not con-

ISLAND OF PERIM, Red Sea, Feb. 20 .-

A squadron of warships passed here at

be the Russian squadron, recently at Jibu-

wavering in loyalty for Russia.

ject of fierce public discussion. The only

they are the best guns ever possessed by

the great powers is involved in war.

they have been for years past.

It is also thought that the n the actual war news has led many

The Foreign office here confirms this.

threatening European trouble.

Japan than it is in London.

probability.

indirect stake

are quite baseless."

as he frequently does.

thwart the speculators in those centers refuse to ald the Boers. On the conquest where they are trying to force down the of the Philippines by the United States no price of the ruble. note of protest was heard from Russia. The municipality of Khabarovsk, east But when Russia peaceably occupies Man-Siberia, has drawn up a scale of prices for churia, pouring millions of rubles into the

Alexieff Gets n Snub.

TOKIO, Feb. 20.-Three hundred Russian scouts reconnoitered resterday in Wiju and vicinity. They crossed the Yalu river, entered the town and scouted through the surrounding country. They then recrossed the river and rejoined their force. Advices to the Chinese government from Peking say that while at Mukden Viceroy Alexieff asked the Chinese troops to aid in guard- ENGLAND HAS NO APPREHENSION ing the railway to prevent the interruption of traffic. The Chinese refused the request and asked for instructions from Peking. The Chinese government told them to inform Alexieff that as Russia had insisted that the Chinese were unable to guard the rallway in time of peace, surely Russia could not expect them to guard it in time of war.

OZAR OF RUSSIA SADDENED BY WAR, ton and London, and with his late minister Military Activity Ever Increasing and

the Soldiers Farewell, ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20 .- The czar, according to those who have access to his presence, feels keenly the outbreak of hostilities and sorrows at the burdens the war entalls Since the bombardment of Port Arthur he has not appeared in public. His majesty's sole recreation now consists in a morning saunter in the garden adjoining the palace. The ground is covered with snow, but still he walks about, invariably accompanied by five Samoyed dogs, which are trained to march in single file behind

When his majesty addressed some troops a few days ago and admonished them in these words, "Remember, your enemy is brave, bold and cunning," he could not disguise his emotion, and his voice shook very much. He is grieved over what he considers to be the treacherous conduct of the

Japanese. increasing scale and all is in readiness for the mobilization of the entire Russian army should that become necessary. In a fortnight 100,000 additional troops will be in Manchuria. Three army corps of Siberian rifles have already been organized and a tends to seize Spanish points in the event fourth soon will be completed. There is also a brigade of Cossack artillery, armed

with excellent mountain guns. Although the Japanese seem to be making Port Arthur one of their main objectives. military men here do not believe that they will be able to effect and hold a landing The entire country is strongly held by a division of Cossacks, which was quietly moved out to the far east from the

Caucasus some time ago. Stories of privations suffered by the soidiers on the military trains going to the east are grossly exaggerated. Covered freight trucks have been converted into really comfortable cars for the men. The sides are lined with felt, windows have been cut, stoves set up and movable shelves used for sleeping are removed in the day time. Each car can carry forty men, but only thirty-six are taken. Each man is allowed three-quarters of a pound of hot beef daily, besides the regular rations supplied from the special kitchen cars.

REGRETS NOT HELPING THE BOERS

Russian Nobleman Looks on Attitude of America as Retributive.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20 .- "Russia will look or the present attitude of the United States to it as a visitation of divine justice because it did not heed the appeals of the Boers during the struggle with Great Britain," said Baron de Ferson, a Russian nobleman, cousin of Baron A. A. Scilppenbach, Russian consul at Chicago, who is here on a visit

"Time and again," continued the Baron, "did President Kruger appeal to Russia cartridge factory, the royal gun factory for sympathy and help sgainst England and as often did the Russian government and the torpedo factory at Norwich have

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RUSSIA TELLS ITS STORY

Gives Statement as to Proceedings Prior to

Observe the Accepted Rules of Warfare in Opening Hostilities.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.-A Russian account of the events immediately preceding the rupture with Japan is published the Official Messenger today, "with the bject of rectifying certain statements from Japanese sources,'

