

SUNK BY SHELLS

Russians Lose Torpedo Boat in Battle.

CRUISER IS SINKING

Japanese Renew Fire on Port Arthur.

RETVIZAN AGAIN DAMAGED

Battleship and the Novik Suffer Heavily.

BATTLE LASTED TWO HOURS

Attacking Fleet, Which Withdraws in Good Order, Is Met Outside, but Opponents Soon Seek Shelter of the Fort.

At 10 o'clock the Japanese fleet came out to meet the attack, and this suggests that either they were the only effective ships there, or that the larger battleships were unable to get out. Many alleged dispositions of the opposing forces are published this morning, but they differ too much in detail to be of any great value.

A dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Chronicle says the Russians are transferring the guns from the disabled ships at Port Arthur to the forts there.

A dispatch from Chefoo to the Standard, dated February 29, says a Japanese cruiser and torpedo-boat entered that harbor without lights at 7 o'clock on the morning of the 29th, and it is believed they embarked the Japanese who took refuge there after the attempt to bottle up Port Arthur.

A Tokio correspondent of the Times cables that the steamers sunk by the Japanese on either side of the Russian battleship Retvizan at Port Arthur practically obstruct the entrance to the harbor.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express says it has been officially announced that the Japanese mailboat service between Shanghai and Japan will be resumed Saturday without naval escort.

SAY FORT WILL DESTROY FLEET

Russian Military Authorities Have No Fears for Port Arthur.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN. MOSCOW, March 1.—Interest throughout Russia is now fixed on Port Arthur, and speculation as to the probable fate of that supposedly impregnable fortress takes the widest range.

The publication of General Stosoff's order to the troops, while it has had the effect of arousing enthusiasm in Russia, had also attracted attention to the tremendous strategic value of that fortress and to the crucial part it plays in Russia's plans for the defeat of the Japanese in Korea.

While the failure of the Japanese attempt to bottle up the fleet evoked sarcastic comment from the Russian press as to the Japanese cunning and the mismanagement of the enemy's plans, the Russian military authorities are pointing out that this attempt having been defeated, therefore it must follow Port Arthur is impregnable and the Japanese can never capture it.

It is stated in high Russian circles that not only will Port Arthur resist all attempts to reduce it, but the Japanese fleet will yet be destroyed by the combined guns of the fortresses and the fleet. According to a report from St. Petersburg, a body of Cosacks from the South Ural Province, with quick-firing guns, is advancing along the east coast of Korea to prevent the landing of the main Japanese army, and the comment is made that possibly the landing at Posyet Bay may have been made with the intention of attacking the fort.

JAPANESE SHIPS HEADING BACK

Take on Coal and Ammunition, and Leave for Port Arthur.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN.

WEE HAI WEI, March 1.—A portion of the Japanese squadron was sighted off the Shantung coast this morning. The warships are believed to have been coaling and replenishing their supplies of ammunition preparatory to joining the ships at Port Arthur and renewing the bombardment of that port. Min Gong Chul, the new Korean minister to China, who is proceeding to Peking, paid an official visit to the British Commissioner at Wai Hai Wei today. He expressed the opinion that the new Japanese-Korean treaty will greatly strengthen Korea and give the country renewed life for the future.

Cornwall, he said, recognize Japan's honest intentions regarding their future welfare, and he considered that the future development of Korea is now assured. Japan will prevail against Russia, he said, and Korea will do all in her power to bring this about.

ASKED TO KILL IT

Roosevelt's Forest Reserve Order Opposed.

OFFICIALS FEAR SCANDALS

Admit They Question Integrity of Members of Congress.

CAN GET INSIDE INFORMATION

Senators and Representatives Say to Consult Them First is Only Way to Put an End to Reckless Withdrawals.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 29.—The order issued by President Roosevelt Saturday directing the Secretary of the Interior to make no temporary withdrawals for forestry purposes until consulting the members of the Congressional delegation of the state in which the proposed reserve is located, is not well received by those who are bound by it, and an attempt is being made to induce the President to modify or revoke the order entirely.

It is pointed out that as long as the law remains on the statute books, such an order will be dangerous, inasmuch as it will give dishonest Senators or Representatives advance knowledge of localities where it is proposed to create reserves, and will place in their hands inside information which they will be at liberty to dispose of to land operators, or which they will otherwise use to their own benefit, if they were so disposed.

