

WILL BRITAIN DRAW THE SWORD?

RUSSIA'S BALTIC FLEET WOULD BE WORTHLESS

BERLIN, February 12.—The denial of the statement that Russia wishes to send fifteen warships through the Kaiser Wilhelm canal was made at the navy department, where it was said that Russia has not fifteen ships in the Baltic that could readily be sent to the Far East, seven or eight being all she has there, according to the intelligence here, that could be made serviceable against Japan, and, as many more coal-ship might have to go with them, the German naval opinion is that so small a fleet could do nothing alone. Russia is withdrawing portions of her garrison on the German frontier presumably because she is fully confident of Germany's neutrality. M. Kurino the former Japanese minister to Russia, and his staff, arrived here to-day from St. Petersburg. He intends to observe events from Berlin, indefinitely or at least until he receives further instructions from his government.

NEW BRIDGE FOR THE MORELL RIVER.

For the past sixty years the people of Morell and that section of the province have crossed the famous fishing stream on a floating bridge which has been an unique feature of the public works of the province. Time and again borings have been made in different parts of the river in order to discover a shallow part of the mud where piles could be driven and a permanent structure built. None of these efforts have been successful however and it was not till last summer that a discovery was made by which the people of that part of the province will receive an excellent bridge built on piles and one which will be a credit to the public works of Prince Edward Island. While examining the location from the train last summer Hon. James M. Commiskey, Commissioner of Public Works became convinced that a bridge could be built in comparatively shallow mud between two points about 125 yards further down the river than the present floating bridge. Two days later he had the Government Engineer, H. C. McMillan survey the location and the borings that he made fully established the feasibility of the undertaking. Later while Hon. W. S. Fielding was here last winter the services of H. J. McKenzie were obtained and his borings taken through the ice were identical with those of Mr. McMillan who naturally felt pleased that his work done from a boat under difficult conditions should correspond with the more accurate borings through the ice. During the fall the commissioner had plans prepared by Mr. McKenzie ably assisted by Mr. McMillan and yesterday The Guardian had the privilege of seeing the result of their work on the proposed bridge. The bridge will be one of the longest and undoubtedly the best traffic bridge in the Province. It will be 500 feet long between stakes, will be built on 32 pile benches, three piles to each bench and 400 feet between the abutments. The piles are to be creosoted from the water up to five feet above the surface of the mud. The lower part of the piles are to be fish spliced with any kinds of native wood. At the deepest place the borings indicate 33 feet of shell rock and below this the piles will be driven 2 1/2 feet into the rock. There will be a draw twenty-four feet wide and in ten feet of water at high tide. This is to correspond with a draw that is shortly to be placed in the railway bridge further down the river. The top covering of the bridge will be 3 inch spruce or hemlock with complete rail, curb, stations and hub guard. To drive the piles a pile driver of not less than 15,000 lbs with 25 feet or more drop will be necessary. It is understood that the Government will at once proceed to call for tenders and the work will be commenced in a short time. When finished the bridge will probably be the most complete in the Island and add a substantial asset to the Province.

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Lloyds Call for War Rates Against War Between Britain and France—Foreign Office Uneasy—French Violation of Neutrality—Russia Intrigue Unveiled—Her Troops in Manchuria May Fall Back to Harbin, Leaving Port Arthur to Stand Siege.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(Special)—Lloyds is asking a premium of 30 per cent against an Anglo-French war within the next three months!

RUSSIA INTRIGUES WITH FRANCE. It is known that Russia is using every endeavor to get France to stretch all points in her favor.

FRANCE IS NOT NEUTRAL. It is noted that France has not made any such neutrality statement as the other powers and is allowing Russia to use Jibuti on the Red Sea in French Somaliland as a rendezvous for her fleet.

WHERE JIBUTI IS. French Somaliland, of which Jibuti is the port, is a territory of about 15,000 square miles, lying west of the Gulf of Aden and south of the Straits of Babel Mandeb.

COMMANDS RED SEA. A strong fleet rendezvoused at Jubtil would command the southern entrance to the Red Sea.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE UNEASY. The British Foreign Office is uneasy and is making all preparations for the outbreak of trouble at any time.

WHAT IT MAY MEAN. By admitting the Russian fleet to rendezvous in her ports during war France violates neutrality, gives aid and comfort to Russia and may thus compel Britain under the terms of her alliance with Japan, to join Japan and treat France as an enemy.

