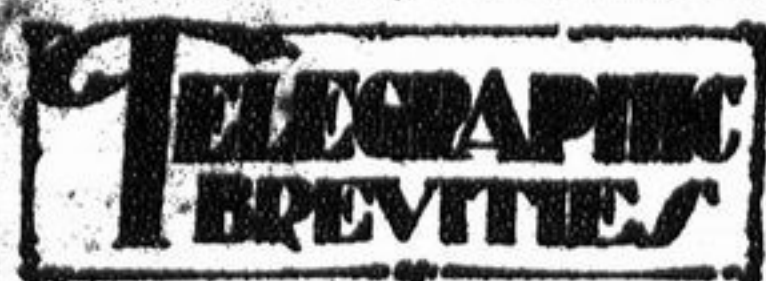


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RUSSIA NOT FOR PEACE.

Czar Determined to Prosecute War to Successful End and Dictate Terms to His Fallen Foe— Naval Battle Looked For.

St. Petersburg, April 26.—It is declared here that Russia will under no circumstances accept the mediation of any foreign power in ending the war with Japan. The recent talk of mediation in the Russo-Japanese war was founded upon the personal desires of King Edward and King Christian of Denmark to avoid further bloodshed and end the conflict, but the steps initiated have utterly failed. The emperor, with the full concurrence of the imperial family and his advisers, has firmly decided not only to reject all proposals looking to intervention but to prosecute the war with all the resources of the empire until victory crowns the Russian arms, and then, when the time comes for peace, to make terms directly with the enemy. The interference of outside powers will not be tolerated. There is to be no repetition of the Berlin congress. Furthermore, it is stated that Russia will in no wise consider herself bound by the proposition made to Japan prior to the war. The hostilities have wiped out the engagements Russia offered to make with Japan regarding Korea and Manchuria. Russia will consider herself free to impose such

thought it necessary to have a big fund there, which was in the hands of the naval commander. The Petrovsk happened to be the treasure ship. The sum is placed as high as \$12,000,000. Military Expert Talks of the Coming Land Fighting. Paris, April 25.—The Herald's military expert says: "According to advices which appear most likely, the Japanese count on directly supporting a frontal attack on the Yalu by a demonstration made against the right flank of the Russians, on some point of the coast between Tatungkow and Takushan. It is reasonable to admit, as has been announced from Seoul and later from St. Petersburg, that the Russians have raised earthworks on the whole north bank of the river, and have placed mines and torpedoes at the mouth of the river to keep off the warships of the Japanese. "It is past question that the demonstrations of the Japanese will take place within a certain distance of Takushan, and preferably on the rear of the Russian forces which line the western bank of the Yalu, but the

Chinese territory, where they use the telegraph. Some of them have been caught, but the majority wander among the troops and nothing can be done to prevent it." Russian Squadron Destroys Small Japanese Vessel. Tokio, April 26.—The Russian Vladivostok squadron, after a long period of inactivity, suddenly appeared off Gensan (Wonsan), on the east coast of Korea, April 25, and sank the Goyo Maru, a Japanese merchant steamer of 600 tons. A brief telegram received from Gensan (Wonsan) says three Russian cruisers had entered the harbor and that they were still there when the telegram was sent. Their arrival created consternation in the unprotected Japanese colony at the port. It is thought that this Russian naval movement was made in the hope of intercepting some unprotected Japanese troopship. It is not believed that the squadron will remain at Gensan (Wonsan) long. Strain of Long Struggle Affects Health of Czar. Copenhagen, April 26.—According to information received from St. Petersburg, the czar is in an unsatisfactory state of health, his nervousness preventing him from sleeping. Since the outbreak of the war his majesty has daily overworked himself by studying every detail in the war department. This intense application is in connection with the recent Russian disasters and the disappointment has begun to tell on his health. The Baltic fleet will leave Liban, the naval station on the Baltic sea, in a few days, in command of Vice Admiral Rogostrensky.

MARSHAL YAMAGATA.