In this account it is stated that on receint of the last Japanese proposals on January 16, the government immediately proceeded to examine the Japanese denands, and on January 25, M. Kurino, the apanese minister, was informed, in reply his inquiry, that the czar had entrusted the proposals to a special conference, the nembers of which would meet January S, and that his majesty's decision probably would not be given before Feb-

On the last named date Emperor Nichlefinite instructions to Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, based on the feliberations of this conference. On February 3, essential telegrams were sent to Viceroy Alexieff and Baron de Rosen, containing the text of a draft of a proposed Russo-Japanese agreement, with a full statement of the reasons which prompted Russia to modify the Japanese proposals oncerning the presentation of the reply to

Forty-eight hours before the news of he rupture Foreign Minister Lamedorff

Japan's Action Unexpected. On February 5 Viceroy Alexieff notified the Foreign office of Baron de Rosen's reeipt of the reply. February 5, at 4 p. m., M. Kurino, quite unexpectedly, handed to Count Lamsdorff two notes, notifying him of the rupture of the perotiations and of diplomatic relations, and adding that he. M. Kurino, and his staff, would leave St. Petersburg February 18. The notes were accompanied by a private letter from M. Kurino to Count Lamsdorff expressing the hope that the supture of relations would be confined to the shortest possible time. the Russian ambassador, left today for At the same time Vicercy Alexieff, Baron de Rosen and all the Russian representaa sensation out of his departure, connect- lives at Peking, Tokio and the capitals of the great powers, were informed, by urgent telegrams, of the rupture of relations and of the issue of an imperial order withdrawing the Russian legation from Tokio events and out of baseless rumors of and laying on Japan the responsibility for all consequences ensuing. The communication concludes:

son, who is going to the far east with his

Germany Accepts Hay's Plan. several days ago instructed the German the Spanish coast. gle in the far east is not shared by Great Britain. No power has made such naval ambassador at St. Petersburg and the minpreparation for every contingency, and yet ister at Tokio to communicate to the govnowhere is confidence greater that the ernments to which they are accredited hostilities may be confined to Russia and Germany's adherence to the terms contained in Secretary Hay's note on the neutrality of China, and both powers gave a nounced from continental capitals are regarded here as being more common sense ceptable to them.

> luli RUSSIA BARRIER TO YELLOW PERIL Press Asserts Arms Will Accomplish

European correspondents to employ their spare time in exaggerating the continental More Than America's Diplomacy. action and in applying such steps as have ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.-The Viedobeen actually taken to erroneous moves mosti publishes an editorial article on the The latest of these, that Great Britain inpride shown in Great Britain and the United States in the pro-Japanese sym of war, has not even the semblance of pathies and asks what these will ultimately cost the "cultured west." Answering this The Associated press learns that at the question, the paper says:

present moment Spain and Great Britian arbitration treaty and that in other ways their diplomatic relations are closer than phatically declared that the movements of Spanish troops were simply precautions that all nations must take when one of

Aside from the question of the "yellow peril" it is hopeless blindness not to see that Russia stands as a barrier between the approaching rising of Asia and old, degenerate Europe, and to desire that this barrier be swept away is absolute imbecility. It is claimed that Japan represents progress and civilization. The same thing was said in 1866 about Prussia, and it was not suspected that the success of Prussian arms would be a continual source of alarm and only ended when the Franco-Russian alliance re-established the political balance of Europe.

One may bew down to the cultured advance of Japan, but it brings to western nations the idea of endless wars. The far east is now an arena of European competition. What China will do in a week or in months, when its war position is more clearly defined, and its neutrality gained by the powers on the American receipt, is one of those fictions which Europe is so used to paying for with a most expensive armed peace. Russian victories will protect the west from the horrors America is trying to keep off by diplomacy. For Russia this heavy cross is its glory. At the Foreign office and at the Spanish emoassy the belief is entertained that no least of all Spain, which has no direct or "All the rumors," the Foreign office said, 'that European complications are in sight The French ambassador, M. Cambon, left London today for a week-end visit to Paris,

The report that Count Cassini, Russian amoassador at Washington, is to be recalled, is absolutely unwarranted.

