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THE FIRST BATTLE

STORY BY EYE-WITNESSES
OF THE DARING JAPANESE
RAID ON RUSSIAN
SQUADRON.

Three Russian Battle Ships Dis-
abled in Midnight Attack—Japs
Approach Harbor, Let Tor-
pedoes Fly and Made
off in Darkness.

London, Feb. 9.—The decided
victory of the Japanese flotilla at
Port Arthur in the darkness of last
night lends strength to the belief
already strong in the minds of high
officials that in the warfare now be-
gun there may occur at least one if
not more of the greatest sea engage-
ments of modern times.

It is generally conceded here that
the navies of Russia and Japan will
be the most prominent factors in
the coming conflicts, and it is pos-
sible that the world may at last
learn the actual fighting values of
modern ships of war. There is but
slight difference in the strength of
the two conflicting navies, for the
larger number of Russia's armored
ships is offset by the better types
and superior personnel of the Jap-
anese battleships and her armored
cruisers, and the fact that Japan's
facilities for supplying and main-
taining her fleet are vastly superior
to those of Russia gives the smaller
navy a distinct advantage.

Russia's fight is practically a way
from home. Port Arthur and Vlad-
ivostok, nearly 1,200 miles apart,
are her only two naval ports in the
Orient, and, Vladivostok being ac-
cessible during the winter months,
only Port Arthur remains a harbor
of refuge and defense for upward of
80 vessels, including destroyers, tor-
pedo boats and transports.

Japan, on the other hand, has
four dockyards, and five naval har-
bors, five of which are distant only
240 to 245 miles from Port Arthur,
and the latter port is far from being
an ideal harbor. It can accommo-
date a small number of vessels and
the dockyard could be shelled by an
enemy in the open sea without great
risk to it from the Russian forts.
Thus Russia has "all her eggs in
a basket," while Japan's dockyards,
naval harbors and sources of supply
are distributed on three islands dif-
ficult to approach, well fortified
and impossible of blockade.

A protracted war, therefore, say
men in Great Britain's foreign of-
fice, would be disastrous to Russia,
and efforts to strike a decisive blow
to annihilate Japan's navy may be
looked for. Should Russia fail in
this, or even only partially succeed,
Japan's chances for final victory
may still be considered exceedingly
good.

Washington, Feb. 9.—It is re-
ported here officially that Japanese
torpedo boat destroyers have been
lurking in the vicinity of Port Ar-
thur, and this is taken to mean that
the concentration of Japan's vessels
can be made at any given time.
The Japanese appear to have played
a smooth game of preparation, and
the Russians know that their ships
are menaced and may be all de-
stroyed.

The landing at Seoul of Japanese
troops, covered by a torpedo divi-
sion that is constantly cruising back
and forth, keeping a lookout for
Russian ships, is constantly going
on. Eight thousand troops have
been landed so far.

There is no truth in the report
that Germany will take a hand, or
that France is desirous of having
the powers sending troops to
China. Official denial is made at
the French capital, and Germany
sends word that she is preparing to
issue a proclamation of neutrality.

Pekin, Feb. 9.—Authentic re-
ports were received at the various
legations here today that brought
great surprise if not wonder. The
reports say that Japan has seized
three Russian ships, one of which
is a small gunboat, the other two
are transports loaded with Russian
soldiers.

Chees Foo, Feb. 9.—The British
steamship Columbia, which arrived
here today from Port Arthur,
brought news of the attack by the
Japanese fleet upon the Russian
fleet. The Columbia was in the
roads at the time, and felt the first
shock of a torpedo explosion at 11

o'clock last night. The attack con-
tinued all night, and at daylight to-
day two Russian battle ships and
one first-class Russian cruiser were
seen to have been disabled and
beached at the entrance of the har-
bor. The cruiser was badly listed to
one side.

A naval officer who was recently
at Port Arthur says the Russians
were not prepared for the attack on
their ships and had an insufficient
amount of steam up. A boat pat-
rolled the straits of Pe Chi Li con-
tinuously, but apparently the Jap-
anese torpedo boats were not not-
iced until after the first torpedo was
fired. The Russians fired, but the
Japanese backed off instead of re-
turning the fire. An hour later the
discharge of torpedoes was repeated,
after which the torpedo boats with-
drew to some distance.

At ten o'clock Tuesday morning
the Russian forts opened fire on the
Japanese fleet, which was about
three miles distant. A battle then
began, the Russian forts and 14
ships against 16 Japanese vessels.
A few of the Japanese shells were
effective, but as far as seen the Rus-
sian shots fell short. The Russian
cruisers then went out, and the
Japanese vessels disappeared. They
were seen later going in the direc-
tion of Dalney, apparently undam-
aged. Although the officers of the
Columbia say that there were 17
ships in the attacking party, only
16 were seen later in the day by
the steamer Fee Chow.