One of the most remarkable men of the age is Field Marshal Marquis Artonio Yamagata, commander in chief of the Japanese army, under whose direction the land forces of the mikado are preparing for a deadly grapple with Russia. Statesman, diplomat, soldier, organizer, reformer, he has been variously called the Japanese Moltke, the Bismarck of Japan, the General Grant of Japan and the Napoleon of Japan. In local conflicts in the mikado's empire and in the Chino-Japanese war of 1894 he has made a record that military men envy, and now at the seasoned age of 71 he again takes up the baton to win, if possible, more enduring renown in a triumph over the legions of the czar.

terms as she desires. It is apparent that the Russian people are not in a temper to consider peace. They are thoroughly aroused by a desire to avenge the losses and humiliation they have sustained. Chinese Have Sent Troops to Stop Russian Plundering. Tokio, April 25.—The Chinese government has ordered Gen. Ma to dispatch 2,500 men to the west of the Liao river, to put a stop to Russian plundering. A collision is feared. Gen. Ma's main army is expected to proceed to Kinchow, with a view of maintaining the neutrality of New Chwang in case the Japanese occupy Yinkow. The movement of Japanese troops is hampered by Korean spies, who inform the Russians of them. Japanese Lines Extend for Thirty Miles Along Yalu. Seoul, Korea, April 25.—Advices received here state that the Japanese lines now extend thirty miles along the Yalu river, reaching from Yongampo to ten miles above Wiju. The Russians are strongest at Antung. Tiger hill is, as it was in the Chino-Japanese war, the key to the situation. Three islands, one above and two below Wiju, will facilitate an attack, as they offer a base for artillery to cover the crossing of the Yalu. London, April 25.—A dispatch to the Standard from Kieff says it is stated in military circles there that 10,000 soldiers are in hospitals in Manchuria, chiefly typhoid patients. Seoul, Korea, April 25.—It is reported that the Japanese are landing troops and constructing buildings at Hungchuan, below Yongampo. Rumor that Large Sum Was Lost with Marakoff. St. Petersburg, April 25.—It is reported that an immense sum of money was lost on the Petropavlovsk. The government, foreseeing the probability of Part Arthur being cut off,

great draft of the Japanese warships will necessitate their keeping at a great distance from shore, which will render it dangerous for them to carry out any landing under fire from the enemy." Russia's Black Sea Fleet May Pass the Dardanelles. St. Petersburg, April 25.—Astonishment and apprehension among the representatives of the powers in St. Petersburg follow the announcement that the Russian Black sea fleet, in defiance of Great Britain and the treaty of Berlin, will pass the Dardanelles for the far East. War with Great Britain, say the diplomats, is the only possible outcome of such a move on the part of Russia. The passage of the czar's warships through the Dardanelles without the permission of Great Britain or any other of the signatories of the treaty of Berlin, would be a violation of an express provision of that treaty and sufficient grounds for an immediate declaration of war by England either against Turkey or Russia, or both. Japanese Spies Complained of by Russian General. Mukden, April 22.—The operations of the Russians in Manchuria are greatly hampered by the immense number of spies. Maj. Gen. Kondratsvitch, commanding the Ninth East Siberian rifle brigade, says the Japanese have taken advantage of the convenient location of Newchwang, which is full of spies. "In the guise of merchants, beggars, rag-pickers and lackeys," says the general, "these spies sniff everywhere. They have grown pigtailed, showing that they have been preparing for their work for a long time, and that they are unwilling to trust entirely the information supplied by the Chinese. They are hard to get rid of. "These insects as soon as they obtain information cross the river into

ENACTING LAWS FOR THE NATION

Review of the Legislation Before Both Houses of Congress.

OUTLINE OF DAILY ROUTINE

Special Correspondents Tell of the Business Transacted by Senators and Representatives in Session at the Capital.

