

WHAT JAPAN DEMANDS.

Russia Must Observe China's Rights in Manchuria.

Interview With the Japanese Minister in London, in Which he Says, "if Russia Refuses to Sign a Treaty Recognizing China's Rights in Manchuria That Means War."

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—The czar now has before him the report of the special council on the Russian response. All the papers relating thereto were submitted to him yesterday by the Grand Duke Alexis and the czar is giving them earnest consideration.

RUSSIA READY FOR WAR.

St. Petersburg Feb. 2.—A dispatch from Vladivostok today and issued here by a semi-official agency, says the Russian fleet at Vladivostok has been fully equipped for immediate service and prepared for sea.

Tokio, Feb. 3.—A specially called conference of the cabinet, elder statesmen and military and naval chiefs was held today at the residence of Premier Katsura.

The patience of the government is becoming exhausted and if the expected answer is delayed many days longer, the issuance of an ultimatum by Japan will become inevitable.

The Japanese feel that the existing conditions have entitled them to a more prompt reply and are bound to infer that the St. Petersburg government is determined not to yield, but is utilizing the time to advance its preparations for war.

London, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Tokio says:

"The general impression here is that all hope of peace is gone. The elder statesmen had a conference this afternoon, at which the emperor was present. It is believed a weighty decision was reached."

THE REPLY SENT.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The Russian response to the latest Japanese note was sent to Tokio tonight.

WAR RISKS BOUND UPWARD.

London, Feb. 4.—The ominous rumors circulating here of the imminence of hostilities in the far east caused the rates on war risks at Lloyds to bound upwards today from 40 to 70 guineas per cent.

SITUATION AT TOKIO.

Tokio, Feb. 4.—Premier Katsura and his associates in the cabinet gave a dinner today to 18 representative peers and communicated to them the nature and progress of the diplomatic negotiations with Russia.

It is generally believed that Russia is massing troops north of the Yalu river so as to be prepared to resist a possible invasion by the Japanese.

The cabinet, elder statesmen and commanders of the army and navy are in almost constant conference or communication. There is, however, no indication of the course they intend to pursue.

The first break in the reticence of the Japanese government was the publication today of four of the dispatches from Manchuria and Siberia, which are significant, showing as they do the trend of events.

The Japanese commercial agent at Vladivostok was notified Wednesday by the commander of the Russian garrison that he might at any time in accordance with orders from St. Petersburg, have to proclaim a state of siege.

Japanese official reports confirm marked military activity in Manchuria. Houses have been prepared at Liao Yang, Haicheng, Haichow and other places for the accommodation of Russian soldiers. Carts also have been requisitioned to transport ammunition and stores.

Troops are steadily moving in the direction of the Yalu and the Chinese residents of Ying Chou are preparing for flight.

Paris, Feb. 6.—The London correspondent of the Matin says that he has submitted to Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister in London, a translation, published in a London evening newspaper, of an interview with the minister printed here in the Matin.

Baron Hayashi declared that the Matin correspondent had faithfully reproduced his utterances, and that he was ready to repeat them.

"If Russia refuses this treaty we will fight." "Is your Government unalterably determined on this course?" the minister was asked.

The interviewer then asked: "Suppose Russia's answer is conciliatory and reasonable, but refuses to go to the extent of signing the treaty you desire: will your Government then have recourse to arms?"

"That is precisely what I mean," replied the minister. "If the Government of His Majesty, King Edward VII. asks Japan not to make war," continued the interviewer, "and requests her to accept Russia's reply, what will Japan do?"

"We shall greatly object to such intervention, even coming from the King. We desire to be left alone in our duel with Russia. We do not want support or assistance. We desire to settle our own accounts with Russia."

In terminating the interview Baron Hayashi was asked:

"Then you say that if Russia refuses to sign a treaty recognizing China's rights in Manchuria that means war?"

"That will be war," replied the minister. Baron Hayashi added to the foregoing that he believed it to be the view of his government, and that authority had been given him to announce it.

RESTS LARGELY WITH ALEXIEFF NOW.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—As announced in the Associated Press dispatches the draft of the Russian response, tentatively approved by the czar, was telegraphed to Viceroy Alexieff last night. In this respect the document follows the course of its predecessors.

CHEESE MAKING IN PICKENS.