The Columbia had a narrow es-
cape from injury. Her passengers
and crew were very much excited
in regard to her dangerous posi-
tion. While going out of the roads
at Port Arthur the Russian cruiser
Novik got between the Columbia
and the Japanese fleet. Shells
which passed over the Novik struck
around the Columbia. Her flag
was cut into splinters, and one shell
fell on her deck. The faces of those
who were on deck were blackened
with powder smoke.

A member of the crew of the Co-
lumbia tells the following story of
the battle:

"The Columbia was lying in the
roadstead, surrounded by 14 Rus-
sian battle ships and cruisers. At
11:30 last night a severe shock was
felt on board the Columbia. The
Russians immediately commenced
to operate their searchlights, and
opened fire towards the sea. The
firing lasted only a short time. At
1 o'clock more shocks were felt, and
the Russians again commenced fir-
ing.

"The Japanese did not return the
fire. At 2 o'clock two Russian bat-
tle-ships went in and were beached
across the entrance of the harbor.
They were soon followed by a Rus-
sian cruiser, which also was beached.
None of the vessels was dam-
aged above the water line. More
shocks from torpedoes were felt
during the early morning, and then
all was quiet.

"At 10 o'clock this morning three
Japanese cruisers passed Port Ar-
thur in sight of the Russian fleet.
The whole Russian fleet immedi-
ately weighed anchor and went after
them, but returned in half an
hour."

The two battleships disabled are
the Poltava and the Czarovitch.
The disabled cruiser Boyarin and
grounded battleships block the en-
trance to the harbor, preventing
gunboats from going out and battle
ships and cruisers from coming in
and getting coal.

Washington, Feb. 9.—News of
the daring exploit of the Japanese
torpedo boats at Port Arthur last
night was received with great inter-
est by the naval officers here. The
general impression is that the Jap-
anese boats did not actually run in-
to the harbor, but passed swiftly ac-
ross the mouth, under cover of
darkness, let fly their torpedoes
broadside, and at least three of these
found their mark. Naval officers
here say that this feat could not
have been performed if the Russian
vessels had remained under the
guns of forts in the inner harbor,
but the torpedo boats advocates
point to a daring raid by Japanese
torpedo boats into the splendidly
fortified harbor of Wei Hai Wei
just opposite Port Arthur during
the China-Japanese war, when three
great Chinese battle ships were sent
to the bottom.

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Send Three Battleships to the
Bottom—Seven Vessels
Captured—Port Arthur]
Again.

THE ALBANY MAIL.

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On the 18th day of March a morn-
ing and evening mail service will
go into effect between Corvallis and
Albany. The mail will leave Cor-
vallis at 6:30 in the evening for
Albany, and is due to arrive in Cor-
vallis from Albany at 8:30 the fol-
lowing morning. The arrangement
will prove a great convenience in
that it will result in the saving of
a full day in correspondence be-
tween Corvallis and Portland, and
will add materially to the dispatch
of arriving California mails and
passengers.

The bids for the service were
opened in Washington on the 2nd
inst, and the contract was awarded
Vidito Brothers of Corvallis, at \$431
per annum. A large number of
bids were submitted, some from
Corvallis, and others from Albany.
It is understood that in the trans-
portation of the mails via the new
service, the carrying of passengers
will be provided for. Many Cor-
vallis people would have preferred
a service leaving Corvallis early in
the morning and arriving late in
the evening.

Tokio, Feb. 10.—Japan is mak-
ing tremendous preparations to
land more troops in Korea. She
already has succeeded in landing
several thousand of her forces at
Chemulpo despite the presence of
two Russian Cruisers. Four bat-
talions have been landed at Gen-
san, one of the treaty ports of Ko-
rea, 115 miles south of Seoul.

Japan is concentrating her forces
at Tsushima island in the straits of
Korea, which is Japan's most ad-
vanced base.

It is officially stated here that
the Russian troops have crossed
the Yalu river and are pouring
into Korea. Their objective point
it is believed to be Seoul. Officials
here declare that this action com-
pelled Japan to initiate hostile
measures and make war a terrible
actuality.