Thursday, April 21. In the Senate the pension appropriations bill carrying an appropriation of more than \$17,000,000, and the emergency river and harbor appropriation bill, carrying \$3,000,000, were passed, as was the bill increasing to 600 acres the size of the homestead entries in western Nebraska. In the debate on the pension bill Mr. Scott denounced the pension laws, advocating a service pension of \$25 per month. In the debate on the emergency river and harbor bill Mr. Gorman criticized the Republicans for not bringing up a general river and harbor bill, and Mr. Ekins replied that the state of business was not such as to justify such a measure. Bills were passed establishing a Supreme Court for the Indian Territory and giving the General Federation of Women's Clubs the right to hold biennial meetings outside of Washington. Senator Warren and Mr. Platt of Connecticut clashed over the report in the Court of Claims in connection with the Judge Swayne case. In the House a substitute for the Kirtledge bill for the government of the Panama Canal zone was passed over the protest of Mr. Harrison. A rule was adopted for the consideration at any time of the bill creating a commission to investigate the merchant marine. The House defeated a resolution to pay Mr. Sleep of Virginia \$1,500 for expenses incurred by him in detaching his title to his seat. The establishment of a life-saving station near Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw Point, Mich., was approved. The House passed a bill amending the act for the protection of persons furnishing mat-

fact. One amendment accepted was that excluding Chinese and other aliens from coming in under agreements between other countries and steamship companies, leaving special reference to a contract between the Cunard Line and Hungary to supply 30,000 immigrants annually to the steamship company. Other provisions carried by the bill as passed were: Appropriating \$5,000 for medals in commemoration of the two hundredth birthday anniversary of Benjamin Franklin, decompagnie Francaise des Telegraphes for damages sustained during the war with Spain, granting \$1,000 to the widow of General Longstreet, and defeating an allowance to the Muncie and Stockbridge Indians of Wisconsin. In the House the speaker appointed a committee to represent the house at the opening of the world's fair. The house agreed to the senate amendment to the pension appropriation bill, and the conference report on the naval appropriation bill was adopted. Bills were passed for the protection of the public forest reserves and national parks, and amending the act to extend the coal land laws to Alaska. The bill for a commission to investigate the coal lands was passed after a long debate, in which Messrs. Hepburn and Cockeran were the central figures. An intimation by Mr. Dabell that Mr. Cockeran supported McKinley in 1896 because he was paid for it brought an impassioned denial from Mr. Cockeran. Sunday, April 24. Memorial services occupied the attention of the house and feeling tributes were paid to the memory of the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna, the late Representative C. W. Thompson of Alabama, and the late Representative W. W. Skiles of Ohio. Eulogies to the memory of the late Representative Grosvenor, Longworth, Gobel, Southard, Kyle, Morgan, Van Voorhis, Hildebrand and Stock of Ohio; and Tawney, Minnesota; Brick, Indiana; Lovinger, Massachusetts; Smith, Illinois; and Fitch of Massachusetts. Tributes to the memory of the late Mr. Thompson were delivered by Representatives Grosvenor, Longworth, Gobel, Southard, Kyle, Morgan, Van Voorhis, Hildebrand and Stock of Ohio; and Tawney, Minnesota; Brick, Indiana; Lovinger, Massachusetts; Smith, Illinois; and Fitch of Massachusetts. Tributes to the memory of the late Mr. Skiles were delivered by Representatives Grosvenor, Longworth, Gobel, Southard, Kyle, Morgan, Van Voorhis, Hildebrand and Stock of Ohio; and Tawney, Minnesota; Brick, Indiana; Lovinger, Massachusetts; Smith, Illinois; and Fitch of Massachusetts. Appropriate resolutions were adopted in reference to the deceased. Monday, April 25. After passing a number of minor bills the Senate discussed and agreed to the conference report on the navy appropriation bill, eliminating all differences between the Senate and House. It passed the bill creating the Davenport Division of the southern judicial district of Iowa.