While admitting that their objection to the new order questions the integrity of Western Senators and Representatives, it is alleged by the officials that past experience has shown that there are or have been men in Congress who would not hesitate to make personal gain out of information so obtained. On the other hand, Western Senators and Representatives are generally pleased with the President's order, asserting it will certainly check the reckless withdrawing of lands. They point out that in no other way can this recklessness be stopped. These Western men are a unit in condemning the absolute authority that has been given the Forestry Bureau to dictate what lands shall be withdrawn for forestry purposes. While withdrawals are made by Secretary Hitchcock, the Secretary, for a year or more, has accepted without question recommendations of the Bureau of Forestry in matters of this sort.

The President has not yet given consideration to the protests of the department officials against his order, but it is expected he will give it a trial before the session closes.

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IN GREAT TRUST

Mackay Interests Are to Be Pooled.

ALL DETAILS ARE ARRANGED

A \$30,000,000 Company Is Formed in Massachusetts.

FORTY YEARS TO BE ITS LIFE

Head of Cable and Telegraph Companies Desires to Perpetuate Name of His Father and Safeguard Stockholders.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Commercial Cable Company, today addressed a circular letter to the stockholders of the company inviting a deposit of their stock for exchange for shares in a trust created under the laws of Massachusetts under the name of "The Mackay Companies."

The capitalization of the Commercial Cable Company, which also owns the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company, is \$16,000,000, upon which 5 per cent dividends are paid. The Mackay companies have authorized for exchange for this stock \$30,000,000 par value of its own 4 per cent cumulative preferred shares, and a like amount of common shares, so that each stockholder in the Cable company will receive for his holdings 200 per cent in the preferred and 200 per cent in the common shares of the new concern.

The "Mackay Companies" is an investment trust designed by Mr. Mackay to perpetuate the name of his father; to provide for the development of the companies which he founded, and to safeguard on an even basis with his own the interests of those who have invested in the enterprise with which John W. Mackay was most conspicuously identified.

The agreement as well as the declaration of trust was drawn by William W. Cook, counsel to the Commercial Cable Company, and ex-Attorney-General Richard Olney, under the statutes of Massachusetts, which, in their opinion, seemed to afford the most adequate protection to all parties in interest. It is similar to the English investment trusts, and will continue for 40 years unless dissolved by the shareholders in the meantime.

The trustees, with power to fill vacancies arising from death or resignation, are: Clarence H. Mackay, John I. Waterbury, President of the Manhattan Trust Company, of New York; T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., president of the Old Colony Trust Company, of Boston, both directors of the Commercial Cable Company, and William W. Cook, counsel for the company.

The plan is practically an accomplished fact, a large majority of the Commercial Cable stock having already been deposited under the agreement. The remaining shares will be received for exchange on or before March 30, 1904, by the Manhattan Trust Company, in New York, and the Old Colony Trust Company, in Boston, and Messrs. Baring Bros., in London. According to the circular, the first dividend upon the preferred shares will be paid on April 9, 1904.

Mr. Mackay was seen this evening and said the plan was the outcome of his desire to put upon a permanent basis the properties created by his father, and to provide for all contingencies that may arise from death or changes in commercial conditions. With these objects in view, he has selected as co-trustees men not only of established conservative reputation, but also of ages which in the ordinary course of nature would obtain for the company the advantages of a long continuous service and a consistent policy. Personally, he will continue to devote his entire time to the active management of the company.

Alleges Effort to Defraud Real Heirs. OGDEN, Utah, Feb. 29.—George H.

Prominent Southern Financier. NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 29.—Walter H. Doyle, one of the most prominent men in Southern financial circles, is dead.

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RETRAITA OR AMENDS IT

GIVES ALASKA A DELEGATE.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIES REPORTS ON CUSHMAN BILL.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 29.—The House Territories Committee today favorably reported Representative Cushman's Alaska delegate bill as agreed upon. The bill authorizes the election of one delegate, who shall draw a salary of \$5000 and \$1000 additional, in lieu of mileage.