Official circles in Tokio are con-
vinced that a great battle between
the Russian and Japan land forces
will occur soon in Korean territory.
The Japanese, however, are clamor-
ing for a rigorous prosecution of
hostilities all along the line. Plans
of landing a greater Japanese force
in Korea are being pushed strenu-
ously. All troops on Tsushima Isl-
and are held ready to embark. The
general transport fleet has been en-
ormously augmented by steam-
ships chartered everywhere, regard-
less of cost. Newspaper corres-
pondents were refused permission
to accompany the first expedition.

London, Feb. 10.—The official
account of the Chemulpo battle re-
ceived at the Japanese embassy
here this afternoon says that the
Japanese squadron in escorting
transports to Korea Monday after-
noon was met on its way to Che-
mulpo by the Russian gunboat Ko-
rietz as the latter was leaving port.
The Korietz assumed the offensive
and fired on a Japanese torpedo
boat. The latter replied by firing
two torpedoes without effect. The
Korietz then returned to anchor-
age in the port and early next
morning Admiral Iri, command-
ing the Japanese fleet, formally de-
manded that all Russian vessels
leave the port of Chemulpo, adding
that if they did not comply by noon
yesterday he would be compelled to
attack them within the harbor.

The Russian men-of-war left the
port at 11:30 and battle was imme-
diately given outside Polynesian
island.

After one hour's engagement the
Russians took refuge among the
islands, and towards evening the
cruiser Variag sank.

About 4 o'clock this morning,
Feb. 10, the Korietz was reported
sunk by her own crew, who, finding
her utterly disabled, blew her up.
The officers and men of the two

sunken vessels then took re-
fuge on the French cruiser Pascal.
There was no casualties on the
Japanese side.

London, Feb. 12.—In a dispatch
from Shanghai dated Feb. 12, 2 A.
M., a correspondent of the Daily
Telegraph says:

"The bombardment of Port Ar-
thur continues. Three Russian
cruisers have been sunk. The
Russian bank building has been de-
stroyed."

In a dispatch from Nagasaki a
correspondent of the Daily Tele-
graph says:

"There has been a renewed at-
tack on Port Arthur. The Japane-
se captured seven Russian ships
and chased others. There have
been disturbances at Port Arthur
in which a number of Japanese civi-
lians were killed or imprisoned. A
Chinese mob has destroyed the tele-
graph line around Niu Chwang."

The St. Petersburg correspond-
ent of the Reuters Telegram Com-
pany cables that the naval head-
quarters' staff there announces that
in the fight at Port Arthur six Jap-
anese ships were slightly damaged,
and 50 Japanese were killed and
150 wounded.

London, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to
Reuters Telegraph Company from
Tokio, dated 7:10 P. M., yesterday,
says an unofficial report was cur-
rent there that the Russian fleet
was destroyed, four battleships and
three cruisers being sunk, and that
two Japanese warships were dam-
aged in an engagement yesterday
off Port Arthur, the Japanese get-
ting between the Russians and the
entrance of the harbor before the
fight commenced.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—A dispatch to
the Nossiche Zeitung from Yoka-
hama says the greater number of
the Russian warships at Port Ar-
thur have already been disabled
and several Japanese warships
have been sent home for repairs.

London, Feb. 12.—That a land
conflict is rapidly approaching in
the Far East there is no doubt,
and, while no battle has been posi-
tively chronicled, the cables re-
ceived here indicate that the Rus-
sian army marching toward the
Corean capital is steadily moving
forward. The Japanese are al-
ready in Seoul. It is thought prob-
able that the report from Tien Tain
that a fleet of five Russian cruisers
has laid low the city of Hakodate is
without foundation.

Latest reports from Vladivostok
are to the effect that the Russian
fleet there is still confined to the
harbor by ice, and, with the de-
struction of about half of the naval
force at Port Arthur, it is consid-
ered unlikely that any vessels
available for such destructive work
as that reported at Hakodate could
have been sent to the Japanese
port.

London, Feb. 12.—A correspond-
ent of the Standard at Tokio sends
in this morning an entirely new
account of the Port Arthur encounter.
He says Admiral Togo's fleet ar-
rived on Monday night and found
the Russian squadron drawn up in
battle formation outside the harbor
and under the shadow of the forts,
the destroyers being spread out
in front over a distance of five
miles. Admiral Togo decided on a
night attack and opened fire at 11
o'clock. While the cannonade was
hottest, a number of Japanese tor-
pedo boats crept along close inshore
at the foot of the cliff and succeeded
in the darkness in getting between
the Russian ships and the land.
Here they lay unnoticed until the
Russians began to give way before
the Japanese fire and sought to re-
enter the harbor. The Japanese
torpedo boats then opened fire at
close range and sank two battle-
ships and one cruiser close to the
entrance of the harbor.

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