PORT ARTHUR PROVIDES FOR SIEGE. PUTTING BRITISH NAVY IN ORDER Japanese Who Attempt to Blow Up Battleships Being Equipped with New

Railroad Bridge Hanged. YIN KOW. Feb. 20.-By means of Copyrighted by New York Herald Co., 1904) special permission obtained from Major LONDON, Feb. 20 .- (New York Herald General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of Cablegram-Special Telegram.) - Concurstaff, a newspaper correspondent succeeded rently with the Russo-Japanese war an in passing the lines under official escort abnormal activity exists in all departments and visited Port Arthur, which is closed to of the British navy. This activity began at Christmas and since then the cannon

Only 30 per cent of the population remains at Port Arthur and many of these are leaving. The trains are still crowded with refugees.

The authorities have mitigated war coniltions at Port Arthur by fixing the prices of foodstuffs. The prices of other commodities, however, have advanced. The serted by Chinese and other merchants. They are providing for a slege by sending wheat milling machinery to Port Arthur. and claim that there is a sufficient food supply there for a resistance of two years. Although the harbors on the Liso Tung peninsula have been reopened the authori-

> FOUND AT 70. The Power of Food.

An Illinois lady who never knew what health was until she reached her 70th year had been sick only a few weeks presents an unusually convincing case of the power of proper food. She says: Influential Elements Believe Interests "I am 74 years old this fall and I never

had good health that I can remember since I was a child until I commenced to use Grape-Nuts four years ago. "From the very first I could feel a vast improvement and now in four years I have

gained so that I do all my own work, and feel I cannot say too much in favor of Grape-Nuts and what this grand food has done for me as old as I am. "I have recommended Grape-Nuts to sev-

eral and they all have been benefited by Name given by Postum Co., Battle sider the time propitious for the slightest Creek, Mich

The power of proper food (which means food that the stomach will digest and at the same time yields the all-necessary nutriment) is almost unlimited and that's the reason 10 days trial of Grape-Nuts midnight, bound west. It was believed to often works a wonder. Look for the famous little book, "The

Road to Wellville" in each package

ties do not expect further arrivals. The Japanese fleet, which is sighted at intervals from Golden Hill, completely controls the gulf, and under the imperfect police system all incomers are treated as spies.

The repairs to the Russian feet are proceeding. The cruiser Novik has been docked, but the condition of the battleship Czarovitch and Retvisan remain unchanged. Engineers say that the Retvizan will be loated in a few days.

Shippers are of the opinion that the har-

bor of Dainy will be unsafe for years to come on account of stray mines from the Yenisel, some of which are reported by the last merchantman arriving at Port Arthur as drifting in the open sea. The Novikiri has suspended publication and only issues bulleting. The city is darkened every night but Vicercy Alexieff's house is lighted, although the people know he is at Harbin. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20-A dispatch received here from Harbin, Manchuria, dated February 20, says the railroad is in working order and that the Japanese who attempted to blow up the bridge over the Sungari river have been hanged. Bands of chunchus (bandits) have been observed under Japanese leadership and are being Almost all the civilian inhabitants of Harbin have left and the remainder of the population is quiet. The movement of troops is causing heavy traffic on the railroad. All of the Japanese laborers on the railroad have fled and the Chinese laborers have returned to work.

plas ordered the preparation of a draft of PREDICTS SUCCESS FOR RUSSIA

General Wheeler Talks the Orient.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20,--Major General Joseph Wheeler, after reviewing a squadron of the State guard at their armory here, has delivered a brief address on his, views of the war between Russia and general instructions to Baron de Rosen Japan. He compared the strength of their armies and their resources and reached the conclusion that Russin is likely to win in the long run. "I believe that the Chinese organized and under good officers would notified M. Kurino of the dispatch of the make," he said, "as good soldiers as any in the world. They are brave and enduring and seem to enjoy a fight. There are 400,000,000 of them and a tremendous army could be raised there. Those people could make a march and occupy any part of Europe that they chose. need not worry about that just yet." Baron de Rosen, Russian minister at Tokio, and his staff have sailed for home says a Times dispatch from Shanghai. M. Pavloff, the Russian minister

> SPANISH ARMY IS BECOMING ACTIVE Rumors in Madrid that Great Britain Has Designs on Spain.

> Corea, who left Seoul a few days ago, re-

mains at Shanghai awaiting instructions.