A delegate must be a citizen of the United States 25 years old, and have resided at least one year in Alaska. Elections will be held on the second Tuesday in September, the first election to take place this fall. In view of the unanimous report, it is expected Cushman's bill will pass the House at an early day.

Representative Humphrey, of Washington, today introduced a bill looking to the preservation of the salmon supply of Alaska by carrying out the recommendations made by the Jordan Commission that visited Alaska last summer. Among other things, it provides for the establishment of Government hatcheries.

Bridges and Booth Nominated. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 29.—The President today sent to the Senate the names of Joseph F. Bridges and James H. Booth for register and receiver respectively at the Roseburg land office. It is expected they will be confirmed not later than Wednesday.

HAY AGAIN ON THE SICK LIST. SECRETARY OF STATE HAS A RECURRENCE OF THE GRIP. WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Secretary Hay is confined to his home by a slight recurrence of his old malady, the grip. Assistant Secretary Oliver, who has been confined to his bed for a long time by the grip, is somewhat improved today.

Kruger is in Excellent Health. METZINGEN, France, Feb. 29.—Contrary to the alarming rumors circulating in regard to the health of Mr. Kruger, ex-President of the Transvaal, Dr. Huyamans, his physician, says that not for some years has the health of Mr. Kruger been as good as at present.

Harper Will Undergo Operation. CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—President W. R. Harper, of the University of Chicago, was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital today for the purpose of undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

Blizzard Rages in New York. Driving Snow is Accompanied by Thunder and Lightning. NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—In many parts of New York State a blizzard is raging to night. At Rochester a driving snow storm was accompanied by thunder and sharp flashes of lightning. The storm at that place was one of the worst of the season.

Noted Captain on Atlantic Liners. NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Captain William Thompson, who was commodore of the White Star Line a quarter of a century ago, is dead here from heart failure. He commanded the Britannic in 1877 when the vessel crossed the Atlantic in the phenomenal time for that period of seven days, 15 1/2 hours. In 1873 he saved the lives of 12 shipwrecked persons, and received a Congressional medal.

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ONLY REBEL LEADER ESCAPES

American Troops Completely Subdue a Force of Moros.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—General Wade in a cablegram from Manila to the War Department advises the Department of a report of General Wood concerning an engagement at Jolo with the remnants of Hassan's Cotabato Moros. The American expedition was in charge of Major Hugh L. Scott. During the fight General Wood states firing twice was stopped to give the Moros a chance to surrender, but they declined. The entire body, he adds, with the exception of Hassan, is either dead or captured, and Hassan is located.

Second Lieutenant Eugene R. West, Eighteenth Battery, Field Artillery, was seriously wounded in the thigh; Harburt, Troop I, Fourteenth Cavalry, right side; Hinderer, Troop I, Fourteenth Cavalry, shoulder; White, Eighteenth Battery, Field Artillery, right knee; Callaway, Troop M, Fourteenth Cavalry, right arm; Cox, Eighteenth Battery, Field Artillery, shoulder; Hanftan, Troop K, Fourteenth Cavalry, thigh, slight.

Private Charles General Wade, assisted the troops in the attack.

Original Force of Rebels Was 3000. MANILA, Feb. 29.—General Leonard Wood reports, under date of February 15, an engagement with the Datto Moros, under Hassan, on the island of Jolo. Lieutenant West and six privates were wounded. One has since died. The Moro loss was heavy. Hassan succeeded in making his escape. His original force of 3000 has now been reduced to 15.

The island is now under control of the American authority, and influential Moros are aiding in the pursuit of the outlawed. The members of the constabulary who revolted at Jolo are all in custody. The arms and ammunition taken by them have been recovered and the troops have returned to their stations.

DEWEY THREATENED BY BERRY. Testimony is Given in Favor of the Kansas Cattleman. NORTON, Kan., Feb. 29.—In the case of the State against Chauncey Dewey, W. J. McBride and Clyde Wilson, Charles Wilson occupied the witness stand the greater portion of the day. He testified that when the Dewey party arrived at Perry's, McBride and Wilson went to the house and asked permission to take the tank. Mr. Berry said to take it, and McBride so reported to Dewey. Daniel P. Berry then said to Dewey: "What are you doing here?"

McBride answered quickly, "We are after the tank." Dewey instantly said to McBride: "Don't dispute with him." Frank Berry then said: "Go it, Dewey; you'll get it pretty soon."

