

PAVLOV'S SAD FAREWELL

Russian Representative Leaves Corea at Request of Japanese Minister.

IS PROVIDED WITH SPECIAL TRAIN

First Result of Japan's Rapid Movement to Gain Control of Hermit Kingdom and Outstrip Opponent.

(From a Special Correspondent of the Herald.)

SEOUL, Korea, Feb. 23, 1904.—Seoul today has witnessed the closing of the Russian legation and the departure of M. Alexander Pavlov, the Russian minister, his family and staff, as well as a complete legation guard of upward of sixty men.

All this within six days from the date that was announced it would adopt its own course without further consultation with Russia.

At 8 o'clock in the morning large crowds had assembled at the railway station, many to say good-by to valued friends, but more drawn by curiosity.

The special train which had been provided by the Japanese Railway company left at 8:30. It comprised three cars, and on the platforms of each were stationed Japanese soldiers.

At a quarter to 10 o'clock the special train bearing the Russian minister, M. Pavlov, his family, the French minister, his marine guard and the Russian residents of Seoul, eighty-four persons all told, reached the Chempulpo railway station from Seoul.

Major General Ichichi, of the Japanese forces, accompanied M. Pavlov on the train, also M. Eugene Dradrier, vice consul for France at Seoul.

As M. Pavlov, at the head of his party, with the Russian minister and his family, passed down the line of Japanese troops a salute was blown on the bugles and the men stood at attention.

In spite of the far-reaching influence possessed by M. Pavlov in the Korean court up to five days ago, the slight Korean official was present to wish him good-by.

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Ever since the assassination of the former queen of Corea, on October 8, 1895, the emperor of Corea, his government and the Korean people generally have mistreated the Japanese, and his majesty has placed reliance on the pledges offered him by Russia.

Suddenly a body of troops arrived at Seoul, and the Japanese minister, without deigning to consult the trembling Korean ruler, suggests that Korea adopt as its new ally or assistant from Russia any younger, and her minister has no other choice than to obey.

Already the emperor of Corea is pleading for forgiveness and offering assurances of better government in future; but whether Russia is able to reassert its power with the Korean government or not, Corea's day of complete independence have been numbered and the full number counted.

It is good for Corea that it is so, for a more oppressed, downtrodden people does not exist on the face of the earth. Nevertheless it will be a work of time, care and patience to convince the people that they should no longer be able to "squeeze" them and that they may develop prosperity by their own industry.

One of the last official acts of the departing Russian minister was to request the aid of the American minister in removing the Russian refugees from Tuesday's naval engagement at Chemulpo, now on board the British, French and Italian cruisers, to some neutral country, where they can remain until the war is terminated, and thus avoid the humiliation of being prisoners in Japan, and the American minister, after consulting with his Japanese conferees, has wired his government for instructions.

The situation contained in this question is, indeed, one involving delicate diplomacy. The Russian refugees are not prisoners of war, and hence they are not entitled to the same treatment as the vessels of other neutral countries. The sea battle that led to their defeat and consequent destruction of their ships was commenced in neutral waters and the protests of the nations who have accepted the refugees were ignored.

It is claimed that the British officer who was sent with the joint project to the flagship Mikasa, of the Japanese fleet, failed by a few minutes to reach the Japanese admiral before the unexpected early movement of the Russian vessels precipitated firing. All circumstances considered, it is believed that the Japanese admiral, and the removal of the unfortunate Russians to a neutral port, under distinct assurances that they will not be permitted to again take up arms during the present conflict.

The French cruiser Pascal, that carries M. Pavlov and his party from Corea, will go to Chefoo as soon as permission is obtained to pass through the Japanese fleet. From Chefoo to Port Arthur it is but eighty miles, but just now those eighty miles are important ones, as they contain a large Japanese fleet engaged in attacking Port Arthur, the Gibraltar of Asia.

It is difficult to say when M. Pavlov will reach Port Arthur and be able to report to the emperor of Corea that he has returned in such an incredibly short space of time.

Before leaving Seoul the Russian minister bitterly protested against the action of Japan in ordering him and his people from a neutral country, although, of course, his complaints fell upon unheeding ears.

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