Think Russian Fleet is Cut Off From Its Base. Paris, April 26.—The Journal says a telegram from Vladivostok has reached St. Petersburg stating that that port now is entirely free from ice and that Japanese warships are off the harbor. Serious news, it is added, may be expected shortly. This dispatch causes much anxiety for the fate of the Russian squadron which destroyed a Japanese merchant steamer at Gensan. Gensan is 250 miles south of Vladivostok. If a Japanese squadron is already off Vladivostok it must have arrived there after the Russian ships left. This would indicate that the Russian fleet has been cut off from its base and that if overtaken by the Japanese must give battle on the open sea. Kuropatkin in Command of All Russian Forces. Gen. Kuropatkin will be placed in command of all the emperor's forces in the far East. Admiral Alexieff may remain at the front for some little time as viceroy, but his reign is considered practically ended. He will not be humiliated, but in order to effect harmonious relations a way will be found to secure his elimination. Japanese Victims of Well Laid Russian Mine. Seoul, April 26.—A mine laid by the retreating Russians in a mountain pass south of Wiju exploded while Japanese infantry was passing over. Many Japanese soldiers were killed and wounded, but details are unobtainable. The second Japanese army corps landed at Chusan consists of three divisions, which are proceeding immediately to Wiju. No attempt has been made yet by the Japanese to cross the Yalu. They are awaiting the concentration of a strong force. The Russians are actively engaged in constructing fortifications in the mountain passes north of the Yalu. Strong Russian Force Threatens Japanese Flank. St. Petersburg, April 26.—Gen. Kuropatkin has played a strong card in the game of strategy. A large portion of Gen. Rennenkampf's Cossack cavalry division has been thrown across the upper reaches of the Yalu and a considerable force of cavalry, which crossed the Tumen some time ago, is moving down to the southwest to effect a juncture with it. Together with this force, which, it is believed, totals 2,000 men, he will threaten Lieut. Gen. Inoye's left flank when the Japanese are ready to cross lower down on the Yalu. Dash Across Japan Sea Planned by Mikado's Men. Hakodate, Japan, April 25.—Preparations are being made here for a sudden dash across the Japan Sea. A fleet of ten transports is being loaded with troops and a squadron of warships is lying off the port to convoy them. It is presumed the objective point is Vladivostok, where a thaw is imminent. Georgia Will Serve Peaches. An Elberta peach, the most luscious grown in that state, will be given to each visitor to the Georgia building at the world's fair. Navy's Annual Pay Roll. The pay roll of the navy is \$20,000,000 a year.

Mr. Mcumber called up his resolution for revivification of the pension laws but it went to the calendar without action after Mr. Bailey interjected the remark that legislation was unnecessary under the present administration. Mr. Doliver spoke on trusts in reply to Mr. Doliver's recent speech. An hour was given to memorial services for the late Representative Charles W. Thompson of Alabama, and as a further mark of respect the Senate adjourned. The House passed a large number of bills, including the Alaska delegate bill, a bill extending to Florida, Ill., the privileges of the law governing the immediate transportation of merchandise without appraisal, and constituting Coal City, Ill., a support of entry. The House disagreed in the Senate amendments to the emergency river and harbor bill and refused to ask for another conference. It disagreed also to the amendments to the deficiency bill, which was sent to conference. A bill was passed providing for allotments to Indians in White Earth reservation, Minnesota. There was a prolonged debate over the bill for construction of a lighthouse at Diamond Shoals, N. C., which finally was passed. The bill prohibiting selection of timber land in lieu of land in forest reservations was passed. INCUBATOR FOR BABY OF NOTE Great-grandchild of Missouri Governor Being Raised Artificially. St. Louis special: Marjorie Elizabeth Forster, great-grandchild of John Miller, second governor of Missouri, is being raised in an incubator. Her father, Dr. Davis Forster, is with her day and night, and four of his medical friends are advising him. Two trained nurses take turns in watching over the little one. Marjorie's twin brother lived only a few hours after his advent into the world, but the girl is much stronger. McKinley Monument Contract. Buffalo, N. Y., special: The contract for the construction of the McKinley monument, authorized by the state, has been signed. The monument, which will be of marble, will be erected in Niagara square, this city, and will cost \$33,000. Amends Women's Charter. Washington dispatch: The house amended the act granting a charter to the general Federation of Women's Clubs so as to give the organization the privilege of holding biennial meetings outside of Washington. Steamer and Crew Lost. Berlin cablegram: The Swedish steamship Dries sank after a collision with another vessel in the Baltic off Swinemunde, Prussia. The crew of sixteen men were drowned.