

Irenically enough, the assassination of Junnuscke Inouye (above), former Japanese Minister of Finance, is believed to have been prompted by his abhorrence of bloodshed. Inouye, shot to death in Tokio, vigorously opposed Japanese military activities in China and in consequence was in extreme disfavor with the Jingoes, or militaristic clique.



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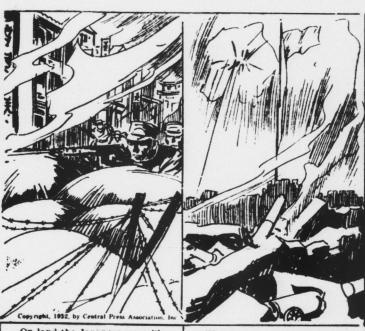
Relations with Russia over Korea, where the czar was attempting to extend his sphere of influence, soon arrived at a critical stage. Japan demanded an opendoor policy in Korea. Hostilities broke out and a week later war was declared. This was on Feb. 10, 1904. Japan was prepared for the fight.



With a far superior navy Japan soon routed the Russian warships in the Far East, crippling one fleet at the start of hostilities. Russia hastily collected another fleet in the Baltic which sailed for the Sea of Japan This consisted of 35 vessels, although the ships were poorly manned and crews lacked training and discipline.



This fleet was surprised by the Japanese off Tsushims and in the two-day battle that followed the Russians lost 26 ships, about 4,000 men and 7,000 prisoners. The Japanese lost three destroyers and about 670 killed and wounded, Japan had established her suprembry over the western power on the sea.



On land the Japanese were likewise successful. Four Japanese
armies dealt the Russian land
forces a succession of defeats,
forcing them back upon Mukden,
in Manchuria. The attack on
Mukden turned out to be the
greatest battle in all history up
to that time, and one that was to
end the continental campaign.

The Russian forces numbered
200,000, while the Jap armies consisted of 220,000 men. Under concerted attack by the combined
Japanese armies Mukden fell, the
Russians losing 90,000 men in the
engagement. Japanese loses were
about 40,000. Port Arthur had
fallen earlier, 41,500 Russians surrendering.



At the instigation of Threoldre Roosevelt, president of the United States, the warring nations concluded a treaty of peace at Portamouth, N. H., in 1905. Point Arthur was ceded to Japan, and Russia recognized Japan's mure't in Korea. And, a significant fact, Manchuria was restored to China (Continued Tomorrom).

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