E. Beach and Burch Berry at this point rode up, dismounted on the opposite side of the house and came around on foot. "You fellows will not take anything away from here," Dewey exclaimed. "Stop, stop, right there." The Berrys then drew their pistols and fired, and the Dewey party immediately returned to the fire.

MARINES EXPECT TO GO SOON. Prairie Returns to Colon From Cuba, Where She Took on a Force. COLON, Feb. 29.—The United States cruiser Prairie has returned to Colon from Cuba, where she disembarked the United States marines taken from here. It is expected the remainder of the marines on the islands will shortly embark on the Prairie. The gunboat Newport returned here today from the coast and reports everything quiet.

Colombia Increases Tariff. WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Colombia has increased her customs tariff considerably to meet the heavy judgments rendered against her by the various arbitration tribunals which have just concluded their work, according to a report from Consul General Snyder at Bogota.

HEIR TO A GREAT FORTUNE. Wife of Methodist Preacher is Left \$500,000 by Relatives in Jamaica. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 29.—The wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher, Rev. J. W. Prickett, of Penton, Mo., has fallen heir to a \$500,000 estate through the death of Mrs. Charles V. S. Miller, a relative in the island of Jamaica, who died last week.

NEW WAR NEAR

Russian Deems Balkan Conflict Inevitable.

TROOPS ARE HELD READY

Regiments Ordered to the Far East Will Not Go.

AT KISHINEF AND BENDARY

Czar Directed Them to Leave Only a Week Ago, but This is Impossible if Turkey and Bulgaria Clash.

SPECIAL CABLE. ODESSA, March 1.—The orders that were issued a week ago to the two regiments of infantry at Kishinef and the one at Bendary have been rescinded, and the commanders of three regiments have been ordered to hold their commands in readiness for action in connection with contingencies in the Balkans.

This is construed as meaning that the Russian government now considers war between Bulgaria and Turkey as inevitable.

RUSSIA TAKING NO RISKS. Three Effective Battleships at Port Arthur Take No Part in Fighting. SPECIAL WAR SERVICE. NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The Herald's London correspondent cables as follows: "Rear-Admiral John Inglis, in speaking last night with reference to the engagement at Port Arthur said: "Once more the three Russian cruisers, the Bayan, the Askold and the Novik, attacked by some torpedo boats went out to see what was happening, but from the terms of the report there can be no doubt they retired precipitately. They never stay long, as it will be considered they are afraid of the big guns of the forts getting their range."

Rear-Admiral Inglis, who for years occupied an important naval post in Japan, and is nearly pro-Japanese, further suggested that the refutation of the rumors of the three Russian cruisers in all reports for the last ten days or so would seem to suggest that these are the only effective ships at Port Arthur.

"It is understood that the Pobeda, the Peresviet and the Sevastopol, all battleships, are still effective. It may be that they are kept for safety in the inner roadstead, and cannot get out quickly. Moreover, they are of slow speed. Another explanation is that it may be that the Russians do not care to run any more risks."

RATIONS ARE VERY SHORT. Little Hope That Port Arthur Can Make a Long Defense. SPECIAL WAR SERVICE. NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The Sun has the following cable from its London correspondent: "The Tientsin correspondent of the Express says that the repeated attacks on Port Arthur have created a condition approaching demoralization among the troops. There is little hope that the place will be able to make a long defense. Rations there are already exceedingly short, and it is expected that when the town is invested, hunger will soon compel its capitulation. There are not many civilians left in the town, but there are enough to cause the authorities anxiety."

WILL NOT ADVANCE FOR MONTH. Russia Then Expects Land Forces to Regain All Ground Lost. SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN. PARIS, March 1.—Reports received from Russian sources state that the Russian land preparations in Manchuria will not be completed for a month, and the general advance cannot be ordered before that time. It is then expected that whatever ground the Japanese have gained will be overcome and they will be finally annihilated.

Japanese Cruisers Off Chefoo. SPECIAL WAR SERVICE. NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The Herald's Chefoo correspondent cables as follows: "Three Japanese cruisers have been sighted off Chefoo proceeding south. The survivors from the sunken Japanese transports are returning to Japan via Shanghai. In a further interview, they declare the Japanese will try again by every means to block Port Arthur."