WILL RUSSIA FALL BACK. It is believed Russia will fall back on Harbin rather than try to protect the line of communication through Manchuria, and will leave Port Arthur to stand a siege.

WHERE HARBIN IS. Harbin is situated on the main line of the Siberian Railway from Moscow to Vladivostok and at the junction where the line through Manchuria to Port Arthur joins the main line and is about 500 miles north of Port Arthur.

RUSSIANS ARE ALARMED. The plan to retreat to Harbin convinces the Russian people of the serious nature of the struggle now pending.

TWO MERCHANT SHIPS CAPTURED. The Japanese have captured two more Russian trading steamers.

DALNY NOT SAFE. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(Special)—The Government has received word that Russia will not permit E. V. Morgan to take up his duties as U. S. Consul at Dalny as she does not want to guarantee his protection there now.

ANSWER TO SECRETARY HAY. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Secretary Hay's note of Feb. 10 to Russia and Japan (published in The Guardian yesterday morning) 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.

Paris, Feb. 16.—France has given official notification of her adhesion to Secretary Hay's note on China. Early today the French authorities were advised that Russia waived her objections to the Hay note, thus removing the obstacles in the way of its reception by France.

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 tone of the American document be clarified and simplified. The three powers agree in giving the note a construction favorable to China's proclaiming her neutrality and also that this neutrality be recognized and respected throughout the hostilities, but that owing to the special conditions prevailing in Manchuria which is the present theatre

of actual 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 limitation of the interpretation, which it is said, is acceptable to Russia and Japan.

BRITAIN WELL PLEASED. LONDON, Feb. 15.—The end of the first week of the Russo-Japanese war brings intense satisfaction in Great Britain, but the extent of the jubilation finds no adequate expression in the London press, which is careful not to offend Russia.

From the point of view of the man in the street, Great Britain's far eastern ally has exceeded all expectations, and even the naval and military officials who prophesied initial success for Japan are surprised.

The total or partial disablement of nine Russian war vessels in the opening stages of the struggle is generally regarded by experts here as giving Japan control of the far eastern seas. Lord Salisbury's much criticized treaty with the rising power in the Orient now stands among the most popular steps under taken by any British statesman.

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THE BLACK SEA FLEET CAN'T PASS DARDANELLES

St. Petersburg, February 12.—The report that Russia is negotiating for permission to take her Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles cannot be confirmed here. In diplomatic circles, while it is not believed that the Porte would offer objections to this, the impression is that such an attempt would be precipitating grave complications with the powers signatory to the Dardanelles convention. Popular demonstrations follow each other almost continually here and in other cities throughout the empire. Patriotic fervor attained fever heat this evening when several thousand persons, almost exclusively workmen marched behind six big flags from Aitchoff palace, where the dowager empress lives, to the Kazan cathedral, hurrahing and throwing up their caps all the way.

SENATOR WARK'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Grand Old Man has Message from the King

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SENATOR WARK'S BIRTHDAY. FREDERICTON, Feb. 19.—(Special)—There was a great gathering here to-day to congratulate Senator Wark on his hundredth birthday.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS. Addresses, telegrams and letters of congratulation were showered on the old man.

KING AND PREMIER SEND MESSAGES. Among the messages received was one from King Edward, one from Sir Wilfrid Laurier and one from the Leader of the Senate.

SERIOUS SHIP COLLISION. LONDON, Feb. 19.—(Special)—The C. P. R. steamer Lake Michigan was in collision with the bark Matterhorn. Both ships were damaged and the Michigan was beached in a sinking condition.

STRENGTHENING HALIFAX FORTS. HALIFAX, Feb. 19.—(Special)—The big gun York Redoubt at the entrance to the harbor here will be replaced by plunge and high angle guns that will give greater efficiency.

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DOWAGER EMPRESS OF CHINA. CANTON, CHINA, Feb. —(Special)—It is reported that the Dowager Empress is dead, but the report is not confirmed.

NOTED HORSEMAN DEAD. MILTON, MASS., Feb. 19.—(Special)—J. Malcolm Forbes who died here today was famous as the owner of noted fast horses.

THE KING PRAISES ROBERTS. LONDON, Feb. 19.—(Special)—A Royal eulogy of Lord Roberts was issued on Friday in which the King took leave of the Commander in Chief of the army.

INSTANCE OF ROYAL TACT. It is commented upon as another instance where royal tact rescued the King's Ministers from an awkward dilemma.

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