Prof. W. E. Dendy Gives Comprehensive Information on an Interesting Subject.

Cor. of the News and Courier: Pickens, Jan. 29.—It is not unlikely that Pickens county is the pioneer county in the State in the cheese industry. There seems to be a growing interest in this comparatively new industry, and when it is better understood, the industry will likely become general.

Mr. C. G. Voigt, who lives in this county, a few miles from Easley, introduced the manufacture of cheese in this county, and possibly knows more about the industry than any other individual in the state.

Mr. Voigt was raised in West Salem, Ill. He began the study of the industry about fifteen years ago. The first factory he had charge of was at Elgin, Ill., in 1892. The year following he superintended the first combined cheese and butter factory in the state of Utah.

The management then decided to send to the country and collect the milk. This was found too expensive as the farmers from whom the milk could be obtained were too remote and too scattered.

While the Easley plant was in no way a financial success so far as that plant is concerned, yet it furnished an object lesson to the wide-awake farmers who came in contact with its operation.

This plan was decided upon by about a dozen farmers in the George's creek neighborhood, situated four miles northeast of Easley. Accordingly, the George's Creek creamery was organized last April. It is in operation and ready sale is found for its product.

The bulk of the product of George's Creek factory is sold in Greenville at 20 and 25 cents per pound and the supply is far short of the demand.

After it is manufactured, the cheese stands for a time, from three to six weeks. If used within a short time after it is manufactured it is very mild.

The officers of George's Creek factory are as follows: E. E. Perry, president; C. H. Carpenter, vice president; R. L. Perry, secretary and treasurer.

At Brushy Creek, six miles south of Easley, is to be found another community of progressive farmers that may be termed apt scholars to learn the art of cheese-making from the object lesson, which they observed at Easley.

The Brushy Creek Cheese factory was organized Aug. 1, 1903. It was immediately equipped at a cost of about \$700 and is the best plant in the county. The first cheese was made Nov. 14, 1903.

Mr. C. G. Voigt has in successful operation on his farm what he terms a "hand outfit" for making cheese. He has also introduced a similar contrivance among some of his neighbors.

By actual calculation, Mr. Voigt cleared \$19.90 on two cows in one month by converting their product into cheese.

Three new plants have recently been organized in Oconee. One is located at Walhalla, known as the Walhalla, Cheese factory. It was organized Oct. 16, 1903.

In the lower portion of Oconee are two other plants, each of 200-gallon capacity. One is located at Tokeena, the other at Mount Tabor. Miles P. Singleton is president of the latter.

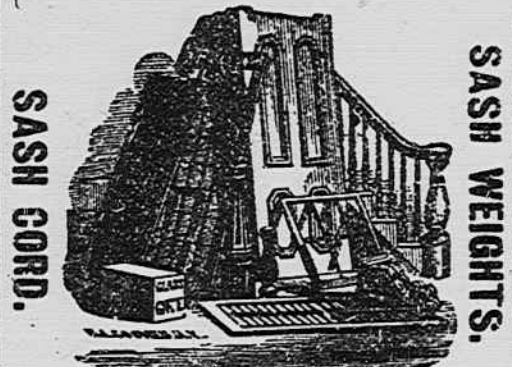
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Want Wreck Investigated.

The board of railroad commissioners this morning received a telegram from the town council of Bishopville requesting that a wreck which occurred there yesterday morning be investigated.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Announcement was made today by the census bureau that a cotton ginning record will be issued Tuesday, Feb. 9th.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 4.—In the Maryland legislature today Isidor Rayner of Baltimore, who was nominated last night by the Democratic caucus, received the unanimous vote of the Democratic majority and was elected United States senator to succeed Louis E. McComas.

Savannah, Feb. 4.—Adaline Neuline, a white girl, 10 years old, was killed late this afternoon by a street car at the corner of West Broad and Broughton streets.

Danger in Cold Weather.

There is danger in cold weather because it produces conditions favorable to the development of those germ diseases known as la grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis, consumption, etc.

Monterey, Mexico, Feb. 5.—The board of health is distributing thousands of small earthenware bowls containing a mixture of sulphur and saltpeter and suspended by wires so as to be easily let down into a well.

A FACT ABOUT THE "BLUES"

What is known as the "Blues" is seldom occasioned by actual existing external conditions, but in the great majority of cases by a disordered LIVER.

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