

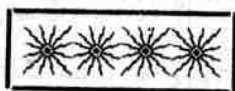
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## TWO MORE SHIPS TO JAPANS CREDIT

Little Brown Men Said to Have Torpedoed Two More of Russia's War Boats. One in the Harbor and one Out Side.

### THE MORAL EFFECT IS GOOD

Japan Thinks the Loss of a Few Russian Gun Boats Will Tone up the Moral Character of the Russians.

London, Feb. 17.—A Kobe correspondent of the St. James Gazette asserts that in Sunday's attack on Port Arthur the Japanese succeeded in torpedoing a warship in the harbor and also one lying outside.

#### JAPANESE ATTACK SUNDAY

Tokio, Feb. 17.—Admiral Togo reports an attempt Sunday to attack the Russian ships at Port Arthur with torpedo boats was frustrated in a degree by heavy weather.

A blinding snow storm separated the fleets so but two destroyers succeeded in reaching the vicinity of Port Arthur. Those two attacked independently and while the results are not given out Togo believes the moral effect upon the enemy is excellent.

An officer on one destroyer asserts that one Russian ship was torpedoed.

The fortresses kept up a sharp fire after the attack was discovered until the Japanese retired from range. The location of the torpedo flotilla is at present unknown.

#### PORT ARTHUR INACCESSIBLE

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Dispatches from officials at Port Arthur report the fortresses ready to withstand a siege and all descriptions say the place is ready to serve the Russians as an inaccessible stronghold.

#### WIJU AN OPEN PORT.

Washington, Feb. 17.—A state cablegram from Minister Allen at Seoul says the Korean government has declared WiJu, on the Yalu, an open port.

#### RUSSIANS TRUST IN GOD.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—General Alexieff has issued an appeal to the army and navy in which he urges them to remain tranquil, trusting to the help of the Almighty. He closes saying: "Let every man perform his task, remembering that prayer to God and services to the emperor are never wasted."

#### COMPLAINS OF THE CZAR.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—Consul Morgan at this post says there is bitter discontent in Russia because the czar has so ostentatiously shown his pleasure at the outbreak of the war and the people accuse him of a lack of patriotism.

#### RUSSIAN BATTERY BLOWN UP.

London, Feb. 17.—Tien Tsin dispatches report that the Golden Hill battery at Port Arthur has been blown up.

#### JAPS SEIZE COAL SUPPLIES.

Seoul, Feb. 17.—Russia's big coal supplies at Chemulpo, have been seized by the Japanese.

## BULGARIANS ABOUT READY TO FIGHT

European Nations Said to be Patting Bulgaria on the Back in Order to Make it Tronbelsome for Turkey.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The Bulgarian diplomatic agent today said an outbreak between Turkey and Bulgaria is imminent, Bulgaria seeking to force Turkey to take the initiative in order to win sympathy. All the central

#### Flank Movement

Berlin, Feb. 17.—Dr Tag reports the Japanese are sending troops from the island of Yezo across the ice in the Gulf of Tartar to Constantinople for a flank movement on Vladivostok. The troops will proceed to the railway junction at Khabarovka and from there attack Vladivostok in the rear. German experts declare the plan to be feasible.

**J. J. LILLIS**

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#### Louisiana Republicans

New Orleans, La., Feb. 17.—The "Lily White" section of the Louisiana republicans assembled in state convention today for the purpose of naming candidates for the state officers to be filed at the next election. A second convention of the party will be held later to select delegates to the republican national convention at Chicago.

#### Frozen To Bottom

La Crosse, Wis., Feb. 17.—With the thermometer between 15 and 25 below zero today, the Mississippi River at this point is frozen solid to the bottom.

## FORTIFICATION APPROPRIATION

Washington, Feb. 17.—The fortification appropriation bill was reported to the House today from the appropriation committee. It carries a total appropriation of \$7,221,292 which is less by \$447,239 than was appropriated for fortifications at the last session of Congress. The estimate on which the bill is based aggregates \$21,673,297.

## A PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED

Atlantic City, Feb. 17.—A Western Atlantic passenger train is reported wrecked on a high bridge over Chatsworth river, eight miles from here. The report says there were many casualties. A wrecking train, with doctors, has gone to the scene.

## MORE HIGH WATER

California the Land of Drouht and Floods is now Experiencing the last Named Calamity,

Redding, Cal., Feb. 17.—The town of Kennett, 18 miles above Redding, was nearly washed away last night. The people were out all night trying to save what they could to prevent their homes from being washed away, but several houses were carried off.

The river is higher than ever, being a 23 1/2 foot rise last night. All roads are blocked and wires down.

The rainfall of this season is 33 inches.

One span of Spring Creek bridge near Keswick, was washed away. Many cattle have perished and several houses and barns were carried away.

In a number of valley towns the power lines are out, leaving places without light or power.

There will be no through trains from north of Redding until to-night. Weather is clear throughout the state.

#### To Grow Sugar Beets

Pendleton, Feb. 17.—E. W. McComas has closed a lease with the managers of the sugar beet factory of La Grande for the use of 30 acres of land on Switzer Island for a trial crop of beets to be put in as soon as the season is far enough advanced.

## RUSSIAN SOLDIERS STARVE AND FREEZE

Lack of Fuel and Food Causes Extreme Suffering. Many Succumb, Others Maimed Hauled in Box Cars Like Cattle.

## ARE INVADING MANCHURIA.

Fifty Thousand Japanese Soldiers Imbark for the Mouth of the Yalu. Many More Will Follow Soon.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Russian troops being sent to the far East are encountering insurmountable difficulties, being sent in ordinary freight cars, 25 men in each, with a small stove in the center for warmth. The fuel used is wood, replenished at the train stops enroute. Sledges are still being used across Lake Baikal. A continuous story of great delays and deadly frost bites. The barracks at Missoyaga are inadequate to contain the number sent there, and beyond that point traffic is demoralized.

Food is scarce, as plague killed all the Mongolian cattle during the last season. In Manchuria the Russians control only the land within range of their rifles. The country has been completely ravaged by brigands and but little food is left. The temperature ranges from 37 to 60 degrees below zero.

#### INVADING MANCHURIA.

Paris, Feb. 17.—An official dispatch from Tokio states that one of the main branches of the army, consisting of 3 divisions, is today going aboard transports. Nearly 50,000 men are embarking. It is believed their destination is near the mouth of the Yalu, or some spot on the Liao Tong peninsula flanking Port Arthur.

#### RUSSIANS FROZEN IN.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—The German Steamer Batavia, which brought 1500 Japanese refugees to Moji, reports ten Russian torpedo boats frozen in and unable to move at Vladivostok, and the latter place entirely unprepared to resist an attack.

#### IT'S ALL RIGHT BUT—

London, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says Russia's reply to the Hay note is nearly ready. It will be acquiesced in with a reservation covering all Manchurian regions leased by Russia or covered by the Chinese and Eastern Railway.

#### NOT AGREEABLY IMPRESSED.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—The Vossische Zeitung today states when the news that Japan had ruptured relations with Russia reached St. Petersburg, Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, knowing Russia's unpreparedness, fainted from the shock. The czar exclaimed: "This is a veritable catastrophe!"

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