

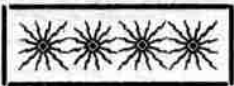
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JAPS DESTROY 7 VESSELS OFF PORT ARTHUR.

Now Known that the Russian War Ship Porosveit, Not Mentioned in the First Account of the Battle, Was Badly Damaged. Japan is Rushing Troops Into Korea.

London, Feb. 11—A dispatch to Reuter's from Tokio, dated 7:10 yesterday, says a non-official report is current there that the Russian fleet has been destroyed, four battleships and three cruisers being sunk, and that two Japanese warships were damaged in an engagement yesterday off Port Arthur.

The Japanese got between the Russians and the entrance to the harbor before the fight commenced.

A report is current here this afternoon that Russia is negotiating with Turkey for permission to send her Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles, and Turkey is trying to gain British consent to this procedure.

Che Foo, Feb. 11—No further attack will be made on the fortifications at Port Arthur by the Japanese, as they are content to wait for the Russian fleet to come out from the harbor, when it will be an easy matter to conquer it.

ANOTHER WARSHIP DAMAGED
Word was received here today that the Russian battleship Porosveit, not mentioned in previous dispatches, was also damaged in the Port Arthur fight Tuesday.

FINANCES IN BAD SHAPE
Che Foo, Feb. 11—Russian finances here are in bad shape, the Russian bank being unable to honor its own notes.

THE AMERICA-MARU
San Francisco, Feb. 11—The alarm for the safety of the Japanese liner, America-Maru, which sailed from San Francisco for Yokohama, January 25, is not felt by local officials of the line, despite a dispatch to the con-

rary, printed by Eastern newspapers today.

At no time has it been feared the vessels which has on board many Americans, would fall into the hands of the Russians. However, if that should be its fate, the passengers will not be seriously discommoded, because the Russians are bound by international laws of war to safety convey them to the nearest neutral point which is Chees. Foo.

DAMAGE TO RUSSIAN VESSELS
London, Feb. 11 Lloyd's Shanghai agent cables that it is generally believed Japanese warships have sunk the Russian steamer Mongolia, bound for Shanghai. A Dalny dispatch adds that the three Russian warships, damaged by torpedoes at Port Arthur, have sunk.

A dispatch from Paris says information comes from Port Arthur that the Oskarovitch was not seriously damaged and will be in commission again

within a short time.

FAIL TO LAND

London, Feb. 11—A dispatch to the Central News Bureau from its Port Arthur correspondent, dated on Wednesday night, says the Japanese fleet attempted to land in several bays around Port Arthur yesterday. The landing parties were protected by cruisers. It is officially stated here all the attempts were unsuccessful.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says Alexieff's powers have been increased.

Secretary Hay's note to the powers caused some irritation in official circles.

A dispatch from Tien Tsin confirms the blowing up of a Russian bridge in Manchuria. The correspondent adds an unofficial report is received that the Russian steamers Nonni and Mukden have been captured by Japanese.

RUMORED JAP LOSSES

Paris, Feb. 11—A rumor is rife on the Bourse today that the Japanese lost eight ships in a battle in the Yellow Sea. The rumor is uncredited.

VICTORY CONFIRMED

Washington, Feb. 11—Minister Allen at Seoul wires the state department details of the battle at Chemulpo confirming the destruction of the Varwig and Korintz and also the capture of Russian transports.

JAP CAPTURE MERCHANTMEN
A state of war with Russia was formerly declared today.

The capture of the Russian steamers Ekatrinoslov and Mukden and the whaler Forsla are confirmed.

JAPS OCCUPYING SEOUL

Seoul, Feb. 11—Japanese occupation of the Seoul district is progressing rapidly. The Koreans view the arrival of the Japanese with sullen indifference.

CONDITION SAME.

Senator Hanna's Condition is Practically Unchanged, Although He is Still Very Sick.

Washington, Feb. 11—Senator Hanna's condition remains practically unchanged. The restlessness, which fatigued him last night, has been followed by periods of comparative quiet and sleep during the day, and the irritability of the stomach has again partially yielded to treatment. It is this feature of the case that the physicians are guarding zealously against, as they realize that if any complications develop in the Senator's distressing weak condition, the result may be fatal quickly.

About twenty five witnesses have been summoned from Elgin in the Woodson Gray case. The case comes up for trial today.

AMERICAN POLICY TO PREVAIL IN CHINA

All the Powers are in Line, France Alone Hesitating. Victory for Secretary Hay. Japan and Russia Asked to Co-Operate.

Washington, Feb. 11—Russia today invited the United States to give a declaration of her neutrality in the Far Eastern war. Secretary Hay tonight sent a draft of the declaration of our neutrality to the President for his signature, and it will be issued from the State Department tomorrow. The proclamation is in stereotyped form, and simply recites and deplores the existence of hostilities between Japan and Russia and enjoins upon citizens of the United States a strict regard and observance of the neutrality laws.

Having received enough favorable replies to insure the concurrent action of European powers in his endeavor to localize within as small an area as possible the hostilities in the Far East and to insure over as much of China as possible her neutrality, Secretary Hay tonight addressed notes to Russia and Japan inviting their cooperation in this endeavor and announcing that the United States stood stalwart for this principle. It was known in advance that both the combatants desire the localization of the war.

DIED

GOODNOUGH—In this city Feb. 11, Chester the son of Mr and Mrs Chas Goodnough. Death occurred at ten forty-five o'clock at the family residence. Chester was the youngest son age seven years.

Mr and Mrs Goodnough have the sympathy of the entire community in the bereavement.

PORT ARTHUR IMPREGNABLE

Portland, Feb. 11—President W. D. Wheelwright, of the Pacific Export Lumber Company, who visited the Orient a few months ago, considers the capture of Port Arthur by the Japanese practically an impossibility. "When I was out there in 1899, Russian domination was already complete," said he yesterday. "Work had progressed very far in the way of fortifications. The place is a natural fortress. The entrance of the inner harbor is very narrow and the harbor

itself is shut in by high, precipitous hills which at that time had all been invested with earth works and shore batteries.

"I should say that Port Arthur is impregnable from the water side.

Valentine Social

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will give a Valentine Social at the church this evening. Preparations have been making for sometime for this event and no pains have been spared to make it a success.

Hustling for a Wife Friday evening and An Eye on Hubby Saturday evening at Steward's Opera House.

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Not a Minstrel Show

The Fisk Jubilee Singers who are to be in Central Church next Monday evening are not to be confused with Negro Minstrels. The fact that the entertainment is given in the church should be sufficient evidence that it is of a high moral character.

The company is composed of eight cultured colored people who sing the sweet old songs that have touched hearts all over the world. La Grande people have a splendid opportunity to enjoy a concert of a high grade and we doubt not that many will avail themselves of it.

THE GREATEST OF WHITE CARNIVAL

As announced in Sunday's Observer our White Carnival opened promptly Monday morning. We placed our order for these white goods with the best known mills and manufacturers months ago, with the object of making this White Carnival the

The Greatest Carnival of Bargains of the Season

This is making-up season. Come now and get what you need—it is a safe prediction that you will pay more later. Participate in our offer of refunding the money for all cash purchases made some day between now and March 5th.

Save all your cash purchase slips. This is an opportunity of getting something of value absolutely free.

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