MADRID, Feb. 20 .- Two regiments of infantry at San Sebastian and two regiments at Pampeluna are held in readiness to start for the Balearic islands. War Minister Linares has also sent a circular to the military authorities ordering the recall Although the breaking off of diplomatic relations by no means implied the opening of hostilities, the Japanese government as early as the night of February 8 and during February 9 and February 9 and during February 10 committed a series of attacks on Russian warships and recreational law. The decree of the empiror of Japan declaring war was not issued until February 11. that in the event of a continental war BERLIN, Feb. 20.-The Foreign office Great Britain intended to seize points on

Empress is Alive.

PEKING, Feb. 20.-The diplomatic body was received in audience by the dowages empress today. In order to avoid a clash between the Japanese and Russian legageneral assurance that those were ac- tion guards their commanders have agreed not to allow them leave of absence on

As Result Governor and George B

Candidates CLEVELAND, Feb. 20 .- A conference of republican leaders was held here today, at

Cox Are Not Senatorial

tended by Governor Herrick, George B Cox of Cincinnati and others, to discuss the situation in connection with the election of a United States senator to succeed

At the conclusion of the conference Gov ernor Herrick issued a statement denying that he was a candidate. George B. Cox also said he was not a candidate for the

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Bille. DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Feb. 20 .- (Special. Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Bille, more com nonly known as "Grandma" Bille, aged St years, died yesterday at her home here after a week's illness with pneumonia. Mrs. Bille was one of the early settlers of this county, coming here from Denmark with her husband in 1874, to join their children who had preceded them from the old country several years previous. In 1887 her husband died, and since she and her son John have lived together, residing on a farm in Omadi precinct until a couple of years ago, when they removed to this daughter. John C. and ex-County Clerk George C. Bille and Mrs. John Johnson, all residents of this place. The deceased was a good Christian woman and a faithful member of the Lutheran church. The funeral will be held at 10:30 Sunday morning from her late home, Rev. S. M. Lesher onducting the services. Interment will be in Green Valley cemetery, southwest of

Dr. Adolph Oppermann. AUBURN. Neb., Feb. 20.-(Special.)-News has been received of the death of Dr. Adolph Oppermann at Cordell, Okl. Dr. Oppermann was the ploneer physician of authorities have taken possession of all Sheridan, now Auburn. He located here food supplies in the stores which were de- thirty years ago, and for twenty-five years was the leading physician of this place. Some three years ago he removed from here to Cordell, Okl. He leaves a wife and two grown daughters. His remains will be

brought here for interment. Mrs. C. S. Johnson. PLATTHMOUTH, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Clara, the wife of C. S. Johnson, the Burlington yardmaster, died at her home in this city last evening, aged 30 years. The funeral services will be conducted by Dr. J. T. Baird in the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Eliza Zade. RED CLOUD, Neb., Feb. 20 .- (Special.) Mrs. Eliza Zade died at her home west of this city today from pneumonia. The decoased had been afflicted but a short time before her death. The funeral services were held from the late home this afternoon

Funeral of Mrs. Daniel Spence. HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 20 .- (Special.)-The remains of Mrs. Daniel Spence, who was formerly Miss Minnie Lloyd of this were brought here from Hanover, city. where she died Wednesday, last night and will be interred in Parkview cemetery temorrow.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wells. BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 20.-(Special.) Mrs. Elizabeth Wells died yesterday at her home in this city, after a prolonged illness of stomach trouble, aged 75 years. leaves only a daughter.

A YOUNG LADY

Sat by the sea shore watching the silver-tipped waves as they chased each other and were finally dashed into snow white foam on the sand at her feet. A young man who was a musician came walking by, who made his living by whistling tunes upon an instrument which he carried in his hand, and seeing the young lady, he fell upon his knees and said: "O fairest maiden, if you will permit me to plant one kiss upon those lips, I will whistle my most beautiful tune." The young lady said: "O fool that you are, you stand around and whistle for that which you might take." Don't stand around whistling and waiting when we are showing the finest selection of Spring Woolens ever brought to the city-far superior in quality and style than has ever been offered before at popular prices.

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Large pieces of pholstering goods, 24 to 36 inches squore, high grade imported goods, worth up to 85 per yard, in squares, 50c each. Net, Silkoline, Swiss and Denim.

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