Czar Anxious to Go to the Front. SPECIAL CABLE. VIENNA, Feb. 29.—The Die Zeit states that the Czar desires to go to the Far East, and personally assume command of the forces there. He is anxious to maintain the traditions of his predecessors, and is also convinced of his own military capacity.

Strong Russian Force on Yalu. SPECIAL CABLE. YIN KOW, March 1.—Twenty-five thousand Russians are on the Manchurian bank of the Yalu, and 6000 mounted infantry troops and artillery hold the mountain passes 35 miles south of Yalu.

Russian Ships Enter Suez Canal. SUEZ, Feb. 29.—The Russian cruiser Aurora and some of the Russian torpedo-boat destroyers have entered the canal.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S FLEET.		
BATTLESHIPS.	Name.	Tonnage.
	Mikasa	15,200
	Hatsuse	15,900
	Asahi	15,200
	Shikishima	14,850
	Fuji	12,450
	Yashima	12,800
ARMORED CRUISERS.		
	Iwate	6,730
	Idzumo	9,750
	Yakumo	9,850
	Agumo	5,460
	Amama	6,760
	Tokino	6,950
PROTECTED CRUISERS.		
	Chitose	4,613
	Tokuzaga	4,730
	Arishima	3,000
	Fushimi	3,000
	Tsuyari	torpedo-boat, defense
	and gunboat	

LONDON, March 1.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Yinkow, dated February 29, says: Fifteen Japanese warships furiously bombarded Port Arthur from 10 until 12 o'clock this morning. The Russian cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan, accompanied by four torpedo-boats, steamed out to meet the attack. They were, however, forced to retreat. The Askold was in a sinking condition. The Novik was badly damaged, and a torpedo-boat was sunk. The Russian battleship Retvizan was again damaged. The Japanese withdrew in good order.

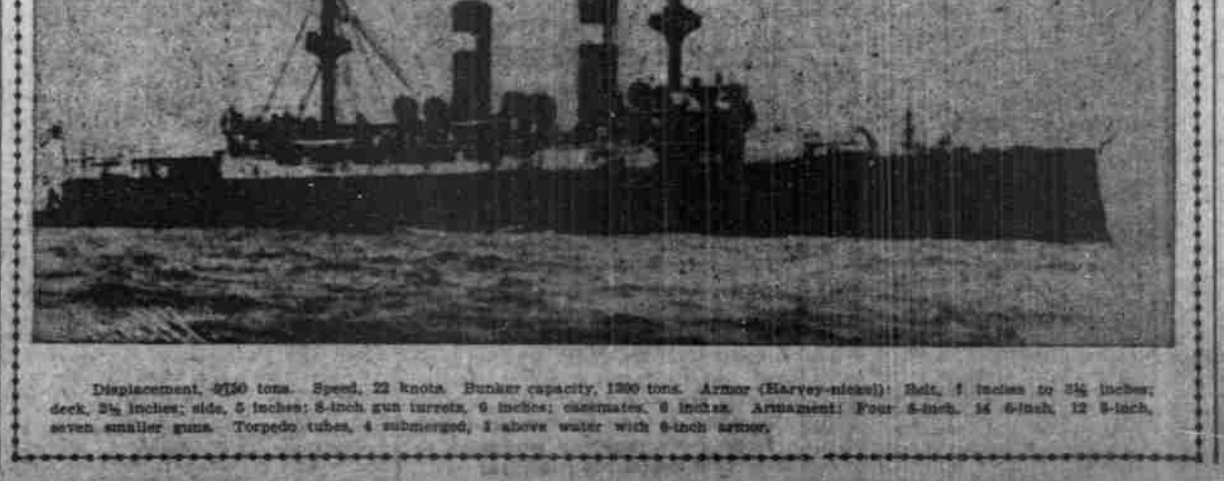
This battle shows a repetition of the now familiar tactics of Japan, and it is presumed the attack was made in bad weather, previous telegraphic advices having reported a severe gale raging at Port Arthur. As usual, the Japanese did not remain long enough off the harbor to enable the gunners at the fort to get their range. Again at the time the three cruisers, the Bayan, the Askold and No-

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